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*Don't forget to
register for the
RUAEA 2013
Convention - Denver
October 9 - 13
Time is running out!*

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hi Folks, Wow! Where did the summer go? We in Seattle have had a great summer, weather wise. The Denver Convention is getting close, hopefully you have registered. This convention is going to be well attended. Marilyn has increased our room nights at the hotel, the tours are going well, and many have signed up for our Beer and Brats Night. We now have a German Band signed up to play that evening. With more members attending this convention, it is a chance to renew friendships and make new acquaintances. I know you will enjoy it and have fun if you attend, I know I will. Hope to see many of you there.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

RUAEA 2013 Convention News



Time is running short. By the time you receive this issue, we will be a month away from the 2013 Convention. We have had an excellent response and some tours are sold out. Our Beer and Brats night is already a huge success. We hope you have sent your registration form to Juliana and have made your hotel reservation through the DoubleTree at 1 800 222-8733 or their website.

One reminder about the courtesy bus from DIA to the DoubleTree ~ It leaves every 30 minutes at 15 and 45 after the hour. I have found the easiest route from the claim area is leaving through door 506. Look for the numbers on the door exiting baggage claim. When you exit, there is a crosswalk to island 3. This is where the hotel bus will pick you up. It has a big chocolate cookie on the side. This bus makes two stops. Do not get off at the first stop. Our DoubleTree is the second stop. Upon arriving, you should receive your breakfast coupons (two per room per night) and your delicious hot cookies.

If you need to get in touch with us at the hotel, please use one of the following methods; cell phone (703) 568-9516, email at mmarcy99@aol.com or ruaea2013den@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Marilyn Marcy – VP Convention

Does United carry a life insurance policy on all retirees?



Some, but not all retirees are entitled to a life insurance policy from United.

We have been told that the United Retiree Facebook page states that United carries a \$10,000 life insurance policy on all retirees who retired after 2003. **Ed Tolle, RUAEA Corporate Liaison**, investigated this matter and received the following response from **Donna Towle, Vice President, HR - Employee Relations**.

The rumor that surfaced on Facebook is not true for all retirees. Retirees should refer to their labor contracts at the time of their retirement and also the 1114 Agreement between United Air Lines, Inc and the Retiree Collation.

During bankruptcy in 2003, the \$10,000 benefit was eliminated for some groups. United's retiree Life Insurance benefits are determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreements for applicable work groups in which the year the co-worker retires and the 1114 Agreement.

The current work groups that do still have the \$10,000 benefit are (CBA Contract 2005 – current) and outlined in the Summary Plan Descriptions (Subsidiary United Only):

- ❖ *Flight Attendants*
- ❖ *IAM – Ramp, Stores, Food Service and Security Workers*
- ❖ *PCE*
- ❖ *Mechanics*

As a reminder, numerous retirees forfeited the life benefit in the 1114 agreement in exchange for other benefits. AonHewitt is aware of this communication and they are taking beneficiary elections telephonically if the retiree does indeed have a retirement benefit. We are working on a project to add the online beneficiary designation to YBR.

Obviously, this is a very individual situation. Don't let that 2003 date deter you. From fellow members, we have learned some who retired before 2003 do have insurance while others do not. The amount of the insurance varies. We suggest you take the time and call the United benefit center, 800-651-1007. Your beneficiary may be very happy you took the time to do this.

We thank **Ed Tolle** and **Donna Towle** for this clarification.

United partners with Aetna to administer its U.S. medical plans in 2014

Nearly every day, some aspect of health care is in the news. It's a hot topic for us, too, because we know you value the medical benefits we provide to you and your family. That's why we review our benefits annually to ensure we offer the highest-quality health care plans at a price that is affordable for you and the company over the long term.

Benefits Update

We have chosen Aetna as our primary benefit provider for our U.S. medical plans beginning in 2014 and will no longer offer medical PPO and Medicare supplement plans through Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and United Healthcare (UHC). (This change will not impact HMOs offered by BCBS and UHC for active co-workers and retirees.)

For most co-workers in United's medical plans, the change to Aetna will be seamless. You'll use the same providers you see today, but Aetna will administer your health care claims. Express Scripts will continue to be our prescription drug provider and ValueOptions will continue to be our behavioral health provider.

Most co-workers' doctors are already in Aetna's network, but, if your doctor is not, you may nominate him or her to be included. Nominated providers will need to meet the Aetna certification requirements and agree to join the network. Transition of care benefits will be provided for co-workers who are in the middle of a medical treatment with a provider that is not in the Aetna network.

For more about the change to Aetna, go to the [Benefits](#) page on the Employees Services tab. We're still working on the details of the transition and will continue to post information on whom to call if you have questions, determining if your provider is in the Aetna network and what you need to do to avoid disruption of current treatment for yourself or family members.

Annual Benefits Enrollment information about our 2014 benefits will be available in late September. This year, benefits enrollment for 2014 benefits will begin in mid-October.

Airbus bin improvements more than 78 percent complete



As of mid-July, United modified 118 of 152 of the narrowbody planes and are on track to complete the project this fall.

The existing bins on the A319s and A320s get new latches, hinges and doors, which create more useable space, deep enough for stowing standard, 22-inch rolling suitcases wheels-first and side by side. This nearly doubles carry-on capacity, resulting in quicker boarding and deplaning and higher customer satisfaction.

Line Maintenance co-workers are doing many of the modifications during Airbus visits to DEN and SFO, and United's business partners perform some.

United is making investments in baggage service equipment



With each passing month, United's baggage performance continues to trend in the right direction.

Through June, the company's mishandled baggage rate was 6.7 percent better year-over-year, and United continues to move up in the DOT rankings.

United will roll out \$3.5 million in new equipment system-wide later this year to enhance its baggage performance even more. Some of the upcoming investments include:

- In August, United distributed 1,073 handheld bag scanners with 305 cradles and 69 chargers to hub, line, international and United Express stations.

- In October, United will send 46 new computers and 180 mobile printers with Wi-Fi to hubs.

"We also will be deploying new radios, software enhancements and upgraded re-route technology," Baggage Resolution Service Center Director Brian Keene said. *"The new equipment will enable us to track baggage movement to ensure that bags travel with customers, especially when we experience irregular operations."*

United starts weekly service to UVF



In July, United launched weekly nonstop service to UVF (St. Lucia) from EWR. United operates the flights using Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 16 United Business seats, 48 United Economy Plus seats and 90 United Economy seats.

St. Lucia, United's 17th destination in the Caribbean, is a very welcome addition to its network.

Marriott Rewards and MileagePlus launch RewardsPlus



MileagePlus and Marriott Rewards announced a partnership that will provide United's most loyal members with unprecedented travel benefits. RewardsPlus offers Marriott Rewards Platinum Elite members MileagePlus Premier Silver status, featuring some of United's most popular Premier perks, and gives United Global Services, Premier 1K, Premier Platinum and Premier Gold members Marriott Rewards Gold Elite status and all of the benefits that come with it.

RewardsPlus, which brings together the world's leading hotel and airline loyalty programs, will soon include other features as well. Beginning in August, Marriott Rewards and United MileagePlus members will receive added value when transferring points into miles and will get additional miles for travel packages. Also, for the first time, MileagePlus Premier members will be able to convert their miles into Marriott Rewards points.

United announced second-quarter 2013 profit



United reported July 25th, second-quarter 2013 net income of \$521 million, or \$1.35 per diluted share, excluding \$52 million of special charges. Including special charges, United reported second-quarter 2013 net income of \$469 million, an increase of 38 percent year-over-year, or \$1.21 per diluted share.

In news release, Jeff thanked co-workers for providing great customer service and contributing to the progress the company made in the second quarter - both financially and operationally.

United generated \$10 billion of revenue, Jeff noted - the highest

second-quarter revenue the company ever earned. In addition, United led the U.S. airline industry in year-over-year passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) growth for the second consecutive quarter. The consolidated PRASM increased 1.0 percent over the second quarter of 2012.

“Our top financial priorities for 2013 are to operate more efficiently and to meet our return-on-invested-capital target, and our performance in the second quarter puts us in good position to achieve these goals,” said EVP and Chief Financial Officer John Rainey.

Unfortunately, non-fuel unit costs grew at a rate faster than many of United’s competitors’ this quarter. Excluding special charges and third-party business expense and holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant, United’s consolidated cost per available seat mile (CASM) increased 4.5 percent compared to the results for the second quarter of 2012. Second-quarter 2013 consolidated CASM increased 0.7 percent year-over-year.

Throughout most of the quarter, co-workers faced challenging weather and high load factors yet delivered competitive on-time performance and customer service. *“For the second straight quarter, our unit revenue outperformed the industry,”* said Vice Chairman and Chief Revenue Officer Jim Compton. *“Our investments in customer service training and in our product are paying off.”*

Star Alliance has an app for that



Star Alliance recently introduced a customized application for iPad users called Navigator. When you’re thinking about a taking a trip with one of the Star Alliance partners, check out the app for variety of travel services, including flight search, flight status, lounge finder and airport information. Also, the “My Trip” feature is unique to the Navigator iPad app and allows you to store and monitor your flight itineraries.

The app also features an interactive 3D globe, which illustrates the 28-airline network of more than 21,900 daily flights covering 1,328 destinations worldwide. When you enter your flight itinerary details, enjoy an entertaining and interactive journey across the digital globe. Users also can explore frequent flyer benefits information and Star Alliance Gold and Silver privileges.

The app recently won the 2013 Red Dot Award: Communication Design for setting an industry benchmark for design, customer experience and technology, highlighted by the 3D globe feature.

Early out program details available for IAM-represented co-workers



United announced early out program for IAM-represented co-workers. United is introducing a voluntary early out program to eligible IAM-represented frontline co-workers in airports, reservations and stores. The program gives co-workers flexibility in choosing the options that are right for them and their families, such as early out payment and the opportunity to purchase early out travel privileges. The payment amount that program participants may receive varies depending upon the number of participants in the applicable employee group.

Eligible co-workers may apply through Sept. 5.

Torgy’s Travel Tips

Destinations ~ in this industry, it’s all about destinations. While we were working, we were surrounded by lots of information about where the Company flew and how we could get there. We had access to knowledgeable employees and/or had direct access to Apollo or Unimatic. Now that we’re retired and the merger has grown our route structure, it’s hard to be sure where all those destinations are. So I have some tips on how to solve the mystery of “Where does United fly?”

The easiest way to determine the up-to-the-minute destination list is to access the website used by regular United customers: www.united.com. Directly under the United logo is a blue bar with several drop-down menu choices: *Home, Reservations, Travel Information, Deals and Offers, etc.* Hold your cursor over *Travel Information* and you will see a gray box drop down. Click on *Destination Information*. To see all the cities

where your passes are valid, click on the circle titled Show Only Destinations Served by United Airlines or United Express. You will receive an alphabetical listing of cities along with their airport code and if the city is served by a United Express carrier, the name of that carrier will be displayed. Once you have this information you can begin planning your pass travel back at the flyingtogether.ual.com website.



