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Recognition of Reno Chapter Officers and Denver Staff

This month, in addition to recognizing the Reno Sierra Roundup Officers, we wish to mention and thank our Denver office members. They are the center around which our organization functions. Like our local chapter officers, these volunteers have been serving RUAFA faithfully and cheerfully for many years.



Denver Office Staff

Standing, L to R:

Sharon Burbank, Secretary, **Cas Spokas**, Membership Manager/Computer Expert, **Carol Bare**, Secretary, **Virgil Gooselaw**, Executive Vice President, **Martha Gooselaw**, Newsletter Letters Section Editor.

Sitting, L to R:

Juliana Alfonso, Secretary, **Marilyn Hansen**, Secretary;

Not pictured: **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**, (Newsletter Managers) and **John Chu**.



Reno Officers L to R:

Mary Withers, Sunshine Lady (10 years); **Pat Zobol**, SFOMK, Secretary (10 years); **John Zobol**, SFOWR, President (10 years) & RUAFA Regional Director Northern California/Nevada; **Kathy Robinson**, Treasurer, SFOJJ (12 years); **Barbara Leusing**, Picnic Chair (5 years).



GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,

For those of you reading the paper edition of the newsletter, the Pittsburgh Convention is over. If you read the web edition, it may not have occurred yet. I'm sure those who attended enjoyed the event. We will have some information and photos in the November and December issues.

Next, it is Seattle for 2016! It has been 12 years since the last Seattle Convention, which had great attendance. There is a lot to see in Seattle, so mark your calendars for September 21- 25, 2016.

Now the holidays are just around the corner and I wish you well in your planning for the holidays. Watch when you fly if you plan to, the loads are expected to be heavy. Remember to review the United website as things are changing that will help retirees. Also review the RUAEA website as we make

changes.

Hank Gosselin
President RUAEA

A Message From Oscar Munoz, New CEO of United, September 8, 2015



Today we are announcing a series of executive changes, which are effective immediately. I recognize that this news is unexpected, and I want you to hear it directly from me, as United's new CEO.

Jeff Smisek, Nene Foxhall, EVP of communications and government affairs, and Mark Anderson, SVP of corporate and government affairs, have stepped down from their roles. These departures are in connection with United's previously disclosed internal investigation related to the federal investigation associated with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

In addition, the company announced Henry L. Meyer III, a current United director and the lead independent director, has been named non-executive chairman of the board.

As we move forward, let me take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself. As you may know, I have been on the board of directors of United, and previously Continental, for more than a decade. I am also a longtime United customer. Before today, I was the president and COO of CSX, one of the largest railroads in North America. Prior to that, I worked for several well-known consumer brands including AT&T, Pepsico, and The Coca-Cola Company.

I took this job because I am excited by what we can do together. There is incredible opportunity for innovation, for earnings growth, and for improving an experience that is essential to the vitality of global business and to the personal lives of millions of people. I will be relentless in pursuing these goals, and I hope and expect that all of you will share that same passion.

In the coming weeks, I will be making my first visits around the system. I want to talk to as many of you as possible because I want to get to know you and what you think about how things are going. How can we operate better? How can we better serve our customers? What support do you need to deliver that? You'll be seeing me frequently; I intend to regularly travel the system to hear about our operations directly from you - and you can hold me accountable for that.

In my career, I've found that three things are critical to any successful business. First, we must focus on customers and what we can do help them. In the telecommunications, consumer products and railway businesses, there are very real consequences if you don't meet the consumer's needs and desires. There are also

substantive rewards for doing so, and especially for exceeding customer expectations. Every day, you win or lose customers based on the slightest change in value and quality.

As you know, in the airline business, this is especially critical. Getting people where they want to go, reliably and happily, can make or break their ability to succeed in a work endeavor or to hug a family member at an important moment.

At United, I will dedicate myself to making our airline flyer-friendly.

Second, in any organization, especially a great airline, it's all about teamwork. I like to refer to this as "shared purpose". We are in a service business, and the thousands of people who work here are the key ingredient determining our success. To get our passengers where they want to go safely and happily requires thousands of us working together with a shared purpose of supporting each other in serving our customers. To achieve this, we must create and sustain a respectful dialog about our common goals - an ongoing conversation among ourselves. We cannot do this apart.

Third, I am excited to be a part of a company and industry that demands innovation. The world around us is changing. There are new forms of loyalty programs and affinity groups, a constantly changing regulatory environment, plus new digital and networking technologies that are emerging on a daily basis. At United, we will embrace this change, and make this an energized and exciting place to work.

Above all, my career has taught me that safety is paramount. Our passion for the safety of our people and our customers must be at the core of everything we do.

As we bring this airline forward, I promise to hold true to these principles of customer focus, teamwork through our shared purpose, continual innovation, and of course, safety.

I want our customers, my fellow workers, and our communities to respect each other and take pride in our accomplishments. Thank you for your dedication to our customers and to United, and I look forward to meeting you soon.

2016 Annual Enrollment is Quickly Approaching



The enrollment period for retirees begins on Monday, November 9 and continues through Friday, November 20.

2016 will offer new features, services, and options designed to help each of us at United live healthier, happier lives. In other words—thrive. And that goes for current employees and retirees alike.

Among the highlights of the 2016 plan are features and services that have a direct impact on you and your family. It's health coverage that's personal and targeted, giving you greater access to highly specialized qualified healthcare professionals, lower out-of-pocket costs for chronic health issues, a new national pharmacy partner provider, and in-store availability of 90-day supplies of maintenance medications.

To help you prepare and find the plan that best fits you, our easy-to-use online Decision Guide will be available mid-October. To view the Decision Guide and to learn more about these new features and services, go to BenefitsStraightTalk.com.

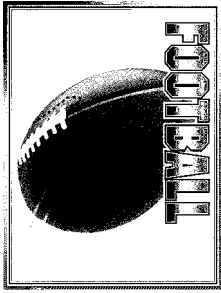
Message from United to all retirees



We are gradually launching the newly [designed united.com](http://designed.united.com) home page and booking path. When booking myUADiscount travel and the [Book](#) link takes you to the newly designed site, **you must close it, clear your browser cookies** and then return to click the [Book](#) link. This should take you to the previous version of united.com, which you will use to receive the discount until we transfer it to the new site expected early September.

Hut, hut, fly: More football teams fly us than ever before

Football season has begun for both the NFL and college football, and United is playing its biggest role ever in getting teams where they need to be.



United is flying 38 teams this season - the most the company has ever flown - up from last season's record number. United is flying 23 college football teams and 15 NFL teams, more than any other carrier. In addition, United is also flying one trip for the Army football team this season.

"Our list of charter clients continues to grow, which is a testament to the exceptional product we are delivering," Charters Managing Director Kevin Ross said. "This is a fun and highly profitable part of our business."

In addition, United is the official airline sponsor of five of the NCAA teams and 14 of the NFL teams the company flies.

Here is the list of football teams United is flying this season (in bold are teams for which United is the official airline sponsor):

NCAA ~ **Baylor University**, University of Colorado, Indiana University, Louisiana State University, **Northwestern University**, Ohio State University, **Oklahoma State University**, Penn State University, Rutgers University, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Tulane University, University of California, **University of California at Los Angeles**, University of Houston, University of Maryland, University of Nebraska, **University of Oklahoma**, University of Oregon, University of Texas, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Southern California.

NFL ~ **Buffalo Bills**, **Chicago Bears**, **Cleveland Browns**, **Denver Broncos**, **Detroit Lions**, **Houston Texans**, **Kansas City Chiefs**, **New Orleans Saints**, **New York Giants**, **New York Jets**, **San Francisco 49ers**, **St. Louis Rams**, **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**, **Tennessee Titans**, and **Washington Redskins**.

Travel Advisory from Kirk Moore



Cannot log into Flying Together with Firefox or IE ~ United's IT Service Desk sent RAFA this message *"That is a known issue with Firefox. The only available workaround has been halted as it makes the workstation vulnerable to viruses. They will need to use IE. Internet Explorer is United's primary browser"*. If you cannot log into Flying Together with Internet Explorer, add coair.com and ual.com to IE's compatibility view. Here are instructions:

1. Open IE; press the Alt key, click "Tools" on the menu bar, and then click "Compatibility View settings". You may also find the same info on the settings (gear icon) on the top right of the menu bar.
2. In the "Add this website box", first type coair.com, then ual.com and then click the "Add" button.
3. Retirees who still cannot access Flying Together with I.E. can call the IT Service Desk. Please call after 6 PM Central time: 800-255-5801.
4. Several retirees report they can still use Firefox version 38.0.5 with Flying Together, but newer versions like Firefox 39.0 or 40.0.3 will not work.

Retirees use Chrome to access Flying Together ~ Several retirees are successfully using Google's Chrome browser with Flying Together. If IE and Firefox aren't working for you, try Chrome; apparently the latest version (44.0.2403.157) works fine.

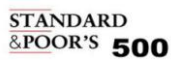
However, keep in mind, United does not support Chrome. Here is a message from the IT Service Desk: *"Yes (let retirees know about using Chrome) and that if they have issues, we do not support Chrome so a call into us would do no good"*.

iPad users, take note ~ Several iPad users report they can access FlyingTogether but not employeeRES. The IT Svc Desk says: *"If they can't access employeeRES on their iPads and their home computers, call the IT Service Desk as we need more information to open a ticket"*.

Other iPad users report they can access FlyingTogether and can run a Pass Travel Report, but only the first page of the report is visible; they cannot swipe/scroll to the other pages. The IT Svc Desk says: *"If they can't view the report successfully on their iPads and on their home computers, call the IT Service Desk as we need more information to open a ticket."*

The IT Service Desk is best reached after 6 PM Central time: 800-255-5801.

United joined S&P 500 in September



United Continental Holdings joined the S&P 500 stock index after the close of trading on September 2. Companies included in the S&P 500 have demonstrated through a number of measures, like financial viability and strong liquidity, that they belong in the top tier of publicly traded companies.

Personal device entertainment communication efforts continue to ramp up

Customers who use United Private Screening's personal device entertainment are more satisfied with their flight experience, so United is improving awareness of the service throughout the summer.

United will promote personal device entertainment on economy-seat tray tables on all Airbus planes and Boeing 777s that fly primarily between the mainland U.S. and HNL (Honolulu). The tray tables feature cityscape images with simple, visual messaging about how to access the free streaming service.



"We believe that this subtle yet visible message will help inform customers about the entertainment for their flight," said Product Development and Brand Management Managing Director Maria Walter.

The tray table messaging supplements United's pre-flight efforts to help ensure customers are prepared for the service by downloading the United app, charging their device and bringing headphones. Customers who are booked on flights with United Private Screening receive a pre-flight email with information about the service. They can also learn about the service through amenity information on united.com and the app, gate messaging,

announcements and dedicated gate personnel at hubs who communicate to and assist customers.

United now offers personal device entertainment on more than 300 aircraft, more free streaming entertainment than any airline. And, there are more choices than ever before with expanded HBO programming, Tribeca Film Festival selections and exclusively curated content from Vevo, the world's leading all-premium music video and entertainment platform. United plans to install personal device entertainment on more than 650 mainline and regional aircraft, including United's international fleet.

United launched new ground handling business



United launched United Ground Express, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Airlines that will provide cost effective ground handling services at traditionally outsourced locations. *"With approximately 150 outsourced stations within the U.S., we believe we have a great opportunity to take on some work that was previously handled by business partners,"* said United Ground Express President Lynda Coffman. *"United Ground Express, while being a separate company from United Airlines, will allow us to mirror United's flyer friendly service philosophy, providing customers with a seamless travel*

experience."

United Ground Express will provide customer service, station operations, ramp, baggage handling and cargo service. The company will launch service later this year in select stations where United's business partner Envoy is exiting and will also provide ground handling for United's new service to and from AZO (Kalamazoo, Michigan) starting Dec. 9, 2015. It will expand to more locations in 2016. United will continue to use ground handling business partners in markets where it makes financial and logistical sense to do so.

United Ground Express began recruiting to place qualified applicants in available positions and launched a new website with additional information, unitedgroundexpress.com.

New Cargo deal gives us an industry 1st



United Cargo recently announced the signing of a global rental agreement with va-Q-tec, a provider of high-performance units for temperature-controlled transport of pharmaceuticals. This agreement makes us the first North American carrier to announce the availability of va-Q-tainer rentals directly through the airline.

