



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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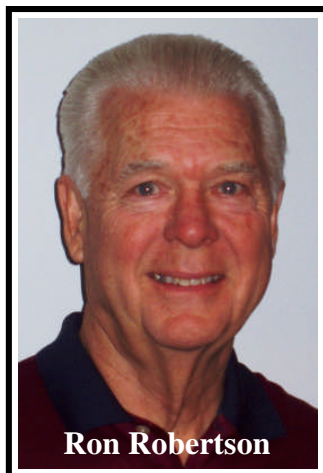
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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ron Robertson

On Wednesday, July 29, **Ron Bertacini**, **Ed Tolle**, **Marlin Lade**, and I met with Glenn Tilton, Sara Fields and United's new Sr. VP HR, Marc Ugol. The key purpose was for **Ron Bertacini** and I to meet United's top Officers and continue the rapport and relationships which **Jim Fauber**, **Marlin** and **Ed** established five and a half years ago. Our main objective was to reiterate, reconfirm and reestablish a mutual commitment to:

- ✈ *Maintain an on-going open communication between United Airlines and RUAEA;*
- ✈ *Develop further the process for retiree input regarding mutual interests, concerns and issues. Reconfirm **Ed Tolle** as RUAEA's liaison to interface with appropriate United principals regarding defined issues;*
- ✈ *Explore ways and means that retirees can assist and support United Airlines in its survival and health as a viable entity.*

The outcome of the meeting was very positive, mutually supportive and mutually committed to accomplishing these three goals. In a new level of cooperation, Marc Ugol – Sr. VP of HR – and I will meet on a scheduled basis, once per quarter, to address and discuss issues important to the company and important to United's retirees. In addition, as situations arise,

if and when appropriate, we will schedule additional meetings. I am very encouraged with the outcome of this meeting and look forward to future communications.

As to events that may arise suggesting a special meeting, I did not expect that we would have a situation arise so soon. Two days after our meeting, the company announced on NewsReal, a program to improve its on-time reliability. This includes setting operational goals and offering contributing employees an incentive/recognition to meet those competitive goals. The new recognition program offers monthly BP6A boarding priority to contributing employees when these goals are met. Retirees travel on a BP6B boarding priority. Awarding employees a BP6A boarding priority preempts us retirees in being accommodated, as we have been.

Unfortunately, discussions and decisions of this program, with the de facto change to retiree travel, was made without any discussion or input from us. Up to now, we always were invited to discuss and offer our input whenever there were any discussions about employee/retiree travel. **Ed Tolle** was advised, in general, of this program a day before our meeting with United's Officers. He was informed that details would be announced in the Friday, August 1 NewsReal. We did not have the opportunity to discuss it in our meeting. On the same day, Friday, August 1, that NewsReal was published, **Ed Tolle** and **Mort Wax** met at the downtown Chicago offices to confirm the facts and negative impact on retirees.

This is an unfortunate event. And it is critical to the relationships & credibility between the company and its retirees. Today (8/6/2008), I contacted Glenn Tilton & Marc Ugol defining the problem and requesting that, as soon as possible, the appropriate United principals discuss this issue with RUAEA and work to restore the seniority pass structure.

I also want to emphasize that we – RUAEA and United's retirees – do not have any approval and/or veto power regarding the company's decisions about retiree benefits and policies. However, we do have a role and commitment of open communication and a pro-active role with the company regarding retirees' interests, concerns and issues. As RUAEA's President, I intend to address this issue in a responsible, positive, and problem solving manner.

I will keep you informed of the process and developments. I am also keeping our Regional Directors informed of our progress; they will keep our local chapters informed.

Ron Robertson  
President - RUAEA

## **New Recognition Program Offers Monthly BP6A Boarding Priority Awards for Improving On-time Reliability**

On-time arrival is by far the biggest driver of United's customer satisfaction and a key to enhancing its revenue. Achieving the goal starts with a focus on a quality on-time departure performance, where passengers, bags and cargo are loaded; all checks are performed; and the aircraft is ready to taxi.

To encourage the focus on improving arrival performance, United is introducing a new Recognition Program that offers two BP6A service-charge waived travel segments each month that it meets our on-time goals:

Active full and part-time employees are eligible to receive the awards, which will be valid through Dec. 31, 2010.

Over the last twelve months, United's arrival performance was 69.4 percent. These results earned United a fifth place ranking among the six network carriers, and were a full 6.4 points behind Delta, which is currently best in class.

Improving the on-time performance can drive greater satisfaction among United's premium customers and potentially help United win new business from its competitors. United has an opportunity to drive increased market share, reduce delay and cancellation costs that reach over 250 million dollars annually.

## **United Announces Additional Schedule Changes Effective November 2**

In addition to the changes to the November schedule previously announced, United will reduce frequency in some markets and will eliminate seven additional routes from its schedule effective November 2.

These changes allow United to size the business appropriately for this environment of record-high fuel prices and a weakening domestic economy. Most of the capacity reductions are being achieved by reducing frequency in markets around the world, and United continues to strive to provide its customers with convenient schedules and global access in this difficult environment.

Stay up-to-date with all recent scheduling changes by visiting the scheduling chart in SkyNet's Taking Action section at <https://united.intranet.ual.com>.

## **United, Continental and Eight Star Alliance Members File Antitrust Immunity Application with U.S. DOT**

United, Continental Airlines along with eight other member airlines in the Star Alliance, asked the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Wednesday to allow Continental to join the group of nine carriers that already hold antitrust immunity. Approval by the DOT would enable United, Continental and the other immunized Star Alliance carriers to work closely together to deliver highly competitive flight schedules, fares and service to their customers.

*"Filing this application for antitrust immunity is an important step toward realizing the full potential of our partnership,"* says Glenn Tilton, chairman, president and CEO.

## **United Now Charging for Alcoholic Beverages in United Economy on All Pacific Routes**

As part of the continuing effort to offer customers choice, flexibility and competitive fares, effective August 1 United began charging for alcoholic beverages in United Economy on all Asia-Pacific flights, as well as the intra-Asia routes.

Customers in United Economy are able to purchase beer, wine and cocktails for six dollars, which is consistent with all U.S. domestic flights and those to Europe, South and Latin America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

As an added convenience for its customers, United is accepting the Chinese Yuan (RMB), Hong Kong dollar, Japanese Yen and Australian dollar in addition to the U.S. dollar - just as it accepts the Euro and British pound on the Atlantic market flights. Customers are notified of the changes through "Hemispheres", [united.com](http://united.com), and announcements at the gate, as appropriate.

United began charging for alcoholic beverages in United Economy on all trans-Atlantic flights in 2005. With this change, the policy is now consistent across the system as United continues to adapt by tailoring certain products and services to what its customers value and can choose from accordingly.

## United Seeks to Postpone Launch of Moscow Service

Last week United applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation to postpone the start of service between Washington Dulles and Moscow until March 29, 2009. As noted last week on SkyNet, United originally planned to launch the service on October 26 this year.

*“When we applied for the rights to serve the route, oil cost approximately 115 dollars per barrel,” says Kevin Knight, Senior Vice President - Planning. “With crude prices now exceeding 140 dollars per barrel, we expect significantly higher operating expenses to fly the route. This, combined with the attempt to establish the route during the historically slower winter season, has led us to delay launch of the flights until the start of our busy summer travel season.”*

If granted, the new date will allow United to begin service when demand is highest. Upon approval of the request, United will contact customers to offer alternate travel arrangements.

## ASK THE DOCTOR

This column was debuted in the April RUAEA Newsletter and is a bi-monthly featured article. Dr. Daner Reider has already prepared an article for the October Newsletter titled *“Let the Buyer Beware”*. In the meantime, if you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).

## ASK THE PHARMACIST: Tips for cutting your prescription costs

The current economic downturn is driving millions of Americans to tightening their belts to save money, and many are feeling the squeeze when it comes to healthcare costs. Because prescription medications are the most common out-of-pocket healthcare expense,<sup>1</sup> people often look to cut those first when trying to trim their healthcare spending - but many may take dangerous steps in doing so.

Sharing medications<sup>2</sup> or skipping doses<sup>3</sup> can be dangerous. Splitting tablets may be an option for some medications. Talk to your doctor before cutting pills in half.<sup>4</sup> Consider some of these tips to reduce your medication costs:

- ☞ **Choose generics.** Always ask your doctor if there's a generic medication available to treat your condition. Generic drugs typically cost 30 to 80 percent less than their brand-name counterparts.<sup>5</sup> Many plans charge lower co-payments for generics, so if you take multiple medications, that difference can add up to big savings. If you have a chronic condition for which you're taking long-term medications, you can talk to one of Medco's specialist pharmacists to learn more about how generics can help you save money. Available 24/7, these specialist pharmacists know how your plan works, and they're trained in the medications that treat *one or more* chronic conditions, such as diabetes, cancer, high cholesterol or asthma. Specialist pharmacists can also review your medical history and suggest ways you can save money on your prescriptions. For more information on specialist pharmacists, call the number on your prescription drug identification card.
- ☞ **Check online.** Check your health plan or pharmacy plan's site when comparing medication costs. Sites like **My Rx Choices**® at **medco.com**® have cost-comparison tools that show you how much you could save if you choose a generic drug or order your prescriptions through the mail. The *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs*™ website, which can be found at [www.CRBESTBUYDRUGS.org](http://www.CRBESTBUYDRUGS.org), is also a great resource that recommends “Best buy” medications, based on their effectiveness and cost.
- ☞ **Try mail.** If you're taking a medication on an ongoing basis, consider using your prescription plan's mail-order pharmacy. Mail order can provide up to a three-month supply of medication, which may carry a lower co-payment than if you were to get three one-month supplies at a local pharmacy.<sup>6</sup>

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about other possible ways to save. Though saving money is good, your health is more important. Always take medications as prescribed.

For more information, visit [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com).

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### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

The “UNITED Travel Cards” discussion in the August Newsletter generated many questions so I’m devoting this month’s tip to answer them.

To order a “Replacement Card”, the cost is \$15.00 and you can mail a check to: *United Airlines WHQ, Benefits Service Dept. Travel/Retirees, P. O. Box 66100, Chicago, IL 60666.*

Along with a check, enclose a note with the following information:

- 1) State that you are requesting a replacement “UNITED Travel Card”
- 2) Name (state whether you are the “retiree” or “spouse”)
- 3) Retiree’s file number
- 4) Mailing address

This ID may help you get additional discounts with rental car companies, hotels, airport long-term parking, etc.

It can also be used to check-in at Airport Kiosks to print your Departure Management Card. If you need to change a listing, make a new listing, check tomorrow’s flights or search loads (it may give you green, yellow or red to show passenger counts and/or actual numbers) - it does recognize you as an employee.

**Note:** Make sure there is a magnetic-strip on the back of the card for this to work.

If you need more information: Call benefits at 1-800-482-5236, then push ❷ for Travel, push ❷ again for Retirees, then your six-digit employee ID.

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### **FROM THE DENVER OFFICE**

The following is a reprint from the July 2007 Newsletter and intended to be a reminder of two changes in the RUAEA membership policy that affects many of us.

A change in By-Laws was approved at the public business meeting in Sacramento, that allows the renewal date to be 12 months from the date dues are received in the Denver Office. **In essence, this means the birth date will no longer be the renewal date.** Again, the renewal date, effective immediately, will be 12 months after dues are received in the Denver Office.

A change in “Associate” member status. A change in By-Laws was approved at the public business meeting in Sacramento, that will make a deceased member’s spouse automatically an Associate member until the deceased’s membership expires. At the time the membership expires, the surviving spouse can elect to continue his/her membership by paying the current rate of dues. **Note:** The surviving spouse of a “Life Member” will not automatically become an Associate Member. If the surviving spouse of a Life Member desires to become an Associate Member, they may do so by paying the current rate of dues.

**Note:** You may pay dues in advance if you desire. The advanced dues will simply be reflected at the end of the current membership subscription. Also, advanced dues may be paid for multiple years.

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**Newsletter Manager**

## RULES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE NEWSLETTER

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

**Chapter Correspondents:** If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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## LOCAL NEWS

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Plans are underway for the 2009 RUAEA Convention in Phoenix. The first planning meeting will be held at the Hyatt downtown the second Tuesday in September. The Hyatt, by the way, is where the convention will be held next May. Yours truly has volunteered to be "Secretary", and have also volunteered to be the "Menus and Decorations Chair. I am enlisting Azures' members to do their part in helping to make the 2009 Convention an outstanding success! We need volunteers for all the committees and I will send an e-mail to our members with an attachment listing the various committees as a guide to what is required of committee members. Any ideas and help will be welcome.

The **Liltz**s have been back and forth (mostly me) to Chicago for birthdays, etc. and to get out of the heat in AZ. I brought our three grandchildren out to Goodyear, AZ June 15 for four days. We went to the PHX Zoo and to an indoor miniature golf course during their stay. We had a "pleasant" nine-hour trip back to Chicago (PHX-DEN-DSM-ORD). The children were great considering the fact we got them up at 0400 to catch the 0600 flight through DEN.

**Joan Aaronson** is without a cast and doing much better. **Dave & Rose Barry** are planning a trip to Las Vegas the middle of August (I guess they'll just have to stay inside the casinos since it's so hot there). We're sending "good luck" with their betting! And, **Sherry** and **Susie** are on their Alaska Cruise ... "cooling" and taking in the beautiful sites. **Vivian Klick**'s twin daughters are treating Viv to a Las Vegas trip for her birthday (Aug 31). It is a "special" birthday ... however, I'm not at liberty to say what year. Girls don't tell!

Our Board is meeting on August 19 at Portofino's Restaurant on Bell Road, to finalize the "schedule" of events for next year. We'll probably have our luncheon for January there. We're always looking for good places to have the luncheons. Since most the past luncheon sites now require a non-refundable deposit, we need to make some changes. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy Portofino's.

We'll see you in October at Beardsley Park on October 11.

Again...keep cool!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell Road

**Sept. 2** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Sept. 16** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Sept. 30** - Breakfast at Coco's

**Oct. 11** - Beardsley Park picnic – S.C.W.

**Nov. 8** – Luke A.F.B. luncheon

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Where has the summer gone? Can't believe it's almost time for the children to go back to school. Maybe the weather will be cooler then. We hope everyone is doing well and enjoying themselves.

We're still continuing with our get-togethers this summer at breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month. We wish more of you would come. It's a good way to see other members of our Re-Uniteds group and keep up on what's happening with United Airlines and our chapter. The food is very delicious. Come and see for yourself. Contact the person listed below in the calendar area.

At our July breakfast meeting, there were 13 in attendance. **Ed Ailshie** was back with us after undergoing lung surgery. It was great having him back.