If the city you desire to visit is not listed in the table just described above, you may need to find another airline who offers a reduced rate ticket such as a ZED or ID90 fare. In that case, there is a marvelous tool on the Flying Together website called the ID90T Research Tool. Not only can you find out which airlines fly there but you also get a fare quote! From the FlyingTogether.ual.com home page, select *Employee Res* from the left hand column. Do not fill out the Flight Search boxes, but scroll down instead until you see the blue words *Quick Links* located just below the search and reset boxes. Once you click Quick Links, select *ID90T Research*

Tool. From here, you simply fill out the desired city pairs, dates you wish to travel and select what kind of travelers will be flying. You will receive a schedule and fare for each airline who offers UA retirees discount tickets. Hold your cursor over the carrier code and it will give you the English name of the airline. If you click on the fare, it breaks down the taxes for you. I recently found that Emirates Airlines flies between Sydney and Auckland – a real surprise when Qantas and Air New Zealand are carriers who normally come to mind. As the title says, this is a research tool, not the place to purchase tickets.

Note: If you have never accessed an ID90T website before, you will be automatically directed to their login page for verification of eligibility. Simply select United Airlines as the employing airline, your 6 digit file number (without the “u”) for your user name. Your password for this one-time only process is the first letter of your first name and your full last name, all in lower case. You can select a permanent password after this. If you have any problems call the ID90T help desk at 877 298-5233.

Happy travels!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



FYI, there is now a book available, *An Uncommon Field: The Flight 93 Temporary Memorial*. The author is Richard Snodgrass. It contains 90 black and white photos as well as 25 sections of text related to the **National Memorial of Flight 93**. Published by Carnegie Mellon University Press, it is available at Barnes and Noble. If it is out of stock at Barnes & Noble, it can be ordered at your request. Half of the proceeds are donated by the artist to the Flight 93 National Memorial.

I thank you for your dedication and support to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. Your continued support is needed more than ever. To donate, make check to United Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

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.

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We had a wonderful meeting on July 18, at our usual spot: Cubi Bar Café in the NAS Pensacola National Aviation museum. We had our largest meeting ever with 26 people attending, even after two had to cancel at the last minute. Members attending were: **Jim Alston, Nancy Aldrich, George & Jean Dobison, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Park & Billie Learned, Ray & My Owens, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey, Steve, Jake & Eddie Wilkey and Tommy & Sande Zander.** We were thrilled that **Jake & Eddie Wilkey** were able to attend our meeting once again with their parents. They are absolutely wonderful boys and are growing up so fast. They are entering high school this year. We were sorry that **Harold Stofko** wasn't feeling well at the last minute and could not attend. **Norm Reinoehl** had to cancel just before our meeting due to raccoons getting into their feeder for their fish pond and making a huge mess and problems. Naughty raccoons! They can be a nuisance! We also missed **George & Denny Atteberry, Ed Southworth,** and **Mary Renfroe** who were all on vacation. **Penny Alston** was babysitting grandchildren so stayed home but we were glad that **Jim** was able to attend.

After lunch orders were placed, we decided to take a group picture. We had lots of laughter as we tried to get all 26 people in the picture. Luckily, one of the café managers agreed to take the picture so everyone was in the picture! Once that was accomplished, raffle tickets were sold by **Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra.** After all this excitement, we all enjoyed our lunches.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Raffle ticket winner this month was **Bob Heinrich.** Congratulations, **Bob!** Winners of our extra delicious cookies were **Rick Herrick, Barbara Serra, Doug Horne, Jake & Eddie Wilkey.**

The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent with no questions or corrections. Thank you notes were received from the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum and the Manna Food Bank for our donations made to them last month.

Our August birthday persons are: **Yvonne Schwartz (1st), Jean Dobison (3rd), Diane Hutto (3rd) and George Dobison (14th).** Our September birthday persons are **Patty Southworth (9th), Conrad Hamilton (10th), Norm Reinoehl (11th), Bill Hayden (16th), Barbara Serra (16th), and Bev Heinrich (21st).** Happy Birthday to all of you! We feel it's something that both our Vice-President and Treasurer celebrate their birthdays on September 16th. We appreciate what they do to help keep our group going!

The museum loaned us a large screen TV once again and we were especially happy that **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** was back with us and agreed to do a question and answer session. She was definitely put to the test with questions of all types. As always, she answered everything! The biggest discussion was held on the new Retiree ID badges.

Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we almost always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL. Visitors are always welcome to attend and if you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), please come join us.

Calendar:

August 15

September 19

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I guess the West Valley of Phoenix has had its share of rain due to the monsoon season. I know Illinois has. I'm writing from Huntley, Illinois, hiding out from the Arizona sun and not really thrilled by the amount of rain we've gotten here, but excited that we don't have to "water" the grass. But enough already, the grass is green and growing and the bushes need pruning for the second time this season.

Vic and I have been in Illinois since July 15 and staying through August, trying to be kind of like snowbirds. We had dinner with **Don & Sandy Kramlich**, **Lowell & Pat Neal**, and **Gene & Marge Hinnners** at Rookies for their \$1.00 burger special. Not bad; of course, with cheese on the burger and fries added, the price goes all the way up to \$3.00 not including the non-alcoholic drink. We, also, had dinner with **Mitch & Connie Russo** and **Linda Kluth** and friend, Stan, at Coopers Hawk last Monday night. Good friends!

Our schedule is usually pretty busy when we're in Illinois due to family, the grandkids, ball games, friends, lunches and dinners and just plain enjoying life. Great to be retired! When did we have time while working?

Vic and I ran into **Joanne (OBPOP) & John Griffin (ORDCG)** at Costco recently. They've sold their Crystal Lake home and are moving things to their home in Oxford, WI. Of course, they'll be "snow-birding" this winter in their Mesa, AZ house and we should see them in Casa Grande, AZ at the All-Arizona luncheon in March hosted by the Azures. Good people!

Joe & Lisa Hopkins hosted a "mystery" lunch July 13 for a few Azures members: **Joan & Richard Aaronson**, **Marge Mullman**, **Rose Barry** and **Vic & Carol Liltz**. We met at Pebblecreek's parking lot and followed the Hopkins to the destination. We only had one chance (per car) to guess the restaurant and get a free glass of wine (Joe's treat) but none of us guessed. Joe surprised us with a glass of wine anyway at Carraba's Restaurant at 99th and McDowell Rd in Avondale, AZ. Our buddy, **Vivian Klick**, had a previous commitment and couldn't attend. We all agreed to do that again.

Curt & Linette Stenberg joined our "breakfast club" usuals (**Jim Bechtold**, **Mike Richards**, **Sherry Muoio**) at Coco's on July 16. There's usually a larger crowd when the snowbirds return. We welcome Curt & Linette to join the group again when they meet every other Tuesday. And, maybe, become Azures members in October at our picnic at Beardsley Park.

Sad news that **Susie Hughes** had 3 stents put in her heart on July 15, this comes after her open-heart operation to bypass three valves a few months ago. We wish Susie a good and speedy recovery. Send cards to Susie at 20108 N. 110th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Vivian Klick is in Hawaii celebrating her birthday with her California daughter, Vivian, and her family. We'll report next month on the great time she had.

United announced the new insurance provider, Aetna, which will replace BCBS PPO effective January 2014. Please sign into United Landing Page, Employee Services and click on the "Benefits" tab to keep current on the changes. According to United, it should be a "seamless" transition for most insured, more to follow. Open enrollment will be in mid-October.

Just a reminder, again, to pick up a few items (small soaps, lotions, socks, mittens, small cuddly stuffed animals) for children for the "Fantasy Flight" and give them to **Joan Aaronson** at the Beardsley Park picnic, October 12, or before. These homeless or poor children are delighted to receive the little gifts so please help them enjoy this wonderful celebration. And, special thanks to all the United volunteers.

September birthdays are: **A. D. Cline** (9/1), **Carol Liltz** (9/27) and **Lynn Cline** (9/29).

Remember, again, the RUAEA convention in Denver, October 9-13. Reserve your room and tours and get ready for a great time with many ex-United (and maybe Continental) friends. Online information at www.ruaea.org. Deadline for signup and hotel reservations is September 6, 2013.

Breakfasts continue every other Tuesday at Coco's, 98th and Bell Roads, Sun City, AZ. September dates are: September 10th and September 24th. **Jim Bechtold** does not have a current phone number so please contact **Sherry Muoio**, (623) 572-4828 to confirm your attendance.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ will be held at 0800. Call **Jim Bechtold** (623) 465-5423 and let him know you'll be attending.

September 10

September 24

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Can't believe summer is almost gone and the fall season is arriving. We often wonder where all the time goes. As we get older, we appreciate every day that we can get up and be able to do things. Time gets away from all of us. So, before you forget it, don't forget the RUAEA Convention is coming up. The deadline for registering for the hotel and the Convention is September 6, 2013. The time is **now**! The June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter has all the information and the forms. If you can't find that issue, you can check the web at www.ruaea.org, and you can find everything about the Convention there. The Convention starts October 9th – 13th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 4040 Quebec Street in Denver, CO. Room rates start at \$99 plus tax for single and double occupancy. I've heard the rooms for the hotel are going fast. When calling the DoubleTree Central Reservation line at 1-800-222-8733, please refer to RUAEA, as a block of rooms have been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants.

Don't forget to sign up for any of the tours you might be interested in. There are some nice tours available. Friday, October 11, there will be Beer/Brats/Salads available for \$3.00 per person. Saturday morning is the business meeting and Benefits Panel presentation and the banquet in the evening with a choice of Chicken Breast, Salmon Filet or Beef Short Ribs, plus a tossed salad, dessert, along with coffee or tea. There's complimentary airport shuttle service, a wonderful location for shopping and restaurants, free hotel parking and free breakfast for two with the rooms. Doesn't that sound great? It's a wonderful chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Sign up today, if you haven't already. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

We had our normal monthly breakfast July 26th at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert with 17 people attending. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Ron Paluch** came in from Seattle to join us. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, was unable to attend, as her husband, **Phil**, was admitted to the hospital with a brain tumor. We have learned that **Phil** died in August. Our condolences go out to **Peg**. Keep her in your prayers and thoughts. If you wish to send her a card, her address is 7947 E. Natal Ave, Mesa, AZ 85209. We had a short meeting at the breakfast, but mostly listened to people's experiences with flying on United and other airlines plus ZED fares.

Please continue to collect items for the children involved in the Fantasy Flight. They need individual blankets, cuddly-stuffed animals, socks, mittens, plus any small soaps, shampoo, and lotions. **Peg Snowdall** has been collecting them over the summer and will until before the Fantasy Flight. You may find some sales at a store, or pick up some things at a local garage sale.

Our next breakfast will be held Friday, September 27th at the Black Bear Diner, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know by September 25th, if you plan on attending the breakfast. If you have any questions, you can call **Peg** at (480) 396-3317. We welcome any guests.

We have the following members celebrating their birthday in September. They are **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Judie Preston** (9/12), **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18)

and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all of you! We only have one Wedding Anniversary this month (that we know of), and that is yours truly, **Liz and Ted Tollefsen**, (59 years on 9/18/54)! Who said it wouldn't last?

Calendar:

September 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by August 21 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

September 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

October 9 – 13 – RUAEA Convention in Denver, CO

October 25 - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter. We are back online after taking the summer off. We hope that all had a fine summer season!

We are sorry to report that our brother member, **Jimmie Legg** lost his battle to his illness. Our prayers and condolences go out to his wife, Sue and their family. **Sue Legg** can be contacted at 4415 N. Calle Santa Cruz, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Calendar:

September 17 – Lone Spur Café, 11:00AM. Hope to see you all there.



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Our July Roadrunners luncheon was held at the Metropolitan Grill. We would like to extend our thanks to **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** for organizing and hosting the luncheon. Nineteen members attended this event. Our July 50/25/25 drawing winners were **Jeff & Sandy Lawyer**.