“These va-Q-tainer units allow us to transport shipments at temperatures from -50 Celsius up to 25 Celsius - the widest range we have ever offered,” said TempControl Product Development and Marketing Manager Krisha Kucharski.

TempControl is the industry-leading service for commodities requiring temperature-controlled transport.

United Cargo’s centralized 24/7 Control Tower team, the experts who manage every process throughout the life cycle of each TempControl shipment, will handle all va-Q-tainer rentals.

These units will enable United to better utilize its narrowbody fleet. Previously, units leased for cool chain transport fit on widebodies only. Using narrowbodies will greatly expand the number of cities TempControl can serve - a key benefit as the bio-pharma transport industry expands into new markets. These units are also much easier for United’s field teams to handle as they eliminate the need for batteries, dry ice and plug-in power.

United plans to begin va-Q-tainer rentals in the fourth quarter of this year.

So Simple from Sheryl



Another easy recipe that everyone enjoys! This may be served as a main dish or side dish. I like serving it with a favorite fruit salad or a nice green salad.

Ravioli with browned butter sauce:

Brown one stick of butter in a sauce pan.

Add about one half cup each of dried cranberries and chopped pecans.

Simmer 2 - 4 minutes.

Boil frozen ravioli as directed on package. I prefer spinach cheese or squash ravioli. Drain.

Writers’ Column – Northern Lites 25th Anniversary by Mary Brennan



Twenty-five years ago on September 12, 1990, a core group of UAL retirees met for coffee at the Airport Hilton. **Joe Balogh, Wes Briest, Mary Brennan, Joe Eyestone, Sally Campbell, Andy & Norma Holen, Gerry & Barb Wilmes and Bill & Rusty Young** all wanted to keep our “UAL” family together. It was decided to meet the second Wednesday of every month with dues set at \$3.00 per year per couple.

At our second meeting in October, we voted to name the group “MSP Northern Lites”, decided on the logo and began our association with RUAEA. Mailings were sent to fellow retirees and we moved our meetings to **Andy Holen’s** club, the Richfield Legion. Gradually we evolved from coffee, rolls and breakfast to lunch and a meeting at various venues in the Twin City metro area.

Throughout the early years we joined with the Mainliner Club and active MSP employees at their Christmas party. Traditionally, a summer picnic was hosted by one of the couples.

1991 and '92 picnics were held at **Andy & Norma Holen’s** place at Mille Lacs, MN

1993 ~ **Chris & Rusty Christopherson** at Finlayson, MN

1994 ~ **Frank & Loita Brower, Cal & Dorothy Alderman** and **Ken & Anna Knutson** at Merrifield, MN

1995 ~ **Joe & Dee Eyestone** and **Nel Brawner** at Northfield, MN

1996 ~ Mainliner Club & Northern Lites for new retirees **Donna Gray, Bob Hagerla** and **Connie Glattly** at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis

1997 ~ Mainliner Club & Northern Lites for new retirees **Rick Jones, Wayne Cole & Roger Nelson** at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis

1998 ~ **Andy & Norma Holen** at Mille Lacs

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2001 ~ **Connie & Rich Glattly** in Willow River, MN

2002 ~ **Jan Meyer & Roger Jorgenson** at a park in Lanesboro, MN

2003 ~ **Connie & Rich Glattly** in Willow River

2004 ~ **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** in Baldwin, WI

2005 ~ **Mary & Jim Brennan** in Danbury, WI

2006 ~ **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** in Baldwin, WI

2007 ~ **Connie & Rich Glattly** in Willow River

2008 ~ **Al Gunderson** and **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** at Town Hall, Baldwin, WI

2009 ~ **Fred & Rita Stang** at Chisago City, MN

2010 ~ **Dave & Janet Wiley** at Forest Lake, MN

2011 ~ **Jim Simon** in Chetek, WI

2012 ~ **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** at their lake home in WI

2013 ~ Old Country Buffet (no hosts)

2014 ~ **Bud & Jo Ayres** at a park in River Falls, WI

2015 ~ Lunch & boat trip on the St. Croix River out of Stillwater, MN

All of the picnics were well attended, none were totally rained out (but it came close a couple of times!) and some were very hot. There is always lots of good food, some wine provided by the **Gundersons**, sometimes white elephant gifts and one time, home-made ice cream.

Many of our members are also part of the “Northwoods Loon(ie)s” chapter. This group meets twice each year in spring and fall at various locations for two or three days. Retirees come from Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, California and Arizona. If you worked for United, you can be a Loonie and by attending one of their gatherings, you’re a “Loonie Forever”.

The Northern Lites hosted the 1999 RUAEA convention in Minneapolis. Our small chapter pulled together with the help of some active MSP employees and had 999 attendees. (One registration must have been misplaced somewhere!).

Nel Brawner took over the helm as general chairperson with help from **JoAnn Eichacker**, registration; **Jim & Mary Brennan**, treasurers; **Connie Glattly**, publicity and tours; **Era Hoffmeyer**, table décor and art raffle; **Ethel Johnson**, secretary; **Ann Skolkin**, hospitality; **Cindy White**, 50/50 raffle; **Donna Gray**, menu design and hospitality bags and **Jack Spalding**, displays and transportation.

The tours, two banquets with entertainment, social hours, special presentations by UAL insurance and credit union representatives, and breakfasts for chapter officers and newsletter correspondents, all happened without too many glitches.

We maintain a balance in our treasury through our 50/50 raffles and current annual dues of \$5. This enables us to give to various charitable causes throughout the year. The MSP Serviceman’s Center at the airport, Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel, Dorothy Day, Sharing and Caring Hands, Salvation Army, the Fantasy Flights and many other local and UAL system-wide causes are on our list.

Past Officers:

- ❖ President ~ **Joe Balogh, Jack Doke, Nel Brawner, Joe Eyestone**
- ❖ Vice President (didn’t always have one) ~ **Jan Hannah, Ethel Johnson**
- ❖ Secretary ~ **Mary Brennan** with occasional help from **Connie Glattly**
- ❖ Treasurer ~ **Sally Campbell, Donna Gray, Al Kilian, Cindy White, Arlene Kelley**
- ❖ RUAEA Correspondent ~ **Connie Glattly**
- ❖ RUAEA Midwest Director 2008-2010 ~ **Jim Simon**

Currently, our President is **Lee Storlie**, who has served since 2001; Vice-President is **Janet Meyer** and **Bud Ayres** is Treasurer. **Mary Brennan** and **Connie Glattly** continue as co-secretaries with Connie still being the RUAEA correspondent. A special thanks to the spouses who cheerfully support our efforts.

We welcome guests and active employees to join us as part of our “UAL” family. We remain supportive of all and offer a special prayer for all our members, spouses and loved ones who have passed before us these 25 years.

NO ONE IS FORGOTTEN.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges** at 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 2ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaeaneewsletter@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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Unfortunately I was unable to attend the August meeting, and heard we only had 4 attend. So I don't have much to report but I will attend the September meeting and will have a full report.

As always, all retired United friends and families are welcome to join us. For information, please call **Joe Jones** at the above number, or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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By now, most of our Azures snowbirds have returned to the warmth of the Arizona sun from their northern homes and are settling in for the winter months. As in the past, our breakfasts will have more in attendance as a few more of our members live in the Sun City West area.

The Azures Board has been busy throughout the summer meeting, emailing and planning our outings and meetings for the 2015/16 season. Every one of them has had their chance for input and securing new and some old “favorite” luncheon sites.

As usual, we will start our season with the annual picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West, 12755 West Beardsley Road, (623) 584-6079, on Friday, October 16, 11:00am. We will have Deluxe Bag lunch from Archie’s Deli in Surprise, AZ which will consist of a choice of sandwich (choice of beef or turkey), redskin potato salad, dill pickle, fresh fruit, a gourmet brownie, napkins and utensils for \$15.00/person. (The Board has decided to include your \$5.00 yearly dues in the picnic price). The Azures chapter will supply beverages.

Joe Hopkins will be collecting the money and taking your choice of sandwich. Send to Joe at 3333 North 151st Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395, (623) 399-8544.

Our November Thanksgiving dinner will be held at Lou’s Tivoli Gardens, 12555 West Bell Road, Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224, Saturday, November 21. The price is \$13.95 per person. **Joe Hopkins** will be collecting the money. Send to Joe at 3333 North 151st Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

We have certain items to be discussed at the picnic as we start into our season. One is what to do with the surplus monies in the Treasury. It is the members’ money through dues and 50/50 raffles so we will need their input. Do we: 1) subsidize luncheons; 2) make more donations; 3) eliminate annual dues. Or, any suggestions you may have. We have a hefty Treasury, way more than most other chapters and we need your input. Therefore, we are asking that most of the members either try and come to the picnic or give us your comments on how we should dispense with the surplus monies. If we decide to keep the annual dues as is, \$5.00 per person (if in attendance included in the picnic price) is due by December 2015. Just a little “food for thought”.

The Azures Board is happy to announce that our monthly events calendar is complete and information will be sent to the members in a timely manner. We think our membership will enjoy some changes and the new venues.

I understand that **Vivian Klick (George - ORDCG)** had a great birthday on August 31. Romantic dinner, roses, more flowers from her daughter and assorted presents. So happy for you.

Rose Barry (Dave - ORDMM) made another trip to Aruba in August with friends from Pebblecreek. We hope you had a great time, Rose! Stay healthy dear friend.

Carol & Vic Liltz met **Mitch & Connie Russo** and **Linda Kluth** and friend, **Stan**, for dinner a few times this summer while at their “northern” home in Illinois. Linda, Stan and Carol were celebrating “monumental” birthdays this year, that’s all I’ll say. Such fun! **Ed & Marie Bobrik** announced they were off on a vacation. Where, that will remain a secret! **Judy Weber, Lynn Auchincloss, Paulette Miller, Linda Mandala, Ruth Livingston** and **Carol Liltz** met for lunch at Cooper’s Hawk in So. Barrington, IL to celebrate Paulette’s, Ruth’s and Carol’s birthdays in August and September. Such a hoot being with good and ole’ friends!

We need to start thinking and securing items for donation to the Fantasy Flight: small children’s blankets, stuffed animals, soaps, socks, and items for the children to give to their parents for Christmas exchange. A more itemized list will be available shortly from the committee and we will alert our members. Tis the season for giving and helping these unfortunate children.

October Birthdays: **Curt Stenberg** (10/21). October Anniversaries: **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** (10/3); **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz** (10/19); **Ken & Pat Paulson** (10/28). Congratulations to all!

Calendar:

October 6 & 20 - Breakfasts at Coco’s, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830. Call **Sherry Muoio** at (623) 572-4828 for reservations.



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The RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh is now history. What a great time was had by all those who attended! Thanks to all the committee members and officers involved for all their hard work and effort that they made on this convention. It was a good time of the year to show off Pittsburgh to all the retirees.

Our Re-United chapter continues to meet for breakfast normally on the fourth Friday of each month and soon we'll also have monthly luncheons. Our next breakfast is Friday, October 23 at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We hope to see you there. The snowbirds should be returning to Arizona this month or shortly thereafter. We're looking forward to seeing them plus any fellow United or Continental person/s who retired from them, or may have worked for the airlines at any time and is 55 years old or older is welcomed to join us. We know there are a number of people who live in the Phoenix area who are eligible to be included. We would love to meet you and know you will feel comfortable with our members. If you plan on attending the October 23rd breakfast, please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know by Wednesday, October 21, so she can alert the restaurant as to the number of attendees from our chapter to expect. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Our August breakfast had 17 attending. It was good to see **Jim & Kathy Brigante** back with us as they have been doing a lot of traveling. Our Vice-President, **Peg**, reported that the meetings for this year's Fantasy Flight are now beginning. A fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, at My Wine Cellar, starting at 6:00 p.m. It's located at 5030 E. Warner Rd. in Ahwatukee. We were given two round trip tickets, 1st Class, within the 48 states to use for our raffle from World Headquarters. On Tuesday, November 10, starting at 9:30 a.m., we will be decorating Gates C and D. This is the same area we have been using in previous years. On Friday, December 4, starting at 7:00 a.m., we will depart for the North Pole along with 100 excited, low income, kindergarten through second grade children on board. This is the 20th Anniversary of Phoenix hosting the Fantasy Flight. Hundreds of children and in some cases, now adults, have wonderful memories of going on this flight.