We heard **Donna Pedone** is progressing well from her left hip replacement surgery. She is no longer using a walker, and using a cane instead.

**Ed Dawes** notified us that his wife, **Loretta**, had spinal (back) surgery on July 15<sup>th</sup> and is in rehab now for 4-6 weeks. If you would like to send her a card, send it to Ed and he will see that she gets it. Their address is: Ed/Loretta Dawes, 201 S. Greenfield Rd, #30, Mesa, AZ 85206.

Regarding the Fantasy Flight, the Pappas School, where the children are helped by us, will now be known as a Sequoia Charter School called Children First Academy. They will continue to support and teach homeless children as before and only the name will change. We hope to operate this year's Fantasy Flight on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to collect items for this Fantasy Flight such as bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. We would also like you to start saving your soap and shampoo, and lotions from the hotels, so they can be used as stocking stuffers. Bring any items to our meetings or contact **Peg Homfeldt** if you have any questions.

September birthdays are: **Ken Simon** (9/03), **Bob Irwin** (9/09), **Tom Carroll** and **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries for September are: **Liz & Ted Tollefsen** (09-18-54), and **Jane & Eldon Miller** (09-19-48). Congratulations!

There are some members whose anniversaries or birthdays we don't have. Please let me know if we missed your special date.

Calendar:

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 - [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com), by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

**Oct. 9** - Luncheon at the Bavarian Point, which is located on Main Street between Greenfield and Higley in Mesa. **Hank Falk** is the contact person. More information will be forthcoming.





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**Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** were hosts at our July 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Buddy's Grill. We had 26 Roadrunners in attendance, the food was good and the service was exceptional.

It was good to see **Donna Kuehn** again after missing a few luncheons. She has started work on our Christmas project which will help provide a nice Christmas for homeless children.

**Sybil Collins** gave a talk on "how to give a pill to a cat". We all got a chuckle out of that one. Sybil never ceases to amaze us with her story telling.

**Clyde & Henny Satterfield** left their cooler summer home in the Denver area and joined our luncheon group. It was good to see them again.

We are sorry to hear from **Alice** that **Henry (Hank) Belzer** passed away on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Alice (EXOCD) served as RUAEA Secretary and as RUAEA Arizona Director for 2 terms. Condolences to Alice at: 7740 W. Gypsum St., Tucson, AZ 85735.

**Mary Howard** is still feeling terrible with her neck pain and has determined that she can no longer continue doing the local newsletter. She has done such a good job of getting it out with some added bios of members of our group. In the interim, Pres. **Bill Royle** will do the honors until a new secretary can be found.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, **Howard Hunter** will be our host at the Pine Top country club in the White Mountains. Howard needs to be advised if you plan on attending. His phone number is (520) 825-1908.

Once again **George & Dot Morris** have offered to be hosts for cocktails at their home in Pinetop prior to our diner at the country club. Their home is located very near the country club on Country Club Drive and White Way.

**Gordon & Dora Starr** will host brunch at their home in Nutrioso on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Due to a bankruptcy situation with the Bennigan's restaurant chain, our September luncheon will now be at the "Terrace Café and Bar" at the River Park Inn on the frontage road just past St Mary's. **Bill & Mary Howard** will host. Same place but new name.

### Calendar:

**August 21** – **Howard Hunter** will host the dinner at the Pine Top Country Club in the White Mountains, 5:00PM.

August 22 - **Gordon & Dora Starr** will host a brunch at their cabin in Nutrioso, 11:00AM.

**Sept. 18** - **Mary & Bill Howard**

**Oct. 16** - To be announced

**Nov. 20** - **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

**Dec. 11** - Oro Valley Country Club - **Beverly Goodlow**

## **CALIFORNIA**

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This was an off-month for our chapter meeting. Even though we did not meet, I was informed as to the events effecting our airline and the airline business. We, on the Central Coast, are happy to have three commuter airlines in easy reach. One is at Santa Barbara (SBA), Santa Maria (SMX) and San Luis Obispo (SBP). We are able to fly to either LAX or SFO from these terminals and make connections to other cities.

However, with the price of fuel and other expenses, we are losing American Eagle and Delta flights out of SBP. So far United Express is still planning on flying, but there are only 30 seats available on the airplanes they use.

SBP had great plans for expansion including a new terminal building, a new control tower, extended runways, and more and better parking for planes and cars. We were fortunate to have the SBP airport manager talk to us last year at our meeting and she told us of all the plans for the future. Now with American Eagle and Delta pulling out, all those plans have been scrapped or put on hold.

Along with this cheerful news, I believe we all know about the reductions that UAL is proposing. Aren't you glad we retired when we did? I remember looking forward to going to work, but I hear this is not the attitude of most employees anymore.

I must thank those who keep sending me emails about the airlines and airplanes. Most of the pictures are amazing. I have kept several e-mails that keep filling up my file, and I hesitate to delete any of them. Thanks to **Mike Zoldak, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Mike Crowe, and John Tiefel**. Where these friends get their information, makes me wonder. But I want them to know how appreciative I am that they send me so many stories and pictures.

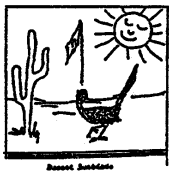
We had our August meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Avila Beach Resort Golf Club. We have been meeting there for the past three years and everyone seems to enjoy the scenery and food.

Finally, it pays to watch game shows. Do you know what the red and white Barber Pole represents? I've never given it any thought, but it refers to "Blood for red and Bandages for white" and I understand, blue has been added. Now you too can be smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

#### Calendar:

**Oct. 15** – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

**Dec. 17** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**



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The Desert Sunbirds held their July meeting at Las Casuelas Nuevas in Rancho Mirage with about 30 attending. Great Mexican food and company brought to the group by our hostess, **Dee Whately**. Our birthday lunch went to the only birthday kid at the meeting, **Barbara Napier**. Also, July is a big anniversary month with 4 couples celebrating; **Elaine & Ron Aggson** had the most years at 56. We happily noted that **Marge Lenz** is home now, but still working on recovery. We wish her the best. We welcomed a new member, **Barb Esveil** to our group and look forward to her being with us. The 50/50 winner was **Jan Kellerhals** who is finishing her radiation therapy soon.

Several members had the fun of being SA this last month. Some of the trips took over 26 hours to make it home. So be patient and remember that flying is no longer fun and certainly isn't for the faint of heart. Sometimes you have no problems and other days it is all day. To keep your sense of humor and remember the good old days, you might want to take Bill's book, *When Flying Was Fun!* on your trip.

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#### **SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 30 at the Sierra View Country Club in Roseville. This was hosted by **Veronica & Francis Domeratus**. We had 52 Gold Diggers and one guest. The guest was **Carla Moss**, guest of the **Sinclairs**. Chapter President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending and thanked Veronica and Francis for hosting.



Included in the members list is Northern California Director **John Zoboli**. We have some new members - **Terry & Penny Greenacre**, Terry gave a brief history of his years with United. Also rejoining are members **Carolyn Alva** and **Jim & Karouko Marshall**.

**Orville Harshbarger** said he saw **Bob Pennington** in San Francisco. He is 85 years old and is doing fine.

Officer's Reports:

V.P. **Francis Domaratius** – He is still looking for someone to host the January luncheon. **Margie & Bob Fulkerson** will host our next luncheon at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** – She read the anniversaries for June and July. Those 50 years and over: **Kramer** - 51 years, **Gardner** - 51 years, **Jensen** - 62 years, **Obert** - 53 years, **O'Kelly** - 69 years and **Fornells** - 54 years. **Harold Esola** led in singing the Anniversary song.

Harold also mentioned he wanted to thank everyone for all the wonderful get well cards and phone calls he received during his illness. Considering all the organizations he is in, he received the most cards and calls from the Gold Diggers.

Treasurer **Judie King** is on vacation so **Forester Sinclair** took Judie's place and probably will do so at the next meeting. Forester gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine **Angie & Frank Dellinger** – Angie said they sent a get well card to **Bob Halden** and **Harold Esola**.

**Bob Fulkerson** said that **Stephanie Norton** will be our Historian taking **Shirley Drumheller's** place since she passed away.

RUAEA Director for Northern California **John Zoboli** said he was glad to see us. He is also President of the Reno Sierra Roundup Chapter. He reminded us about the Sierra Roundup annual picnic next month, August 11 at Sand Harbor Park on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. There is an \$8 per car charge for parking.

He also told us about a meeting on August 22 - 24 at the Carson Valley Inn to discuss Aircraft Maintenance. The IBT represents the mechanics and has an early out program. This program is the same as the flight attendants have. They are downsizing the fleet and are laying off 500 mechanics. Everyone who worked for United is invited. John worked 32 years at the Maintenance Base.

RUAEA is having trouble acquiring new members. If you know of any recent retirees, urge them to join a RUAEA local chapter. He also reported that the Chicago group has set up a Travel Desk there. The number for the Chicago Travel Desk is 1-877-242-0035. He also reminded us that the Phone number and Hours of Operations of all the Travel Desks are posted in the "Important Phone Numbers" column in the Newsletter.

UAL wants support on the jet fuel problem. Go to [www.stopoilsspeculationnow.com](http://www.stopoilsspeculationnow.com) and put your name on the rolls. John also reminded us that the 2009 RUAEA convention will be in Phoenix, AZ.

We concluded with our raffle.

#### Calendar:

**September** – China Buffet in Citrus Height



#### **THE HANGTOWN MINERS**

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The beautiful Apple Mountain Golf Resort in Camino was the setting for our August 4<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting. **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** hosted 39 Hangtown Miners and one guest. **Irv Wolfram** brought his cousin Mick. The Wolframs and Mick had just returned from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The resort is located in the beautiful Apple Hill area east of Placerville.

President **Rosemary Heier** called the meeting to order. She mentioned that the election of officers for the year of 2009 was coming up. Vice President **Suzie Quinnell** and Secretary **Jeanette D'Amico** had nothing new to report. Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** reported that the chapter was doing well financially. Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** said that as far as he knew everyone in the chapter was doing well and he had not sent out any "Sunshine" the past month. **Barbara Bertacini** said that **Dorothy Stroud** was doing much better.

RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** was unable to attend our meeting this month. **Ron Bertacini**, RUAEA Executive Vice President, gave a brief report on the happenings at United. United has a new reward program to improve its on-time performance. Nothing is solid as to the particulars of the program but there is mention of

BP6A passes as the reward. It looks like all of the 737 aircraft are going to be retired from UAL's fleet. That will mean less domestic flights with the airline concentrating on the more profitable international flights.

The business meeting was adjourned and the raffle was conducted by **Jerry & Suzie Quinnell**.

Wedding Anniversaries for August are: **Geneva & Al Lockwood** - 63 years.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to **Geneva Lockwood**.

Calendar:

**September 8 – Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick's** Place in Rescue

October 6 - Casa Ramos Restaurant in Placerville hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima** and **Tom & Andi Stuchell**.

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San Rafael's Chalet Basque was the setting for our July luncheon hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers** with assistance from **Pat Leahy, Mattie McKinnis** and **Joan Olsson**. **Patrick Cadden** had as his guest his grandson, Eric Radoux. **Diana Quinn** brought her sister, Judy Rogue and **Corinne Geppert** hosted Pat Bresler. **Oscar Chambers** tells us we can look forward to greeting a new member from Novato, **Michael Sherwood** who was unable to attend that day but will join us soon.

We've been approached by the Albany race track Golden Gate Fields as a venue and we're going to look into the economics of hosting a luncheon there. What's up next? A casino?

Redwood Empire member **Roger Casterline** explained his new role as RUAEA Western Regional Representative and how he looks forward to visiting all the chapters in his region, including the two in Hawaii.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** had lots of birthdays and anniversaries to announce for the month of July, including 69 years for **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly**, 58 years for **Albert & Maura Wait**, 55 years for **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**, and 58 years for **Fred & Joan Langusch**. Members who seem to still be under the weather include **Bernice Anderson, Ann Burnett, Tom Costa, Ivy Cardineaux, Clare Hagen**, and **Harry Rogers**. Fortunately, both **George Schwind** and **Wayne O'Kelly** were back with us looking well healed.

Calendar:

**September 11** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Dan & Judy DeFord**

**October 9** - La Gare, Santa Rosa, **Charles & Bernice Anderson**

**November 13** - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**December 11** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by 2008 Officers

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**GENERAL NEWS:**

Reported last month was the passing of **Jack Atkinson**. Five days after sending the news into RUAEA, the memorial for Jack was held. The service was simple with eulogies given by members of the family who gave wonderful word pictures of "Dad" and "Grandpa". Some of their words were of course sad, but many left us laughing in appreciation of Jack's great sense of humor - which his son has really inherited. We felt he was sent on his heavenly journey in the manner he'd have wanted.

Today we had our annual steak-out picnic in the park in El Segundo, bordering the south edge of LAX. It's a lovely picnic area with large picnic tables in the shade on a slope that catches the ocean breeze, plus a huge barbecue grill. Regardless of the very hot August weather, I can never recall it's ever being too warm there -

some folks even bring a sweater! And I want you to know, no burgers or hotdogs or bologna sandwiches for us! We have *deee-licious* big N.Y. steaks (for which we've all learned to bring our own steak knives!), home-made cookies and cakes, and all the other picnic goodies to go with. No low-cal day today. (And, to make it harder to resist the sweets, of course we nibble on the Girl Scout cookies at the USO immediately following the picnic!) Such a meal - in trying to get this column to Virgil in time, I am taking just a very short supper break (tortilla chips washed down with a Slim Fast.). Actually the whole thing turned out to be a super birthday party for me complete with a signed-by-all card and a bottle of champagne. Thanks you, thank you, and thank you, one and all! How old? *Old!*

It was great to visit with all my friends from my working years and friends made *after* my working years. It was especially nice to see a re-instated member, **Roy Powers** who was able to make it and brought his daughter plus a friend who happens to be a neighbor of mine in L.W.

Four of our SAN and environs members, **Betty Tomaino, Linda & Bill Sokoloff** and **David Finkelstein**, all made it safely. David told us his very funny tale of his visit to the Grand Canyon West Glass Bridge. He had read all my stories of our tour there last year, then proceeded to do just as we recommended you NOT do - he drove his new Escalade on the unbelievable bad road through the Indian reservation - and had a flat on the return! Do you think a cell phone is going to help *in the middle of NOWHERE*? Forget it! NO signals! On-Star did talk to Dave, but merely to tell him they couldn't help. (Indian land, remember?). Long story - they got out with the help of good Samaritans and dumb luck. I laughed and laughed!

**Donna Klobe** did a very nice job of creating a poster of photos she took on the Flight 93 tour at the convention. The poster was nicely displayed - tacked onto a tree in the park area, complete with a U.S. flag and the appropriate black ribbon. Thanks for the effort, Donna.

