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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been meeting with many retirees around the country. Most questions & concerns center on pensions, health insurance & passes. Last month I mentioned that I would discuss health insurance this month. But first I want to comment very briefly about passes & pensions.

Passes. The only change to retiree pass travel has been the establishment of service charges. In our discussions with the principals at United it is reconfirmed that there are no further changes planned. Service charges for retirees will remain in effect. After United exits bankruptcy we are invited to discuss retiree travel policies & procedures

Pensions. We have written a number of articles about our pensions, the PBGC, etc. over the past 10 months. What we discussed last Nov. & Jan. is now occurring. You are currently receiving information from the PBGC. I encourage you to read all of it very carefully; fill out, return any & all the information they are requesting.

Medical insurance. (Mort Wax wrote a comprehensive article about this in the Jan. 2005 Newsletter. I will reiterate many of the things Mort said.) Almost all the questions & concerns are:

- One, about United canceling or changing our medical insurance.
- Two, are there better plans out there in the marketplace – cheaper & better benefits?

Regarding item one. Last summer the bankruptcy judge appointed unions & individuals to represent groups of retirees in negotiating medical insurance benefits & costs with United. These groups collaborated with each other for fairness & consistency. The Judge approved the agreements. Under Section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code the company cannot change any of the provisions agreed upon. (The only exception is if United files Chapter 7, liquidates or comes out of Chapter 11 and subsequently files Chapter 11 again.) Bottom line, as long as United is a viable company, United cannot cancel or change our current medical insurance.

Regarding item two. Last Dec. Mort Wax, Chuck McErlean, two people from the Retired United Pilots Association & I met with financial advisors & insurance underwriter analysts. We presented them with United's medical insurance plans and asked them to research what's available in the marketplace. Are there better plans in terms of benefits & costs than what United is offering? Their recommendation was, "Keep what you have!" Mind you they are in the business of selling these services; they recommended; "Keep what you have." A key reason is that United is paying part of the costs of the medical insurance they are providing us. An independent underwriter prices their benefits to recoup their costs, plus a profit margin. Thus they are unable to offer the benefit package at the premium United is charging us.

Given this, RUAEA's position is to support the medical insurance that is offered by United.

Even after sharing this advice, many retirees have asked us what else is available. If you have doubts & want to explore this further on your own, I encourage you to check it out. To explore this further I suggest:

- [www.chooseyourbenefits.com] In this website you can input the features and benefits important to you. It will search companies offering that along with the costs.
- [www.Medicare.gov] Their telephone number is 1-800-633-4227.
- AARP is popular with retirees. They have good information, a large consumer base, are easy to access & get information.

- Most health insurance companies offer the 10 standard Medicare supplemental plans A – J. You can contact any of them for detailed feature and benefit information along with costs.

If you decide to search independently do your homework, make a very informed & deliberate decision. If you decide to cancel what United offers you probably will not be able to rejoin. This is an important decision.

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

How To Delete Companion Names

At the convention in Hollywood last May in the Presidents' breakfast I received the question, "How do you delete companion names on your WebList file?"

Ed Tolle checked this out with WHQHR. Following is the answer:

To delete a companion(s) name from Weblist:

1. Log on to Skynet
2. Click on Weblist
3. Click on 'Options'
4. Click on 'delete companion names' (#2 link)
5. Follow the instructions - select name & click the delete name button.

That's all there is to it. Let us know if you have questions or problems.

United Announces Early Recall of Flight Attendants, Plans to Hire Flight Attendants in 2005

United will recall all flight attendants on voluntary furlough by Nov. 30 of this year & plans to begin recruiting new flight attendants in the fourth quarter. The early recall & hiring plans are in response to high load factors & flight attendants attrition.

Article by Dave Smith, Pres. of the Oregon Dew-ers Chapter

The following article was written by Dave Smith, Pres. of the Oregon Dew-ers Chapt. & was published in their local Newsletter "Plane Talk".

It is such a great trip through "memory lane" we thought our Retirees would enjoy reading Dave's "Presidents' Message".

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"This year's RUAEA convention was a mix of concern over the situation that the airline industry finds itself in now and nostalgia for times past. It looks like the heydays of the Legacy Carriers are numbered. Like many things over the past fifty years, the airline industry is changing. Just be grateful that we were not in the typewriter repair business. Airlines will be around for a long time to come, but they will look different from what many of us remember. Current employees will never have the memories of what we can look back on as the "Golden Age of Aviation."

Remember when there were basically two groups of people who traveled? Those who were wealthy enough & those of us who worked for an airline. Women wore their nicest dresses & jewelry while men wore suits & ties. Flying was expensive and considered glamorous. How many times did you hear neighbors and friends ask if you could smuggle them onto a flight, even in "steerage"?

I was reminded of when our airplanes had lounges, both in Coach and in First Class. They were supposed to be for the use of the paying passengers who could sit across from each other, while playing cards or just chatting. Often, though, they were filled up with those of us who were going standby.

One retiree reminded us of Red Carpet Service, when an actual red carpet was rolled out for passengers flying First Class. Passengers in first class had gold embossed nametags to block their seats. Also, match packages were embossed with first class passenger's names.

Some folks remembered an exotic service on some of our long haul flights. The chef would fly in First Class and don his chef's garb, tall hat and all. He would then serve the meal along with the stewardesses, often carving Beef Wellington at your individual seat.

Many remembered the Royal Hawaiian Service between the mainland & Hawaii. Menehune dolls on swizzle sticks were in each drink. Polynesian meals were leisurely served in courses along with plenty of libations. The movies, something new with jet travel, would have been edited just for airline watching. 'Guess-the-halfway-point' contests were played by filling out your estimate on a contest form; the pilots would announce the winners. Bottles of champagne were given to the passengers who had guessed the closest time when the plane would cross the "halfway point" between the West Coast & Honolulu.

I remembered Executive Flights for Men Only from Chicago to New York. These flights offered cigars & slippers, plus steak dinners. Gifts of golf balls, cuff links, and cigarette lighters were given onboard. Pat Smith was possibly one of the few women who was a passenger on an Executive Flight. We were traveling home from New York, the only flight to Chicago was the Men's Only one. We were riding standby; the agent boarded us on the Executive flight, since we would have been stuck in New York if we hadn't gotten on that plane. It was extravagant!

People remembered the Mainliner Clubs, with annual picnics & Christmas parties. These were parties where dozens of envelopes with free passes on other airlines were given away as door prizes.

Another nostalgic memory was of the Interline Parties. These were the parties where all the airlines got together and enjoyed eating, drinking and dancing together. We were all in the same business - we didn't really compete with each other. Those were the parties where you hoped your ticket would not be picked for a domestic pass on United, because you wanted it left in the drawing for "anywhere on the system" for Pan Am, JAL, or Philippine Airlines.

The airline industry is changing. Airlines will be around for a long time, but the airline world of the past is something only we few retirees will remember. The people now working in our industry will never experience that exciting time we lived through. Many concessions are being made to insure that United continues to exist, but none of us will ever have to give up our memories of the Golden Age of Aviation."

Dave Smith

Know Your Officers, Directors, Staff

Dixie McCay, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Airlines 11/1/77 as a clerical worker in the Audio Visual Dept. in DEN and retired as a Reservations Sales Agent in DEN 12/1/02. She received a Employee of the Month award while in DENRR, also was a member of the U.S. Olympic Sales Revenue Team.

Dixie has been a member of the Denver Mailing Team ever since she retired. She volunteers as a Travelers Assistant at DIA Airport. Her leisure activities include golf, hiking, reading and, of course, traveling. She has one daughter and one granddaughter.

Welcome to our "Team", Dixie, we are very happy to have your as a member of "The Staff".

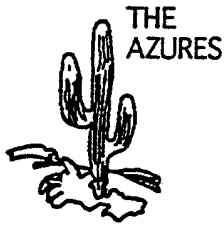
NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for Oct. are due in DEN by Tue. Sept. 6, Nov. reports by 10/6, Dec. reports by 11/4. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 -

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LOCAL NEWS

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Our numbers are dwindling at the Tues. breakfast meetings. I am sure the hot weather has been keeping many inside; and that's ok. It was great seeing Cor Drop at the Aug. 2 breakfast; it's been a while! If you are attending the breakfast meetings please call Pat at 623 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. If you are on the regulars list (you know who you are) you only need to call when you won't be there. Got it, any questions call Pat or Sherry.

Keep those prayers coming. Mel Hofer is doing well & recuperating at home. We are sorry to say that Bob Debelak passed away July 7, 2005. Cards may be sent to his wife Elaine Debelak, P. O. Box 702, Litchfield Park AZ 85340. Horst Heinig had gallbladder surgery, now is doing well. He continues on a reduced cancer treatment schedule.

We thank Sally Illingsworth for offering to organize our traveling club. Please contact Sally to register with her as an interested party. Her phone number is 623 546-9578. She will continue to accept recommendations, ideas, etc. as to where we may travel on short jaunts around the area. These trips will be in addition to our normal monthly meetings. Our trip to the racetrack was so successful, I'm sure we can arrange other outings. We are looking to start the season with a Dinner/Theatre outing to the Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre that is currently scheduled to open in Nov. of this year.

We need a treasurer, anyone interested in working with our team please contact our Pres. Jim Bechtold.

Calendar

Coco's breakfast meetings:

Aug. 30 - Azures - Coco's

Sept. 13 - Azures - Coco's

Sept. 27 - Azures - Coco's

Fall Luncheon:

Oct. 8 - Beardsley Park Ramada #10

Nov. 12 - Luke AFB Luncheon

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The Re-United's escaped the searing temperatures of our AZ summer with an informal breakfast meeting at Ollies's Omelettes. There were 18 members present.

Members welcomed back Pete Kuspis who has been recovering from a slight stroke.

A brief discussion was held regarding some alternate medical plans for those who were interested. A few of the members reported on plans they had investigated or had experienced.

It was announced that the Re-Uniteds would host the Arizona All-State luncheon in March. A brief discussion was held regarding our next steps, mainly deciding on a venue and getting committees together to begin preparation. Pres. Skip Ward was not in attendance, but once he returns, we will begin looking at venues. Jo Anne Gaudioso has already retrieved information regarding the meeting from the last Chairman of the event – Donna Kuehn in Tucson. More information will be available at the first regular season meeting in Oct.



TALL PINES

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Once again it's a pleasure to "sit in" for our most capable correspondent, Annie Tomasic who is recovering from knee surgery on July 25. The latest information is she is not feeling well. This is believed due to the effects of anesthetic & medications. We pray for a speedy recovery. Hope that she will be back with us very soon.

The Monsoon Season has arrived in AZ, which brings the threat of thunderstorms almost daily. 'Twas a bit damp as 18 hungry Tall Pines members dodged rain drops to gather at the Lonesome Spur in beautiful downtown Prescott to enjoy lunch & each others company. By the end of the meeting the sun was shining & everyone was pleasantly full.

Meeting Facilitator, Jean Risdon, distributed information sheets outlining when & where our meetings will be held for the balance of this calendar year. Jean also outlined plans for our Christmas Party to be held at the Hassayampa Inn on Dec. 6.

Final details will be available at the Oct. meeting. The Sept. "All Arizona" Picnic will be Sept. 16. Information is going out as everything has been finalized.

Among the missing were Ben & Judy Bilello who could not attend as they were supervising the landscaping at their new home. All are invited to stop by & take a look.

A bit of trivia for you folks who in days gone by, had to learn those three-letter airport codes. The official code for Prescott, AZ is PRC. Remember this information, as there could be a test.

On a personal note - Vi & I attended the DEN picnic in July. The buffet was exceeded only by the generous hospitality of the "Mile Highers." There were, if memory is correct, 99 attendees. We had a wonderful time renewing old acquaintances & catching up with each other. Thank you for a great time!

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Kathy Shurtleff (805) 384-0500 will host the next luncheon for the Central Coasters on Oct. 19 at the Big Yellow House in Summerland. Kathy is a great hostess, you will want to be sure to attend this event. Details in flyer.

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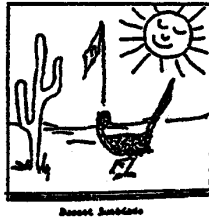


The Brazen Raisins' July meeting was hosted by Pres. Peggy Oakshott & husband John. There were continuing discussions of the fate of UAL retirees' benefits including PBGC; lots of questions but very few answers! Peggy suggested that since we had just celebrated the 4th of July everyone should tell about where they were & what they did during World War II; some interesting stories resulted. Our Pacific Seafood restaurant waitress since March 1966 received a chorus of "Happy Birthday to You" from the members, then announced her retirement, much to the chagrin of all members. Jokes were contributed by Elida Rivas, Bud Garcia & Bob Frost.

