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Thank You To Those Who Did The Work

As we go to print, the results of the 2014 election are unknown to us. We do know however, those dedicated persons who served us from election 2013 to the present. On behalf of all the members, we would like to say "Thank You" to those who gave of their time, talents and energy to keep RUAEA thriving. Some are well known to most, while others are behind the scenes contributing to the successful operation of our organization. The photo was taken at a Board meeting in San Diego in March, 2014.

Seated ~ **Don Nellans, Jack Hooper, Hal Klobe, John Koehl, Marilyn Marcy, Mort Wax.**

Standing ~ **Mike Richards, Diane Griego, Ron Bertacini, Linda Scriven, Treatie Karwoski, Helen Cauwels, John Zoboli, Chuck Cole, Virgil Gooselaw, Don Burbank, Dave Cranfield, Hank Gosselin, Roger Casterline.**

Not pictured are **Cas Spokas**, our Assistant Membership Manager and computer expert; **Martha Gooselaw**, Letters Editor and Proof reader; and our dedicated Secretaries who deal with all the phone calls, emails and member issues, **Juliana Alfonso, Carol Bare, Carole Longbella, Marilyn Hansen, Sharon Burbank**. In addition, behind the scenes are **Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni VanKampen**, our web managers; **Ed Meyers** and **Alice Reilly**, the RUAEA auditors.

Also not pictured are our Local Chapter Officers, who keep us together on the local level. Some seem to have lifetime positions. Please consider volunteering to share the work and enjoy the fun that comes with working together. Any local or national officer or director will be happy to explain what is involved and assist you to find the perfect position for you.

Thank you to all who served RUAEA in 2013-2014.



GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

If you receive the newsletter on the web, as you read this, many of us are packing and planning our activities for the San Diego Convention. By the time the print version reaches you, we will be meeting and greeting old and new friends. The next issue will have an update and photos of our members enjoying the many and varied activities. We anticipate a great time will be had by all. The San Diego Convention Committee has done a fantastic job!

We know many of you could not make it to San Diego and are probably wondering where we will be in 2015. Our site selection committee was contacted by a local chapter volunteering to take on the convention. That wonderful chapter and location will be announced at the convention.

I am very pleased with the San Diego Convention Committee Members and the 2015 convention committee members. I often write about the need for members to step up and volunteer. These people have, and to them, we are all grateful.

Hank Gosselin

President – RUAEA

Got a question? Call 877-UAL-ESC9



Employees and retirees are now able to call just one number to reach frequently used employee services. Have your United ID (U-ID) ready when you call 1-877-825-3729 (877-UAL-ESC9) to reach the Employee Travel Center, United We Care, Employee Information Services, Payroll Care Center, Employee Service Center, Pilot Service Center and Pilot iPad Help Desk. International employees/retirees should call 847-825-3729 (toll call) to reach these services.

The work to consolidate employee service phone numbers is part of United's Project Quality initiative to take \$2 billion out of the company's annual cost structure by 2017 by improving the quality and efficiency of everything United does. Through Project Quality, United will improve not only its financial results, but also its operational reliability and customer service, for better consistency and less stress for customers and employees.

Please refer to the updated Important Phone Numbers as some, such as the United Benefits Center is not changing.

New TSA fee effective July 21st for some non-revs



From the employeeRES home page: Beginning July 21, the TSA Aviation Security Fee (AY) applied to employee pass travel will change. The current \$2.50 fee per enplanement will increase to \$5.60 per segment and will be assessed on:

- ❖ All service-charge-applicable passes, such as personal ePasses, purchased for premium cabin travel for all employees and retirees with less than 25 years of company service and their eligible pass riders
- ❖ All buddy ePasses

The AY fee is not charged on:

- ❖ Positive-space company business
- ❖ Space-available vacation ePasses
- ❖ Economy cabin pass travel

We have previously printed articles from Kirk Moore, RAFA and RUAEA regarding internet, computer, smart phone use. Since we have received more questions, we are thankful that he has written a review and hope this clarifies issues for all of us. Thank you very much Kirk for your assistance.

Pass Travel using your computer, Smartphone and/or tablet with website, bookmark, shortcut, app ~ confused?

"Recently I went to Europe and was able to buy ZED tickets on Lufthansa from Italy to Sweden and Germany, and list for my return flight on United, AMS-IAH-SFO, all on my iPhone using the FlyingTogether "full site" and my credit card; cool!" ~SFOSW retiree

Can you do that? Nope? OK, let's review:

Employees and retirees use United's intranet **website**, "FlyingTogether". The general public uses United's public **website**, "united.com", and they can download the United Airlines **app** to their mobile devices, read on.

For non-rev flying, we use the "Flying Together" website (it requires a file number and password). The web address (url) for "Flying Together" is: <https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Using a computer: If you type that address into your computer's browser (Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Chrome, etc), it will take you to the FlyingTogether "full site".

The "Travel" tab has everything you need to know about non-rev flying (programs, policies, tutorials). You can list for United flights on "employeeRES", buy discounted confirmed seats (myUAdiscount) and buy Other Airline (ZED) tickets.

Using a Smartphone/tablet: If you type the address <https://flyingtogether.ual.com> into the browser on your mobile device, it will take you to a different version of Flying Together called "FT Mobile", which is simpler and easier to navigate on smaller screen.

One option on the "FT Mobile" menu is the Travel tab; if you click on that you're taken to "Mobileres" (a simplified version of employeeRES for UA non-rev travel designed for mobile devices). There you can check loads, list and check-in for United flights*.

To access "Mobileres" directly on a smartphone or tablet, use this address: <https://mobileres.ual.com>

***Important note when using Mobileres:** You cannot list for any United flight that incurs service charges, departure taxes or customs fees because Mobileres does not accept credit cards. Likewise, Mobileres cannot be used to buy myUAdiscount tickets or tickets on Other Airlines (credit card needed).

However, at the *very bottom* of the Mobileres screen is a link to "Full Site"; click on that to go to the full "Flying Together" website.

You may list and pay for United flights with service charges/taxes/fees using your mobile device by accessing employeeRES via the "Full Site".

You can buy Other Airline tickets and MyUAdiscount tickets using a Smartphone/tablet on the "Full Site". Go to the "Travel" tab, "Travel Programs", then go to the "Other Airline" or "myUAdiscount" page.

When using a **computer** you should **bookmark** the Flying Together website so you don't have to type the address into your browser again, although you will still log-in every time. If you don't know how to bookmark a website in your computer's browser, ask a kid or Google it.

When using a **Smartphone or tablet**, you should create a **shortcut** icon that appears on your home screen so you don't have to type the url address for FlyingTogether or Mobileres into your browser again. If you don't know how to do that on your mobile device, ask Google.

Note: the **shortcut** icon for Mobileres looks quite similar to the **app** icon for United Airlines, which brings us to the United Airlines app.

United Airlines has an award-winning **app** for the general public; no password is required. This is an excellent app for mobile devices and especially for Mileage Plus members.

NOTE: non-rev travel cannot be booked using the United Airlines **app**, HOWEVER, when traveling non-rev, it's *very smart* to have the United Airlines app on your device.

Why? Because the app updates the standby list and seat chart *in real time as the aircraft is being boarded*. Check it out!

More information about the United Airlines app and where to download it is here:

<http://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/travel/wireless/default.aspx>

Once downloaded, the United Airlines app icon will be added to your mobile device's home screen.

United Airlines' SFO Annual Family Day event



Planning is underway for the 2014 United Airlines' SFO Annual Family Day event scheduled for **Sunday, October 12** from 11:00 am – 4:30pm. This year's event will feature the Patriots Jet Team, expanded tours of the Technical Operations Center, aircraft displays, car displays, kids' carnival, food vendors, live music ... and much more!

Passport scanning in United mobile app adds convenience for customers



Customers may now scan their passports into the United mobile app to complete their check-in for international itineraries.

"Our industry-first passport scanning function, in combination with the other check-in features on the mobile app, provides customers with more options and helps them save valuable time," said eCommerce Managing Director Mark Nasr. *"As we continue to invest in our digital channels we are focused on providing new technologies that offer choice, control and convenience to our customers and co-workers."*

Nearly all of United's airport kiosks already scan passports; United is extending it to the mobile app for increased convenience for its customers. It works on iOS iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

The app will ask MileagePlus members who have previously scanned their passports at a kiosk to verify their stored passport data and they will not need to scan their passports, unless they need to update the information or add a new passport.

To scan the passport, the app will use the camera on the device, similar to many mobile banking deposit functions. A third party, Jumio, will verify the scanned passport information for additional security and to help prevent fraudulent activity.

Customers with international itineraries must still travel with their valid passports and any other required documents, and present them at the airport.

"During this trial period, we'll collect customer and co-worker feedback and use it to fine-tune the product," Mark said. *"We're also working to expand mobile scanning to credit cards, residency cards and other documents."*

United's mobile app is one of the best in the industry, offering customers simplicity and convenience in managing their travel experience. Its success contributed to United's recent selection as an honoree in CIO magazine's annual "CIO 100 Award" for 2014. This prestigious award recognizes 100 organizations worldwide that have distinguished themselves by creating business value through the effective and innovative use of technology.

Danger of Low Blood Sugar



The numbers are astounding - nearly 400 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, and many patients may not realize they are at risk for hypoglycemia. The condition is characterized as dangerously low blood sugar levels that could cause serious side effects, including hospitalization.

Understanding Hypoglycemia ~ Specialist pharmacists in the Express Scripts Diabetes Therapeutic Resource Center, counsel patients who may not be aware of their risk for hypoglycemia. Normally, our body has a natural response that is triggered when blood sugar levels drop below a normal level. However, in some people with diabetes, this response is impaired. Certain medications used to treat diabetes, such as insulin, can also prevent glucose levels from easily returning to the normal range.

Who Is at Risk? There are certain people at increased risk for hypoglycemia, including those with chronic diabetes and Type 1 diabetes.

People with Type 1 diabetes are at increased risk because they may not show early warning signs of low blood glucose - a condition called hypoglycemia unawareness. This means an individual no longer experiences early warning symptoms - such as shakiness, sweating, anxiety and hunger - raising their risk of lapsing into severe hypoglycemia.

Treating the Condition ~ It's important for all diabetes patients to remember that hypoglycemia is usually mild and can be treated quickly and easily by consuming a small amount of a glucose-rich food or drink.

Unfortunately the condition can rapidly worsen, causing confusion, clumsiness or fainting. In fact, severe hypoglycemia can lead to seizures, coma and even death.

Tips to Prevent Hypoglycemia:

- ✓ *Timing is everything:* As with all medications, always take your diabetes medications in the recommended dosage and at the recommended times. Some diabetes medications can cause hypoglycemia. If you have questions, talk to your physician or pharmacist, who can help explain how and when to take these medications.
- ✓ *Watch what you eat:* Following a meal plan is important for managing diabetes. Have enough food during each meal; avoid skipping meals and try healthy snacking (if recommended). If you are struggling with your food intake, work with a registered dietitian who can help design a meal plan that fits your personal preferences and lifestyle. Eating right will help you manage your diabetes.
- ✓ *Exercise responsibly:* Check your blood glucose before sports, exercise or other physical activity and adjust medication if necessary. Have a snack handy if your levels fall below 100 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL). Also, check blood glucose at regular intervals during extended periods of physical activity and periodically after physical activity, and adjust medications if necessary.
- ✓ *Limit alcohol consumption:* Drinking alcoholic beverages, especially on an empty stomach, can cause hypoglycemia. Heavy drinking can be particularly dangerous for people taking insulin or medications that increase insulin production. Only consume alcohol with a snack or meal.

So Simple from Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

It's football season! Have a football Sunday with friends and good, simple, homemade chili. May the best team win!

Six Can Chili:

- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 cans (15½ oz) chili beans in sauce, not drained
- 2 cans (14½ oz.) diced tomatoes, not drained
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans, drained
- 1 can (10¾ oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 tsp. chili powder

Brown ground beef and onion. Crumble meat. Mix all remaining

ingredients.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 30 minutes or more.