In August, our luncheon will be held at Chopstix on August 15. **John Bennatts** will be our host. Chopstix is located at 8225 N. Courtney Page Way, Tucson, AZ 85743, (520) 579-8889. We will be ordering from the menu. Please contact **John** at (425) 503-6714 or send an e-mail to sugarue@wa-net.com by August 12. Gluten free meals are available upon request. Chopstix is located just off of I-10 at Exit 246 Cortaro Rd. From I-10 proceed west on Cortaro Rd. turning right onto N. Arizona Pavilion Dr. Take the 1st left on N. Courtney Page Way. The restaurant will be on the right.

In September, we will be going to the Saddlebrook Country Club on the 19th. **Ron & Shirley Robertson** will be our hosts. Lunch will include soup, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages for a fixed cost of \$16. The entree choice will be a Cobb Salad or a Parmesan Crusted Turkey Sandwich. In addition, the ever popular Bloody Mary will be available for \$4. Please contact **Ron** or **Shirley Robertson** at (520) 818-3020 or send your e-mail to ronandshirey@msn.com by September 12. **Ron** has also extended an invitation to **Bob Hallden**, RUAEA Arizona Director and **Mike Richards**, RUAEA Executive Vice President for this month's luncheon. We are hoping that they will be able to attend. Ron has been asked to guarantee 35 people for this event so we would like to encourage everyone to attend if possible.

Lastly, we would like to extend well wishes to **Roger Callihan** who is recovering from gallbladder surgery and **Bonnie Royle** who is recovering at home from her recent hospital stay. Hope to see you both soon at our upcoming luncheons.

Calendar:

August 15 – Chopstix, hosted by **John Bennatts**

September 19 - Saddlebrook Country Club, hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson**

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We did not meet during July. I did receive news regarding our member, **Howard Lackey**. He was also the Director for the S. California Region. I read in last month's newsletter from the ReLAXer's column that Howard became ill and is now in Northern California with family. This was quite a shock to me, since I wasn't aware of him having any problem.

Our president, **Mike Zoldak**, called me for any information. Since I had none, I called the ReLAXer's secretary, **Donna Klobe**, who filled me in with the details. Howard had a mild stroke that hospitalized him. When he was able to travel, his sister moved him to their home in Manteca, CA. Those of you who would like to contact Howard, his address is 245 Preakness Circle, Manteca, CA 95337-8422. Or phone (209) 815-9435. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family and we hope he will recover as soon as possible.

We will be meeting again on August 21 at Marie Callender's restaurant. I will have more information from our Chapter in next month's Newsletter.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Thirty five Desert Sunbirds attended our July Luncheon at the Bellatrix Restaurant located at the Classic (Golf) Club in Palm Desert. Hosted by **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**, most of the attendees dined on Grilled Chicken Salad or Fish & Chips. A handful chose a Grilled Vegetable Wrap. Whatever the fare, it's fair to say that everyone enjoyed the lunch and the ambiance.

Our hosts, Al and Mark, brought a friend, **Bill Scott**, as their guest (we'll see his name later on in this report). I brought my Fair Lady, **Marji Gomez**. New Member **Doreen Roberts** brought her Significant Other, **Tom Wheaton**, who promptly paid his dues and became a New Member himself. **Vern Behnke** brought two guests, **Val Tinus** (who also paid his dues and became the newest member), and **John Bauer**, a frequent guest at our luncheons, and also a retiree with UAL. We've been trying for years to get John to join us.

The **Penningtons** had to cancel as **Jenny** had cataract surgery, and **Al** was still trying to heal a broken arm suffered in a fall. As **Elaine Aggson** said, "*We old folks need to be careful. The ground is a lot closer than it used to be.*" No other reports of sickness or accidents, so that's good news.

Our August Anniversary Celebrants are **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss** (26 years on 8/2); and **Gil & Marianne Patterson** (38 years on 8/6).

Our Birthday winner was **Jerry Waiss**. **Jan Kellerhals** took home \$50.00, and **Vern Behnke**, \$5.00 in our 50/50 drawing. Al and Mark also provided two bottles of wine in the drawing, and these were won by **Sean Foley** and **Bill Scott**. Wasn't Bill the guest of Al & Mark? Just asking! One person at each table took home the flower arrangements: **Jan Kellerhals**, **Scoobie Wolfe**, **Sandy Sereno**, **Melinda Lerg** (who promptly gave hers to Elaine), **Jerry Waiss**, and **Flo Silvestri**.

Every so often, we want to remind anyone in the United Retiree Family who is visiting the Desert, that you would be welcome to attend a luncheon. We have them every month, the 2nd Wednesday each month. Just call or email me, and I'll give you all the particulars.

Calendar:

September 11 - Palm Desert Greens Country Club, hosted by **Chuck Lamas**

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 31 at the Sizzler in Auburn. This was hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. We had 56 Gold Diggers attending and one guest. Our guest was **Allan Pochop**, Solano Flyers Chapter President. Allan was here to ask if they could join us at our October luncheon in Vacaville. We will have a combined luncheon of Gold Diggers and Solano Flyers in October. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Harshbargers for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** introduced our new member **Lynn Grotz** of Lincoln Hills. She gave a little bio of herself. She last worked in Reservations in the Los Angeles area.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said all luncheons have hosts now through the end of the year.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for July. Those 50 years and over: **Francisco & Marta Fornells** – 59 years. We didn't get to sing to them as they were not here.

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

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** hasn't heard of anyone sick. Colleen added that her husband, Harold, will be having all his teeth extracted on August 19th.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** said that **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** want a group picture taken today to put in the national newsletter.

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

Past President of RUAEA ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us of the convention in October. He says there are great tours planned.

Calendar:

August 28 – Fia's Bistro in Grass Valley, hosted by **Ronnie & Judie King**

September 25 - Commodore Park at Lake Wildwood, hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hola! Muy Delicioso! Yes, we certainly did have delicious food. **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** treated us to a lovely luncheon at Casa Ramos in Placerville. The 34 miners attending were able to order their own choices for lunch. Rosemary had plenty of cookies and some candy to finish off the meals. **Thank You so much,** Rosemary and J.R. for arranging this for us.

Our September hosts, **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick**, requested we find new hosts for that month. **Joe & Lynda Lima** stepped up to the plate and took the reins.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** sent out the call for any birthdays for the month of July. **Rosemary Heier** was serenaded with a Miner rendition of Happy Birthday. No couples present boasted of an anniversary, but if we missed you, congratulations!

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** relayed an experience. Be aware of the actual coverage you have with your insurance companies. His son's car was damaged when a tree fell on it. The house insurance denied the claim saying that it was not irresponsibility that caused the accident. You have to show there was *neglect to collect*.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** said he is giving the IRS to the end of the month to come up with our non-profit number. If he doesn't hear from them, he will be calling! Our checking account is looking pretty nice. After DOO tickets were purchased and the donation prize awarded, our balance stands at \$1,492.61.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** did not have anything new to report.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** worked on our chapter albums, but they didn't make it into the car! Next month!

Old Business ~ Are you ready? Retiree Badges Are Here! Well, kind of. You may be wondering if you really need one of these badges. Well, the answer is yes. If you want to get that discount with FedEx - you will need one and it may assist in obtaining discounts for off-line travel, hotels, cruises and many of the other discounts found on the Employee Discounts page in Flying Together. There will be a fee of \$35.00 for the initial retiree badge. You will need to go online to the EmployeeRES. The link can be found by selecting "Quick Links" then "Employee Profile" and finally "Click here to obtain your Retiree Badge". At this point, the retiree will be provided with the opportunity to submit payment and are given the instructions for submitting your picture/information to the Badging Office. Once the payment/order has been received, the badging office will verify the information, create the badge and send it to the retiree via Federal Express or certified mail.

New Business / RUAEA ~ Rudy had some interesting items for us this month ~ Be aware and on guard when traveling overseas if a local sales clerk or merchant offers, as a gesture of goodwill, to make out the bill in "your own local currency", namely US dollars, rather than in Euros, pounds or yen. Just say "no". Require that the bill be written on the credit card slip in Euros, pounds, or yen. If you permit them to convert that sum into dollars, they will use an exchange rate so poor that you will automatically pay 15% to 20% more than you should have. And even though you have paid the badly adjusted bill in dollars, the fact that you have made the purchase overseas also will cause your credit card company to add a 3% surcharge to the bill you receive (a foreign transaction fee). So, have the merchant place the very same sum on the bill as appears on the menu. As for that transaction fee, it's already bad enough that every credit card company other than Capital One (and most credit unions) adds a 3% foreign transaction fee to the bill you receive each month. You can avoid that wholly unnecessary charge by obtaining a Capital One credit card, A USAA MasterCard, a British Airways Chase Visa, a credit card issued by your local credit union, or a number of other cards listed in any good search engine.

There's the nagging problem of retirees being charged for their baggage. **Bill Dinette** has provided a code for you to give to the ticket agent. The baggage code is **GGBAGEMP**. Should you have trouble with baggage charges, give this code to the agent and it will explain how to waive the baggage charge for employee travel. Sounds good to me!

Misc ~ **John Muir** let us know that a memorial service for **Al Surmac** was held on July 27, 2013 at Amelia Reed's hangar at Reid Hillview Airport.

David Leippe alerted us to be aware that Raleys information system has been hacked. Keep an eye on your accounts.

I neglected to pick up the sheet with the names of those who brought items for our Drawing Of Opportunity. **LindaLee Akin** was the winner of the donators ticket. We do want to Thank You all who brought something.

Our August luncheon is "Hot August Nights" hosted by **Carolyn Woolston, Tom & Suzanne Kenny**.

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It's steak-fry time again. That puts a smile on a lot of local faces. Hopefully, we'll have a good numbers of members making the long drive.

Jack Kotin called to make sure he could bring along an 11 month old child. With a baby that age, I'd say that Jack will be the "Star of the Show".

Our sign-up sheet for the steak-fry was loaded with offers from 7 ladies to bring desserts - cookies, brownies and peach cobbler! I'll bet that will jump our numbers sky high.

Barbara Schuster had a nasty fall a few weeks ago that required stitches on her head and a “halo” to support damage to the neck area. Within a couple of weeks, you’d never know anything happened. All areas are healed and the neck brace is gone! Barbara looks great and says she has no pain!

Lois Hamilton called to advise that **Jan Sherbet** has been moved to a full-time care residence. We send our best wishes to Jan and will miss her at the luncheons.

We have several couples that are supporting one another due to various ailments. We send encouragement to **Becky Weidner** and husband as he is battling cancer for the second time.

Ursula Bloor cares for her husband as well. Ursula worked in RR and TR and would love to see some old friends. She doesn’t get out much and hopes to attend a luncheon soon.

We continue to pray for better days ahead for **Betty & Herb Kopp**, the **Crisciones**, **Eleanor Jones**, **Howard Lackey**, **Carl & Barbara Delia**.

Frankie Tschirhart is planning on coming to the steak-fry without Al. The hills are just too steep for him to navigate. Sorry Al, we will miss your funny disposition.

John Daley advised that he’s let his home care assistant go and he’s all on his own. But he’s concerned about the hills in the park as well. Sorry Guys, we hope to see you soon at the Proud Bird where there are no hills to climb.

We are pleased to hear some of our “Far away Relaxers” will be attending the Convention. **Donna & Jerry Brandt** and **Phyllis & Tom Easley** will be making their way to Colorado. We’re really looking forward to seeing these great friends.

