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## *10<sup>th</sup> Annual UAL Maintenance Get Together, Minden, Nevada by Rosie Walls*



The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual UAL Maintenance Get Together, organized by **Jack & Marge Raynor** and **Larry & Tamara Nagley** was held in Minden, Nevada at the Carson Valley Inn. The facility includes an RV Park as well as a hotel/casino and motor lodge. We had a wonderful time seeing old friends and co-workers.

Many of us arrived on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and a group of us

went to Katie's for dinner at the Carson Valley Inn. There were 14 of us to start out but then several other people wandered in, totaling 16 or 17. Most of the fun was held in the RV Park where we all got together to visit and tell stories. Many of the ladies played games; my favorite was LCR, a dice game. It's really a lot of fun, especially if you win! The guys huddled together talking about old times and they commented that there were enough of them there that they could overhaul an airplane.



We had such a wonderful time at the barbeque on Wed., August 22<sup>nd</sup> with approximately 89 people there. It was a hot, breezy day and before you knew it, 6 pop-up canopies were set up giving us shade. One of the shades was set up over the barbeques, so the cooks didn't roast in the heat.

We had burgers and hot dogs and many salads to choose from. Thanks to the cooks and everyone who brought something for the barbeque. The buffet luncheon was held on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and there were 80 people in attendance. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. **Jack Raynor** welcomed everyone. **Billy Blizzard** and **Sherry Langland** both said a prayer before lunch and thanked everyone for coming and also thanked the **Raynors** and **Nagleys** for putting this Reunion together.

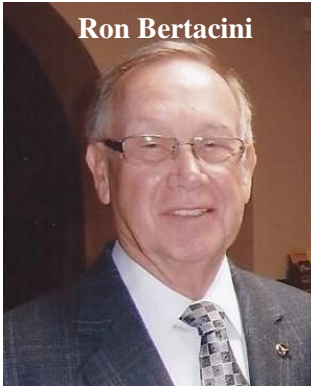
We were all so happy to see **Sandy Arnold**, our "super hero" back again with us this year. Sandy suffered horrible injuries from the San Bruno fire caused by the PG&E explosion 2 years ago. Sandy has been through so many surgeries and so much pain but she keeps improving and getting better all the time. Sandy said she will be at the Reunion next year and she plans to cook the burgers. Thank you, **Bill Arnold** for coming and bringing Sandy.

Most importantly, we all want to thank **Jack & Marge Raynor** and **Larry & Tamara Nagley** for all their work and efforts in putting this gathering together. We have attended every year and we will look forward to next year. Everyone who attended had a great time and we appreciate everything you all have done; this Reunion would not and could not have happened without you. Thank you again from all of us! ❀

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



It has been my honor and privilege to be your President over the last two years plus. To say that my term has been most interesting is kind of an understatement. It started in the early stages of the merger with Continental. We looked forward to a positive relationship with the new management. It didn't quite work out the way we would have liked. But all is not lost. We still have good relations with certain areas of the company, just not at the same high level as in the past. These are good contacts that have helped to resolve problems and issues.

Last year, the company did get all the respective retiree organizations together in Chicago to have a chance to meet each other as well as some of the folks in Human Resources. One real positive from this is that the various organizations are closer together than before. On the United side, we have RUAEA, RUPA (pilots), RAFA (Flight Attendants) and Clipped Wings, an organization of past, present and retired Flight Attendants. On the Continental side, we have the Golden Eagles (pilots), ARECA similar to RUAEA and the Golden Penguins (Flight Attendants). These organizations now interact with each other and share the same desire for improved benefits for retirees. Some even share newsletters. They also interact on passing on new information and how to cope with new policies. Another plus is that we are seeing some cross-over memberships as well as some active employees, close to retirement joining our organization.

RUAEA has been a wonderful organization over the years due to dedicated volunteers. I as well as the membership have been blessed with a great team. We have a wide variety of talents that help the organization run well. There are four secretaries, the Membership Manager and an Assistant to the Membership Manager and the Letters Editor in the Denver office that collect your dues, field questions and keep our records up to date. There are the ten regional directors that keep the local chapters informed and are ready to help with fostering new chapters. Then there are the Executive Officers, Treasurer who keeps our finances in order, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Vice President Conventions and the recent Past President. Other appointed positions are an Audit Team, Convention Site team, Corporate Liaison and maybe most importantly our two communications teams, Website Managers and Newsletter Manager. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** and I can't thank them enough for what they do for all of us and all retirees.

There is another special thanks to all those who volunteered at the various Travel Desks over the last fifteen plus years. Sadly, these desks were closed due to the company not being able to support their activities with the "new" reservations system.

I have been fortunate to reacquaint with past coworkers and to meet and make new acquaintances. I have tried to respond to all the letters and emails. Regretfully, it was not always what one wanted to hear. But there were many occasions that we were able to connect with the right person in the company to resolve issues. I sincerely thank you the members for your support. As we head to a new year I know you will give **Hank Gosselin**, your new President that same support.

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

## Writers' Column by Morris "Ivy" Iverson

*Note from **Martha Gooselaw** ~ For the past few years my husband, **Virgil**, and I have corresponded with **Morris "Ivy" Iverson**. We were one of his many pen pals. We thought what he has written over the years would be interesting to the older generation, those not quite as old and the younger ones too. Sadly, Ivy passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If he would have lived until August 6<sup>th</sup>, he would have been 90 years old.*

Being an outdoor person from Wisconsin, I enjoyed growing up with all of the things we could do. On Saturdays, before I could go out and do whatever I wanted, I had to carry buckets of water from the pump outside, up the back stairs, across the back porch and down the stairs to the basement, where I filled a boiler on

the stove plus two tubs full. These tubs were what my mother used to wash our clothes with a metal washboard. For this chore my mother would give me a dime.



After this I would canvas the neighborhood to see if anyone needed anything done. One time I did some work for an older gentleman and he gave me an old rifle, a 22 Savage. I took it home and cleaned it up. I learned to hunt squirrels, which I would take home and clean them; then my mother would fry them for supper. This rifle was much better to hunt with than the “slingshot” I had been using.

Growing up in the “Depression Era”, you learned to do a lot of different things. Back then though, going to a movie and popcorn cost 5 cents each. You could have a real good time for a quarter.

Something else we did to get spending money on Saturdays was to canvas the alleys for aluminum, copper and brass. If we found any, we would take it to the junk man; he would weigh them and we would get about a dollar. We would split this three ways; so each of us had enough for a movie with popcorn and even had money enough left to buy a wind up race car from the dime store. Now days, kids have their own cell phones and video players with different games to play.

My career with United started the first part of June, 1953. My wife and I went to San Francisco on our honeymoon. While there I saw an ad that United was hiring, so I went on a Friday, took a test and started my training on the next Monday.

There have been many changes in the airline business since I first started in San Francisco. Back then each airline had its own area and building. United had four gates and all of the planes then were DC 3’s, DC 4’s and DC 6’s. We had passenger stands for the DC 3’s, and would have to help the passenger agent push the stand up to the door of the plane. They would then go up and open the door so the passengers could get off. The baggage and cargo was loaded onto metal 3 wheeled carts and taken to the side of the terminal, where it was claimed.

After the outbound flight was loaded, one of us would go to the Load Planner and get a slip of paper, which we put into the rubber end of a metal pole. Then we would hand it up to the cockpit window; this was the information about the number of passengers on board, plus the weight of the luggage and cargo, the pilots needed for flying the next trip.

We saw a lot of people during the day coming and going. We would see celebrities and then tell everyone we could. One day, we saw people getting off of a flight from Vancouver, BC on its way to Los Angeles. While we were unloading it, we noticed a gal being taken down the stairs in a wheelchair. We saw two guys come down the stairs to help the agent with the wheelchair. The gal in the wheelchair was Marilyn Monroe and the guys were Robert Mitchum and Joe DiMaggio who were accompanying her. We heard later that Ms. Monroe had broken her ankle while in Canada filming the movie, “River of No Return”. So this was a good day; you never knew what could happen each day when you went to work. It was never a dull job.

When United moved over to the new terminal, we had more crews then because we now had 6 gates to take care of. It was much different then because they had us working one week on the Ramp, loading and unloading bags and cargo, another week we would be on the “food run”, where we picked up the metal containers of trays and food to put on the planes for the next flight. If the flight was an inbound one, we would take off the empty containers and take them back to the kitchen. Then another week, we were in the baggage room under the main terminal. All of the bags were coded with the flight number and destination city code, such as LAX was Los Angeles, SEA was Seattle, NYC was New York City and so on. This was done so that luggage would not be sent to a wrong destination. It did happen a few times. We heard of one bag coded for CAN (Canton, Ohio) that ended up in Canton, China. We couldn’t believe it.

For the inbound baggage, it was loaded onto a conveyer belt; the baggage runner would pull it off of this according to the flight number and then take them to the claim area. One day while on a Cargo run, I saw a guy in uniform; as I got closer I recognized John Wayne. When I told the others about this they said they were filming some clips inside an airplane for the movie “The High and The Mighty”. I later saw it on TV; it was about a flight from Honolulu to San Francisco, during a severe rainstorm. Robert Stack was the pilot and John Wayne was his co-pilot.

Later when we got the new DC 7’s, I got to work the first nonstop flight from SFO to NYC and under 8 hours. For this flight, we had to put down a red carpet. I was getting ready to load bags when the runner came out with a cart full of all white luggages. He told me that it all had to be loaded upstairs because it had to be kept clean. When I got them all loaded and secured, the passenger door opened and a lady appeared. The



captain told her to go back to her seat everything was taken care of. I asked him, “*Who was that?*” He said “*that was Marlene Dietrich checking on her luggage.*”

One never knew what was going to happen on flights that came and went. On another flight that came in and after we had unloaded it, I saw that canvas was being put down below the passenger stand. A short time later we saw Carl Malden and Michael Douglas at the top of the stairs. We went out to see what was going on, and were told to stand back because they were filming a segment for the TV series “The Streets of San Francisco”.

Later, of course, came the DC 8’s and the 727’s. The DC 8’s had their own jet ways which had to be moved up to the planes for unloading. This was another job that I was trained for; it was scary at first but better when you got the hang of it. On one flight, I moved the jet way into position and opened the plane door. Out came a guy who bumped into me; I said “*Excuse me*”; he said “*Do you know who I am?*” I replied, “*No, Do you know who I am?*”, and then he was gone. I asked the stewardess later, “*Who was that joker?*” She told me he was a state congressman who was late for a meeting in San Francisco.

A funny episode I remember: One day when we were coming out of the baggage room, a PAM driver swerved his cart to miss us. When he did the contents of the cart dumped out. It contained birds in cages; some of them fell onto the ramp and opened. A canary landed by my feet; I picked it up and started to give it to the cart driver but he was gone. So I put it in my pocket and took it home. We had that bird for years. Those were the good old days!

I think the best thing working for United, was that we were able to travel in the summer to different places. My wife was a school teacher and had summers off. One time we went to Disney Land, outside of Los Angeles. Then we got on a flight to New York City where we saw the Statue of Liberty; another trip was to Boston where we saw the house where Paul Revere started his famous ride.

I also got to hunt in several places. One trip I flew to Salt Lake City to hunt deer with a friend; another trip was to Denver to hunt elk. I was lucky on this trip and bagged a 6 point bull.

The frosting on the cake for me was when I was able to fly to Africa and go on a safari hunt. I bagged 5 antelopes and three of them were big enough to be entered into the African Record Books.

### **Annual Benefits Enrollment**



The 2013 Annual Benefits Enrollment is coming soon. Based on feedback, United will provide two separate enrollment periods to better serve retirees and active co-workers. The enrollment period for retirees is October 24 - November 9, and for active co-workers October 1 - 23. This will help distribute call volume to the United Airlines Benefits Center so participants receive timely and knowledgeable assistance while selecting benefits. This is your opportunity to view benefit options and make elections that are effective January 1, 2013.

Here are a few highlights:

- ➔ Dates for enrollment are earlier than last year, allowing benefit-eligible participants to compare benefit options with their spouses or domestic partners and ensuring medical ID cards arrive before year-end.
- ➔ Plan costs and details will be available online on the Your Benefits Resources site. However, retirees will continue to receive their worksheets and annual enrollment guides via mail.
- ➔ Dependent Certification is now a part of this year’s enrollment process. This annual process involves confirming dependent relationships and their eligibility for benefits. Certification will be completed with just one click via Your Benefits Resources, at the “complete enrollment” step of the election process. Co-workers and retirees who do not complete enrollment during the enrollment period will be required to certify dependents at the start of 2013.

Beginning October 24, please visit Flying Together at [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) and click on the Annual Benefits Enrollment banner ad in the lower left corner of the homepage; or go to Flying Together > Employee Services > Benefits or call the United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007, M-F, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central time for assistance.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day will be held at San Francisco Maintenance Base, Sunday, October 7, 2012/ 11:00 am – 4:30 PM. Wristbands are required for entry. If you are an active employee from another station or a United retiree, you may request up to 4 wristbands by sending an email to the Family Day team. Please be sure to include your file number in your request. Your wristbands will be available at “Will Call” on the day of the event.” Email [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com)

### **PBGC to correct UAL pension payments**



Last November, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) issued a report describing errors in the way the agency valued assets in retirement plans it assumed from United during its bankruptcy.

PBGC did the calculations more carefully and found that it had slightly undervalued the UAL pension assets, resulting in small underpayments to fewer than one in five retirees.

PBGC will be sending letters over the next several months to those affected. For more information you may visit [www.pbgc.gov/united](http://www.pbgc.gov/united).

### **United invests \$15 million in new ground service equipment**



Supporting the 2012 Go Forward Plan, United has allocated funding and placed orders for an investment of nearly \$15 million in ground service equipment (GSE) supporting both Airport Operations and Technical Operations. This 2012 investment is part of UAL’s objective to establish and maintain a GSE program that is safe, optimized, reliable and supportive of its co-workers.

For Airport Operations, \$6 million of the funding includes towbar-less tractors for BOS (Boston), IAH and LAX; cargo tractors for IAD; container dollies; replacement vans and pick-ups for a number of stations throughout the system; and equipment unique to the Boeing 787. United will spend nearly \$3 million on

the deicer fleet to address reliability for the 2012-2013 deicing season.

UAL is also making another \$6 million investment to acquire more than 100 new GSE vehicles for Technical Operations.

Airport Operations and Technical Operations have been working in partnership throughout 2012 to define and develop a GSE replacement strategy that will ensure co-workers have safe and effective tools. As part of that strategy, responsibility for all planning and maintenance support for ground equipment and related facilities will move effective September 1 into a single organization under the leadership of Supply Chain Managing Director Mike Lorenzini.

### **LAS co-workers move to Terminal 3 lobby**



Despite thunderstorms in the area and three diversions, co-workers at LAS (Las Vegas) had a great day on August 22, as they enjoyed their brand-new ticket counter and lobby operations in Terminal 3. The team relocated from Terminal 1 to a much larger space in the newly constructed Terminal 3.

Terminal 3 opened at the end of June to help ease congestion in the lobby. United’s gates will remain in the D concourse.

### **Please pardon the dust at At ORD**



The loading bridge project in Terminal 2 at ORD is under way and will increase the number of passenger loading bridge gates by 10, improving the boarding and deplaning experience for United's customers. Check out the new loading bridges at gates F12A and F12B; gates F12C and F12D should be ready for operation by mid-September.

Keep an eye out for the new in-line baggage screening facility under the existing B-South checkpoint that should open by third-quarter 2012, subject to TSA certification of the system.

Finally, UAL plans to complete the first new United Club by the end of this year, and the company will use it as the architectural standard for future club projects. Look for this spacious, 12,500-square-foot club on the concourse and mezzanine level of Terminal 2.