We need the following items to go into the gift bags we give each child: Boys and girls pajamas, size 5 – 7, boys and girls socks, sizes 11 – 5, children size gloves, fleece throw blankets, and cute huggable stuffed animals, about 12 to 15 inches long. Please give these items to **Peg Snowdall** at any time. She will make sure all your purchases will be included for the children. Thanks, **Peg**, for all you do to help make the Fantasy Flight so successful!

Thursday, October 15 is the Oktoberfest luncheon at Bavarian Point, 4815 E. Main Street in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m. with the social hour, and the luncheon at noon, hosted by **Cindy Hilsabeck** and **Dakota Morris-Terry**. Here's your chance to eat some good German food! The menu consists of your choice of either Sauerbraten served with cabbage and dumpling, Wiener schnitzel, breaded pork cutlet served with German fries or Bratwurst with mashed potatoes and sauerkraut. Also available at an extra cost is the salad bar, soup of the day, and four desserts, including apple strudel. The prices of the entrees were sent in an e-mail from **Cindy Hilsabeck** to each member. Hope many will be able to attend. If you have any questions, contact **Cindy** at (480) 924-8118 or **Dakota** at (602) 920-7785. Reservations, with your entree choice, is due by Wednesday, **October 7** to **Cindy**. Her e-mail is cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com.

We have the following birthdays for October: **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 have several Wedding Anniversaries in October: **Judy & Andy Burtner** (10/12/84), **Christine & Bill Rang** (10/18/81), **Bill & Pam Betz** (10/19/85), **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (10/24/64), **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

October 15 – Luncheon at Bavarian Point Restaurant, 4815 E. Main St., Mesa, in the Main Street Shopping Center, starting at 11:00 a.m. Hosts are **Cindy Hilsabeck**, (480) 924-8118, e-mail ferrol22@gmail.com, and **Dakota Morris-Terry**, (602) 920-7785, e-mail dctdmt03@cox.net.

October 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservations by Wednesday, October 21, or call her at (480) 396-3317.

November 13 – Buffet Luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 1318 N. Cooper Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 am with the social hour, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, (480) 655-1419, e-mail bvrock@cox.net.

November 20 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. **Note:** This is moved up one week because of Thanksgiving.

TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

After our chapter's summer "vacation", we will resume our usual luncheon meetings in October.

We have been notified of the passing of a former member of our chapter; Don Larson, most recently of Leesburg, IL. Don passed on June 16th, 2015. We fondly remember Don & Vi and their friendship.

Our next meeting will be at the new remodeled Lone Spur Café on October 20th at 11:00AM.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS



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August's luncheon held at Chopstix in Marana was attended by sixteen roadrunners. **John Bennatts**, the assigned host was on the road in eastern Washington, and in his absence **Claire Byle** graciously accepted the host duties. A personal thank you to Claire for taking over!

Because this newsletter is composed and sent to press in early September, I will not be able to comment on the Convention in Pittsburg or our local luncheon to be hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson** on September 17.

Milestones ~ Anniversaries: **Marcy & Ed Degan**. Birthdays: **Jeff Lawyer** (1), **Rich DiLallo** (5), **Sandy Lawyer** (7), **Mary Garrahan** (8), **Ray Potsic** (11), **Stephanie Rayburn** (20) and **Larry Clark** (26).

Calendar:

October 15 – Luncheon at Harvest Restaurant, 11:30 10355 N. La Canada Dr., Oro Valley (SW corner of Lambert), hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez**. Please RSVP by Friday October 9, (520) 797 9331 or alandpal@comcast.net.

December 10 - (second week in December), to be held at the Arizona Inn, hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**. A portion of the cost will be assumed by the roadrunner treasury.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our August meeting was held at the Santa Maria Inn hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We had our own room with great service. Those attending were **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Joan & Peter Schaefer**, **Esther &**

Bob Bartlett, Ken & Stella Bake, John & Barbara Stilwell who also invited their son Jason, the Deputy City Manager of Santa Maria.

We missed several of our regulars. **Kathy Shurtleff** who was in Washington. **John Wessel** was unable to attend. **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** were out of town. **Nina Powers** was touring Michigan and Canada along with traveling the Great Lakes. **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** had said they would be attending, however they did not show. I called Jack and he said they were ready to come, but Eleanor was not up to it although she was feeling better towards the afternoon. Needless to say, they were missed.

Vice President Esther Bartlett began our meeting by greeting everyone and collecting for the 50/50 drawing.

As secretary, I updated the information I had regarding those who told me they were not able to attend our meeting. **John Stilwell** wanted to know if anyone was going to attend the Convention in PIT. Since he was the only one, I asked him if he would be attending the Correspondents' or Presidents' meeting. It seems that both meetings are at the same time, so he will decide when he gets there.

Our Treasurer, Marcia Stanger, said that our treasury has \$412.21. John Stilwell won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to our treasury. Thank you, John.

John Stilwell updated us on the Flight 93 Memorial that he will attend during the Convention. The church that is next to the Memorial was badly damaged and needs repair. It appears that a woman driving by the church was interested on helping pay for the repairs, she happens to be the President of Home Depot. John will update the results of the repair when he gets back from the Convention.

John Stilwell visited Cuba several years ago. The hotel accommodations were few and in need of repair. John said that the Princess Cruise Lines will be allowed to dock at Cuba, which will allow tourists to visit Cuba and then have a place to stay on the boat. This should help their economy.

Ken & Stella Bake told us of their motor trip from MIA to Key West. After arriving in Key West, they found that there were no hotel rooms available, everything was sold out. They then started to return and stopped at every island that they thought they would be able to stay at. Again, there was nothing available, this was in July. They then had to return to MIA where their motor home broke down and they will be flying down to get it. They had a positive attitude and we hope they will be able to get back to normalcy soon.

Calendar:

October 21 – Next meeting hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**. Time and place to be determined.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds met at a relatively new Restaurant in our desert - Stuft Bar & Grill in Palm Desert. **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss** were our hosts, and the selections were plentiful and delicious.

Carole Paquin brought a good friend from Manhattan Beach, **Pat Sakamoto**, our only guest this month. But among the twenty nine Sunbirds in attendance were **Maureen Williams** and the Clappers, all who have had health issues in recent months. We will keep them in our prayers for continued health improvement, and hope we will again see them regularly at the Luncheons.

Sandy Sereno missed the meeting, as she was in Harrisburg, PA visiting her sister.

Fred Kellerhals had a rather harrowing experience on the road. Fred had gone back to Genoa-Kingston, IL, for his 50th High School Reunion. On his return, near the Arizona-California border, he was passing a big-rig (Highway - one lane each way), and as he was side-by-side with the truck, he ran over a mesquite branch. The branch caught up in the wheel-well and caused his car to slow down quickly. Fortunately, there were no cars coming from the opposite way, and Fred was able to limp to the right side shoulder. He then was able to pry the branch from his undercarriage (which had embedded itself so far that he could not open his driver-side door). The branch removed, he was able to continue his return home safely. We're glad everything worked out OK Fred. And where was Jan when all this happened? At home - she doesn't like long car rides!

Ken Hawley won the Birthday Lunch; **Val Tinus** took home \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing. **Doreen Roberts** brought two bottles of wine to be added to the raffle. **Maureen Williams** and **Ken Hawley** (again?).

Calendar:

October 8 – Hosted by **Bill & Lia Schultz**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Pasta, salads, spaghetti – with and without meatballs – some vino, Parmesan cheese – you know, all the delicious flavors that can be found at the Old Spaghetti Factory. **Charlie & Carleene Hyde** arranged this favorite spot for our August luncheon and meeting in Rancho Cordova. President **Rudy Blazius** extended a hearty Thank You for all of us. Rudy welcomed our two guests; **Bill Dinette** brought his sister, **Jackie** and **Thom Biro** brought **Sherry**. In response to his “Birthday Question”, we learned that **Rudy & Judie Leimer** both enjoy birthdays in August. **Joe & Lynda Lima** celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss this month. Wow, that’s a great number of years to be together. They seem to be very happy, though, Joe is sporting a sling on his left arm – something to do with a fire truck injury. Congratulations to all of you and welcome to Jackie and Sherry.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** always keep us up to date on the goings on with UAL. This month he shared with our members information regarding International SOS, Frontier Airlines Bundle Fees, and UA returns to its roots in North Bend, OR.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** related an incident that reminds us of the powerful, respected company that all of you helped to create. One of our mechanics found a purse on a plane that a passenger left behind, accidentally, no doubt. He turned the purse in to his supervisor. The passenger was elated to get back her property, completely intact and undisturbed. The pride we all share for United Airlines continues in the integrity of our employees. Keep up the good work!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** asked if any of our members were planning to attend the RUAEA Convention. As secretary of our group, she would attend the Correspondents’ Meeting at the Convention. But, Jane is not attending and is asking if anyone from our group, who will be going to the convention, would like to attend that meeting in her place. No one spoke up, so she will let RUAEA know that we won’t have a person there. Jane has ordered our nifty name tags for **Judie Leimer, Bill & Linda Dinette**. The name tags cost \$6.50 each (includes shipping). If you would like to order a new/replacement name tag, please let Jane know.

Now, Jane was, finally, able to get in touch with **Dick Czapkay’s** son, **Richard**. Dick is doing well, he is living at an assisted residence in Pleasanton. The address is Sunol Creek Memory Care, 5980 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566. If you are in the area and have a few extra minutes to go by and say hello to Dick, please do so. If you would like to have Richard’s phone number so you can talk to him yourself, please let me know and I will give it to you.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us this month, but his lovely wife, **Suzanne**, brought his report to us. Our checking account is healthy with a balance of \$1,106.86. This total does not include the money from today’s Drawing Of Opportunity.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** let us know that **Andi Stuchell** had a heart attack, but she is doing fine and back home. Andi has not lost her sense of humor – she reports that she has a renter living in the lower level of her home – and that she just may become a “cougar”! Go, Andi!

Suzanne and **Jane Gibson** went over the membership list last month and came up with a few folks who we have not seen or heard from in a while. Suzanne was able to contact a few of them. The **Limas** were here today so, other than Joe’s hurt arm, they are doing fine. She spoke to **Herb & Kathy Prevost** – they are doing well, just have a conflict with our meeting day.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was here today, but **Joe** had a doctor’s appointment and they needed to leave early. She updated our Memory Book. Lynda does such a great job with keeping our history recorded for us.

Old Business ~ If you have tried to use the E-Blast app on your phone and had trouble with it, go to RUAEA@qwestoffice.net.

Now, whether you’re ready or not, we have to get things in order for our December luncheon, especially since it is a busy month for gatherings. Last month, we requested that members get information on a site and/or a caterer and present that information to our members today. You all did great with this request.

Sierra House was one place suggested. However, \$25.00 for sandwiches put it out of consideration.

Bill Dinette contacted Cold Springs Golf Course and they got back to him about an hour before the meeting. If someone is a member of the club, the fee would be \$200.00 and the usual type of foods (i.e. chicken, etc.) would cost about \$21.50 each.

Kerry Kozelka researched caterer, Pat Kennealy's BBQ Catering. Pat offered a good selection to choose from and his price was comparable to others.

Bill Dinette was in touch with Cork & Fork, a caterer with whom we are familiar. Again, the "usual" meal choices and a similar price.

One of our concerns is running out of food. Last year, while everything was very nice and tasty, the folks who were toward the end of the line did not have the same selection as those who were at the front. So, each of these catering companies knows that we would like to have our meals served and their prices reflect that wish.

Suzanne and Kerry both contacted the Cary House in Placerville. December 14th is available, it can handle 40-60 people and it runs \$250.00 with a time limit of 4 hours. It is a nice setting, has tables/chairs, but the parking is not so great.

Our other option is the American Legion Hall in Placerville. We have used their facility before, it will be \$200.00 with no time limit. Oh, and you can bring your own wine without any charge.

After much discussion, pros and cons for each caterer and location debated, we took a vote. Between Pat Kennealy and Cork & Fork, the choice was to hire Cork & Fork to cater our luncheon. The choice between Cary House and the American Legion found American Legion the winner. **John Muir** will make arrangements with us for December 14th. It was mentioned that maybe homemade desserts would be a welcome addition to the meal.

Miscellaneous ~ **Thom Biro** shared that **Jim Williams**, a UAL engineer died August 2 from leukemia.

