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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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### **The Writers Column - "The Frances Dixon Story"** **by Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**

Two years ago my wife, Martha and I visited my brother, Gordon and his wife, Willee in Billings, Montana. We were privileged to meet one of their closest friends, a delightful 93 year old lady, Mrs. Frances Nelson Wimberly Dixon.



As you investigate the story of our delightful visit with Frances, we believe that you too will recognize that this was indeed a remarkable, brave and determined woman whose many accomplishments were of a sort that we may only dream of tackling. As we reflect on her achievements, we marvel at her wit, candor, graciousness and

dedication to the principles that have made our nation great.

**ROOTS** - Being of African-American descent in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was not easy, especially if you were growing up in Alabama. Frances was born on September 23, 1914 in Auburn, Alabama and had 3 older brothers. Times were to become very difficult before her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, when her father unexpectedly died. Trying to support the children all by herself, their mother's salary as a school teacher just wasn't enough. (No welfare system existed in those days.)

**GROWING UP** - Frances' aunt and uncle from Birmingham, Alabama took her into their home, to lovingly raise her as if she were their own daughter. Her new "Daddy", Uncle Lewis Wimberly was neither educated nor was he especially religious. However, he taught himself to read, write and do basic arithmetic. Lewis was determined that Frances attend a Catholic school. From the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> grades, she attended the *Blessed Sacrament Catholic School* in Birmingham, Alabama. The next 2 years were spent in public school. Unfortunately, Frances' aunt passed away during this period and, having received prior approval, Lewis sent Frances to live in another aunt's home. (This may seem strange to many today but we must remember the different culture that existed in the early 1900's.)

**EARLY LIFE AT TUSKEGEE** - Frances' next residence became a boarding school at Tuskegee Institute. This is now the Tuskegee University of Alabama. Aiding in her acceptance and adjustment to this new environment were the dormitory matron and occasional

visits from her "real" mother. Singing in the Tuskegee choir, she was fortunate enough to be one of 50 girls and 50 boys who traveled to New York City to participate in the musical opening of the Radio City Music Hall. She also was extended an invitation to meet the Franklin Delano Roosevelt family with a later stop in Washington, D.C. to present a program at the White House for then President Herbert Hoover.

Graduating from Tuskegee in the 1930's with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Frances returned for some preparatory work towards her masters which she obtained from Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was also during this time and following that she entered the flight training program and learned how to fly. Additionally, she was active on and off campus, working in various programs to aid the underprivileged and elderly.

**AFTER TUSKEGEE AND HIGHER EDUCATION** - Her first year of undergraduate studies was made possible by an American Red Cross scholarship. This opportunity was made available as a result of Frances' willingness to tackle the position of teaching first & second grade children, pending the arrival of a Catholic nun who was to eventually occupy this position. Upon the nun's arrival, Frances received a scholarship to Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She could choose from among 3 courses: Education, Physical Education and Social Work. She chose the latter.

At the conclusion of her studies at Xavier, Frances returned home to Birmingham. In order to gain additional practical experience in social work, she volunteered in the Jefferson County Welfare program. As the services of this program became increasingly more demanding, she concluded she needed more professional education in the medical field. Receiving encouragement and advice from friends, family and a former instructor to continue her education, she entered Graduate College at the University of Chicago in September 1942, obtaining a Masters Degree in June 1944. After returning once again to her home in Birmingham, Frances waited for the required American Red Cross assignment. She was provided with orientation at Washington University on Army and Air Force protocol.

**BACK TO TUSKEGEE** - Upon graduation and scholarship requirement, Frances became a Medical Social Worker at the Tuskegee Army Air Force Base. Following this assignment, she assumed the post of Assistant Field Director for the Red Cross. On July 26, 1948 President



Harry Truman initiated Executive Order No. 9981 in which black pilots were transferred to various Air Force bases for additional technical training and experience.



## **Willis Tower to be the New and Improved Home of United's Operations Center**



Following an extensive review of multiple sites, both in the Chicago suburbs and downtown, Willis Tower (formerly The Sears Tower) has been selected as the new location of

United's Operations Center, offering much improved workspaces, technology and other resources.

United has been looking at alternative offices that would provide an improved work environment for its employees in Elk Grove and in the most cost-effective manner. Over the past few years, the Real Estate Division has worked extensively to consolidate its facilities as part of United's Real Estate Optimization efforts, including when United moved its world headquarters to 77 West Wacker Drive and at many of its major airports.