### **September schedule to ease gate constraints at SFO**



Since United began using gates in Terminal 1 in June at SFO to augment its operation in Terminal 3 and the International Terminal, customers and co-workers have transferred between terminals via airside bus links. Soon United Express will operate more than 100 flights from Terminal 1, freeing up gate space in Terminal 3 and reducing peak passenger loads on the buses.

These changes will allow United to more than double the number of flights operating at Terminal 1, reducing aircraft taxi time and gate waits at Terminal 3 for its arriving and connecting customers and crews.

Hub Managing Director Mike Hanna said that the changes in the September schedule that move the majority of United Express flying into one terminal will result in a more constant flow of smaller numbers of customers deplaning from regional jets.

### **Space shuttle Endeavour to visit LAX**



This fall, United's massive hangar at LAX will house the space shuttle Endeavour while engineers work for several weeks to prepare it for the two-day, 12-mile journey to its new home at the California Science Center (CSC). CSC President Jeffrey Rudolph announced details of "Mission 26: The Big Endeavour" in Los Angeles, along with LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Inglewood Mayor James Butts.

NASA's Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft will fly Endeavour to LAX mid-day on September 20, depending on weather conditions at the Kennedy Space Center, along the flight path and in Los Angeles. United is planning an arrival ceremony, an LAX employee day and a

VIP function for major customers, elected officials and prominent civic and business leaders, so look for more details soon.

*"As a proud partner of the California Science Center, we are thrilled to host the shuttle at our facility,"* said Tech Ops Managing Director Don Wright. *"United co-workers are delighted to be a part of this very exciting event for the Los Angeles community."*

### **United announced expedited negotiations with IAM and insourcing at Terminal A in IAH**



UAL has reached an agreement with the International Association of Machinists (IAM), which represents fleet service employees, passenger service employees and certain other work groups, to expedite contract negotiations for joint collective bargaining agreements. With the assistance of the National Mediation Board, the parties agreed to a bargaining process and timeline that is designed to achieve joint collective agreements before year-end.

*"Expediting negotiations will benefit co-workers and the company,"* said Airport

Operations and Cargo SVP Jon Roitman. *“Our longstanding relationship with the IAM continues in a positive direction, and this expedited process should assist us in reaching responsible agreements that pay our co-workers competitively.”*

In addition, UAL agreed with the IAM to in-source airport operations work at Terminal A at IAH, which third-party suppliers currently handle. As part of the ongoing sourcing review in Airport Operations & Cargo, United is actively discussing with the IAM other opportunities for United co-workers to perform certain customer service work at additional locations that suppliers currently perform.

*“United, the IAM, and our co-workers share common interests in finalizing joint collective agreements that provide improved pay, competitive benefits and competitive work rules,”* said Labor Relations SVP Doug McKeen.

### **Latest phase of redeployment opens**



Many of the September schedule changes took effect in August, and, with them, United entered the next big phase of aircraft redeployment. UAL defines a redeployed flight as one subsidiary aircraft flying to or from the other subsidiary's hub — for example, flying Airbus A320s out of IAH or Boeing B737-900ERs out of SFO. Now, 355 flights a day depart from the other subsidiary's hub, up from 266 the previous week.

Nearly every hub is seeing significant changes compared to the previous week. United increased 737 departures from ORD by 14 and reduced Airbus departures by 13. At IAH, UAL increased Airbus departures by 19 and reduced 737 departures by 30, as the schedule changes also reflected its seasonal capacity reduction. SFO added five departures using CO 757s and dropped 11 using UA 757s.

For more on redeployment, see the series United ran Aug. 20-24 in United Daily and look for more in the September issue of World.

### **Ask The Doctor – The Big C**



**Dr. Reidner**

Most of you recognize the title of this article without further explanation. For all the rest, the Big C is, of course, Cancer. A word that always strikes fear in the hearts and minds of all of us. In the following few paragraphs, I will try to put this frightening medical condition in a different perspective.

Because retirees in our age group have only negative memories of Cancer, it is only natural to maintain a very negative concept of Cancer. It is difficult to change one's opinion because most of us have many personal devastating memories of Cancer. Perhaps a parent or sibling or spouse or neighbor or, worse yet, a child succumbed to some form of Cancer. It still remains a frightening diagnosis to almost all of us, and almost always generates very emotional responses to the diagnosis of Cancer.

**But**, there is very strong evidence that **many**, not all, Cancers are amenable to treatment and even cure. More and more Cancers are becoming chronic diseases, like diabetes and high blood pressure, rather than a death sentence. Yes, that is right. Cancer is becoming a chronic disease that more and more people survive because of modern treatment methods. Let me explain.

Most of us are familiar with Pap smears, mammograms, colonoscopies, and other so-called screening tests for Cancer. However, there are other tests that have appeared within the past 10 years that have made early diagnosis routine rather than the exception. Most of us know about the controversial PSA blood test for prostate cancer, the virtual colonoscopy to detect colon cancer, CT scanning for lung cancer and pelvic tumors, to name a few. None of these tests existed 20 years ago. Further, there are more appearing almost every year. Further, when a patient presents with certain symptoms, a physician can order MRI, body scans, isotope studies, or PET scans or order newer blood tests that didn't exist in the past.

If there is a diagnosis of Cancer, the treatment options have changed drastically. Yes, there is surgery but the newer techniques have given more hope to many patients. There is vastly improved radiation treatment protocols that may follow surgery or may even come before surgery. Then, there is the well-known use of chemotherapy, both oral and/or IV medications. The use of brachytherapy, gamma knife, and the DaVinci procedure are making dramatic changes in the outcome of Cancer. Stem-cell research has opened even more



exciting avenues of treatment, including the use of vaccines (believe it or not). The revolution of chemotherapy is providing new compounds almost yearly.

Unlike the treatment modalities in the past, the current treatment options are becoming more and more tumor specific and reducing the side effects we are so familiar with. As many of you know, many treatments in the past often cause devastating side effects because they were so broad in their action rather than pinpoint in accuracy. Look for more of these approaches as the side effects become less but the “killing” effect on the Cancer increases.

All of these positive statements do have a down side. Cost and coverage. The tests I mentioned are not cheap and may require prior approval from your medical insurance. Justifying costly tests for the chance of finding a Cancer may not be easy and require persistence and the cooperation of your medical provider. If the test gets approved, then there is the shocking cost of the treatment modalities. Cancer surgery to remove as much tumor as possible, so that radiation and/or chemotherapy are more effective requires a well-trained and experienced surgical team. Such teams are often at large medical centers and/or medical schools in large cities. Smaller cities or towns most often do not have these skilled teams. Radiation oncology is another specialty that requires skilled and experienced physicians who practice in facilities with complex and very costly radiation equipment. Again, such treatment centers are in large medical centers and/or medical schools. Finally, the newest and latest chemotherapeutic agents require a knowledgeable and experienced physician who are usually part of a vast nationwide network of other physicians in other medical centers that communicate sometimes daily with the latest information about the latest protocols. **None** of this is cheap and requires excellent medical insurance and insurance companies who are willing to cover long-term costly medical treatment. Even drug companies may have to assist patients to pay for the very costly chemotherapeutic agents that can cost thousands of dollars per month.

So, the Big C is still a very frightening medical diagnosis for anyone. In the past, it often was truly a death sentence to the patient. Today, and in the future, there are more and more patients who are living with Cancer rather than succumbing to it. There are more and more patients living productive and happy lives because of treatment modalities that cause fewer side effects but very effectively suppress or cure the Cancer for many years rather than weeks or months. As with any medical condition, an empathetic physician supported by a skilled team, a strong social and family network of support, and a determined patient with a positive attitude are essential ingredients for success.

Till next time, fly safe and stay well.

*(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 Egges**



The future is now. The mission of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Foundation, Inc. is to preserve the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in perpetuity so generations may experience the effort of this generation to honor the Heroes of Flight 93.

Bishop Mascherino had a very serious operation. He is home now and in a lot of pain. Adding to his physical pain, is his concern about the expense of the auditorium. I apologize for getting everyone excited about the new auditorium, especially those attending the Memorial in September. The Bishop intended to have this completed when you arrived. However, when he received the auditorium estimate, the original cost of \$25,000 has increased to over \$54,000. Needless to say, the auditorium will not be built this year. Bishop Mascherino will not go into debt for that amount. I agree with that decision.

The Clipped Wings flight attendants are there when you need them. They have donated a special magnet which is being distributed and sold as I write. I don't know complete details, so will let you know next month how you can purchase one.

Incidentally we just received a check, \$500.00 from Retired Flight Attendants, The Golden Penguins, Continental Airlines. Thank you all very much for your support.

Bishop Mascherino is going to need a lot of help, if he is going to complete his project. Please make a contribution. Make check to 93 Memorial Chapel, mail to: Frank J. Egges 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.



## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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Our Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of being a RUAEA chapter on Thursday, August 16, 2012, by meeting at our usual and favorite place, the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 15 members and 1 guest present. We were happy that **Ed Southworth** brought his daughter **Rachel Southworth**, with him to the meeting. Rachel is a middle school art teacher. We look forward to her being able to visit us again in the future. Members in attendance were: **Conrad Hamilton**, **\*Bill Hayden**, **\*Rick Herrick**, **Doug & Edna Thompson Horne**, **Park & Billie Learned**, **\*Jeanne Reinoehl**, **\*Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**, **\*Barbara Serra**, **Ed Southworth**, **\*Harold Stofko** and **Tommy & Sande Zander**. We all missed **Carol Herrick** who was unable to attend. We think this is the first meeting she has missed. Asterisks indicate charter members and **Carol Herrick** was the only charter member absent!

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 12:45 PM. Bob welcomed our guest, **Rachel Southworth**, to our meeting. The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President. The winner was **Jeanne Reinoehl**.

**Park & Billie Learned** brought Alabama Sand Pears and Muscadine grapes and shared them with those in attendance. **Yvonne Schwartz** had made pear preserves from Alabama Sand Pears and passed them around for everyone to try. We discussed various recipes for using these pears in preserves. They are not very good to eat off the tree but they do make delicious preserves!

**Jim & Penny Alston** emailed that they would be in Utah closing on a house and the September meeting looks doubtful as they will be returning from Ireland and will be flying stand-by! We hope to see them in the

future whenever they are able to get back! **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** were not able to attend as they are busy getting their sons enrolled in school.

**Billie Learned** brought a book, "*Memories That Must Not Vanish*" written by Julian Campbell. She told us about the book and that Mr. Campbell has finally agreed to print a few more copies of it. Our group voted to order one and couple of members said they want one. The book sounds very interesting. Campbell Field in Birmingham, AL is named after him. The first RUAEA meeting that the **Learned's** and **Schwartz's** attended was at this location. Our group was formed shortly thereafter.

**Park & Billie Learned** have had to cancel their trip to Maine as Billie has to have some outpatient surgery. They hope they will be able to go in Sept. to Maine and to Hawaii in Dec. We are all praying that Park's health continues to improve. **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** are going to Chicago over Labor Day for their son's wedding. He is 42 and getting married for first time!

Election of officers was next on the agenda. **Conrad Hamilton** made motion that our current officers remain in their positions for another year. It was immediately seconded by everyone there. So, our officers for next year will be: **Bob Schwartz**, President; **Bill Hayden**, Vice President; **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary and **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer. The officers all agreed to stay and said they really enjoy their positions.

September birthdays are **Conrad Hamilton** (9/10), **Norm Reinoehl** (9/11), **Bill Hayden** (9/16), **Barbara Serra** (9/16), and **Bev Heinrich** (9/21). **Park & Billie Learned** celebrated their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on 9/9.

We'd love for you to come down and join us for one of our meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

#### Calendar:

**September 20 - 11:30 AM**

**October 18 - 11:30 AM**

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Thank you **Carol Wilbanks** for taking notes and writing the newsletter for the August meeting.

Members present were **Charlotte Gibson** with her mother, **JoAnn Benton**; **Travis Glass** and his brother **Terry Brasher** who retired from Eastern Airlines; **Joe & Jane Jones** who were glad they finally had an off day together; **Jesslyn Arnold** with her ankle and foot in a cast from a fall; **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Donna & Jim Gooch**, **Joe Duncan**, **Bill Preston**, **Gay Fowler** and **Pat Harmon**. Pat has decided to join our group and we are very pleased to welcome her.

We missed our faithful secretary, **Judy Slover**, who is sick today. Treasurer **Joe Singleton** was also missing today. Hope they can join us next month.

Charlotte gave a description of her experience traveling from BHM to HNL recently to see her son. She told us she was apprehensive about traveling alone with all the stories of problems for SA's. Fortunately, she made all her flights round trip (through ORD) on a vacation pass. She encouraged us to go ahead and travel now- don't wait.

Herb told of his son Chad's experience this past week from BHM to LA via Houston. Chad was on business- not a pass. There were delays, gate changes and confusion in BHM but they did arrive in time for the earthquakes. He complimented LAX employees for their courtesy and friendliness.

**Donna Gooch** won the 50/50 drawing.

**Jean Cox** had a birthday on August 1.

Herb & Carol have reservations to attend the RUAEA convention in DC in October. They plan to drive so they can visit some other places on the way home. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> convention they have attended and are looking forward to another great time.

**Gay Fowler** announced day trips through the Newcomers Club here. They include antiquing and seeing the covered bridges of Blount County in September, a tour of the Southern Living Magazine building in November, and a Christmas lunch and tour of American Village in December. If you are interested, please call her.

**Carol Wilbanks** showed some jewelry she was wearing and gave the web address of Women at Risk (WAR), an organization that rescues women from slavery/trafficking around the world. The jewelry is made by women who have been rescued and by those who seek skills to support their families to survive with dignity. The Web site is [www.warinternational.org](http://www.warinternational.org).

Next month's meeting will be at **Charlotte Gibson's** home with lunch details to follow. The date is September 10.

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).

## ARIZONA



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Here's hoping, by this writing, all RUAEA members who planned on going to the convention in Washington, D.C. October 3-7 are having or had a great time. The Convention Committee deserves a great round of applause for all their time and effort.

**Mike Richards, Joe Hopkins, and Carol Liltz** (the Azures Board) met September 14 to discuss plans for our 2012-13 season monthly luncheon meetings. Also invited, as a special guest, was **Sherry Muoio**, who has helped to organize our past Decembers' Arizona Broadway Theatre outings, and continues to be active in assisting with our 50/50 drawing and white elephant sales. Sherry has been a member of the Azures for a very long time and her help and input is certainly appreciated.

On August 28, we lost a very dear member and friend, **Evie Callahan**. In her final hours, she was surrounded by her loving husband, **Frank**, and their three sons, **David** (Littlerock, Arkansas), **Robert** (Houston, TX) and **Steven** (Flagstaff, AZ). Evie and Frank (retired OPBOB in 1993 with 39+ years) had just celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2, 2012. No funeral services were planned but there was a reception at their home on Tuesday, September 4 for family and friends. The Azures made a donation to an animal organization in Peoria, AZ in Evie's name to help the animals she so loved. Please keep Frank and his family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to: **Frank Callahan**, 19833 N. Calypso Lane, Sun City, AZ 85373, phone (623) 815-6899 or [bob11054@cox.net](mailto:bob11054@cox.net).

**Vivian Klick** had a great time in California visiting with her daughter, **Vivian**, her husband and grandchildren and walking the beach. Now, we hear, she's off to Ohio to visit the other daughter (twin) and her family and celebrate the leaves starting to fall. Beautiful time to be going East.

Our new members, **Chuck & Carol Stuller** joined the breakfast group one morning in August after moving to Anthem, AZ from Colorado. 8 to 10 Azures on average have breakfast at Coco's every other Tuesday.