Another person not heard from for awhile is **Joe Preston**. We met last week on the sidewalk in my block and exchanged news. He does get together with former LAXFF friends, but isn't able to get to ReLAXers meetings. He's still making his annual trip to visit family in Scotland.

We are concerned about our Fantasy Flight plans because **Lollie**, our marvelous F.F. event leader was laid-off! At this point, the whole thing is up in the air, hoping someone can step into her shoes. Keep your fingers crossed and/or say a good prayer (whatever works for you) that we'll be able to continue this event AND that Lollie will get another job soon ... LAX parking - no change in price as of today, but they've discontinued their ticket office weekend hours for buying tags. I wasn't aware of this until one of our members found out the hard way last Saturday.

#### **LAXRR REUNION:**

Retirees from LAXRR/LAXTO 1946 - 2002. Spouses/guests welcome. Saturday, October 11, 2008. At the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245. Cocktails, 6pm to 730pm. Dinner, 730pm. Reminisce with friends from LAXRR and LAXTO until 11pm. This party has been held several times before and is always a huge success, and (as Jim says) "*this is NOT a UA sponsored event*" -- simply a party for LAXRR/TO employees from those years. Come join the fun, see the many photo albums and displays. Flyers with all details have been mailed with duplicates emailed to Jim's extensive list. If you did not get one and/or the other, email him at [resrat@aol.com](mailto:resrat@aol.com) or write at **Jim Ferrance**, 10500 National Blvd. Apt #24 (**Apt. #. is very important**), L.A., CA 90034-3626 or call (310) 837-4695 between 10am and 6pm.

#### **TOURS::**

Good response for the October tour to LAS and Utah for the Tuacahn Theater show. 10/16-18, with pick-ups near LAX (Lot E) and Leisure World (free, safe street parking here). One night in LAS at Golden Nugget downtown and one at the Ramada in St. George, UT, a short ride from the show which lets out quite late. 2 Breakfasts, 1 dinner included. The more who book, the better the price. We begin with the charging the rate for small groups and give cash refunds on the bus if the rate goes down and you had paid more. It's a neat system and worked well on the last tour. For details, email, call or write me.

#### **Calendar:**

**Oct. 2** - Proud Bird Restaurant Luncheon

**Oct. 11** - LAXRR Reunion

**Oct 16-18** - Tour to LAS and UTAH – fliers out soon

**Dec. 4** - Christmas Luncheon - New location information about ready to announce - stay tuned

**Feb. 5** - Luncheon, location TBA

**NOTE:** Dates subject to change

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If you qualify or even if you're an "Honorary", remember to congratulate yourself on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: it's ***Grandparent's Day!***

Happy Days, Happy Years: **Milt & Marie Cavalli** are celebrating their "Sweet Seventieth" wedding anniversary, **Auburey & Betty Bliss** have "Sixty years of Sweet Success", **Ernie & Pearl Bloom** are enjoying their "Fabulous Fifty-Third", and **Rex & Margaret Reelfs** are now "Golden Oldies" with fifty years.

Talk about a determined man: We received correspondence recently from **Wesley (Tiny) Briest**, 4147 Beaver Dam Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55122-2114. He sends his regrets for not renewing his membership sooner but he has been "lounging" (his words) in and out of the hospital for 2-3 years due to replacement of both knees with complications. **Tiny** says he has already given wife **Bette** his special "Best Caregiver Award" and is looking forward to attending one of our monthly meetings in the not too distant future. That will be quite a commute, **Wes**, and we will welcome you with open arms!

One of our recent General meeting lunchtime successes was the fun substitution of an "All-American Hot Dog Lunch" instead of our usual potluck. The patriotic wearing of red, white and blue was encouraged. Thank you so very much Food Coordinators, **Vera & Walt Kina** for the extra work you put forth and especially for the surprise dessert, a root beer float. (Takes this writer back to her childhood!)

Another innovation for our General meeting is to levy a fine of 10 cents on any member who shows up without his or her name badge. We are hoping this will serve to introduce more people to "our local retiree family". And for those of us (this correspondent included) who can't remember people's names, it helps to save face! Wouldn't all of you really prefer to address by name the person you've been talking to for a half-hour? Be assured, our Auditors will not get rich on your dimes because the money is going into our Charity Raffle Fund. Incidentally, Mark Twain (good ole Sam Clemens) had a solution for getting out of the aforementioned predicament. He would ask the person's name and then interrupt before they gave the second half (first or last) of their name. He would quickly say, "Oh, yes, I remembered that ... I had only forgotten the other part."

Not that we don't want your money but we'd like to suggest when you pay your membership dues by January of each year, that you please mark it on your calendar. Bookkeeping becomes complicated for us when you pay "twice and even thrice" later on during the same year ... unless, of course, you've always had a yen to volunteer for the office of Treasurer or Membership Chairman?

Also, now is the time for the rest of us to start thinking about paying our 2009 dues. The Treasurer will be happy to take your money starting in October. After December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 you will be considered delinquent and your name(s) will not be published in the 2009 Membership Roster.

Please don't forget: There will be no General meeting on Monday, September 22. Instead, our annual picnic will be held as usual at **Flood Park**, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park. Tickets will be again be available at the August 25<sup>th</sup> General meeting. Cut-off date for obtaining picnic tickets by telephone will be Friday, September 12. Contact **Bob** and/or **Donna Taiclet** at that time, (650) 583-3360. Tickets will not be available for sale at the picnic.

Just a reminder: No General meeting in December. See you on Monday, January 26, 2009.

Ready to hit the road? Domestic Tour Coordinator **Betty Garner** needs your sign-ups now for a real holiday winner: Friday, December 12, 2008 will feature a "**San Francisco Movie Location Tour, Christmas lights and Dinner** at the **Fog Harbor Restaurant, Pier 39**." If you are ready to start thinking about a fun trip for next Spring, how about a March 22, 2009 Holland America 15-day cruise, round trip, **San Diego - Hawaiian Islands**? Telephone **Garner** at (650) 355-4195 or email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com).

Always creative, International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has her October 9, 2008 **South Africa** trip ready to go. However, she would like you to know that she is still maintaining a "Wait List". With percentages being what they are, there is always the chance that there may have room for you at the last minute. Newly offered by **Dahlberg** is a spectacular journey to **Alaska** on August 28, 2009, sailing on the Holland America line out of **Vancouver B.C.** This 13-day cruise will include picturesque railway and bus rides and even a catamaran cruise on the **Yukon River**. You will view the **Inside Passage, Tracy Arm** and **Sawyer Glaciers**, stops in **Juneau, Skagway, White Pass, Carcross, Dawson City, Eagle, Tok, Fairbanks** and **Denali National Park**, ending in **Anchorage**. Telephone (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) as to your interest.

“Congratulations” to those of you who have just switched over to receiving your monthly RUAEA newsletter online. You can now access this very informative publication several weeks before the U. S. Post Office gets around to delivering your mail, and you are also saving RUAEA money. (Like everything else in our daily lives, printing and mailing costs have increased.)

**Personally Speaking:** I submit the following because I feel some of you may relate to my recent experience and find this information useful. I lost a dear, sweet canine companion a couple of months ago. Her name was **Daisy Mae**, a 9-year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Unfortunately, dogs are susceptible to many of our human sicknesses. Hers was kidney disease. Before her illness, in or out of the house, she was my second pair of eyes and ears and my protector. Time has not as yet eased my pain but I would like to tell you what another UAL retiree friend did for me: A chapter member and a great animal lover directed me to a website for grieving pet owners. And it helped: <http://www.petloss.com> It lists many online **Pet Loss Support** resources, all free of charge. This website invites you to enter your pet’s name and date on a **Rainbow Bridge List** which offers a weekly Monday night **Candle Ceremony** ...all done online. In addition, there is a story to read about a **Rainbow Bridge** which is “just this side of heaven” where your pet is once again healthy and waits for you in “joyous reunion” so that you may cross **The Bridge** together. There is also an online **Chat Room** ... but I couldn’t handle that. About the weekly **Candle Ceremony**: The time is 10 p.m. NYC so that makes it 7 p.m. California time. As you turn up the volume on your computer, a soft man’s voice reads a prayer, a poem and a story. (I found the whole ceremony easier to follow by printing out a copy ahead of time.) In closing, you are directed to light a candle that you have (carefully) placed near your computer desk. I invited a friend to come over to give me support. Yes, the tears flowed but this opportunity gave me a certain release and some comfort. And I’m glad I did it. Some of you may think me over-emotional but others will understand and perhaps benefit. To continue: I printed out some of the website **Pet Loss** pages and gave this information to my veterinarian. He, in turn, had his staff print out additional copies which he is giving to certain of his clients as appropriate. Friends help friends.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (except for September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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There was no meeting on July 4 because of the holiday. At our July 25 meeting, we welcomed back **Lou Manou**, **Marian Gaevert** and **Joan Dahl**. On July 11, we had a visitor, **Joey Chargin**, grandson of **Albert Grossman**.

Some of our ill members are continuing to improve. **Vic Kristen** is doing better. **Marian Swanson** went in for a knee replacement, is doing well at home. **Don Burda** has congestive heart failure, not a heart attack as originally thought. Our President, **Tony Urso**, had an angiogram. **Ruby Starkovich** had a second mini stroke, is having at-home therapy.

Our Fall luncheon will be on September 17 at Michaels Shoreline. It will be hosted by **Billie & Sam Cramb**. Please call Billie or Sam at (408) 253-5591 for more details.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.

## SAN JOAQUINERS

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What a beautiful day we had on July 10<sup>th</sup> when many of us gathered at Pinecrest Lake for our annual Buddington Burger Bash. We could not have asked for anything better. The fragrance from the pines was beautiful; the lake was picture perfect; and the blue sky was awesome. But we did get a bit of smoky air from the California fires later in the afternoon.

The Bash was hosted by **Nancy Buddington** and her “assistants”. Nancy provided the hamburgers and her “brand new barbeque” and the rest of us brought a dish to share and we had plenty to choose from. There was a great variety of salads and desserts. Everything was great!

There were 32 members and several guests. **Don & Joyce Temple** brought their granddaughter, Brittany, and **Jack & Rosie Walls** brought their granddaughter, Hailee. And let’s not forget, **Blanche Tardiff**, one of the Golden Girls who joined us again!

And our special guest and guest speaker was **John Zoboli**, our newly elected RUAEA Director of Northern California and Northern Nevada. John came over the mountains from Reno to attend our picnic and meet our chapter members. It was so nice to meet John and he gave us all some very interesting information about the convention. Hopefully, one of these days, we should all plan a trip to attend one of the conventions. Next year, it will be held in Phoenix so that’s something to think about and plan for if you are interested in going.

Nancy held a raffle and there were several winners. The lucky winners received Wal-Mart gift cards. Great idea! I bet we all shop at Wal-Mart.

We want to welcome back the following folks whom we had not seen for awhile. **Dick & Carol Thomas**, **Skip & Betty Sonderman**, **Al Svare & Betty & Jan**, and **Bob & Ginger DuMars**. **Dick & Carol** had been travelling in their RV; **Skip** had been quite ill and is now doing much better. **Al & Betty** had been traveling to South America. And **Bob & Ginger** had been busy with family business. Welcome back, everyone and we hope to see you all again at one our future luncheons.

We always meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call me at (209) 984-5672 or President **Bob Brooks**, at (209) 772-9814.

## CALENDAR

**Sept. 11** - East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Irene & Art Moore**

**Oct. 9** – Jenny’s Restaurant in Ceres, hosted by **Bob & Charlene Wood**

**Nov.13** - East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Don & Joyce Temple** and **Jack & Rosie Walls**

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Over 30 retirees, their families and friends attended the Mile High Chapter monthly breakfast, braving 90 degree temperatures.

**Laura Coats** brought her mother **Freda Peckens** (92) and Laura’s sister, **Linda Miner** who is visiting from Raleigh, NC.

**Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Bill Ceperley** on July 22. Bill was on the old label team for RUAEA’s newsletter. Bill’s wife, **Bonnie**, was a proof-reader for the RUAEA Newsletter for many years.

Tom also reported that **Dick Magee's** new address is: c/o Life Care Center of Evergreen, 2987 Bergen Peck Drive, Room 216, Evergreen CO 80439 and that **Martha Gooselaw** recently had a knee replacement. She is at home and recovering well. Her address is: 973 Uvalda St, Aurora CO 80011.

Fall Luncheon: The Fall Luncheon will be held at *Old Neighborhood Restaurant, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada, CO 80005, (303) 425-1962* on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. Social hour from 11:00AM to Noon, Lunch from Noon until ?. Choice of menu: 1. *Shrimp Stir Fry*; 2. *Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo*; 3. *French Dip Prime Rib sandwich with Au Jus*. All meals include bread and muffin, all non alcohol drinks, gratuity and tax all for only \$13.95 P/P.

Please make checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter and mail to: **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker Street, Denver, CO 80211, phone (303) 477-2918. Please indicate your choice of entrée on your check, deadline is October 10, 2008.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**October 15** – Fall Luncheon, details in column.

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We held our regular meeting on July 21 and a new member attending was **Merle Winterton**, COSFF. He is now farming and selling hay in Elbert, CO.

We reviewed our first summer picnic and all agreed it was a great success. **Rick Broome** hosted the event at his house and 727 museum. He had many beautiful paintings and souvenirs for sale at employee discounts. Thanks Rick! Our raffle of Barbie Doll Airplanes was popular and raised much needed funds. Mrs. Pat Dudley went for a nostalgic virtual flight in the 727-222 and enjoyed it a lot. She has a pilot license so she sat in the left seat!

**Del Hall** is still unable to attend as his Parkinson's disease flared up. E-mails are welcomed at [UALCS35@Q.com](mailto:UALCS35@Q.com).

Our meetings are held the third Monday at 0830 at Village Inn on Harrison Road. We are asking for all Southern Colorado retirees to contact us at [UALCS35@Q.com](mailto:UALCS35@Q.com).

#### Calendar:

**August 18** – Regular meeting

**September 15** – Regular meeting

**October 20** – Regular meeting

**Christmas Party** – Need a host

#### **FLORIDA**



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President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting on time. Even if some of our members straggled in late, we were happy to see everyone. There were 21 of us finally gathering at the Red Lobster. Our guest was Florida Regional Director **Paul Brown**. **Bill Roy** was away at a family get-together; **Jo Sanders** didn't have an excuse,



but couldn't attend; **Lowell** was present but will be going to a family reunion the next day, and the **Hammills** are still in WI and will not be back to a meeting until November. Treasurer **Penny Logan** was also out of town.