Stir occasionally.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



We have been notified by **Frank Egges** that after many years of dedicated service to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, he is retiring as Chairperson. Frank will continue to collect and deposit donations until a replacement Chairperson is found. RUAEA has been fortunate to have Frank write a monthly report on the development and activities at the Chapel. On behalf of all the members, we thank him for his years of service to the chapel and keeping us informed.

Checks written to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel may still be sent to **Frank 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 7th 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Wow! Did we ever have a great meeting on Monday, August 11 for our 4th Anniversary as the Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA. The highlight of our meeting was to have **Don & Mary Nellans**, our Alabama/Florida Regional Director for RUAEA in attendance. They drove up from The Villages in Central Florida just to attend our Anniversary meeting and meet the members of our group. They are a very delightful couple and everyone in our group enjoyed talking and visiting with them. We had 23 in attendance and they were **John & Myrl Eisinger, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Don & Mary Nellans, Ray & My Owens, Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey, and Tommy & Sande Zander.**

Members unable to attend this month were **Jim & Penny Alston**, returning from out of town, **George & Denny Atteberry** in Indiana until Nov.; **Bill & Ann Delavan**, in Maryland until Oct. or Nov.; **Bob & Carol Dorsey**, enjoying cooler weather in Maine until Nov.; **Conrad Hamilton**, in Maryland this month but did send word that **Bob Schwartz** could have his Cubi Dog & cookie ☺; **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, hope to be in our area in Nov.; **Park & Billie Learned** as **Park** continues with his stroke recovery and **Monica & Joe Leonard**, in Daytona, FL.



After everyone had their lunch, **Yvonne & Bob Schwartz** served a special Anniversary cake to everyone they had made for the group. The cake had a large 747 across the top with United Airlines written above it and had three different UAL logos across the bottom with Happy 4th Anniversary written on it. It was delicious and also beautiful!

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM by President, **Bob Schwartz**. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** and the winning ticket was drawn by **Mary Nellans**. The winners were **Ray & My Owens**. Congratulations! Raffle tickets were then drawn for the extra cookies left from lunch. Christine, our waitress, always makes

sure we have extras! Winners of an extra cookie were **Bill Hayward, Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Mary & Don Nellans, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, and Barbara Serra**.

Our President introduced **Don & Mary Nellans** and asked him to talk with us. **Don** told us how getting the special Retiree badge would allow you to get discounts at FedEx. Also, told us United is getting rid of their 50 seat planes and will go to 79 seaters now. He then told us about the Convention coming up the first of October and encouraged everyone to attend, if possible. He told us the Conventions are always so much fun and you see so many former co-workers. He made all of us wish we were able to attend. Our group hopes they will return for another visit in the near future.

As always, Treasurer's Report and Minutes were emailed out and there were no corrections.

September birthdays are **Patty Southworth (9), Conrad Hamilton (10), Norm Reinoehl (11), Bill Hayden (11), Barbara Serra (11) and Bev Heinrich (21)**.

October birthdays are **Ray Owens (1), My Owens (8), Billie Learned (10), Ann Delavan (11), Bob Dorsey (16), Jim Alston (22), Bill Delavan (23) and George Atteberry (27)**. Happy Birthday!

Bill Hayward, Vice-President, thanked **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** for organizing and setting everything up for our group's meeting in Foley, AL at the O'Charley's Restaurant last month and the visit afterwards to see **Park & Billie Learned**. We all enjoyed our visit with them.

Bob Schwartz then reminded everyone that since it was our Chapter's Anniversary, it was also Election of Officers time. Immediately, **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** made motion that the same 4 people remain in office for another year. Everyone agreed instantly, so for the 5th election in a row, we will have the same officers for another year. It's a good thing that all four of us enjoy our position and none of us mind serving another year. Officers for the next year will be, President **Bob Schwartz**, Vice-President **Bill Hayward**, Treasurer **Barbara Serra** and Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz**.

A big discussion followed after **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** told us of the problem that they have with getting their 14 year old twin boys on their insurance policy. Somehow, Aetna will not believe that two retirees can have children of this age. So, in all of Aetna's wisdom, they have **Jake & Eddie** on a separate policy and actually show the younger of the twins as the father and the older twin as the son! Can anyone believe this can actually happen? After many phone calls, as of this date, they still have not been able to convince Aetna that they should not be paying two family premiums and two deductibles. Does anyone have any idea how to get them to realize their mistake? **Don Nellans** said he will look into it and see if he can have any better results. This is truly insane!

Carol Herrick said they had found out that only your primary care doctor can admit you to the hospital, even if you are transported to the emergency room by ambulance. If admitted by any other doctor, Medicare will not cover your hospital stay. Scary!

It was suggested that next month everyone should bring some of their United or Continental Memorabilia or pictures and we'll have a Show & Tell Time. We always have so much fun with this!

Please join us if you are in our area! Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings.

Calendar:

October 13 - Same location at 11:30 AM

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We met on August 11 at the Irondale Cafe in historic Irondale for our monthly luncheon. Those attending were **Pat Harmon, Jim & Donna Gooch, Bill Preston, Ken Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox, Travis Glass, Gay Fowler, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe & Marie Duncan, Joe Jones, and Charlotte Gibson** and her mom. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Gay Fowler** who suspiciously drew her own ticket!

Stories of pass riding and how best to list were discussed and some discussion of how to obtain a pass on Southwest. Congratulations to **Jean Cox** on her birthday August 1st.

We meet on the second Monday each month (except July) and welcome all United retirees and their families and guests. If you are in the Birmingham area and would like to join us, call either **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The warmer climates of our magnificent southwestern United States will start to see more people at the grocery stores, on the road, in the malls and at restaurants as the "Midwest Snowbirds" start returning in October to their "Southwest Nests" to enjoy Arizona's best weather season.

In October, the Azures will start their 2014/15 luncheon/meetings with some new and fun venues. Part of the Board's plan was to establish at least two new venues in the upcoming season, hopefully, getting renewed and added interest in our Azures chapter. Those two venues are Lou's Tivoli Gardens and Golden Corral. We've sent out surveys and asked the members for new ideas (and some old ones) so that everyone has an input in our planned luncheons and activities. We think we've got a good list of restaurants and activities planned that all our members will enjoy. Something is working, we have successfully added 12 new Azures members in the last year.

First on our Azures agenda is the Beardsley Park picnic on October 17 (Friday) in Sun City West, AZ, at 12755 West Beardsley Road. Meeting time is 1100 in Ramada #3. We are planning a picnic lunch with "all the fixings" from Jimmy John's, including a cookie for dessert @\$10.00/each. The chapter will supply soda, beverages and water. A separate notice will be sent to the members in mid-September.

Our Thanksgiving feast will be held at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West on Saturday, November 15 for \$15.00 each. We will have a private room at Lou's so that we can conduct a meeting and enjoy our special "Thanksgivings" together.

Joe Hopkins' "Let's get together in the summer" luncheon was held on August 16 at B.J.'s Restaurant and Brewhaus in Peoria, AZ with twelve Azures members from Pebblecreek Golf Resort. The twelve attendees were: **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz, Joan & Richard Aaronson, June Murphy, Marge Mullman, Joe & Lisa Hopkins**, and "back by popular demand", **Ed & Marie Bobrik** and **Pat & Ken Paulson**. So glad the Bobriks and Paulsons joined them, we missed them. Sorry Vic & I couldn't make it, a little too far to attend lunch in Arizona via Illinois. Next time!

Pat Neal (wife of **Lowell** - ORDMM) had hip surgery August 11 at Sherman Hospital in Elgin, IL. She is doing well and, as of this writing, still having therapy a couple times a week. She had the "anterior" hip replacement surgery which is less extensive and doesn't require as much therapy. Cards can be sent to Pat at: 12616 Oak Grove Drive, Huntley, IL 60142.

Rose Barry had a beautiful vacation to Aruba with friends but, unfortunately, arrived home with a case of pneumonia and is on medication and rest. We wish her well and cards can be sent to Rose at: 3700 N. 156th Lane, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

I'm still writing from Illinois and I don't have the Azures' birthday/anniversary list, so Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all the October celebrants. I will catch up in the November newsletter. I promise!

Azures members should contact **Sherry Muoio** to reserve tickets for the December 6th, 1200 noon performance of "White Christmas" at the Arizona Broadway Theatre. Tickets are \$67.50 which includes the play and dinner. Sherry's number is (623) 572-4828. This is a beautiful way to start the Christmas and holiday season.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **October 7** and **October 21**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

October 17 - Beardsley Park Picnic, 12755 W. Beardsley Rd., Sun City West, AZ - Friday, 1100 - Ramada 3

November 15 - Lou's Tivoli Gardens (Thanksgiving), 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ

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By the time you get this newsletter, we may be at the RUAEA Convention in San Diego, or getting ready to go shortly. We're looking forward to it, seeing and meeting new United friends. It's always a fun time, and also an informative time when we attend the business meeting to hear about United Airlines and the Alliant Credit Union.

We're continuing to have breakfasts each month on the fourth Friday at the Black Bear Diner, at 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ. We start at 9:15 a.m. We hope to have more people attending now that a lot of the "snowbirds" are coming back. Our next breakfast will be October 24. Hope you mark your calendars and plan on attending. Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know you'll be there. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net. If you have worked for or are retired from United or Continental and are at least 55 years old, we would love to have you join us at either our breakfasts or luncheons. We always look forward to meeting new people.

Our August 22nd breakfast had 18 members there. We were glad to see **Jim & Kathy Brigante** and **Joel & Marge Matteson** back with us after having health issues. We really miss people when they aren't with us on a regular basis. **Fred Rockenhauser** updated us on the Convention and we're expecting to see quite a few of our Re-United members there.

Peg reported to the group about the upcoming luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, October 18th. It will be at Apache Wells Country Club, 56th Street and McKellips Rd., in Mesa, hosted by **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**. The meal will be catered, with two entrées to choose from: Beef Tips with mushrooms in a burgundy wine sauce, over Rice Pilaf, Garden Salad, and a croissant, or Chicken Breast stuffed with fontina cheese, spinach with baby carrots and asparagus tips and roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad, and a roll, plus a dessert, iced tea, coffee and water. The Social Hour starts at 11:00 - 12:00, with lunch following. There will be a speaker from the local Honor Flight group. More information will be sent out to the members.

Beginning August 20th, United retirees and employees will be able to call just one number to reach frequently used employee services, including: Employee Travel Center, United We Care, Employee Information Services, Employee Service Center, and Payroll Care Center. That number is **1-877-825-3729**. Select the International/Retired/Former Co-worker/Vendor option. The previous phone number will be discontinued on October 1, so please change your records accordingly.

Remember to continue to collect stuffed bears, socks, gloves, stadium-size fleece blankets, travel size soaps, shampoos, body lotion, tooth brushes, and small tubes of toothpaste for the children in our Fantasy Flight; ages kindergarten through second grade. The Fantasy Flight will be held on Friday, December 5th. We also need comfortable walking shoes to give to the ladies living in the Navajo Nation, where a charter school is located. You can give them to **Peg Snowdall** at any of the breakfasts or luncheons. If you have any questions, please give **Peg** a call.

If you haven't joined **RUAEA** or need to renew your membership, the dues are only \$25.00 a year. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail, or from www.ruaea.org. Send your dues to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Or, you may pay your dues online with a credit card (Visa, MC, Discover Card) at www.ruaea.org.

We have the following October birthdays: **Judy Burtner** (10/1), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Bob Forsberg** (10/10), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12), and **Bob Hallden** (10/25). Happy Birthday to all of you! We also the following Wedding Anniversaries: **Judy & Andy Burtner** (10/12/84), **Bill & Christine Rang** (10/18/81), **Dot & Pete Kuspis** (12/21/50), **Kathy & Jim Brigante** (10/24/64), **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Congratulations to the **Brigantes** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to all the other couples also on their anniversaries!