More information, including answers to questions will be posted on [SkyNet](#). United will continue to provide updates, as well as offer a series of informational meetings, between now and the time the first employee teams could begin relocating to the new offices as soon as the fall of 2010.

*"The City of Chicago has been very helpful in putting together an incentive program that makes it economically advantageous to move all of our Chicago-based planning and other staff teams downtown," says Pete MacDonald. "The total program, including tax incentives, grants and job training programs will be used to offset United's capital and facility build-out costs associated with the move."*

Only two-thirds of the Elk Grove facilities are currently utilized. Originally built in 1961, the Operations Center has seen many partial rehab projects, leaving the space inconsistent and inefficient to use. The projected infrastructure-improvement costs for United's operational needs over the long term range from \$50 million to \$90 million, making it increasingly cost-prohibitive to continue operating the campus.

## **United Meets With National Mediation Board**

United's labor negotiations team provided an update to the three members of the National Mediation Board (NMB) and the NMB's Director of Mediation Services on the background and status of United's labor negotiations. The NMB is the federal agency responsible for oversight of labor negotiations under the Railway Labor Act (RLA). The NMB also has oversight of mediation requested under the RLA, and there are professional labor mediators who may assist the parties in reaching

agreements on new or modified collective bargaining agreements.

United entered negotiations with its six US-based unions in April of this year, well in advance of the contract amendable dates.

The IAM, IBT, ALPA and PAFCA agreed to jointly request the mediation services of the NMB by August 1, 2009, in the event United does not reach agreements by that date. The AFA agreed to jointly request mediation on August 7.

United and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) as well as United and the International Association of Machinists (IAM) submitted joint letters to the National Mediation Board requesting mediation services. This filing was agreed to as part of United's collective bargaining agreements with each of these unions, whereby United agreed to file for mediation services, if agreements are not reached by August 1.

While United has similar agreements with International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) and the Professional Airline Flight Control Association (PAFCA), it has mutually agreed to continue direct negotiations without requesting mediation.

*"We look forward to continuing productive discussions with all of our unions," said Doug McKeen, SVP-Labor Relations. "While working with a mediator will enable us to continue to move our negotiations forward, we are pleased that we were able to agree with IBT and PAFCA to continue our direct negotiations."*

United expects to file a similar joint letter for mediation services with the AFA on August 7, as provided in the AFA agreement.

The presentation to the NMB has been posted at [unitednegotiations.com](http://unitednegotiations.com) along with an overview of the mediation process. For further information about the NMB, the mediation process and the negotiations process under the RLA, visit [www.NMB.gov](http://www.NMB.gov).



## **UAL Flight 898 Becomes United's 10,000<sup>th</sup> Polar Flight**



As United Flight 898, which departed Beijing for Washington Dulles on Tuesday, July 28, crossed the over the North Pole region, United became the first commercial airline to reach a milestone of 10,000 polar crossings.

*"The shorter, more efficient routes significantly reduce flight times, fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions," says Joe Kolshak, SVP-Operations. "The*

*polar routes also increase payload capability, provide smoother flights and increase passenger convenience by allowing nonstop service."*

United has led the industry by flying the most polar flights each year, and it has been the first airline to open each new polar route over the years.

During 1999, its first year of polar flying, United operated 12 cross-polar flights, and the numbers have grown steadily since then, to more than 1,500 last year.

### **RUAEA Website Update**

The RUAEA Website had a record number of members who cast online ballots during the RUAEA 2009 election voting. A special thanks to all of those members who took advantage of the website to cast their ballots!

Currently, 20% of all RUAEA members are taking advantage of the website's numerous useful and informative features which are tailored to UAL Retirees by having **Level 2** or **Level 3** accesses to the website.

Our goal for 2009 is to double or even triple the number of RUAEA members who will have access to all of the website's useful and informative features by being either a **Level 2** or **Level 3** Website user.

If you are a RUAEA member who doesn't have **Level 2** or **Level 3** access, please take the time to sign up for the Website's many useful features by following the simple procedure described below:

#### **RUAEA Website Sign Up Procedure:**

1. Access the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). A message will appear on that home page: "Are you a RUAEA Member, but not signed up for online access yet? Please **click here** to establish your appropriate access."
2. After clicking on **click here**, a screen will appear which will allow you to select either Level 2 or Level 3 Access:
  - ➔ Level 2 allows you all of the website features except for the online newsletter and its archived newsletters.
  - ➔ Level 3 allows for all website features which include the online newsletter and all of the archived newsletters (36 issues) to date.
3. Choose the appropriate Level and its options that are best for you and click on it.
  - ➔ For Level 2, Click on ***Request Level 2 Access Now***
  - ➔ For Level 3, Click on ***Request Level 3 Access Now***

After clicking on the Access Level you chose, continue to follow all subsequent screens and their prompts. Fill in all required information. Upon completion of entering all of the required information, you will now have access to all of that Levels

website features.