If you would like to order a dandy shirt with the Hangtown Miners unique logo stitched on it, contact Thom for style, color and size. They really are well made shirts and reasonably priced. Check out the close up in the pictures section. If you like butterflies, he will have seeds for their favorite plant – let him know if you're interested.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close, our Drawing Of Opportunity began with **Cindy Blazius** winning the donors' prize. Our thanks to all who brought items for our drawing: **Blazius** – Watering Can; **Kenny** - Italian wine & cookies; **Akin** – eggs; **Dinette** – Wine & wine holder; **Wolfram** – tray; **Lima** – basket; **Kenney** – sugar & cream with tray; **Leimer** – wine; **Raber** – wine & DVDs; **Dalleske** – wine; **Gibson** – credit card case; **Biro** - platter & carafe; **Ouchi** – towels; **Devore** – night light.

Our September luncheon/meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Dorean Ames** at Mimi's Cafe in Folsom on Monday, September 14th. While this is an "order and pay yourself" lunch, Bob needs to know that you will be attending so the restaurant can set up the area with enough seating for us. Don't forget to contact them by September 9th.



REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIRES**

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Greetings RER Members:

Our August luncheon was held at LaGare Restaurant, hosted by **Verda Burr** and **Carol Hanna**, and they decorated the tables with a cute artificial flower arrangement with a battery operated butterfly rotating around the pot. We had a menu of a nice morel mushroom soup, butter lettuce salad, and a choice of Salmon Fillet, Beef in mushroom wine sauce, Breast of Chicken in a brandy mushroom sauce, and their vegetarian flaky pastry with feta cheese & vegetables. For dessert, we had a great tasting mango custard tart, coffee and tea!

President **Larry Wilson** started the meeting, welcomed us all and thanked **Verda Burr** and **Carol Hanna** for hosting the luncheon and stated we had four visiting guests. He called up Vice President **Jerry Underhill** to announce the guests for the day. He welcomed **Jill Schwartz**, daughter of Treasurer **Oscar Chambers**; **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **Sue McDonald**, the daughter of **Herb Johnson**, one of our new members. Jerry and his wife Barbara also brought the nice wines to be raffled off at the end of the meeting!

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** brought the status report on our RER General and Charity Fund accounts. We have a combined total of \$957.16 in our accounts, and the Charity Fund is growing well, but we have only a few more months to build it up to have a nice healthy total to distribute to the local charities that will be decided upon in November. Remember our Charity box as we arrive next month!

Barney Hagen, our Travel expert, reported that only the spring season changes were still up on the skynet.ual.com website instead of the summer season declarations. He encouraged us to try the FlyingTogether.ual.com site, sign in with your username (i.e. e-mail address?) plus password to get an updated report. If having any problems, try Google Chrome, or ask for help.

Roger Casterline shared the updated status of American Airlines which has a new 1st class pet seating policy for passenger convenience. He announced the recent passing of **Jim Williams**, an SFO engineer known to many of the members, who died of leukemia, a blood disease complication of prostate cancer for which he was treated and suffered a long time! He will be missed! Roger also mentioned the current renovation of an original 727 going on in their hangar in Seattle. It is the first 727 designed and created by Boeing for United Airlines, which will be restored in the original UAL colors, and be donated to the Boeing Museum of Flight, in Seattle. Boeing is asking for donations from the RUAEA chapters in the United States for this restoration project, which will need to be addressed by each chapter.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the August Birthdays: **Fred McCauley** and **Joan Sheahan**. The standout Anniversary for August is for **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, a whopping 59 years!!

Congratulations were sung for all! She stated that **Helen Furber** was home now after a recent fall, injuring her arm; she spent some time in a facility recuperating. She would appreciate hearing from us. **Joanne Huhn** said she will send a card from our RER chapter. Then Verda told us an outrageous joke at which we all laughed uproariously! Verda sure is a treasure to our chapter!

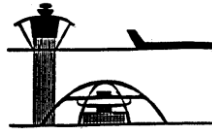
Finally, we drew the raffle tickets for the bottles of wine, the nicely wrapped See's Candies, and the mechanical butterfly flower centerpiece.

We will be back at the La Gare Restaurant next month, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jan Blackburn**.

Jerry Underhill will be filling in for **Larry Wilson** as President for our September luncheon and **Val Hulsey** will be acting Secretary for me as Larry and I will be on a cruise for our 50th wedding anniversary to Alaska! It will be our first ever cruise. Have a great month as Summer is winding up, but the warm to hot weather will continue into our "Indian Summer", then we may be seeing an El Nino rainy season that we all look forward to for the replacement in water levels that we so sorely need in California and the Western states! Have a nice September luncheon/meeting, and we will see you in October!

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My sincere apologies for the lateness of this information. I must advise you that **Sandy Ortiz**, LAXRR, passed away on February 18th and was laid to rest on February 25th in Riverside, CA. Sandy was an admirable woman who survived multiple medical conditions all through her life and still maintained a kind, caring personality. Her passing was shared with me by our LAXRR reporter, **Jim Ferrance** and then was lost in a crash of my computer. My love and prayers to her family and friends. Send notes to Mrs. **Darlene Emert**, 10820 E. Dartmouth St., Mesa, AZ 85207.

At the August luncheon, **Roger Dunworth** came looking great after his last surgery. Unfortunately, Roger developed a blood clot and Drs. kept a close eye on his recovery. But he seems to have recovered well. By the way, the Dunworths celebrated their 56th Wedding Anniversary on the 20th of July. Congratulations!

Three of the RESANS from San Diego drove up for our luncheon, **Betty Tomaino**, **Barbara Drews** and **Louis Semon**. We had worked with them on the San Diego convention and we appreciate their visit. **Charlene Walker** bought her mother; **Velma Walker** a friend, **Ellen Ignacio** and "Doodlebug", her Mom's darling dog. She also brought boxes of toys for us to store for our Christmas Toy Drive for the children at Vista Del Mar. What a generous loving lady. Thank you, Charlene.

Another guest was brought by **Joan Hoffmann**. She bought **Peggy Halstead**, a former member of the Re-LAX-ers. We've missed her since she moved to Washington State. Welcome back to sunny California!

Ester & Louis Horompoly brought a family member with them, **Marika Gyorgy** and **Fran Elsner** brought her guest all the way from Palmdale to share her with us.

We love all these guests! We are so thankful that our members are assisting us in keeping our membership up and therefore our costs down. Keep it up!

We want to stay a good healthy chapter for RUAEA. See you in October after the convention in Pittsburgh!

Calendar:

October 9 - Proud Bird Restaurant



RESANS

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A sad farewell for **Bob & Helen Grissom** who were with us for the last time as they are moving to Little Bear Lake in Minnesota. They have family and friends there but promised to keep in touch with their United family in San Diego.

Louis Semon designed name badges for all members to wear at our breakfasts and we also sent a copy in to use as our RUAEA chapter logo for the newsletter. The badges were very well received and will make it easy for new members and guests to recognize us.

Barbara Tobin had a farewell barbeque at her house for **Mary** and **Danny Armstrong**. They are going home to live in Ireland and to be with family. Danny's Alzheimer's is getting worse and they want to be close to their family.

We had eighteen guests at our breakfast and **Greg Krok** won the 50/50. **Jackie Schwartz** brought a new retiree from Chicago, HDQ, **Jackie Dawson** whom we hope will join us. She is now living in San Diego.

Gloria Gleaser got her much-hoped-for-teaching position so she will not be joining us as much but we wish her all the luck which she will certainly need with a class full of second graders!

After our RESANS breakfast last month, **Betty Tomaino**, **Louis Semon** and **Barbara Drews** drove up to LA to join the Re-LAX-ers for their luncheon at the Proud Bird. We had a great time and it was good to see some of the retirees who helped us at our San Diego convention last year.

Barbara Drews just returned from the San Diego Maritime Museum, Tall Ships and Parade of Sail festivities. I worked the Check in and I know they had record numbers attending. There were fifteen tall ships and we commissioned the reproduction of the four hundred year old San Salvador which we built here in San Diego.

We hope you have a good month and if your travel plans bring you to San Diego, please join us.

Calendar:

October 1 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.

GOLDEN GATERS

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Picnic Party Time! President **Jerome Underhill** opened and closed our meeting in under 2 minutes as we were ready to party! While our steaks were cooking, our members were "Off to the California Derby Horse Races" – cheering on their favorite nags (yes, that included their spouses!) Kudos to our Vice President **Kathy Hutt** for coordinating the event. President **Jerome Underhill** and his spouse, Membership Secretary **Barbara** doing a sterling job in making the day all come together. A beautiful, sunny day overlooking the lagoon making our steaks and Barbara's secret recipe of Baked Beans even tastier. All topped off by two large cakes – seems

like all 75 attendees always have room for dessert! So many pitched in to help set up, serve and clean up, our thanks to you all, too many to list. We ended the day with **Vera Kina** calling out Bingo numbers, some going home a little bit richer, but most of us not!

Only 6 would admit to having birthdays in August. Two anniversaries: **Al & Lillian Christian** with 65 years, Al has been under the weather lately. Hope you are feeling better. He needs cheering up as he cheered up many kids (and adults) over the years as a Masonic Shriners clown. Our other anniversaryites (I just made that word up) are Auditor **Ben & Linda Vietz** with 49 years (I think). Every month has Ben announcing their anniversary, and sometimes birthday, so who knows how many years they'll admit to, or how old he is!

Now for my Mea Culpa of the month. In the September issue of the RUAEA newsletter you all may have noticed that **Rex & Dorothy Reuszer** celebrated their 57th anniversary. Well, **Margaret Reelfs** called to inform me that she is married to **Rex** for 57 years and that **Dorothy** is married to **Don Rueszer** for 54 years (in October.) So to set the record straight, it's Rex who loves Margaret and Don who loves Dorothy (and the editor of this article will own up to her 1st mistake in 60 odd years – she also has a bridge to sell you!)

Walt Kina is feeling somewhat better. He & Vera (along with sister, Verna) are on a Princess cruise – so smooth sailing Walt. On a sad note, our dear **Shirley Campbell** passed away on September 5th. She was the SFO United Golden Gaters quarterly newsletter editor for many years. A loving, kind, generous lady who will truly be missed, our sincere condolences to her family.

Reminders ~ September 28th is BYOBBL (Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch.) October 26th is our Pizza and Salad feast (sign up at our September meeting.) November 23rd is our Pot Luck Luncheon – singles bring 'enuf food for 4 couples, couples bring food for 8. Be generous please so we don't run out of food.

Thelma (aka **Ginger Dahlberg**) and **Louise** (aka **Claudia Olson-Alt**, daughter of **Les Olson**, SFOEG, Director of Engineering at the SFO MOC for 43 years) will be making their 15th bi-annual trek from Door County, Wisconsin to SFO shortly. We will be stopping in Bellevue, Nebraska to see **Mary Winkler** (no tornados please.) We want her to know that we miss her!

Come join us if you are in town all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.,) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P. O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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The month of October never disappoints with its shorter days, cooler nights, and beautiful orange/golden moons. Football's Friday Night Lights, prevalent in many communities, as well as Saturday and Sunday afternoons spent at Tail Gate Parties or in front of the TV seem to be a #1 activity this time of year. But let's not get ahead of ourselves, football fans. Baseball fans are not done yet! Especially Pittsburgh Pirate Fans whose team will at least be in the play-offs for the World Series! Go Bucs!

Jean & Lou Marcolina couldn't wait until the end of September and the RUAEA Convention before deciding to visit Pittsburgh. They went back to Pittsburgh for Little Italy Days, the region's largest Heritage Festival—Vieni Parte Italiana! Bloomfield is Pittsburgh's "Little Italy", with its Italian roots reaching back more than five generations. Jean & Lou got to enjoy tortellini, cannoli, and pizzelles. I intended to ask whether they indulged in Grasso Roberto's "spaghetti ice cream" - a decadent gelato that looks exactly like spaghetti and meatballs! BUT, Jean & Lou weren't finished with only one Italian Festival! They returned home to enjoy the Italian Family Festa in San Jose. Benvenuti! Once again they were able to savor authentic Italian foods, enjoy live entertainment (any Frank Sinatra impersonators here?), watch bocce ball and a traditional grape stomp! You guys really know how to celebrate the end of summer.