Calendar:

October 18 – Luncheon at Apache Wells Country Club, hosted by the **Hilsabecks**. More info will be sent.

October 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, Oct. 22 at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

November - Luncheon TBA

November 21 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



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Twenty Roadrunners met for lunch at Acacia Real Food and Cocktails on August 21. President **Sandy Lawyer** thanked **Pete & Alice Lopez** for hosting the luncheon. Sandy also welcomed new members **Jackie & Les Benner**. Sandy is looking for ways to get the word out to retirees about our existence, especially regarding the All Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande which we will be hosting in March.

Pat Dilallo reminded us of the field trip to the U of A Mirror lab on November 13. Directions and particulars were provided in September's Roadrunner's Newsletter. There will be lunch at Claim Jumpers following the tour about 11:30 whether you are attending the tour or not. Claim Jumpers is located at 3761 E. Broadway (east of Country Club past El Con Mall) north side of street. Arizona Inn is the venue for the Christmas luncheon on December 11.

October Birthdays ~ **Jeff Lawyer** and **Bob Loshbough** (1st), **Rich Dilallo** (5th), **Sandy Lawyer** (7th), **Mary Garrahan** (8th), **Ray Postic** (11th), **Stephanie Rayurn** (20th).

Calendar:

October 16 – Luncheon at GMG Chinese Bistro, 10370 N. La Canada (SE corner of Lambert and La Canada), hosted by **Sandy Lawyer**. RSVP (847) 826-2640 or selawyer@gmail.com by October 10th. 11:30 start and we will be ordering from the menu.

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Our meeting was held at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach on August 20th. Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, opened the meeting greeting the 16 attendees. We would have had 18, if **Ken & Stella Bake** had shown up. Apparently they had not checked their calendar and then their car broke down. **John Stilwell** said that he would deliver their lunch to them since they had already paid for them.

Mike Zoldak told us about the parking situation at SFOMB relating to retirees. There is a special area for parking, but a permit has to be picked up at the guard building. Also he told us about a new phone number for retiree services beginning October 1st. Mike wanted those to announce if anyone had a birthday or anniversary

during June, July, or August. **Jack Cunningham** mentioned that he will be 95 years young in December and he and **Eleanor** will be married 73 years in November. We all agreed that Eleanor needed a merit award for putting up with him all those years.

Our Treasurer, **Marcia Stanger**, reported that our funds are in good shape. It was good to see **Joan & Peter Schaefer**. Peter had an emergency back surgery three weeks ago and he was now able to walk with just a walker. He was in good spirits and Joan said that it was quite an ordeal to get Peter into the hospital and have this surgeon on hand to do the procedure.

Bob Wagner had a surprise 80th birthday party on June 21st, planned by his family. He was at our meeting and told us that he had leg problems three days after his birthday that put him in the hospital for 6 days. He is getting along alright now, but is taking it easy walking.

Esther & Bob Bartlett went to a family reunion in Big Sur. Besides having a great time, the thing that sticks out in Esther's mind is the 67 steps she had to take in order to get to a grocery store. Esther has recovered very well from the car accident she had several months ago. She is back to her painting and hopes to show some of them to us at one of our meetings.

The highlight of the meeting was **John Stilwell's** trip to the S.F. 49'ers first home game in their new stadium in Santa Clara. He went with his son and grandson. His son checked the internet for tickets and also found out that there was a bus service direct to the stadium from Gilroy. John said that there is free parking at Gilroy. The bus fare for seniors was only \$1, kids \$1.75, and adults \$4. That is a pretty good deal and according to the bus company, they will always have plenty of buses available depending on the need. John said that the new stadium has TV screens that can be viewed from any location. He did say that the game wasn't that good and the temperature hit 80 degrees, which caused one fatality in the stands. John never said what the price of the game tickets were, but depending where you sit, the tickets could be very pricey.

John Stilwell plans on attending the convention. **Mike Zoldak** is planning to go, however, he will be in Florida just before the convention. If he can get a non-stop, he plans on being there.

We did have a 50/50 drawing. **Eleanor Cunningham** drew the number and it so happens that it was hers. We're still wondering how she did it. On their way home, they drive by the Chumash Casino, they might just have to make another withdrawal.

I failed to tell everyone that a new member, **John Wessel**, has joined our group. His wife needs constant care, that he has been providing, and our meetings give him the opportunity to get away while his daughter takes care of his wife. We always look forward to him attending our meetings.

In the September Newsletter, on the back page, from the UAL Historical Foundation, it mentioned when ORD started operations. The year was October 1955. I was working for Capital at the time and I don't remember exactly when they moved CAP's flights to ORD. Luckily for me, the merger came in 1961 and I didn't have to move except to SFO.

Calendar:

October 15 – Hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Mimi's in Rancho Mirage was the choice of our hosts, **Marge Lenz** and **Ken Hawley**, for the Desert Sunbirds' August Luncheon. Twenty seven members and guests braved triple digit temperatures (so what else is new in the Desert?) to enjoy the many Luncheon selections on Mimi's Menu.

Two guests this month: **Teri Kellerhals** (becoming a regular), and **John Bauer** (LAXCS & LAXAF), a guest of **Vern Behnke**. John, after years of prodding, finally relented, paid his dues, and became the newest member of the Desert Sunbirds.

Speaking of new members, **Dick** (LAXCS) & **Lois Hopkins**, who belong to the Re-LAX-ers, sent in their dues to join the Sunbirds. They won't be able to attend many luncheons, as they still live in the LAX area, but have expressed their desire to at least make the Christmas Luncheon, and wanted to do that as members. A hearty welcome to Dick & Lois, and John!

Al Beuchel and **Mark Kaplan** were back from a “Driving” Vacation (about a month), going cross-country and back, covering 18 states and 2 Canadian Provinces. No frustrating listing, standing by, missing flights, relisting, etc. Sounds like fun, except for the driving!

Dede Utzinger was off to Hawaii for her annual vacation in Maui. She’ll be back for the October Meeting. Two members we haven’t seen in a while made an appearance; **Barb Harrison** (still working) and **Maureen Williams**. Maureen showed up with the “boot” still on her broken foot from 2 or 3 months ago.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Fred Kellerhals**, and **Marge Lenz** took home \$40.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Calendar:

October 8 – Hosted by **Mike Bailardo**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 27 at Rubino’s Ristorante in Rocklin, CA. This was hosted by **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** and **Frank & Angie Dellinger**. We had 45 Gold Diggers and one guest, **Charles Johnson**, guest of **Bob & Michiko Allen**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Figueroas** and **Dellingers** for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** has no report.

Vice President ~ **Phil Frank** is still looking for hosts for next year. January, February and March have been taken.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for August: Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Eggert** – 58 years; **Karl & Ruth Stannitz** – 58 years; **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** – 58 years; and **Skip & Marie Jenkins** – 53 years. **Harold Esola** led us in singing Happy Anniversary to them.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter’s balance.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** said he has a few rosters left.

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** reported that **Angie Dellinger** is back with us after knee surgery. Also **Carolyn Harshbarger** had carpal tunnel surgery.

RUAEA Past President ~ **Ron Bertacini** said there is still time to register for the convention. They will take reservations up to the first day. It is island attire for the banquet. Also, to remind everyone to bring a sweater as the dinner will be outside, weather permitting.

Jack Raynor reported on the Minden event. It turned out great and everyone had a good time.

Following our meeting, we had our raffle.

Calendar:

September 24 – Commodore Park, Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley – hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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At the Red Hawk Casino, you get to pick your favorite foods - salads, beef, chicken, turkey, pork, enchiladas, soups, sushi and then the desserts will take you right over the top! The good food is only surpassed by the good friends enjoying it and visiting with each other. Rudy extended our “Thank You” to **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** for arranging this luncheon for the 33 Hangtown Miners in attendance. And, it turns out; **Joe & Lynda Lima** are celebrating their 49th anniversary! Wow, way to go you two! Many congratulations!

President ~ Rudy extended a very generous compliment to our secretary, **Jane Gibson**, for her efforts putting together our monthly minutes. These minutes are submitted to RUAEA each month and in turn are included in the RUAEA Newsletter. It seems that our minutes can take up quite a bit of their space! Well, Rudy and our members bring interesting and informative information to us and sharing the information and experiences may help other UAL retirees - keep it coming!

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report, he did, however, apologize for the missing tickets for the Drawing Of Opportunity! Seems sometime between the July and August meetings, both rolls of tickets disappeared. The good part is, he had just noted last month that the rolls were almost out and would need to be replaced soon - guess "soon" came quicker than planned! While Bill tried to put the blame at Rudy's feet, they were able to come up with a way to have the drawing in spite of the lost rolls.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** had nothing to report but I want to thank all of you for your unending support.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to attend this meeting - good to see you! He reports that our checking account is looking good.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** is such a great person for this position. She tries to keep in touch with all our members and how they are doing. She sent a condolence card to member **Andi Stuchell**. Jeanette brought 2 Get-Well cards that she passed around for us to sign. One is for **Jerry Juba** who is having a fierce battle with cancer, the other is for **Dick Czapkay** who has been in the hospital for about two months. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** has been doing a fantastic job keeping a pictorial history for the Hangtown Miners. The pages are so well assembled and the pictures great. Be sure to look through them at our meetings.

Old Business ~ Rudy brought back the question **Jane Gibson** asked at the last meeting concerning flying on a pass, with a companion when you are the spouse, not the employee - does the spouse and companion get to use the seniority date of the employee or does (s)he get bumped down to a lower boarding? Jeanette said that she looked on the Skynet Travel and it looks like the spouse would get the same status.

New Business ~ Rudy has a couple items that he needs us to be thinking about: Do you realize that Christmas is just over 3 months away? No kidding! So, **Thom Biro**, who handled our December luncheon last year has found that the facility where we met last year (the Veteran's Memorial Building in Placerville) now requires we procure insurance and alcohol is no longer allowed. We need to be on the lookout for a new/different place to have our very special December luncheon. Put your thinking caps on and eyes open for an appropriate place. Remember, it needs to be at an altitude that won't be likely to be snowed in that day.

As we approach the end of the year, we also need to think about who you would like to have served as your Hangtown Miners officers for 2015.

We have a request from **Gary Dalleske**. A few years ago Gary brought to a luncheon a personal book that he wanted to share with our members - to give them an opportunity to look through. However, he neglected to take it with him that day. Apparently member **John Muir** held onto to it and brought it to another meeting that Gary was not attending. So, here's where we need your help: John gave this book to someone (a female someone) but he doesn't remember who! So, if you were the one John gave the book to for safe keeping, please bring it to our meeting so it can be returned to Gary. The book is a blue (I think) binder type with the United logo on the front. This contains personal memories for Gary and he would like it back.

RUAEA Regional Director ~ Welcome **John Zoboli**! It is great to have you at our meeting. John has been very busy and apologized for such a long time since he was last able to join us.

Our meeting came to a close and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. Winner of the donator's prize was the **D'Amicos**. Thank you for bringing items to be raffled: **Dinette** - wine & trivet; **Blazius** - 2 candles; **Hyde** - candle holder & candle; **D'Amico** - wine & glasses; **Lima** - basket & cards; **Czapkay** - peanut butter pretzels; **Fitzpatrick** - wine; **Kenney** - chalkboard mugs; **Ouchi** - wine; **Akin** - eggs; **Kozelka** - Sunflower wind chime; **Dalleske** - 6 center pieces.

Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima** at a new (to our group) restaurant - the Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pine. Information is under the pictures - be sure to send in your choices and check by September 2nd.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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On August 14, we held our annual retiree's picnic in the beautiful Armstrong Woods State Park, Guerneville with 22 members and 5 guests attending.