It's just that simple. Should you encounter problems when attempting to signup for website access, please contact [Support@RUAEA.ORG](mailto:Support@RUAEA.ORG) via e-mail.

Please retain this procedure for future reference.

Jim Sommerfield - RUAEA Website Manager

### **EASY DOES IT – Dump Fruit Cobbler**



Helen Cain

Many thanks to the combined talents of **Liz Tollefsen**, Phoenix, AZ "Re-Uniteds" RUAEA newsletter correspondent, and **Sarah Nicole Cziska**, my ever so capable Redwood City, CA granddaughter:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Using a 9"x13" baking pan (glass if possible), lightly brush bottom with butter/margarine or Pam cooking spray.
3. 2 cans Apple pie filling (Optional: Use Cherry, Peach or Blueberry).
4. 1 box yellow cake mix.
5. (1 Tablespoon Ground Cinnamon if using **apple** pie filling)\*
6. ½ cup walnuts, chopped.
7. 1 cube butter, cut into thin slices or melted (if you don't want to get your hands messy)

**Ready, Get Set, Go:** Spread 2 cans (fruit) pie filling across pan. Next, evenly sprinkle entire contents of cake mix over top. \*(If using the apple variety, then sprinkle with cinnamon). Follow with chopped walnuts. Last, add thin butter slices, uniformly arranging them on top. Bake approximately 45 minutes or until cake is golden brown. (Nice with ice cream.)

(As I am able to try them out in my own kitchen, there will be other "**Dump**" recipes to follow ... and I shall endeavor to limit all submissions to only a small number of ingredients.)

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### **ASK THE PHARMACIST - Migraine Headaches**

A migraine headache is a special kind of headache that can last for hours or days. Migraines can cause intense pain, changes to your vision, and stomach upset.

The exact cause of migraines is not known. Migraines may be related to a problem with the blood flow in your brain or they may happen when brain chemicals become unbalanced. Migraine headaches tend to run in families and are often triggered by specific triggers,

such as:

- ☛ stress
- ☛ fatigue
- ☛ changes in weather
- ☛ certain foods, such as red wine, cheese, or chocolate
- ☛ monosodium glutamate (MSG), or food preservatives, such as nitrates
- ☛ bright lights

Migraines affect women three times more than men and often occur during, or right before, a woman's menstrual period. Migraines might also occur when a woman is taking hormone pills.

Before a migraine starts, there is often a warning period of not feeling well. Some people lose part of their vision or see bright spots or zigzag patterns in front of their eyes. These symptoms, which may precede and predict a migraine headache, are called migraine aura. The vision changes of the aura usually go away as the headache begins, though not everyone with migraines experiences these visual symptoms.

Migraine symptoms may also include:

- \* throbbing or pounding headache
- \* extreme sensitivity to light and noise
- \* nausea and vomiting

The pain is usually more severe on one side of the head but can affect the whole head.

Sometimes a migraine can cause symptoms such as numbness or even weakness. However, these can also be symptoms of a stroke. If you have these other symptoms along with problems with your vision, do not assume a migraine is the cause. Call your doctor right away.

**Treating migraines** - Your doctor may prescribe medicine that you can take as soon as you start having symptoms of a migraine. This medicine will help keep headaches from becoming severe once they start. Medicines used for this purpose include:

- ☛ Pain relievers such as acetaminophen (for example, *Tylenol*®), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (naproxen, brand name *Aleve*®) and aspirin-acetaminophen-caffeine (brand name *Excedrin*® *Migraine*)
- ☛ Triptans such as eletriptan (*Relpax*®), rizatriptan (*Maxalt*®, *Maxalt-MLT*®), sumatriptan (*Imitrex*®) and others. Triptans are available as tablets, an injection, and a nasal spray. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a public health advisory about potential risks of taking triptans together with SSRI and SNRI antidepressants. If you're taking these antidepressants, talk to your doctor before taking triptans.
- ☛ Ergot medicines such as ergotamine (brand name *Ergomar*®), dihydroergotamine (brand name *D.H.E. 45*®), ergonovine (generic only, no brands), and methysergide (brand name *Sansert*®). Ergotamines

should not be taken with triptans. If you are taking an ergot drug, make sure to follow your doctor's instructions on when and how often to take it. Overuse of ergot medicines can lead to rebound headaches, which are a type of chronic headache resulting from overuse of pain medications.