Jack & Pam Hartman hosted the Brazen Raisins Aug. meeting. Prospective Brazen Raisins member Bill Borunda put in his first appearance at our meeting; Bill gave a brief history of his career with United. Pam Hartman, continuing the descriptions of where members were & what they were doing during World War II, told of life in London, England, during the blitzkrieg; it wasn't pleasant. Bob Frost recited a poem about "old age", Jack & Elida Rivas entertained with jokes.

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On July 13 the Desert Sunbirds met for lunch/meeting at P.F. Changs Bistro in Rancho Mirage for a Chinese menu hosted by Sandy Sereno (second time this year she saved us - thanks Sandy). We had 35 in attendance in spite of the 113 deg. heat. It was so well liked that the Eads offered to do it there again next year.

Guest Tony Kahalis joined us plus Sandy Sereno's niece, Gina Walters. It's always nice to have Bob & Marion Owens with us and Bernie & Darlene Philips (LAX) living in Sun City. Liz Clapper won the birthday lunch. Tom Tischler needs a hip replacement. Mike Baillardo was going to be entertaining passengers with his magic on a cruise ship through the Canal. Big trouble if the dove gets away from him out there! Not a lot to report in the dead of summer in our desert but we enjoy getting together & don't mind the heat - unless we have to walk a long way from the parked car to the restaurant. Read me next month. Miriam



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The July 2005 meeting was called to order by Pres. Les Carey; hosts were Joan & Oscar Chambers assisted by Frank & Joan Olsson, Pat Leahy & Maddy McKinnis.

VP Norm Burnett introduced new members Joan Sheahan & Annie Rifenrath; each gave a sketch of their history with UAL. Lee Trevelyn was guest of Clare & Barney Hagen.

Birthday Lunch was won by Charlie Anderson.

Thought for the day:

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, AND YOU CAN'T, YOU'RE RIGHT.

Calendar:

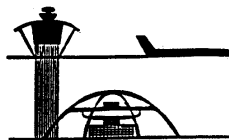
Oct. 13 – Quail Inn - Oakmont - Matty & Marge Matsuchinegg

Nov. 10 - Josef's - Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

Dec. 8 - Quail Inn - Oakmont - 2005 Officers

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Dave Hoyer, a UA retiree called to tell us that his dad, retiree Carl Hoyer, passed on July 23. He had been in failing health for some time, died of heart failure. We hadn't seen him at ReLAXers for some time due to his failing health problems. I am sure there are a number of retirees who worked with Carl & will want to express their sympathies to his family members. Contact either Dave Hoyer 14893 Sutro, Gardena CA 90249, or to Mrs. Corrine Hoyer, 5715 Av. A, Torrance CA 90505.

I'm still sorting notes from my convention paperwork (tons of it, I swear!) so the reporting of some items of news that occurred during the convention period is delayed. It is a sad thing to report that our dear friend of many years, LAXRR retiree, Liz Volkmer, passed away after a long illness on June 11. We will all miss her. Condolences to Michael Kelly, her nephew, 2300 Earl St., L.A. 90030

Ann Hopkins, wife of retiree Dick Hopkins, died suddenly of a heart attack on July 15. She was visiting a new granddaughter when she collapsed. Dick can be reached at 1410 Philmar Lane, Vista CA 92083 / 760-806-4982 / Dickandannhop@aol.com

Eleanor Jones who always enjoys every minute of the conventions, had to return home early because of health problems. She wanted to check with her doctor as soon as possible, we're hoping the news was good! She has moved to Country Club Estates, 4110 Waterwood Dr., Baytown, TX 77521.

Some members on the health upswing: Frankie Tschirhart, the expert at the convention hospitality desk had an attack of diverticulitis right after the convention, ended up in the hospital. Fortunately it was brought under control, the threatened surgery was avoided. She's fine now, we hope to see her at the steak fry.

Jack Moore had quite a spell of hospital stay, tough recovery, but doing well; we hope to see him at the steak fry.

Shirley and Pete Criscione rarely miss a ReLAXers meeting, sent regrets for the steak fry. Shirley had a stroke in June & was hospitalized twice. Fortunately she had very little damage from the stroke, but is under close medical observation. Hopefully we'll see her in Oct. Velera Braun is undergoing chemo after breast surgery. Everyone wishes her well.

We appreciate all the kind words we have received about our great convention. One letter in particular worth repeating for everyone ever involved in a RUAEA convention. You may or may not have noticed in the past that when our group wraps up a convention, the areas & meeting rooms we used are left very NEAT. Janelle, on the staff at the HLW Renaissance wrote to Hal, *"It was a pleasure working with you. Hats off to you & your staff. By all indications, the attendees loved Hollywood which is a tribute to your hard work & dedication to the annual convention. Come back soon."* Having had to stay at the hotel until we dispatched the last bus on Monday, Betty & I were amazed at the lack of organization shown by the group which followed us. No wonder Janelle said it was a pleasure working with us.

We're looking forward to our steaks at the picnic. I am bringing a guest, Shawn, our travel agent from the tour company that handled all the tours for our convention. She worked so hard for us for months before & every day during the convention, I invited her as a thank you – & to meet many of the names she worked with on the tours.

Lois Bowns went as a guest to a DAR luncheon in June where she was honored as a WWII veteran. She says there were 12 Wacs & Waves present. Lois even found her old Waves uniform hat and wore it to the occasion. In July, she went to renew her driver's license & (oops!), blew the test. She decided it wasn't worth the effort, decided "enough already", sold her car! Lois's very nice condo is in a convenient as well as lovely area of Glendale, so a car is a nice to have, but not a need to have. She's close to markets, the Y, a great mall & several good bus lines. Who needs the expense, bother & stress of a car with all that?

Travelers to report on ... Dorothy Overby & Hank Pietrzak sent Hal & Donna a card from Ireland. They are on a long vacation visiting various areas of Western Europe. JoAnn Briggs & family took another cruise. They take so many cruises that being at home is more like the vacation time.

Things are not quite that convenient here, so I went for the driver's lic. test myself 2 weeks ago, passed & got the new 5 year license in the mail in less than 10 days! Can you believe, the picture is one of the best I've had taken in ages! Besides, I'm still enjoying my spiffy red Alero and love peoples' reaction in seeing that it's being driven by an "L.O.L" from Leisure World – not ready to sell it for awhile.

Today is my birthday, so I leave you of my age bracket with this thought – *Old age is when former classmates are so gray, wrinkled & blind they don't recognize you.*

Calendar:

Oct. 13 - Luncheon. Location t.b.a.

Dec. 1 – Christmas luncheon party on the Queen Mary.



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I am delighted to let you all know that our Oct. luncheon will be held at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant on Oct 13 at 11:30 a.m. It will be a Luncheon Buffet. They offer many excellent food choices, including a beef carving station & a ham carving station.

Fliers will be mailed to all of you in Sept., mark your calendars now.

Sadly Shirley Criscione suffered a stroke on June 17. She is now at home & being lovingly cared for by her husband Peter. Shirley worked at WHQ. A get well card was mailed on behalf of ReSans. A lovely thank you card has been received from Shirley.

Coffeeglachers enjoyed their annual picnic on July 14 in San Marcos. This event was hosted by Ray & Joan Klinke.

Calendar:

Oct. 13 - 11:30 am. Luncheon Buffet at 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant. Flier to be mailed.

Dec 2 - 11:30 am. Annual Christmas Party at Tom Hans Lighthouse. Flier to be mailed.

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Pres. Ralph Trullinger called the July 26 meeting to order. We had 146 members & guest who were greeted at the door by Mary Winkler & Mildred Reed.

Membership Secy. Carol Walter, welcomed our new members: Carmine Maffei and Alan & Gloria Stickle. July wedding anniversaries were celebrated by Ernie & Pearl Bloom with 50 years, J.O. & Virginia Thompson with 65 years and Milt & Marie Cavalli with 67 years. Congratulations all! We wish Ed Arnold a Happy Birthday who is 95 years young.

We are sorry to report that Glenn Jorgensen passed away recently. You can send condolences to his wife, Marjorie at 152 Laurel Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030. I just heard that Hilario Garcia passed away Aug. 3 after a long illness. Cards can be sent to his wife Jeanne, 747 Sycamore Av., San Bruno, CA 94066.

I sent cards to Joe Vaccaro who is in the hospital & to Virginia Schmidt who had surgery. We wish them a quick recovery; hope they are back with us soon. We also wish good health to Dodie Dickerson who still is not feeling well. I do have some good news. We welcomed back Dwayne Howze who has recovered from lung transplant surgery, looking good.

Our annual picnic, on Sept. 26 at Flood Park, is being planned. 1st VP Bob Taiclet said that cooks & servers are needed as well as other volunteers. This is always a fun event with good food, games & just a chance to visit. Be sure to get your tickets. Where else can you get a steak dinner for \$5?

Last month Harriet Kunze asked for more donations of prizes for our monthly Charity raffle. This month we had to bring in an extra table to hold them all. A big Thank You to everyone who donated. The money we make from the raffle goes to our charity donations at the end of the year.

Ernie Bloom, airport volunteer, reported on changes at SFO. At Terminal 1 there is now a TGIF Restaurant with good food & prices, it's before you go through Security. It is a little ways from the UAL Terminal but you can take the train back. Ernie told us about a card, showing all languages, that has been a big help to the volunteers, since travelers can point to their language & the volunteers will find a translator to assist them.

We had our Mexican Lunch today, 8/8. We thank Vera & Walt Kina for all the work they do in organizing these events. We had an enjoyable lunch. During & after lunch we were entertained by the "Great Pretender". This is the male vocalist who performed at the 2000 Convention in SFO. He has returned to sing for our local group several times since then. Thanks to Kathy & Tony Hutt for all the work they do setting up such good programs.

Travel info.: Ginger Dalberg reported that UAL is offering a 20% employee discount for positive space tickets, good on any published fare. Apply through reservations. Ginger is planning a Branson Missouri trip Dec. 6 – 11. If you are interested contact Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com. Space is very limited so call soon.

Betty Garner reported that the Mexican Riviera Cruise Oct. 1 – 11 still has cabins available. You can reach Betty at 650-355-4195, email garnerbee@yahoo.com for info on this trip or others she is planning.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

Sept. 26 - Picnic at Flood Park

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Despite the very hot July weather we had quite a few people at our meetings. There were several visitors: Howard Payne, our Western Director on July 15; Keith & Chris Copley, son & grandson of Bill & Carol Copley, here on a visit from Germany; Roger Kolman, brother of Stan Kolman, visiting from CHI; Gary & Jeannie Fahl from Fallon, NV. It was good to see the Howzes back at our July 15 meeting, also George Dye & Larry Jorgensen. The

Reicherts are back from their 14 day cruise to the Baltic, stopping in many interesting ports, including Gdynia, Poland & St. Petersburg, Russia.

Cheri Scales had surgery in July, recovered enough to be back to our July 29 meeting. Joe Purdy broke his hip due to a fall, is still in the hospital.

Bill Arredondo is due to have surgery on his eye. Vi Mattscheck is continuing to recover. Elaine Kristen is continuing to recover, now using a walker. Joanne Currier is in hospice.

We all have until Sept. 6 to get our checks into Stan Kolman for the fall luncheon Sept. 13 at the China Stix. See you there.

Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts 7:00 am, meeting convenes 8:20 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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The Mile Highers annual "indoor" picnic held July 13 at Blossoms Restaurant, Heather Gardens, was a huge success. We were honored to have the following guests: Pres. of RUAEA Marlin Lade & wife Marilyn, former Pres. of Mile Highers Frank Stout from Prescott, AZ & member of the "Tall Pines" Chapter, Ward Striker & his guest Carolyn Bartley. Ward was a wing builder for Swallow in Wichita, KS in 1926. The Swallow was United's first airplane. First-timers were: Valerie & Bob Forsberg, Frannie Colbert (Doug's wife), Shirley & Wayne Greenhill and Laura Coat's mother, Freda Peckens from MI.

Aug. 3 breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course was attended by only 37 as many members are on vacation. YES, many retirees take vacations. Mel Conine, Tom Ficht & Lynn Pettrow returned their 50/50 winnings to the stamp fund - thanks to all of you.

Nancy & Tom Goodyear took their 15 yr. old grandson, Brad Bruchs, to BOS to tour the area. Brad liked the Duck Tour, the Red Sox (they lost) & lobster!

Lyle Burkholder had surgery - now is home recuperating. Address: 1190 Florence St., Aurora, CO 80010.