We've learned that **Jane Kress** had a bad fall. Cards can be sent to her at 4581 Miles Dr., Port Orange, FL 32127. Also **Martha Priest** is quite ill and you can send cards to her at 2419 Gallery View Dr., #7, Winter Park, FL 32792. Her son will see that she gets them. Her birthday was the day of our meeting. **Bud Gammill** said he was playing tennis after two hip surgeries on the same hip. Good for him! **Nita Ritt's** husband **Kramer** is still in need of our thoughts and prayers.

**Nelson Funkhouser** corrected me on the spelling of his name. Smith is so much easier to spell. **Steve Moddle** handled the tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Today, Pres. Dick had a funny reading based on the condition of AAADD (Age Activate Attention Deficit Disorder). I'm afraid some of us may have that condition. Good laughs.

Pres. Dick turned the meeting over to **Paul Brown** and he discussed some information he had about the company. It will be a great help to us once our Committee finishes compiling helpful information on travel, etc.

It was agreed we would meet on a Friday in December so we can go to the Halifax Yacht Club for our party. Take notice people - **FRIDAY will be the day in December for our meeting.** Also consensus that we will contribute to the Problem Pregnancy Center in December. **Frieda Coughlin** will find out just what their needs are to help these women who are saving their babies. Meeting adjourned.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *What if the Hokey Pokey really is what it's all about!*

#### Calendar:

**Sept.4** - 11:30 – Red Lobster

**Oct. 2** - 11:30 – Red Lobster

**Nov. 6** - 11:30 – Red Lobster

**Dec. 5** - FRIDAY - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club

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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1:45PM and welcomed everyone who braved the sweltering temps to join us! Today's luncheon was attended by 30 members and guests, including **Tom Cannata** from MCOCS, a future-retiree-in-practice, who came to lunch with **Don Ulman**, Sierra, granddaughter of **Chuck & Jane Grant**, and **Ted LeGrand's** son-in-law and grandson, Carl and Alex Fitch! And a warm welcome back to **Betty Davidson** who has been in SFO with her sons since late May.

We gathered as a group and were led in prayer by **Stan Halterman**, especially for **Matt McNeill**, who is being moved today from the hospital to a rehabilitation center (Palm Garden of Orlando, 654 Econ Trail, MCO 32825 ) for an extended stay. Continued prayers and well wishes are also asked for **Dave Adam**, **Lee Cahoon**, **Mert Lawry**, and **Al Mollet**.

August birthday wishes go out to **Sharon Ringer**, **Bonnie Taylor** and **Stan Halterman**!

PS. A very tasty lunch and great conversation was enjoyed by all who met at Dixie Belles on Orange Avenue July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check it out if you missed our gathering! Good value!

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

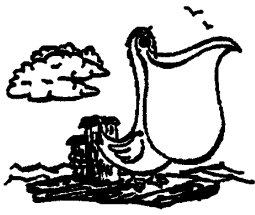
**September 3** – Luncheon meeting

**October 1** – Luncheon meeting

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Night:

**Sept 17** – We had such a great time, we're gonna do it again (Minus the downpour). Wednesday at FishLips at the Port Canaveral Pier. Meet at 4:30 pm. SunCruz Casino sails 11am – 4pm. Reserve a seat on the ship and win enough to pay for your dinner!

**October 15** – Save the date, 4:30pm is the time



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Since the first Friday of the month was the Fourth of July, we decided to have our meeting a week later. We met Friday, July 11 at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers for breakfast. There were fourteen Pelican Drop-Ins and one guest. **Mel & Linda Volz** brought their friend and neighbor, Nancy Dostenhoft.

Some from our Chapter have been busy traveling and others are very happy to spend their summer in lovely Florida. **Phil Cook** attended the breakfast and **John & Nancy Dainus** were there. Nancy spent a month in Michigan and while there, attended their granddaughter's high school graduation. **Bill & Marge Burg** spent a month at their condo in the Chicago area. While there they attended a granddaughter's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and another granddaughter's wedding. Back home they have also started bridge lessons and joined a computer club.

**Wanda Schmoyer** was thrilled to find a "million dollar home" for her cocker. Wanda, what a sense of humor you have! **Mel & Linda Volz** made a trip to Michigan with a stop in Pennsylvania to visit Linda's son and family. They spent 2 weeks in Michigan while Mel put in a drop ceiling in their log cabin's basement. Mel will be flying back next week to help his sister put in a new bathroom and to help his youngest brother celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Nancy Kopp** has been busy in her garden and she is looking forward to a cruise in September. It was nice to see **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** back in town. They had a couple of months in the Milwaukee area and are glad to be back in warm Florida. **Terry & Joan Gilkison** had to leave the lovely house they had rented for a week on the Outer Banks of North Carolina because of smoke that was bothering Terry's breathing. Terry recently had the upper lobe of his left lung removed because of cancer and he is still recovering. It was nice to see **Sally Sciple**. She is as cute and perky as always. Reported by Joan Gilkison, substitute editor for Sandy Pryde

*2<sup>nd</sup> Report:* Fourteen of the Pelican Drop-Ins met at Perkins in North Fort Myers for breakfast. We all enjoy getting together, visiting and having breakfast. **Rosemary Blake** has been doing a good job of notifying all the members of the breakfast. If any United retirees or their families are in town they are more than welcome to join us on the first Friday of the month. Rosemary is planning an extensive trip to visit her daughter's family for the birth of their son in Hawaii and then to Texas to visit her son's family for the birth of their daughter. Rosemary is then on to Washington for a reunion.

**Tom & Marilyn McNabb** were also at the breakfast. They sat across from **Mel & Linda Volz**. Mel is going back to Michigan for a couple of weeks and Linda is going to Tampa to see some plays with her daughter and grandson. They will both be in Michigan to enjoy the fall colors and shut down the flower gardens for the year. On Mel's last visit to Michigan, he brought back lots of delicious Michigan blueberries. He was telling us about his great recipe for blueberry pie. We all want the recipe!

**Jimmy Stokes** was there - looking very good. **John & Nancy Dainus** were also there. John is riding in a Memorial Ride for Jerry Lewis kids (MDA). He passed around an envelope for donations and the generous Pelican Drop-Ins helped Jerry's Kids. **Phil Cook** was also at that end of the table along with **Bill Purcell**. Bill told me of two recent cruises he did with his widowed sister. They were on two cruises across the Atlantic and also did a tour of Ireland.

**Sally Sciple** is going to St. George Island for a week with her old Girl Scouts. They are coming from all over the country for a real get together. **Wanda Schmoyer** told us her dog was returned and she had to give him back to where she got him. **Terry & Joan Gilkison** were looking forward to an air-condition bus ride to see the first place Tampa Bay Devil Rays play the Detroit Tigers on Sunday.

### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

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

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-September)

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We held our meeting at Tiffany's Restaurant with 26 members present. Birthday celebrants are **Sophie Calkins**, 91 years young on 8/17; **Audrey Sudilan** on 8/29. Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Jan Lindstrom**, 41 years on 8/16 and **Art & Flo Reveillac**, 63 years on 8/28.

Travel - **Noemi Rivera-Guzman** could not get on a trip to IAD to meet her daughter and had to use USAir to DCA. She was able to return on UAL. **Jon Wilkinson** trying to get to PIT, had to wait for the second ORD flight and missed connection to PIT. He got the only open seat on his return. He spoke of the new monitors in the gate area that shows the availability, number of seats checked in and position on the standby list. He also told of the new system of giving BP6A passes to active employees of stations that meet their goals of on time departures. **George Griva** spoke of his travels overseas.

The members decided to cancel the Sept. 1 meeting as that was Labor Day and Tiffany's could not accommodate us. Our next meeting will be the fall picnic at Anderson Park on Oct 6 at shelter 4 at 11 AM.

Sunshine Committee - Cards were sent to **Lillian Sawyer** as she is recuperating from cataract surgery, **Harold Judd**, a heart catheter. A sympathy card was sent to **Jim Galoway** whose wife passed away on 7/15. V.P. **Bob Taylor** suffered a fall, Terri will call in a few days to get an update. **John Hargraves** said that he misses attending the meetings. He has been going through a battery of tests and CAT scans. John would like to pass on a hello to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 and everyone had a nice lunch.

### Calendar

**Sept. 1** - Cancelled

**Oct. 6** - Picnic- Anderson Park, Tarpon Springs - 11 AM

**Nov. 3** - 10AM - Tiffany's Restaurant

**Dec. 8** - Christmas Luncheon and meeting Spartan Manor



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We're baaaack!

After a very restful summer, we will be back in full swing on September 2, at 11:30 AM at R.J. Gators for our regular meeting and luncheon.

Hope to see all of you there and please make sure you bring your \$6.00 annual dues with you, since I am sure you all know it is due in September to be a member in good standing.

Now remember **Frank & Jane Wise**, you may win the progressive drawing!

Some really bad news for some Florida retirees! United will stop all service from both West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale effective in September. If anyone has to go up North you will either have to drive to Miami

or Orlando. Isn't that a kick! The ones most affected by this decision are those of us in between Orlando and West Palm Beach airports.

See you soon.

#### Calendar

**Sept. 2** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon

**October** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon

**November** - R.J. Gators 11:30 AM Meeting/Luncheon

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#### *August Chapter Report:*

Twenty Two flyers and two guests were in attendance at Ryan's Steakhouse Restaurant in McDonough, Georgia on July 9, hosted by **Ron & Marge Heider**. Our guests were **Will Ortman**, friend of **Bill Elk**, visiting from Chautauqua Lake, New York. He was in Georgia to see his first grandchild, and **Ezra Thompson**, grandson of **Diayne & Richard Thompson**. The food is always good at Ryan's which has an all-you-can-eat buffet and every thing you could possibly imagine, plus great desserts. Some left with ice cream cones in hand.

President **Sandy Lis** held a business meeting, and read a letter from The Promise Place thanking us for all our help to the women and children in the shelter. Sandy also reported that The Life Celebration, for **Judy Gurganis**, who passed away in December 2007, had a great deal of United people from far and wide attend. She said it was truly a Celebration of Judy's life. It was decided by a vote of the membership in attendance that we would continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, January thru May and August thru December. We will no longer have meetings in June or July.

The Village Café where we have had our Christmas luncheon in past years has closed. **Sandy and Jane Brown** are now looking for a new comparable place to have it this year.

There was some discussion, questions and answers of possible pension adjustments by the PBGC as it has been on the news lately of other company's bankruptcies pensioners being adjusted. To those of us known to have been contacted by the PBGC, that there was no change in the amount received or that if there was a change, it was a very small adjustment. Also brought up was Medco's drug program, and comparing the pricing of Wal-Mart, Kroger, and other discount pharmacies. Prescriptions are no longer handled by Medical Insurance, but by Medco. This is now on the insurance cards. Also talked about was the decreased flight schedules taking effect September 1. Air Tran has increased our non-rev fee from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

**Ray Owen** reflected on his and Mary's recent road trip to Alaska. Says he wouldn't try it in the winter, as the roads are sometimes unusual as it is. The 50/50 was conducted by **Bill Elk** and **Andy Ryabik**. **Will Ortman** drew the winning number held by **Frank Russey**. Good going, Frank! **Bill Carlson** had a fall recently and broke his hip. He is recuperating at a Nursing/Rehab facility and will be moving to an assisted living center. Bill's new address for those that would like to send him a card or drop him a line, is: Golden Age Living, 613 Rose Lane, Marietta, GA 30068. Get well soon Bill.

#### *September Chapter Report:*

Thirty one flyers showed up for lunch at The I-HOP in Fayetteville, GA, hosted by **Bruce & Mary Brodersen** on August 6. This was a pretty good turnout this month, considering it was probably one of the hottest days of the year, around 97 degrees. Most people are back from vacations and summer travel as the new school term is about to start. The IHOP always has good food, plus you can order breakfast any time of day. The service was excellent and the room is just right for our group. **Ray Owen** reported that he and **Mary** had been to see **Bill Carlson** as he continues to recover from a broken hip. Bill was really glad to see them. He is feeling much better, continuing with therapy, and anxious to be back up walking and getting around on his own.

Bill said he has received many cards and has enjoyed them very much. Bill's address is listed in the August report, shown above for those who would like to drop him a line.

Ray said that Monday in the afternoon is a good day to visit Bill for those that would like to do that. **Sandy Lis** held a business meeting and reported that she and **Jane Brown** have been checking out different restaurants in the area and have come up with a couple of good candidates for the Christmas lunch. The question came up as to whether we may want to have a dinner this year, but was voted on by all in attendance to keep it a luncheon. When Sandy and Jane have completed their research they will present them to us. We'll then vote on which restaurant we would like to go to this year. Also **Bruce Brodersen** reported on the flight schedule reductions coming in September, and how we will have to be more creative and flexible in planning our travel in the future. This is a time of change for all carriers in these economic times.

We are glad to see **Fred Cron** back after vacation. Fred jumped right in there to run the 50/50 for us. **Kathy Carringer**, drew the winning number held by **Bill Bowling**. Looks like Bill will have gas money now. Way to go Bill! Fred also brought in a newspaper reproduction of The Pittsburgh Sun - Telegraph that his son found in a flea market. The paper was dated August 8, 1945 after the Atomic bomb was dropped on Japan during WW II. It was very interesting to everyone. It had all the advertisements, local news and editorials, including the comic pages from that era. The main editorials compared the bombing of the steel producing cities of Japan and the parallels of what a bomb of that nature would do to Pittsburgh if attacked. This was especially interesting to our former Pittsburgh members. Fred is our collector! He collects all airlines, especially Capital/United articles and memorabilia. He has quite a collection now. Some day he will set it up in a museum, that he feels will display and preserve it for future generations, like he has done so far.

Calendar:

**September 3** - Lunch at the Speedi Pig Barbecue Restaurant, 12:00 noon in Fayetteville, GA, hosted by **Bill & Judy Elk**.

**September 18** - Place TBA

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Good meeting on Aug 4, with 26 GEMS, including one guest, lots of congeniality, lively conversation, and replay of happier days when the skies were still friendly. Our guest was **Marilyn Taylor's** daughter, **Sharon** who lives and works in PDX.

Co-chapter president, **Rick Dempsey**, laid out our plans for coming events as follows:

- ( Aug 21: 1 p.m. lunch at Casa Mexico Restaurant
- ( Sept. 1: Labor Day, no breakfast meeting this month
- ( Sept. 8: 1 p.m. Annual Memorial Potluck, Cassia Park Pavilion. **Dave & Carol Adams** presiding. Dave passed out maps showing where the pavilion is located & where on the property we'll be gathering. It's the first shelter at the Camas St. entrance. Bring your own beverages, and enough of your favorite picnic recipe to share with others. Guests welcome. Electrical outlets and water available, with restrooms nearby.
- ( Sept. 28: The Crown Jewels Chapter Afternoon Tea, 3 p.m. El Korah Shrine Ballroom, 1118 W. Idaho St., Boise. Tickets \$20 P/P. The event supports Dress for Success & The Western District British Home.
- ( Oct. 6: Breakfast, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, 9 a.m.
- ( Nov. 3: Breakfast, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, 9 a.m.
- ( Dec. 1: Breakfast, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, 9 a.m.
- ( The Annual Christmas Dinner Celebration will be in early Dec. We'll let you know the details at the luncheon scheduled for Aug. 21.