- ☛ Another type of migraine medication, known as "preventive medicines" are used to treat very frequent (more than two times a week) or very debilitating migraines. They include beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, antidepressants, and some seizure medicines. These medications are not used to treat headaches after they begin. For these medicines to work, you will need to take them daily, even when you don't have a headache and you may have to take them daily for a few months.

All of the above medications have side effects, so talk to your doctor about which treatment is best for you. Here are some steps you can take to treat your migraine when it begins:

- ☑ Take the medicine recommended or prescribed by your doctor.
- ☑ Rest in a quiet, dark room until the symptoms are gone. A cool, moist washcloth on your forehead might help.
- ☑ Avoid driving a car.

If you take medication to prevent or treat migraines, a Neurology (having to do with the nervous system) Pharmacist from the Medco pharmacy can help. Neurology Pharmacists are specifically trained in the medications used to treat migraines. These pharmacists, available 24/7, can answer any questions you have about the medications you're taking for preventing or treating migraines. Neurology Pharmacists can also review your medication history with you and suggest ways you could save money on your prescriptions. For more information on Neurology Pharmacists, call the number on your prescription drug ID card or visit [www.medcospecialists.com](http://www.medcospecialists.com). For more information about migraines, visit [www.medco.com/health](http://www.medco.com/health).

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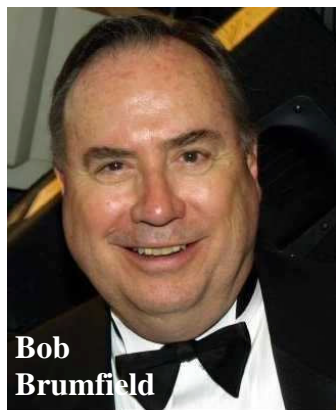




## Ask The Doctor

*"Ask The Doctor" column is featured every other month. We hope you've enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).*

## Travel Tips by Bob



Some friends are always saying, "You have such good travel privileges, if I had travel privileges like that I'd be going somewhere all the time!" I have to admit that our travel privileges are great and I like to use them, BUT at times, the hotel cost is something I cannot always afford.

Currently Hotels are offering some very good rates. The best deals are for weekends and especially if a Sunday is included. Example: Saturday & Sunday or Sunday & Monday. Of course Friday, Saturday and Sunday always works well for a better price. But, clearly Sunday and one other adjoining day give the best discounts. An example of some currently good rates is the Sheraton Hotels. They are part of the Starwood Chain which is offering weekend first night of \$79 and the second night's price is based on the last two digits of your birth year. Mine is 1933 and the second night would be \$33. The Hyatt, Hilton, and Marriott hotels are worth looking at and you may land a 50% or 60% discount for your entire stay. Again, try to include a Sunday in your stay, that's traditionally the slowest day of the week for hotels and sets the stage for a better price for the rest of your stay.

Don't hesitate to shop around checking with other less upscale, brand name hotels, especially the major chains. Always ask about special deals, discounts and etc. And then check the aggregators such as [Expedia.com](http://Expedia.com), [Hotels.com](http://Hotels.com), [Quikbook.com](http://Quikbook.com), and others. Another tip to get a better price is to stay out of midtown/downtown, simply because that's where the action is and rooms are usually at a premium. If the city has a tourism office, check with them, you might land a great discount like "buy one night get the second night 50 percent off", plus discounts on theater, museums, and other attractions.

For one night stays, nothing will beat United's arrangement with area hotels using the "pink distressed passenger slips". To obtain a slip, find a Customer Service Desk in the Gate Area or ask the Gate Agent.

These are for customers who missed the last flight and must stay over night at their own expense. For hotels, this is gravy money from a late evening arrival and for us it is a great deal and sure beats sleeping in the terminal. An example of the available rates is \$31 at the Holiday Inn in Denver, CO. Of course, it's understood that rates will vary but it is worth checking into. Regarding the "pink slip", there is a 1-800 number and instructions on it. After you contact the hotel and make your deal, you MUST record the confirmation number on the pink slip to submit to hotel.

**Hint:** For those taking an early flight, 5:45am for example, and have to drive a long distance to the airport, get a pink slip and stay the night before your trip and standby refreshed.