Brenda & Karl Schwarz have both had medical problems requiring hospital stays (which we just learned about). They are now at home recuperating, could use some cheering up cards & notes. Address: 6344 Pierce St., Arvada, CO 80003-4812.

Jim Flanagan has had some heart problems, is now at home. Address: 1390 Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80220.

Bev Andrews' husband, Arch, recently had surgery & could use some encouraging words. Address: 2730 D. West, River Walk Circle, Littleton CO 80133.

Fall luncheon at the Aurora Summit Restaurant, 2780 S. Havana, Aurora, CO 80014. Sept. 29, social hour 11:00 AM - Luncheon - 12:00 Noon.

Correction to menu and prices: Entrees:

- Salad, Summit Chicken, Dessert - \$13.00
- Soup du Jour, Cobb Salad, Dessert - \$12.00
- Salad, Shrimp Marinara, Dessert - \$9.00
- Salad, French Dip Sandwich, French Fries, Dessert - \$16.00

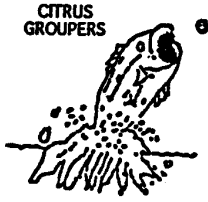
Dessert will be Chocolate Mousse. Please list menu choice on check. Checks payable to RUAEA-Denver Chapter. Mail to: Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver CO 80211. Phone: (303) 477-2918. Cut-off date 9/21/05.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35th & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

Sept. 29 – Fall Luncheon - Details in column.

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The Groupers met at the International Buffet in Leesburg with 24 members in attendance. As always, the meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our flag girl, Betty Smith, did a superb job. It was a rather short meeting since our Secy. was absent & we did not have minutes. Eve Dulan is home from the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Dorothy Clark was absent because she did not feel well. No further information. The Dickensons are leaving for TX to visit their daughter. The Wilmenson are leaving to Alaska. After a long absence, Jack Hellerman graced us with his presence. Unfortunately, soon he will go back to NY.

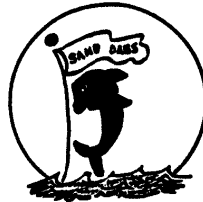
Calendar:

Sept. 22 - Meeting will take place 11:30 AM, Emperor's Pavillion, 1407 Bichara Boulevard, in the Villages.

Oct. 27 - Meeting 11:30 AM at Sonny's Bar-B-Q, 750 Main Street (Hwy 41), Inverness.

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The weather in FL has been very hot & steamy this summer; there were 20 present at our meeting. Many of our folks were busy with company, away on vacation, or recovering from illnesses. Charlotte Forte is home after being hospitalized. We hear she is doing quite well. An up-date on Bill Russ is that he is making good progress in recovery from his quadruple by-pass surgery, is home on his boat again in Halifax Marina. He'll be going for cardiac rehab next. Martha Priehs was back with us after several months, doing well after her physical problems.

Dick brought us up-to-date on the company news. He had some funny jokes for us again. He reported that 14 showed up for the Cubs baseball game. John Rieck was collecting for the 50/50 drawing, he, being a nice guy that he is, bought a last minute ticket to even out the cash. And, wouldn't you know, he won the pot!

Keep me posted on news of our members, as it looks like I've been "appointed" to do the Sunshine work of sending out cards. I craft my own cards, so some people may be in for a few surprises!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: If you lend someone \$25 & never see that person again, consider it a very good investment.

Calendar:

Sept. 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Oct. 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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Pres. Sid Edelman called the meeting to order at 2:15, 43 were enjoying our monthly get-together.

A card was passed around for signatures for Betty Davidson. Her youngest son dove into shallow water & is paralyzed. Prayers are requested for the entire family.

Guests present were Barbara & Karen Beck, guests of Irene Beck; Nathan Williams, Gene & JoAnn Hall's grandson and Bobbie Gay's grandson Cody.

New Business was regarding the RUAEA e-mail regarding the May 2007 convention. More information will be forthcoming & we will have a visitation in Oct. to help us with guidelines & plans. We were urged to prepare ourselves for volunteering.

It was noted that the auto-deductions for health care is now being done; the first checks for retirement will be starting in Oct.

Stan Halterman trip plans include the following:

- Sept. 22: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. Mystery Trip, Deluxe Coach, Lunch & outdoor activity. Cost \$55.
- Oct.: 5 day trip to Northern GA for Oktoberfest, Cabbage Patch Doll factory & much more.
- Nov. 26: Hudson Florida World of Life Production of Christmas in the 40's. Deluxe Coach & dinner. Cost \$46.
- Feb. 15-26: Cruise West Indies on the AMSC Lirica. Cost starting at \$989.

If you have an interest in any or all of the trips listed, call Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

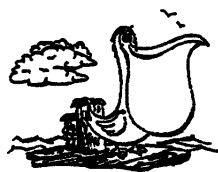
Calendar:

Sept. 6 - 1:00 PM, The Golden Corral Restaurant on Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436); 3 miles North of the airport, 1 mile South of Curry Ford Road.

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On Aug. 5 our Breakfast Meeting at Perkins Restaurant had 20 in attendance. It was good to see some members we haven't seen for awhile.

Our Florida News and it is not good:

We were all surprised when John Dainus told us that United will not be going into the new RSW Airport Terminal. United Express will be taking over & all of the work will be contracted out. They will not even have a counter at the new terminal and will only rent out an available jet way. At the present time no one knows where United Express will be going. During the winter months there will be two United Mainline planes (probably a 737-757 or A320). All of the work will be contracted out. The employees were given several choices to make:

1. Retire (if eligible)
2. Transfer to another station
3. Take severance pay & be on lifetime call back.
4. Take double severance pay and sever all connections with UAL

This was something that certainly was unexpected since the loads are full almost every day. With only 1 flight in the summer months & 3 flights in season the rent at the new airport terminal would almost triple; this would not be profitable.

We were sorry to hear that Eileen Burg had lung cancer surgery on July 25. Ruby Singer recently went to see her at the hospital on Aug. 5. She was progressing well until she developed pneumonia. She has been in ICU since the surgery. Bill was also in the hospital when Ruby was there. He was admitted & has peritonitis. Both of them could use your prayers.

Harry Good had a knee replacement in July, now is doing quite well.

Joan Gilkison: Joan was able to make it to our breakfast meeting. She is still on chemotherapy; there are times when she doesn't feel too well. She is very tired but has a great attitude.

Calendar:

1st Fri. of the Month

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

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There were 30 members signed in at the July 11 meeting. Terri Breslin sent get-well cards to Shirley Eppard & Mary Martin. We gave thanks to Mary Martin who is currently making our TPA Chapter nametags. If you are new or just need a new name tag see Mary.

There were a number of large posters & amulets regarding the UAL air plane crashes in PA & Pentagon in VA. Xavior Cross gave an interesting report on his visit to the site in PA. They had to drive wayback into the country, stopping a number of times to ask if they were still on the right road. Visitors to the PA Monument cannot get close as it is roped off to the public. The pilot was lucky to have barely missed a school full of children. Donations for the posters & amulets will be donated in memory of those in each crash.

There was a discussion on company insurance. Pres. Mike Rice advised only one thing is coming out of your check, that is Income Tax. We were advised to call each of our State Ways & Means Representatives.

At the Sept. meeting we hope all members will sign up for the Oct. 3 picnic at Anderson Park, Shelter 4, 10:00 a.m. Free to members but there will be a \$5 charge prepaid for guests. Bring your own drinks. Cut off date for reservations Sept. 23.

Terri Breslin reported the Dec 5 Christmas Party will be at the Sparton Manor (same as last year). The price will be \$14.50 paid in advance, includes tax & gratuity. Entrees will be fried grouse or baked ham. The committee selected the charity "The Pasco Assoc. for Challenged kids" known as P.A.C.K. They hold a 4-week summer camp for kids who are not accepted by other camps because of their severe disabilities. These are children with Autism, Down's syndrome & Cerebral Palsy. This is a great way to give at Christmas.

For those who have asked about the PDX "Travel Desk" you may call 1-888-278-7038 Mon, Wed, & Fri 10:00am until 2:00 pm Pacific Time for assistance with booking flights & other company information. I would like to thank them personally for their courtesy each time I have called.

58 members attended the Aug 1 meeting. We had a discussion regarding other airlines possibly going into Bankruptcy. UAL had the highest load factor in July 2005.

We were advised we have access to FREE travel on United Express - 1st come first served.

The nominating committee for 2006 officers consists of Bill Tagert, Marie Summers & Jon Wilkinson. So far Jon Wilkinson has been nominated for Pres. for the year 2006. Hopefully more volunteers for all offices will be stepping up but as usual, they are slow to volunteer.

We ask all members to write or call your state representatives/congressmen regarding Pension Bills #2380 & #2327. Ask just what these laws can possibly do for you & your pension. You may be surprised! Both Bills/Laws should NOT be put together or voted in for YOUR protection in the future.

We also hope to see Tampa Bay Retirees bring their 2006 dues (\$5.00) to our next meetings. Let's see if we can out number our 2005 membership.

Terri Breslin reported while Ann Morse is up North (MI I think) - she is having a stent put into her heart. It was also reported Harold Judd is having back problems.

For those of you who did not receive Mr. Brumfield's E-Mail.

In a few weeks, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies & you will start to receive sale calls. You will be charged for these calls (cell phones). Call this number for your phone 888-382-1222. It is the national DO NOT CALL list. It only takes a minute of your time & it blocks your number for 5 years. It really does work, I know from experience.

Calendar:

Oct. 3 - PICNIC at Anderson Park, Shelter 4, 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 7 - Meeting Buddy Freddy's - US 19, Holiday, FL 10:00 A.M.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Party - Sparton Manor

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Treasure Coast

As this newsletter will appear in the Sept. edition of the Newsletters, there is not much to report from the Treasure Coast as we have not had a meeting since June. Our monthly meetings start on Sept. 6. It will be great to see all our friends & hear about their summer adventures. At this meeting we'll get to try Johnny's slot machines & win gift certificates.

I do have updates on our recovering members. Gus Dodenhoff is getting stronger from his illness in April; will have open-heart surgery in Sept. at the Cleveland Clinic. He certainly has had a rough time of it, this surgery will put him in tip-top condition once again. Allan Popek is learning to walk with his new hip. He still has some fine-tuning to do before he gets the next hip surgery.

Calendar:

Oct. 4 - Meeting at Johnny's at 11:30.

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This is Chapter report for July & August. Our meeting was held on July 13 because of holiday.

JULY: Elmer & Lois Koldoff hosted the meeting & luncheon this month, 33 Flyers & 5 guests were present at the Longhorn Steakhouse Restaurant. Our guests were Mary Lou Sullivan's baby brother Rich Jones & his wife LaVerne who are visiting from the SAN area. Rich is also retired from United. Stan & Marge Cebula brought their grandchildren with them Aiden, 21 months who is a regular, Austin, five & Alea, six. It is always a delight to have the children visit. This was a return visit to the Longhorn restaurant in Peachtree City. We were seated in booths in a separate room, each one ordered from the menu. The food was very good as usual, service was excellent. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal & our monthly opportunity to visit with old friends.

Pres. Bruce Brodersen called the meeting to order. Bruce began by fielding questions regarding changes in medical insurance premium payments; some have received duplicate forms & were concerned about the changes plus form of payment. As of now United has 3 forms of payment; checking or savings account deduction from your bank or the credit union (debit), a credit card deduction which must be registered online, & invoice billing by United to be paid by the 25th of each month. Each one should have received information & forms to be completed for your choice of payment method. If you have received a second request & forms it is not necessary to submit again. It seems that the second mailing was automatic, if your information had not been received at that time. Bill Elk provided us with information about United's plans for exiting bankruptcy in the fall, no specific dates were given. United is supposed to submit their business plan sometime next month. The information about United was sourced from notes to the newsletter correspondents from RUAEA. It was noted that the load factors have been running above 90% for the last couple of months. Non-revenue travel & interline travel has been more difficult due to the increase in load factors. Bruce has expressed his desire to step down as Pres. at the end of this year.