Calendar:

October 3 - Luncheon at the Proud Bird



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Our July breakfast was held on the second Thursday of the month, the 11th, due to the Fourth of July Holiday. We had twenty eight in attendance, which was good due to so many retirees out travelling and spending time with families and grandchildren.

The August breakfast was on the first and we had twenty one in attendance. **Dan Meza** joined us for the first time and **John Cunningham** was with us again after an absence that was way too long. John volunteers at Comicon every year and we love the stories he has to tell!

Several birthdays were remembered for August: **Debbie Taylor**, **Margo Montelongo**, **Jackie Schwartz**, **Rich Richardson** and **Dan Meza**.

Ralph & Mary Hernandez just returned from an enjoyable two week cruise to Alaska. I get cold just thinking of it but I know the scenery is spectacular.

Roberta Parisi was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and won forty dollars which she donated back to the chapter, ReSans. She says she wants to make sure the Christmas Luncheon is going to be a good one. That means a good raffle, of course.

Our September breakfast is going to be hosted by **Greg Krok** and **Ray Wood**. **Betty**, **Robert**, **Debbie** and I are all going to be out of town. They promise a great turnout and the biggest raffle ever so be sure to make the September breakfast and support Greg and Ray.

Remember, if anyone is having trouble with the Retiree Badge, you can contact badging@united.com via email. Remember this is not mandatory but may help with discounts from some vendors. I may have to call them myself as I haven’t been able to make it work.

If you are planning a trip to sunny San Diego, we would love to have you join us for breakfast!

Calendar:

September 5 - Monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226 0255.

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Here it is September and the South Bay RUAEA is back in the Fall routine. Some of our group has been enjoying traveling adventures. **Alice Rostirolla** recently traveled to Yellowstone National Park and points in between, to enjoy some hiking adventures and the beautiful scenery. **Bob & Karen Devlin** enjoyed taking their grandsons to a family reunion in Minnesota and then meeting their California family for fishing near Murphy in the foothills of the Sierras.

Many members of our chapter are planning to attend the convention in Denver in October. Some are flying to and then returning on Amtrak to the Bay Area. We're looking forward to reacquainting with other United retirees and seeing the Mile High City.

Georgia Nielson has been promoting many of the activities sponsored by the United Historical Society. Recently, a Flight Attendant Celebration Day was held at SFO Museum. She encouraged us to visit the museum and view the collections and aviation memorabilia displays.

We always celebrate anniversary milestones and in September, the following members have been married 50 years or more: **Boyd & Merle Sweet** (53 years), **Gerald & Alice Frisch** (62 years), **Charley & Barbara Brown** (62 years), **Vernon & Maureen Snyder** (51 years), **Harry & Theresa Willever** (57 years) and **Kathryn & Frank Mazzola** (51 years). Congratulations to all of you!

We meet weekly at Holder's Country Inn in San Jose/Cupertino on DeAnza Blvd. Breakfast begins at 8 AM and at 9 AM, we have a short meeting. Hope you'll join us.

Calendar:

Fall luncheon – TBD

October 9-13 - Denver Convention

December 3 - Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, Santa Clara, CA



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our July celebration was a pot-luck barbeque, hosted by **Nancy Buddington** at the club house for her mobile home park. The meat was cooked for us by **Bobby Woods**. Following all of the eating, we began a very short meeting. President **Jack Walls** began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our "Joke hour" was contributed to by **Don Nesja** and **Janet Madden** (Nancy's daughter). Good jokes; good food; a good combination for good digestion!

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** gave his report indicating all our bills are paid and we have enough of a balance to cover our needs.

We celebrated the birthday of attendees **Don Powlesland** and the anniversary of **Art & Jean Moore**. Art & Jean were celebrating 13 years, but their first "date" was in the 1930's (guess it took Cupid's arrow a while to work).

Our next meeting will be August 8, hosted by **Joy & Bob Blair**, in Jackson. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and we would love to have visitors or new members join us. For information concerning the meeting, call **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073).

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Wow! A little Delta breeze makes all the difference in the world in the North state. We sure are experiencing great weather. Our meeting/luncheon was held July 25th in Redding at the Holiday Inn. We had 27 retirees and spouses enjoy a great lunch and good information. **Merritt Odor** welcomed a visitor, **Mike Johnson**, who retired from the MOC in San Francisco. Also, **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director, was able to make today's meeting. Merritt thanked our Vice President, **Richard Skelly**, for setting up the luncheon. Holiday Inn was nice enough to not only provide a luncheon menu but also a buffet. The food was delicious as always.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** celebrated their 35th anniversary and **Don & Ursula Arndt** celebrated their 47th anniversary in July. **Bunnie Stuart** celebrated a birthday also in July.

Mike Johnson introduced himself and spoke about his MOC days and his move to Paradise, California in 2009. We hope he will join the Northstaters.

John Zoboli shared some information on the happenings of United Airlines and RUAEA. He spoke about the ID badges for retirees. The charge will be \$35.00 and must be done online. The badge is not needed for travel but may help with discounts.

The RUAEA Convention package is available on-line at www.ruaea.com or on the newsletter as of June 1st. The tours have been arranged and there should be something for everyone. The convention will be held October 9 thru 13.

John spoke about the Reno Chapter's picnic this year. Everyone is invited to San Harbor State Park on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe. The picnic will be held August 19 as well as information on the maintenance get-together held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. August 19-22.

The RUAEA Directors election is in process. The voting may be done by mail or on line.

Retiree parking has been relocated at the MOC. **John & Linda Delaney** were kind enough to have information and maps for parking at the Maintenance Base for the retirees when traveling.

Our member profile this month is about **Mark Chiles** ~ Mark says that he wanted two things in life. 1) To fly for a living and 2) to marry someone like Jill F. who he knew from 3rd to 7th grade. Mark grew up in Dixon, IL in 1949. He states it was also the boyhood home of Ronald Reagan. Mark attended Spartan School of Aeronautics and received his A&P license. In 1964, Mark applied for a job with United in Chicago. United was not hiring and the draft was on his heels. The Illinois Air Reserve/Air National Guard was filled with the sons of the well-connected, so Mark joined the Army and became a helicopter mechanic. He spent 26 months in Germany. He was then hired by United in Chicago in August of 1967. He started at the terminal, moved to maintenance check/overnight service check. Some of his biggest memories were working outside on the North Ramp during "The Winter Carnival", the American Airlines crash, and the accident where the airliner crashed into the hangar at O'Hare during band practice. He also remembers when in 1981, Ronald Reagan fired 11,345 PATCO Air Traffic Controllers.

Fifteen years seniority was insufficient to survive a layoff so Mark became a successful bidder to SFOMM. He worked in the B29 hanger, special route crews and the docks. He met several people who were bumped from the jet shop who informed Mark they couldn't wait to go back. He took their advice and worked in Wide Subassembly, JTB/2000 stalls and finished up in Component Repair. Mark had great memories of the jet shop and remembers during the 1989 earthquake he stayed outside for hours in the East Employee Parking lot listening to radio disaster reports. In his haste of leaving, he left his wallet and keys in his rollaway and no one was allowed back in the building.

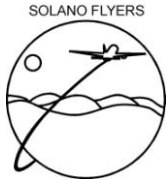
After retiring from United in 2003, he moved from fog shrouded Pacifica to sunny Redding. Mark says he never found anyone like Jill. His less than perfect eyesight meant he would be a stable groom instead of a jockey. Mark does have about 380 hour's private plane time. Presently, he is getting dual instruction in the Robinson R22 helicopter which has no relationship to flying a fixed wing. He thanks PBGC for being there and was a little disillusioned about the ESOP. All in all, he is enjoying his retirement.

Mark Chiles won the 50/50 raffle. **Klaren Odor** won the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate.

The next meeting will be in September at our picnic at Lake Anderson Park. The date will be Thursday, Sept. 26th at 11:00 A.M. It was decided to have it at the same place, K.C Grove #2 and **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact the Anderson Recreation Department to set the date and also to send flyers out concerning what to bring.

Calendar:

September 26 - 11:00 A.M. picnic at Lake Anderson Park. Come join us!



SOLANO FLYERS

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Our July meeting was held on the 24th because the funeral service for one of our members occurred on the second Wednesday, the day of our regularly scheduled meeting. We met again at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville where once more, about twenty or so members showed up.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jim Ellison**. One of our guests, **John Muir** (no relation to the environmentalist) was the successful (and only) bidder for a nice photo of a UAL B767 and an additional photo of a Continental airliner. I'm not sure he accepted that one! Another auction was held for a UAL first class coffee service was won by **Diosnel Perez**, also an only bidder.

President **Al Pochop** made his usual pretty speech and offered some household hints.

Our August meeting will be at the Benecia Grill at 2390 N. Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533, our second meeting at this neat little three star (yelp.com) restaurant. Good food.

Al also reminded us of the SFOMB personnel get together which will be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV on August 19, 20, 21 & 23. A barbecue will be on August 21. Reservations: (775) 783-6629 / 1 800 321-6983. Group rate: \$79, Group 503578. Everyone is welcome.

COLORADO

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We had a good turnout (55) for our August Mile Higher Breakfast Meeting. As usual, we met at United's Training Center Cafeteria. We have had a few changes in the last two months. Although we still call it a breakfast, the cafeteria no longer serves a hot breakfast, but the cafeteria management has been considerate and substituted other items that serve the purpose.

Special guests were **Tom & Marilyn Marcy**. **Marilyn** is Vice President of Conventions and she reviewed how the upcoming RUAEA October 9-11 Convention was coming along. She explained that the hotel was filling up fast and the tour slots are also filling up, so make your reservations soon. There still is a need for volunteers, if you are interested call **Tom Goodyear** at (720) 363-1655.

We received Information from **Bob Graham** concerning **Lee Rees**. Lee is suffering from numerous ailments and is in rehab at St. Andrew's Village. The address is 2670 Abilene St., Room 220, Aurora CO 80014. His daughter **Debra** indicated that he would appreciate visitors.

Ray Shoults reported that **Jim Burns**, DENMM passed away on 7/27/2013. Jim's wife, **Lila**, indicated there will not be a service per Jim's request. Lila's address is 7025 Omaha Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80915. Her phone number is (719) 573-5719.

Charlie Carr sent word that **Ned Cash**, DENMM passed away on 7/22/2013.

Tom & Nancy Goodyear's granddaughter **Marina** was married on Aug 3 on a beautiful ranch south of Denver. It has been a very busy summer for Tom & Nancy as this was the second granddaughter's wedding!

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winning to the chapter: **Walt Hansen** (won twice) **Charley Hassler**, **Cas Spokas** and one person who we could not read the hand writing. Thanks, your donations are appreciated.

Do not forget your aluminum cans, wrappers and etc. FYI, we got \$51.00 for the last load of cans. The can money is pooled with the money from the 50/50 and we are able to support our chapter's activities without having to pay dues.

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on September 7th at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.

FLORIDA



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Lively conversation followed another good buffet lunch for 34 members of our chapter and 3 guests at the Golden Corral. **Susan Ulman** joined husband **Don** for lunch after her shift in the Red Carpet Club. Oh, it's called something else now, but can't remember what! And I brought my grandsons Kade (10) and Jace (8) today and they thoroughly enjoyed the dessert buffet! Don't we all?