Happy Traveling,

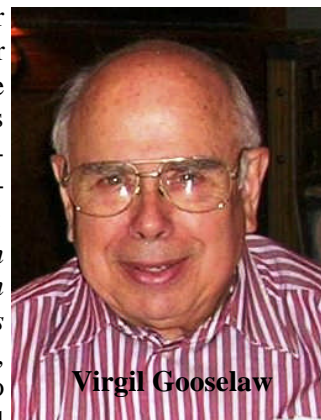
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## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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 (**Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the *Obits* section of this Newsletter), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 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!

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



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# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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Whew is it HOT! Everyone seems to be indoors or travelling to cooler climates.

**John Crowthers** is still recuperating from his heart attack. We wish him well. **Rose Barry** has been suffering for a long time with heel problems. They finally found she has a stress fracture in her foot and is "boot – bound" for a while. Rose, get better soon!

**Bruce & Jackie** are back from their trip to San Diego. **Eldon & Geri Hostetter** are going to Iowa again for another nephew's wedding. Hopefully, he will not come back with pneumonia this time. They are going to Iowa via Bryce, Zion, Mount Rushmore and the Bad Lands. Quite a route. Geri just had Para Thyroid Surgery and feels great; guess that is a go for this extended trip.

**Tim & Nita Everhart** will be traveling to Yellowstone National Park with family. **Sonny & Barbara Carnes** will be spending several months in Sierra Vista, AZ near their family and **Marlene Bechtold** will be in Pennsylvania this month. **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie Hughes** will be vacationing in Yachats, OR this September. **Carol & Vic Lilts** continue to commute to Chicago for family visits. **Dave Barry** is taking **Rose** to Payson, AZ for a month – should be cooler there!

We had 9 members at our July 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting and 9 (faithfuls) at our July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

We would like to invite any UA retiree or any ex-UA employee who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future.

The fall/winter luncheon plans are coming together. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Picnic at Beardsley Park. Then on November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our pre-Thanksgiving luncheon at Pebble Creek. In December, we plan to take a special Holiday bus trip to Organ Stop Pizza, and then tour the Norman Tabernacle display and finally end the evening with the spectacular Glendale Glitters! What a grand time we are going to have. Start marking those calendars.

*"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."* - Ralph Waldo Emerson



### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Roads

**September 1**

**September 15**

**September 29**

**October 13**

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Where has the summer gone? It's now September - the beginning of fall, school starts for the students, the snowbirds will soon be returning, and our Chapter will soon be having luncheons each month in addition to our monthly breakfasts.

We encourage all of you to attend our monthly functions. Membership in **RUAEA** is now open to anyone who has worked for United Airlines and is of retirement age (55). This applies to those who started their career with United Airlines, but for different reasons, did not finish their careers with United. We hope you will try to come to one of our activities. We are a friendly group, and enjoy meeting with old friends as well as new. **RUAEA** has been successful in establishing a proactive voice for retiree interests, concerns, and causes, and has a two-way communication with United Airlines Senior Management. If you have any questions about our local chapter in the Phoenix area, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317, or at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). They will be more than happy to answer any of your questions.

Our July breakfast at Crackers was attended by 14 members. We were happy to hear **Mary McLain** is doing well after her June shoulder surgery and that she no longer needs therapy. **Ginny Rockenhauser** is also making good progress from the corrective surgery she had on her right ankle, and is able to do limited walking on it. She recovered from her knee surgery not long ago.

Our chapter will be hosting the annual All-Arizona Luncheon on March 18, and, therefore, **Rita Zarek** and **Peg Homfeldt** are looking for a banquet facility in the Casa Grande area that could accommodate our group. They are also researching to find some good entertainment for that luncheon. If anyone has some good suggestions, please contact **Rita** or **Peg**.

Be sure and look through the August issue of the **RUAEA** newsletter. There are a lot of pictures which

were taken at the Convention here last May. There are many pictures of our local chapter members, and it brings many happy memories of our Convention, and the good job our chapter provided. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next **RUAEA** Convention May 23-30, 2010 in Orlando, Florida!

Our Oktoberfest Luncheon is coming up soon. We will be meeting Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Bavarian Point Restaurant, Suite #32, 4815 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85205. We will be ordering from the menu there, and individual checks will be provided. The menu is quite large; some suggestions are: Salmon, Orange Roughy, Scallops, Shrimp in the seafood category. Some specialties are: Wurst Peanne, Wiener-schnitzel, Cordon Bleu Veal, Forsterkotelett, Schnitzel Ala Holstein, Zigeunerspies etc. House Specialties are: Madagascar, Jagerschnitzel, Rindsroulade, Schweinebraten, Sauerbraten etc. You can check further on their web wage at: <http://www.bavarianpoint.net>. **Hank Falk** is organizing this luncheon. He needs a head count of those planning on attending no later than Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. He can be reached at (480) 893-1226 or by e-mail at: [hhfalk@juno.com](mailto:hhfalk@juno.com).