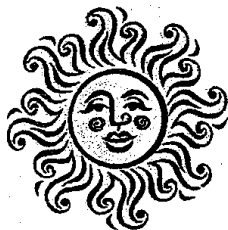
AUG.: Jone Manley hosted the luncheon & meeting at Papadeaux' Seafood Kitchen in Alpharetta. There were 27 flyers in attendance & 2 guests, Jay Marshall, the Elks' grandson & Barbara Jean Andrews who came as a guest and left as a member. R. Don Yuskiewicz is also a recent new member. Welcome aboard all! The room provided us at Papadeaux was great, so was the service. Most had the seafood buffet, others ordered from the menu. The food was excellent if you like seafood. If you are landlubber there was something for you also. Many of the north side flyers were present & many drove up from the south. It was good to be all together. Fred informed us that he had heard from Maurice Linehan who now lives in VA & still a Dixie Flyer. Maurice fell while out walking & exercising, however, he did not break any bones. It's always good to hear from Maurice as we think of him often, Stan Cebula reported, for those of you who may remember, that George Reagan at 87 passed away in July in Newnan, GA. George was Capital Airlines mechanic. Stan told us that George was involved with the transport aircraft during WWII. Bill Carlson, still young at heart, brought an

article about UAL Retired Flight Attendants new calendar featuring them in various costumes, ages of the ladies range from 55 to 64. The calendar title "Stripped of Our Pensions" may be seen & purchased on the web. Bill is still certainly "one of the boys". Bruce Brodersen opened the meeting, asked if there were any questions regarding the payment changes of the monthly medical premiums, which has previously been deducted from pension payments. There has been some confusion about how monthly medical premiums were to be made in the future as the PBGC does not make any deductions. We revisited the forms of payment discussed at the July meeting. It is advised that you pay the first invoice sent until you have confirmation about the other choices of payment. This is to avoid any possibility of cancellation. There is a grace period 'til Sept. 30, 2005. Normally credit card & debit will be processed on the 25th of each month. Some members have received a second notice from the PBGC. If you have confirmation that they have received your data, there is no need to resend. Be sure to keep all correspondence from PBGC as they have your account number & personal data. You will need the account number for any business with the PBGC.

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Pres. Art Chang, greeted Howard Payne, RUAEA's Western Regional Director, who joined us for lunch in Mountain View on July 21. He hopped over to ITO from HNL on Aloha Airlines, spent the night, visited places he hadn't seen in years. It was good to have UAL news as well as industry news. Lots of jokes flying around, mostly from Art Chang & Bob Pennington. The buffet at the Koa Shop Kaffee was fabulous - thank you very much Pam Jones of Continental Airlines.

Judith & Al White brought their usual TOYS FOR TOTS again! Let's all keep them coming. Marlene Valleriani of US Airways brought in a UAL collectible: a circa early 70's Sales Poster framed in faux wook tikis. We'll save that for a special raffle in Waimea at Thiebault's Restaurant on Aug. 18.

Dick and Donna Chadwick have offered their home for a potluck on Sept. 15. They will be celebrating their 51st anniversary on Aug. 29.

Calendar:

Aug. 18 - Thiebault's Restaurant, Waimea-South Kohala

Sept. 15 - The home of Dick & Donna Chadwick

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Pres. Ned Yundt, opened a lively & memorable meeting on Aug. 1, at JB's restaurant in Meridian. She welcomed guests & attendees, thanked them for coming, & reminded everyone of coming events. Ned introduced our DEN guests: Nancy Goodyear & Marilyn Lade, thanking them for bringing their husbands, Tom & Marlin, respectively.

Tom, our Regional Director, was first up, addressing RUAEA conventions past & future. Next year it will be at the Marriott in Washington, DC over Memorial Day, May 22-27. He recognized old friends in the audience, mentioning several by name. We'd like to tell you everything that he said, but that would spoil it for those chapters yet to be called upon. Marlin, RUAEA president, very effectively gave us the vital information & assurances we were hoping to hear, but first he recognized Bob & Joyce Wicklund who were there to hear Marlin's speech. He & Bob worked together in various customer service jobs, & are long-time friends. It was like old home week in Boise, the City of Trees.

Marlin's talk was in three parts: 1) the state of UA, 2) our benefits (pensions, insurance & passes), & 3) the new role of RUAEA. I wish time & space permitted us to repeat it all. I made copious notes, which I couldn't possibly read; were

mostly over my head anyway, so I'll only recap a few highlights, knowing that you have already read most of them printed earlier in the RUAEA Newsletter. Another progress report from Marlin will appear in the upcoming Newsletter.

He stressed the serious impact that fuel costs are having on airlines, preventing nearly all from showing a profit. For example: an increase of only one cent a gallon would set UA back \$20 million a year, however, considering money taken in vs. money paid out, UA had an operating gain for the second quarter of \$48 million. This doesn't count the write-off costs, which affect the bottom line. Marlin also explained the tricky legal steps in exiting bankruptcy, which will result in the resolution of all claims, debts, & reorganization plans. This was expected to happen this fall, but UA has since postponed the exit to better improve its chances of success. It is known that the judge wants assurance that once relieved of its debts that UA would prove to be a viable company & not return to bankruptcy.

Marlin next gave a comprehensive overview of how benefits will be impacted. This is not the place for the details, since they are being detailed in the Newsletter. Marlin did assure us though that he, Mort Wax & Ed Tolly meet with UA management on a regular basis. The meetings are constructive & productive. It is the goal of RUAEA to ensure fair & equitable treatment of retirees. Thank you Tom & Nancy, & Marlin & Marilyn. It was thoughtful of you to devote your weekend to us. We're glad you visited Boise, the Warhawk Air Museum, & the GEMS. We all feel better for your assurances.

On a sad note, we must tell you of the loss of a very dear friend, Capt. Charles W. Law, on July 18. He had been ill since Thanksgiving. Charlie was born in Baker City, OR. He loved sports of all kinds & was an active participant in most. His love for flying began when he joined the Army Air Corps in Oct. 1939. He served his country as a pilot during three wars. When he retired, he went to work for UA as a flight instructor (with the rank of Capt.) at the Flight Training center in DEN. When he retired, he & Shirley moved to Eagle, ID, & became world travelers. Our condolences to Shirley, & every member of the Law family.

In the good-news department, we're pleased to learn that Louise (wife of Ossie) Haugen is home recovering after back surgery. Betty Archibald has had back surgery also, after much suffering, & is also on the comeback trail. We wish them well.

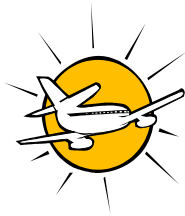
Several GEMS took the Harmon Travel Calgary tour, with our own Dave Adams as driver & tour conductor. They observed the Centennial Calgary Stampede, & admired all the beauty of Glacier National Park, Radium Hot Springs, Lake Louise, Banff & the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Those who took the tour said it was a winner in every respect.

Calendar:

Sept. 5 - Again preempted at JB's, so Chuck & Carol Ryerse's have kindly offered to host a Noon Pot Luck at their home in Emmett.

Oct. 3 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

Oct. 18 - 6 p.m. Dinner at the Sandbar in Marsing.



ILLINOIS

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How nice to be greeted by smiling, happy faces waiting to be served. When I arrived, late of course, the date that had been selected was cancelled. Because the room was sold to a travel group, another date had been chosen. When Roe Mallstrom told me that it would conflict with the MDW girl's luncheon, however, it was resolved when date was chosen in the autumn season. New date is Oct. 19.

It was very nice saying "welcome" to Ginny & Fred Vlach & talking to Lillian & Roe Mallstrom.

Tony Stefanos is doing fine after his surgery. Great to say "hello" to Stephanie Simpson again & Ron Madsen who was as enthusiastic as always. Beverly Connor was getting away from Marshall Fields for a brief moment, Shirley Mullin is looking great, Mary Grayas always sharp, Mary Szabo & Norm Pearson were very informative. I heard that Pat Shaefer is doing much better, unfortunately her husband John has been very ill but he is much better now. This hot spell has affected us all.

Looking forward to greeting all of you on Oct. 19, Palmer House. Until then be KOOL. Keep fingers crossed that United will survive.

Calendar:

Oct. 19 - Palmer House, French Quarter - 11:30 am.

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We are looking for good participation in the Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast on Nov. 9. Canned goods, dried goods & paper products are all welcome & will be deeply appreciated by the Food Pantry.

Northsiders had a good turnout for July's breakfast. Yours truly handed out Cracker Jacks donated by Chicago Cares volunteer program held in June. Everyone enjoyed eating Cracker Jacks with their breakfast like a trip down memory lane reliving their childhood.

One of the newcomers at the Northsiders breakfast had been the Executive Secretary to the Sr. VP of Onboard Service (WHQSW) – Maria Santangelo. Maria commented that she was delighted to be in attendance for the first time. She knew so many people at the breakfast, thinks the breakfast is great place to chat with friends. Another newcomer was Ruby Singer who had worked at ORDCS & is in the area only in the summer. The 3rd newcomer was Carol Colacicco who had worked at CHIRR. Carol now works as an usher at Wrigley Field & roots for the Cubs.

Congratulations to Ron Artman from our Skyliners who was selected as one of this years winners in the United \$50,000 Grant Awards. Before attending the awards luncheon, Ron & his wife Pat, along with their whole family, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on a cruise. The Chicago Food Depository will be receiving the cash award from United.

Come and celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of the Guys and Gals Midway Days on Sept. 28. Everyone is invited; family & friends are all welcome. The luncheon will be held at Manzo's, located at 1571 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines, IL. If you would like to join, call Marge Daily (847) 439-1441 for your reservation.

The United group of two dozen volunteers went on their monthly task of working at the Chicago Food Depository. On this particular visit volunteers repacked grapes for distribution for the needy. Under the direction of Ron Pryor, everyone found the experience very gratifying in helping for those less fortunate.

250 attended the Hawaiian Luau luncheon held in July at the Villa Olivia Country Club in Bartlett. Many came in colorful Hawaiian attire. The entertainment was performed by Erme Giurato who is a retiree from Headquarters Security department. The Hawaiian/Polynesian Revue group was enjoyed by all.

Last month's Southsiders breakfast was attended by 23 happy retirees at Grandma Sally's Pancake House in Bridgeview. While on vacation in SEA, Darlene Wank experienced a head injury. When she was on her flight home, an observant flight attendant from Southwest Airlines noticed her head injury and felt that it need attention; & that this could possibly cause additional problems to her from air pressure in flight. The plane was returned to the gate, Darlene was examined by awaiting paramedics, released & rebooked on a later flight. Darlene is now home, doing fine. Another breakfast member, Helen Collins, recently spent some time in Evergreen Park Health Care Center for a bone graft & hip operation. Cards can be sent to Helen at 10124 South Kedzie Av., Evergreen Park, Ill. 60805. Margaret Schmitt, who is reported doing fine at home after her knee surgery in June. Margaret's address is 1409 53rd. Place, LaGrange, Ill. 60525.

Calendar:

Sep 13 - Breakfast of the Northsiders Group, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant in Mt. Prospect, IL.

Sep 21 - Loop Group at the French Quarter Restaurant in the Palmer House at 11:00 a.m.

Sep 27 - Southsiders Group for Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m. in Bridgeview, IL.

Sep 28 - Midway Guys & Girls Annual Luncheon at Manzo's Banquets in Des Plaines, IL.

Oct 16 - Skyliners October Luncheon, Itasca Country Club Itasca, IL.

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Hot...Hot...Hot! Watching the weather channel, I see that we're not alone in this sweltering heat. Most of the nation is setting record temperatures, I can honestly say, "Come on fall".

Our July 9 picnic was hot but we had a nice breeze & plenty of shade. In the last newsletter I forgot to thank our "Master Chefs" Ron Innis & Jerry Byle for the great grilled hamburgers and brats. Unfortunately, the grill was not shaded. These dedicated men worked over the smoke & fire so the rest of us could eat. Eat we did! Thanks guys, you did a good job! We'll keep you in mind for next years Barbie! A big round of applause needs to go to our Pres. Wanda Bryce, for putting this whole event together. Well, not to be vain, but I'll give myself a pat on the back also as I was Wanda's sidekick. Lots of work, planning & money, went into this picnic. For those of you who did not attend ... you missed out.

I have a new address for Mike Quilter who would love to receive correspondence. Address is: Sunrise Senior Center, Mike Quilter, Rm. 221, 2725 Lake Circle Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

During these stressful times of uncertainty & anxiety shadowed with a cloud of anger (putting it mildly) we all need to stick together as a group. There is strength & comfort in unity, knowing you're not alone in this mess. As a last note, I ask that you please attend the retirees' meetings, as we all need to support one another.

For those of you traveling, have a safe & happy trip. For those staying local, keep out of the heat. We'll see you at the next meeting.

Calendar:

Sept. 10 - 2:00 PM - Paragon Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis.

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The Nor'Easters July Cape Cod Canal Cruise & Lunch, was attended by 45 members & guests. The pea soup fog didn't dampen any spirits. Present were representatives of customer services, aircraft maintenance, ground maintenance, airfreight, flight kitchen, stores & flight officers, as well as members of other airlines. The fog, very thick at the west end of the canal, lightened as we traveled east, traversing the 7-mile land cut path. The vistas on either side showing nature at it's best. At the east end, we even got a view of Bud & Sylvia Shakley's motor home, camped for this occasion. Paul & Mary Ward, Bill & Marie Dwyer, and Carleen & Bruce Eddy also overnighted for the occasion at a local Inn.