Our "lookin' good" group today included: **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, **Mack Chandler**, **Bobbie Gay**, **Rafael Vidal**, **Angel Montalvo**, **Sharon & Charlie Ringer**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Diane Lewis**, **Loretta Finn**, **Patti Clark**, **Laurie Bork**, **Linda Agnello**, **John & Mary Starzynski**, **Jim Weeks**, **David Houck**, **Jim Mummah**, **Tom Cannata**, **David & Lisa Leighty**, **Dee Francis**, and yours truly, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

Rafael Vidal showed us the new Retiree ID badge being offered by the company. He has used it to get the discounted shipping at FedEx. We also learned that our old retiree ID and a verification letter presented also worked at FedEx.

The topics of conversation included the questions recently surfacing about retiree life insurances policies. Appears each work area/contract/retirement date has a different answer. Each retiree should call 800-651-1007 and tell them you want to list your beneficiaries on your Retiree Life Insurance policy. You will need their full name, SSN, and date of birth. I called and a very nice lady helped me.

There was also huge concern over info circulating via email that came directly from "The United Daily News" dated July 31, 2013. The gist of it is that as of Jan. 1, 2014, United's primary benefit provider for US medical plans will no longer be BCBS. It will be changing to Aetna. See the Benefits page on the Employee Services tab in Skynet.

The Garden Club arrived at lunch right from ORMC where they had been visiting **Carol Woods**. Carol is in need of our prayers and support as she battles serious health issues. Cards welcome c/o ORMC, 1414 Kuhl Ave. Room 770, Orlando, FL 32806.

Birthday Wishes for August go out to: **Sharon Ringer**, **Stan Halterman**, **Shelby Michels** and **Lisa Leighty**. And Congrats to **Don & Susan Ulman** on 18 years together!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd.

September 3

October 1

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Our August meeting was attended by 14 members and one guest from SFO and DEN, and may I introduce **Burt Dietl**. Burt reads our newsletter item and visits in Florida during the summer months and decided to come to our meeting; he enjoyed himself very much and loved the food as well. Burt now lives in Denver since 1978, moving from SFO where he worked as a mechanic and sometimes the ramp. Total years employed was 37 years, wow!

Conversation was so intense that when **Al Popek** started to pounce on the wooden block with his meat tenderizer, he struck it with both hands, since he now has his shoulder holster gone and is free to use both hands; it startled **Jack Boisseau** with a look of wow on his face. What a fun group of members.

Artie Frage is under the weather, **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** are living it up in Sanibel Island, **Diane Liebisch** is also under the weather. We hope all is well with Artie and Diane.

There were lots of continuous discussion regarding the insurance policy of \$10,000.00 and who had it and who didn't, etc.

The 50/50 was won by **Catherine Coate** and the Progressive was won by **Pat Williams**, or should I say, was shared with her husband Bob or was it the other way around. Well whatever, the Williams won.

Birthdays for August are **Al Popek** (8/1), **Maureen Carragher** (8/4), **Mary Jane Wise** (8/13), **Constantinos Xifaras** (8/25) and **Frank Wise** (8/27). Happy Birthday to all, we had no Anniversaries for the month of July.

Remember as we have said before, and Burt took us up on our invitation and will come back again; come join us, you will have good conversation with good friends and good food.

Our September meeting is the day after Labor Day so I do hope we will have a good attendance since we look forward to seeing you all.

Stay well Love, Live and Laugh, the clock is ticking and remember today is a present even though it isn't gift wrapped. Until we meet again.

Calendar:

September 3 - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's. 1230PM, Stuart, FL

October 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's. 1230PM, Stuart, FL

November 5 - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's. 1230PM, Stuart, FL

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th. We will have all the details by the middle of August and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at HNL RUA@gmail.com. All retirees are welcome to join us. It's a perfect way to end the busy summer travel season. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Our moribund group is firing up again. **Paula Marsh**, retired flight attendant, responded to our last RUAEA notice in the newsletter. Richard & I met Paula for lunch in Kona at the Fish Hopper on Ali`i Drive and plotted our strategy for gaining new members and getting previous members back into the fold.

Hawai`i Island is called the Big Island for a reason; we have long-time members living on the Hilo side as well as the Kona side. The plan is to have four lunch meetings a year, two on the Kona side and two on the Hilo side. The next lunch will be held on September 19th in Kona; location to be announced. Anyone interested in attending and or joining, please call or e-mail me at the above contact. ***Let's get in gear and go for it!***

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At our July lunch meeting, we enjoyed having **Susan Wallace** join us for the first time. As we all know, the more the merrier! **Susan** worked at BOIRR in the early 60's.

Bud & Pat Peters had been traveling, first to be with Bud's mother in St. Louis in June, then back to northern California to visit friends in late June and early July. **Charles & Shirley Perkins** shared that they are "*just staying home and trying to behave and stay cool*". We've had several days above 100. **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** drove to West Linn, Oregon (beautiful drive) to visit with friends who just moved there from Danville, CA on June 22nd. A highlight was helping them celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at Gustav's.

Others who joined us were **Marlene Croghan**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Louise Duvall**, and our president and wife, **David & Carol Adams**. As for us, we must say how grateful we are that Shauna, our daughter, her husband Dave, and our four granddaughters moved back home to Boise last August, after 12 years near Portland. Rodney, our son, also lives in town. Several of us will be attending the Denver convention. See you there!

Calendar:

September 10 - Annual Memorial Picnic, noon to 4:00, at Cassia Park on Camas St.

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September! Labor Day, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, First day of Autumn. National Cholesterol, Alcohol and Drug Addiction, Prostate Cancer and Leukemia/Lymphoma Awareness Month. Also, National Honey Month, like, Honey, do this, and Honey do that? Grandparent's Day on the 8th, and Patriot Day on the 11th. A day we'll never forget, for the friends and family we lost, and the forever sadness in our country.

Our Northside Breakfast was very quiet. We had less than 20 people. **Al Giovanazzi**, from ORDF, brought his two grandsons, Antonino and Vinny DiMarco, and their Uncle Tony. Don't forget, our breakfast will be moving on September 11th to Elly's Restaurant, on Golf Road, just east of Arlington Heights Road. It's across the street from McDonalds and the Chase Bank. Hoping more people try out our new breakfast diner! It's a very nice restaurant, with many choices and good food.

Bob & Pat Kalicki had another great-grandson, Carter Alan Coolidge, who lives in Crown Point, IN. Close enough to make occasional visits, and no pass problems. The Kalickis now have two great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters. They feel truly blessed.

The Southside Breakfast had 18 retirees. Two people came that we haven't seen in a while, **Frank Mancini**, from ORDOZ, and **Bob Irwin**, WHQWS. The raffles were won by **John Pasakarnis**, **Sylvester Gant**, and **Bill Brookins**. Gwen & Bill celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August. They will be taking a bus trip with their Senior Group to Cape Cod this month. **Rudi Maki** was absent due to having eye surgery. **Tom Hurley**, ORDCS, took a driving trip with three other UA friends, to Knoxville, Louisville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and sights in between. **Bob & Agnes Pearson** also took a road trip to Saginaw, MI, to see her sister, and to the Detroit area, to visit longtime friends. After they returned home, Bob stepped on a sewing needle. He had surgery a week later to remove it. He's still hobbling around, but doing OK. Didn't need a tow truck.

There were too many deaths in our Chicago family this August. **Arlene Boehler**, ORDJL, from cancer, in California. Her son passed away about a year ago. Two men from ORDMM, **Don Holman**, from the Engine Shop, his wife died a few years ago during surgery. His address is 4595 Morton Road, Hanover Park, IL 61033. Also, **Phil Theis**, who worked in the Training Dept, had Parkinson's disease. His brother, Michael's address is 3115 Madison St., Brookfield, IL 60513. From WHQWS, Cargo Sales, **Dennis Shattock**, passed away from cancer. His wife, Cindy's address is, 12222 Cherry Hill, Huntley, IL 60142. Our own Santa Claus, **Tony Stefanos**, EXOCT, passed away and was buried in Sanford, FL. Tony was Santa for us, the Mainliner Club, and other charity foundations. He was on the Skyliner's Planning Committee, very active with all of UA's events, and well known and loved by many. His wife, Helen, was Mrs. Santa, distributing candy canes. They were married 63 years and moved to FL to be with two of their children, after his health began failing. He died from a heart condition. Helen's address is, The Atria at Lake Forest, 5433 State Road 46, Apt. 128, Sanford, FL 32771. Phone (407) 323-4418, she'd love hearing from friends. Every family member I spoke with commented, how much each employee loved United and enjoyed coming to work with the greatest people around. Truer words were never spoken.

On a happier note, there will be the First Annual Aloha Day Reunion for all employees of CHIRR, CHITO, ORDCS and all UA employees that ever worked any Customer Service. That would include Air Freight Sales, Cargo Sales, Hotel Desk, anybody that served the public on the phone or in person. Guess that includes the whole company! Everyone is invited! We could all write a book on some of our experiences with the general public, even talking with co-workers could be a challenge. It will be held on October 20, 2013, at Chandler's Restaurant, in Schaumburg, IL. To register, you can purchase your ticket on, www.unitedalohareunion.evenbrite.com. Or, you can send your check to The Huestudio Company, LLC, 40 E. Northwest Highway, Suite 308, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. C/O **Jeff Hughes**. Any other questions, you can call **Mary Gagnon**, at (630) 271-1213. The \$40.00 ticket includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, dancing, and one raffle entry. There will be a surprise guest. The party will be from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a cash bar. Hawaiian wear is encouraged, but not required. We just want to re-unite. Whether you worked on LaSalle Street, or Algonquin Road, you remember, once a year, we decorated our office with palm trees, Menhune men, leis, Hawaiian food, topped off by Hawaiian entertainers. What good times we had!

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Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**September 11**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

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

September 17 - Fall Luncheon, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, North Ave., Elmhurst 11:00.

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00



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The July 17th luncheon was cancelled due to heat and illness. Some of the retirees thought it was best not to travel downtown because of the heat which was 94 degrees with a heat index that felt like 100 degrees.

The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 18th at the Great Street Restaurant in the Renaissance Chicago Hotel on the corner of State and Lake Streets.

Note that on the day before on Tuesday, September 17th, the Skyliners will be having their annual fall luncheon at the Diplomat Banquet Hall in Elmhurst. They are famous for their delicious "Grilled Stuffed Pork Chops" and shouldn't be missed. I will be there enjoying the delicious lunch and hope to see many other retirees as well.

Calendar:

September 18 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Please email or call before noon of Tuesday, September 17th so I can advise the hotel how many will be there for lunch.

October – No luncheon scheduled

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Twenty-two members attended the July Indy Racer luncheon meeting where they enjoyed looking at photos from the June 22nd picnic which celebrated the group's 10th Anniversary. At the luncheon were: **Ralph (Bud) & Elly Barnett, Ray & Hannelore Brabo, Mario Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob Duty, Ron & Cheri Innis, Chris & Shary Johnston, Mike Matlak, Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Charles Theiss, and Tony & Barb Urbanovic.**



It was a lucky day for **Jack Conway**, who with **Carol**, were celebrating their wedding anniversary. He won \$30 in the 50/50 Raffle. We wish **Tom & Dottie Lapke** the best in their recent move from Indiana to the "Big Island" of Hawaii. **Frank** (pictured) and **Rita Prins** are looking forward to a trip to Sacramento, CA for an upcoming family reunion. **Frank** is also preparing to teach music in local schools again this year. (That may be the makings of a RUAEA feature story in the future.) **Chris Johnston** enjoyed a 5-day golfing trip to Ft. Myers, FL where he was checking out options for being a snow bird.