**Dave Adams** announced a 7-day Harmon Travel tour to Calgary beginning July 4 (with Dave doing the driving, I presume.) Each of these tours has brought rave reviews from the GEMS who participated. Dave also

mentioned that the Adams' were visited by their Oregon family: daughter, son-in-law, 3 grandchildren, and their foster granddaughter. He added, "*We shared them with the other grandparents in Boise.*"

**Barbara Krigbaum** is in a Portland Hospital, flown in by helicopter, after collapsing at home a week ago. She was diagnosed as having an aneurysm on her brain. Her husband **Bill** is at home presently. They both need our prayers at this time.

Your slave correspondent had the pleasure & distinct honor of being invited to attend a ceremony in which my old outfit (now modernized), the 1-148<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, together with the 938<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment (both units of the 116<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade, Idaho National Guard) were awarded U.S. Army Meritorious Unit Commendations in a ceremony in Pocatello. This was in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in Iraq in 2004-2005.

Along with several members of the Brigade, I hopped up (with lots of help; hey, I'm 89!) on the UA-60 Blackhawk helicopter, & off we went to Pocatello. As the only WWII veteran sitting with dignitaries in the stands, I was beginning to feel like the 148<sup>th</sup>'s mascot (read: dinosaur.)

#### Calendar:

**Aug 4** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**Sept. 1** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

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In the not too distant past, we were not so lucky to report the increasing numbers of fifty-year anniversaries. But **Marlene Anderson** and her family had a wonderful time celebrating on Maui while **Linda & Ben Agana** celebrated not only in the U.S. but also in the Philippines. **Lucy & Lyle Backus** added another year to make it fifty one. **Carlyle & Mary Brandt** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> with a family dinner and a renewing of their vows, then continued on to a surprise party in Michigan. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** celebrated by going on a seven-day cruise to the Bahamas in August.

**Tina Acoba** spent Father's Day weekend in Las Vegas celebrating a friend's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and then on to a Fourth of July holiday on Maui.

**Jeanette, Jim** and daughter **Ella Curcuro** took a ten-day road trip in their motor home to Mt. Rushmore and stayed in the park lodge.

**Irene Miller**, on her way to the DOLLAR STORE after the June breakfast, fell and fractured a bone in her right hand. She did not get to spend her dollars.

**Ruby Singer**, who is moving back to Athens, GA, has a ground-floor, studio condo for sale at Central Village (fifty-five or older). Info at 847-870-1417 or cell 256-431-4981.

The July picnic at **Chandler's** was attended by over 200, being treated again to their enormous hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, pasta salads and desserts of chocolate and chocolate. A nice perk were the carafes of iced tea and lemonade on the tables for those who were not able to indulge in a cocktail. But the biggest perk this year was the valet service delivering us old timers from the distant parking lot to the restaurant in golf carts. Thanks to the Schaumburg Country Club golfers. Now if we could only get **Del Carlson, Kathy Vita** and **Marilyn Holden** to the early Northside breakfast.

There were 21 attending the Southside breakfast at our new location 'Jedi's'. It was good to see **Florence Constance, Virginia Hilkins, Leona Gasiowski, Barbara Kavouras** and her guest **Irene Zulys** able to join us again. **Marge Caliendo, Virginia Hilkins** and **Bill Brookins** won enough to pay for their breakfasts. Hopefully **Darlene Wenk, Lydia & Ernie Codilis** will soon feel well enough to join us.

**Ed Majewski** and **Jim Sommerfield** took a break from their computer duties and had a wonderful time at the convention. How, they didn't say. **Bob O'Connor** drove 600 miles to his home town Pittsburgh and visited friends. His kids went to a baseball game there. I'm assuming it was the Pirates and saw a sign promoting a Bob O'Connor for mayor. They took a picture of it, had it enlarged, framed and gave it to our Bob. He looks at it daily.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**September 30 & October 28**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**September 10 & October 8**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**September 2**).

**Oct. 14** - Fall Luncheon - Meridian Banquet Hall.

**Dec. 9** - Christmas Luncheon – Avalon.



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We had a large turnout at our July Luncheon with 20 retirees attending, including a special guest, **Jim Simon**, the new Midwest Director from Wisconsin. Jim already knew a few of the retirees because they had attended a Northwest Loonies get together. Jim invited everyone to come to the next Northwest Loonies get together in October at Spring Grove, WI.

Jim also advised that we should pay our RUAEA dues in a timely manner so that your subscription doesn't lapse. The dues should be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of your due month.

**Norm Pearson**, one of our regular attendees, had open heart surgery in July and is doing well in his recovery and will be home by the time you read this column. Get well wishes can be sent to: 2214 E. Grove St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

**Ted & Agneta Jung** just returned from a South American trip on LAN Chile using ZED fares and had no problem with flights and said it was a very fine airline. They visited Santiago and Punta Arenas in Chile plus Puerto Madryn in Argentina which is at the Valdes Peninsula, a wildlife refuge, which has sea lions, elephant seals and penguin colonies. They also took a very interesting side trip to Magdalena where 65,000 penguins live. Magdalena is an island in the Strait of Magellan which is several hours via boat from Punta Arenas.

Calendar:

**Sept. 17** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 AM). All members and guests who plan to attend, please email or call me before noon of September 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can give adequate notice to the hotel.

**Nov. 19** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel 11:30AM.

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Here it is, September already! Where did the summer go? They say the older you get, the faster time goes by. Obviously, that's a truism. It has been a lovely summer here, not too hot, only a couple of 90-degree days. However, admittedly, I will be happy to see "something" kill the weeds in my garden. All the spraying and pulling hasn't helped.

Eighteen members were in attendance at our July meeting. We had a few issues come up for discussion, but put them on hold until more members returned from their travels. We did welcome **Bob Johnson** to our meeting.



**Ray & Hannalore Brabo** traveled west to Seattle to meet their new daughter-in-law, a former United employee. They were then going to stay with another son in San Francisco before returning. Hope their trip was enjoyable.

Seems each month I am enjoying traveling somewhere. In August, I returned to the Pittsburgh area again to join with members of my high school for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Boy, there were a lot of old people there. We had 68 graduate in '58, and 34 members made it to the celebration. Unfortunately, 20 class members have passed and 14 were unable to attend or were unable to be contacted. But, all in all it was a good turnout.

Please continue to pray for **Chris Gibson, Terry Martin & Lilia Theiss**.

Happy September Birthday to **Judy Cameron**.

Calendar:

**September 8** - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

**October 13** - Regular meeting, Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN - 3:00 PM

**November 10** – Regular meeting –Golden Corral, Plainfield, IN –begins at 3:00 P.M.

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The Nor'Easters 8<sup>th</sup> annual summer picnic took place on August 5 with 35 members and guests. Although a cloudy day, it was warm and we didn't get any rain, which we've had so much of lately. It is raining now one day later, while I write this report. We lucked out and got the right day, thanks to Pres. **Carleen**. The picnic is always such a good time, casual and so informal, we should have an outdoor activity twice during summer. I do not know why more members don't attend.

Our barbeque chefs were **Bruce Eddy** and VP **Lew Shakley**. The ladies provided a variety of dishes and desserts, all excellent. **Bob Austin** said "*I'm off my diet for the day*". **Marie Dwyer** produced a birthday cake with only two candles for **Susan DePippo**. Big secret here! **Judy Austin** also has a birthday this month.

Good to see **Tony Berardi** out and about. He advised he has a six week break in his chemo treatments and currently feels fine. He is sporting a new beard. Claims I've always been his idol on that score, as not many ticket agents got away with beards in years past. **Don Latter** was with us after his knee replacement. Don is limping a little but advises he is doing fine. **Bill Dwyer** advises he has recuperated well after chemo and is finally gaining weight back.

**Bill Shailor** was showing off pictures of his two latest grand children born in June. **Frank & Janet DeStefano** brought four grandchildren with them. A special "thank you" to two of the four, **Jessica & Stephanie** who sold the 50/50 raffle tickets. **Helmut Humbley** won the first raffle draw, but returned the winnings to be raffled off again. **Marie Dwyer** and **Frank DeStefano** were the 50/50 winners. **Don Simard** and **Bill Rodenhizer** won the free lunches. Our auctioneer for the white elephant auction, **Don Simard** did his normal outstanding job. He's so good at it, we all look forward to the auction. Ironically, the auction brought in more funds for the chapter than the raffle.

While asking chapter members for info for the newsletter, I got: **Andy Montalto** works part time at the Boston Garden as an usher. He gets to see all the Boston Celtic's games and many other head-liner shows free. Also, after a many year respite, he has taken up bicycling again. Way to go Andy! **Bill Rodenheizer** gets to mow grass four hours a day, five days a week. Seems like a lot, doesn't it. Actually, Bill works at a golf course in Harvard, MA. President **Carleen Eddy** after five years on the job, is requesting a member consider taking this post, come December elections. **Frank DeStefano**, afraid I quote him too much said, and I quote, "*I'm not talking*". Several members complained they haven't seen our once regular attendee, **Mercedes Hersom** for some time. I advised I motorcycle by her house a lot and occasionally stop in, but she's never home, so I just gave her a call. She's still involved with the animal shelter and the Sisters of Mercy in the town that she lived in, in Maine. Now living at Angle Pond Woods in NH, she is involved with the church food pantry, the library

thrift shop and her own senior complex activities, one of which she chairs. **Merc** advises she's busier than ever, will try to attend our next meeting and says to all, *"Hello, I'm alive and well"*.

September's birthdays: **John Bosco, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Marge LeClair, Gerald Peters, Lynn O'Hara** and **Tyrone Withrow**.

September's anniversaries: **Ed & Virginia Burke** - 52 years, **Frank & Natalie Procopio** - 50, **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** - 24 and **Don & Joan Simard** - 45.

Last but not least, fellow retired seniors, never fail to consider a new endeavor. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic.

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12 Escapees gathered at **Pat Jawanda's** home in Auburn Hills on Jul 10. It was definitely not one of our better meetings as **Helen Venn (Joanna O'Briens' mom)**, 93 years young, took a tumble down the stairs, hitting her head on the floor resulting in a call to 911 and six staples in her head. The medics and hospital staff loved Helen for her witty remarks, especially when they asked her who was the president. She responded *"I don't know his name, but I know I don't like him."* It was a very stressful day for all us Escapees, especially our host and this correspondent as she was my guest. We are so thankful Helen has recovered nicely and we pray that we never again have another meeting that ends up in the ER.

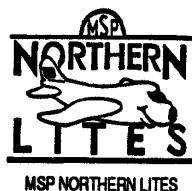
Today, Aug 8, 19 Escapees and 7 guests gathered at Cedar Island Lake as our hosts **Sharon & Rod Jacobs**, once again opened their beautiful home for our meeting. **Jim Simon**, our new Midwest Director, visited our group and encouraged all non-RUAEA members to join our retiree organization. Poor Jim! He may never visit our group again, as I am sure it was not the plan to put him to work making potato salad, mixing punch and also chauffeuring a van full of Escapees to White Lake, MI.

Please keep **John Leroy** in your prayers and also **Gwen Schwendenmann** who will once again be undergoing eye surgery.

### Calendar:

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

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More faces we haven't seen in awhile showed up in July! We were happy to see **Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker** again. JoJo's Mom, **Jean Betty Ahrens**, came with them. Also, **Marlene Overpeck**, alumna from MSPRR, made a rare appearance. **Bud & Jo Ayre's** friend, **Tom Caffish**, joined them again in coming to our gathering. We're going to have to make him an honorary UAL retiree pretty soon!

The news that the Chicago Travel Desk is up 'n' running is really welcome. Not that any of us will be able to get on a plane with all the flight reductions planned.

**Nel Brawner** did her usual schlepping of raffle tickets last month for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Mikana, Wisconsin, & wouldn't you know it, there were three winners from our group! 'Course, they have to

trek over to Rice Lake or Birchwood or environs to collect on their gift certificates, but everyone agreed that the uses that Mikana makes of the raffle money are well worth the donation.

A color-watch boat cruise on the St. Croix River is being planned for October 1. We'll start with lunch in Taylor's Falls, then the cruise on the river. Call your friends for possible car-pooling. No sense in everyone driving separately if only one or two will do. For further info, contact **Bud Ayres** at (715) 425-2755.

News of a bad break to **Alice Hendrix's** knee. Mid-June, this happened. We missed her at the July lunch, but trust we'll see her at the picnic in August.

We're happy to hear that **Lenny Tousignant's** knee replacement surgery went well. They had to special-order an extra-small joint so that it would fit the Little Guy.

Sad news from the Northwoods Loonies ~ **Curt Gaffor** lost his struggle in this world & went on to the next. A great loss to **Sharon** and their daughters & also to the Loonies family of retirees. We'll miss a really nice guy.

#### Calendar:

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

**Oct.1** – Boat cruise on the St. Croix River - Details in column.

### NEBRASKA

#### GOLDEN'EARS

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We had 38 members attending a very nice meeting at Piccolo's. We were given a talk by **Nick Nekonchuk** on his trip to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial. The night before they left, they met at the Holiday Inn and were transferred to 3 buses, taking them to a dinner at the Western Heritage. They even got a police escort on the Interstate – how about that? They left the next morning on Midwest Express at 4:30 returning at 11PM that night. There were 144 that went which included about 12 who were there to help with those in wheelchairs, etc. Nick said it was a great trip.

**Tony Sortino** gave us an update on the trip he and **Jackie** took to Pittsburgh to attend the RUAEA Convention. They went to see the memorial where the UAL plane went down on 9-11. He went into a lot of detail on how this memorial was built which all of us found very interesting.

**Vera Thomsen's** daughter advised that her mother had congestive heart failure on June 19 and was in the hospital. While there, she had a colonoscopy which showed she has cancer of the colon. Having congestive heart failure, they had to get that controlled before they could do surgery. She had that surgery on June 30 and the doctors felt it was self contained and the prognosis looks good.

Omaha has certainly had their share of publicity – not only with devastating storms but with some major guests in town. The last of June, we hosted the USA Olympics Swim Trials which were fantastic. On July 22/25, we hosted the USA Track & Field National Junior Olympics at one of our top high schools with 1600 young people from all over the country participating. On July 25/29, we hosted the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. From July 24/27, we hosted the Nationwide Golf Tournament. This all took many volunteers from our local community. As usual, Omaha came up to the plate and did a great job of not only volunteering but hosting all of the above events.