After the cruise, all proceeded to the Blue Oyster Grill for an enjoyable lunch. Before the day was over, many requests went to our Treas. Bill Vanderwal who arranged this meeting, for a repeat again next year.

Don & Patti Lewis took the Holland America Cruise up the inside passage to Alaska. Then flew from Anchorage to Fairbanks, on to Denali National Park & Mt. McKinley. Stopped in SLC on the way to BOS. Good trip.

Although known to most Nor'Easters, this reporter just learned of the passing of John Lino last Jan. He was not a Nor'Easter member, but a fellow CSR from BOS, well known by all UALers at Logan.

Like most of you, I received the big envelope from the PBGC. For the time & cost of getting it out, I wished it said something. Seems they should already have all requested information about me from UAL. It's easy to see where our lost pension monies will be spent.

Once again, our own Mercedes Hersom is being mother to Maine Coon Cat kittens. They are now spayed, neutered, weaned & have shots. If anyone wants one, contact Merc, or me. She is going to hate parting with them, but she will!

****A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains****

Calendar:

Sept. 14 - Boston Trolley Tour & Luncheon

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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July 7, 14 Escapees & 4 guests plus 2 canines enjoyed an unbelievably perfect day ordered by our host; Suzie Hicks, for our bar-b-que picnic at Grosse Pointe Farms Park. First-timers this year were snowbirds; Joan Benoit, Marie Kady, Julie Felix from NM, plus Bob LeFevbre, Debbie's hubby & our host; Suzie.

Aug 4, 20 Escapees plus 5 guests boarded the M.V. Aurora Borrealis (Pride of Windsor Cruises) for a 2 hr. luncheon buffet on international waters, hosted by Debbie LaFevbre & Dollie Sellers. First-timers this year were Paul Oleynik, Marge Revait, Fred Cant, Dee & Charlie Hegle and Carlene Moule. We did have 100 % Canadian participation, all three of them Paul, Marge & Marlene Jeffery.

FYI: I have been advised by many Northern Lites that the Loonie Oct. affair will be in Stillwater MN. OOPS!

Our love & prayers to Betty Martinez, 17992 N. Fruitport Rd., Spring Lake, MI 49456, on the loss of her sister. Also Charm Nicole, 2012 Wickham, Royal Oak, MI 48073, thanks all once again for their prayers & well wishes. Her cancer was a recurrence from the first time but did not spread. She will be undergoing radiation again. Keep Charm in your prayers.

Lastly for those that may not have heard. The Discovery Channel will present 'THE FLIGHT THAT FOUGHT BACK' on Sun. Sept.11, 2005, at 8PM (ET/PT). A 90 min. special on the heroes of UAL Flt 93, that confronted the terrorists & fought back against the enemy crashing in Somerset County, PA, when it was rerouted to our Nation's Capital.

Calendar:

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

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MSP NORTHERN LITES

42 members & 4 guests were served at the annual picnic at Jim & Mary Brennan's in Danbury, WI. It was a hot, humid day, but their shaded yard & cooling cruises on the Glattly's 22-ft. deck boat provided some relief. "Befores" and "afters" (snacks & desserts) were brought by those attending, the "meat 'n' potatoes" part of the picnic was catered & purchased by the treasury. Anyone attending who had not paid dues into the treasury were asked to do so. Old photos & stories were shared; over 60 door prizes were given so everyone went home with a treasure or white elephant; the Storlie's daughter, Sally, works for a publisher & donated copies of "Iowa's Wild Places", a wonderful hard-cover book with photos; a 50-50 raffle was held. It was great to see some faces we haven't seen for awhile - Jack Doke from Winterhaven, FL, "Chris" & Rusty Christopherson from Finlayson, MN, Ken & Marilyn Whitehead from Cross Lake, MN & Janice Meyer from Lanesboro, MN to name a few. Of course, the visiting and reminiscing is the best part of it all.

Pres. Lee Storlie conducted a short but "hot" meeting from the Brennans' deck. A plea for new officers was put out again, as we are in need of fresh blood for all the offices.

13 stayed overnight, some at Brennans, some at the hotel at Hole in the Wall Casino. Those at the casino probably had a more expensive stay than those who played cards at the Brennans. The next day we all gathered for breakfast as a send-off for shopping, gambling & miniature golf at "Moose Mulligan's" in Siren, WI. (Thank goodness for floating golf balls!)

We missed seeing Wes & Bette Briest at the picnic (along with all the others who weren't there). Wes is recovering slowly from surgery; is home once again. Our thoughts & encouragement are with you, Wes. Hopefully the prayer chains have helped.

Speaking of prayer chains, Duane Cater is the poster boy for prayer chains working! He is gaining weight & strength (it's because he's back home in MN!). His recovery seems to be going well. We sure wish that he & Celeste could have come to the picnic because only the snowbirds who go to AZ have had a chance to visit with them in several years.

Gene & Kookie Delvaux are inviting any & all who are interested to join them for a 7-night Carnival cruise to the Western Caribbean leaving from MIA on Nov. 27. The ship will visit Belize, Honduras, Grand Cayman & Cozumel. The

fare is an interline fare of \$399 p/p plus port taxes & the usual fees. Transportation to MIA is on your own. Anyone interested can book direct with Donna Eden, (800) 819-3902 ext. 82340 & should call ASAP to get the lower fare. Mention Gene's name & ask for the Early Dinner Seating in order to be seated as a group.

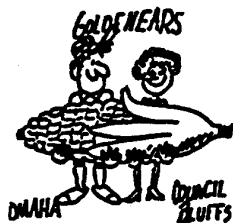
Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There are two places we went this year for our luncheons - one being Gerda's, the other Lo Sole Mio Villa. There were 47 who enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere & food at Lo Sole Mio. Both restaurants are sure to be on next year's places to go. Thanks to Tony & Jackie Sortino for hosting. We were happy to see Jim & Penny Sophir, Russ Meyer, Tom & Rose Langan, Jim & Mary Beveridge, and Charlie & Pat Shook.

In talking with Jim Beveridge, he said he had been fighting prostate cancer for about 10 years. It hadn't caused him much trouble until in the last 3 months. The cancer moved to his back. He takes treatments once a month, now is doing okay. He has faith in his oncologist, says his treatments take only about 20 minutes. Good luck with your other treatments, Jim.

After hearing the news of the van that had the terrible accident July 13 on I-80 coming back from an air show in Lincoln to Omaha, and that it was from the Thomas Fitzgerald Home (where Bob Glover is), I called Dorothy to see if Bob was involved. Dorothy said he was scheduled to go to that show in Lincoln, but Wed morning he decided he wouldn't go - the reason being he said he worked with airplanes all his life. Dorothy didn't know about the accident until the Home called her, said Bob didn't go. I told her God was watching over him, she agreed. She goes to see him on Thurs & Sun. He's doing well, seems to be happy at the Home. Bob is 83.

Called Paul Steuri, he said he & Humbie are doing okay. It was just too hot for them to get out to our luncheon.

Marge Stankoski told me at the luncheon that her mother had turned 100 on June 5. Lillian Dytryck worked for Kellogg's for 23 years in OMA. When the company found out she was 100, they told Marge they were going to make up a box of Kellogg's cereal with her picture on it & send to them. Lillian had 2 children, Marge & Joe Dytryck (Joe died in 1990), 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren & 8 great-great grandchildren. She now resides at the Omaha Nursing Home; according to Marge, is very happy & likes to greet people when they come to the Home.

I had a note from Penny Sophir telling me that Pete Carlentini's daughter, Carma Jean Colanino, underwent 7 hours of surgery on July 14 for a cancerous tumor in her pancreas. They removed part of it as well as the small intestine also part of the stomach. Took samples of tissues surrounding to be sent in for biopsy. She will be in intensive care for 4-5 days at Bergan Mercy, then in hospital for awhile. I'm sure this is a big worry for Pete.

Calendar:

Sept. 13 - Picnic at Chalco Hills Hosted by Keith & Jan Cornish

Oct. 4 - Old Country Buffet, 144th & Center

NEVADA



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Treasury balance as of July 18 is \$622.56.

An invitation was sent to the SMF Gold Diggers to once again join us for our Aug. picnic at Sand Harbor. Duncan Scaife was our chef this year. As voted upon attending members at our July meeting, the picnic cost was \$5/person. Hopefully, by building up our treasury, we can provide a cost break for our Christmas luncheon. Chapter provided the meat, buns & condiments, as well as the paper supplies. The Gold Diggers brought dessert. Coffee was provided.

Again, please complete & return as soon as possible any forms you receive from the PBG. Also, they will only be deducting federal taxes from your pension benefit. Appropriate state taxes & medical premiums now fall to your responsibility. Luckily, NV has no state income tax!

A letter was read about Bill Haws, born on 11/28/13; it talked about flying B24's, C6's & DC8's. It also mentioned his service in the Korean & Vietnam wars. He spent his last 6 years at UA flying the SFO-HNL route. Bill had been a member of our club & recently passed away. (Sorry, I missed the name of the reader).

Another series of vignettes was read which were prepared by Tom Brokaw about the "greatest generation" – things like surviving bike rides without helmets & lead paints, no seat belts or air bags, drinking water from a garden hose & mothers that smoked. Per Tom Brokaw, the upbringing of the "greatest generation" (people born from the 20's through the 70's) produced some of the best risk takers ever. (Again, sorry I missed the name of the reader.)

Calendar:

Sept. 19 - Meeting

Oct. 17 - Meeting

Nov. 21 - Meeting

Dec. 12 - Christmas Luncheon

NEW JERSEY

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The monthly meeting of the Gardenstators was held July 27, at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened meeting, 50 members & spouses were in attendance. Everyone should have received a PBGC form & filled it out. Should have received from United a letter about the medical benefits on how to pay, received a coupon to pay your medical payments for Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, after that it will be automatic.

Your pension will begin from PBGC Oct. 1.

There will be no meeting next month, the annual picnic will be at Merrill Park in Woodbridge, using exit 131 on the Garden State Parkway. Bring Family, \$5.00 p/p, for those that come early there will be coffee & donuts. The next meeting will be Sept. 27 at Snuffy's.

Al Evaskitis brought in booklets on "Living Wills". Everyone should take one, they are very informative. Last month the clipped wings told us about the memorial to be erected in Shanksville in memory of Flight 93 that crashed on Sept. 11. We had sent a donation & a thank you note was received inviting us to the dedication on Sept. 11, 2005. There will also be a memorial erected on the Capitol Grounds for Flight 3 that went down Sept. 11.

Treas.' report was given by John Murphy, he thanked everyone that went to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The show was good and so was the food.

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The dog days of August have invaded Manhattan, but 17 "cool cats" enjoyed luncheon at San Martin, Aug. 2. Jan Nonamaker's guest, Elaine Kelly ORDSW, remarked that FL is even hotter - Wow!

Everyone present seemed to understand the new procedures for payment for our benefits. Everything appears to be operating as scheduled.

Treas. Pam Jones reminded all she will be collecting the \$10.00 contribution for the Dec. holiday party at our Oct. 4 meeting. Since we do not meet in Nov., this early collection is necessary.

Calendar:

Oct. 4 - Luncheon at San Martin - 12 Noon. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

This report was submitted by Joe Totaro:

After the pledge to the flag, a moment of silent prayer for Patricia Burke, a long time Customer Service employee, recently retired who passed away this past week.

We had 55 members and Charlie "K"'s guest, Edward Vasta at our Aug. 3 meeting at Antuns in Hicksville. We enjoyed lunch, good fellowship, & news about what is happening in the NY Area. Local Lodge 1322 IAM&AW will have a joint 60th Anniversary & Retirement Party in Oct. Details at the Sept. meeting. Bill Farrell a former Customer Service Agent at JFK is working on a reunion of Customer Service Agents who worked at IDL/JFK since the 1950's Bill worked at IDL/JFK between 1962 & 1981. For specific details, Bill's "E" mail address is wuffer38@aol.com. Bill's telephone number is (631) 669-2918.

Charlie "K" brought us up-to-date on what is happening at United locally. The Credit Union will be closing their office. They will maintain an "ATM" machine at the location of the present office. United Airlines will be eliminating the Aircraft Maintenance personnel that are currently working at LaGuardia Airport. Those employees will be offered transfers or layoffs depending on seniority. The good news is, he saved a bunch of money switching to Geico. He closed with a number of "new" jokes.