Happy Birthday to **Barbara Urbanovic** (9/9) and her husband, **Tony Urbanovic** who celebrates a birthday (9/28).

Calendar:

September 10 -- Emmy's Pancake House & Grill 7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300 Avon IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

October 8 - Emmy's Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300 Avon IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

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Well, just before sending out info for August Newsletter, my faithful (ahem!) computer pooped out on me. With the efficiency of the Newsletter staff, I was immediately phone contacted by **Veronica Domaratius** with several inquiries, up to and including my health. Although volunteers, nothing slips by our newsletter staff. Impressive! It was the first time in my 14 years as secretary, (a 2 year position) that I failed this responsibility. But with a few dollars missing from my pocket and a week without electronic contacts, I'm glad to say *I'm back!*

Our most recent meeting was our summer picnic on July 31. It was held at Salisbury State Beach Park, in Salisbury MA. The park is set where the Merrimack River meets the Atlantic Ocean. Sun on our faces, ocean breeze on our backs, perfect temperature, what a day! The park pavilion we rented kept us all out of the hot sun and had a delightful breeze coming thru. We had 27 members and guests present. As usual, **Bruce Eddy** was our chef, cooking a variety of meats, while members brought various dishes and desserts. Plenty for all! When Bruce took a break to fix himself a dish, seagulls swooped down on the grill and tried to steal cooking food! Several of us were on them too quick, foiling their attempts.

The 50/50 was won by yours truly, \$50. The last time I won was 2001. Free lunches were won by **Don Latter & Norma Betters**. The progressive was won by our Nor'Easter, residing in Ft. Myers, FL, **Paul Ward**, we get to see him a couple of times a year.

Bill Shailor, ever proud of his family, advised that his daughter, Kimberly, a sometimes luncheon guest, sold her home and is now in a condo overlooking a golf course. Bill said *"too bad I'm beyond my playing years"*. Bill still lives in assisted living with his 17 year old dog, Tula. He advised he has one grand daughter entering Amherst College in MA and one who just graduated the same.

Joan & Ron Twing sold their family home and have been traveling throughout New England. She advised the beautiful sights gave them an unforgettable summer. Then off to visit friends in Seattle and a cruise to Alaska. They will be looking to buy in both Florida and New England, living the snow birding life. Summers in NE and winters in FL, the best of both worlds. Way to go!

Carleen Eddy flew to Rome with a grand daughter, using Aer Lingus with a stop in Dublin. She advised it was way less expensive than using the 20% PS on United. They both enjoyed all the sights and took tours she never did before, including a night tour of the eternal city. Their only negative was they were unable to see the Pope. Despite having reserved tickets, the extreme crowds made it impossible.

Having lost my computer for several days made me realize how important it is as a tool for keeping in contact with friends and family. More so than the phone or USPS ever was! Once back online, former UAL'ers, **Ted Capellos**, BOSCS, SFOCS and **Joe Pasquale**, BOSCS, MCOCS, said to say "hello" to all their friends from BOSCS.

A correction from my last installment from **Joyce Heiseler**! She didn't have triple bypass surgery, but a valve transplant in the aorta. Joyce is home, doing fine and getting stronger every day. Sorry about the mistake, but glad you're doing well!

August birthdays ~ **Bart Casey**, **Ray Ouellette**, **John Parks**, **Michael Provanzano**, **Bill Rodenhizer**, **Horace Smith** and **Bill Vanderwal**.

September birthdays ~ **Bob Anderson**, **Loretta Coyle**, **Frank DeStefano**, **Carleen Eddy**, **Mercedes Hersom**, **Mark Hutchings**, **Gerald Peters**, **Lynn O'Hara** and **Paul O'Mara**.

August Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Judy Austin** (54 years), **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** (30), **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (44), **Fred & Rigta Casey** (57), **Bruce & Priscilla Casassa** (57), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (64) and **Michael & Paulette Provenzano** (48).

September Anniversaries ~ **Robert & Mary Boyle** (33), **Ed & Virginia Burke** (56), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (54), **Joan & Ron Twing** (40), **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** (30) and **Dick & Dayle Vee** (32).

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Along with the other 24 Lites who attended our luncheon meeting in July, we welcomed Aedan, grandson of **Joe & Arlene Kelley** and Andrew, grandson of **Bud & Jo Ayres**. Believe it or not, they seemed to enjoy their time with all of us ol' fogies!

Mary Brennan & I had to come up with excuses for our absence in June or suffer the consequences of getting a letter in our file. Golly, we had to put up with that while we were working, but after years of retirement? I told El Presidente, **Lee Storlie** that I really didn't care anymore if I got a letter in my file. So there!

Sick list: **Gene Delvaux** is recuperating after bypass surgery; **George "Doc" Anderson** now recuperating at the Masonic Home in Bloomington, MN after suffering a fall and other stuff; **Fred Stang** doing well now and celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss (well, most of the time) with **Rita** at the end of July; **Alice Hendrix** feeling better and back to her old sassy self.

We're saddened by the loss of **Jack Doke** from cancer. He battled it for many years and we were lucky to have had him make the trip from his home in Florida for the last two summer picnics. He always said that he "never had a bad day" when a customer would ask him how he was. We'll miss his cheery attitude. Condolences may be sent to **Sandra** and his family at 927 LaQuinta Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33881.

One bright note ~ our hosts at The Old Country Buffet now have a "group rate" which is considerably lower than the usual cost. Be sure to mention that you're with the United Retirees group in the party room to receive your discount.

We hadn't seen **Gordy & Lou Olson** for awhile and **Gordy** has a birthday in July so was eligible to roll the dice to see if he would win the \$5 prize. He happened to be the only one in attendance with a July birthday but we made him roll the dice anyway.

The news of the Company closing six line stations to the mainline and turning the service over to Express carriers was brought up. The consensus seemed to be that all the spokes of the hubs will soon be Express with LBJ's (little bitty jets) rather than larger aircraft, no matter what the market demands. We've seen the service at MSP be degraded over the years with smaller and smaller aircraft. Frustrating!

Had a note from **Glenda Morton**, widow of our pal, **Mort**, and probably as you read this, she's enjoying a trip to Ireland with her son and daughter-in-law. Lucky girl! We wish she lived closer than Sioux Falls so we could visit in person every now and again.

Re. the annual picnic or whatever, there was discussion about where/what/when. It became abundantly clear that doing something other than meeting as usual at the O.C.B. wasn't on anyone's list of priorities this year. **Jo & Bud Ayres** said they might organize a cruise on one of the rivers in the area but it would not replace our monthly gatherings. Stay tuned for more news of that. Or maybe not!

Sonja Gunderson & Joe Kelley were again 50/50 raffle winners. Perennially lucky folks!

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

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We had 33 attending lunch at Piccolo's. Thanks to **Tony Sortino** for hosting. We were happy to see UAL retirees **Dick Caradori**, Rockport, MO; **Jim Neumann**, Omaha; and **Win Atwell**, Omaha. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Harry Hansen** and **Jan Cornish** for \$14.00 each.

Jane Sesto passed away at Methodist Hospital July 16. **Jane** struggled with cancer for 6 years and, no matter what she was facing, she always had a smile. In the last year, she had been unable to attend some of our luncheons, but continued with our retiree group as being your Treasurer. She will be missed. Services were held at the St. Rose Catholic Church. Our sincere sympathy to **Frank** and his family

Don Jensen had hip surgery on June 13. It was major surgery as they put a rod in from his hip to his knee. He has had lots of problems since he fractured his hip a year ago in April and has fallen four times. **Tony Sortino** went to visit him the last of June at Brookestone Meadows and **Don** was hopeful he would be going home the 1st of July.

August Birthdays ~ **Mike Blasco** (8/18), **Bev Hughes** (8/24), **Shirley Mahoney** (8/27), **Shirley Payton** (8/29), **Ruth Saffer** (8/30), **Helen Taylor** (90 on 8/30), **Ralph Westadt** (8/30).

Tony & Jackie Sortino celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 3 by taking their family to Fergus Falls, MN to the family cabin for the celebration. Congratulations to both!

Golfer or not – Omaha has enjoyed being on the map for the USGA Senior Men's Open which was held at the Omaha Country Club July 10/14. Even though it was very hot, this event brought out 3,000 volunteers, 155,000+ spectators and 170 professional golfers to our community. Kenny Perry won it with a -13 and a check in the amount of \$500,000. They liked it so well, the USGA plans to bring more golf challenges here in the future.

A couple of months ago I asked the question - When did United become a market out of Omaha? I touched base with **Margie Stiles** and she is pretty sure it was 1926. Wow – that is 87 years. She thinks they started in Des Moines the following year.

Calendar:

October 1 - Sons of Italy, hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

November 6 - Bohemian Café, (Wednesday), hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 3 - Anthony's Christmas Dinner, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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There were 17 members at our July meeting at Jack's. John has information for those desiring to attend the Maintenance Get Together at Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV, August 19-22.

July birthdays were celebrated by **Pam Wight**, **Ruthy Schenk** and **Lloyd Stephens**. Mr. **Stephens** is a very young 93 years! The 50/50 winner was **Joe Robinson**, our super lucky member! (Yes, Joe, it has been a while)

The date for the Christmas party is Monday, December 2, at Tamarack Junction.

Sierra Roundup is hosting a picnic on Monday, August 19, at Sand Harbor Beach, NV. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Contact our group for details.

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Our meeting was opened by **Dick Confer** with a salute to the flag. It was followed by a moment of silence for **Charlie Turro** from EWR stores who passed away on July 3, 2013. Charlie always seemed to be able to find a part, even without the part number. I can tell you, it was a great favor to the mechanics. He will be missed. Just for further information, **Ken Miller** of EWRMM is in an assisted living home in Flemington, New Jersey. **Ken Sauceville**, who has been having some problems, made it to the meeting, and it was good to see him.

We talked about the new low price parking lot that is now open. It's located at the spot where the old Loomis building was at 85 Haynes Ave., right off US1; going south. It includes van service to the terminal. I hope this works out OK for us.

John Murphy, who is our "Chancellor of the Exchequer", that's the guy who controls the money, says we're still afloat. **Lena Confer** won the 50/50. Our scheduled picnic will be at Merrill Park in Colonia, New Jersey on August 28, with directions to follow.

The first time someone shows you who they are - believe them!

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We were blessed with another beautiful day for our outdoor picnic in the park, with 46 attendees. **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth** brought along guest Jeff; **Jim & Kathy Richardson**'s guests were **Kitty McSweeney**, **Kristy Richardson** and 9½ month old Rudy; and **Carol Cenkus**' guest was Joe "Ski".

Our oldest member was probably **Dan Duran**, who, sadly, passed away at the age of 97. He had quite a run, wouldn't you say? We were happy to see him at our last Christmas luncheon.

On of our most regular attendees, **Rosemary Totaro**, had a minor stroke, but hubby **Joe** reports she is doing well. She's presently in rehab but expected to be home any day.

I imagine his Florida chapter will have more news, but we heard **Henry Jazwinski** had four blocked arteries; he is doing OK after surgery.

Elwin Vancleemput's wife had a stroke, has partial paralysis but I have no further news. They'll all be in our prayers.