In December, I had talked to **Toni Longmeyer** about having another freewill offering for the Iowa Cookie Crumbs of which Toni was active in. At the June meeting, this was done. A huge thanks to all of you there for your generosity. You made it possible to send Mother Crumb (Abbie Crawford) a check for \$106.50 in memory of Toni to use toward their postage for sending all those cookies and assorted gifts to our service people in Iraq and Afghanistan. Toni would be proud. Thank you so much.

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 9** – Chalco Hills – Hosted by **Jan & Keith Cornish**

**Oct. 7** – Bohemian - Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

## NEVADA



### LAS VEGAS

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Can it be that Fall is just around the corner? Not at this HOT August writing! Hope you are all having a good summer. I am fortunate to be able to spend my summers in Ely, NV. Elevation is about 6500 ft. and temperatures in the daytime are in the mid 90's, but cooling down into the low 60's at night. It's wonderful to get away from the heat of Mesquite and Las Vegas. I think the casinos are in with the Chamber of Commerce; they like everyone to spend the hot days and nights in the cool casinos☺.

Not much news from our chapter members this month. My friend, Freddi Bieman, who had moved to Mesquite, is now in Hathaway Pines, CA. She seems to love the area; close to Yosemite and a lot of wineries. The Ironstone Winery was one of the tours we were on during the RUAEA Convention at SMF; it was a wonderful tour!

I heard that **Patty Rosa**, a LASCS retiree, is having some cancer problems. Am sure she would appreciate a card at: 8920 Sailplane Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89129. (You probably remember her as **Patty Mobley**).

That's all for now. Stay healthy, stay cool ... Enjoy the rest of the summer.

### RENO SIERRA

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The Treasury Balance as of today is in great shape for our upcoming picnic. Meeting expenses should not be an issue. There were 27 members in attendance at our July meeting. **Our August meeting will be the picnic at Sand Harbor on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** Again, cost of parking is \$8/car.

RUAEA: Director **John Zoboli** attended the Fresno meeting & met with about 14 members. It was a pleasant meeting with a nice mix of retirees – some flight, some maintenance and some airport employees. He also met with one of our newest chapters – the Hangtown Miners, with about 46 in attendance. Many of the members of this group had (or do also) belonged to the Gold Diggers. John also attended the picnic at Pinecrest Lake hosted by the San Joaquiners. It was a pleasant day with no smoke and warm weather. All of these groups have been invited to our picnic next month. So far, we have **Alfred Svare** (San Joaquiners), **Jim Raber** & guest (Hangtown Miners) and **Rosemary & Daniel Figueroa**, **Dorothy & Darrell Stroud**, **Len & LaVerne Haubl** & **Jo Cuff** from the Gold Diggers.

Sign up sheets have been mailed to the membership for our picnic. You can return the forms to Kathy or me. Guests are always welcome – cost is \$5 per person. **Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.** The **Comptons & Ethan Gillooly** have volunteered to bring the fixings: tomatoes, lettuce & onions. **Elizabeth Brown** volunteered to bring the coffee pot.

We received a nice card from **Jo Cuff** thanking us for our sympathy card for **Bob's** recent passing.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Lynda Klemm & Elizabeth Brown** won the mystery gift. July birthdays were celebrated by: **Louise Smith, Jeanette Bachellor, Duncan Thompson, Lloyd Stephens, & Gerry Batty.**

**CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SEPTEMBER: Palais de Jade, 960 W. Moana Lane, Reno, 11:30 a.m.**

## NEW JERSEY



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The Gardenstaters met on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ.

In last months report an error was made: A moment of silence was held for **Gene Tortoriello** and **Bob Sculerati**. Tina, Bob's wife emailed me and indicated both had been in the hospital and both were doing fine. I am sorry that mistake was made.

President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag. Last month it was reported that **Corneilus "Connie" Sharkey** was back in the hospital, that afternoon, Connie passed away. Also **Gene Kilcommons'** wife **Jean** has passed away. Also leaving this world is retired JFK Captain **Al Heller** who passed away on July 20<sup>th</sup> after a long battle with cancer.

There are big reduction of employees and airplanes at United. When you travel and go through Chicago, there are now monitors that inform you of stand-by status: Where you are listed according to seniority and whether you have a seat or not. It also makes a difference if you have your boarding pass ready. The best time to fly is to go out on the earliest flight. For United people in Newark, there is still parking at the Sheraton on Frontage Road.

Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and **John** (not Al, another mistake) **Murphy** gave the treasurer's report.

Our picnic will be held in place of the regular meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> at Merrill Park in Colonia. There will be coffee & for those that come early. Cost is \$11.00. Games will be played; as usual, we always have a good time. Bring friends and family with you.

A great time was held at Monmouth Race Track, 22 people attended and as usual, **Dick Confer** made sure everyone was fed and had a good time.

**Dick Confer** was at Branson, Missouri, so there were many items from Branson as Door Prizes.

There were 39 people at this meeting. I guess a lot were away for vacation, it couldn't be because it was hot.

A note from **Diane Johnson** of the Newark Clipped Wings: *Flight 93 Tribute - A cross made up of steel beams from the World Trade Center was transported to Shanksville on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and dedicated on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There was fire truck escorts for every overpass along Route 78.*

*For those of you who knew **Al Heller**, cards can be sent to his wife **Judy Barteau** (former EWR Flight Attendant), #1 Pulver Road, Millerton, NY 12546.*

## NEW YORK

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*Submitted by **Marge Segal**:*

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed 13 Guys and Dolls to our luncheon at San Martin Restaurant. Treasurer **Barbara Hill** was back from Cleveland where she spends six weeks at a time assisting her mother. **Audrey Smolik** was home from Italy and **Marilyn Cheadle** arrived the night before from Los Angeles where she visits son & family monthly. **Dan Duran** was our only "Guy", he makes most meetings even though he doesn't live in Manhattan. It was good to see **Liz Armstrong** and **Marlene Duran** who attend once or twice a year.

Missing from our meeting were: **Diane Goldberg** who commutes between New York and Brussels and **Mercedes Tellez** were last minute cancellation. Correspondent **Jeanne Leo** was absent, nursing a sore throat as

was VP **Roy Portelli**, treating gout in a knee. **Rose Schneider** whom we haven't seen at our meeting in a very long time, was also on the sick list.

Our small city chapter consists of many frequent travelers so it's nice to greet them when they are in town. Hope to see all at next meeting. Stay well!

Calendar:

**Oct. 7** – Luncheon – 12 noon – San Martin Restaurant. 49<sup>th</sup> St. between Third & Lexington. RSVP to **Jeanne Leo**, (212) 753-6128 or **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788.

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Well our picnic at Wantagh Park started about 10AM with coffee and donuts. The day started off a bit cloudy signaling a threat of rain but the rain held off and the skies finally gave way to the sun and a nice breeze keep everyone comfortable.

By the time the burgers, franks, sausage, brats and chicken hit the grill, the NY Metros amassed 49 hungry members and 4 guests, who were just as hungry, for a total of 53 diners. **John Klos** and **Ed Pozzi** were the day's grill masters. **Jim & Kathy Richardson** made homemade coleslaw and 15lbs. of potato salad; **Madeline Klos** and **Marilyn Holdsworth** each made their own version of cucumber salad. Soda, beer and water kept everyone hydrated but the best part of this picnic was the per person fee ... \$0.00 for members and \$5.00 for guests. That went over well with everyone. Our guests included **Catherine McSweeney**, **Richard Kleinhaut**, **Lee Marcus** and **Linda Ekhardt**. A special thanks to Linda who chauffeured **Nell Napolitano** and **Diana Arena** to the event. Kudos to you Linda. A free lunch, and a beautiful day are a recipe for a great picnic but it was the company of wonderful people that really made the day a hit.

After we enjoyed our meal, we got down to our chapter's business. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and remembered our past NY Metro members, current members who couldn't attend the meeting, and those other coworkers who worked in the NYC Area at LGA, JFK, EWR & NYC who have gone to the great airline in the sky. We also offered up a silent prayer for 2 of our members who are currently in the hospital ... **Rose Schneider**, the chapter secretary and **Laura Muller**. The NY Metros wish them both a speedy recovery. Moving to a brighter note, **Dorothy Smith** was the birthday girl of the month when she celebrates her special day on Aug. 12 and the husband & wife team with the most marriage seniority (43 years) was **Ursula & Harold Koch** who will celebrate their anniversary on Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to them.

Jim also announced that beginning with the September meeting, we will return to the Milleridge Inn for lunch each first Wednesday of every month for the balance of the year and into 2009 with the exception of January's meeting which happens to be an off month for our chapter.

The party broke up about 3PM with the exception of the **Richardsons**, **Holdsworths** and **Cohens** who sat with ice cold sodas in hand and yakked till about 4:30PM before packing it in. There are diehards in every crowd.

Calendar:

**Sept. 3** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY; \$23.00 per person.

**Oct. 1** – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY.

**Nov. 5** – 12 noon, Milleridge Inn, in Jericho, NY

**Dec. 3** – 12 noon, Milleridge Inn, in Jericho, NY

## NORTHWOOD

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Calling all Loonies and Loonie wannabes! The time is fast approaching for our next get-together, Oct. 7-10 in Dodgeville, WI.

We are staying at the Best Western, 1130 N. John Street, Dodgeville. The hotel has an indoor/outdoor pool, microwave and frig in every room, free continental breakfast and is giving us a hospitality room. What more could you want, you ask? An elevator. Sorry, there isn't one, so make your reservations early to get the first floor.

We have reserved a block of rooms at \$99.90 per night for one queen or one king; \$109.90 per night for two queens. If you have AAA or AARP card, let the hotel know when making the reservation; you will get a 10% discount. Make your reservation by Sept. 12 by calling the hotel direct at (608) 935-7739 and use the group ID "Northwoods Loons".

There are 3 different tours for House on the Rock. Single tours are \$12.50 each. The complete package of all 3 tours is \$26.50 per person. There are group rates, but we have to have 20 people all taking the same tour to get them.

Make your hotel reservations and then let us know you are coming. We'll send you all the information on Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin, House on the Rock and other activities. We do have to make reservations for Taliesin and House on the Rock in advance.

The weather is going to be perfect and we have found lots of things to do - or not - whatever your pleasure. We can do things as a group or on your own or do absolutely nothing. Either way, the Loonies always have fun. There will be a short meeting on Wednesday or Thursday morning.

Something to ponder till October: *Where are all the trolls?*

## OHIO

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**Carol & Ray Hacker** will host The Fifteen Annual Northfield Night on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Carol & Ray have hosted this annual event for many years. Thank you both for your time and effort.

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Picnic was held at W. J. Green Lodge in the Mill Stream run of the Metropark System. Seventy nine people attended. This included 73 members and 6 guests. **Lou & Joan Gaydos** came from FL., **Lee & Linda Graham** from VA were guests of **John Hughes**, and **Phil Gaudio**, brother of **John & Lou**. I'm told that everybody had an enjoyable time. **John & Dolly Taucher** hosted this Annual July Picnic. Thanks for all your hard work & dedication in making this a memorable day.

July's anniversaries: **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** - 47 years, & **Jeff & Judith Spooner** - 43 years. Congratulations!

**Marilyn Gschwend**, a long time member passed away in July. Marilyn was in charge of the 50/50 for many years.

On Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Bernie & I will host a luncheon at Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. We will gather at 12 Noon with luncheon served at 12:30pm. The food is always delicious. Hope to see you there.

Some of our members have recently loss loved ones or are experiencing health problems at this time. I hope that each day becomes a little brighter, and your spirits are lifted. Take care & GOD Bless.



Calendar:

**Oct. 1** - Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts., gather at 12 Noon & luncheon served at 12:30PM, prepaid.

**Nov. 5** - Williams ON-THE-LAKE in Medina, doors open at 12 Noon with luncheon to follow at 12:30pm, prepaid.

**Dec. 3** - Annual Christmas Party at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City, Doors open at 12 Noon, prepaid.

***Note from the Newsletter Manager:** For some reasons, the August report submitted by Sharon did not arrive at our office. This occurs occasionally with email and we apologize for any inconveniences.*

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The weather for our July picnic couldn't have been better. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, the park was well kept, the area was nice and green and the stream down below our venue looked inviting, but I didn't see anyone in our crowd venture into the water. A big thank you goes out to our vice president **Charlie Stemper** and his crew for supplying the delicious food. Winner this month for the free lunch was **Lois Pitman**; birthday - **Merle Pitman**; fifty/fifty - **John Van Reenen** and congratulations to our anniversary couple **Mel & Barbara Martin** who were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> this month. There were other drawings for prizes and the winners were as follows: **Connie Bauer, Jerri Blodgett, Dennis Cline, Joan DeCamara, Carol & Bruce DeFord, Kerri Gahagan, Cora Harper, Veulah Lorts, Dennis Scheuerell, Jean Sperb, Dona Stemper, Roger Tuckett and Dick Wahlberg.**

I am sorry to report on two deaths from our local area. **Robert Abram**, a CSR agent at PDX for many years died on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He left wife **Barbara** and many family members. **Mary Shepherd**, the wife of **Don** who passed away in 1998, was a loyal supporter of UAL and the Dew-er's and faithfully attended our meetings until her health deteriorated. She died on July 31<sup>st</sup>. She left behind two daughters and several grandchildren. Our condolences to both families.

Our sick list grew this month. **Ileta Barnhart** is recuperating from a broken hip, **Jill Bills** from heart surgery, **Jack Harper** had a minor stroke and **Janice Mortensen** is having health problems. I should also mention that Jill's mother passed away this month so she needs a lot of support.

The September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a social and please don't forget the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be election of officers and ice cream social. It is not too late to nominate someone for an office in our chapter or you can step forward and let **Charlie Stemper** know you are interested in one of the offices.

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

Calendar:

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

**September 10** - Social

**October 8** - Ice Cream Social and Election of Officers

**November 12** - Thanksgiving Luncheon



## OUR CLUB

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The July 11 luncheon at the newly renovated Beacon restaurant in Grants Pass was great fun. Fifteen OUR Club members attended and enjoyed good food and lively conversations around the table.

On August 1, **Jim & Elaine Ellis** hosted the monthly lunch at Elmer's in Grants Pass. Among the 18 who were able to come, we were delighted to see **Mary Crees** and **Peggy Wilson**, both of whom recently lost their beloved husbands. Our in-house realtor, **Robert Machado**, was unable to make it because of business. We're all cheering him on for energizing the slow real estate market in the Rogue Valley. **Judy Machado** brought her mother, Mary, who is visiting for the summer from Sacramento. We missed **Norma & Lowell Ross** who were tethered to home while **Norma** recuperated from a back injury. Many other members have either returned from travels or are preparing to go, via plane, train, automobile and RV. We (**Jim & Jane Frincke**) recently ran into **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** a couple of hundred miles from home at a campground on the coast. **Bob Lindberg** has been out touring with his car club and **Laurie Jordan**, who has made a remarkable recovery from a second round of knee surgery, went to California to welcome her first great-grandchild.