Expo Milano 2015 in Milan, Italy welcomed over 20 million visitors to an International Exhibition, where more than 140 countries offered concrete answers to healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, while respecting the Planet and its equilibrium. Two of the 20 million visitors to the International Exposition in Milan, Italy were **Julie & George Midwin**. Julie & George, we are looking forward to hearing about this Italian experience at a future meeting.

Alice Rostirolla has a trip planned to explore New York's five boroughs. For those of us who are not familiar with New York City, the five boroughs are Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island. This term, five boroughs, is used to refer to New York City as a whole, avoiding confusion with the greater metropolitan area. New York City has so much to offer to everyone, this should prove to be a good time of the year for a visit and new discoveries.

This year **Bill Reichard's** son-in-law will be joining Bill on his annual backpacking trip in the Sierras. When they return from their trip it will be interesting to hear whether the effects of the drought and wildfires impacted any of their excursions.

This past month we have had a few visitors. One visitor before the start of school was Nathan, the grandson of **Maureen & Vern Snyder**. One morning **Don Nessling's** daughter, Donna, was present, however, she hardly seems like a visitor, rather a member. **Sally & Tony Urso's** daughter, Lisa, was also a guest for one breakfast meeting. Since Lisa works for UAL in Denver's Flight Center, she was referred to, not as a guest, but as a "future member". *(Tony, I was careful not to reverse the 'r' & the 'u' in your name this time!)**

Our SFO/SJC Members voted to donate \$200 to the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field in Seattle to contribute to the restoration of one of the Original 727s.

Maureen Snyder, our Sunshine Chairman, has not had much to report, and we are reminded of our good fortune as we experience good health, good thoughts and good humor.

Marion Gaevert has been recouping nicely from her shoulder surgery, and I've been told she has an Uber App on her phone. Maybe that means you will be joining us for breakfast in the near future, Marion!

We have quite a number of people who celebrate birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to the following members: **Kathleen Adams, Chuck Clayborn, Barbara Ferrell, Thelma Graham, Dwayne Howze, Jack Jenkins, Larry Jorgensen, Cicina Norton, Joanne Saso, Helen Rose Seidl, Boyd Sweet, and Barbara Underhill**. Also, we are sending birthday greetings to Las Vegas to **Alex Klaus**. You may be gone, but not forgotten!

Elfriede & Albert Grossmann and **Jean & Jack Jenkins** will be celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month. Best of Wishes to the Happy Couples!

SFO Family Day at the Maintenance Base is on the calendar for October 11. **Georgia Nielsen** will, most likely, be checking last year's list of volunteers as well as recruiting new ones for this event.

As with the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, our Fall Luncheon at Pasta Pomodora will not have occurred as of the October Newsletter deadline, therefore more information about these events will be included in the November Newsletter.

It has been requested that everyone check the latest South Bay RUAEA Directory and add your email address if it is not listed.

Calendar:

Every Friday at 8:00 – Breakfast at Holder's Restaurant /Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.

October 11 – Family Day at SFO Maintenance Base

December 8 – (2nd Tuesday) Holiday Luncheon

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Our August meeting was held on the 10th with 31 in attendance. We do not meet in July. The menu for lunch was modified and met the approval of all. Thanks again to **Tom Cunningham** for continuing the Cashier duties, **Jo Payne** for always coordinating the 50/50 raffles sales and distribution of the name tags and **Rich Bouska** for so ably managing our Treasury. They are very much appreciated by all.

It was good to see **Roger & Emily Ehm**, as well as **Gail Sexton** back. **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler** were welcomed also. Roger gave a short presentation on the PIT convention and encouraged all to attend. Roger also gave a talk on the Boeing Museum of Flight Restoration of the first 727 produced (N7001U). It is an expensive undertaking with the Museum accepting donations. Several of the Western Region RUAEA chapters are donating to this cause. Our local chapter is donating \$50.00. All other RUAEA chapters and


individuals are encouraged to donate. Donation checks should be addressed to "Museum of Flight" with the notation "727 Restoration" and sent to: Museum of Flight – 9404 E. Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98108.

A reminder of the Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day is scheduled at the MOC on Sunday, October 11th.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- September 14 – Old Spaghetti Factory – 1955 Mt. Diablo St., Concord
- October 12 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- November 9 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- December 14 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's - 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

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 who live in the East Bay.



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Secretary Notes for Solano Flyers Meeting August 12, submitted by **Harold Mitchell**.

We had 21 Solano Flyers attend this month's meeting down by the river at The Point Restaurant in Rio Vista, CA. In attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Robert & Ellie Ewald, John Frances, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Jack Hornfisher, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Nelson McKinley, Louis Pell, Lucy & Diosnel Perz, Al Pochop, Constantino Poolos and Jamie & Paul Schwafel**.

This month's meeting was very quiet. No one had anything to report so we all enjoyed the river views outside the windows and chatted.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Bob Allen**. Next month's meeting will be held at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield, CA.

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Already, fall in is the makings. What happened to summer? This is a good quote from Carl Sandberg *"Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you"*. Well I have spent my summer enjoying friends and family. Somehow I thought it would be easy for me to spend a month or so with grandchildren. Wow! It was great, but time did go quickly.

The Mile Highers group had a great summer gathering with the local ARECA (CO retiree) group at the "Wings Over the Rockies" Museum on August 19th. There were approximately 130 attendees. We enjoyed the aircraft displays, visiting and eating our catered barbeque. Of course, our raffle/drawings were a highlight. Many won cash, gift cards, or bottles of wine. We were able to watch the passing of the Presidential torch of Denver ARECA. **Don Lefurge**, had been President for eight years. The incoming President is **Susan Oshoff**. Hope we can get together again soon.

Tom Goodyear, President, called our monthly meeting to order on September 5 at the DENTK cafeteria. We were happy to hear there were no reported illnesses or obituaries locally. Since **Tom Goodyear**, UAHF, and **Virgil Gooselaw**, RUAEA, are involved with the real estate at DENTK, we got an update. The plans are now with the architects for the remodel. There is an extra 747-100 simulator that was donated by Alitalia and

Evergreen. The simulator is looking for a new residence. Do you have room or are qualified to work on it? I think they are looking for a new place to put it.

We had 40 attendees this month. Pretty good for a holiday weekend! Of course, we enjoyed the hot breakfast by the cooks in the cafeteria. We had **Joe & Nancy Bain**, DENMM, return after an absence. Nice to see them again! We had a couple of young guests, grandchildren of **Don & Sharon Burbank**, Charlotte & Cooper Paul. Charlotte really enjoyed it since she won \$5 in a raffle drawing. Other winners of the 50/50 were **Vic Andreatta**, DENMM, **Paul Miller**, DENMM, **Tom Goodyear**, DENOO, **Matt Ohr**, DENMM, **Larry Rehfeld**, DENMM, **Jim Spate**, DENMM, **Gary Trujillo**, DENMM. All donated their winning back to the club treasury.

Speaking of the treasury ~ **Tom Goodyear** and **Laura Coats** changed the account to Alliant Credit Union. **Virgil Gooselaw**, DENMM, made another motion to donate additional money to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Since we will be having the annual convention in PIT, all agreed it would be appropriate to give the donation at this year's convention, I think it will total \$1000.00. The Memorial is not sponsored by any corporation and they can use the financial support. September 11, will always remain sacred to "airline" personnel.

Laura Coats, DENRR, reminded us that the Smithsonian channel will air a special featuring Vicki Herald (SW) on "*The Plane that Changed Flying, the DC-3*" on September 16.

By the time you get this newsletter, I hope that you have planned to attend the RUAEA Annual Convention September 23-26 2015 in Pittsburgh. If you need more information, you can locate it online at www.RUAEA.org.

Calendar:

September 19 - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens 9AM

October 3 - 9am Denver Mile Higher breakfast at DENTK, hosted by **Tom Goodyear** and **Carol Bare**

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Our September 1st meeting was chaired by VP **Ken Michels**, and began with the Pledge. **Ernie Vosges** then reminded us all that the September 11th Anniversary is next week and we shared a moment of silence for all those lost on that fateful day.

Welcome back to our own snowbirds **Cliff Hill** and **Jerry**, and it's always great when the CG group of **Chris Hess**, **Bob Duszynski**, **Jim Feeney** and **John Wiseman** come to lunch. So nice to see **Jim Weeks** and also a guest, **Queenie Williams**, wife of **Ivory**, who worked at MCOCG. **Laurie Bork** and husband **Darryl** rounded out our group of 39!

We are missing our president and first lady, so the meeting was short and sweet. The location for our annual Christmas luncheon was discussed and we hope to finalize at the October meeting. We all enjoy lunching with good friends tho and that's always wonderful. **Susan Ulman** shared that **Don** continues to improve. Keep praying for all our members and their families.

Birthday Balloons for our special September babies! **Angel Montalvo** (9/2), **Charlotte LeGrand** (9/7), **Gene Hall** (9/12), **Barb Halterman** (9/23) and **Cliff Hill** (9/27)!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral

October 6

November 3

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Since our September meeting was after the deadline for the newsletter, I only have a reminder for you.

Our October 5 meeting will be the picnic in Anderson Park. There is no charge for paid members. Please make sure you have advised **Terri Breslin**, (727) 845-3605 that you are going to be there. The meeting will start at 11am and lunch will be at noon.



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We had 18 members at our meeting and a somewhat reserved group but the day is young! Boy that didn't last long for as soon as the waiter started taking our orders for lunch, the activity began rather swiftly. The wait staff had their work cut out for themselves with this group. Silence began when the food was served but as soon as they finished eating, it started all over again, what a group.

Since **Al & Janice Popek** (our President and his wife) left for Hawaii, our 1st VP none other than **Bob Langevin** took over the meeting and what a good job he does, he had the large meat tenderizer and brought it down to get the meeting started and as the saying goes, all stood at attention.

Bob made a few short announcements regarding the Christmas/Holiday Party and when Al returns he will fill us in at the October meeting. The September Birthdays were announced, and a gentle reminder that the yearly dues are due and must be paid by no later than December 1. If you send a check, make sure you send it payable to **Diane Liebisch** and mail it to her home.

Bob read the lovely note I received from **Mary Kay Wetherington** and he passed the note around so everyone could jot down her new address and telephone number. He reminded everyone of the big discounts available this date at Walgreens if you are a senior citizen; the best price of gas locally and its location and as usual, Bob does a great job covering the meeting and makes it short and sweet as they say.

Since **Diane Brodis** and yours truly are celebrating our birthday this month, Duffy's gave us a Brownie sundae with Vanilla Ice Cream, Fudge sauce and whipped cream and of course, a cherry, she shared her sundae with Ron and I shared my sundae with Bob.

The 50/50 was won by **Dick Knapp** and the Progressive was won by **Doris Lakso**, the chain of winning for **Paul Liebisch** was broken and probably because he wasn't in attendance. The winners were delighted over winning.

Birthday for the month are **Diane Liebisch** (9/5), **Diane Brodis** (9/6), **Mari Hirjak** (9/12), **Mary Jane Kerr** (9/16). Happy Birthday to all and no Anniversaries this month.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Today is a present, yesterday is forgotten and tomorrow is unknown.

Calendar:

October 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

November 3 - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

December 1 - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

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The Dixie Flyers met on September 2nd for lunch and a social gabfest about UAL happenings. **Don Shelley** gave blessing of the meal and the Pledge of Allegiance by **Bill Elk** and **Andy Ryabic**.

Twenty two Flyers including **Janice Carter**, our typist, and **Don Heider** from Las Vegas visiting mom and pop. **Fred Cron** was not in attendance to conduct the 50/50 so we passed a basket for the ladies in distress and collected \$22.

Sybil Voss, **Bill Elk** and possibly **Don Sullivan** are going to the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh. Your letter writer hopes to be on a monthly letter writing schedule in the future.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 2PM at the Broadway diner in Fayetteville, GA; (770) 716-2628.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's 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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It's hard to believe that we are already into September! When I was teaching 2nd graders, I always knew the date, as I wrote it on the chalkboard (later, the whiteboard) every day, along with what I called the Morning Message. Now, it seems that I need to check the newspaper or calendar! Our Autumn Blaze maple in the front yard is beginning to show a slight change in its leaf color, Boiseans enjoy four definite seasons, that's for sure!