Our first get-together of the season will be at Beardsley Park, Sun City West on October 13. A notice will go out to the members announcing the menu. All chapter dues of \$5.00 each member are due in October (usually at the picnic) or you can include your dues when you R.S.V.P. that you will attend the picnic. In November, we will, again, have our "Thanksgiving" luncheon at Pebblecreek Tuscany Falls Golf Resort on November 10.

The AZURES welcome any United or Continental retirees living in the West Valley to become a RUAEA member and join our group. We meet every other Tuesday for breakfast at 0800 at Coco's. Also, from October to April we meet for a luncheon/meeting usually on the second Saturday of the month. And, in December, we plan a dinner/play at the Arizona Broadway Theatre.

### 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 9** – Breakfasts

**October 23** – Breakfast



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Fall is in the air and we look forward to various activities that start up again and seeing friends and acquaintances that have been away for the summer and returning back to the Phoenix area. We hope you, too, will get involved with our Re-United's Chapter and join us for our monthly breakfasts and our luncheons, which will start in November (due to the RUAEA Convention the first week of October, we won't have a luncheon in October). We invite any United or Continental Airlines, age 55 and older, who worked for either airline at any time, to come and check us out. We're a friendly group of retirees. Come and learn some current information you may have questions about.

Our October breakfast will be held on Friday, October 26, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers and Company Cafe, 535 W. Iron Ave. in Mesa, off of Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue. We would love to have you join us. Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), by the Wednesday before the breakfast. That would be October 24<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

The RUAEA Convention is being held October 3 - 7<sup>th</sup> in Washington D. C. Around 12 of our members will be there, and we look forward to hearing all about the Convention when they return. This is the first Convention being held this time of the year; rather than in May, so, we're hoping it will be a success.

Our August 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast had 17 people attending. We welcomed a recent retiree from UAL, **Lyn Walter**, who has joined our group. She's worked at BOSFF, SFOFF, SFOCS, OAKOZ, and SJCOZ. She really got around! We're glad to have you with us, **Lyn**! Our Treasurer, **Rita Zarek**, brought her daughter, **Vicki Zarek**, as a visitor. We welcome visitors anytime. We heard there were some health concerns among our members, **Don Burns**, **Linda Cooper-Koltz**, **Roger & Bonnie Veillette**, **Fred Rockenhauser**, and **Gene Menten**. We hope they will all feel better soon.

In the September 2012 issue of RUAEA Newsletter, did you notice **Ed Eson**'s picture (former member of Re-United's), and the article about how he and his friend **Gill Rohde** were selected to go on this, the Eighth Flight, for Veterans of WWII, Korea and Purple Heart Vietnam Veterans in May to Washington DC and Baltimore? **Ed** is a Navy Korean Vet. There were 122 Veterans in the group. They really were treated as celebrities and well deserved. What wonderful memories they all will have.

Also in the September issue of RUAEA Newsletter, there is an update on Travel Pass Overview, which **Kirk Moore**, of RAFA Travel Benefits Committee, has written regarding Rumors/Answers to traveling problems. One member suggests that, if you have problems, that you document them, where, date, time, names, situation, and send the information to ETC.

Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, updated everyone about our Fantasy Flight, which will be Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> this year. We're still in need of items for the children; such as cute, huggable stuffed animals, Stadium-size fleece blankets, and socks and gloves to fit kindergarten to first graders. We also still need used books, both hard and soft sided for our fund raising October Book Sale at the airport. If you have any items you wish to donate, or have any questions, please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317. She'll be happy to take your items.

We have the following Birthdays in October: **Jo Clinard** (10/3), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Bob Forsberg** (10/10), **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 of you!

We have the following Wedding Anniversaries in October: **Christine & Bill Rang** (10/18/81), **Dorothy & Jim Pappas** (10/19/57), **Agnes & Homer Warthen** (10/19/63), **Dot & Pete Kuspis** (10/21/50), **Kathy & Jim Brigante** (10/24/64), **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Happy Anniversary!

### Calendar:

**October 26** – Breakfast at Crackers & Co. Cafe, 535 W. Iron Ave. in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by October 24<sup>th</sup> at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail @ [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**November** - Luncheon, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** - TBA

**November 16** – Breakfast (Change of date due to Thanksgiving) - TBA



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There were 11 Roadrunners and one guest that met at the Pine Top Country Club for dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Our guest was **Heather Lundy**. **Howard Hunter**'s daughter **Elizabeth** provided the center pieces for the tables which consisted of orange roses in a glass bowl. She added a note saying, "*Have a great Road-Running Time*". Howard had been a member of our chapter for a number of years but even though he has now passed on, the manager of the club said we will always be welcome.

Our September luncheon will be held at Teresa's Mosaic Café at 2456 N. Silver Mosaic Dr. in Tucson. We will meet there for lunch at 11:30 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and order off the menu. Although **Wayne & Loretta Norman** will be the hosts, they will be traveling so **Claire Byle** will need a head count by September 19<sup>th</sup>. Her number is (520) 744-0959 or email her at [idclaire70@yahoo.com](mailto:idclaire70@yahoo.com).

October will be the National Convention in Washington so there will be no meeting locally for the Roadrunners. We will meet again for lunch at Shlomo & Vitos's delicatessen located at 2870 E. Skyline Drive, SW corner of Skyline and Campbell on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. **Ed Kokot** will be the host and needs a head count by November 12<sup>th</sup>. Ed's phone is (520) 229-2059.

Our December luncheon will be held at the Oro Valley Country Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month. More on this later.

Thank you Claire for providing this info so I could get this letter out in a timely manor. Lyn and I were unable to attend the Pine Top outing.

### Calendar:

**September 20** - Teresa's Mosaic Café

**October 3-7** - National Convention Washington

**November 15** - Shlomo & Vitos's Delicatessen

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Our August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach. We had 17 attend and **Jack Cunningham** reminded us that he drove 89 miles, one-way, with his wife **Eleanor**. They drive the furthest of all our members and we are so happy that they do.

Our President, **Esther Bartlett**, opened the meeting by greeting everyone. She donated one of her paintings to the 50/50 drawing. She is a very talented lady and her paintings are always very beautiful.

There were discussions on the air travel that **Bob Stanger**, **Bob Wagner**, and **John Stilwell** took since we met last. **Bob Stanger** tried to fly from SFO to ORD and said several UAL flights were cancelled or delayed due to construction at SFO airport. His flight back from ORD was a lot smoother. Bob did say that his trip to ORD was to attend his grandson's graduation from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. This facility would not let you take any pictures outside of the graduation ceremony and is still very well guarded. I still remember when it was in operation during WWII, I forgot that it was still there. So far the government hasn't shut it down. Bob did tell us about his horror story upon listing himself on first class. It appears that the ticket agents aren't up to speed on how the listing priority is supposed to work. It seems there is a way of reporting agents that are not familiar with the priority and seniority system. The joys of flying on a pass seems to be a thing of the past.

**Bob Wagner** was in Iowa and he had to return home sooner than planned. He had to buy a full fare ticket on Southwest and that was one expense he didn't need.

**John Stilwell** told us of a trip he took, sponsored by the Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce, to Cuba. He flew on UA from LAX to Cuba. UA has one flight a day, in each direction, nonstop. He told us of his experience in Cuba, and if he had time, he could write a book about this trip. He did ask the crew if they remained in Cuba over night. They said that they didn't, but flew the plane to MIA. They would have the plane serviced and food boarded before leaving for Cuba. I think he said that they could get fuel in Cuba, but no food or drinks would be taken aboard. He said that you could not bring any cigars, rum, or lobsters from out of the country. One other interesting note was, who is the highest paid employee in Cuba? It turns out that the police officer is. They do not ride around in cars, but are bused over to various sections of town and then they walk their beat. John said that you don't see any graffiti anywhere or vandalism. He also said that their Medical care was great since one of his group needed medical attention. He was taken to the emergency room of a hospital and five doctors came immediately to attend to him. Fortunately it was nothing serious, and he returned to the tour. This was at no charge. John had a lot more to say but his wife, Barbara, asked him to cut short his travel log. John did say that a trip to Cuba was well worth it.

**Jack Cunningham** told us that he just had his 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> pacemaker installed. He said they should last a lot longer than his previous one that had to be replaced after less than 4 years. However, he said that he is back in business and he appeared to be no worse for wear. The Cunninghams will be hosting our next meeting on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Annie Golf Course. This is a lot closer to where they live and we are all looking forward to going there.

**Mike Zoldak** told us that he got word that the old UAL general office was being cleaned out and a lot of UAL books and records were going to be destroyed or thrown away. Mike was able to get two of the original UAL books that were given to new employees. I received one that was in paperback, but these are hard copies. I was able to thumb through one of them and I know you older employees have fond memories that these books will remind you of. Mike donated these books to the 50/50 drawing, but only on a loan basis. He is trying to get more of them. Mike also got word from friends still working at SFOMB. The working conditions are not any better and no good news is coming from there. It appears that retirement can't come too soon for those still hanging in there.

**Marcia Stanger**, our treasurer, heard from **Betty Rupp**, that she would not be attending anymore of our meetings. She used to get rides from the **Noyes**, but since they have moved away, she has no way of getting to our meetings. Several members said that they would pick her up, but Marcia seems to think that her health is not letting her travel. Our thoughts and prayers are with her. She is my only contact to the old Capital Airlines days that we so fondly remember.

**John Stilwell** will be the only member from our Chapter attending the next Convention. He is working on how he will get there. I'm sure other chapter members will have some interesting stories to tell.

For my golfing friends, don't buy a new putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

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The Victoria Rose Cottage was chosen for the Brazen Raisins' September meeting. A big thank you was given to **Hazel & Dick Hayes** for arranging and hosting our luncheon. Everyone appreciated the good food and hope that we will go back often.

**Hazel Hayes**, our Sunshine Lady, mentioned that three of our members, **Virginia Van Patten**, **Dick Shryock** and **Gil Gilbert**, have birthdays in September. Also, **Charlie & Millie Barnett** will be celebrating their anniversary on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

A great big thank you was given to **Dick Shryock** for his 16 plus years as Corresponding Secretary. Great job, Dick!

**Elida & Reuben Rivas** just flew up to the state of Washington to see their great granddaughter. Needless to say, they had to spend a lot of time at the airport, but finally got there and home again. It looks as if the good



old days of flying might be gone forever. We will hear more after **Nile Jones** takes her trip to Turkey in October.

Recently, **Nile Jones** had to be rushed to the Emergency for surgery due to an intestinal problem. We were glad to see Nile at our meeting and feeling much better.

**Dick Shryock** won our 50/50 raffle again! He sure is lucky. Other gifts were won by **Jim Van Patten**, **Nile Jones** and **Peggy Oakshott**.

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The Desert Princess Country Club in Palm Springs was the gathering place for the Desert Sunbirds' August Meeting. Our gracious hosts were **Melinda & Ron Lerg**. Thirty five members and guests feasted on our choices of Steak Sandwich, Monte Cristo, Seafood Louie, and a Chicken and Cranberry Salad.

Again, a short guest list this month ~ **Claire Staples** brought her sister, **Louise** (known to all as Lou); and I had my usual guest, **Marji**. So that's two guests, unless you count the **Elaine Aggson**'s way, then it's one and a half (see last month's report).

Our wanderlust, **Dede Utzinger**, is house-sitting in Northern California, after her visit to Panama. We just can't keep up with that gal!

There are two significant anniversaries in September: **Bill & Lia Schultz** (48 years on Sept. 4) and **Jim & Vivian Rotella** (54 years on Sept. 26). Congratulations!

The **Penningtons** had to cancel their appearance at the luncheon, as **Jenny** was not feeling well. We hope to see them next month, in good health.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Fred Kellerhals**, and **Dee Whately** won the 50-50 drawing.

### **Calendar:**

**October 10** – TBA, hosted by **Glen & Jan Voirol**

**November 14** – TBA, hosted by **Gay Traber** and **Patti Sica**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 29 at Lake Wildwood Commodore Park in Penn Valley. This was hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**. We had 39 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Nortons for hosting.

### ***Officers' Reports:***

President **Terry Greenacre** remarked what a beautiful setting this is and the weather was just perfect. He also thanked "Family Affair" for catering this event. Terry also said that they are looking for next year's officers. The committee is made up of the past three Presidents plus getting help from others. At our October meeting, we will announce our incoming officers for next year. There will be no meeting in November and we will install our new officers at our December meeting.

**Terry** continued his segment of "little known facts". He starred in a Clint Eastwood movie, "Play Misty for Me". This was Dan Figueroa. He went to the Monterey Jazz Festival where Clint Eastwood was filming the event in the early 70's. Part of that scene was in the movie.

Vice President **Orville Harshbarger** mentioned that we still need a host for October meeting. While on vacation last month, they stopped in to see **Velma Stough** in Washington. Her daughter now is just 20 minutes away.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for August at the July meeting, she had no report.

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

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Margaret Eggert** who had surgery. She also brought a card for us to sign for **Darryl Stroud**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said that all books are current. Let's bring in new members.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** mentioned that if you have any updates for the roster, please send them to him.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** reminded us of the convention which will be October 3-7. He also talked about 10 retirees were invited to see the 787 celebration. This was a preview of the new airplane early. Also he said to have a good Fall season.

#### Calendar:

**September 26** – China Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

**October** - No luncheon scheduled at this time

**November** - No meeting

**December 13** - Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley

#### HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Sierra Nevada Restaurant is the lovely, historic hotel-turned-restaurant where we joined together for our August luncheon. Once again, we enjoyed good food and time to visit with friends. **Thom Biro** and **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** were our hosts and, fittingly, the theme was miners and mining!

After the 33 folks attending enjoyed a tasty lunch, **Jon Somplack** called the meeting to order. **Carolyn Woolston** attended as a guest of **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** and **Thom Biro** brought friends **Tom Williams** and **Ed Bass** who would later give a talk. We were happy to see **Bill & Linda Dinette**, new members.

Old Business ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that all 33 members are current with their dues - Thank you! The September luncheon is (was, **see below**) still open for hosts. No New Business this month.

President's Report ~ Jon is just happy that things are doing well with our group.

Vice President's Report ~ Rosemary is not in attendance - she was having surgery the next day. However, she sent along a menu from a new restaurant in Cameron Park, Los Pinos, so we could look over it just in case someone would like to host a lunch there (see below!).

Treasurer's Report ~ Tom let us know that all the paperwork has been sent to the government for approval. It will be about 4 more weeks until we get our official nonprofit status. The paperwork included our check for \$400.00. Our checking account now stands at \$557.45.

Secretary's Report ~ Nothing new here either!

Sunshine's Report ~ Marge was not here.

Historian's Report ~ Jon is serving in this position but there is no new news.

**Joe & Lynda Lima** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary and **Rudy Blazius** enjoyed another birthday!

RUAEA Report ~ Ron Bertacini joined us this month: Last month's newsletter for RUAEA includes a 4 page travel guide. It has information to help people having problems with travel. Boarding is supposed to be by seniority. You can go to the RUAEA website and bring up the newsletter. United was getting delivery of the first 787 from Boeing and 10 retirees were invited to be part of the ceremony. There were 100 employees (plus our 10 retirees) attending the event. Everyone enjoyed a tour of the Boeing facility. There is a new RUAEA Chapter in Fairfield and Vacaville. The RUAEA Convention is October 3 - 7 in Virginia. The group rates at the hotel is "full". However, there are other places in the area with good rates. New officers are to be voted in - you can do this on line or Ron has some ballots. **Lorin Adcock** passed away September 11, 2012. He lived in Pacifica.