We had a number of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries for the month of Aug. We also celebrated Lillian & Paul Cohen's 55th Wedding Anniversary which was July 30.

We were informed that Mary Butera is back in the hospital. Roy Portelli is going to have Cataract Surgery. We wish them well.

Every one that attended the Aug. Picnic was given a cash rebate. Again Charlie & Paul kept the picnic expenses within the budget and had enough cash left over to give every one a small refund. Great job, guys.

Calendar:

Sept. 7 - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

Oct. 5 - 12 Noon Antuns in Hicksville, NY

NORTHWOODS



NORTHWOODS

LOONIES

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The fall meeting of the Loonies will gather in Stillwater, MN on Oct. 4 through the 7. Our accommodations will be at the Country Inn & Suites approximately two miles from downtown Stillwater; address is 2200 West Frontage Road, Stillwater, MN 55082. Normally we have a three-day event but this fall we are planning to extend that by one day as there is a lot to see and do in this wonderful old river town on the St. Croix river at the WI-MN border.

We are planning a river paddle wheel boat trip with a luncheon on Oct. 6. Other activities will include touring this beautiful old city with its many antique shops, abundant history & fine eateries. We will be planning events within the area for all to enjoy. Hope that many of our Northern Lite acquaintances will also attend this gathering.

Those planning to attend should make their reservations at the Country Inn & Suites which is holding a bank of room for us on the starting date of Tues., Oct. 4. Call them directly at (651) 430-2699. Identify yourself as a "Loonie" attendee for our group rate. A standard room with 2 queens, in-room coffee, iron/iron board & hair dryer is \$68.06 including tax. Complimentary breakfast is included. Also make sure to let me know of your plans to attend; I will send you an information letter prior to the event.

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The Twelfth Annual Northfield Night was held on Aug. 10. We had 88 members attending. THANK YOU Carol & Ray Hacker for hosting this annual event.

On July 13, our annual picnic was held at Albion Woods Reserve Picnic area. It was a big success. There was plenty of food along with great conversation. I am happy to report that we had some new members attending the picnic. They were Charlie & Betty Hahn, and John & Gaynell "Gay" Crawford. Welcome, so glad to have you as members of our United Family.

Gerald & Peggy King were accompanied by their grandson, Adam (5 yrs.) also granddaughter Lily (2 yrs.) Hinden. Lloyd Rhea brought Adele Weaver as his guest. Tom & Peg Heidecker who live in Harvard, IL were in the area & were in attendance. Ray & Carol Waldron's son & daughter, Ray & Carol came with their Mother & Father. Also, Bill Gatesman had his daughter Ann Conrad and grandson, Dallas along with him. Glad you were all able to attend.

I spoke with Bill Gatesman, he told me that Mark is continuing to improve. He thinks Mark will be able to return home the middle of Aug. Please continue to keep Mark & his family in your prayers.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 7. Take a step back into the past.

We will be visiting the Hocking College Campus. This is an all day affair. Reservations MUST be in by Sept. 19. Please join us for a fun filled day.

Calendar:

Oct. 7 - Athens County Paul Bunyan Bus Trip. This is an all day trip. Leaving at 7p.m. Destination the campus of Hocking College. Paul Bunyan show & a ride on the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway. Reservations must be in by Sept. 19. Pre-paid. Limit 50.

Nov. 2 - Catered Luncheon at Bain Park Cabin. 21077 North Park Dr., Fairview Park. Pre-paid.

Dec. 7 - Christmas Party, Copper Top Restaurant at Cherokee Hills, Valley City. Dinner served in the Panoramic Banquet Room Upstairs. There is an elevator available. Pre-paid.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ERS

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It was a picture perfect day for our annual picnic in July. There were 108 of us to enjoy the good food, prizes & fellowship. Thanks to John & Anita Donaldson and their hard working crew. There was also a Classic Car Rally, several members brought their vintage cars. John & Anita have decided not to chair the picnic next year; if there is anyone out there in Dew-er's land that would like to take over, please contact Dave Smith.

On July 21, twenty-six of us boarded an excursion train at Linnton Station in PDX to travel to Astoria on the OR coast. This was a four-hour trip each way so there was plenty of time for "eating" & conversing. I didn't see many sleeping on the way back either. Russ Thompson, one of our retirees that lives in Astoria arranged for a salmon barbecue that was absolutely delicious, plus he & Donna opened their home nearby to let us use it for "breaks." Russ also volunteers regularly to drive the trolley through Astoria. Ask your fellow members who attended all about the trip.

Summer has blessed our members with good health with the only exception being Ed Nolan who has had a serious illness, but is home & on the road to recovery.

Congratulations to Jack & Ann Starks who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on July 10. Jack retired from Pan Am in 1984 while they were living in HNL. 27 family members & friends went with them on an Alaska cruise the first part of Aug.

Our next meeting in Sept. will be a social gathering, lunch, followed by a short business meeting. Oct. our speaker will be Al Haynes, captain of FL 232 that crashed in Iowa. Plans are underway for a Christmas party this year, I hope to be able to offer more information in my next column.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please us 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted

Sept. 14 - Social

Oct. 12 - Al Haynes

Nov. 9 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH

PIT-STOPPERS

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Once again the annual Pit-Stoppers picnic proved to be the high point of the summer. Over 70 people attended this year's event. Out of towners included our own "Johnny Carson" Russ Miller from FL. A surprise visit from Herbie Sanders. Nice to see our DEN group well represented by Ken & Barb Spearing along with our "frequent flier" Mac Crampton. Local long distance guests were Andy & Mary Rusinko, Bill & Mary Ann Weifenbach, Ray & Connie Davis - I must say the guys all looked great - must be their TLC given by the ladies. Harry & Betty Shirley drove in from their digs in Grove City, Carl Chiocchi is recuperating well (thanks to Dee) after undergoing quadruple by-pass surgery. Carl can be reached at 107 Louise St., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

The food & prizes were really great. Vic & Joan Ference did a wonderful job in chairing the event. We certainly missed Jo Kuehn & our V.P. Skip Weiss at the picnic. Skip is back in the hospital, battling a recurrence of his previous illness. I'm sure Skip would love to hear from his many friends - 141 Piper Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

Sorry to report the passing of our good friend Fred Pittock. Fred was formerly a supervisor in Toronto & Pittsburgh. Cards & condolences can be sent to Jennie & family at 132 Landsdowne Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Another of the good guys.

We're looking for any volunteers to help at next year's 2006 convention which will be held in DCA. Just let me know if you are interested. E-mail will do, jmjuth@hotmail.com.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Lakeside Tavern in Concord was a wonderful scenic setting for our July 18 luncheon/meeting with 28 in attendance. Open for only a few months, it's situated on a knoll overlooking a curved marina on Fort Loudoun Lake about 15 miles southwest of Knoxville. Some of us had considered coming up by boat, but we all "wussed" out because of uncertain weather (it would have been fine, as it turned out). Most of us had never been to Lakeside Tavern before, so we thank Mike & Barbara Chapin for introducing it to us. In attendance were Nancy Krop's grandson, Trevor, Jack Ball, who was a second-time attendee, & Jo Humbert, who drove in by herself from Rogersville.

The group decided to start our alternate-month breakfasts a half-hour earlier for the rest of the year ... 9:30 instead of 10 am. Much of the meeting focused on UA's relative standing in the industry, jet fuel, bankruptcy costs, & the rather uncertain transition of pension plans to the PBGC. Several of us had received duplicate forms for automatic deductions for medical benefits. With a strong second-quarter showing, it appears that United has a good chance of being a competitive force again as a modified version of its former self.

Calendar:

Sept. 15 - 11:30 am CDT, picnic/meeting to be hosted by Cal & Maxine Anthony (931 484-0036) in Fairfield Glade.

Oct. 20 - New time of 9:30 am EDT, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

Nov. 10 - 12:30 pm EST, luncheon/meeting at Ramsey's Restaurant in North Knoxville to be hosted by the Shipes (865 922-3858).

UTAH

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On July 19, 24 chpt. member met at the Bountiful Chuck-A-Rama for lunch. Some of our regulars were not there: Tony/Dorothy Brown (on vacation); Aletha Cannon & daughter Shirleen; Mary Blackhurst; Douglas Roberts; Bob Faydock. We welcomed: Byron/Kay Nelson; Pete/Jackie Loyola's granddaughter Mandy; Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine's granddaughter Chelsea; Lorraine/Carl Olson. It was good to visit with Shirley Ottman who is already walking without assistance after her recent operation.

Thank you, Pete Loyola, for serving as our chapter Pres. for the past 3 years. Our team fully appreciated your good services. It is hoped that Doug Peterson will take his place - more info on this later.

The Aug. Sugar House Park potluck picnic was discussed. Chpt. VP Betty Davis & her assistant Lila Maughan checked with the people present regarding the menu items they will bring to the picnic. All others, not yet committed to a potluck dish, please call Betty Davis (562-0216) or Lila Maughan (254-7213).

FYI - Retirees should be aware of ZED (Zonal Empl. Disc.) fares. Currently, they are only on Lufthansa & AAL. You can access loads & schedules - you can list yourself on LH/AA by signing into www.flyzed.com. Employees of the airlines listed maintain this site. Just remember: we only get ZED fares on LH & AA. **To sign on, use UAL (as "USERID"), then 016 (it's the "Password").** UAL said they intend to add more airlines to ZED. These fares are really reasonable, even with the outrageous taxes (this article was contributed by Tom Marcy, via Marie Cook's newsletter to the "*Great Lakes Escapees*"). Thanks you Tom - & Marie!

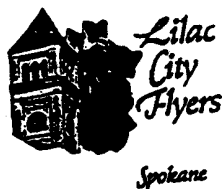
Calendar:

Sept. 21 - Coffee - 10 am - Murray Heritage Ctr. 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

Oct. 19 - Lunch 2pm - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

WASHINGTON

LILAC CITY FLYERS



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Our summer picnic was held at the home of Bob & Edie Clark in Ione, WA, which looks out on the beautiful Pend O'Reille River. It was truly a peaceful & gorgeous setting for everyone to enjoy; & to know that Bob & Edie & Tom & Mary enjoy it every day. Sorry I failed to mention that their next door neighbors, Tom & Mary Sullivan (also UAL retirees) did their share in making the picnic a success. For those of us that were fortunate enough to attend, "Thank You" to the Clarks & the Sullivans for making it a great day.

Myrtle Stoop is recovering from July 14 knee surgery. She is doing splendidly. She & Ken were able to enjoy the picnic also.

In last month's newsletter I mentioned Wes & Laura Nearing joining us from Princeton, ID. As it really turned out, Laura visited the local hospital to have 3 stints placed very carefully in her body. Fran Smith had brought a get-well card to the dinner last month so we could sign our best wishes. According to the experts at hand, we are happy to announce that Laura is doing great. We hope to see her soon.

I received a nice get-well e-mail from Norma & Lowell Ross (SFOSW) for Bill & Lois Stookey of Hayden Lake, ID. They were neighbors in Hayden Lake, are now living in Grants Pass, OR. Norma said they will be making their last move

to Hot Springs Village in AR in Sept. Norma & Lowell Ross wishes the Stookeys the best. Norma says she flew with Bill when she was a flight attendant just a few years ago. Right, Bill, it only seems like yesterday.

We also did not see Jim & Dorothy Jones at the last get-together. I haven't heard as to why they didn't make the dinner but we missed them, maybe next time.

Tomorrow morning 8/10 is the day that I am lucky enough to have my right eye go under the laser with Argon Iroidoplasty. Now both eyes have been treated equal. The doctor asked me last month if I noticed any improvement or less discomfort. I told him I never had any discomfort before & hoped I wouldn't be getting any now.

Fran & Warren Smith will miss our picnic, as they will be visiting children & grandchildren out of town. We will miss them.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DCARR/IADRR agents meet for Summer Reunion: On July 24, 70 former Rez agents met for a summer reunion at the home of former DCARR/IADRR agent Sharlene Aukofer.

The reunion was held at Sharlene's beautiful home on Lake Barcroft, Falls Church VA, on a perfect summer day. Many agents traveled some distance, some as far away as FL. Some guests had never attended the annual Christmas reunion or the summer reunion! These retirees were amazed to see so many familiar faces from as far back as 25 years!

A huge buffet of amazing summer dishes awaited the guests and afterwards there were boat rides to enjoy on Lake Barcroft, stories to tell about the happy times we shared when we worked together before the "Jet Age"

The retirees were delighted to see our former Manager, Don Kildoo & his wife; it's been many years since we saw them.

Our hostess, Sharlene Aukofer says she will host this event in 2006!

Many thanks to all the guests for making this a special day & for bringing such fabulous summer dishes to share. The drinks flowed until quite late in the evening. Our gracious hostess entertained some lucky guests for the night!