Meeting at our last breakfast together were **Louise Duvall, Bud & Pat Peters, Denny Snyder, Marlene Croghan, and David & Carol Adams**. The Peters shared that a good friend from the Bay area came for a visit. Sadly, she had just lost her husband and was grateful to get away to Boise. *"She loved it and we took her to all the sights Boise has to offer. We even went to Sun Valley."* Denny continues to enjoy flying his 172.

Marlene has stayed in close contact with **Paul & Anita Wassmuth** in the years since they moved to Sun City, Arizona. When they come to Boise soon, the three of them will be going to the Croghan cabin in the mountains north of here. Marlene has graciously invited our group to join her at Touchmark (her residence) for lunch at 11:30 on October 7th.

Our sad news is the loss of **Marilyn Brown** on August 12th. Her service was beautiful and well attended. She was 81. **Ray**, her husband, worked at the Boise airport for many years. We hope he can meet with us.

We recently received a letter from the **Pumphreys**, whom we miss seeing since their move. Also, someone who read our news wrote to us. I'm sorry to say that I can't lay my hands on it now. Should you care to, do write again, and thank you!

I'm hoping you won't tire of our Warhawk Air Museum news. This was a really special event, honoring the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. To quote: *"The Warhawk Museum (Nampa, Idaho) is very proud to partner with the U.S. Defense Department to honor Vietnam Veterans during the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. We have developed an education series about the war from its beginning until its end in 1975. It is a unique opportunity for veterans, present military, teachers, students, and the general public to learn about the Vietnam War as it was planned and fought. Your attendance will help us honor Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service to our country."* A friend told us of being at the museum when a veteran discovered that a Huey helicopter on display was the very one he flew in Vietnam. He knew because of its numbers! Bill said a lot of folks were taking pictures of him. David lost a very good buddy in the war. His helicopter was shot down as it was taking off with wounded soldiers on a rescue mission. His name is Bill Adams (no relation). He received the Medal of Honor. He and David attended Wentworth Military Academy (Lexington, Missouri) together for several years. David was honored to be asked to read the citation on the campus many years ago. We have kept in contact with Bill's wife and children all these years. In fact, by the time you read this, Sondra and daughter Jeannie from Colorado will have visited us. Bill's son John retired recently from the Marine Corps as a colonel.

Also, by the time you receive this news, our group will have met for our annual memorial picnic (at the same neighborhood park for many years now). It meets our needs well.

Calendar:

October 14 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

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October - A wonderful coolness is in the air. Those hot September days are over and we can get down to the important days of the year, Halloween and taffy apples. We all have a favorite place to get taffy apples. Merke's in Palatine, Affy Tapple at Jewel, or my favorite, Dan's Candies in Joliet. Hmmm! Better than sex! At our age, we grab happiness wherever we can. It's almost time for me to put up my Halloween lights. I'll have lots of purple and orange lights outside, pumpkins, straw and maybe a scarecrow if I can steal him from a farmer's yard. Wonder if Ray Bolger is available. We will also enjoy a larger than normal moon this month on September 28th and in November because we're closer to the moon for some scientific reason. Just peek outside, and enjoy. October 9th is Leif Erickson Day. Is that why that song, *Autumn Leaves* is so popular? There are so many leifs around? Columbus Day, who some people don't think discovered America? Sweetest Day, which some people don't celebrate because they think it was established by the Flower Industry, Hallmark Cards, and Fannie May, don't tell that to your wives, fellas, they may differ with you. All girls like flowers of some kind, don't forget that, ever. As I've always said, I'd like them now, not on my grave. I can't bend over and smell the roses if I'm looking up at their roots.

Our Northsider Breakfast had our normal group of friendly people. **Jim Sommerfield** celebrated his granddaughter, Abigail's, eighth birthday, with family and friends, in Oswego. **Jerry Tipperreiter** drove to Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada, in July, for a cousin's reunion. There were three from Illinois, three from Michigan, and two from Canada. **Carol & Charley Lewis** flew to Budapest, Hungary in August, and took a seven-day cruise to Nuremburg, then bussed to Prague, for two days sightseeing. They went with two other couples, and returned in September. **Toni Van Kampen** had a wonderful time at her 5K race on the ORD runway, she encourages more people to join her next year; sponsors include the city and United. **Dona Nefczyk** went to Disneyworld before having sinus surgery. Many people are planning to attend the PIT RUEA Convention the end of September. I'll have more info and names in the next publication. What happens in PIT, stays in PIT. **Tina Acoba** visited her childhood home on the island of Lanai. She enjoyed spending time with her brother Maning and sister, Cindy, visiting the island's own mini Grand Canyon, Garden of the Gods, Manele Beach, and seeing retired classmates at the Pineapple Festival. LNY is seeing major improvements by the new owner, Larry Ellison, former Oracle multi-billionaire. He bought 98% of the island for over 500 million dollars in 2012. Ha, is that all? We could have pitched in and bought it, too. Since we know the CEO of UAL so well, maybe we could talk him into flying there again. There are still a few days to sign up for the Unimatic Reunion, October 1-2, to **Dick Bligh**, at dbligh1492@gmail.com. My thanks to **Ginny Vlach** for taking notes in my absence, my sister came in from California, and because AA lost her luggage, we didn't get to sleep until after 2 A.M. We were way too tired for a 6:00 wake up alarm. And you thought only United lost luggage? Shame on you.

The Southside Breakfast brought visitors from the North, **Mary Szabo**, **Ginny Vlach**, and **Helen Cauwels**, always so nice to see them. **Bill Corbett** came back and exhibited a wooden plaque he had made up to show that he ran his last BOS marathon in April of 2014, actually, his last ever marathon. He's hanging up his Nike's because of his health. Seventeen retirees enjoyed breakfast at Jedi's. Our raffle was won by **Al Broderson**, **Marge Schmitt**, **Ed Ward**, **Sylvester Gant**, and **Barb Wesemann**. It's always a great sight to see people walk away with enough money to pay for their breakfast.

At the ORDMM breakfast at Maxfield's, there were some new faces and some that we haven't seen in a while, **Paul Olson** and **Ed Clarke** came in from Florida. Returning faces included **Jay Burke**, **John Redmond**, **Don Matker**, **Hank Muehler**, and **Al Munch** drove in from Valparaiso. Our old friend, **Boris Spitz**, has sold his condo in Chicago, and is moving to Peoria, AZ. permanently. We'll miss you and your cute announcements, **Boris**. May you and Sue have a wonderful life in the Land of the Sun! Visit us some time when you see your grandkids. I received a call from our OM extraordinaire, **Jack Schramm**, now living in Ft. Pierce, FL. He and his lovely wife, **Patty**, are doing fine and he said hello to everybody. He added that Florida

beer is excellent; it's like the Nectar of the Gods. I now make and receive calls from my cellphone-shaped arthritic hand.

Some of our United departed include **Pam Morrill**, ORDJL, her husband, **Joe**, is also from JL, **Cheryl Miller Hardt**, ORDSW, and **Steve Quinn**, ORDCG (Cargo). One of our old friends from ORDMM passed, **Sandor Acs**. Sandor was a mechanic and an inspector. He had a very interesting bio. He was born in Hungary, fought with the Freedom Fighters in the Hungarian revolution against the Russians, in 1956. Sandor lived in an Austrian refugee camp for six months before he could come to America. He also fought in the US Army, and became a citizen in 1964. Sandor had a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile. He will be missed. Also gone from our world, most notable, Frank Gifford, NASCAR's Buddy Baker, activist, Julian Bond, Gail Fisher, from Mannix, Al Arbour, hockey player/coach, Wes Craven, horror movie director, Dean Jones, the 'Love Bug' actor, Yvonne Craig, 'Batgirl', Bud Yorkin, TV director/producer, Jimmy Evert, tennis player, (Chris' dad), Wayne Dyer, self-help author, Judy Carne, from Laugh In, Martin Milner, from Adam-12, and Chicago's very own weatherman, Harry Volkman, known for his laid back account of the weather, and his trademark boutonniere. Wishing you clear blue skies, Harry!

Many times, we talk about our dear friends whom have left us. What about our four legged friends? They sometimes make our lives more enriched than the two-legged ones. My good friend, **Marcie Moller**, from Colorado lost her little pal, Daisy, a few days ago. She and her husband, **Don**, are having a difficult time adjusting to no more pitter-patter of those little paws on the tile, no waking up to a dog on their bed, all sorts of memories. If you've never had a pet, you probably don't understand. If you did, you totally get it. My sympathy to all of you who have lost your closest friend.

If a door closes and another door opens, your house is haunted.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**October 14**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 8 – Christmas Luncheon, 11:00, Avalon Banquets, Higgins Road, Elk Grove

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Our August meeting was well attended and very active with everyone sharing their recent vacations and short road trips. There was also lots of feedback on our recent annual picnic, with lots of thanks to everyone who came to the picnic and questions by those who were not able to join us. A very special "thank" again to our greeters, **Carol & Jack Conway**, to **Margie Bregante** for some scrumptious southern fried chicken, to **Chris & Shary Johnston** for the beautiful "Indy Racers" cake and everyone else who brought so much good food!

Everyone wanted to know if **Frank (Prins)** had made it to his band concert in Terre Haute that day when they left the picnic. He said, "*Oh yeah, right up along the river and there were mosquitoes everywhere! But, lots of people attended too.*" The very next weekend, **Rita Prins'** grandson was married in Nashville, TN. Of course, they made that road trip! Rita says it was a beautiful wedding but the food was way too rich!

On a more solemn note, **Bob Duty** told me that his brother, James Spencer Duty, had passed away on July 28. Bob told us his brother had been in the U.S. Navy. Bob & Myrtle were gone for ten days to attend his funeral and visit with family. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to them.



We received this on August 16, from **Joan Romano**: "*I'm sorry to advise you all Phil passed away August 6. His services will be at St Thomas More Catholic Church, August 18, 2015 at 11:00 am in Mooresville.*"

Phil's Obituary as published from obituary page of funeral home ~ "*Funeral Mass will take place at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, located at 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville, IN 46158 at 11 a.m. on Aug 18, 2015. The family would especially like to thank Michelle and Marina*

Wallace and Douglas Hand for all the love and support they have given the family through the years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you arrange a Catholic Mass to be said in his name at any Catholic church on any date of your choosing. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service, Mooresville."

Our group is deeply saddened by the passing of our friend, Phil. He and his wife, Myrt, have added much to our meetings and we will miss Phil. Many of our group requested masses be said for Phil and the group made a donation to his church. It is our hope that Myrt will not be a stranger to our group. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Myrt for the loss of her husband.

September Birthdays: **Barbara Urbanovic** (9); **Tony Urbanovic** (28).

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No meeting, so no meeting news. But, I will take this opportunity to list and thank the regular meeting attendees, a good group who rarely miss one: **Bob & Judy Austin, Norma Betters, Frank & Janet DeStefano, Bob & Sue DePippo, Carleen & Bruce Eddy, Peter Fusco, Ron & Joyce Heiseler, Don Latter, Don Lewis, Andy & Carol Montalto, Fred Parks, Lew Shakley, Joan Simard, Helmut Umbley, Dick Vee and Bill & Elaine Vanderwal.** We share good times! It's too bad more of our Nor'Easters don't attend occasionally.

October birthdays ~ **Patty Austin, Robert Boyle, Norman Hudon and John Lagadinos.**

October anniversaries ~ **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (35 years) and **Lee & Sid Loyn** (49).

At our age, getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what you came in for! Happy Halloween to all!

Calendar:

October – Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

December - Christmas Party, Jimmy's Steer House, Saugus MA

MARYLAND

BWIUA BREAKFAST CLUB

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Sorry I missed last month's newsletter. Twelve retirees attended our August 5th breakfast. We were surprised to see **Charlie Windsor** whom we hadn't seen for some time. **Linda Scriven** from the Dulles Loungers had breakfast with us. **Judy Taylor** who retired from Dulles and now lives in Annapolis also joined us.

We had 8 attendees at our September 2nd breakfast, all regulars. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 9AM at the Double T Diner in Glen Burnie, MD. Please come join us.

MINNESOTA

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This year, the annual picnic turned out to be a boat ride on the St. Croix River in honor of our chapter's 25th anniversary. Since it occurs just after this issue goes to press, I'll regale you with the details of the event next month!