Thank you for coming, Ron, and all the information you bring with you!

Our meeting adjourned and the raffle began. Rosemary usually handles the raffle but in her absence, Jane handled the drawing for her. Thank you to **Bill Gibson**, **Joe & Lynda Lima**, **Bill Deloge**, **Cindy Blazius**, **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**, **Thom Biro**, **Pati Kenney**, **Jon & Alice Somplack** and **Roberta Ouchi** for your donations to the drawing. I believe that the Limas had the winning blue ticket! You know, our raffle is a fun way to bring

some cash. Not everything has to be brand new - things that are “gently used” are acceptable, or, if you have a surplus of something that someone would enjoy, bring it in and it can go to a good home!

Normally we would have headed home at this point, but we were treated to a talk from **Thom Biro**’s friends, Tom and Ed. They are members of Placerville Treasure Seekers. This group has discovered the fun and profit of metal detectors and gold mining. They brought a metal detector to demonstrate, showed us gold pans (6 gold pans were among the items raffled) and a big selection of articles that can and are found in the ground. It is amazing to see the trove of treasures. Jars of coins, dozens of beautiful rings, antique toys, and it seems that crosses are found on Sundays! This hobby has another positive side as well. Any trash that is encountered while they search for the good stuff is disposed of properly thus serving to keep our planet clean. You can still get gold out of the American River. The group enjoys the friendships as well as the treasure!

Now, we have the good fortune that there will be a September luncheon after all! **Bill & Pati Kenney** tried out the new restaurant, Los Pinos, and decided it would be a good place for us to meet. So, we will be heading to Cameron Park. See you there!



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39 members and 17 guests enjoyed our annual picnic at Armstrong Grove held on August 9. After a delicious chicken barbeque luncheon, President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked our hostesses Verda and her family.

VP **George Schwind** introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; **Ed & Margret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**; **George & Sue Hirsch**, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**; **Nely & Cor Kemp**, guests of **Nich & Maria van Kruining**; **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**; **Mary Ann & Tony Stilman**, guests of **Norma Stilman**; **Marlene von Borster**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; **Tina**, guest of **Ruth Loy**; **Kenneth & Angela Saul**, guests of **Inara & Heino Witt**; **Andrew Hastings**, guest of **Pat Ortega**; **Pam Olson**, guest of **Edie Olso**; **Bart Burr**, our bartender, guest of **Verda Burr**.

Treasurer Jan reported we are still in the black. The total balance as of 7/12/12 was \$768.05 of which \$238.84 is in the general account and we have \$530.21 in the Charity Fund.

Barney said the old Continental system now in use by United is beginning to smooth out and the only good thing about it is you can see how many SA(s) are listed and their adjusted seniority. The new website is: [www.flyingtogether.ual.com](http://www.flyingtogether.ual.com).

Sunshine lady Verda announced **Joan Sheehan**, **Rodney Medeiros** and **Iva Clark** had birthdays this month but none of them were present. **Rodney & Gussie Medeiros** celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and **Ron & Joanne Huhn** celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup>.

Verda reported **Norm & Ann Burnett** are moving to Vancouver, Washington into an assisted living facility and they have daughters living in Washington. Their house sold very quickly and they need to be out by August 20. They will send their new address when they are settled.

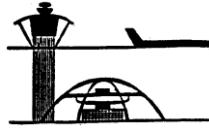
Barney reminded everyone that the Convention is in October at the Washington DC Hyatt. Don't forget to vote online.

As always the raffle was fun and lots wine and candy were given away. Next month's luncheon will be on September 13 at La Gare in Santa Rosa.



### Re-LAX-ers

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Our summer has flown by, like a cool foggy spring, and now we've hit the hot stuff!

We welcome a new member to the Re-LAX-ers, **Josephine Guidry** has returned after moving out to the desert city of Lancaster. She'd like to stay in touch and we're glad.

We've lost a few members recently and I want to pass the information along. **Sarah Purkhart** called to advise that **Dee Miller** had passed on after a lengthy illness. **Keiko Kagiya** was kind to advise that **Helen Moore** has passed away recently. Helen will always be remembered for her kindness in reserving the park for us for the Steak fry.

We were pleased to welcome a few members not seen in a long while. It was nice to "catch up" with **Myriam Lubin-Tashima**, **Otto Giersdorfer**, **Rubin Knight** and wonder-woman **Tarina Murray**, who looked splendid! Most of these members drive very long distances to attend our functions and we loved getting to see them again.

We can hardly wait to visit with friends we get to see only once a year at the conventions. A lovely letter came from **Marci Walker** stating that we may be seeing her in D.C. Wow! We haven't seen her in many years and are looking forward to that visit! Then she stated that some long-awaited remodeling of her kitchen "may" cancel that plan out. Oh Bummer!

We are so sorry to hear from **Betty Kopp** that she's limited in her activities due to bad arthritic pain. She said it was brought on by medication that was prescribed for other reasons. We send our very best wishes to this kind lady and hope to see her soon.

Some good news! **Sylvia Allen**, mentioned recently, after having a 5-way bypass heart operation and rehab for a week; is now back at home and recovering. Send love and prayers to her home at 8409 West Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305.

Do you know the "flying-toy" lady, **Charlene Walker**? You remember the one that flies into L.A., drops off bags of toys in air freight, then she jumps on another plane and continues home to Arizona? Well, this time, she had to go to plan "D". Air freight wouldn't accept the usual drop-off. So she drove the whole round trip driving to L.A. and personally delivering the toys to Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services and returning home. Nothing stops this lady from her toy delivery to under-privileged children! Even early Christmas delivery in the middle of summer!

### Calendar:

**October 11** - Proud Bird luncheon

**December 6** - Christmas Sit down Dinner - Proud Bird restaurant



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We had a good turnout of twenty three at our breakfast this morning. There were two birthdays for September, **Peggy Van Sicle** and **Lee Roberts**. **Skip Householder** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

I was happy to report that over \$20,000 was collected for the Benefit for **Mary & Dan Armstrong**. The money is being put in a trust for them. It was a great night for the Irish at Hooley's. It looked as if every Irishman in town was in attendance.

**Mary & Louis Semon** are still in the Midwest. Mary was recovering from her stroke and then I received a note from Louis that she was having a heart problem and wouldn't be home anytime soon. Will let you know when I hear anything.

**Merry Card**, who is living in Henderson, NV tells me that she had a flood in her condo. A leak in the pipes on the second floor did a fair amount of damage to her home on the first floor. She is drying out and repairing.

**Pauline Raynald**'s house rebuild is coming along and she is currently living in an apartment. She lost a lot of her possessions in the fire.

**Betty Tomaino** and I will be attending the RUAEA convention in Wash D.C., on October 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a report for you when we return for the November breakfast.

There will be breakfast as usual on October 4<sup>th</sup>, **Debbie** and **Robert Taylor** will be presiding.

#### Calendar:

**October 4** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226 0255.

#### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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It sounds like everyone around here has put their summer vacation plans aside until next year. We hope you all had a lovely summer despite the crazy weather cross country. Here in the SF Bay Area, we never know what's coming from one day to the next. We old timers just wait 5 minutes and the weather is sure to change! My daughter just came home from Washington D.C. after 3½ weeks in daily 90 – 100 degree weather. Now I haven't the slightest idea of what to pack for our RUAEA convention!

It is now our definite pleasure to discover that **Lillian & Al Christian** have recently celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, with **Leona & John Clothakis** following closely behind with 58 years. Bless you all! As January 2013 grows closer, so does **Milt Cavalli**'s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Wheeeee!

Our after-lunch entertainment just keeps getting better and better. "Beverly-At-The-Piano" paid us a return visit with memorable and familiar songs from the 40's. It is soooooo nice to hear music we all recognize and can sing along with!

As agreed upon for the last few years, our annual September picnic has been held at our Foster City William Walker Building meeting place to shorten the driving time for those who don't want to drive too far. We hope you like it.

So what do you do in a doctor's waiting room besides wait? You hope you can find a magazine that's not too boring, especially since most of us are not interested in repairing a motorcycle or checking out a wrestler. For example, in the latest AARP magazine it states: "*Older women who consume at least one cup of strawberries or ½ cup of blueberries per week can delay cognitive aging by up to 2½ years*" according to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. (Yep, works for men too!)

**Note:** As Hollywood reporter Louella Parsons used to say, "*I'm on my Woodbury soapbox tonight*": As usual, this UAL retiree organization is searching for an entirely new Board of Officers for 2013 to spell off our present ladies and gentlemen. You must realize that without the generous time given in the past by our present Board for years without replacement, you would no longer be able to attend our monthly meetings because we would just have to shut down. We do our best to keep accurate UAL information flowing to you and also secure interesting speakers and entertainment. And you also have the luxury of visiting once a month with old and new UAL retiree friends that you would normally lose track of. All of us on your Board have served at least over 4 years to keep this organization going. Local newsletter Editor **Shirley Campbell** has served for 8 years! Wow! A few years ago, Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** and I just plain played "musical chairs" because no one would step forward and take our secretarial positions. I enjoy and would be willing to continue writing the monthly national RUAEA columns but there are other very simple parts to this job that I would appreciate getting help with. We are all tired. This is just not fair, is it, Folks? Any one of your present Board of Officers is more than willing and happy to help any new replacements. If you think you have medical problems that prevent you from helping to keep this organization going ... well, so do we. We don't ask that you come down here in pajamas and a hospital gurney. Just give us a hand, Puhleeze!

"*Today is worth 2 tomorrows*" ~ Benjamin Franklin.

### Calendar:

Next retiree "Get-Together" is our annual picnic, Monday, September 24. Then, next two General Meetings are Monday, October 22 and Monday, November 26, usual time, usual place. No December meeting, see you in January 2013. Regular meeting place: William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Telephone (650) 286-3380.

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Fall has arrived and so has the annual RUAEA convention, but that has to wait until next month's newsletter. Hope to see many of you there.

We have a number of members and their spouses that have celebrated anniversaries of note. **Boyd & Merle Sweet** (52 years), **Gerald & Alice Frisch** (61 years), **Charley & Barbara Brown** (61 years), **Vernon & Maureen Snyder** (50 years), **Harry & Theresa Willever** (56 years), and **Kathryn & Frank Mazzola** (50 years). Congratulations to all of you.

So glad to have **Gary & Jeanie Fahl** visiting from their retirement home in Nevada.

Life is full of surprises and we're never ready for some of them. Our co-secretary **Joan Dahl** passed away suddenly August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will miss her at our weekly meetings. She graciously, hosted with **Nancy Walb**, our annual ladies' Christmas lunch and was our recording secretary. We also lost another member **Ruie Bradley**. **Ruie** and her husband **Bob Bradley** sponsored our food drives for the Salvation Army. She had moved to Grass Valley to live near her children.

We received a letter from **George Smith's** family thanking us for our donation to Pathways in his memory.

On a lighter note, our October luncheon at Fiorillo's Restaurant in Santa Clara is just around the corner. It will be hosted by **Dave & Joanne Saso** and **Tony & Sally Urso**. We will be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South Bay RUAEA chapter founded by **Gene & LaDonna Eggert**. Gene was the chapter's first president.

We meet **every Friday at 8 a.m. at Holder's Country Inn** on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino-San Jose across from the Home Depot. Hope you will join us for breakfast and a short meeting.

### Calendar:

**October 16** - Fall Lunch at Fiorillo's Italian Restaurant in Santa Clara, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**

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Summer is almost over and soon we'll have the little ghosts and goblins at our front doors looking for tricks or treats. Hopefully we will all have treats available for them. So while I am talking about that, let me wish you all a Happy Halloween.

We had our last luncheon at the Golden Corral in Modesto on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The buffet islands were full of all kinds of foods, yummy foods, and so many desserts. The luncheon was hosted by **Hans & Regina Weber** with 29 people in attendance and each one of us enjoyed the delicious foods. Thank you Hans & Regina for hosting the luncheon and for the prizes.

The highlight for this month was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual UAL Reunion. Many thanks to the **Raynors** and **Nagleys** for setting this up again and thanks also to all the people who attended. Thanks to the following San Joaquiners' members who joined us, some of whom came for the first time; **Don & Jo Nesja**, **Guy & Nancy Hoffman**, **Bob & Sandy Brooks**, **Rudy & Elma Reyna**, **Ken Wesela** and **Carol Valdez**, **Al Svares** and **Betty Sayers**, **Bob &**

**Joy Blair**, and **Mike Millard**. **Sue & Mike Hohl** also joined our group; **Mike Hohl** just retired in July after 43 years with United Airlines. Thanks to all of you for coming and being a part of this memorable event.

**Veronica & Francis Domaratius** joined our group for the barbeque and the buffet. Francis is the RUAEA Newsletter Manager and his wife, Veronica, calls me every month with a friendly reminder to submit my article. It was great to meet them in person and put a face with the name. They were on their way to Denver for a meeting and we thank them for stopping in Minden and spending 2 days with us.

Until next month, please join us at one of our luncheons on the second Thursday of every month. If you have any questions, please call our president **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our August meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 20 members and guests. We welcomed **Joe and Margaret McGee** and **Darlene Platten**. Joe was at the MOC and worked with **Roy Platten**. Joe retired in 1997. **Heidi Schindler** was another of our guests. She is newly retired from SFOSW.

A few updates from our members. **Ken Price** is still in Kamloops, B.C. He should be returning in September. **Bob Sample's** wife, **Margo**, is ill and he will not be attending during her illness. Sad news, **Vilma Patrick**, passed away a week after our annual Picnic. She and her husband, **Sam**, were the founders of our chapter and she will be greatly missed. In addition to our Sunshine Lady, she was the organizer of our Toys for Tots annual Christmas celebration. The East Bay Diablos have donated to her charity.

**Rich Bouska**, our Treasurer, presented a thorough recap on our financial status (good news – we are solvent thanks to his great management)!

**Trudy Engeldinger** who the 50/50 and **Joe McGee** and **Tracy Blanchard** won a free lunch at Sizzler.

Our book and magazine exchanges continues to be a success and enjoyed by all. Don't forget to bring in any greeting cards. **Emma Lou Olson** has a charity who is grateful for them.

We continue to share our travel tips – keep them coming!!!

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

### Calendar:

**September 10**

**October 8**

**November 12**

**December 10** – Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

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As usual, the Mile Highers met at the United Airlines Training Center for breakfast on the first Saturday of September. There were 42 in attendance. First timer **Barbara Dela Cruz** joined the chapter and RUAEA. She retired from DENRR and recently resided in Chicago and decided to return to Denver. Welcome back Barbara!

**Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Kenny Larson**, DENMM on August 21 and **Ward Stryker**, the last living employee of the Swallow aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas. The Swallow went into service in



1926 with Varney Air Lines and was used for mail service. It carried 600 pounds of mail from Pasco, WA to Boise ID. This was the beginning of United and Continental Airlines.

The Continental and United picnic scheduled for August 25 at **Norm Meyer's** ranch in the mountains East of Denver went off without a hitch. Norm is 95 years old and a retired Continental pilot. Not long ago he gave his airplane to his daughter. The picnic was a big success; there were 44 from Continental and 20 from United. Actually since we are all from one airline now, we could say there were 64 folks that showed up and had a great time.

**Carol Krieser** brought samples of ladies body lotion. **Donna Miller** took the lotion that was left over to some needy women. Thanks Donna!

**Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** brought their 2 daughters to the breakfast, **Dianne Adkins** and **Deniece Morris**. Virgil and his two sons in law went on a week long fish trip and we don't know if they were able to catch anything. We asked, but Virgil says "*What happens at the fishing camp stays at the fishing camp*". Ha!

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter, **Jack Green**, **Charley Hassler**, **Ray Shoultz**, **Cas Spokas** and **Rich West**, thanks folks.