A small group of Dulles Loungers met for an informal lunch on July 13, at the Golden Corral in Manassas VA. We discussed summer travel plans, many members said they were traveling by car this summer, due to the shortage of seats on United. This correspondent tried in vain to get to London on July 1. For the first time ever, did not get a seat, however, it should be easier later in the season. The topic of RUAEA Convention 2006 was brought up; everyone present was interested & delighted that our fellow retirees are coming to the Nations Capitol May 21-29, 2006. Let's make them welcome!

We look forward to resuming our regular meetings at the Golden Corral Manassas, VA on the second Wed. of the month at 12:30 pm.

Calendar:

Sept. 14 - 12:30pm Golden Corral, Manassas VA

Oct. 12 - 12:30pm Golden Corral, Manassas VA

NEW MEMBERS

CORRECTION: In the July 2005 Newsletter, new member Judith A. Foster's first name was printed incorrectly. Also in the July 2005 Newsletter "Correction" - Roland E. Fryan's name was misspelled. Fryan is the correct spelling!

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Charlotte H. Anderson, 1501 Blackcombe St. #202, Las Vegas, NV 89128-8018

The LAX Convention was perfect. All of the facilities at the Renaissance Hotel were first rate.

The tours, supervised by Barb Smith, were such fun. My compliments to the bus drivers in the LAX traffic.

Thanks to the volunteers i.e. Phyllis Easley, Barb Smith, those on the raffle desks & those who donated their handiworks for drawings.

It takes hard work & dedication to have such a successful week. My compliments to Hal & Donna Klobe also to Jim Ferrance & the entire team.

Robert J. Ahrens, 3914 Christian Drive, Belmont, CA 94002

Another year has gone by; my wife & I are watching our next generation growing up. Last fall we completed our 6th Steamboat trip through middle America, ending from Memphis to New Orleans. God does bless America.

Over the years, from the mid 1940's to present day, we have seen many changes in United Airlines operations. We hope the present employees can return United to its former days of glory.

Lloyd & Donna Whitlow, Anthem Country Club, 38 Isleworth Drive, Henderson, NV 89052

Enclosed is my yearly check.

Only have a few words to say as I'm very busy working on the upcoming Reunion for my W.W.II Bombardment Group. It is scheduled for Sept. 6-14, 2005 at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon, England. This will be the Associations Tenth Reunion in England, however, we call our Reunions in England, "Memorial Junkets". The last Memorial Junket was in 1999, was headquartered at the same hotel.

This is the, 384th Bombardment Group (H), 41st Combat Wing, 8th Air Force. I have been the Pres., Board of Directors of our Association since 1980. It is a very rewarding job, but does take up time & a lot of travel. But we do get in other travel, 3 cruises last year, one was an Alaska cruise with the Bomb Group.

Don Hayden, 5700 Hayden Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727

Talk about procrastination. I promised myself on April 1 that I would get my annual dues in before my birthday. May 1 I said the same thing. Here it is June & I am just getting them in. Sorry about that.

I was quite busy working on the Loonies meeting & working on a new house, besides all my other activities, but that is no excuse.

Besides a new house, ready to move in by July 1, I hope, I have also had some problems with my eye. Had macular degeneration operation in my left eye in late May, which will affect my vision for about 6 weeks. No depth perception; like looking under water. Doctors put a bubble inside my eyeball to enhance curing, it sure is weird.

Actually moving about 600 feet from my home of 18 years into a modular with lots of room for guests, including full basement & a three car garage.

Thomas E. Cosgrove Jr., 12204 Copenhaver Ter., Potomac, MD 20854

I would like to thank all the folks who have kept us abreast of the dealings with the problems at UAL, pensions, insurance, etc. At times I feel like a mushroom ... kept in the dark.

This is my 75th summer, time sure flies by.

We had our last Capital Airline picnic this past fall ... a passing of a great tradition. Had the second knee replaced this winter. Peg & I became great-grand-parents for the first time. Elected to the sports hall of fame at the University of Maryland this spring. Getting ready to take the whole gang to the shore for our annual trek.

Janice N. Healy, 2335 Montezuma, Apt. A, Florissant, MO 63031

My how time flies! I have been so busy with a group of volunteers sending packages to the soldiers overseas, that I just now remembered to get my check off to you so not to miss what so going on with United.

Thank you so much!! We would greatly appreciate if you could print the website address "www.asoldierswishlist.org" which has information about a soldiers wish list.

Ginny Merris, 1172 Randolph Rd., Woodburn, OR 97071

Our news is all good. Our health is great. Both in our mid 80's & going strong. Ralph plays 18 holes of golf 5 days a week.

We have wonderful memories of far away places like PAR, AMS, LON, & fun times in LAS during the airlines week in Dec., do they do that anymore?

I'm still proud to say I worked for United Air Lines, sorta.

Dolores Moynihan, 510 Hawthorne Ave., San Bruno, CA

Enclosed is my annual dues and a donation toward the mailing expenses. Please excuse my tardiness, the time is flying by so fast I just forgot about it.

Many thanks to you & your staff for the wonderful newsletter. I look forward to all the news and keeping up with former co-workers.

I'm so happy I was with United during the "good times". I sincerely hope they return to a solid company.

Ed & Anne Titus, 4717 SW 317th Apt. D, Federal Way, WA 98023-2069

Thanks to all you folks for helping to keep the UA family in touch.

We are still hanging in there - sort of - ho ho!

Keep going, "kids".

Geraldine R. Cavallo, 710 W. Creekside #202, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-6374

First of all I want to thank Jo Madden & her staff for the hard work on the newsletters. Secondly, I want to inform the many friends of Lorry Cavallo of her death on New Year's Eve. Lorry was a 29-year employee and a member of RUAEA for 20 years.

Ralph & Mary Hernandez, 5430 Baltimore Dr. Apt. 80, La Mesa, CA 91942-5008

Thank you all for a wonderful job you are performing. It's nice to receive the newsletter & see some names of people I worked with.

My wife & I are enjoying retirement to the fullest. We enjoyed trips to Germany & Austria in 2004 in Dec., then we spent 3 weeks in Ireland in July. Now we are looking forward to a trip to Italy in Dec. so we are really enjoying this time of our life.

Thank you all again.

John E. Kennebeck, 23 Seaview Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

This year I'm not going to wait for the red ink to tell me my annual dues are needed.

You folks are doing a superb job of keeping such a vast organization like RUAEA together and disseminating the type of information we retirees are looking for. We all need to do our utmost to help our Company now. After all, the Company has been so very good to us during all of our working & retired years. Thank you for being the best.

Geraldine Hills, 104 Oxford Rd., Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Thank you for the wonderful world of news. Since I have no computer I look for the news every month in the RUAEA newsletter to keep me up-to-date.

I appreciate all your efforts in supplying us with the latest information. You are to be highly appraised for your hard work doing a great job for all.

Cliff & Phyllis Chaney, 904 E. Lizzie Lane, St. George, UT 84790

The last 27 years have gone fast. Phyllis & I are in good health, still instructing a little, also am building (actually putting together) a little airplane for the LSA program. Phyllis is busy all the time, girl things.

Every year for the RUAEA Newsletter, I'd like to tell of an experience that I had while flying the line. This particular one was in the late 50's. Some of you stewardesses that might have been involved could help me with the names. We had a non-stop flight from LAX to JFK. In a DC-7. Leaving in the evening, arriving JFK about 8 or 8:30 AM. Often we had movie stars on board. This case, this young lady, either Dorothy Malone or Sheila Graham, not sure which was on board. Both of whom are quite attractive, in this instance, the young lady, after the meal service & the stewardesses starting to darken the cabin, traipsed, and I use the word as the girls described it to me, with a blanket, up to the blue room. She came out, blanket wrapped around her, clothes folded very neatly. The DC-7 had a circular lounge in the back of the cabin. There was no one in it. She had made up a bed, pillows, etc. eye mask on, slept the night away. When morning came, she arose, again, traipsed up the aisle to the blue room. When she came out, looked as if she had slept well all night, make up perfect. As we were ready to land, she was the last one to depart the airplane. Of course the media were awaiting her. She stepped out on the ramp, (You remember the motor driven passenger ramp?) posed in this provocative pose; she looked drop dead gorgeous. I had opened the cockpit window, to see what all this commotion was about, she looked at me & winked. I have chuckled over that positive PR for a long time. Lots of wonderful memories. Block time, off time the same. You remember, I am sure, can't do that anymore. Have a happy year, will have more stories later.

Helen & Tony Stefanos, 760 Marshall Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016-2665

Our thanks to you & your staff for the usual excellent job you do in producing the newsletter. Also, the LAX convention was great! Like many others who attended, we had a wonderful time.

Jeanne Clark, 290 W. Oak Glen Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103

The first 2 years of retirement as a flight attendant have been great! Last year I wrote telling you my husband, Stan Clark, was a CSR at Newark Airport in the early 60's when we met.

Anybody who worked with Stan or me (Jeanne Justman) please contact us at clarkmail@comcast.net or address above. AL, please write us again as we misplaced your address before we could respond to you. The bulk of my career was flying out of ORD, so any friends out there, I would love to hear from you. We remain an "airline family", as our son, Lance, started his career this week as a pilot for Southwest Airlines.

We are very impressed with the RUAEA Newsletter & all the dedicated hardworking retirees who make it happen. Also, kudos to all those people who work so diligently on behalf of the RUAEA. Thank you for keeping us all in touch.

Robert J. Miesse, 5334 Station Dr., So. Lebanon, OH 45065

Aug. 5 brings about my 90th birthday. I have seen better days health-wise but, over-all, I am not in too bad a shape. All three "older" kids, grandkids & great-grandkids will be here for my birthday celebration. We live only 5 miles from our youngest daughter & family. Thanks for your continued hard work in sending out the RUAEA Newsletter.

Rhoda L. Aguirre, 208 N. Lake Merced Hls., Apt. 2F, San Francisco, CA 94132-2920

Another year & the airline is holding it altogether. Thank goodness!

Having been a close acquaintance of Bernice Bartholomew, the very first woman to work for the original start-up company in, I believe, 1928, who stayed with the company until 1967, I feel a real bond, that she instilled in me with the company.

You all work so diligently to keep us informed. I, for one, am most appreciative.

Thank you all.

June Tanaka, 3024 Monterey Street, San Mateo, CA 94403

Thanks for keeping us informed during these critical times. It saddened most of us that we are in this predicament, especially when we can no longer look for employment. We will continue to keep the faith that our airline will survive.

Keep up the good work.

Charles E. Ellis, 1220-272 Tasman Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089

I look forward each month for the newsletter. It is the best source of news of what is going on in United Airlines & to retirees.

Thank you very much.

Laura Hansen, 808 Laurel Ave. Apt. 310, San Mateo, CA 94401

Thanks again for your hard work & dedication in putting out the newsletter to keep us retirees up-to-date with the news of UAL. I hope our company is successful in making it through bankruptcy & will emerge a strong competitive airline. Thanks also to those retirees in PDX & SEA that man a travel desk for the benefit of other retirees. I don't travel very much any more but am thinking of using their service before very long. What a wonderful group of retirees you & they are!

Morris Iverson, 2791 E. Avenida De Pueblo, Tucson, AZ 85718-3162

I had a hip replacement a month ago & I am still recuperating from it. This broke my two records I had for over 82 years. First, I still had everything I was born with, second I never broke a bone in my body. But this hip surgery put them down.

A good friend of mine that I worked with for years at SFOAF, I haven't heard from for quite awhile. He used to call when he & other friends of ours had a luncheon get-together. The last time I called him, he had sold his house & moved. If anyone in the SFO knows of him, please let me know. His name is Richard Santos. We worked at Air Freight in SFO for years 'til we retired.

Garver H. Sandy, 223 Perry St., Milpitas, CA 95035-5711

Another birthday is gone, another convention has come & gone. Too bad more of you didn't attend. We are hoping to attend next year in my home state. Wilma & I attended the first two conventions held at Crystal City.

This year we drove to Hollywood, then through AZ, UT, NV. Highlights were Santa Fe & Taos, NM, also Monument Valley & Moab, UT. I had always wanted to drive through Monument Valley ever since I saw the first John Wayne movie filmed there. The scenery was spectacular.

Irwin Sonsky, 3953 Cocoplum Cir., Apt. A, Coconut Creek, FL 33063-5953

Let me tell you that all of you are doing a great job keeping us abreast of the goings on with UAL at this stressful time. Let's hope that everything can be resolved & get us back to the great airline that we were -- with much gratitude.