Larry Wilson, Vice President, also acting as president for **Brandon Maus**, who was on vacation in Hawaii with his wife **Pat**, called the meeting to order. He was also standing in for **Oscar Chambers** as Treasurer, while he stayed home with his wife **Joan**, who was suffering from Sciatica pain. **Larry** thanked **Verda Burr** for hosting and arranging for the Chicken BBQ picnic lunch, and the mini-bar! The Chicken BBQ was cooked and served by **Steve Rabellino** who has blessed us with his tasty BBQ for 23 years! Sadly, he will be retiring from the BBQ business this year. An appreciative round of applause was given for all his years with us, and we are sorry to see him go.

Our guests were **Bob Giannini**, guest of **Al Bentham**; **Leo Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**, **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**, and **Bart Burr**, son and guest of **Verda Burr**.

The treasurers report was read by Secretary **Mary Wilson** for **Oscar Chambers**, which states that we added \$72.03 to the General Fund, less a reimbursement of \$35.60 for wine and candy (for the raffle), totaling \$436.74 for the year. An additional \$55.00 was added to the Charity Fund.

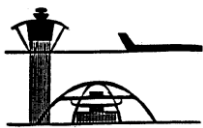
Verda Burr, our Sunshine Lady, reported that there were three people having birthdays for the month of August: **Joan Sheehan**, **Fred McCauley**, and **Iva Lou Clark**, none of whom were present. We also honored **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, for celebrating 58 years of "wedded bliss"!

Verda said she would be sending out cards to **Charlie Anderson**, who missed a couple months of luncheons due to arthritis pain in his right hip. He is set to have surgery on the hip in September. Another card will be sent to **Joan Chambers**, who missed our Armstrong Woods picnic because of Sciatica pain. We look forward to the Chambers hopefully joining us at next month's luncheon. **Verda** also read a letter/card from **Brandon & Pat Maus**, telling us of the difficulty they had getting to their vacation destination in Hawaii. Firstly, they had their seats released to other standby passengers, for being only 3 minutes late to the gate; previously they had been first on the standby list. Ultimately after relisting a few times, they got first-class on a plane to Maui, but were unable to get to the big island to their resort destination. After some time and driving a long way in the dark, they arrived safely. The drama continued while waiting for their flight home; they were held up by the approaching Hurricane, and were concerned that the flights might get "overlapped". Sorry **Brandon & Pat**, we certainly look forward to seeing you at the next month's meeting! **Verda** finished her time of sharing with a very funny joke, as only she can tell it! Another fun story was brought by **Lee Beery**, as borrowed from radio personality, **Bill Moen**.

Barney Hagen reports that there will be a new "single-contact" telephone number to reach United Airlines reservations to be effective by October 1st. He told us the new number is (877) 825-3729. He will confirm and update us on any other numbers and information at the next luncheon in September; otherwise there is no other travel news at this time.

We all had a great time at our Armstrong Woods picnic, and discussed that this may be our last picnic there, as the reservation fee is a steep \$190.00, and we are losing our BBQ King, **Steve**. We wish him well on his retirement, but worry we won't be back as a retiree group to these beautiful woods! Let's think of a new place to continue having a summer-time picnic tradition!

Our next luncheon meeting will be on September 11, at the La Gare restaurant, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**. See you all then!



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We missed **John Daley** at our August luncheon and upon calling; found that he'd been in the hospital checking on some health issues. Our chat revealed that John had taken a trip to Tahoe to attend the wedding of a niece. It was a long 9 hour trip by car; but the festivities were worth the trip. We send good wishes to John and wish for better health, P. O. Box 4391, Palos Verdes Pen., CA 90274.

Betty & Herb Kopp missed the luncheon due to some back problems that Betty was having. She's now having physical therapy. Herb said that he's now having some hearing problems in his left ear. We hope to see you soon, 6200 Belle Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620.

A call came from **Tarina Murray** to advise that she was offering some watches for the gift baskets on Casino Night. We gratefully accepted six watches from her. Tarina is still in a recovery period and unable to attend most luncheons. We appreciate her generous nature in making this donation, 7619 S. Victoria, Inglewood, CA 90305.

Peter & Barbara Schuster are still traveling! They will be somewhere in Europe for most of August and back in time for the RUAEA convention starting in late September.

We're pleased to find that **Florence Hoy** along with **Janet**; are planning a family get together and will be enjoying the hotel and tours during convention week. What a great idea. Janet has checked out the Riverwalk Golf Course next door and both she and Florence have volunteered to assist in the Hospitality Room. Come visit with them there.

Calendar:

October 10 - Proud Bird restaurant - (Delayed for the RUAEA Convention October 1-4)

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Once again, the monthly breakfast for October is after the due date of the newsletter, so I will give you the news as I have it at this time.

We had 23 in attendance at our August breakfast as many are out travelling, or visiting friends and family. I passed out signup sheets for volunteers to assist at the convention and talked about what some of the duties will entail. We will have a training, familiarization shortly before the convention begins. I also did some soliciting for the silent auction to be held at the convention.

Our solo October birthday is **Debra Richardson** and we wish her many more. We welcome a new RUAEA member, **Paul Zadrozny**, who is a member of our RESANS group. Our RESANS group also welcomes new members, **Bill & Ginny Banaszak**.

There will be no October breakfast due to the Convention at the Town & Country Convention.

Calendar:

November 6 - Our monthly breakfast resumes at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106- 2394



GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Jerome Underhill** called the August 25th General Meeting to order at 11:30 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The July 28th minutes were read and approved.

2nd Vice President **Kathy Hutt** announced the entertainment for the day – Magician Phil Ackerly. Treasurer **Art Barrett** gave his report.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill**, stepping in for Sunshine Lady, **Jacque Ahern**, shared some sad news. Members **Jean Kidera** and **Leona Clothakis** have passed away, as did **Judy Curran's** mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families.

Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** announced we will be collecting food donations for Shelter Network after our September 22nd Picnic. Please bring non-perishable items, but no glass containers.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported on upcoming trips. After the meeting was adjourned the raffle was held, followed by a delicious Free Pizza Lunch with salad and delicious cakes. We were then entertained by the famous magician Phil Ackerly.

Calendar:

September 22 – Picnic

October 27 – BYO Lunch, Entertainment by Gene the Bird Man (Bird Performers)

November 24 – Potluck, Entertainment by Scott Holiday (Guitarist and Singer)

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month, 11 am - 2 pm, at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

At our breakfast meetings we are having a lot of discussions as we plan for the 2014 San Diego RUAEA Convention. Those iconic San Diego Trolleys are being "Googled" as we examine the stops along the Green Line. There is so much history in San Diego, from California's first mission, Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, to the National Monument of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, to the more recent history of the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum. So many activities, so little time!

Since our last newsletter, **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler** traveled to Kalispell, Montana, the Gateway to Glacier National Park. **Roger** went back to Montana to celebrate his 65th High School Reunion. Kalispell is a Salish word meaning "flat land above the lake", and is in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. **Zelma** had never been to Montana, so **Roger** was able to show her some of the premiere sights. One of these sights was Flathead Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River – Yes! Even larger than Lake Tahoe! In addition to driving around Flathead Lake, **Roger** also showed **Zelma** Hungry Horse Dam. At the time of completion in 1953, it was the third largest dam in the world. As a young man **Roger** worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam until he was drafted into the Army. What a memorable trip having the opportunity to enjoy some of the landscapes of the American West.

Bill Reichard also has plans to enjoy the landscapes of the American West. He is preparing for his annual backpacking fishing trip with a friend on the Tuolumne River in the Sierra Nevada. On one of his trips he had to be evacuated by helicopter due to a broken leg. Don't take that short cut home this year, Bill.

Alice Rostirolla is off again on one of her Road Scholar trips and will be going on a cruise to enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn throughout New England and Canada. She will have the opportunity to leave the

metropolitan heart of New York City and Boston to enjoy Newport, Maine, and Nova Scotia on her way to Quebec City.

Al & Mary Lou Rogers are also going on a cruise, but on the opposite coast. On their way to Alaska they will be dining on endless buffets, gazing at the icy fjords that tower over the Pacific Ocean, and watching eagles along coastal forests.

Maureen & Vern Snyder have been in Reno, Las Vegas and all around San Francisco while hosting Maureen's niece and her family from Scotland. It sounds as though they are having way too much fun! You need to get rested up in time for the convention.

Robin & Dave Garland are back in town after a busy summer, and brought their grandson, Jimmy, to one of our meetings. **Cheri Scales** briefed us on some recent "scams" which were brought to her attention by their son, Jeff, who works in security. Also, we have new members, **Julie & George Midwin**. Woo Hoo! Julie is a Registered Nurse who retired from El Camino Hospital after 40 years of nursing. George retired from Plane Overhaul after 39 years with United. Welcome to our group.

We only have two couples who celebrate October Wedding Anniversaries ~ **Elfriede & Albert Grossman** and **Jean & Jack Jenkins**. Also, **Albert** and **Jack** have birthdays this month. Actually, more people celebrate their Birthdays in October than in any other month! October 5th is America's Most Common Birthday, according to AnyBirthday.com—and "Why?", you might ask. One possible explanation given for this phenomena is that counting back 274 days, the length of an average pregnancy, the date of conception would be New Year's Eve! Anyone (besides me) have a child born on the 5th? Anyway, in addition to **Albert** and **Jack**, Happy October Birthday to **Kathleen Adams, Barbara Diaz, Barbara Ferrell, Thelma Graham, Kathryn Hutt, Larry Jorgensen, Alex Klaus, Frank Mazzola, Cicina Norton, Al Rogers, Joanne Saso, Helen Rose Seidl, Boyd Sweet, and Barbara Underhill**. Wow! That is quite a list! Our meetings are going to be very musical this month with everyone singing "Happy Birthday"!

We are sending our best wishes to **Ella Sousa** who has been having a challenging time with the recovery from her fall. Get well soon, **Ella**. I'm sure **George** is taking good care of you. We miss you.

San Diego travel plans are upmost in our thoughts, so it only seems appropriate that our featured RUAEA member for this month is retired Flight Attendant, **Georgia Nielsen**. As we are all aware, the first female Flight Attendant was hired in 1930 by UAL. Flight Attendants' primary role is that of passenger safety, and actions of Flight Attendants in emergencies have long been credited in saving lives. In addition to safety they have the task of Customer Services duties. In the 1970s the gender-neutral term, "Flight Attendant", replaced the term "stewardess". More recently the term "cabin crew" or "cabin staff" has begun to replace the term "Flight Attendant".

Georgia was born **Georgia Panter** in Smith County, Kansas near the site claimed as the "geographical center of the Continental United States". Prior to being hired by United Air Lines (UAL) **Georgia** attended Fort Hays Kansas State College and Colorado State College. She held a Civil Service job at Farmers Home Administration (FHA) in Tribune, Kansas, and also worked as a clerk stenographer at the Denver Research Institute. Several years later she was awarded her MA in History from San Jose State University. **Georgia** was hired by UAL in 1960 and retired from SFOSW in 2002. During these years she had domiciles at Midway/O'Hare in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York. In 1968 to 1971 **Georgia** worked trips on the Military Airlift Command (MAC) from the United States to Vietnam. It was during this time when she met her husband, **Dan Nielsen**, a Journalist from Denmark, who was on holiday in Guam. Their relationship began on a *stormy* note. Literally, the storm was called, "Typhoon Yoling"!

Georgia was a Flight Attendant on the combination United-Continental Flights in the years before the United-Continental Merger. (Newsletter December, 2010). You might remember the paint colors with one side of the aircraft painted with Continental colors and the other side painted with UAL colors. **Georgia** was also one of the Flight Attendants on the UAL 747 Hawaiian flight that lost power on all four engines on its approach to Honolulu. As she sat, preparing for an *emergency ocean landing*, she recalls how she could see the white caps on the ocean coming closer and closer. Fortunately the pilots did not have to "ditch", but made it into Honolulu when one of the engines responded. Much investigation was done by UAL, Boeing, Pratt and Whitney and the FAA in this situation.