Another event of which some of us will partake is the Northwoods Loon(ie)s Fall Fling in Rockford, IL October 6-9. The report on that will be in the December issue. We're looking forward to once again visiting with friends from around the Midwest.

In September, we had 35 Lites show up, including still-active MSP customer service agent, **Melissa Noonan**. She's always such a breath of fresh air!

Those mystery bus trips that **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** are always taking sparked some interest for **Nel Brawner**. Now we get to hear about her trips, too. I can hardly wait.

Virginia Swenson and her sister, **Marge Gowan** made the trek up to the Cities to join us. We're happy to see **Marge** looking well after a recent bump in the road, health wise. **Virginia** told us of a trip she worked out of HNL in 1962 where she witnessed the hydrogen bomb test over Johnson Island in the Pacific. It was a spectacular sight, especially the blue-green rainbow associated with the afterglow.

Donna Gray is well again after a surprise stay in hospital with a bleeding ulcer. She didn't realize that her lack of energy signaled a dangerously anemic condition!

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

NEBRASKA



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Way to go members, we had 41 who traveled to the "big city" of Blair for lunch at Fernando's; our thanks to **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider** for hosting. In fact, **Patty** already has us down for next year, same time – same place. We were pleased to have guest, **Jann Lighthart**, daughter of **Dick & Marilyn Weak**, who was here from Colorado. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **David Cromling** and **Patty Shook**.

A big congratulations to **Russ & Amy Meyer**, their granddaughter, **Dayna Langdon**, graduated from Kansas State in 2013 and went on to get her Master Degree. In order to continue on to be a lawyer, she had to take a test. Her score was so high, she has been awarded a full 3 year scholarship with the choice of attending law school at Creighton or the University of Nebraska Lincoln. She chose Lincoln.

Marilyn Weak had surgery August 17 for pancreatic cancer. The results of the biopsy indicated that 3 of the 22 lymph nodes removed were cancerous. The surgeon recommended chemotherapy to insure that the cancer has been removed. She will begin her chemo in approximately 6 weeks. Our prayers are with **Marilyn & Dick** that she will have a full recovery. Cards may be sent to her address which is 6408 Deerwood Dr., Lincoln, NE 68156.

Ralph Bredow, age 86, retiree of UAL/Ramp Service, passed away July 18. He and **Ardith** spent several years at St. Jo Assisted Living in Omaha. **Ardith** passed away April 15, 2012. **Ralph's** service was held July 24 in Seward.

Alene Dytrych, age 90, passed away August 11. She had been in an assisted living facility in Bellevue for a number of years. **Alene's** service was held August 14 at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church. **Alene** was preceded in death by husband, **Joseph**, and is survived by two sons, **Mike** and **Pat**, and their families.

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

Peggy Casebeer said that her grandson, **Paul Mangiamelli**, age 29, has Huntington's disease for which there is no cure. **Paul** lives in Elkhorn, is married and has 3 children. She said he has had this for about 10 years but was not aware of it until recently. **Peggy** would appreciate your prayers for **Paul**. He is the son of her daughter, **Linda**.

Calendar:

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

December 2 - Christmas Luncheon, Anthony's, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

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Our August 11th luncheon/meeting was attended by 47 members. We welcomed **Roze Kleise** (LASHH) and **Denise Gallagher** (SFOSW) as new members. We enjoyed a nice lunch before the meeting was called to order. **Rosemarie Restivo** announced that the two offices of President and Treasurer are up for election, come October. She and Christine have been doing such a good job, that I hope they are willing to serve again. Speaking of good jobs, **Jeannie Rolland** has been doing a great job as Secretary for the Chapter. I continue to send out the RUAEA Newsletters, thanks to **Veronica** and **Francis Domaratius** for their patience as Newsletter Managers.

In addition to the up-coming election, plans were made for the Christmas donation to "Helping Hands" Charity. It was a huge success last year.

Eleanor Vasko reported on members who need our prayers for comfort and condolence. **Arlene Reed** and **Mary LeChevallier** both lost their sisters in July. I lost my dear sister in August. **Michel LeChevallier** also lost a sibling who lived in France. **John Albert** thanked everyone for their prayers and condolences in the loss of his wife, **Leila**. **Vicki Atwood**, cousin of **Marge Klaus**, lost her battle with cancer. Vicki was a co-worker and dear friend from LASFF and LASOO.

Bruce & Peggy Dunkle just returned from a family visit to Belgium. They are the only ones that we know of from our Chapter that plan on attending the Convention in PIT. We'll be anxious to hear from them at the October meeting.

My husband and I are planning our 1st cruise in October to Hawaii. **Veronica Domaratius** told me that she and Francis are planning the same cruise towards the end of October.

Our raffle table was loaded with "give-aways". Thanks to **Denise Gallagher** who brought several framed UAL historical photos; and **Rosemarie Restivo** for all the wonderful purses she brought. **Anthony Tricoli** and **Inga & Bob Levy** won the 50/50. Many happy winners!

In July, **MaryAnn & Tony Tricoli** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Panama City Beach, FL with family and friends. Their actual day is October 18. Many other members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays these months were acknowledged by **Eleanor Vasko**. By the way, Eleanor was sporting a very cute and short hairdo. **Jeannie Rolland** also had a new hairdo and you thought we didn't notice!

Next meeting and luncheon: October 13; same time, same place. If you don't know, you'd better read your RUAEA Newsletter!



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were about 40 members and guests at our August Picnic at Bartley Ranch, including a contingent of members from the Gold Diggers. The weather cooperated; it was a beautiful sunny day.

Thanks again to our host **Barbara Leusing** for doing a great job with a little help from **Larry**. Thanks to **Bill & Donna Perkins** for providing assistance to Picnic Chair **Barbara Leusing**. Thanks as always to our cook **Duncan Scaife**, ably assisted by **Larry Leusing**. Also, our resident pastry chef **Bill Perkins** once again provided some treats, the zucchini bread was wonderful.

Ranger Andy Brown provided information about the buildings and equipment that had been part of the working Bartley Ranch to those present. He was able to accommodate our group to a larger area when our original area needed work done at the last minute, which was done by a group of young people under the auspices of community outreach programs.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Roberta Wagner** and **Pat Zoboli**. Various surprise gifts were won by various members and guests.

Our very own **John Brown** was the winner of the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14th at the Black Bear Diner at 11:30 a.m.

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The meeting opened with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Worzocha**. There was a moment of silence for the passing of **Jimmy Cloughly** from EWR ramp service. Our attendance has been holding fairly steady, so one can only surmise we must be doing something right. Our discussion centered mostly on dates for our future meetings. On a happy note, we can all wish **Kathy & John Deily**, best wishes on the 45th wedding anniversary this month. We also welcomed a new member to our fraternal group, **Cynthia Marlow** from JFK stewardess service, a gal with a lot of experience on the "front lines".

Our next meeting will be on September 30th. There will be no meeting in November, but our Christmas meeting will be on December 9th. All will be at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM sharp. **Gene Enfield** gave a good financial report, it seems our treasury is improving very well. **Tony Disilva** won our 50/50.

"Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it"

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

33 members and one guest, Mario Ragasi, grandson of **Ed & Diane Pozzi**, attended our September luncheon. The Membership list I received as of February 2015 has 149 names on it, members, spouses and widows. That includes an awful lot that can't get out and join us anymore. Let's hope it gets better with the

cooler weather and before the snow begins to fall! And for the many homebound, our prayers and good wishes are for you all. We miss you.

Unfortunately, my August report got wiped out twice as well as a verbal recitation over the phone; which took about ½ hour. We tried, didn't we Veronica? It covered **Marilyn Wright's** funeral and a real bad storm that hit my town and only a few others on Long Island. It lasted about an hour and did lots of damage with the worse and most constant lightning I have ever seen in my life.

Not much to report this month though Ed gave me a list with 12 birthdays on it but unless you hit 100 do you want them all listed? Too late!

Anniversaries ~ **Roseann & Sal Vascellaro** (9/14); also the 14th, **Theresa & Rudy Wolf, Janet & Elwin Vancleemput** (9/28) and **Donna & Ron Feingold** (8/15). Ron missed our luncheon because he had to have room for the hotdogs awaiting him at the L. I. Ducks game that evening. Ducks won.

1st prize on the 50/50 went to **Mike Schroeder**, 2nd to **Marge Hansen** and 3rd to **Bob Lee**. We received thanks for our gift from **Madeline Sudulich**, widow of **Al**.

I for one am sorry to miss the convention but fate intervened and took away my chance for sharing the drive to Pittsburgh. Not something I want to do on my own. Hope everyone has a great time.

I might not get a newsletter in on time next month as our luncheon will be kind of late, the 7th. Maybe I'll submit Augusts again.

Calendar:

October 7 - Milleridge Inn

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Our July meeting was well attended with 73 folks. No new members this month but another fun get together with lots of good food, great conversation, and fun times. If you are ever in the Portland area the second Wednesday of the month, please plan to join us!

Marge Curtis, wife of **Jack Curtis**, passed away on August 14th. A memorial service was held August 29th. She and Jack recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. Our condolences go out to Jack and his family.

Sick List: **Don Davis**, retired PDX ramp service, has undergone two surgeries for bladder tumors, but his treatment is going well and his prognosis is good. His wife **Sybil Davis** said that cards could be sent to their home at: 3134 SE 157th Ave., Portland, OR 97236. **Dick Marley**, retired PDX mechanic, is now residing at Parkview Memory Center at Cherry Wood Village, 1417 SE 107th Ave., Portland, OR 97216. **Veulah Lorts** is currently living in an Adult Foster Care home in Vancouver. **Ray Brown**, retired PDX ramp service, was recently diagnosed with leukemia, no other details are known at this time. **Ken Rolph** recently had surgery to remove his gall bladder and prostate but is reportedly doing well. Our president **Dennis Cline** had recent back surgery and is slowly recuperating.

Announcements/New Business: **Jack Hooper** asked for a show of hands for those interested in a "field trip" to the Antique and Aviation Center in Hood River. Enough interest was expressed that he will pursue making arrangements and may invite the Seattle group to join in. **Cliff Blare** again regaled us with a variety of jokes. Beautiful vases of Dahlias, provided by **Gene & Lorrie King**, adorned our tables, and were given as door prizes.

Anniversaries: **Tom & Shirley Walker** (56 years), **Steve & Margaret Borbely** (51 years), **Larry & Linda Tracy** (30 years).

August birthdays: **Shirley Walker, Patsy Ogden, Pat Smith, Ruth Larson, Ted Schoessler, Len Blodgett, Bruce DeFord, and Steve Borbely**.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize ~ **Jack Hooper**, Men's Birthday ~ **Len Blodgett**, Women's Birthday ~ **Ruth Larson**, 50/50 ~ **Jack & Nancy Hooper**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon.

October 14 - Social

November 11 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA



**PITTSBURGH
PIT-STOPPERS**

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Wow, I almost missed the deadline; thank you Veronica.

By the time you read this, the RUAEA convention will be in the history books, here's hoping you were one of the lucky attendees.

The Pit-Stoppers held an impromptu luncheon on August 12th with 25 members in attendance. We had foregone our picnic due to the convention. We certainly missed some of our regulars; **Carl & Dee Chiocchi**, **Bill & Verna Alex**, **Pat & Rosemarie Lavelle**. Keep them in your prayers. It was great welcoming **Fred** and **Liz Reidel** back to the fold, along with **Mary Solomon**, thanks to Lorraine for bringing Mary.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by **Diane Weber**. Diane & Jim were gracious enough to escort **Barb Guida**. Our door prizes were won by **Barb Guida** and **Liz Reidel**.

Our NE Director Treatie asked for donations to alleviate the medical expenses incurred by **Sheila & Ron Arinson** due to the care of their son Jeff who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease. The Pit-Stoppers were generous as usual.

Former RSM **Nick Thomas** passed away from cancer on August 8th at the age of 77. May he rest in peace!

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

Anniversaries ~ **Pat & Rosemarie Lavelle** (5th), **Bill & Verna Alex** (23rd), **Bill & Johnna Chicots** (12th).

A recap of the convention will be in next month's report.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We're back to normal meetings again. I am writing this column and wishing I could have attended this meeting but illness prevented that. My notes are based on information I received from President **Polly Klosky**.

The day started with 2 boats taking the group up the river to the Rocky Top River Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the ride and the scenery.