October 6 will be the next breakfast. **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** will be attending the RUAEA convention in Washington DC. **Harriet Ahr** and **Earl Horner** will host the breakfast. See you in November.

#### Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.

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Our August 30 meeting was held at the Nancy Lopez Golf Course restaurant in the Villages. President **Don Nellans** called the meeting together with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our treasurer **Charles Wirth** informed us we now have \$426.50 in our treasury. Sunshine lady **Lydia Wirth** read the July and August birthdays and anniversaries as follows: July Birthday ~ Mr. **Joe Cantillo**; July anniversary ~ Mr. & Mrs. **Bill Wimmer**. August Birthday ~ M. **Gerda Gefrois**; August anniversary ~ Mr. & Mrs. **Don Dulen**. Congratulations to all of you and I hope your special days were great.

I would like to share our update for our conference, Florida Retirees Uniting will be held in the Villages Florida. **Don Nellans** said everything is going as planned and we will have registration papers at the October meeting. Remember the dates, February 22 - 24, 2013. Everyone will be kept well informed. We have a block of 40 rooms reserved for this conference and it is on a first come and first serve basis; we have special rates for these rooms at \$110.00 plus tax per night.

We have a change for the September 27 meeting. We cannot meet at Nancy Lopez due to renovations but we will be back at Nancy Lopez in October. We will be meeting at Arnold Palmer Country Club in the Villages. Address is as follows: Palmer Legends Country Club, 1645 Palmer Wy in the Villages, FL. Phone (352) 753-5300.

The **Nellans** won the 50/50 and we had 25 retirees and one quest present for the meeting. Remember the new meeting place for September 27 at Arnold Palmer legends country club. Any one needing driving directions, contact **Don Nellans** at (352) 861-8486.

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What a lovely sunny day we had in Florida for our meeting. Prez **Dick Coughlin** called the meeting to order. There were 22 present. Visitors included **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from San Diego who were back in town for a few days. **Ed Martin**, a pilot, who lives in Spruce Creek, and my daughter **Cheryl VanBerkel** and granddaughter Lisa who were visiting me from KY, taking advantage of the beach these last days of summer. Our new member **Gloria Marcantoni** was back with us, she really makes an effort as she drives from St. Augustine to Daytona. **Bud Gammill** seems to be healing after his fall, he & Karen will be back with us in October. **Nancy Thomas** sends us greetings from CA, we all signed a birthday card for her; she misses our group a lot. Treasurer **Penny Logan** was off to AZ to visit her daughter.

Our birthday celebrant present was **Janet Horton**. We sang Happy Birthday to her and she blew out the candle on our fake cake. **Bill Lowrey's** Company Anniversary of 63 years was noted. There were no other celebrations. **Al Warner** won the 50/50 drawing again, he sure is lucky.

Prez Dick had some funny jokes, especially the one at the airport terminal where we get X-rayed. No terrorists were found, but a host of other things were found that made us all laugh. Dick also had some communication regarding the RUAEA FL Chapters that will be meeting together at the Villages in early 2013, more information will be coming at the next meeting.

The company news that Prez Dick had, included that United along with some other companies will be putting in new “skinny” seats in the AirBus to accommodate (squeeze in) more passengers. Also the company is considering bringing back some jobs to be done “in house”, that’s good. The new 787 plane will be out in November and service will begin in December. The news is that United will be getting 50 of these new planes. Wow!

Our December meeting will be held a week later on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please take note of that. We will gather at the Halifax Yacht Club, same time, we will choose the menu at our next meeting.

On that note our meeting was over, but people seemed to want to stay on and talk a bit. It was a good meeting and we will get together again October 4<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place. Until then, remember wrong is wrong, no matter how many times people say it is right - wrong is still wrong.

### Calendar:

**October 4** – 11:30 - Red Lobster

**November 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**December 13** - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club



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Another beautiful – hot – sunny – hot day in Orlando for our luncheon gathering. The Real McCoys had a warm welcome for retirees **Dave Houke** (MCOFF) and **Paul Crotty** (MCOMM), who joined us for lunch! VP **Ken Michels** presided over the meeting and Treasurer **Char LeGrand** handled the finances and the 50/50 drawing!

The October 9<sup>th</sup> picnic area at Cypress Grove Park has been secured. Hope to see many members and guests, new faces always welcome too! Call or email me if you have any questions!

In the “Oops Department”, the August Birthday Gals were **Sharon Ringer** on the 13<sup>th</sup> and **Shelby Michels** on the 15<sup>th</sup>. September Birthdays include: **Angel Montalvo**, **Barb Halterman**, **Char LeGrand**, **Helga Brown**, **Gene Hall**, and our newest member, **Dave Houke**. Much singing and celebrating and candle-blowing to all of you!

Our Wedding Anniversary couple this month is **Tom & Peg Cannata**, who are celebrating 45 years of togetherness on September 10<sup>th</sup>! Huge Congrats!

Continued prayers for strength and God's healing for our members.

Calendar:

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

**October 9** – Picnic at Cypress Grove

**November 13** – Regular Luncheon Meeting – Golden Corral 1:30pm

**December 11** - Christmas Luncheon at Bonefish Grill on So. Semoran Blvd. Deadline to RSVP to Treasurer **Char LeGrand** is December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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The Pelican Drop-Ins had their last breakfast for the summer vacation season at Perkins. The summer crowd must be back. We had 19 members and guests. We will resume our time at Perkins in May 2013. Our next luncheon meeting will be Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October because the RUAEA Convention is during the first week of October.

I especially want to thank **Nancy Kopp** for filling in for me last month. She did an excellent job. Thank you, **Nancy**. **Bee McCarthy** and I went on a week long cruise to Alaska. What a trip we had going and coming back from Vancouver.

One of our past presidents of the Pelican Drop-Ins, **Carrie Belluso**, was with us at breakfast along with her friend, Al. **Sally Sciple** came with her brother, Jim. **Diane Roberts**, a past flight attendant for United, also joined us for breakfast. She lives in Cape Coral where our winter luncheon meetings will be held this year.

Our conversations centered on summer and our new plans for the winter season. We are a lively, happy social group and welcome any United retirees, employees and guests to join us whenever they are in town vacationing or visiting.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at VFW Cape Coral, (**October–May**)

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

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With 28 members in attendance in our first meeting after a two months vacation, members were anxious to get involved and hear of the voting of the new board for the next two years. It is exciting and gratifying to know how much our members want to be involved in our Treasure Coast Chapter.

When **Al Popek**, who will be sitting in as President for the next two years, brought down his meat tenderizer to begin the meeting, he announced our new VP as none other than **Bob Langevin**, and new Treasurer is **Frank Wise**. Al presented Frank with a cash box which Al used as President of the Mainliner Club back in the 60's in PBI; to say the least, Frank was beside himself. All noticed the emblem attached to the box which was the Florida Sunbird flights, remember those days? Now I have to say I was stunned to know that my seat as Secretary was voted for me hands down, and was I equally moved. Congratulations to all and may the next two years be as successful as the last several, since we more than doubled our membership in the last year! Wow!

A motion was made to have our meeting all year long and not to have a vacation in July and August; that should tell you something! Suggestions were brought to the floor to possibly take a 2 day cruise next summer, name badges were brought up again, the pull off type, Boarding priority not completely solidified as yet, shingles shots are paid for by BC if you have Medco and also flu shots if you are over 65 and be sure to get double dose. Ticket refunds were again the topic and to make sure you are told where to get ZED and tickets.

The 50/50 was won by **Mari Hirjak** and the Progressive was won by **Bobby Vitel**.

Since we are beginning to outgrow our facilities at Mulligan's, we may have to start looking for a new site, stay tuned! It breaks our hearts to have to leave them but we may have no other alternative, and if we do, we will try going a little further south to help the members coming up from FLL and MIA, etc.

Our birthdays for the month of September are **Judith Frage** and **Diane Liebisch** (9/5), **Diane Brodis** (9/6), **Mari Hirjak** (9/12), **M. Jane Kerr** (9/16), **Ed Dechant** (9/24) and one Anniversary Celebration for **Keith & Aline Mc Cormick** on 9/15. Best Wishes to all!

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

#### Calendar:

**October 2** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**November 6** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**December** - Christmas/Holiday Party to be announced

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter, however presently we do not have a chapter correspondent. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

### IDAHO



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Our August 14<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting at IHOP was attended by 18 of our members. A former Gems president, **Bud Peters**, stepped up to lead the business. **David & Carol** were returning from St. Helens, Oregon, after the adoption of Sarah by our daughter and her family.

The group decided they wanted to do both our annual picnic on September 4 and the monthly meeting on September 11. For many years, we have had a memorial picnic to honor UAL employees.

Most of our members have voted on RUAEA officers on the website. Some paper ballots were given out.



Now to the “newsy stuff” ~ In Paris, at the Eiffel Tower at the end of July, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**’s daughter **Shannon** was engaged to **Dustin**. Wedding plans are in motion for a spring wedding. **Shirley & Rick** returned recently from visiting family in Stockholm and cruising the Baltic area. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, they saw Neil Diamond in San Jose with Shannon and Dustin.

**Chan & Nancy Hammagren** have moved to a condo at the Orchard’s, located on the corner of Ustick & Cloverdale.

**Rick Dempsey** has a recap of new pass travel policies, taken from the latest RUAEA monthly newsletter. It would seem that once simple procedures have become very complicated.

Great news for the **David & Carol Adams**! After being in Oregon for 12 years, our daughter **Shauna**, husband **Dave**, and their four daughters have returned to the Boise area to live. We flew to Portland and were among many helping them pack and load several vehicles, including the largest U-HAUL.

Calendar:

**October 9** - Meeting at IHOP

## ILLINOIS

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Happy Fall! Is the bad weather over, or do we keep on the summer clothes and air conditioning? It’s too bad the farmers had such a terrible summer for their crops. That affects us all. We’re looking forward to a beautiful, colorful autumn. And no snow until Christmas Eve!

We welcomed new faces at our Northsider’s breakfast in July, **Jerry & Joanne Kozik**. **Jerry** retired recently from OPBIM. Also attending was **Jerry Wells**, from GRR, a good friend of **Ginny & Frank Vlach**. **Jerry** and **Frank** met on a streetcar in IND, many years ago. Heard several humorous stories of **Frank**, we all miss him very much. There were about 40 attendees.

A few trips were taken, **Marsha Sealock-Weber** and husband, **Paul**, went to Door County last month. Also traveling were **Karen & Dale Richman** to DCA. But coming back, they had a little confrontation with the ticket agent regarding their bags. One was 48 lbs, the other 52. The agent wanted to charge them for the extra two pounds. It was eventually resolved, but just another reminder that we are a different airline. On a personal note, I finally ventured out and tried the new system. Went to DEN and was able to get first class. Wow! That won’t happen again soon! From DEN to SAN, got coach, but happy to get on, I flew back to ORD on UA Miles before they expired. With the new system, we can see the Premier passengers that want to upgrade to first. Pretty funny to see 30-70 “wannabes”. Right away, we know we’ll be sitting in the back—hopefully. If only UA would have owned Apollo, instead of leasing it, we could still have it, instead of Shares, which CO actually owns. Oh well, at least we still have passes. There are so many other concerns, criticisms and objections, our heads are still spinning.

At the Southsider’s brunch, there were 19 people. **Barb Wesemann** celebrated a significant birthday. **Jedi**’s brought her a cake and Happy Birthday was sung. Have a great, healthy year, **Barb**. Her sister recently fell and broke both hips. **Mel Fisher** contributed five Lottery tickets for our raffle. The winners were **Carl Brandt**, **Bill Brookins**, **Al Broderson**, **Carmen Chavez**, and **Marge Schmidt**. A few even won a few dollars from them. The regular raffle was won by **Bill Adams**, **Bill Brookins**, who won two times, and **Ed Ward**. Go **Bill**! **Gwen** will help you spend it!

**Bill Churchill**, our Skyliners Secretary, had hip replacement surgery in August. He’s doing fine and his address is 1000 Beverly Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090. I received a call from **Joan Anderson**, who retired from EXO, and moved to PDX with her husband, **Ken**, many years ago. They moved back to Elk Grove about three years ago to be closer to family. Sadly, **Ken** passed away this month. **Joan**’s address is 274 Tower Lane, Elk Grove, IL 60007. Another passing was **Norma McFadden**, wife of **John**. She worked in ORDSW, ORDCS, and both worked in ORDF. Sorry, no address available. Our sympathy to all!

The Northwood Loonies will be meeting in Siren, WI in October. It's always fun to see other great UA employees from the recent past. Anyone interested can call Connie at (218) 372-3973. The Skyliners will have about a dozen participants enjoying the clean air of Northern Wisconsin.

Speaking of traveling and dealing with the new system, if you do have an immediate problem with tickets, refunds, passes, I suggest you call them at 877-324-5555, and if you're lucky, you'll get **Cindy**, a saint with all of the answers. If you want to send an email to [ETC@United.com](mailto:ETC@United.com), be prepared to wait. I sent them an email on June 8, received a reply the end of August. And then, they referred my email to another department. By then, **Cindy** cleared up my problem. There are still "glitches" in the system, so we're supposed to be patient.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this column. Without input, it would only have a Calendar of upcoming events, and maybe some corny jokes.

#### Calendar

**Northsiders' Breakfast** - Ritzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**October 10** and **November 14**) Second Wednesday of the month.

**Southsiders' Brunch** - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 25** and **October 30**) Last Tuesday of the month

**Food Depository** - First Tuesday of the month. Bus leaves the Training Center at 7:45 A.M.

**Christmas Luncheon** - Tuesday, **December 11**, Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL

**RUAEA Convention** - October 3-7, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington, VA

**Presidential Election** is Tuesday, November 6. Be sure to exercise this privilege.



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

Our next luncheon is scheduled to be on November 21<sup>st</sup> which is the usual third Wednesday of the odd numbered months. However, because that date falls on the day before Thanksgiving on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the luncheon is cancelled as we will be saving ourselves for "Turkey Day."

#### Calendar:

**October** – No luncheon scheduled

**November** – Luncheon of the 21<sup>st</sup> is cancelled due to Thanksgiving the next day

**December** - No luncheon scheduled

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The Indy Racers will be well represented at the RUAEA Convention in Washington, DC this month by **Elinor & Ralph Barnett, Wanda Bryce** and **Mary Chandler**.

Indy Racer and retired Marine **Ray Brabo** is already working with local Marine Corp representatives to coordinate our annual Toys for Tots Christmas gift drive. Indy Racer members hope to donate over 100 new

unwrapped toys at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Toys for Tots program benefits needy children and helps them become “responsible, productive and patriotic citizens.”

We wish **Gail & Warren Allen** the best in their new home in Mountain Falls, NV. In this sluggish economy, they were lucky enough to get a rapid sale on their Indiana home, and quickly found a new residence in a “warmer climate.” **Cheri & Ron Innis**, who agreed to help the Warrens with their move, say they plan on checking out Nevada for a “hot” place to move.

**Chris & Shary Johnston**, and Chris’ 93-year-old mother, took a September road trip to San Francisco to visit Evelyn Rose, their first grandchild who was born August 31<sup>st</sup>.

We wish Happy Birthday to Halloween “babies” **Ruth Duffy** (10/31) and **Ron Innis** (10/31).

Happy Anniversary to **Nancy & Jim Gibson** (10/15).

#### Calendar

**October 9** – Emmy’s Original Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch available from 1:30 p.m., meeting begins at 3 p.m.