In addition to **Georgia's** busy work schedule, she became an active union officer for the Association of Flight Attendants in the 1970s and held appointed and elective offices thereafter. She was a member of the Board of Directors for the San Mateo Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO) for a decade. She founded and edited Air Reporter, a newspaper for airline and airport workers from 1991 to 2001. **Georgia** has authored a book of Flight Attendant History. She received the Ada Brown Greenfield Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by

the Association of Flight Attendants. She holds a Unity Award from the San Mateo Central Labor Council, and is a Fellow of The San Francisco Aeronautic Society.

Since retirement **Georgia** and her husband, **Dan**, often work on writing projects together. She has also continued to be active in professional organizations. She is an organizer for Retired Flight Attendants, and has been a Founder, Facilitator, President and International Historian of the Retiree Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA) and Communication Workers of America (CWA). She is Secretary of (UAHF) United Airlines Historical Foundation (Newsletter July 2013) as well as an active member of our RUAEA group. (Newsletter June 2014)

Georgia & Dan have shared their home with nephews from Denmark for the “American Experience”. Two nephews attended Piedmont Hill High School in San Jose. Presently, one nephew is an Intern at the US Embassy in Copenhagen and one holds a position in the Danish Finance Ministry. **Georgia** has a nephew who is a mechanic at UAL/SFO, and a nephew who is a Pilot for Express Jet at Dulles (IAD). **Georgia’s** late sister and late brother-in-law were a Flight Attendant and a Pilot for UAL.

In addition to all of their other activities, and journeys within the United States, **Georgia & Dan** take yearly trips to Europe. No doubt Denmark is at the top of their itinerary. They also enjoy walking/hiking, and they cultivate and harvest a small vegetable garden in their back yard.

Calendar

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder’s Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino across from Home Depot)
9:00 am

October 1 - October 4th - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

October 29 - Fall Luncheon at David’s in Santa Clara (across from the new 49er Stadium): hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Bob & Karen Devlin**

December 9 - December Holiday Luncheon at Mariani’s Restaurant in Santa Clara



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The meeting was opened by President **Bob Brooks** at Thomi’s in Jackson, with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then thanked our hosts, **Fred & Joan Verbaere**. **Rosie Walls** agreed to act as Secretary as **Barbara & Ace Edkin** were absent due to Ace’s pending outpatient surgery. **Don Nesja** prepared the group with his many jokes.

President Bob offered a tribute to Robin Williams with “Good Morning, Vietnam”, followed by a moment of silence.

We welcomed back after illness, **Jack & Rosie Walls**. Also welcomed back to the group were **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield** who have moved to San Jose. President Bob passed on that **Carl Swanson** had called to tell him that his wife, **Ruth**, had passed away on August 6th. The group expressed sympathy for Carl in his loss. **Joy Blair** will send a card from the group, and Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** will send our normal donation.

Under New Business, **Bob Brooks** talked about **Ruth Swanson** and a copy of the obituary was passed around.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** indicated all current bills have been paid and the balance in our bank account is just under \$700.00 (copies of all the Treasurer’s Reports will be at the meetings and available for perusal by the members).

Joy Blair’s birthday was celebrated, as was the 54th anniversary of **Don & Jo Nesja**. **Don Rentzel** said he flew SA to Dulles from SFO and parked at the maintenance base. **Al Svares & Betty** flew to Hawaii SA and got first class coming home (coach going over).

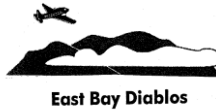
Our guest was **Ann Hullenaar**, **Dick Funk’s** daughter. She knows **Keith Hudson**. **Dick Funk** was Manager of Maintenance and Engineering. She told how a disgruntled employee held him hostage in a DC 10 which was in a hangar at SFO in 1976. She was only 7 years old at the time, but knew the story. She said her dad had over 100 stitches in his arm from being stabbed multiple times during this ordeal.

Fred & Joan Verbaere held the raffle and many people won the famous Verbaere Wine, along with other prizes.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, September 11, hosted by **Keith Hudson**. Reservation information will be included in the newsletter. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814, for meeting information.

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Our August meeting was held on the 11th with 29 members. We welcomed a new member, **Roscoe Mack** (SFOFF), who retired from Air Freight. He visited us for the first time and then joined. Welcome, Roscoe!

The East Bay Diablos are planning a good representation at the Convention in San Diego.

Tom Johnson gave a presentation on the latest discounts on Amtrak and brought brochures and schedules. He also brought copies of Airways Magazine, many interesting articles.

Thanks to **Carol Parks** who contributed candy and candles for the 50/50 and to **Tracy Blanchard** who contributed a golf umbrella with UA Sales logo. The 50/50 \$\$\$ was won by **Russ Miller**. Russ had to leave early so **Tom Johnson** promised to deliver the loot!

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees.

Calendar:

September 8 – Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

October 13 – Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

November 10 – to be announced

December 8 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection – Zio Fredo's, Pleasant Hill

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Our August meeting in Vacaville found the following 21 people in attendance: **Robert & Michiko Allen, Frank Uhl, Rich Dabbert, Bob Zweighardt, Louis Pell, Rudy Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Doisel & Luci Prez, Ben Reed, Robert Zirzow, Ed Meadows, Allan Pochop, Eugene Boyce, Jamie Schwafel, and George Struges**. Members welcomed a guest from the Sacramento area, **Charles (CJ) Johnson**.

Treasurer Report ~ Joanne gave us the correct dollar amount, but I failed to write it down, but we crossed over into the \$900 column for the chapter fund.

Secretary Report ~ Mitch is still on vacation.

United Service Center contact number, 877-825-3729. Not for sure if this number now includes the Help Desk number of 800-651-1007. So thought that I would log into Skynet and see if that would tell about the phone numbers. Attempted to log on to skynet.ual.com, but my password had expired. Called the help desk and was given a temporary password for access, it failed also. I wonder if I am the only retiree that has continuous problems with this website?

United life insurance: There is a \$10K life insurance policy that the company will pay on death. But, not all retirees are eligible. Therefore each retiree has to contact United, (this was through the Help Desk number), two factors for eligibility, related to me, employee classification and date of retirement. One should review eligibility, if eligible, should reference this with important documents.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Frank Uhl**. Our second drawing was for a bottle of wine donated by **Louis Pell** and was taken home by **Rich Dabbert**. The third drawing for a pair of crocheted house slippers which was donated by **Luci Prez**, and was taken home by **Pad Gardner**.

Calendar:

September 10 - Meeting at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield.

October 8 - Meeting at Denny's in Vacaville.

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On Wednesday, August 13th, we had our 2nd annual summer gathering at "Wings Over the Rockies" museum in Denver, CO. This was sponsored jointly by the RUAEA Chapter Denver Mile Highers and the Continental ARECA retiree group in Denver. We had 175 members and guests enjoying the camaraderie of the airline world with many stories and memorabilia. We were able to see many military aircraft and multiple aeronautical displays with military and commercial aviation. There is a new display and film featuring the Tuskegee Airmen. We enjoyed a catered BBQ by Bennett's with chicken, beef and pork along with the traditional coleslaw & beans. **Tom Goodyear**, **Mickey**

Manfre, and **Don Lefurge** hosted our traditional 50/50 drawings resulting in many prizes, including cash, gift certificates, and bottles of wine. And a special thanks to **Sheryl Schubert**, UAHF Treasurer, for collecting the entry fees, **Nancy Goodyear** and **Laura Coates** for gathering all of the multiple door prizes. Pictured are **Emily Howell Warner** (first commercial captain for major US airline), **Nancy & Tom Goodyear**, and **Bonnie Dahl** (retired CO flight attendant).

One of our newer RUAEA members, **Glenn Cannon**, DENCg, covered most of northern Europe in an interesting journey this summer. He started his trip planning on a visit to friends in Sweden. He flew UA to Frankfurt, took the train to Copenhagen. In Copenhagen, he toured the beautiful city for a couple days then boarded a ferry to his friends region in Sweden. They surprised him with a planned journey on an overnight ferry (cruise) from Sweden to Poland. He rode on a train that boarded a ferry, yes, the train blocked and rode the ferry. He also rode a train that seemed to be suspended over the river while returning through Germany. How is that for adventure? Especially for any train enthusiast.

Calendar:

September 6 - DENTK breakfast at 8:30

October 4 - This meeting will be casual. Hopefully, many will be attending the convention in San Diego. If not attending the convention, please enjoy the breakfast.

FLORIDA

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We haven't had a meeting since May, but we're ready to rev up in October. Although our meetings are normally held on the first Friday of the month, we've postponed the first Fall meeting in October to the second Friday (October 10). Some of our members will be going to the RUAEA convention.

It will be great to hear about everyone's summer adventures. We look forward to bringing in some new members.

Our luncheons will be held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, 627 Cape Coral Pkwy W. Cape Coral, FL 33914. They're happy to have us back this year.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1st Friday of the month October-April at Fletcher's. Picnic in May. Some members meet at Perkins for breakfast June-September.

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Just think, in less than three months, we will be celebrating the Christmas Season, Oh My Goodness! Another year bites the dust!

Our regular Luncheon/Meeting took place on Wednesday, September 3 at Wahoo's but the Newsletter entries had to be in by September 1 because of the Holiday, so our news will not be reported until the October issue. Since we have birthdays, we wanted to make sure they were noted. No Anniversaries are celebrated in September.

If you do not have a computer or do not receive the Newsletter, figure out a way to receive necessary news regarding the Retiree chapter.

On September 11, please make sure you take a moment to say a prayer and remember those lives that were lost on that very sad day.

I must apologize for the error in the calendar in the September issue, the date is correct but the day is wrong. I must be losing it!

Hope you all enjoyed the Labor Day Holiday and hope to see many of you at the October meeting. Remember the dues of \$10.00 must be sent or given in at your earliest convenience. If you wish to send a check, it can be sent to **Diane Liebisch**, making payable to her. Thank you for your promptness. Elections are also on the horizon, think about running for office.

A vote will be taken to solidify the day of the week for our meetings since Wahoo's closes on Tuesdays during the summer months and it gets very confusing. Keep tuned and check with us if you were not able to make the September meeting. I am sure **Bob Langevin** will be sending his famous emails to those of you who have a computer and a call will be made to those who do not have a computer.

Birthdays for September are **Judith Frage** (9/5), **Diane Brodis** (9/6), **Mari Hirjak** (9/12) and yours truly, **M. Jane Kerr** (9/16). Happy Birthday to all!

Remember to live, laugh and love; the clock is ticking, it's later than you think. Today is a present, tomorrow is unknown. Live today and enjoy life to its fullest.

Calendar:

October 7 – Wahoo’s Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).

November 4 – Wahoo’s Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).

December – Christmas Party, date & time TBA (no regular luncheon/meeting)

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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I’m not sure what’s going on with our street address! We’ve lived on this corner for all 47 years of our marriage. Inglewood is only two blocks long. Some time back it was changed from 2630 Inglewood Rd. to 2630 S. Inglewood Rd. A few days ago I happened to look at the sign and was so surprised to discover that our new address is W. Inglewood Dr. I just stood there on the driveway and laughed. Somebody has too much time on his hands!

Being on vacation, **David** & I missed the August meeting. Therefore, I asked **Shirley Dempsey** to take notes for me. So, just remember that I did not write the following. Yes, that is a disclaimer!

Even though our attendance was very low, that did not stop the five of us from having a great time. In fact some of us “reserved” folks decided to become “unreserved” and put on a show. In between bites of her pancake, **Marilyn Taylor** decided to show us her latest dance movements by jumping up on the table to the clapping of hands from our group luncheon attendees. It seemed the more we clapped the faster she danced! **Marlene Croghan** enjoyed Marilyn’s routine so much that she decided she would dance around the table and let her prime rib omelet get cold. **Charles Perkins**, our “chick magnet”, was enjoying the entertainment when he decided he would ask the pretty young cashier at the restaurant to dance with him!