Jim & Kathy Richardson were on a 14 day cruise on the Crown Princess, to and from Southampton, England. They had no problem on UA to London, but some delays on return. It's more important to get there anyway, right? Oops, I forgot to mention the trip was up to St. Petersburg and through the Scandinavian Capitals.

Winners of our 50/50 were **Ed Ellis & Harold Koch** (\$25 each), **Roy Portelli** (\$20, but he said something about winning the Mega Lottery for \$250 million – I think he's confused) and **Evelyn Schroeder** (\$16).

Happy Birthday to those celebrating this month, at least 10 of you that I heard mentioned. **Charlie Kaczinski** has some info on getting a pass to park at JFK. I'd say get in touch with one of us for the details in putting together the info for your windshield.

Enjoy the rest of the quickly vanishing summer.

Calendar:

September 4 – Milleridge Inn

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Plan your trip to Duluth, MN on the shores of the greatest of the Great Lakes, Lake Superior for September 24-27!

We've arranged fun activities, good places to eat and a nice place to lay your head, so join us for another reunion of old friends & the fun of making new ones.

Detailed information is being sent to those who have registered. Anyone who has not attended a Loonies' meeting is most welcome and cordially invited to contact us for all the particulars.

Remember, if you retired from United Airlines, you qualify to be a Loonie!

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Hello everyone! Our weather has been so strange this year. I would like to tell all of our members who had damage of any kind from the rains, etc. that you were in our thoughts and prayers when we would hear of some of the terrible weather. Areas in Ohio were affected also, but not too much in the Cleveland area.

The year seems to be passing by so quickly, I can't believe that we are having our yearly Picnic. We are expecting 118 of our UAL'ers for the day. I believe this is a "**Record**" for us. It will be fun to have so many get together for the afternoon. **Dolly & John Taucher** are hosting this picnic and besides everything else they do, they have to order the chicken for all of us! We want to thank them for taking care of everything to make it run so easy for the rest of us. Our custom has been that everyone brings a dish to share with the group, it's funny because there are no rules or plans, but we **always** have the greatest array of desserts, salads, fruits and you name it we probably have it. We thank each and every one of you who really help make this one of the best places to be sitting down to eat with so many nice friends. I think we all look forward to our annual picnic!

Dolly welcomed every one and went on to introduce our guests ~ **John & Gay Crawford** (FL), **Ann Kendra & Jerry Zadar** (FL), **Don & Pearl Park** (PA) & son **Howard, Lee & Linda Graham** (VA), **Hannah Beish's** sister **Helen Hardman**, **Elda Jeskey's** sister **Donna McDonald**, **Sharon Gatesman's** granddaughters **Gisela** and **Tayla**, **Joe & Carolyn Gall** and grandsons **Nick & Drew** and **George & Mary Lou Kuretz's** grandson **Pete** and great-grandson **Connor**. We are so pleased to have all of you join us and hope you have a great day!

We are also pleased to introduce our newest members, **Ed & Alene Allen**! They are the 14th new members of 2013!

Our Vice President **Arlene Taylor** came to the podium and led us in saying Grace. We want to thank Arlene for sharing her "gift" of words to make every month meaningful.

Dolly then invited all to step up and enjoy their lunch. And by the looks of things when all were done, it looked like we all did just that!

Birthday's in August ~ **Joanne Buchman**, **Joe Gall**, **Phil Gaudio**, **Tom Hassel**, **Helen Hockett**, **George Kuretz**, **Judy McKnight**, **Shirley Moses**, **Marie Placko** and **Leo Schueler**. A very Happy Birthday wish to all who joined us and those who could not be here!

Anniversaries ~ **Bernie & Sharon Garrah** (49), **George & Nancy Oncu** (44), and **Jim & Joan Schulte** (44). Hope you enjoy many, many more!

Dolly had a short meeting as follows: Question was asked “ Does anyone have information about **Kay Connelley**. Her newsletter was returned with “Unable to Forward”.

RUAEA Convention – October 9-13, Denver. Details in RUAEA newsletter.

Some of us have received mailings regarding UAL 10K Life Insurance. Best thing is to call Benefits @ **800-651-1007**

Fifty-Fifty Winners ~ **Bernie Kazimer** and **Earl Taylor**. Congratulations! Thanks **Marie & Dave Plako** for running our Fifty-Fifty.

**The advantage of following the strait and narrow path is that no one is trying to pass you!*

Calendar:

September 11 - Second Wednesday / Old Schoolhouse

October 9 - Oktoberfest @ Donauschwaben's

November 6 - Tony K's

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The weather was perfect for our annual picnic at Red Sunset Park in Gresham. There were 64 of us to enjoy the delicious barbecue ribs, pulled chicken/pork, potato salad, coleslaw and of course, baked beans. Thank you to our members who brought enough desserts to satisfy everyone's tastes. **Louise Robillard** and **Kathy Russell** provided the decorations of red, white and blue.

I chaired the picnic this year and I am so proud of the team who assisted me. My thanks go to **Rosalie Betschart, Bruce & Carol DeFord, Jack & Nancy Hooper, Louise Robillard, Paul & Kathy Russell** and **Tom & Shirley Walker** for their help in setting up. Afterwards, everyone pitched in to help with the clean up and we left the park in better shape than it was when we arrived.

Welcome to **Ron Lyall**, a new member and his guest **Francine**.

There were many prizes award this month. The monthly drawings were as follows: Door prize ~ **Carol DeFord**, Women's birthday ~ **Louise Robillard**, Men's birthday ~ **Merle Pitman** and 50/50 ~ **Beryl Rennie**. Picnic prizes as follows: **Jeri Blodgett, Bobbie Bills, Glen Swanson, Margaret Borbely, George Taylor, Emily Pittman-Newberry, Jack Stark, Chuck Falbo, Lois Gruenberg, Linda Tracy, Johni Wilson, Veulah Lorts, Barbara Heidegger, Jack Hooper, Jerry Brower** and **Pat Taylor**. Prints by **Craig Strand** went to **Rosalie Betschart, Bruce DeFord, Paul Russell, Joyce Garrett, Carol DeFord, Lois Gruenberg, Bobbie Bills, Betty Alff** and **Ron Lyall**.

Anniversaries this month were **Roy & Joan DeCamara** and **Mel & Barbara Martin**, 55 years. July birthdays were as follows: **Rosalie Betschart** - 70, **Jill Bills** - 72, **Chuck Falbo** - 88, **Sam French, Dan Jones** - 75, **Merle Pitman** - 76 and **Louise Robillard** - 69. I think it is wonderful when friends will share their age.

Bruce DeFord went in for an angiogram in July and during the procedure two stents were inserted in the heart area. He is fully recovered and feeling a lot better.

I am sorry to report **Horst Pempeit**, husband of **Inge** died on August 4th. He had been in ill health the past year and was in hospice care. Our condolences go out to Inge and her family during this difficult time.

Please think about who you would like to see as a board member for the Dew-er's. The election for the two seats being vacated will be in October.

Calendar:

All meetings will be at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd in Portland for now.

September 11

October 9 - Election of 2 Board Members

November 13 - Thanksgiving

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It will be a real pleasure to see everyone after a hot rainy summer. Hopefully, all remained healthy. Join us at the Clarion in Essington for our luncheon on September 9 at 12:30. The price remains \$12.00.

Prepare to sign up for our trip to the American music theater in Lancaster for the Christmas show. The date is November 7 at 3 pm, the price is \$32.00. We have 20 tickets available. We will meet for lunch before the show at the Cracker Barrel across the street, if you want to. There are also wonderful Pennsylvania Dutch restaurants nearby.

Preparing dinner for the Ronald McDonald house is very rewarding. Please consider joining us for this worthwhile project on October 28.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Kids love to hear how much you've enjoyed their summer with them. Now that they are in school, it will be quiet, which I'm sure we will all enjoy. We must let the kids know how much we miss them.

It's almost time to clean up your gardens. Since my garden was neglected, I'll need a bulldozer to clear out all the weeds and plants. Don't forget to plant your bulbs so you will have beautiful spring flowers. First day of autumn is September 22.

Information for all you veterans: October 1 is the next date for a free bus trip for all World War II and Korean veterans. A one day bus trip to Washington, D. C. to visit the National WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial and time permitting, the Iwo Jima Memorial. The trip is for WWII and Korean War Veterans. The goal is to fill every seat with a veteran and therefore unable to accommodate family or friends. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Boxed meals are provided and wheel chairs available for those who need them. Donations are gratefully accepted to make these trips possible. For more information and/or reservations call (724) 709-3614.

I had the pleasure along with **Jim & Diane Weber** and **Rich & Barb Guida** dining with our old supervisor **Joe Scafoglio** and his wife **Nancy**, visiting here from Scottsdale. He took time out of his busy schedule to spend the evening with us. How nice was that? (Of course **Joe** was always thoughtful). We had a great evening catching up and rehashing our airline days. The good old airline days!

Paul & Betty Musko planned a nice day at the Rivers Casino. Renting a bus did not work out as they did not get enough response. Those that attended car pooled or drove their own car. Those attended were: **Paul & Betty Musko, Jim & Diane Weber, Rich & Barb Guida, Karen Moliterno, Bernie Grzybowski, Mary Brumbaugh, Norma McGowan** and I. **Betty** had made arrangements to have lunch in the Terrace Room and requested 2 cakes as it was **Paul's** and **Jim's** birthday. There was a slight mix up but it all worked out. Thanks **Paul & Betty** for making the arrangements. We must do that again soon but we want to be winners the next time.

Jane Stewart is back from Italy. She and her family visited Florence, Pisa, Siena San Gimignano. They stayed at the Castello Monterone in Perugia, a renovated castle. **Jane** took a cooking class in Tuscany; I'm still waiting for her to make me a gourmet meal.

I received a phone call from a Capital Pit ramp service man, **Jerry Marsilio** who transferred to LAXCG at merger time. He advised me that **Dennis "Red" Devin**, another Capital Pit service man, had passed away July

3, 2013 at age 73. **Dennis** also transferred to LAX but working for the airlines was not his forte. He started his new career in law enforcement. He moved his family north spending many years with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Department, retiring in the mid 80's moving to San Marie, CA to be near his children. **Dennis** was married to **Rose Marie Villella**, who worked at PITTR. Even though it was a short time working with **Rose Marie**, we had a lot of laughs. My sympathy to **Rose Marie** and her family.

The **Pompeani** boys are still hitting the ball. **Brandon** tied for first place in the Tri State Open held in Cranberry. **Brett**, the youngest was selected in the C. R. Miller Invitational. The top 16 players were selected to play.

The lost has been found! We have been trying to locate **Sam McDermott** for at least a year. **Jeri Juth** located him at DeHavan at North Hills, 1 Windsor Way, Room 301, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. I'm sure he would like to get a cheerful note or card from all of you.

Dave Detwiler had a clogged left artery which was the Wilamaker Artery. He had one stent inserted, a night at Presby Hospital and is now doing fine. His wife **Gwen**, had both cataracts removed within 2 weeks of each other in July. Glad to hear they are both doing fine.

Joan Ference is still having major pain in her shoulder; the doctors can't seem to ease the pain. **Joan** has been very uncomfortable for a long time and hoping for relief soon, if not now! You're in my prayers **Joan**.

The Airline Interline chili cook off picnic was a great day. **Vic & Joan Ference, Jane Stewart** and **I** were the only ones that attended from United. There was plenty of good food, drinks and good music. Every year they hold an auction where everyone brings an item or two that they no longer need and it is auctioned off. What a fun time that was. The money they make from the auction goes to the clubs favorite charity. The events the club has are always enjoyable. Their Christmas party is always so special. Dues are \$15.00 a year, if interested call **Ellie Masters** at (412) 264-2522.