**November 13** – Location to be announced.

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Our August meeting took place in Manchester, NH, the furthest north we’ve held a meeting thus far. We met at a Chinese buffet, with 30 entrées to choose from, as well as a manned Sushi bar, fruit bar, dessert bar and a soft serve ice-cream machine. Everyone agreed the fare was excellent. Unfortunately, only 15 members participated; **June Alberino, Eddie Aldorisio, Loretta Coyle, Carleen Eddy, Charlie Enos, Yvonne Fucci, Helmut Umbley, Don Latter, Andy & Carol Montalto, Bill & Judy Rodenhier, Bill Shailor, Joan Twing** and **Dick Vee**. **Joan Twing** and **Yvonne Fucci** were first timers. Yvonne is our newest Nor’Easter, having retired in July; there are still no retirees from CO yet.

The 50/50 was won by **Helmut Umbley** and free lunches won by **Carol Montalto** and **Joan Twing**. It’s always good for a first timer to win something. On our second week of the progressive, **Loretta Coyle** was our first winner. Loretta, a relatively new member, who hasn’t missed a meeting since joining was pleasantly surprised. See what good things can happen to you when you attend meetings! Our progressive will begin again at the next meeting with a twenty dollar pot. Again, you must be present to win. This is probably the first meeting our treasurer **Bill Vanderwall** missed, but his good excuse was a trip to Florida.

**Judy Rodenhizer** will participate in a 50 mile 3 day walk in the Cape Cod area to raise money for MS. Because of 3 days, walkers will be provided with overnight camping areas. However, Judy says no tents for me! I’ll pay for my own hotel. Bill & Judy took 2 trips on UA passes to SEA and HNL with a stop in LAS. Space was tight all around, with no first class. They had some minor problems, flew 8 segments and encountered both UA and CO employees all with mixed moods. **Charlie & Paulette Enos** had the summer off as they work for a local school system. I reported their European travels in the last Newsletter. Paulette missed this meeting as she had oral surgery. Their son, Ian, a pilot is now flying for UAL.

**Andy & Carol Montalto**’s daughter, Leslie, is in her final year of nurse training. I remember when Leslie was an infant. Boy, we’re getting old!

**Pat & Bob Austin** are off to Kauai as I write this installment. They will be staying in Poipu at the Island’s southern tip. This is my favorite and most visited Hawaiian Island as it’s quiet. I especially like Lihue Town on the east side, and the beaches on the west side. I offered a list of local eateries, and will get a report then they return.

**George Maveles**’ sister, **Demetria Stern** passed away in early August. Although not a UA retiree, Demetria has been a Nor’Easter associate member for several years. She will be missed.

**Bill Shailor's** daughter **Kimberly**, a frequent visitor, has just accepted a position of VP of North American operations for a financial company, a lucrative and good move for her. She keeps Bill happy!

October's Birthdays ~ **Patricia Austin, Robert Boyle, Edward Burke, John De Young, Norman Hudon** and **John Lagadinos**.

October's anniversaries ~ **Jack & Nancy Casey** (30 years), **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (32 years), **Lee & Sid Lyon** (45 years) and **Jimmy & Susan Yip** (46 years).

## MICHIGAN

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17 Escapees and 2 guests; **Karen**, sister of **Sharon Jacob** and **Donna**, sister of **Nancy Woolen** gathered at "The Ardmore Place" in St. Clair Shores on October 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Dollie Sellers**. We welcomed for the first time this year **Debbie LeFebvre**.

The Escapees have had a very hard month; however I do believe most are on the mend, thanks to your many prayers.

**Julie Felix** @ P.O. Box 2688, Taos, NM 87571-2688, writes that her **Fred** just had a cataract removed following 2 knee surgeries earlier. Julie says he is doing pretty well but still has some pain in both. Julie also had hip replacement, her surgery went well. She had been in so much pain for so long and after having surgery; it was like a miracle. She would tell anyone with hip pain to have it taken care of right away and not to wait like her, until you can't even walk.

**Marie & Wayne Kady** @ 3129 Vendetta Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073-3381, both had recent surgery. Marie had a tumor removed in FL and Wayne had laser eye surgery. Also, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, **Debbie LeFebvre** @ 24002 Violet Lane, St., Clair Shores, MI 48082 had back Surgery and is now almost completely out of pain.

**Linda Samalis** @ 31047 N. 45th St., Cave Creek, CO 85331, had her last Chemo treatment for colon cancer. **Mike & Elaine Clynych** @ 2806 Lillian Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-5314, Mike's cancer had returned in his arm and behind his ear. They made an incision in his arm which got infected so he ended up in the hospital for a few days. Of course he is diabetic so it is a long road healing. He is more worried about Elaine, as she keeps losing weight and she can hardly walk anymore. Mike is her full time caretaker.

**Joni O'Brien** @ 30515 W. 14 Mile Rd., # 34, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-1557 is completely exhausted as she continues to care for her sister **Rosemary** who is extremely ill. However, Rosemary married her long-time boyfriend last Monday, and hopefully Rosemary will find some happiness and Joni will get a little relief before she makes herself sick.

Loonie friend; **Diana March** @ 2114 Country Knoll Lane, Elgin, IL 60123-4909, underwent surgery to remove a tumor 2-3 centimeters diameter from her left clavicle, and excising a cyst from the juncture of her tongue & esophagus, also on the left side. The tumor had grown into the vagus nerve and the cyst was pressing down the uvula. The operation went very smoothly and there was no cancer.

Lastly, **Marie Cook** is finally recovering from much pain. Her jaws were frozen and she could hardly open her mouth to yawn or chew. I had an appointment with my doctor in just a couple days, but made the mistake of telling my daughter. Unknowingly, behind my back, Miss Jeen took it upon her own and made an appointment that very day, picked me up and we spent most of the day at Beaumont Eye Center. After many tests, it seems they thought I had temporal Arteritis which is what caused sister; **Joan** to go blind in her left eye. They claimed that catching it early, possibly saved me from also losing my eye sight. Marie is on high doses of steroids and feeling 99% better. Our Love & Prayers go out to all this month for continued & complete recovery.

### Calendar:

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



## MINNESOTA



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The annual picnic on August 8 was a huge success even though Ol' Ma Nature decided to weep all over us. **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** were more than prepared, however, with a large tent canopy to ward off the drip drops. Everyone brought a dish of something yummy to share and **Rita Stang** had made a huge kettle full of Sloppy Joes. Believe me, there was no shortage of food! And believe it or not, I didn't pick up any new gossip that was fit to print! Before the sprinkles started, **Lyle** provided transportation down the steep hill to the lake via an elevator. Those who wanted to take the stairs could, but riding that elevator through the woods was pretty neat.

**Bud & Jo Ayres** took a trip out West to Glacier Nat'l Park with several stops along the way. They cruised the Missouri River and saw some gorgeous scenery in Montana, ate fondue off a pitchfork, visited the Nat'l Buffalo Museum and saw a 76-ft hand-crafted Viking ship at a Swedish Interpretive Center in North Dakota.

**Nel Brawner, Rich & Connie Glattly** and **Jim Simon** all drove to Iowa in mid-August to attend the annual picnic hosted by a lifelong friend of **Rich's** at his extensive property in the vicinity of Cedar Rapids. They have all fished with this friend, either in Alaska or Canada and were invited to partake of the festivities. Wow! The tent was about 40 × 100 ft, the food was catered (he'd butchered one of his bulls for the occasion) and there was a Budweiser beer wagon with spigots for 5 different beers. The guest list included all of his fishing buddies & families, all of his employees & their families plus many of his customers & their families. The kids had a ball checking out the ponds on the property, watching the fish-feeding operation & describing the size of the fish in them. Fortunately, the sky was overcast & they'd had a bit of rain to green up the grass. The 100-degree temps of earlier in the summer let us alone that day.

Our alumna, Dr. **Janice Meyer** of Lanesboro, MN has for many years written a weekly column for a local newspaper serving SE Minnesota. She & her husband, **Roger Jorgenson**, live just off the bike trail which runs for miles through that area and her column has much to do with events along the trail. She has compiled ten years' worth of columns into a book called "Biker's Diary, the Best of Ten Years". Who knew we had an author in the group?

I heard from **Joe Eyestone** that he's doing battle again with some health issues. Please put him on your prayer list. A phone call or note would probably perk him up a bit: (952) 836-6629, 4120 Parklawn Ave. #334, Edina, MN 55435, [jsph.eyestone@gmail.com](mailto:jsph.eyestone@gmail.com).

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

## NEBRASKA

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There were 31 in attendance at our luncheon at Fernando's in Blair. Thanks to **Pat Shook** for hosting. We were all wondering where our Blair and Missouri Valley members were. We were hoping to see **Meredith Kubie; Hank & Betty Marquardt; Herk Raney; and Sid Schneider**.

We are happy to welcome new member, **Jack Acevedo**, who retired on November 19, 2011 from Omaha Customer Service. **Jack** was with UAL in Denver, Lincoln and Omaha. He is now back living in Lincoln. He and his wife, **Hope**, live at 7219 Pioneers Blvd., #809, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Our birthdays for September are: **Peggy Casebeer** (9/2); **Pat Shook** (9/3); **Dorothy Braden** (9/8); **Gary Procopio** (9/8); **Ev Payton** (9/21); **Linda Chapman** (9/22); **Marianne Brown**, (9/23). Happy Birthday to **Ralph Westadt** (8/31) and a Belated Birthday to **Mike Blasco** (8/18).

Guess who is turning 80 – yep, **Shirley Payton**. An Open House honoring **Shirley** will be held on September 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. hosted by **Ev & Shirley's** son, **Jeff**.

**Dick & Marilyn Weak** celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 14. We extend our sincere congratulations to a great couple.

**Barb Soseman** was taken to Methodist August 15 as she couldn't swallow, couldn't form words and had no control over swallowing. After many tests, which all turned positive, they are trying to find out what caused her episode. She is wearing a heart monitor for a month to see if something shows up. We hope to get good news from **Barb** soon that her tests came back okay.

**Sena Jensen** said that **Don** was doing much better after breaking his hip in two places. Since they could not do surgery on the breaks, he was sent home and eventually started rehab. He has finally graduated to the use of a cane and has been doing outpatient therapy in water at Immanuel. He did this in April so he has had quite a lengthy healing period. Glad to hear things are going much better – keep up the good work, **Don**.

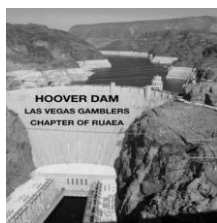
#### Calendar:

**October 2** - Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio** and **Linda**

**November 7** –Bohemian Café, Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

**December 4** - Anthony's Christmas Dinner, Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

#### NEVADA



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Our August meeting started with a delicious luncheon prepared and served by the very professional Arizona Charlie's kitchen and host staff. We started after lunch with a Safety and Scam prevention presentation by a metro Crime Prevention Specialist, Denise Stride. She gave very interesting and informative presentation. Our 50/50 raffle was held and prizes were handed out to our lucky ticket holders.

Notes from **Chris Earl** ~ Well wishes to **Jim Czaplewski** for his esophagus surgery on August 31<sup>st</sup> in Salt Lake City, UT. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

**Andy Wright** had a scare with low blood pressure and dizziness caused by a too strong prescription, he was advised to see his heart specialist and he has set an appointment.

**Mike Vasko** was taken to the hospital for observation and stayed overnight but is at home now. **Eleanor Vasko** was also ill on July 13<sup>th</sup> but feeling better now.

**Winnie Stone** had her second eye surgery last month and is doing well. She sees more clearly and happy to be driving again.

**Rosemarie Restivo** had her first cataract surgery on August 15<sup>th</sup>; we wish her a speedy recovery.

**Zenta & Bob Berghofer** just returned from an Alaskan cruise and had a wonderful time.

**Ingeborg Levy** had her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 12.

The October Luncheon menu is: Broccoli cheddar soup, London broil, red roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables and apple strudel ala mode.

Anyone with questions regarding our new pass procedures or needing assistance via the computer, please give **Rosemarie Restivo** a call as she has become a very good instructor for us who are computer challenged in this area. Phone # (702) 435-4981.

If you would like to share your special occasion, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, vacation news or medical occurrences with us, please feel free to call any of the officers with your info so we can read about it in our next newsletter. President **John Albert** (702) 258-4299, Vice President **George Fox** (702) 642-5056, Treasurer **Christine Earl** (702) 871-0884, Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** (702) 898-0561 and Secretary **Baldor Ziel** (702) 418-1365.

Do not forget the 2013 membership of \$ 6.00 per member or \$ 10.00 per member and spouse or companion, which is good for the whole calendar year

Calendar:

**October 9** – 11:30AM, luncheon cost is \$ 19.00 p/person at: Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200

**December 11** - The Christmas party.

**February 12**

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There were 65 people at our August Picnic at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe. The weather was wonderful. The area was not as crowded as in years past because school had already started in Nevada and California.

Members from the Sacramento Gold Diggers, San Joaquiners and Hangtown Miners were all in attendance. Thank you to the Reno Chapter of Clipped Wings for again providing the dessert.

The 50/50 was won by **Patty Gurski** (who with her husband, **Ron**, were guest of the **Leusings**), who also helped called out winning numbers. Numerous gifts were donated for our picnic. It seemed as if almost everyone left with something.

An August birthday was celebrated by **Pat Zoboli**.

**Jim Compton** was recently hospitalized. A card has been sent to him on behalf of the chapter.

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Our annual picnic was held in Merril Park, Colonia, New Jersey on August 29. If ever a date was perfect, this was it. The weather was fair, and there was plenty of food of all kinds. President **Dick Confer** made sure there were plenty of games to play.

Many old friends showed up, and the best part was talking about "old times". Whoever said "*you can never go back*" may be right, but the memories make it nice to try.

*Words of Wisdom ~ Quality is not an act, it is a habit!*

Calendar:

**September 26** – 12PM, Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

## NEW YORK

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### **BUFFALO CHIPS**

August 8<sup>th</sup> was picnic day and found 53 Chippers at Joseph's Country Grove, Depew, NY. There was plenty of beer, chicken, roast beef, pasta and what have you. In addition, there was a great variety of desserts including a cutout cookie in the shape of a United plane, (Retro white paint job of course.) for each attendee. While the summer heat ranked among the top 2 or 3 on record, the air conditioning in the huge hall was excellent.

A number of surprise guests we normally don't see stopped in, **Ron Breckenridge** and wife **Margarite** stopped by for the first time in several years. Ron is in his wheel chair and has trouble walking but is otherwise in pretty good shape. **Ron Krejewski**, formerly BUFCs, DENCS and now retired to Florida, stopped by to say hello. **Doug & Gail Dannebrock**, spending their summer escaping the heat in FL made their usual appearance. Several locals we rarely see stopped by: **Mary Ann & Frank Palumbo**, **Dave Owczarczak**, **Paul Krum** and **Vince & Judy Dilenia**. **Mike Keller** broke away from his home on Lake Ontario, accompanied by daughter Susan, made an appearance. **Frank Klein** was back after recovering from a heart problem. We welcome them all and hope they will make it a habit to visit frequently.

Most of the afternoon and evening was spent renewing friendships and catching up on the variety of things going on in our lives.

The big celebration took place with the 50/50 raffle won by **Betty Buczkowski**. This was followed by a drawing for 12 bottles of wine donated by the chapter. The names present is too long a list to mention, I will say I was not one of the winners.

This was one of the more enjoyable picnics we have had and the credit goes to **Rosemary Michalek** and **Mary Ann Palumbo**. When the subject was discussed, Rosemary volunteered and carried the ball, recruiting Mary Ann. Congratulations on a difficult job well done.

Our next meeting will be a luncheon in early December at a location to be disclosed shortly.

### NEW YORK METROS

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My wish for today - weight down and attendance up. There were only 32 Metros at our September 5 luncheon. I'm sure the pouring rain had a lot to do with that though.