Oh yes, **Charles**, husband of **Shirley**, always has his eyes on the younger women! Before too long, our audience became larger, since other diners were wanting to know all about the festivities in the banquet room.

The two **Shirleys** ended up taking drink orders from everyone watching the “show”! And a good time was had by all!

As for us, **Carol & David**, we experienced a wonderful 3383-mile trip between August 5th and the 15th. We drove as far east as Hannibal, Missouri, to be at the memorial service of a close friend of David. They met at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. (**David** wouldn't say this, but I will - his last (7th) year there, he was corps commander of 600 cadets.). We are so grateful for our visit with **Karl & Jean** a year ago. Then, as now, we stopped to see many friends along the way. What gifts they are! Another highlight of summer was my 55-year reunion from Borah High School. We were the first graduating class, spending our junior year at Boise HS (my mom's school) while Borah was being built.

Calendar:

October 14 - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise

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October, beautiful October, month of pumpkins, leaves changing from green to gold, orange, or brown. The smell of autumn is in the air, nutmeg, cinnamon, sharpened pencils, love it. Wait, do kids even use pencils anymore? Maybe it's the smell of overheated iPhones and iPads. Since we're in the Autumn of our years, we better get out there and enjoy the season. Don't join the leaves and fall, or turn orange, be careful.

Our Northside breakfast had a good group of almost 40 people. Our friend **Terry Gilling**, EXOKX, was there with his UAL-RIP armband again. He gave me a UAL Employee magazine from 1949. It was great to see pictures of some of the people we worked with later. Even Terry and his wife were in one of the pictures. Overheard conversations were about health issues, biopsies, aches, and Aetna problems. Don't forget, too much lamenting causes fermenting. A few brave souls have ventured out of ORD and beyond. **Dona Nefczyk**, always on the go, is planning trips to Arkansas and Disneyworld. **Barb Wesemann**, also a mover and shaker, took a train trip to Banff. That is beautiful country. Quite a few told how they helped get their grandchildren to college.

At the ORDMM breakfast, **Don Kramich** was kind enough to bring **George Stahulak** in from Huntley. George is a newbie. It was good to see him after so many years. And he's still crazy. **Boris Spitz** is waiting for the birth of his third great-grandson. **Bob Ziare**, brought in a Boarding Priorities Chart for UAL employees. Retirees, using their Vacation Pass, are 28 in line to board. If you use a regular pass, you're 30. If you have an Enrolled Friend, they're 33 on a Vacation pass, without you, and 35 on a regular pass, with you. This is out of a listing of 46, remember BP6B? I used to love those letters. Glad I had time to enjoy that status as long as I did. How about you? It took a friend of mine two days to get back from SEA last week. Good thing we did our traveling when we did, and when we could walk!

Our Southside breakfast brought Three Wise Women from the North, **Helen Cauwels**, **Mary Szabo** and **Ginny Vlach**. They left their camels at home and rode in with **Al Broderson**, their chauffeur. Al brought in some old United First Class cocktail glasses to distribute. Brought back memories for the 17 of us what they served our martinis in, way-back-when. Thanks, Al. Other new faces included **Marie & Wes Roak**, ORDF. He was welcomed by us and his fellow “ramp rats” from FF. **Agnes Pearson** was out with an eye procedure. Hope she can “see” her way back next month. The raffle was won by **Bill Adams**, **Gwen Brookins**, **Sylvester Gant** and **Jan Gawenda**.

We'll have a report on the Fall Luncheon, RUAEA Convention, and the Loonies trip next month.

Gone from our company is **Tom Robinson**, CHIRR, one of the good guys, always had a smile, and willing to help you. He always dressed so “dapper”. His wife, **Audrey**'s address is, 3180 N. Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 3E, Chicago, IL 60657. Also from CHIRR, **Jeanne Olszewski**, an avid golfer and traveler. Her husband Lou's address is, 1220 Oak Hill Rd., Apt. D, Lake Barrington, IL 60010. **Joe Purves**, ORDFO, passed away from

lung cancer. Three wives of employees passed away: **Pamela Beattie**, wife of the late, **Harold**; **Marie Fisher**, wife of **Mel**, ORDCG; and **Linda Vitte**, ORDSW, wife of **Jim**, of ORDMM. Mel's address is 4137 W. 97th Pl., Apt 210, Oak Lawn, IL. 60453. Jim's address is 13763 Roosevelt Dr., Huntley, IL 60142. Last month, I failed to mention that **Jacque Sontheimer**, who passed in July, was a member of the Planning Committee of the Chicago Skyliners. Also gone from the world are, director, Richard Attenborough, beautiful, sultry, Lauren Bacall, who finally met up with Bogie in Key Largo. Additionally, the brilliant, dazzling man, Robin Williams; he was like fireworks in a phone booth. You never knew what he would do or say, but you knew you'd be laughing. Those stars in the sky aren't twinkling, they're laughing with Robin. We'll miss your capacity for genius and your generosity to many charities, including our troops.

Also, big kudos to the Jackie Robinson West League of Chicago. Young men that made us all proud. Thank you!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**October 8**). Second Tuesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 30**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 9 - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 11:00 A.M., Elk Grove, IL

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During our August meeting, we discussed plans for our outing to the Beef & Boards Dinner Theater to see "Oklahoma," and voted to postpone our "Fall Field Trip" to the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton until next spring. Members also decided to hold officer elections in October, a month earlier than scheduled, so that we do not interrupt our "Toys for Tots" event and Holiday Party in November. Attending the meeting were: **Ray & Hannelore Brabo, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Ed, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob Duty, Jim Gibson, Ed Loftus, Chris & Shary Johnston and Charles Theiss.** **Jim Gibson** won \$17.50 from the 50/50 drawing and **Mario & Margie Bregante** won other door prizes provided by **Ray & Hannelore Brabo.**

We send our condolences to **Tony & Barb Urbanovic** on the death of her brother in New Mexico.

On the travel scene, **Dimple Rihel** was busy visiting family in Florida, **Jack & Carol Conway** made another trip to Michigan for family celebrations, and **Mario & Margie Bregante** visited friends in Red Wing, MN.

This summer has also been busy with travel for the **Duffey** family. In addition to traveling to Columbus, OH for a cousin's wedding, they have been researching family history in West Virginia. The **Duffeys** are truly a "United" family.

Ed Duffey (see photo), joined United Airlines as a utility worker in Cleveland in 1963 and worked his way up to Ramp Supervisor before retiring in 1980. *"I started as a driver for the lavatory servicing vehicles, so nobody can say that I didn't start from the ground up,"* Ed said laughingly.

His son, **Bob**, took a part-time summer job at United's Cleveland operation in 1969 and later worked in



Cabin Service, Ramp Service and then Reservations. **Ruth Blumer Duffey**, who celebrates a birthday later this month, signed on in Reservations with United in Pittsburgh in 1967. When United's Pittsburgh operation closed, she transferred to Cleveland where she met **Bob** in the Reservations Department. **Ruth Blumer** and **Bob Duffey** were married March 16, 1985 and continued working at United through transfers to Chicago and the Indianapolis Maintenance Base, from which they both retired in 2003.

Chris Johnston, who worked in Inventory in Indianapolis, swears by Ruth's talents. He says he can't remember how many times he would be running through an airport concourse trying to get to a meeting or home, and would be talking with Ruth by cell phone. *"She always*

found a way to get me where I needed to be," he said.

This summer, **Bob & Ruth** made several trips to Doddridge County West Virginia where they joined **Bob's** cousin to learn more about the family history. In the West Union County Courthouse, they were able to find several books that helped them learn about **Ed's** Great -Great and **Bob's** Great -Great -Great Grandfather, J.J. Adams, who was born in 1820.

By following the records and renting a Jeep, **Bob & Ruth** were able to find the off the beaten path cemetery where J.J. Adams was buried. From additional research, they learned that J.J. had become a widower and at the age of 60, married a woman 40 years younger than him. They also discovered that J.J. and his second wife had a family; so **Ed & Bob** have several step cousins from the "grandfather" who died at the age of 100 when he fell off a wagon and sustained a life threatening head injury.

We're hoping all the **Duffeys** enjoy the longevity that "grandpa" had, because we look forward to having them as part of our Indy Racers organization for many years to come.

Happy Birthday to **Deanna Boeke** (10/50 and **Ruth Duffey** (10/31).

Calendar:

October 14 - Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 46123. Lunch and informal card playing are available at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting, including election of officers starting at 2:30 p.m. We will also be placing our "Toys for Tots" collection box at the restaurant, so please bring a toy to donate.

November 11 - The Mediterranean Grill in Avon, IN for our Holiday Party and donation to the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program. Festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information or directions, call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4401.

Calendar:

September 17 – Beef and Boards Dinner Theater matinee performance of "Oklahoma", call (317) 694-4406 for more information.

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This month's Newsletter report request is posted six days earlier than normal. So, I will report on the Nor'Easters September 2, first overnighiter in northern New Hampshire next month. I sent emails and made phone calls to members asking for news or info for this post and got nothing. No response. Very hard to talk about our group when I get nothing. **Ron & Joyce Heisler** will attend the SAN convention. Don't know about other Nor'Easters yet.

Joan Twing is going to start a Facebook page for computer savvy members. She will be looking for pictures and info to post. She will be emailing members for them to friend her. More info forthcoming.

Last month, I listed the October luncheon as Isaac's in Plymouth, MA, close to 50 miles south of Boston. Despite the ocean front location and great food, there were a few complaints, along with cries for Chinese food. We checked into Kowloon's, the most popular Chinese restaurant around. Their function rates would have kept most members away. Su-Chang's has treated us well in the past, is affordable, has good food and is easy to get to.

We posted 2014's meeting dates and Tuesday's only at the beginning of the year. We hoped to help members planning/scheduling to make it easy to attend meetings. It didn't work, in fact, attendance dropped. For 2015, we are considering alternating meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Response?

Again, a reminder, our chapter's current officers position expire in December. Now is the time to throw your hat in the ring. Lets have a competitive election!

October's birthdays ~ **Patti Austin, Robert Boyle, Ed Burke, Norman Hudon, John Lagadinos** and **Robert Romig**.

October's anniversaries ~ **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (34 years), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (48 years), **Jim & Sue Yip** (48 years).

Calendar:

October 7 - Su-Chang Chinese Restaurant, Peabody, MA

December 2 - Christmas party, Jimmy's Steer House, Saugus, MA

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Since our deadline was moved up this month, we have not yet had our September meeting so I will report anything new next month.

Jeff Le Fleur is so thankful and appreciative for the cards and well wishes that he has received. He continues to have a major back problem and may have to have ear surgery in the near future. Keep those cards and prayers coming! His address is 1117 Scarlet Oak East, Jackson, MI 48188.

Tom Hoffman, Pat's husband, is continuing to improve slowly from the stroke he had in July. He is now able to speak a couple of words. Love & prayers to Tom @ 14221 Wellesley, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Deborah Dunham visited the Detroit area recently. She started her United career at DTWRR and transferred to EXO. She is currently a self-employed organizational consultant living in The Hague in the Netherlands. She said to say hello to all who might remember her.

Kathy Franz's husband, **Larry**, is scheduled to have surgery at the U of M on September 15. They ask for your prayers @ 10804 Andrews Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101-1102

It's that time of year. We are again planning our Up North luncheon in Clare, MI tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 9. Do let us know if you plan on joining us or even if you are just thinking about it. Please contact **Rick & Gwen** at (248) 667-9258. Details will be in the October newsletter.

Don't forget the Loonies affair will be September 16-19th in Oshkosh, WI. The Loonies are a chapter that meets twice a year, but their meeting lasts three days. They are a group of great friendly retirees from IL, MI, WI, MN, OH, CO, CA, well from most anywhere. You attend one meeting and you become a Loonie. We never voted if that made us Escaped Loonies or Loonie Escapees. If you would like to learn more about this group call me @ (313) 534-0065.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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The annual picnic (well, sometimes it's annual) was held this year at Glen Park in River Falls, WI. The weather couldn't have been better, 28 Lites gathered for pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, potato salad & three desserts. That was the main event ... the visiting was just coincidental. However, we somehow managed about four hours worth of visiting. Thanks to **Jo & Bud Ayres** for planning and hosting the event.