Janet Rodriguez, 44342 Silkworth Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20147-6490

I have been in CA for the past 3 months. My daughter just made me a grandmother for the first time. Christopher Antonio Spencer was born ... May 20.

Thank you for publishing an interesting newsletter ... Great information.

John & Sally Hildebran, P.O. Box 191, Movers, OK 74557-0191

OH MY ... NOT ONLY THAT DREADED RED STAMP DID I MISS, NOW I GET A CARD REMINDING ME, THAT I MISSED IT.

I could use that excuse of, "well, that comes with old age." You tend to forget things, however, I have a MUCH better excuse. I GOT MARRIED!

Yes, my birthday month of March was taken up with other matters. As was April also. Wedding planning filled much of March.

Yes, a wonderful girl that my Aida & I had know for over 20 years, Sally Shannon, & I were married right after our regular church services on 4/24/05. Sally had lost her husband on Christmas day 1997. In addition to a nearly full church that Sunday, we had 27 of OUR families present as well. A very memorable ceremony!

So ... all you good DEN people that keep us up-dated on the happenings of United. All you other retirees that we love to hear from ... that is my excuse for this year of forgetfulness ... & HAPPINESS.

Mildred H. Nelson, 1801 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303-2953

Thank you for your faithful commitment to the monthly newsletter. I see a few names that I recall from my husband's UAL past at SFO/IQ. Even when Ken's memory was failing, he often stood at our front window, waiting for his carpool to UAL. As many as seven or eight took part as their work week consisted of different days. The last member I've seen was Bjorn Gustad at a party of the SFO-SJC South Bay Retirees' Chapter - They have welcomed me to their social events where we reminisce about the good old days.

I am hearing that the planes are going out full - so I am hoping there is room for me to go to SEA & HNL.

John & Dianne Calderwood, 775 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22567

After retiring in March 2002, (41 yrs., 7 mos.) John started chemotherapy treatments. This year, 2005, he had a stem cell transplant. After some rough months his progress has been great.

We were always so proud of UAL. I was a stewardess in 1961, flew out of YIP to ATL, that's where I met John. In 1961, I was Dianne Norman.

We've been to LAX, now IAD. I remember when Dulles was built "way out" in the country ... NO MORE.

United will pull through, but, the "good ole days" are long gone.

Thanks for the newsletter & all your talented work. It's our only source of information. You're doing a fantastic job ... Keep it up!!!

Karen J. Lebert, 236 W. Harvard Cr., South Elgin, IL 60177-2732

Thank you very much - for all the information on UAL. I do not have a computer so you are my life line to what is really going on with United. I'm glad to see that other retirees are having the same feeling as I am - disgusted, frustration & anger. If I had my way - the board, Tilton, & many of the upper management staff at WHQ would be fired - for the same reason they would fire me or any other employee - "failure to do your job". United didn't need bankruptcy. It needed someone to come up with real ways of making money. One such way was to resume flying of freighters - they made money. Strange - the word is - freighters will be brought back after UAL comes out of bankruptcy - why wait?

I agree with many retirees - United should restore the benefits at a future date that have been cut - and make that date known. Unlike pilots, I & many other retirees are not getting over \$1000.00 a month - pension benefit. And, like many others, going out and getting another job just isn't possible - due to medical situation. All of us retirees can only wait and pray that God will help us - It seems no one else is - Thank you.

Joyce Pullen, 16200 Walker Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240

Just a note to say I've moved. My new address is above.

I've been in the hospital, now rehab with ongoing problems and now cellulites in my left hand. My daughter moved me while I've been in here & I haven't been in the house yet. Hope to get there soon.

Eldon Miller, 4255 E. Sacaton St., Phoenix, AZ 85044-1925

I made it to the big 80 but just barely as I had a quadruple heart by-pass along with a bleeding ulcer at the same time. This all happened on Feb. 5, I was released from the hospital on Feb. 14, doing great now & plan on going back to work at the Lakes Golf Course on Oct. 1.

I started my career on 7/21/44 in DSM at 18 yrs. old. In Dec. of 1959 I opened CMW as a new station. I worked there as a CSR & supervisor until Dec. 1980; transferred to PHX to open another new station. Those were good times. I enjoyed going to work.

I retired Aug. 1, 1990; mighty glad I did as things have changed for the worse since.

I hope the pensions keep coming without much change. I gave UAL 46 years of my life when all the employees kept the airline running smoothly. We all deserve better than what we are getting.

My wife Jane & I will be celebrating our 57th anniversary on Sept. 12. Depending on my pension whether we will be taking a trip or staying home. Thanks to Jo & her staff for putting out a great newsletter.

We went to Ellensburg, WA to watch our first grandson graduate from college & commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Airforce. Now is on his way to Wichita Falls, TX to become a jet fighter pilot in A15's.

Paul J. Lemrise, Sr., 2788 Green Bridge Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992

My wife & I appreciate reading the news on the Internet. One can save as many monthly addition as one wishes without taking much room. We have enough paperwork to deal with!

Kudos to Rich Surma for the timely, informative & interesting news he presents in his monthly Chicago Skyliners article during the past year & a half. Even though, at present, I am unable to attend any of the gatherings, it is fascinating reading about trips & other experiences of former fellow employees.

Thanks again for all the time & talent you expend to create the newsletter.

Sue Ross, 5011 W. 134th Pl., Hawthorne, CA 90250

Love retirement - Hate what good old UAL has come to!

I traveled very little this year - one trip to TX with my mom to see my sister & her family. Other than that I've just been reading a lot, going to meetings with RUAEA & RUPA. I missed the

convention in LAX & my 45th High School reunion. But I'm OK now. Hi to all I know - See you guys & gals soon at LAXRR reunion in Sept. or someplace?

Anthony D. Lutz, 9616 Percussion Way, Vienna, VA 22182-3334

Why can't retirees get break on Red Carpet Club membership? For just 2-5 visits a year we must now pay \$500.00. Also what about doing away with annual fees for UAL's credit card?

For good statistic on on-time arrivals & bag-handling bonuses are rewarded. Why? There is no proof that "incentives" do any good to improve performance. Show me the studies.

If it was up to Union we would have been out of business. The mechanics refused to take a cut & UA had to declare bankruptcy at a tremendous cost.

We need Congress to pass legislation that disallow CEO's & top management to rob companies. They are now allowed to be overcompensated. This creates envy & labor strife.

God bless the job you are doing. Love the reservation desks retirees are handling in PDX & SEA.

E. A. Haunch, 2612 Lincoln Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

Time flies when you're retired. Let's hope United continues and survives.

Poor management in the past and deregulation contributed to the current situation (9/11 didn't help). How sad.

Still, I'll always have pleasant memories, they crop up in the newsletter regularly.

Thank you nice people!

Jim Carroll, 4110 Silver Fox Ct., High Point, NC 27265

Greetings one and all, to all my old friends, this is Jim Carroll, I retired back in 1987 from ORDMM. My wife & I are living in NC and enjoy traveling around the country, so we still rely on United for frequent flights. We're only 20 minutes from the airport. Just one United gate to leave from to either O'Hare or Dulles.

Any health problems I've had, have been minor. You know that old saying, "you can't keep a good, old mechanic down". Take care. See you down the road.

Harold W. Condon, 9170 Cupertino Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95624

It is always a pleasure to pay for the Newsletter, but tough to add the year to my age? Seems that is the price to grow old! Since I want to hang around perhaps I should just enjoy & place this in the mail. Thank you so very much for the good job you are doing with the Newsletter.

Irvin G. Wolfram, 4780 Volcanoville Rd., Georgetown, CA 95634-9502

Going on 13 years retirement and enjoying every minute of it.

Had a great time at a wonderful convention in Hollywood this year. Looking forward to next year. Thanks to all of you at RUAEA for the Newsletter.

Ray & Colleen O'Shea, 19 Sutherland Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

We missed the Convention. Although it sounded great. The Hollywood of today has lost its appeal and pizzazz of yesterday, at least that's what this octogenarian feels. I remember Hollywood from WWII days on the stage door canteen. Those were the days.

Keep up the good work & may the sun always shine on your side of the street.

Eugene Wagner, 1465 Village Dr., Arlington Hts, IL 60004-4678

Thanks for the reminder and all the work you folks do to get the Newsletter out.

My friend Jean & I enjoyed the LAX convention, tours to Getty Museum & Catalina Island were worthwhile. It's still hard to believe that famous casino in Avalon was built with no elevators or escalators.

We decided not to battle all the other ORD bound NRSA's on Sun. So we went to the Crystal Cathedral for the Sun. service, then took train from LAX to wine country on Mon. Stayed in delightful Calistoga - toured 2 wineries & home from SFO to ORD on Fri. Even rode First Class on a 777!

We even enjoyed the Super Shuttle from LAX to hotel, but that's another story.

Doris Oakberg, 1751 E Roseville Pkwy, Apt 715, Roseville, CA 95661

Beating the red stamp is quite an accomplishment for me as I turn 85.

Thanks for the great Newsletter & all your faithful endeavors. I keep paying dues so I can know what is happening with the company today.

Harlan's pension died when he did so don't have that to fret over, however, if I didn't marry again & paid the premiums, I could keep the Medical. That did become a worry. When the premium soared to \$179.00 a month with no guarantee it wouldn't go higher, I opted for Kaiser's Senior Advantage at \$50.00 a month. I have to pay a bit more for doctors visits - but at least now, I know, I do have coverage.

We sure didn't know years ago anything like bankruptcy would hit United Airlines.

Richard Soutar, 1034 E Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

Enclosed \$30.00 for dues & \$10.00 for postage fund.

My 20th year since I left EXOFO after over 38 yrs. Started at MDW Dispatch in "47". Just DC 3's & DC 4's. It's a lot different now.

Still see a name of someone I knew.

Jayne Kertes, 2333 N.E. 105th, Seattle, WA 98125

Happy Summer time wishes to everyone!

Three years have gone by since retiring, and I still haven't cleaned out. Have been too busy being retired, love every day. New events, people & projects.

Agnes Pearson, 6234 S Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL 60629

This letter isn't about me, it's about our chapter correspondent Richard Surma. I'm using this platform to express our thanks & appreciation to him for his effort in publishing THE CHICAGO SKYLINERS CHAPTER NEWS. This multi-paged periodical comes out several times a year. It focuses on metro-Chicago activities of retired employees & company-wide activities; he is also the official photographer.

Rich gathers, researches, writes, edits, publishes & distributes the news to the breakfast & lunch groups, (North side, Southside & Loop).

We thank him & his assistant who do a yeoman's job ... all in a spirit of love & friendship for the rest of us.

E. Tholl, 12N. Winston Dr., Palatins, IL 60074

Thanks to the efforts of the RUAEA staff. We enjoy hearing from our friends around the globe. Without you, this wouldn't be possible. Thanks again.

Janet L. & Dieter C. Schmidt, 1801 North 22nd Avenue, Show Low, AZ 85901

It is my understanding that renewals are due in the month of your birth? Anyway I did not get the reminder of the famous "red stamp" so many talk about in the letters you publish. It is my fault; it must be the altitude.

I retired from UAL in 1996, after 33 ½ years of service. After 24 ½ years my husband left UAL for Covia Technologies & on to Galileo Intl. He finally retired from the family in 1997, also totaling 33 ½ years of service. We have given a total of 67 years into this "company" all the time being reassured that our retirement will be set & waiting for us at the end of this relationship. Who would ever have imagined that UAL retirees around the world would be subjected to the irresponsibility & recklessness of so few?

Thank you for your work & efforts to keep us informed.

Editor's Note: Yes, renewals are due in your birthday month.

Warren Bartlett, 1 Cerro Encantado, Lafayette, CA 94549-4907

Beat you to it! Here we go again for another year – God willing and the creeks don't rise.

Am still here & continue part time in a travel agency. Keeps me on my toes & up-to-date (more or less). I am the Orient & Cruise specialist.

Looks like UAL will crawl out of bankruptcy soon with hard to take costs for everyone, but most particularly for current employees. Look at the loads they are dealing with. Bless 'em.

PS: Lax convention was Ichi Ban - Numero Uno - The Best.

Wayne H. Sableman, 2822 S. Ivan Way, Denver, CO 80227

My pacemaker, reading glasses, hearing aids & walking stick made it easier to reach my 2005 goal of 95 years of age. Presents included Omaha steaks, wonderful hard cash & premium Scotch! I am still blessed with good health & with all my aids I expect to live into the century. I travel very little preferring to visit world places via Imax. My memory serves me well as names like Jack Knight, pilot Jeppsen, Bob Land & Dave Benke come to mind. Also my first boss, Johnny Cisler. Am looking forward to our next convention in Washington, D.C. Hope to see you there.

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