The sad news is the death of **Alfred Wernillo** at the age of 68. He was a mechanic for many years at JFKMM. He had been in a nursing home and hospice for several months prior to his passing. His funeral mass was held September 6. Hopefully, those who wished to pay their respects had enough notice at our luncheon to do so. Our prayers were offered for him and his family.

Thanks for covering August with our late July newsletter and the addition for August by **Jim Richardson**. I would have been attending the picnic with my favorite house guests **Marion & Rick Johnson**. As previously reported, my sister passed away July 31 and I had to leave for Maryland on August 1. I turned my house keys over to the Johnsons and fortunately, they were able to invite some UAL friends over for a get-together. I returned in time to see them off on their Bermuda cruise. Just love having them here (sorry Sand'Dabs).

We would like to have an early count for our Christmas luncheon at the Milleridge so please contact **Dee Talochino** at [deelee62@aol.com](mailto:deelee62@aol.com) or phone her at (516) 623-8225. Or let any one of us know and we'll pass it on. This is always a big event so don't delay.

No meeting in October. Next one is November 8 at Milleridge and December 5 for Christmas, where else but the Milleridge.

Summer is gone, get out the rakes. See you in DC.



Calendar:

**November 8** - Milleridge Inn

## OHIO

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Because of Labor Day, our luncheon is not until September 12<sup>th</sup>, we do not have an activity article to publish. This gives our President (**Dolly Taucher**) the opportunity to write the following about our chapter:

*The end of 2009 there were 210 members. I became President in 2010 and sadly, too many dear members have passed away, others have moved (south), but in these almost 3 years we have added 48 NEW members, bringing us to a total of 232 members. I must say that most of the new members are a result of an invitation from a current member, so they can come and join in on the fun.*

*Our luncheons had approached the \$20 per person amount. Starting in 2010, the first thing we did was to apply for "tax-exempt" status (eliminating the sales tax). This year \$16.36 is the average cost for lunch, and that includes a luncheon / oldies cruise on Lake Erie. Sure the "tax-exempt" helped, but we have dedicated members that volunteer to host a month. They pick a restaurant, select the menu, negotiate price, collect the money, and make out name badges. All that without sacrificing the quality of the meal. We want to thank each and every one of them for their time to see to it that the rest of us can just walk in and enjoy. They really do a fantastic job.*

*Besides membership dues, our other income comes from our 50/50 drawings. From the time that the first members arrive to just before we sit down to eat, **Dave & Marie Placko** man the 50/50 table. During our meeting, Dave conducts the drawing. This kind of dedication is really terrific and we appreciate all that they do.*

*When we have news to get out to our members (i.e.: the passing of a member) we have two ways of doing that. Our "Callers" are notified and they in turn make a telephone call to all members without email. **Nancy Carter, Sharon Gatesman, Tom Hassel, Carrie Kercel, Mary Lou Mack, Joe Moses, Marie Placko, Judy Spooner, Barbara Vauls**, and our alternate **Steve Pytel**. Members with email receive an email from **John Taucher** who composes a beautiful notice with all information that is needed. Other emails that John sends are reminders of luncheons, and he maintains our website ([www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org)). We want to thank all of our communication volunteers. They are always there when needed and do a wonderful job.*

*Last, but not least, are the Officers. Vice President> **Arlene Taylor**, Secretary> **Mary Lou Kuretz**, and Treasurer> **Steve Pytel**. They are a "Fantastic Team". We work so well together, we are all on the same page, and we all make the decisions that make our chapter run so well. I feel truly Blessed to have them ~ **Dolly Taucher**, President, Ohio Buckeyes Chapter.*

Calendar:

**October 3** - Donauschwaben's German-American, hosted by **Joe & Shirley Moses**. Deadline – September 21<sup>st</sup>, open to Guests, plenty of seating!

## OREGON



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The attendance at the August meeting was 71 and each table was decorated with a small coke bottle and glass with a straw in it. Our thanks to **Kathy Russell** and **Nadine Holten** for coming up with unusual table decorations each month.

There wasn't a speaker this month so Paul asked for volunteers to come forward and tell about their experiences either old or new. **Fred Mustachia** told of his work with the Senior World Olympics where his specialty is softball. **Carol Gruenberg** told of a Caribbean adventure with a conch shell and **Glen Swanson** happened to be in Copenhagen on 9/11 and spent another week in Europe waiting to return home.

Election of Officers is "right around the corner" October 10 and it is imperative to have a new slate of chapter members willing to serve for 2012/2013. Please contact **John Donaldson** at (503) 524-1959 if you or someone you know would be willing to be nominated for one of the positions. **There will also be an ice cream social at this meeting.**

Our condolences go out to **Joyce Charron** and her family on the death **Bob Charron**. Bob died on August 10 and his service was held on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

I have several illness or surgeries to report for August. **Nadine Holten** fell in her garden and had to have pins placed in a hip. **Helen Stinnett** had heart surgery; **Merle Pitman** was hospitalized and then was in a care center for a few days, **Sarah Blare** had eye surgery and **Jack Harper** has cancer and is now in a care center. Please remember them by sending cards and keeping them in your prayers.

Winners in August were as follows: Door Prize ~ **Barbara Heidegger** (first time), Man's birthday ~ **Bruce DeFord**, Woman's birthday ~ **Pat Smith**, Anniversary ~ **Bob & Connie Bauer** (26 yrs) and 50/50 ~ **Paul Russell** (way to go Paul!). **Jack & Marge Curtis** celebrated 65 years of marriage in August.

### Calendar:

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

**October 10** - Election of Officers + Ice Cream Social

**November 14** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**December 12** - Christmas Luncheon

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September 14 was the date of our annual picnic. I'll report in the next Newsletter about this outing. October 12 is Columbus Day but is observed October 8, so workers can have a long weekend. National Boss Day, Sweetest Day, United Nations Day and several other special days are celebrated in this month. Oh, I almost forgot Halloween, October 31. I hope all you ghosts and goblins have a fun day. This is **not** my favorite day!

I received a surprise call from **Joe Scafoglio**, Spvr PITCS, now living in Scottsdale, AZ. **Joe** was in town for his ??? Class reunion and wanted to get together with me for dinner. Gladly I accepted and to my surprise he also invited **John Knezevich**, Spvr PITCS, his wife **Pat**, **Ray McConaghy**, Spvr PITCS, and his wife **Julie**.

What a delightful evening. It was wonderful talking about the “good old days” and the great airlines we worked for. Today you don’t hear the employees saying the “New United Airlines” is great.

I was able to attend the Saturday AM breakfast with the retired men from various departments. They meet the first Saturday of the month. This day there were only 7 retirees that attended: **Ed Kevestes, Tom Schultz, Jack Walker, Ken Wolfe, Ray McConaghy, Vic Ference, and Bob Minton**. This group is getting smaller. Is everyone getting too old or just losing interest? The group meets at 0830 at Janoski’s Restaurant across the road from their nursery. Everyone is welcome to come and join the group.

Much to our sorrow **Judy Nicklen**, PITSS and SEACS passed away in September. Condolences to her family and friends.

Our chapter treasurer, **Olga Karmazyn** had Femoral Hernia surgery and a cyst on her neck removed. **Olga** has recovered and is on the run as usual.

If there is anyone who is interested in adopting abandoned dogs & cats please call **Pat Knezevich** at (412) 884-8690. I know there are some of you that would give these animals a good home. Also **Pat** needs volunteers to work at the Thrift Store at the West End. Give **Pat** a call, she would be happy if you could give a few hours of your time.

October birthdays: **Joan Ference** (17), **Bernie Juth** (24), **Pat LaVelle**, (26). Happy Birthday to all and many more! Anniversaries: **Bill & Verna Alex** (23) and **Rose Marie & Pat LaVelle** (28). A special wish to all of you.

The November Newsletter will have news about the convention in Washington, the old friends I reacquainted with, the tours around the beautiful city and all the wonderful things that occurred. I am sorry for those who missed the convention.

*Let’s Go Bucs!*

#### Calendar:

**September 14** - Picnic at Hopewell Park

**October 3-7** - RUAEA convention in D.C,

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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It’s hard to believe that it’s September already. It seems like summer just began. The leaves have already started turning here in Eastern Tennessee. We had an early spring so we shouldn’t be surprised with an early fall. Unfortunately, with the dry summer we had, it doesn’t look like it will be one of our spectacular fall color events.

We didn’t have our breakfast meeting in August as we are looking for a new location. We are looking forward to going back to the Tanasi Clubhouse on Tellico Lake on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>. We’d like to invite all airline retirees to join us when you are in our part of the country.

#### Calendar:

**September 21** - Luncheon at 12:30 Eastern Time. Hosts are **Jack & Sue Ferrell**, Tanasi Clubhouse Restaurant in Tellico Village.

**October 18** - Breakfast location to be announced.

**November 15** - Hosts and Location to be announced.

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The biggest summer event we have with our SLC Chapter here is our summer picnic that we usually hold at Sugarhouse Park. We do a big mail-out to all of our members so we are sure everyone is notified and has time to plan for it. The picnic was held August 7 at the Fabian Pavilion and we had 45 members attend. We as the chapter officers arrived early to cover the tables, set out raffle prizes, and display photos and memorabilia from previous events for all to see. **Rich & Elaine Papworth** had a great idea to make permanent name tags for all our members and they each put them on as they arrived at the pavilion. Each was returned as they left so we will have them ready for our next event. It worked great and helped us *old folks* with remembering each other's names – HA!

With our efforts to make a few personal phone calls and emails, we had several members attend that we hadn't seen for quite a while. What fun to see **Madeline Latimer** and **Helen White**. Also, **Florence Bronson** and **Merry Card** (Merry had traveled from Henderson, NV, to be with us). **Don & Pat Graves** traveled from AZ to be with us and donated some nice raffle prizes. It paid off because they won most of the raffle prizes!

**Loralynn Brady** and **Mike McGuire** seemed lucky in winning back some of the gifts they had donated also. All in all there were plenty of nice gifts to go around to **Laraine & Dave Darby, Clair & Judy Anderson, Bob & Judy Turgeon, Fran Cantonwine, Pete & Jackie Loyola, Kip & George Lufkin, Jerry & Barbara Hugentobler, Reid & Sharon Stevenson, Bob Killian and Denese Ahrens, Ron & Shirley Jensen, Richard & Karren Balderston, Art Scott and Carol Finney, Brigitte Murdock, Lila Maughan and Betty Davis, George Dalton, Doug Peterson, Tony Brown, Bill & Jewel Berg, Mickie & Dave Swenson** and, last but not least, **Clint & Pat Nelson**. (These are all that attended and I'm not sure who all won a gift. The food was wonderful and catered by The Apple Spice Junction who catered our Christmas party last year and donated a wonderful gift basket to our raffle. Great!

On a sad note, we have lost two of our members since my last reporting. **Joyce Marks** passed away April 21<sup>st</sup> in LAS. She was 83 years old at the time of her death. Also, passing away on July 10<sup>th</sup> was **Daniel Edwards** from Morgan, UT, at the age of 78. Both will be dearly missed.

A lovely lady that a lot of us just met for the first time is **Helen White**. She graciously shared some of the highlights of her history with UAL and here is what she told me: Helen was born in Detroit and when she was 21 yrs. old she attended an airline school with Central Air Lines in Kansas City. She then worked for Northwestern for 2 years in RSVNS, spending 1 year in Detroit and 1 year in Milwaukee. Helen was hired by United in March of 1952 and went to the stewardess training school in Cheyenne, WY. She was based in EWR and ORD, and then moved to SLC. In 1954 she married the love of her life and quit the airlines at that time. (Her marriage lasted for 56 years) Then, in 1955 she was hired by **Tom Green** and worked in SLC reservations. She then worked in the office for **Gwen Hymas** from 1957 to 1959. When they closed the stew base in SLC, Helen spent 2 years in DEN reservations, then returned to SLC to work at the Hotel Utah office for UAL accounting clerk **Ray Dunlap**. She quit in 1968 to move to VA until 1971, then returned and worked for **Aleta Green**'s travel agency back in SLC and also with **Madeline Latimer**'s travel agency in the ZCMI dept. store in 1976. Her love for the airport, airlines, and airplanes found her working at the airport gift shop from 1987 to 1990 when she retired.

Our next luncheon will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Chuck-A-Rama on 6363 S. State St. in SLC and our Christmas party will be announced soon after that. As Secretary of the "Salt Lakers", I will be giving up my position at the end of the year and invite any of our members to contact me if you can take on this secretarial position. It's a wonderful opportunity to know our members better and work with Rich, Lori, and Bob in the presidency. Lots of fun!

## WASHINGTON

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Welcome back, Emerald City Slickers! The luncheon meeting schedule resumed in September, but not before this column's deadline for publication in the October issue of the National Newsletter. Details won't be available until the November publication.

Thanks to Seattle President **Dave Jones** and National President **Ron Bertacini** with the help of **Terry Lewis**, our Retirees contact at WHQ (still thought of as EXO for some of us old-timers), and with the cooperation of the Boeing Company for information on the "First Look" at United's new 787, which was featured as the cover story in the September issue of the *Retired United Airlines Employees Association Newsletter*. Additional appreciation goes to the newsletter staff for giving this experience prominent coverage.

Congratulations to our treasurer, **Helen Stanger**, who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. Not only does **Helen** keep our finances straight, but she drives herself to meetings from her home on Mercer Island. The only time she misses a meeting is when she's traveling to exotic places, the Cayman Islands being her favorite.

Other Slickers observing October birthdays are **Karen Bixler**, **Mary Bratovich**, **Ernie Nelson**, **Dee O'Donnell**, and **Ken Storey**.

Couples observing October wedding anniversaries include **Jim & Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Mike & Mary Bratovich**, **Bill & Joann Gordius**, and **Steve & Louise Story**. Congratulations from all of us!

Many of our area retirees joined Alliant Credit Union President and CEO **David Mooney** and his staff for an informative luncheon meeting at the Double Tree Hotel early this summer.

Are you a United Retiree living in the Puget Sound area who belongs to RUAEA but not our local Emerald City Slickers? If you'd like to sample one of our luncheon meetings, held at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, WA, to see what we're all about, please plan to attend our Tuesday, November 13, luncheon. Membership is not required, but if you'd like to join that day, you may pay your \$10 annual dues, and that fee will cover your membership for 2013. The cost for the all-inclusive lunch is \$21, payable at the door. Reservations are necessary, but if you'll contact me (**Gay Liesse** – info at top of column) via e-mail, I'll be in touch to make sure your name is added to the list and that the country club can be prepared to serve your menu choice. Guests are always welcome.

A warm welcome to our newest member, **Joy Heritage** (SEACS). We look forward to seeing her at our monthly luncheons. Also joining us over the summer is **Nadia Costabel** (SEAHH).

**John Haferbecker** (SEARR) is recovering from emergency surgery in early August and expects to attend the September luncheon.

We'll miss **Erwin (Casey)** (SEAFF) and **Charlene Casanova**, who have moved from Sumner, WA, to Lincoln, CA. We hope they quickly become active in the RUAEA chapter there.

We regret to announce the death of **Judy Nicklen** who passed away in August at the age of 81, following complications from a stroke and diabetes. **Judy** had served United Airlines in SEARR, SEASS, and SEACG after a career as a travel agent. Her survivors include her husband, **George**, and daughter **Leslie Thompson**, formerly SEARR.

In other sad news, we note that **Margaret "Granny Buttons" Taylor** (SEATO) died June 13 in Fairbanks, AK, where she had moved to be closer to her daughter, **Michele Foley**. **Margaret** was a member of the Emerald City Slickers.