Too bad some of the others that we see so seldom didn't make it. We miss having at least the annual picnic to draw everyone together for a visit. Not to worry, we raked y'all over the coals pretty good for not showing up. Except for **Janice Meyer** (Doc) ~ she had a good excuse; they've sold their home in Lanesboro, MN and she was busy sorting and packing into those infamous "three piles" ~ Take, Give & Pitch.

We were all very glad to see that **Diane Storlie** felt well enough to join us. She dragged **Lee** along, too. She had rearranged her schedule so that she'd be able to attend. In her honor, we all wore a hat.

The only business done that day was the birthday roll-off & the 50/50 raffle which that day, was the 100/0 raffle. The lucky winners were **Sonja Gunderson** – finally! – (her words, not mine), **Nel Brawner**, **Tom Cafilisch**, **Janet Meyer**, **Diane Storlie**, **Joe Kelley** & **Al Kilian**. The birthday prize was won by **Mary Kilian**. There were a couple of cool door prizes won by **Donna Gray** and **Rich Glattly**.

Jo Ayres and **Mary Brennan** had organized a tour at a nearby sculpture garden which was attended by 11 of us. The only problem was, the tour lady wasn't there! We waited for about 10 minutes, thinking maybe she'd gotten the time wrong, then wandered through the gardens on our own, enjoying the place. She never showed up, so we each saved \$5 but also never heard the stories behind the tile sculptures. Turns out she thought we were scheduled for the next day.

There are many charities in River Falls such as Turning Point, Our Neighbors Place, Hospice, etc. Quite often when organizations have items left over, whether they're clothing, food from a reunion or pot luck, contributions from a fund raiser, etc., donations are accepted. Therefore, we donated the leftover food that had been catered. It was a unanimous decision by those who attended the picnic. Much better than trying to parcel it out amongst the attendees, dontcha think?

FYI ~ there's a new phone # for the Employee/Retiree Service Center: (877) 825-3729.

Had news from **Jan Hannah** about our friend **Neva Ruffino** ~ **Neva** is dealing again with a recurrence of the cancer she battled about 25 years ago. Please add her name to your prayer chain. She'd prefer no phone calls, but I'll bet a note would be welcome. Her address is 3326 Shores Blvd, Wayzata, MN 55391.

The 2nd Wednesday of every month ~ Lunch & meeting at 11:15am at The Grand Buffet on the west side of Robert St., just north of Mendota Road in West St. Paul.

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There were 43 for lunch at Piccolo's hosted by **Dick & Marilyn Weak**. We were fortunate to be able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with them. We were pleased to meet their daughter **Jann Lighthart** from Denver and her daughter, **Emily**, from Fairfax, VA. Their three sons were unable to attend which include **Steven** of Omaha, **Michael** of Alabama and **Patrick** of Denver. Their family hosted a family get-together on Saturday, August 2, at Cascio's. After a whirlwind celebration of several days, I'm sure both have had a deserved rest. We want to thank them for the beautiful cake that we all enjoyed. We also had guests including: **Tom Mahoney**, son of **Shirley & Arnie**; and **Leah**, sister of **Dorothy Braden**. Speaking of **Dorothy**, she was telling me they would be celebrating their 60th anniversary in November and will go to Texas to be with their family at that time.

The 25/25/50 winners were **Larry Farrell** and **Jan Cornish** each receiving \$15.00.

Bob Faust called and said **Kathy** (after having severe pain for several weeks) had back surgery the middle of July. **Kathy** finally talked her doctor into approving an MRI for her which showed severe damage to her spine. She has been through rehab; however is still using a walker which **Bob** said she had been using a long time before the surgery due to her pain. Our sincere hope is that she is on the mend.

Peggy Casebeer told me at Piccolo's that her daughter, **Linda**, has a brain aneurysm and she will be seeing a specialist on August 26th to see if surgery can be performed. She saw the doctor a year ago and was diagnosed at that time and he told her it wouldn't grow and wasn't cancer. She went a month ago for a check up and it had grown double in size so, of course, that was a shock to **Linda** and her family. **Peggy** will update us at Lake Manawa. Our hope is that it will be good news.

September birthdays ~ **Peggy Casebeer** (2); **Pat Shook** (3); **Dorothy Braden** (8); **Mary McGuire** (8); **Gary Procopio** (8); **Roger Jensen** (14); and **Ev Payton** (21).

Word has been received that **Max Saffer**, brother of member **Glen Saffer**, passed away June 28. After retiring from UAL, **Max** moved to North Carolina. Our sympathy to **Glen** and his family!

Calendar:

October 7 - Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda Chapman**

November 5 - The Bohemian Café (Wednesday), hosted by **Rose & Tom Langan** (Notice the Day)

December 2 - Christmas Luncheon, Anthony's at 11:00 a.m, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

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There were about 40 members and guests at our August Picnic at Sand Harbor, including a contingent of members from the **Gold Diggers**, the **Hangtown Miners** the **San Joaquiners** and the **Clipped Wings**. The weather cooperated, it was a beautiful sunny day. After some discussion among members present, it was decided that an alternative location will probably need to be found due to the high cost of Sand Harbor facilities.

Thanks again to our host **Barbara Leusing** for doing a great job with a little help from **Larry**. Thanks to **Donna Perkins** for checking guests in. Thanks as always to our cook **Duncan Scaife**. Also, our resident pastry chef **Bill Perkins** is also a singer who serenaded during the meal. Thanks to everyone else for salads and desserts.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Roberta Wagner** and **Pat Zoboli**. The 50/50 raffle and various other surprise gifts were won by various members and guests.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by **Frank Worzacha**. Discussion centered on our Christmas meeting and how much we would spend for door prizes. In the past, everybody was a winner, now we will have to be a bit more frugal.

It was good to see **Gene Boyer**, who reported his wife **Angie** is doing a bit better. **Rich Creighton** from the IAM local 914 came by just as our meeting was breaking up. It was decided to leave a bit earlier due to the heavy traffic on the Parkway going east and west. **John Murphy** who does a great job with our finances said we are doing much better. He said that with a smile, so it must be true! **Bob Burke** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on September 24 at Snuffy's in Scotch plains at 12:30 PM.

*Some people bring happiness wherever they go, some people bring happiness whenever they leave".

NEW YORK

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Our next luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 12noon at San Martin. If there are any changes to this, I'll let you know.

NEW YORK METROS

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This has got to be one of the saddest newsletters I have to write. I understand the next RUAEA Newsletter will be printed earlier than usual. So I am doing this without our having had a meeting since July 2.

One day in the last week of July, these four dear friends met for dinner: **Rosemarie Totaro**, **Rose Schneider**, **Dale Deuber** and **Kathy Corrente**, all Metro members. Sometime in the days following, **Rosemarie** had a stroke and died August 6. **Roy Portelli** and I joined **Rose Schneider**, her niece, Michelle and brother, Jack in attending her wake and service on August 10th. There had to be over a hundred people there to say a last farewell to this gentle soul.

Our August picnic was scheduled for the 13th; but torrential rains dropped up to 13 inches on Long Island, closing long stretches of all our major roads and highways. It was supposed to clear by noon, but our picnic was canceled, unbeknownst to Dale & Kathy who were waiting to be picked up by **Rose Schneider**. Unable to reach her, they called her niece who went to her house to find that Rose had died in her sleep. The shock of losing these two dear members within a week of each other will be with us Metros a long, long time. Rose's wake was August 15th and she was laid to rest with her beloved Julie on the 16th. These two "Roses" were staunch members of our group, sweet and cheerful, always there, they will be greatly missed and always in our prayers.

Frank Ferraro called about all this news and he advised me of **Anthony Locastro's** death in Melbourne, Florida. I called his wife **Eleanor** for more details. Tony had been suffering a long time and died on July 29th. His wake and funeral Mass were held in New York and he was buried August 5th at Mount St. Mary's in Flushing, New York. I had such a nice talk with Eleanor. She was advised that delivery of a fruit basket was on its way so this serves as an early acknowledgement of thanks to the Metros. But she will be sending thanks as well. Our prayers and sympathies to all. This is an off schedule newsletter but will catch up next month.

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Hello to all! The year seems to be going so fast, but I guess some of those ideas are just that most of us are still waiting for some hot humid summer weather to get us complaining about how hot it is. Instead we are getting rain and wet basements etc., etc. I hope we don't get that weather this coming month because of our complaining! Hope all is well for everyone.

This month is our annual picnic being held at the Chalet in the Strongsville metro parks. This is really a beautiful park that is kept very clean and the grounds are beautiful. We have 106 people attending this year and we have already paid for next years picnic to be held here for the 5th year.

We thank **John & Dolly Taucher** for hosting this event and this year again everything went smoothly, all the food brought in by our members made for a fantastic afternoon with all kinds of desserts and salads etc, etc. Thank you to everyone who participated because it was all excellent with just about anything you would want to eat! When all our food was arranged, **Arlene Taylor** led us all in giving Grace. This was followed by some quick movement with many of us trying to get in line to fill our plates! We had more food than we could eat in one afternoon! Great!

After lunch **Dave & Marie Placko** conducted our 50/50: We had three winners, **Dick Foster**, **Nancy Cleary**, and **Phil Gaudio**. Congratulations to all!

We had many guests and would like to acknowledge them here: **Lee & Linda Graham** (VA) **Joe Gall** (FL), **Ben & Marilyn Bogucki** (FL), **Dave & Peggy Ireland** (VA), **Mary Merleno** (sister of **Nancy Cleary**), **Sharon Gatesman's** granddaughters, **Gisela & Tayla**, **Jerry Zadar & son Tom Zadar** and friend **Roger Bender**, **Tom McCain & Gayle Calkins** (FL) were unable to come because they could not get on a flight! We are sorry and hope the next time you will have better luck!

One very special guest we had at the picnic was **Helen Cauwels**, RUAEA Midwest Director. We were all proud and happy to see her again. She spoke a bit about UAL. She was pleasantly surprised when she asked for a show of hands from those Ohio Buckeyes who are members of RUAEA. "We Ohio Buckeyes fully support RUAEA on our website, in our semi-annual Newsletter, and at our monthly luncheons. Their monthly newsletter is the best place to obtain accurate, up to the minute information on UAL and Retirees.

Happy Birthday to **Joe Gall**, **Phil Gaudio**, **Tom Hassel**, **Helen Hockett**, **Eleanor Kiehl**, **George Kuretz**, **Shirley Moses**, **Rudy Pivik**, **Marie Placko** & **Leo Schueler**.

Calendar:

September 10 - Old School House
October 8 - Tony K's Restaurant

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Our August meeting was attended by 70 members. We were delighted to have two guests, **Joyce Charron's** daughter **Janice Wright** and a neighbor of **Dennis Cline's**. Our thanks again to **Louise Robillard** for the table decorations that were won at each table by the person whose chair had a sticker on it.

I must apologize to **Bobbie Bills** for not reporting knee replacement surgery he had in June. **Jill**, his wife left a message on my cell phone telling me about the surgery and I must admit I seldom check my voice mail. He had complications from the surgery in July with high blood pressure which resulted in another hospitalization. He is now having therapy and doing well.

Our current list of members with illnesses includes **Alice Van Reenen**, **George Thomas** who was hospitalized, **Carole Luyten** having an assortment of tests and **Merle Pitman** in a care facility. We hope all are doing better at this time.

It was reported to me a former member, **Dona Witt** who retired from UAL, passed away on August 16th. She and her husband **George** were active members for many years, but had started volunteering on Wednesday at PDX as greeters so were unable to attend the meetings. Our condolences to George and the family.

At the October meeting we will be voting on our new slate of officers of the Dew-er's for 2015-2016. Please come and vote as it is important for our chapter to have a full participation in electing our new officers.