We had special guests today, **Ken & Faith Kofink**, he retired from ORDMM in 1999 with 32 years of service. We sure hope they will decide to become members. **Les & Carolyn Hartshorn** are our most recent members, he retired from DENFO with 32 years of service.

Mike Chapin gave the treasurer's report, we have 394.00 in our account and he will give an updated report at the September meeting.

Polly has the 2015 membership list and will email one to anyone who hasn't received it. The signup sheet for hosts was passed around. It was noted that Friends of the Tellico Village Library are presenting an "Evening honoring Aviation". Polly is bringing memorabilia for that event. It is a fund raiser for a new Library and we were glad to help out.

Cards were sent out to **Bob & Sylvia Rotiski** and **Cal & Maxine Anthony**.

We sent \$100.00 dollars to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs organization. Half was donated by **Noreen** and **Carolyn** and the chapter matched it with \$50.00, always a good cause.

We are still discussing how to get more retirees in the area to join. Carolyn and Polly are putting personal ads in the local papers.

Calendar:

September 17 - Puleos Grill, 1201 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, 12:30pm eastern time

October 15 - Egg and I restaurant, Social Meeting 10:00am

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Sixty members and guests attended the Seattle Emerald City Slickers' first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 8 at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington.

Dave Jones (SFOFO) conducted his final meeting as president and was recognized for his three years of volunteer service in that capacity. **Dave** plans to continue his participation in the group, but he and **Linda** expect to spend more time in the San Francisco Bay Area after their grandson is born this fall.

Many thanks to **Ken Storey** (SEAGQ) for stepping up to fill the president's spot. As expected, **Ken** began his "acceptance speech" with a joke. We look forward to **Ken's** sense of humor and booming voice (especially appreciated in a group of older folks), one of the few who can be heard at the back of the room.

Mary Luke filled in for **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR) as Assistant Treasurer, checking in diners and distributing meal tickets. **John Luke** (SEAPV) helped out with the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the meeting.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** presented the treasurer's report and announced that we had 155 paid members this year.

It was great to greet many members who don't always get to meetings, including **Edna Harris** (SEAHH), and hope they will come more often. There were many faces your correspondent didn't recognize and she looks forward to getting to know them in the future.

Special returnees were **Frank** (LAXGW) & **Fran McNulty**. **Frank** is a chapter past president and served as station manager at several United Airlines locations. **John** (SEARR) & **Addy Haferbecker** are regulars, but **John** is another past president – perhaps serving the longest term.

Bev Brubaker (SEARR), who began her United career as a flight attendant and served Reservations in several locations – even traveling to India to train new workers at the call center there, joined the chapter and chatted with many old friends. **James** (SEAGQ) & **Marion Hafterson** brought a friend from Germany as their guest.

Eight member of our group planned to attend the Pittsburgh convention, and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return. **Ken & Judy Storey** will make an impression, and **Phil** (SEACG) & **Mary Ann Andersen** also are among this year's conventioners. **Mary Ann** will represent the chapter at the annual Correspondents' Meeting.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** recognized those celebrating September birthdays (more than any other month) and anniversaries, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to **Don Hanson** (SEAFF) who was 93 on meeting day.

Plants and bouquets of fresh flowers were popular choices during the drawing for door prizes, conducted by **Phyllis Bowman** with help from **Betty Paul** (SEAMM). These gals also are responsible for printing and mailing hard copies of newsletters and meeting notices. **Helen Clement** walked off with the 50/50 prize.

Volunteers still are needed to fulfill the duties of chapter officers and we urge any interested members to contact **Ken Storey**. We are especially looking for a meeting secretary and a newsletter editor – or someone to at least prepare a Meeting Notice prior to chapter meetings. Thanks to **Tom Holford** (DENTK) for serving in those capacities for many moons.

We missed **Richard Devereux**, who was anticipating heart bypass surgery that week. **Jackie Stenger** reported that **Paul Burton** (EXOHH) had been moved to the Alzheimer's Unit at their retirement home after a rapid decline.

On a sad note, we have been informed of the death of 82-year-old **Kazuko (Kay) Lewsley** (SEAHH), who passed away in Japan, where she had lived near relatives for the past several years.

Ken Storey remarked on the special June event when Seattle and Portland retirees toured the Boeing Wide-Body Plant in Everett, the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, and Paul Allen's air museum, thanking **Dave Jones** and **Jack Hooper** for organizing the joint venture.

Dave Jones reported that the first 727 airplane, N7001U, had been painted during the summer and was almost ready to fly south to the Museum of Flight in Seattle. As United Airlines was the first to receive delivery of a 727, it is expected that UAL retirees will be included in special ceremonies to be held when the plane's move occurs. Stay tuned for updates.

Currently, the Emerald City Slickers meet at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington with no change planned for the immediate future. Regular luncheon meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of the months September through November and January through May. Socializing is from 11:30 until 12:15 when lunch is served. The business meeting and awarding of prizes follow.

Calendar:

October 13 – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

November 10 – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

No meeting in December

NATIONAL

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Hello RUAEA:

I hope your summer was all you had hope for this year. The autumn winds are beginning to blow and the leaves are scattering around. It is time to renew our energies and commit ourselves to Clipped Wings and RUAEA.

I am so proud to say our SFO Peninsula Chapter is growing by leaps and bounds. They had 27 at their fall meeting. We are looking forward to additional chapters coming soon. More work needs to be done, but we are on our way. We encourage everyone to attend their meetings and enjoy all of the friendship we share together.

This is the time to get out all of the décor for the fall including pumpkins, witches and goblins. Enjoy the turning leaves, so beautiful.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2015**:

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- 5) Address

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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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Retiree – **Courtney, Walter V.**, on 7/28/2015, OPBOP, husband of Barbara J. Courtney, 8106 W. Thurman, Wichita, KS 67212
Retiree – **Cross, Xavier J.**, on 8/6/2015, WHQGO, husband of Helena Brilhart, nee Wolfgang, 8539 Electra Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613

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Retiree – **Kuperman, Murry H.**, on 8/20/2015, SFOEG, husband of Mary Kuperman, 652 Rosewood Ct., Los Altos, CA 94024

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
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The 1964 Democratic convention in Atlantic City New Jersey, from my memories ~ There are two events that come to mind, one is November 1963, and the other is September 1964. Both of these have lasting memories, with both Violet and me. In 1963 President Kennedy was assassinated, and like all events of major importance, people tend to remember where they were and what they were doing. I was no different, as a mechanic for United Airlines, I was working out of the old North terminal at Newark airport, and I had just finished dispatching a DC 6 onto its next destination. When I returned to the mechanics ready room, I saw a lot of people listening to the radio and waiting for more dispatches coming from Dallas, Texas on the condition of President Kennedy. It was there that I found out that the President had been shot and killed. My mechanic

friends who can be pretty tough guys were now in tears, handkerchiefs were coming out and it was a general outpouring of sorrow and sympathy. I remember opening the door to the long hallway with passengers came down to the Gates for departure. There I saw people crying and gathering of small groups all in the state of shock. The trauma, that the country was in, was now engaged in the preparation for his burial. I myself was no different than many other people who thought that this was a senseless act by some demented person. Yes I did have feeling of sadness but as in all things it did pass.

Why this is important at least in my memory, is that the VP Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as the new president with a wave of goodwill that came over the country in the hopes that he would succeed. That leads me to the next part of my memories, and that is the Democratic convention in Atlantic City in September 1964. Violet and I were given passes by one of our elected officials to attend the convention as observers for the first day of its opening. We went to Atlantic City and made a day of it, no, there were no casinos at the time. However we did have a nice time on the boardwalk. About 7 PM, the doors of the convention center opened. Now I have seen some large places but this auditorium could fit about 6000 people. Our passes took us on the floor right behind the Pennsylvania delegation. We had some small talk with these people and then the chairman came into view and said that the convention is now open. There was so much noise in that place that you hardly hear a word spoken. Then the chairman introduced the keynote speaker, a gentleman by the name of Senator Pastore from Rhode Island. He took to the podium and started to speak. However when he started to talk, slowly the noise in this great assembly died down, and you can hear that he was delivering a eulogy to the late President Kennedy. This vast auditorium now subsided almost to an eerie silence. The Senator continued for about 20 minutes and then stopped. The nearly 5000 people in this auditorium were electrified by his oratory and you could hear a pin drop it became so quiet. Suddenly somewhere someone started to clap, then more people clapped, that crescendo grew even louder and no matter how hard the chairman tried to quiet the audience they would not stop. Not only people were clapping they were getting up on the chairs shouting, whistling and making all kinds of noises just to be heard. As for me I've always considered myself pretty cool about things of this nature and yet I was roused enough to jump up on the chair and start clapping and whistling like everybody else. I have been around politics for many years and have seen many things, and met many big dignitaries, but never in my life have I ever witnessed anything so inspiring as that speech, and the audience reaction that followed.

That convention nominated Lyndon Johnson for President and Hubert Humphrey for VP. The Republicans, in turn nominated Barry Goldwater for President and William Miller for VP. That general election in November carried Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey to an overwhelming victory, unprecedented in American politics. The Democratic ticket won by over 16 million popular votes and I doubt I will live to see another election like that today. While the flow of history goes on every day on a daily basis, being part of it and remembering what it was really like, makes the difference between fiction and fact. Yes Violet and I talked about our shared experience in Atlantic City for many years.

Sophie Feaster, 3220 W Monte Vista Ave., #294, Turlock CA 95380

I find the newsletter to be very enjoyable. I read it from cover to cover.

The different places, people, ideas and happenings from all over are great to read about.

I know it is hard work and it isn't easy to put everything together; but I really enjoy it.

Also, I enjoy the graphic designs.

God bless all of you.

Jack Livesay, 8629 Swarthmore Dr., Raleigh, NC 27615

Due to illness, I missed my red stamp on my newsletter.

I really enjoy the newsletter, it has information and tidbits we would not otherwise know about. Thanks for the hard work that goes into preparing this newsletter.

In July, I completed my 21st year of retirement. On one hand it seems like a long time and on the other it seems like I recently retired. I guess I have United in my blood as every once in a while I have a dream about working at the airport.

I started my airline career at Washington National Airport with Capital Airlines. I worked various departments at DCA. Shortly after Dulles airport opened up our department moved to IAD with a small department still at DCA. For a while, I worked a relief shift and I have worked at both airports in the same day. I worked the morning shift at DCA and drove to IAD and worked the afternoon shift. This only happened on rare occasions.

United started out small at Dulles. They had DC8 flight #55 to LAX and a DC8 flight #57 and a 727 flight to Denver; and now it is a large hub.

The airplane parked at the mid field operations building away from the main terminal. Passengers rode the mobile lounge from the terminal building directly to the airplane. As United increased flights, they built terminal C and D above the mid field Operations building doing away with direct terminal to airplane service.

I eventually transferred to Mobile, Alabama (MOB); United was talking about terminating service there.

United was opening up a new station in Ontario, CA (ONT) and I transferred there. It was exciting being able to help open up a new station. We had one flight a day, a B720 to O'Hare. I eventually moved to SJC and then to IAH. My final move was to RDU where I retired after 37 years working for United.

After retiring I felt like I was part of United. We basically received the same benefits as active employees; but it is not so with this new United.

United had good benefits, especially travel benefits of which we were able to travel to Australia, New Zealand and most of Europe. One time I was getting ready to go on vacation and someone asked my young daughter where we were going on vacation. She said she didn't know but I think we are going around the world.

Living on the West Coast, we would go to Hawaii quite frequently just for a weekend.

Gene Menten, 6220 E. Broadway Rd., Apt 240, Mesa, AZ 85206

I have been retired for 31 years, most of which have been good.

I moved into an assisted living retirement community where everything is provided for me. I really appreciate this since I am 94 years old and I don't have to shop or cook any more. I still get around, but slowly, and I do miss my golf!

I enjoy the Newsletter every month. You are doing a great job of keeping us posted.

It **was** a great airline in the "good old days"!



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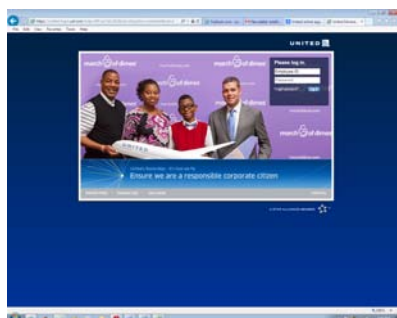
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