**Jean Tippie** passed away August 11 at her home in Hoodspport, WA. She had been Chief Stewardess of the DEN domicile until 1973, returning to fly out of SEA and retiring in 1992.

#### Calendar:

**October 9** - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club

**November 13** - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club

**December** - No meeting

## NATIONAL

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As we in Clipped Wings® are counting down to our National Convention, so are you at RUAEA. I will be looking forward to visiting both Seattle (September 19-22, 2012) and the beautiful Northwest, as well as Washington, D.C. (October 3-7, 2012) with so many options to visit the historical sites.

After our convention, the next venture for Clipped Wings will be the Special Olympics (World Games) in South Korea (January 26 to February 6, 2013). As I have stated before, we will be donating money for the "Parents Grants" in the amount of \$20,000.00. This money will help many parents to see their athletes perform internationally. What a great joy that must be. I am not sure if there will be any Clipped Wing members attending the event.

We will again be donating money for the parents grants when Special Olympics has the Nataional games in Princeten, N.J. This will be in 2014, we will keep you updated.

We are still asking if you would like to join us. Have you been a United, Capital or Continental Flight attendant, please consider our group, Clipped Wings®, we would love to have you join us.

Clipped Wings® is a National organization composed of 31 chapters across the country. One of these chapters in the Members at Large Chapter (MAL), this is for those members who do not live close to a Chapter, but would still like to be part of Clipped Wings. Please contact us at the website: [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com) for information about our history, conventions and chapter meetings. You can also contact the Clipped Wings® National Vice President, Christel ILG, [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com) for more information.

Yes, we still have the Airplane Scarves and Ties available, you can contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com) if you would like to purchase one. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves will support Special Olympics.

We will also be selling the Scarves and Ties at the Clipped Wings Convention as well as the RUAEA Convention. See you there!

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 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.

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Retiree - **Neidow, Lee T.**, on 6/28/12, SFOMT

Retiree – **Nussbaum, Darrell Wayne**, on 3/14/12, SFOLX, father of Kim Jones, (UAL F/A), 631 Havasu Ct., Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Retiree – **Walton, David J. (Jeff)**, on 7/31/12/, YNG, husband of Virginia Walton, (deceased), 3599 Old Sawmill Ct. Orange Park, FL 32073

Retiree – **Williams, Kenneth**, on 8/5/12, IADMM, husband of Sue B. Williams, 273 Royal Ave., Strasburg, VA 22657-2447

## 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:**

Frans Ten Bosch, John Cameron, Nancy Caouette, Barbara Christensen, Shirley Claggett, Pamela Dahle, George Edwards, Trudy Engeldinger, Chris Czaplewski, Jack Ercanbrack, Donald Fusina, Janice Gruber, Dorislee Guckert, Benjamin Hain, Ronald Hefnider, Catharine Hendy, Robert Howard, Thomas Hurley, Frances Kiyota, Howard Lackey, Marlis Larkins, Ursula Macmillan, Fran McAnulty, June McManus, Jo Ann Mattner, James Morvick, Gordon Olson, Karen Peck, Marjorie Mullman, Willy Reichmuth, Patricia Reid, Edward Richardson, Don Rogers, Herbert Roskamp, George Sainer, Milton Schafer, Leah Schultz, Catherine Vita, James Vlazny, Eleanor Walsh, Michael Wasco, Jr., Vonnie Willig, Anna Wozniak, David Wilson.

### **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.)*

#### **Jeanne Choo, 47-507 Waipaipai St, Kaneohe, HI 96744**

I appreciate the efforts of those of you who faithfully work to produce the newsletter to keep us retirees informed.

After 51 years with United, I retired in 2003. I thought I had seen the worst and the best years of United, not realizing what could happen in the future.

#### **Evelyn Clark, 459 N Willow Wood Dr, Palatine, IL 60074**

It is always a treat receiving the monthly RUAEA Newsletter.

A special thanks to our President and other staff members in keeping us in touch with news events, policy changes and corporate liaison with United management for the benefit of retirees. I reached a milestone in June when I turned 80! I have had weekly appointments at the Wound Care Center since June, 2011, treating an ulcerated lesion on my left ankle. After three angioplasty surgeries this past year, I will be seeing a vascular surgeon for further treatment. Since I am a Life member, I am making a contribution to the postage fund.

#### **Mike Farkas, 172-B Avenida Majorca, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

The Newsletter is my lifeline to the Airline. I sorely miss the telephone centers. It would be greatly appreciated if the Company would provide telephone communication services.

Thank you all for your work with the Newsletter.

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

Carole and I retired at the end of 1995, and then we both returned as consultants for a few years. We left for good at the end of 2000.

In November of 2007, Carole was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In 2011, Carole moved to an assisted living facility. On August 4 of this year, she fell and broke her right ankle. This is not a good combination! She now has three screws in her ankle and is going through rehab. At this point, we are just hoping for the best.

I always enjoy reading the newsletter when it arrives on the computer. Keep up your good work.

All our best to our friends who are or were with United Air Lines.

**Linda Harris, 10522 Pine Valley Path, Indianapolis, IN 46134**

Thank you so very much for publishing the newsletter. I especially want to thank you for the August newsletter that had the new "Travel Policy Outlined". Connie spent a great deal of time and effort on that and it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also for all your efforts to keep us retirees informed. I enjoy the newsletter.

**Eugene Haunch, 2612 Lincoln Ave., Belmont, CA 94002**

Cheers to fellow retiree "staff" for doing an exemplary job keeping us informed about the good and not so good news.

I have been retired since April Fool's Day 1989. But I don't think that was foolish because I have been enjoying every minute with my wife, Jackie.

We don't travel much, especially flying. We do take an occasional auto trip, and we don't have to remove our shoes!

I do miss the great people I was associated with for over 36 years; I enjoy seeing their names in the newsletter.

About 20 local retirees get together for lunch every second Thursday to talk about the "old days".

Best of health to all of you and yours.

**Mary Huffman, 6070 W. Ten Star Dr., Tucson, AZ 85713**

Thanks so very much for all you do. I just love to get the newsletter. My husband, Ron worked for United for 30 years. I am not up on the internet and am lost since the Travel Desks closed. I miss them a lot; everyone was always so pleasant and helpful.

I won't travel much now as I am on my own since Ron has passed away.

Keep the newsletters coming!

**Gerald Kennedy, 15718 Laburnum Ave., Flushing, NY 11355-2309**

The newsletter gets better and better as I get older and older. I have reached the grand age of 92. I have no apparent increase of aches and pains.

I seldom see any names in the newsletter that I recognize any more. I would like to hear from any one who remembers me. I worked in NYCRR and JFKXX.

Thank you for all you do for the retirees.

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**Lawrence Kirsch, 23712 Kettle PL., Aurora, CO 80016**

I just found out that my health policy includes silver sneaker. I belong to PacifiCare Colorado HMO who's contracted under United Healthcare. No where in the United Healthcare literature that you get or in your policy website shows silver sneaker. I called customer service several times. Finally, I got a lady who connected me with the phone number 1-888-423-4632 who verified my policy and is sending me my card. This is a third party company. With this card, you save monthly fees at fitness clubs.

***Editors note ~ Silver Sneakers, through your health plan, offers membership in participating fitness centers throughout the country. Availability varies according to your health plan and the state you live in. For example, it is included in the Kaiser Colorado plan, but, it is not included in the Kaiser Northern California plan. If interested, be sure to call the number listed in the letter above to determine your eligibility for this service. Email: [kirschlek@comcast.net](mailto:kirschlek@comcast.net)***

**Jim Simon, 2450 10 1/16th Ave., Chetek, WI 54728, jimmyvinc@citizens-tel.net**

The most worthwhile check I've written this year has been the one for my renewal of the RUAEA newsletter. I always look forward to receiving my copy and reading about all the wonderful folks I have known and met over the years and especially all those I dealt with during my term as Midwest Director. I really miss not seeing the wonderful staff of ladies in DEN that consistently work so hard and remain totally devoted to taking care of the concerns of our members and their involvement with the newsletter. I have often thought about taking a short trip to visit with them and certainly still plan to do so.

I am presently still living here in Wisconsin's north woods and enjoying my visits with the Northern Lites and Northwoods Loonies chapters. I am however looking forward to returning to northern California to be closer with my daughter, many friends and relatives. My home here has been up for sale since March with little activity at the moment, but there is always hope. In the meantime, I continue to stay active with my golf game, fishing and writing an occasional poetic verse whenever the mood strikes me.

My home would have been for sale a few years ago before I took on some paralegal responsibilities for a friend in a lawsuit against the county in which I live. I had originally thought it would take 12 to 18 months for resolution. Unfortunately it took 4 and half years to conclude but well worth it in the fact that we did prevail in the suit.

My thanks to all of you for the production of this wonderful monthly newsletter. I hope at some time we will have better news forthcoming from the new United management in regards to the flying benefits we have enjoyed so much in the past. It would be a wonderful gesture on their part to reinstate the pass policy as promised to all the folks that made the original United such a great place to work and enjoy.

**Joe Pero, 348 Orchard Grove Dr., Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934**

I've been fortunate to be retired for 11+ years now. Thanks to all at RUAEA for keeping everyone informed of UAL's business, especially the retiree benefits. Everything I've been reading for the past couple of years makes me really feel happy to be retired from UAL. I can only remember the good ole United, BC (Before Continental). Everything in print, pictures, and policies, especially United's new paint scheme is so Continental (except the name on the aircraft).

So time marches on and we must adjust to the new business. I just heard of Capt. Cliff Cheney's passing. I read the newsletter vividly and Capt. Cheney wrote regularly about his experiences and I was just amazed at all he did. While an ISS (In-flight Services Supervisor) flying out of EWRSW in the mid 1970s, I had the fortune to fly many times with Capt. Cheney on UA35 EWR SFO, and UA34 SFO EWR. He was one of the most professional and courteous United employees I ever met. As a pilot, he was the epitome of a professional. He even invited me to the flight deck for night landing on UA34 into EWR, while I was training another ISS on this particular flight, Frank DiScala. Boy, those were the good old days, not only before Continental, but prior to the industry being de-regulated. I hope United is able to weather the storms of the economy in the future.

Once again, to all at RUAEA, you do terrific work keeping all retirees informed and I thank you all.

**Sue Spencer, 4485 Belmont Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546-1038**

I appreciate the only information about the new United that I trust.

Being a part of United's family since 1966 with marriage to David M. Falicio, an ex Capital Airline employee since 1951, I shared his enthusiasm for the company. I never realized that when I accepted a two-week temporary position in 1964, it would continue on for another 29 years.

I send a big thank you to all that keep the newsletter and updates coming.

**Submitted by Timothy J. Walton (Son), 3599 Old Sawmill Ct., Orange Park, FL 32073**

I sadly announce the passing of my father, **David Jeffrey "Jeff" Walton**, a long retired United Airlines employee who passed from this life on 7/31/2012 at the age of 104. The following is some of his UAL History:

In April of 1936, he was hired by United Airlines in Chicago. After training in Chicago he was sent to Seattle, WA. This began a series of moves that would continue for the next 26 years. After about one year he again relocated to Reno, NV where his first of three children, Connie was born. After two years in Reno, it was

back to Chicago for a year. Next it was on to Salt Lake City, UT where his first son Michael was born in 1941. After a few years in Salt Lake City it was back to Chicago once again. Late in 1944, it was time to move again, this time to Omaha, NE where his third child Tim was born. Early in 1945 Jeff relocated once again, this time to Cleveland, OH. He spent one year in the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood before he and Virginia purchased their first home in Fairview Park. Jeff remained in Cleveland until 1962 when he relocated once again to Youngstown, OH and found a home in Poland, OH. He retired from United a year later in 1963 after 36 years of service. His beloved wife for 53 years, Virginia passed away in the fall of 1987 after a lengthy bout with Alzheimer's. He remained in Poland living alone until 2006 when he sold his home and moved in with his son Tim and his wife Kacy in the Atlanta, GA area. Later that year they all relocated to Orange Park, FL, a suburb of Jacksonville where Jeff now resides.

Airports where Jeff worked for UAL (in order) ~ BFI (Boeing Field Seattle, WA prior to SEA SEA-TAC), RNOPS, SLCPS, ORDPS. CLEPS, YNGPS.

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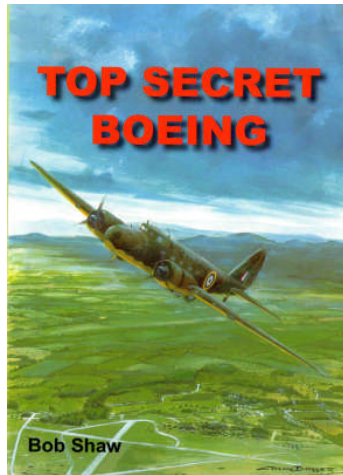
# United Airlines Historical Foundation



**"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"**

From time to time, UAHF receives requests for information from its archives. We have provided photos for the book **"Top Secret Boeing"** by Bob Shaw.

Cover painting by Colin Doggert.



The book is an account of the WWII deployment of an elderly former United Air Lines Boeing 247-D and its role in the development of Airborne Radar during WWII. The development and trials of Airborne Interception (AI), Air Surface Vessel (ASV), "blind bombing" and Auto Approach and Landing in the only Boeing 247 to see RAF (Royal Air Force) service.

It traces 247-D NC13344 through its ownership by UAL/NAT, Pennsylvania

Airlines, Pennsylvania-Central Airlines (PCA), Corporate owners, Wyoming Air Service, the Canadian Government and finally the RAF.

On August 10, 1940 NC13344 was sold to the Canadian Government and was then designated CF-BTA RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) Serial Number 7655. The plane was assigned to the RCAF station at Trenton, Ontario to be used as a Navigation Trainer.

The plane arrived at Liverpool, England by ship on July 27, 1941 as a flying demonstrator for the first U.S. 10cm AI radar, built around the British Magnetron.

So important was the Aircraft and its onboard equipment, the first X-band (3cm) radar, that on July 10, 1942 it was declared "Top Secret" and given the designation DZ203/G. The "G" suffix indicated the requirement of an "armed guard" whenever "The Boeing" (as it became known) was on the ground.

In January 1945, the B247-D made the first "Unassisted Approach and Blind Landing" using a combination of U.S. Autopilot and Instrument Landing System (ILS) with British Radar Systems which gave distance to touchdown, controlled orbiting and homing to the airfield.

During landing tests at Defford, England Group Capt. McDonald recalled: *"The Boeing was thus the first aircraft ever to fly on an automatic orbit of the airfield. On one occasion the pilot orbited the airfield and landed off the orbit entirely on automatic control ... and in complete darkness."*

The 216 page soft-cover book is published by *Defford Airfield Heritage Group* and is available in the U.S. from Amazon.com; on E-bay or by mail-order from [www.aviation-bookshop.com](http://www.aviation-bookshop.com) & [sales@air-britain.co.uk](mailto:sales@air-britain.co.uk).

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired*

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***B***y the time this Newsletter has reached your home, the Convention in DC will be in progress, so it is with both relief and sadness that I write this article. You will probably not see my name in print again because (as your editor and my colleagues have noticed) deadlines are the bane of my existence.

Even so, it has been fun writing these articles and letting each of you know what we were planning for the Convention here in Washington, D.C. Thanks to those of you who read them and thanks also to those who helped make it such a resounding success.

It will be great seeing and meeting so many friends from across our beautiful nation. Once again, I am in awe of the fact that my career has enriched my life in so many ways. It has been the gift that keeps on giving, thanks to our extended United family. I am looking forward to our next convention.

Oh, and will the next Convention correspondent, ***please meet those deadlines!*** There are a lot of us out