The Dew-er's Board of Directors met in August and discussed the election, financial report to be given to members and our upcoming Christmas Party. If you have any ideas please come forward and let one us know what you would like to see in the future.

Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn 6221 NE 82nd. Social Hour 11:00 AM, Lunch served at Noon

October 8 - Ice Cream Social + Election of Officers for 2015-2016.

November 12 – Veteran's Day & Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 10 - Christmas Party

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Summer is over and our September meeting is too. We were pleased to welcome John Hugya as our speaker. He is a retired police officer and a first responder to the 911 plane crash of Flight 93 in Somerset, PA. We remember and honor the crew and passengers on this somber anniversary.

The book, "An Uncommon Field", by Richard Snodgrass was auctioned off. The proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warriors by way of **Matthew Sonderman**, **Walter Sonderman's** son. **Treatie Karwoski**, our Northeast Regional Director, attended the meeting to hear this fine speaker.

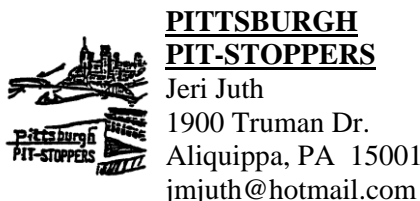
We will be well represented at the San Diego convention. Attending are **Joe & Gail Bradley**, **Alan & Kathy Edwards**, **Dee Burrs**, **Shirley Roberts** and I. I was delighted that my brother Jim Wismer planned his wedding around the convention date!

Please remember our sick with cards and calls. **Frank Eggles, Tom Lyons, Dick Ems** and **Frank Acquaroles** have been seriously ill. **Al Edwards** has been plagued with chronic, severe back pain. **Dee Burrs** just had surgery on her ears. Please let me or Kathy know of anything you want to report in the newsletter.

We send our sympathy to the families of our deceased members and friends. **Ken Medrow's** brother, Richard, has died. **Mike Hrkach**, a retired mechanic died. We received words that **Kathryn O'Brien**, a 90 year young retired downtown ticket agent, also passed away.

We have a few more tickets available for the Christmas show at the American Music Theater in Lancaster. Date is November 11th at 3:00PM. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel for lunch.

Looking forward to our next luncheon at the Clarion in Essington at 12:30PM on October 13.



The frost is on the pumpkin and the Farmers Almanac is predicting a cold and snowy winter, Brrrrr! Since we have to get our news in early this month, the Pit-Stoppers picnic to be held on September 12th will be covered in the next issue.

I hate to start off with the sad news ~ On August 28th, the Lord took one of the most courageous, kindest and considerate men into his arms, **Rich Guida**. Rich stated off his career in NYC and ended his 35 years of service in PIT. Rich suffered with many physical problems but never complained. The last several years he was wheelchair bound, but that didn't stop him. Rich loved people and in turn was loved by all who knew him. His wife **Barb** was his loving angel, she tended to his every need. She mastered the trailer and hitch and got him to all of the functions. **Jim Weber** and **Paul Musko** made sure he got to spend time at his favorite hangout. Rest in peace my friend! Condolences to Barb and his children, address as follows: 195 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

More on the sad note: **Evelyn Andrasco**, aunt to **Don Castlevetter** (former PIT dining service) was struck and killed by a motorcyclist in front of her home. Don's address is 1027 McCoy Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Some of the good news this go round: **Jim Weber** has completed his Chemo and is now battling kidney stones, what's next? **Art Todd** is recuperating in Reno. We miss you Art, come home.

Yours truly opted for physical therapy vs. surgery for a torn rotator cuff, old age sucks. I ran into **Ruth & Bill Redfern** at the orthopedic center, Ruth got an all systems go after her back surgery. Look out Bill.

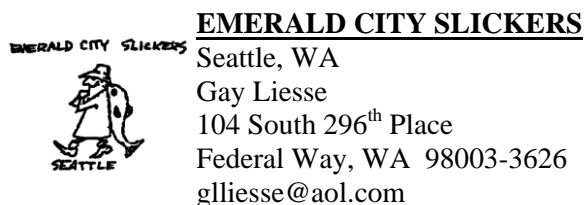
Our gal B is facing gall bladder surgery, best to you T.

Our October birthdays ~ **Doris Abbas** (8th), **Pat Lavelle** (10th), **Joan Ference** (17th), **Bernie Juth** (24th), **Marlene Mootsey** (28th).

October anniversaries ~ **Pat & Rosemarie Lavelle** (5th), **Bill & Verna Alex** (23rd). Rumor has it that Verna was so young she had to have parental permission to wed.

Let's go Bucs!

WASHINGTON



President **Dave & Linda Jones** returned from an ambitious Alaskan trip in time to conduct the first Emerald City Slickers' first meeting of the season, which hadn't yet been held as of this writing. More about our initial luncheon at the Elks Club in Burien will be furnished in the November RUAEA Newsletter, but in this issue we are looking forward to greeting members and friends for our September meeting. It appears that we'll return to

the Elks Club on the second Tuesday, October 14 and expect reports from convention-goers who will recently have returned from San Diego.

Thanks again to **Doris Spence** for connecting us with the Elks Club, to **Mary Luke** and **Noreen Krawczyk** for making the reservations, and to **Tom Holford** for publishing the details as interim editor of *Contrails*.

Anticipation grows for the drawing of winning tickets for “take your pick” door prizes donated by members and the 50/50 monetary prize. Our book exchange table also will be back in business. **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** deliver the leftover literary contributions to the public library.

We note in recent issues of this magazine that localites **Janet Ellis** (SEASW) from Port Orchard and **William Vogt** (SEAEG), Freeland, have retired and joined the national organization. We encourage them to attend an Emerald City Slickers’ luncheon!

A summer message from **Howard & Ruthann Clark** notes that they recently celebrated their 65th anniversary. **Howard** began his United career in 1955 and retired in 1989, having worked mostly in Passenger Service in Seattle. As part of the UAL Expansion Team, **Howard** helped open new stations in Phoenix, Tucson, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Calgary, and Edmonton. He helped train English-speaking Mexicans for new stations in Mexico. This man got around! **Howard & Ruthann** currently spend winters in Mesa, AZ and summers in Bothell, WA.

John Haferbecker shared the following information about two of our local retirees: *“Two of our members, who are World War II veterans, are feeling under the weather and we wish them a good recovery.”* **Don Hanson** served in the US Navy and **Lyle Lindblad** in the Army. Both served in the Pacific. (**Don** recently was hospitalized with pneumonia but is now recuperating at home.)

“Don had the chance to meet and shake the hand of Henry Ford (the 1st) while receiving military training in the Detroit area in the 1940s. Don has been active in veterans’ organizations and activities locally and served as a chaplain at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington, WA.

More recently, this past May Don was selected to fly to Washington, DC on an Honor Flight for veterans to visit the war memorials.”

“Lyle served on the staff of General MacArthur in Tokyo and in his work saw the general on a daily basis. Lyle was also selected to be present on the deck of the USS Missouri battleship in Tokyo Harbor on September 2, 1945 to witness the Japanese surrender to the Allies. In the early ‘50s, while working for United, Lyle assisted General and Mrs. Eisenhower when they traveled through Seattle in his presidential campaign.”

Our October birthday celebrants include **Mary Bratovich, Ruthann Clark, Ernie Nelson, Donna Neumeyer, Helen Stanger, and Ken Storey**. Hats off to each of you – and we hope we haven’t missed anyone. Lists become outdated much too quickly.

Wedding anniversary parties will honor **Jim & Jo Ann Bernovich** (63 years), **Mike & Mary Bratovich** (66 years), **Bill & JoAnn Gordius** (52 years), **Harold & Mildred McGuire** (72 years), **Steve & Louise Story** (40 years). Congratulations!

The proposed “mini-convention” of Pacific Northwest chapters of RUAEA has been postponed until at least spring, giving officers and organizers an opportunity to plan the get together and to notify members of their chapters. Watch for developing news.

During the year, we anticipate possible changes in leadership and responsibilities and hope to have some new blood filling chapter offices and committee chairs. A successful organization cannot survive without its members’ cooperation and willingness to take a turn at the helm. Your board welcomes all volunteers, as well as suggestions and input on what Emerald City Slickers would like to see at meetings and perhaps extra, outside activities during the year. Give them a call.

Calendar:

October 14 – Elks Club, Burien (tentative)

November 11 – To be determined

December – No meeting

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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The Clipped Wings 2014 year has come to an end for the previous National Officers who worked very hard to see the membership grow and to maintain a positive spirit. We welcome all the new and previous members to our great organization, and congratulate the incoming Chapter and National Officers.

I would personally like to finish my duty as a writer to the RUAEA membership with the following quote from Maria Shriver: *"You have to be willing to let go of the life you planned in order to make the life you're meant to live"*.

The Nominations Committee has completed a slate of officers for the National Executive Board of Clipped Wings that will be presented at the National Convention. Nominations from the floor, by the delegates attending the convention, will also be accepted for each office.

The nominations are as follows: *President* – **Suzanne Warren Fagan** – STL, *Vice President* – **Trudy Knox Engeldinger** – OAK, *Secretary* – **Eileen Olovson** – PHX, *Treasurer* – **Roxine Lukens** – SAN, **Dona Sizemore Jennison** - PDX

Clipped Wings is moving forward! Please come join Us!

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
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Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

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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:

Geraldine Cavallo, Steve Clement, Joanne Craig, Pamela Dahle, Charles Ellis, Walt Ferdinand, Chuck Lamas, Ursula MacMillan, Phyllis Maloney, Bob & Terry Minton, Charles O'Brien, Joyce Pfeiffer, William Rankin, Dorothy Stroud, Edmond Tholl, Cathy Vita.

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.)

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My appreciation for the commitment and dedication you display in publishing the newsletter. It is information that keeps the retirees grounded with United Airlines.

I have been retired for 19½ years. So many changes have taken place that I hardly recognize the company that so filled my life for 40 years.

My health is reasonable but I lost my wife 16 months ago to cancer.

Continued success in your endeavors and thank you again.

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In this world of so many ups and downs, we have to remember to run our own race. As the expression says we are thoroughbreds, we run and wear blinders to keep our eyes focused straight ahead to what is important.



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United Employee Service Center

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United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

Employee Travel Center

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Flying Together Help Desk

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The "Jack Webb Special". A United crew welcomes Jack and wife Mary Webb aboard at the start of a 27,000 mile tour promoting "Pete Kelly's Blues". The Webbs covered 31 cities in 38 days. In the photo are **Mary & Jack Webb**, First Officer **Bob Elliott**, Captain **Don Smith**, Stewardesses **Phyllis Blundell** & **Mary O'Connor** and Chief Passenger Agent **Ward Dietrich**.

Other "famous flyers" of United Airlines in 1955 were **Victor Borge** and two "friends" arriving in Denver; **Desi Arnaz** & "Lucy" arrived in Merced. United Stewardess **Jane Boran** welcomed **Tyrone Power** aboard in New York after he completed Central Park scenes in the "Eddie Duchin Story".

Marilyn Monroe enplaned at New York for a flight to Bement, IL for a Centennial celebration. **Jane Russell** & **Jeanne Crain** were in New York to begin appearances promoting "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes". **Jack Misselhorn**, United District Sales Manager - NY, presented 100,000 mile plaques to the **McGuire Sisters**.



Jimmy "the Schnozz" Durante was greeted with an "Aloha" by Stewardesses **Debbie Rierson** (left) & **Jackie Dutcher** at New York International Airport.

United also flew eleven "Hollywoodites" and producer **Paul Gregory** to Des Moines for the premiere of "Night of the Hunter".

Marvin Berryman TK Ret.- from United Air Lines News

Recently UAHF received donated items from: **Eileen Tanaka**, **Collene Wilson**, **Dagne Krekorian**, **Scott Praven**, **Beverly Strand** and **Steve & Mary Beard**.

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