**Steve & Cyndi Austin** have generously offered their home and large deck for the annual OUR Club picnic barbecue on Friday, September 5. We're looking forward to a fun afternoon together, especially with Northwest Region Director **Jack & Nancy Hooper** coming down from Washington State to join us.

### Calendar:

**September 5** - Annual picnic - **Jim & Jane Frincke**. Details in column.

**October 3** - Hunan Gardens - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

**November 7** - TBA - **Bob & Ida Rogers**

## PENNSYLVANIA

### PITTSBURGH

#### PIT-STOPPERS

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September and soon it will be football season again. Summer goes by too swiftly. The annual Pit-Stoppers's picnic was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Robinson Park with 75 attendees enjoying a day of good food and good company. It was great to see **Capt & Jayne Black**, **Jayne Kroeck**, **Mitch & Doris Abbas** along with **Louie Ragona** and guest **Mary & Ted Polinsky**.

Our great UAL mechanics encountered a few mechanical problems with **Bill "Pappy" Duvall's** scooter. I think they finally solved the problem as I remember Bill scooting around. I thought **Bill & Rich Guida** were going to have a race.

It was heartwarming also to see some of our members' dedicated children escorting their parents. **Jim & Lillian Doolan** were escorted by their daughter along with the children of **Skip Weiss** escorting their mother **Pat** and of course Bill's son, scooter and all.

Our out of town guests included **Earl & Darlene Overfield**, **Bill & Maryann Weifenbach**, **Roger "Bob" Blum** and wife **MaryLou**. **Joe Scafoglio** flew in from Arizona and brought along sidekick **John Knezevich**.

Our congratulations to **Julie & Ray Mcconaghy** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Condolences to the families of two former PIT employees: **Al Shearer** and **George "Boo-Boo" Whitehead** have both recently passed away. Get well wishes to **Norbie "Bud" Gehringer** who was recently hospitalized. Cards can be sent to him c/o 2359 Highland Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Phone number: (412) 343-3682.

Congratulations to **Kay Yauch** for taking such good care of **Big Ed** - He looked like he can go play 36 holes.

Plans for our next luncheon to be held at Peter's Place will be covered next month.

## TENNESSEE

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Green Meadows Country Club was the location for the "One Woman Show" by our own **Mary Lou Barr**. She brought samples of her artwork on everything from kitchen trays to furniture. She also included some of her original paintings. Some of the members were lucky enough to purchase items that were on display. (Unfortunately, I wasn't one of the lucky ones!) We all appreciated Mary Lou's effort to make life more beautiful through her artwork. The art display was set up in a quiet lounge area of the Club adjacent to the dining room. Our hosts, **Jackye & Don Jeacock** had arranged a delicious buffet in the dining room with its panoramic views of the golf course. They did a great job in setting everything up for us.

After lunch and our meeting, we moved back to the lounge. **Jack Ferrell** had brought his photo album along to our meeting. He had included photos of Rocky Top Meetings throughout the years. It was great fun looking back through these photos and reminiscing about our gatherings and the pictures of members who are no longer with us. We all had a wonderful time visiting with one another and discussing the art display and the photos in the album. Unfortunately on a sad note, **Phyllis Dale** passed away on June 15, 2008. She had been battling cancer for some time and suddenly took a turn for the worst. She worked as a flight attendant for UAL for 29 years. Condolences may be sent to her sister, Joyce Lawyer, 7416 E. 65th Place, Tulsa, OK 74133. On a lighter note, the **Koziks** were down from Schaumburg and won the 50/50. Door prizes were won by the **Leonhards, Emmels and Barrs**.

### Calendar:

**September 18** - Hosts and Location will be announced.

**October 16** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**November 20** - We still need hosts for our last meeting of the year. Call the **Emmels** and volunteer today!

## UTAH

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On August 5, 72 chapter members met around 4:30 P.M. at the Sugar House Park Lake Terrace Pavilion to enjoy a catered meal. Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & Chapter VP **Kip Lufkin** had negotiated with a professional caterer, and they were successful in pleasing everyone. A hearty thank-you to both!

**Clair Anderson & Kip Lufkin** also succeeded in contacting many recently retired UALers of various departments – among them many F/As, which greatly swelled the number of today's attendance. Our regular visitors made friendly contacts with their younger colleagues, and it is hoped that this budding friendship will encourage the newcomers to regularly visit our monthly meetings.

It was learned that, on Election Day (11/4/08), our Murray Heritage Center reservation was canceled by the Center: Their management was asked by the Official Election Committee to make available the Center's facilities to accommodate the Election program. Therefore, another meeting place and/or another day will be scheduled for November's chapter meeting, to be announced at our Sept. get-together at the Center. As our

longtime Chapter Treasurer **Bill Ottman** will move to St. George/UT, **Frank Christensen** was good enough to volunteer for the treasurer's duties. Thank you, Bill, for services rendered – and a hearty thanks to Frank for accepting the job!

We welcomed a great number of newcomers whose names are not known, as yet. Only 2 were immediately recognized: **Loni Brady & Carol Simpson**, recently retired F/As who, while based at SFOSW, had also volunteered for UAL's last SLC "Fantasy Flight" in Dec. 2000, a flight that went on a short FAA-approved trip across the SLC Valley -- much to the delight of these seriously ill children. Upon arrival at a different gate, they were greeted with Christmas gifts from UALers **Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown** & his make-believe wife, **Kip Lufkin**. The event was recorded by this correspondent at the SLC AP who had also obtained the names of the local volunteers/flight crews involved.

We heard from **Andy Gallegos** who had been rather ill for a spell. It is hoped he is doing well again!

Two sad notes: Chapter Treas. **Bill Ottman** lost his wife **Shirley** (7/10/08). Our deepest sympathies to Bill & his family! Our condolences to **Lorraine Olson** & family for the loss of her husband **Carl Leroy Olson** (8/4/08)!

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 2** - Coffee Time - 9:30am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

**Oct. 7** - Lunch - 2PM - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC

**Nov. ??** - TBA.

### WASHINGTON

#### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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**Vi Lou Gray** reports that she was able to use 70,000 of her United miles to purchase a year's membership in the Red Carpet Rooms. It sounds like a good way of using some extra miles.

Member **Jim Small** advises that former SEARR employee **Mike Johnstone** has opened up a new restaurant with his partner **Charlie** on Capitol Hill in Seattle. It's called Pike's Bar & Grill, located on the Northeast corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and Pike. They have a nice menu.

The New York Metro chapter enlisted our help in contacting **Joseph Zeillmann** who used to work at JFK. At one of their gatherings, Joe's name came up and several members wondered where he is now and how he's doing. It turns out he's a member of our Emerald City Slickers and living in Federal Way, although he hasn't been able to attend meetings for a few years due to health issues and the fact that he no longer drives. In a telephone conversation, Joe indicates that he's been a widower since 2001, after 59 years of marriage, and has a son and daughter-in-law living in nearby Auburn. Joe started with United in 1946 at 78 cents an hour in Ramp Service, which was a new department at that time. The airport was then at Boeing Field, and what later became Sea-Tac Airport had only a runway and taxiway at the time plus a Quonset hut. When United merged with Capital in 1961, Joe transferred to JFK as Operating Chief of Ramp & Cargo. He later transferred back to Seattle, where he retired in 1987. Joe mentioned that quite a few years back he served as an usher in the wedding of fellow chapter members **Herald & Phyllis Bowman**. We put him in touch with his friends in New York so they can renew their friendships.

Retired SEACS employee **Fernando Pelaez** passed away peacefully at home July 21 after a brief struggle with cancer. Fernando was born in Oruro, Bolivia and moved to Seattle in 1965 and worked for United for 30 years, both in Seattle and at JFKCS. He is survived by his ex-wife **Priscilla**, with whom he remained a close friend, daughters **Kari** and **Francine**, two grandsons and four sisters. While working, Fernando was known for his sense of humor, his friendly, outgoing personality and his willingness to be of help.

**Bob Brumfield** participated in a 9-day convention of men's and women's choruses in Miami during July. The conventions are held every four years, with the previous one having been held in Montreal in 2004. This year 4,700 people attended, constituting 140 choruses presenting 30-minute performances throughout the convention. The Seattle contingent performed 7 different numbers to great acclaim. Attendees also took tours

to such sights as South Beach and Jungle Island, the latter featuring a large variety of birds – including parrots - and monkeys and, according to Bob, a monstrous alligator. Bob said that getting to Miami on a pass was easy, but coming back he got stuck in Denver and stood by for six flights and not a single standby got on. So he took his considerable seniority and got on a much-delayed flight to Portland that had been deserted by most of its passengers and then after a wait in PDX, connected on United Express to Seattle.

Seattle Travel Desk volunteer **Jan Kintner**, retired from SEACS, traveled to Beijing to watch her daughter **Jill Kintner** compete in the Olympics as a member of the U.S. BMX bike racing team. Jill, age 26 and a 1999 graduate of Kirkland's Juanita High School, had quit BMX biking in 2002 and moved on to mountain cross biking where she was recognized as the women's world champion in 2005, 2006 and 2007. BMX racing was featured in the Olympics this year for the first time, and the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Cycling lobbied Jill to return to the sport and try out for the Olympics. She did and qualified for the team, which consisted of one other woman plus three men. This article was submitted prior to the Olympics, so we don't know how the team fared.

**Richard Gray**, retired from SEACS after 34 years with United, and his wife **Janis** operate the successful Barsetti (Janis' maiden name) Vineyards in Galt, CA near Lodi and have been winning awards for their wines. In July at the Indiana international wine competition, they won a gold medal for their Pinot Grigio, a silver for their Merlot and a bronze for their Chardonnay. In August they flew to Hong Kong for 3 days of wine pouring at the convention center in Wan Chi, China. Last October, they were guests of the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica while they participated in the country's Vino Expo. Richard and Janis also have 120 acres of zinfandel grapes which they planted in 1995 and began bottling in 2001. If you want to refresh your memories of Richard and Janis, check out their photos at their website [www.barsettivineyards.com](http://www.barsettivineyards.com).

**Irene Opperman's** mother passed away at the end of July, and Irene and her husband **Jerry** flew down to North Carolina for the burial in early August. Irene's mother was 99 years of age and lived in the vicinity of Irene in the Kent area. Irene and Jerry were quite involved in taking care of her mother's living arrangements and in spending as much time with her as they could. Even with all of this occurring, the Oppermans hosted our chapter's annual picnic at their beautiful home August 12.

#### Calendar:

**September 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**October 14** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**November 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

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**CARBONELL, Laura O.**, MIAHH 05/22/08  
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**COFFEY, Thomas H.**, SFOFO 05/27/08  
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**KENNEDY, James A.**, WHQPR 05/02/08  
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**MARTIN, Herbert M.**, LAXRR 05/13/08  
**MARTINEZ, Betty J.**, DTWRR 05/30/08  
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## LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

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### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

#### **John Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557**

Hi All You Good Colorado Folks: My birthday month is past but if you can use the following item some time ... be my guest.

The April and May issue of the Newsletter had mention of the passing of our flight attendant, **Rachael Woodings**, and good remembrances of her. Well, that name rang a bell with me, so I went back "in my airline files" and found a photo of her from the early fifties. It was published in the Erie, PA. Times. Remember ... this was back in the DC-3 days.

Speaking of Erie and DC-3s, I still remember the last Capital Airlines flight out of Erie after some 20 years of serving that city. It was flight 563 leaving for Pittsburgh. The ship number was 229 and piloted by **Gentry** and **VanBuren**. Flight 563 had originated in PHL, then stops at IPT, ELM and BUF then ERI. Remember those codes?

Our employees at that time, who all continued on with UAL were: **Bill Carlson**, who went to Atlanta, **Bob Gaul** who went to Tampa and **Paul "Dutch" Wagner** and I, who ended our airline years in MIA. I was the last one to leave ERI since I was District Manager and had to officially close the station.

Our ERI airport is still operating and has expanded some since our time. When Capital left, there was still Allegheny (Now USAir), Mohawk and Lake Central.

Another interesting thought when looking back on air transportation in the mid-forties, the employees handled EVERYTHING including such things as runway checking as winters were bad in Erie. So many times, a couple of us would have to drive out on the runway, in our own cars, and sweep off the runway lights, and hope they didn't get drifted full again by the time our DC-3 arrived. We also used our own vehicles to check the braking action. We would get up to about 50 mph, slam on the brakes, and see how far we would slide! Then we would come back into the office and report good; fair; or nil. It was a great experience working in a small station back in those days. And something none of us ex-Erieites will ever forget.

#### **Ray Klapatauskas, 2120 Fox Hollow Ln., E. Greenville, PA 18041**



Well, again it is that time of the year when another birthday rolls around and you forget that your dues are due. Thanks for the reminder as I enjoy catching up on the news of other retirees.

The Company appears headed in the wrong direction again based on decisions that enrich the pockets of a certain few at the expense of others. Tilton and his ilk must rethink the business plan to ensure that this once proud carrier once again rules the "Friendly Skies". If that is not their goal, it is time for them to leave. The good employees, both past and present, have given up a great deal in the way of wages and benefits so that the Company will be profitable. That doesn't allow the current management team the right to waste those efforts that have meant hardship to both retirees and active employees. I know many employees and retirees who have had to take jobs to make ends meet. And with the current do nothing administration in the White House, we are seeing a worsening of the economy where as our dollars just don't stretch as far as they once did.

November is coming and it is time for us to take a more active stance in our communities. Become a loud voice and hold our elected representatives accountable to us and not to the corporate fat cats. Make sure that you get out and vote and don't be afraid to call and write your representatives and hold their feet to the fire. Remember that the corporate fat cats have only one vote just like we do and there are more of us than there are of them.

Retirement is supposed to be a time to enjoy the fruits of our labors. We should not have to continue working 40 hours a week to supplement a retirement. We gave up wages and benefits during our careers so that we wouldn't have to worry when we reached retirement age. We believed that we would have a fair pension and that our negotiated health care benefits would be there for us and our spouses. Granted, times are changing but we planned, basing our retirement on what was happening during our working careers. We have not seen such drastic changes in such a short period of time in our history when it comes to our economy. It has altered our approach to everyday life. We don't need UAL management to make things worse by making bad business decisions. They need to look beyond tomorrow or the next day but look to the future and what will ensure that UAL reigns as it once did where customers want UAL as the carrier of choice.