September birthdays: **Olga Karmazyn** (8), **Gerry McDonough** (9), **Rich Guida** (19), **Diane Weber** (25). Happy birthday to all! One anniversary this month: 56 years for **Jack & Betty Tinney** (25). Congratulations!

I hope all of you made reservations for the Convention in Denver. If not, you will be missing a wonderful time!

Steelers camp has started and they have their first pre-season game Saturday August 10. We are still cheering for the Pirates to go all the way!

The Pit-Stoppers Picnic is September 11 at the Hopewell Park. You will be receiving flyers with all the information shortly.

Calendar:

September 11 – Pit Stoppers picnic at Hopewell Park

October 9-13 - RUAEA Convention in Denver

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There were 21 members and guests at the July 18th luncheon hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell** at the Olive Garden in the Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza. There were no announcements or UAL updates.

Eleanor Tabor, one of the original founding members of our Rocky Top chapter, passed away in May at the age of 96. **Noreen Koan** is hosting the September luncheon at the Tanasi Clubhouse in Tellico Village. Date and time will be announced.

Sue Ferrell won the 50/50 which she donated back to the Rocky Tops. Door Prizes were won by **Patty Leonhardt, Dave Leonhardt** and **Mary Gilbert**.

Calendar:

August 15 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center.

September - Luncheon/Meeting to be hosted by **Noreen Koan** at the Tanasi Clubhouse in Tellico Village, date and time to be announced.

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President **David Jones** will welcome back Seattle area Emerald City Slickers at our opening fall meeting to be held at Fairwood Golf and Country Club on second Tuesday, September 10. Lunch (reservations and entrée choice are required) will be served at 12 noon with a social hour preceding. Watch for the chapter's *Contrails* newsletter for details. The local "rag" is mailed electronically or by snail mail to all paid chapter members – and this month to a couple new prospects.

Three Seattle-area United retirees, **Patty McConnehey**, **Kathy Shiner**, and **Kathie Torgison**, have been conducting computer classes in local libraries, such as Burien and Federal Way, to familiarize retirees with pass travel and how to access the required websites. Once there has been sufficient demand and the trainers are available, additional classes may be offered. To express an interest in attending such a training session, please contact **Patty** direct at pattymc21@comcast.net. Class requirements include bringing a laptop, tablet or smart phone and knowing how to access FlyingTogether.com and ID90T. Additional information and instructions are included in the September *Contrails*.

The Seattle chapter of RUAEA welcomes new members **Gordon & Kathy McKinzie** and we look forward to getting to know them at future luncheons. Gordon has spread his United service around the company, claiming spots in SFOEG, LGBEG, EXOVA, DENTK, and retiring from SEAEG after serving as Program Manager for the 777.

As it appeared on the SEARR (Reservations) Facebook page ~ "**Mike Taylor**, retired SEARR employee now living in Pinehurst, NC, is one of 6 USA croquet competitors going to Hunstanton, England to compete for the prestigious Solomon Cup against the British team. This competition started in 1988 pitting the Brits against the Americans. The Brits, who have been playing competitive croquet since 1897 (1 year after the birth of Pinehurst in NC) are tough competitors. They won the cup for 22 consecutive years until the USA finally beat them in 2010 and 2011. We lost last year during play on Bald Head Island of the coast of NC. **Mike** will depart for LHR on August 3. The tournament dates are August 6-9. By the way, this is not your backyard croquet, it's serious stuff." Thanks to **Elaine Moody**.

While the above tournament will be long over by the time you read this, we hope to have an update soon.

Newly-retired **Eddie Karr** (SEAPV), who lives in Auburn, WA, may be a new face at our September meeting. Also interested in a local chapter is **Gayle Burrell**, who was referred to us by **Carole Longbella**, national Membership Secretary. If you're looking for a local retiree chapter, **Carole** (ruaea@qwestoffice.net) is your "go-to" gal. She'll refer you to a local chapter near your home.

Congratulations to couples celebrating September wedding anniversaries: **John & Jackie Bell**, **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, and **John & Sidney Reed**.

More chapter members celebrate birthdays in September than during any other month (with December a close second), so we send rousing Good Wishes to **Mary Ann Andersen**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Lloyd Baker**, **Jackie Bell**, **Herald Bowman**, **Carol Christenson**, **Hank Gosselin**, **John Haferbecker**, **Don Hanson**, **Edna Harris**, **Ed Liesse**, **Carol Moless-Maxwell**, **Sharon Penwell**, and **Dolores Steger**.

Let's take this opportunity to issue a permanent apology to **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**. For whatever reason, their last name comes out Anderson all too often, no matter how hard we try to spell it correctly. We do know there is a difference among Norwegians, Swedes, and Danes, but sometimes the keyboard ignores our best intentions.

Kent & Carol Soffel are off on an 8-week trip to Canada, disconnected from electronics but hoping to enjoy natural wildlife – four-legged and otherwise, from their boat, the WINDY-i.

Ed & Gay Liesse, Seattle correspondent, will be among the Emerald City Slickers attending the RUAEA National Convention in Denver during the second week in October, so watch for coverage – and maybe even some gossip – in the next two issues of this newsletter. They're just back from a driving trip to Atlanta, GA, for the annual convention of the National Model Railroad Association.

Welcome back, Slickers!

Calendar:

September 10 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club

October 8 – To be verified and announced

November 12 – To be verified and announced

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The beauty we are used to in the Southwest Region of the United States has been returned to us once again with the arrival of some daily rain and thunderstorms. Our prayers have been answered.

There is not much to report at this writing as to Clipped Wings activities:

- ❖ The requests for membership have continued.
- ❖ We are all busy writing our year end reports and news for the next Clipped Wings Quarterly.

Have you checked out the website: www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org?

May you enjoy the fruits of your summer gardens!

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Wayne Widrig, 3344 Rogue River Dr., Eagle Point, OR 97524

Well it is that time of year again, my birthday! This year I am getting a jump ahead by getting it in early!

I retired in 1982, took an early retirement because of the government sticking its nose in the Airline business, so I've been retired longer than I worked for UAL! I worked in MKEFF and LAXFF, retiring out of LAX.

Passes work pretty well unless you are traveling through Medford or Denver, seems I always get hung up in DEN.

Anyway you guys do a bang up job of keeping us in formed keep up the good work.

Bob Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

It is dues time, and I am checking in. Seems like a short time ago I became a member of the Octogenarian Club with a ten year free membership. I still have one year to go before paying dues. I still walk standing up

right, my travel is local and I do most of my driving during the day. The only fishing partner I have left is my son in law, all the rest are already gone to the lake. So until next year, take care and stay healthy.

Dick Hayes, 4746 E. Harvard Ave., Fresno, CA 93703

Congratulations on your excellent newsletter. It keeps us all informed about what is happening in the airline world.

I am writing to tell you of our recent experience flying as SA (space available).

We received a call May 20th that my brother's youngest daughter had passed away suddenly. We made immediate plans to fly to Pennsylvania to be with the family.

First road block, I was unable to input my United Retiree file number into the computer. I thought I was doing something wrong. So I called the "Retiree Hot Line". The voice said "enter your file number". I did 15 times and it would not compute! Finally, I went to a United Retiree's home who is more knowledgeable than I about computers. She entered her file number as a test, it wouldn't take hers either. So we tried my number again, nope! Unable to process!

Finally, I dialed the number where you pay \$25 to be listed. A pleasant lady answered and asked for my file number and boom! She said my name. I asked her if she could tell me what the problem was and she had no idea. At any rate she listed us, gave us the loads and was very helpful. I got my confirmation number and stopped by the Fresno Airport to get my boarding cards (Just to make sure.)

The next day we flew out. All the flights were booked full but we got the last 2 seats on every flight, going and returning. Everyone at the gates, the counters the curb and onboard were extremely courteous and helpful. Also, we never heard the word "Continental" mentioned in announcements in the boarding area or on the flights.

So my fellow retirees, I just wanted to let you know that traveling "SA" isn't all that bad!

Janet Jolly, 935 Ransom Ave., Brookings, OR 97415

Many thanks for the hard work and dedication of all you priceless worker bees who share your stories; give your time; keep us informed and bind us together as the airline family of which we were proud to be a part.

It is difficult to believe that ten years have passed since I flew those Friendly skies, first out of EWR and primarily out of SFO. The experiences and the friendships formed are a cherished part of my life.

Grounded as I have become, I have found great joy in living "the simple life".

Gary Kellog, 3368 W Coming St., Newbury Park, CA 91320

I have been retired now for 14 years and it seems not much has changed at UAL. On a recent trip, I was unable to get on the flight from Detroit to Chicago to connect to Los Angeles. The next flight was 5 hours later and I probably wouldn't have made that one either. The agent rerouted us on a flight to Houston where there were several flights to Los Angeles with open space. On arrival in Houston, we waited 20 minutes for a gate, another 5 minutes for someone to decide to park the aircraft and then another 10 minutes for a jetway. On arrival in Los Angeles, we waited 15 minutes for a gate and then another 5 minutes for a jetway. I'm sure they knew the flights were due to arrive. I don't travel very often but it seems most of the time is spent waiting for a jetway operator. It's no wonder people hate the airlines.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120

A tip for the women travelers ~ I recently took a trip home from Paris thru Dulles, which was very scary to my granddaughter who was traveling with me. Here is my eventful story to report on to the "women".

I wore a top with "sparkly beads on the shoulders" while going through Security, the first agent wiped the beads and put that into a machine. It came back saying, "Possible Explosives"!

Then another Security Agent came by me and said, "*I am the supervisor and that is why I have this stripe on my shirt because I'm a boss here in Security*".

Well, she advised me I had to go into a small room to be frisked, and believe me, she did frisk me everywhere. Luckily, the other Agent was in that small room also. Then the Security Supervisor advised me to go out of that small room, and empty everything out of my purse and carryon suitcase to also be inspected. After doing that with her "wand" on every item packed in my suitcase (which took a total of ½ hour Inspection time), I was dismissed to go catch my connecting flight to ORD.

I would like to notify all women employees who travel; that they should not wear any sparkly tops with glitter being raised on the fabric, and avoid this 30 minute delay and all this thorough inspection and frisking.

When I was leaving that area, the first Security Agent told me: "*don't wear anything next time with any raised decoration*".

I wanted to pass along this information to avoid this problem from happening to anyone else.

H. Charles Moore, 571 Glenbriar Cir., Tracy, CA 95377

We appreciate the time and effort it takes to get the newsletter out to all of us retirees. I am really enjoying this retired life. I am in my 19th year, and it gets better and better. I am in good health (I don't deserve it). I have found a new interest. I thought about skydiving when I was young, and finally got around to it. At the tender age of 84, I tried it. The second try I managed to crack a rib. Guess I need to practice those landings. It's a fun trip, and really took me out of my comfort zone. I am still bowling, and not getting any better. I only fly once or twice a year. I hope all my former co-workers and all the retirees are doing well.

Patricia Nicholaisen, 8906 E Hercules Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Sorry I am so late; I am catching up with a month's worth of mail after a great 28 day cruise to Tahiti and the South Pacific. We were celebrating our 20th year of retirement from UAL and our 60th wedding anniversary. It was a wonderful way to celebrate. Buss and I are looking forward to the convention and hoping to see all of our Denver friends.

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