**Harry Tallman, 14905 Bothell-Everett Hwy. #350, Mill Creek, WA 98012**

Thanks for the birthday reminder. This is # 91. Elsie and I will celebrate our 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August.

I hired on March 28, 1942, so that adds up to 66 years of seniority, 38 years at UAL and 28 years of retirement.

Both Elsie and I are in good health. Elsie takes minimal medication to control her blood pressure. But I do not take anything, not even aspirin or Tylenol. We have both slowed down and I am using a walker 24/7.

Through hard work, careful planning, and wise investments, we now enjoy a comfortable retirement.

Thought for the day: *"As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters point in the right way."*

**Marion Garvert, 730 Melon Ct., Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1627**

I do not do the internet, so I love to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

I recently read that **Barbara Fisk** got married and is now **Barbara Fisk Vincent**. She and I were neighbors for years. I would like to send her my regards.

I am living in the same old house now for 53 years. I am still a part of the South Bay Chapter of RUAEA and love it.

Thanks for all your work. You are all special people.

**Robert Howard, 110 SW 294<sup>th</sup> St., Federal Way, WA 98023**

Yes, I am late but my excuse is better this year. I am in the middle of a move after 36 years.

It is hard to believe that I left UAL ten years ago. I still see a lot of the people but I sure do not miss the work.

Thanks for all the work you do, keeping is up to date.

**James Donovan, 410 Avila Rd., San Mateo, CA 94402**

A big thank you to all of the Pittsburgh retirees, who contributed to the outstanding RUAEA Convention. Your hospitality and hard work are sincerely appreciated. We had a grand time. We hope to see you in Phoenix next year.

**Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hodgeville, WV 25427**

Hello to all the folks in Denver. Thanks again for the great job you are doing on the newsletter. I look forward to getting it each month. I always find bits of information to use and keep handy.

The PBGC finally sent me the notice this past month, informing me about the cut I will be taking on my pension and the entire amount they have over paid me. I will have to pay it back without interest charges. I talked to them on the phone. They were very nice, sympathetic and took the time to answer all of my questions. Besides the big chunk already cut, they will be taking an additional 10% out of what is left each month, until the over payments are paid off, if I live that long. It is going to be a tight budget but we will be OK. I have been through worse, back in 1985 out in San Mateo, CA; my wife booted me out of the house. What guy who has been through that doesn't have a story to tell! I made the right decision when I retired to move back near my home town here in the Shenandoah Valley, where I can afford the housing.

Now for some good news of the past year. My wife and I went out to San Francisco last September for my son, George's wedding. His wife, Vickie is from San Pedro, so we spent the better part of a week, meeting all of her family. We had a great time, the wedding was beautiful and the reception was in San Pedro at the Ft. MacArthur Air Force Base Ballroom, overlooking the ocean.

My son is a part time fireman in Tracy CA where he lives, so they had the honor of having a fire engine escort from the church to the reception in his new yellow Corvette. They honeymooned in Hawaii, flying over on American. For what's it worth, he says he will not fly on United again.

**Clyde Johnson, 867 N. County Rd. 440, Manistique, MI 49854**

Thank you so much for the very good job you are doing. It is nice to see things going so well. When I opened up my email to find that outstanding reminder that my dues were due, I sure could not miss that. A good way to smack us upside the noggin. I appreciate it. Keep up the good work.

**Edmund Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-5661**

Seven years of wonderful retirement (voluntary) have passed. I am saddened by the large number of employees whose careers have been shortened by lay offs and forced into retirement, as our company struggles through these economic hard times. We can only wish them the best in the future and a huge thank you for their many years of dedicated service.

Thanks to you folks at RUAEA for keeping us current on the old and the new.

**Marie Krakowski, 268 Terrace Dr., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514**

I was unable to attend the convention, much to my regret, as it is the place of my birth plus having relative residing but a few miles away.

I had a chance to travel with relatives to Poland for three weeks visiting areas that I had never had an opportunity to explore. Thus I missed out on the convention.

It was sad to learn of **Wanda Tezky's** passing. She was secretary to **Everett Marts** in the payroll department. Because of her, I found myself applying for a position in payroll and there I stayed until retirement.

Wanda was a good person; one could rely on her help anytime. She went out of her way many times notifying a group of us on bargains in travel. So we were able to see Alaska, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, Russia, Turkey, Morocco and many more places. That was a good time to travel. We thank her for those memories. I hope to make the next convention.

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

Enclosed is my check for renewal. Although my birthday month is August, I did not want to see a red star on my next issue. Besides Cathy and I will be gone well into August. We are doing a lifetime trip to Italy including the opera in Verona. We are very excited.

The best to all the folks who keep RUAEA together and especially the staff in Denver.

**Joseph Brabo, 6334 Pergola Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46241**

Thank you for keeping us informed each month. We always look forward to reading the new issues; also reading what other chapters are doing. We are glad that there is the "Indy Racers", here in Indianapolis. We attend the functions each month.

**Ron Madsen, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Apt. 1322, Norridge, IL 60706**

I really enjoy reading the newsletter in my easy chair with a cup of coffee.

I had a few chances to travel this past year. I celebrated my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday in Phoenix with many of my UAL friends. I was glad the party was at the home of my friends, **Jim & Rita Zarek**, because they have a pool and it was 111 degrees. I flew TED and will not be unhappy to see it die.

I did have a chance to travel on the United I knew and am proud of. I flew round trip to Frankfurt, first class and it was wonderful. The old United is still there!

I attended the Pittsburgh convention. I drove as I didn't think my 45 years of seniority would get me on a flight. I am looking forward to PHX in 2009.

**Jim Simon, 2450 10 1/16 Ave., Chetek, WI 54728**

It doesn't hurt to be a little early with my dues and as the new Midwest Director, I am trying to set an example for the members I represent in making sure they pay their dues on time and avoid having their names on the arrears listing.

Our annual dues seem a mere pittance for all the information and representation we receive through our retiree organization. In my new role, I plan to continue to serve our membership as best I can and make sure that our members continue to receive the benefits and information they have so justly deserved. We should all be proud of this fine, well organized, supportive and committed group of board members and directors that have continued to provide the beneficial information that has served us so well. In that venue, I will be working very hard to make sure that our members in the Midwest region continue to receive that support and I look forward to meeting with all the membership chapters before year's end. It is my personal pleasure to be working with all of you during my term.

**Rhoda Aguirre, 208 Lake Merced Hill #2F, San Francisco, CA 94132**

Again, thank you for your continued fine job of publishing our newsletter. We really appreciate the information that is always there. I just noticed in the July issue that Chase waives the \$60 annual fee for United retirees. Thank you, to **P.S. Hawes**, Half Moon Bay, CA for this tidbit.

Frank and I have been retired 26 years, and fortunately we both have our own hobbies, so we have something to share when we are together.

This is a big years for me, just add 26 and 64 together. Frightening, isn't it? Hopefully, I'll be around a while longer.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts. We are sorry that **Jo Madden** is gone, she was a jewel.

**Henry Suta, 2396 W. 115<sup>th</sup> Circle, Westminster, CO 80234**

This year started with a two month visit with Carolyn's family in South Carolina at Myrtle Beach. Next, was my annual visit to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

The news was that my PSA level was up and my doctor wanted me back for a biopsy of the prostate. You know the drill; it was high. One more trip to Houston at the end of June for a cryosurgery, in other words they froze the prostate. Presently, I am suffering from the operation after effects. I have to go back in September.

I wish to say that I have been given extra care and attention from everyone we came in contact with at United and United Express in our travels between Denver and Houston. I want everyone to know the airline has changed but the people have not!

**Millie Nelson 1801 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303**

Thank you for producing the newsletter. I don't see the names of many who knew Ken in SFOIQ.

I hope we all survive the ups and downs of the current travel situations.

I had a lovely trip to HNL for Mother's Day. However, I am not looking forward to the competition for seat when I go to Seattle in July. I might even considering buying a ticket.

I went to visit the San Jose chapter but I have not heard from them lately.

**Ruth Birkland, 1225 Vienna Dr. N. #92, Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1812**

Thank you for keeping the newsletter in paper form. It provides a leisurely, comfortable read.

I took three cruises this year with another one coming up in September to Italy.

I was sad that I missed the Pittsburgh convention; but I heard it was great.

**Ralph Hernandez, 5430 Baltimore Dr. Unit 80, La Mesa, CA 91942-5008**

It is now 12 years since I retired, and I am as happy as can be.

Thank you for the wonderful job you are doing in keeping everyone informed about what is going on with all of us RUAEA members.

My wife and I enjoyed a trip back to New York, Michigan and a cruise to Mexico. It was a very good year for us and we hope to travel some more this year.

**Dorothy Stroud, 11524 Mikado Court, Auburn, CA 95602, dstroud@softcom.net**

Thanks to all who worked so hard for us to have such a nice time in PIT. Those who did not attend don't know what they missed, but it really was a fun time of renewing acquaintances and meeting new friends. We hope to see all those and more in PHX.

Eighteen years of retirement (1990) went really fast. I have enjoyed lots of travel and have been mostly lucky on stand-by. I hope to keep it up.

UAL history: PDX RS 1951-53, LGA stew '53-54, SFO stew '54-56, (Grounded by marriage to Darrell Stroud '56), SFO airport ticketing '56-57, SJC CTO '57-59, rehire SJCO '77-81, furlough to '83, SFOCS '83-89. It was all great.

**Rosemary Davenport, 3964 Brookline Way, Redwood City, CA 94062**

I am the wife of Robert Davenport. He is very ill at this present time, so I am sending in his dues. He is now 89 years young and has been retired for 30 years.

Thank you all for the newsletter. He reads it faithfully and enjoys it very much.

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

I think the best part of a birthday is the greetings from old friends. The happy birthday song on the bus to Central City was great. We saw the West End Story, at the Opera House. Unexpectedly also, at the YMCA where I exercise daily, there was a cake and more song.

A famous restaurant here sends out birthday cards authorizing a discount of a percentage off your entrée equal to your age. In my case at 98, this converts to 98% off of my entrée. I don't think they were overjoyed with my presence.

See you next year!

**June McManus, 347 Fern St, Township of Washington, NJ 07676-5025**

We had a wonderful trip on United Airlines in June, to Yellowstone National Park and other sites. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Trying to clear the "Bucket List", and tight flights but we made it there and back.

Thanks for all you do to compile the newsletter. I look forward to receiving it each month.

**Dolores "Frankie" Frank, 815 N. Humboldt, #314, San Mateo, CA 94401-1423**

Thanks for the renewal notice - (the check is in the mail). It's been 1 yr. since retirement (closed Medical 5/07 - was based in ORD, SEA, CLE, and retired SFO), and it has been exciting! I was able to attend 2 RUAEA conventions: SAC, and PIT, totally enjoyed them and I "thank" the committees for all their hard work, so I could enjoy the visit! (I'm looking forward to PHX!).

I cruised around the Hawaiian Islands (the old "Independence" cruise ship had more of the Hawaiian flavor), had my right knee replaced again, went on a 15 day cruise of AU and NZ, 15 day tour of Italy (flew F/C to both areas, and Business returning - so lucky), and visiting family in Denver. I don't miss work, but I do miss the employees!

Again "thanks" to the RUAEA newsletter staff for putting out this information - we all need the travel tips by Bob, Dr. Reider's column, updates about our "great" company, and letters from fellow members!

**Edward & Jo Eson, Unit 6D, 4902 W. 29th Street, Greeley, CO 80634-8747**

Because I'm so far behind on my Christmas cards, I'm just now starting my update project instead. Jo has been having such bad time in the last year with her back pain, she can only spend a few minutes on her feet and she has to lay down. So she is in a catch-22 situation where Doctors won't operate because of her current health and instead she spends a lot of time in bed.

Being her full time caregiver (Ed), I haven't had time to get my updates out to you on time, sorry. Jo was admitted to the NCMC hospital Friday before Christmas. On Christmas Eve, she was transferred to Centennial Healthcare Center in Greeley. So far, she hasn't received the progress we had hoped for. We are working on getting her therapy at the Center and live at home.

I know we are not getting any younger and all our plans to go and do things have been put on hold, including visits to everyone of our very good friends. God bless everyone and hope you are doing well. Give us a call and I will get back to you (970) 339-5382.

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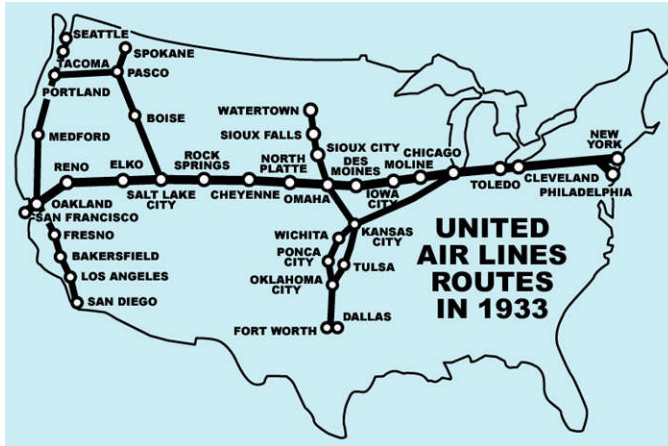
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Following the edict from Roosevelt, the U.S. Congress passed the Air Mail Act of June 12, 1934 giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to regulate the air mail rates. Further, the Air Mail Act outlawed any financial or interlocking directorate connections between airlines and aircraft manufacturing businesses.

Johnson bitterly gave up his Presidencies in United Air Lines and United Aircraft & Transport Corporation. William Boeing, also bitter over Roosevelt's injustice, resigned as Chairman and quit the airplane business.

C.D. Howe, the Minister of Transport in Canada, invited Johnson to Canada where in 18 months, Johnson

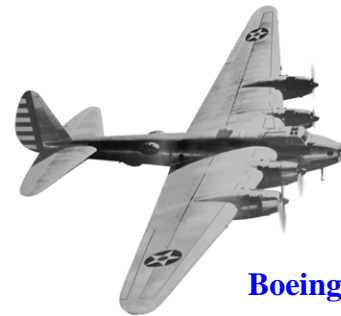
organized Trans-Canada Airlines. In 1939, a day after Roosevelt declared a State of National Emergency, Johnson returned to Boeing Airplane Company as Pres. and set the pace for Boeing's amazing WWII war-production effort.

The Air Mail Act gave United Aircraft & Transport, Corp. five and one-half months to unscramble. This job fell to Joe Ripley, the man who had put it together originally. The reor-

ganization was approved at a stockholder's meeting July 11, 1934. Ripley created three new operating companies: United Aircraft Corp., Boeing Airplane Co. and United Air Lines Transport Corp.

To file new mail bids, other airlines had quickly changed officers and resumed operations under new names. American Airways became American Airlines and Eastern Air Transport became Eastern Airlines.

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