Another Luncheon to keep in mind is in November. We will meet Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Scottsdale Community College in the Culinary Arts Dining Room. The entrees include: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Seafood Cakes or Pork Schnitzel. The cost is \$19 per person. More details will be forth coming. Reservations by November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with choice of entree and a check made out to **Re-United**, to **Kathy & Jim Brigante**, 8700 E. Mountain View Rd., #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Any questions, call them at 480-443-0031 or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com).

Don't forget to collect items for the Fantasy Flight, which is in early December. Items needed are bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls and stadium blankets. **Peg Homfeldt** is collecting these items. See or call her if you have any questions.

September Birthdays are: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Tom Carroll** (9/16), **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all of you!

We have two Wedding Anniversaries in September. They are: **Liz & Ted Tollefsen** (9/18/54), and **Eldon & Jane Miller** (9/19/48). That's 61 years for **Eldon & Jane**! Congratulations and Best Wishes!

#### Calendar:

**Sept. 25** - Breakfast at **Crackers**, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), by the Wednesday before the breakfast (Sept. 23).

Our Breakfasts are normally held on the fourth Friday of

each month.

**Oct. 8** - Luncheon at the Bavarian Point Restaurant. Details above.

**Oct. 23** - Breakfast

**Nov. 12** - Luncheon at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Comm. College. Details above.

**Nov. 20** - Breakfast

**Dec. 8** - Luncheon, hosted by the **Wards**

**Dec. 18** - Breakfast

**Jan. 14** - Luncheon, hosted by **Rita Zarek, Peg Homfeldt**, and **Linda Cooper-Koltz**

**Jan. 22** - Breakfast



TALL PINES

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Our luncheons at Pete's, our recently changed meeting location, have been working out well except that we just found out that Pete's is not going to make it through the tough times. At Pete's though, we had a good time with flying French fries and hey, no crash landing there as they swooped in to park at their special hangar ready and waiting! Sad to see them go. We are currently discussing a new location.

In the meantime, our next meeting will be at Goldwater Lake for another picnic. June's picnic was very successful and it was enjoyable to see everyone there. We have been enjoying a full attendance with our monthly meetings as it's always great to see everyone.

Another eighteen members were in attendance in May. Chatter was lively as it usually is with reminiscing on our past and current travels. As far as the summer plans have been going, our group voted to meet throughout the summer for a nice change. June was held at Goldwater Lake for an all area invited picnic; July was held at "Hangar #9" along side our members Czech L-39, compliments of our flying friends, and August will be held at Goldwater Lake as mentioned, all on the same meeting day of the month, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Come one, come all and let us know.

#### Calendar:

**Aug 25** - Goldwater Lake

**Sept. 22** - Restaurant - Location TBD

**Oct. 27** - Restaurant - Location TBD

*Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent.*

*~ Dave Barry*



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**Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** hosted our July 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Thunder Canyon Brewery where 20 Roadrunners attended and enjoyed some good food. Several of our members have tripped out for cooler climates. Looking forward to our August outing in the White Mountains is foremost on our minds right now as the dinner date is drawing near. We will meet at the Pine Top Country Club at 6:00 pm on the evening of August 20<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful dinner if our past experiences are any indication of what's in store. **Howard Hunter** will host the dinner and will need a head count by August 13<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be \$22.95 per person which will include tax, tips and soft drinks. Payment can be made to Howard at the Country Club. Howard's phone number is (520) 825-1908.

**Gordon & Dora Starr** will host a brunch on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at their Nutrioso home located just a short distance off Hwy 180/191 after a right turn at Auger Canyon Rd. Keep right until you reach 2108 and 2109. Starr's house is on the corner #2017. Additional directions will be given at the dinner on Thursday night. Plan on arriving anytime between 10:30 and 11:00 am. Be advised that the highway between Winkelman and Globe will be closed from 0600 to 1800 daily. So the alternate route through Florence would be the best choice.

The September luncheon is currently on hold. We hopefully will have more info at our Pinetop dinner. **Ron & Shirley Robertson** will be hosting our October 22<sup>nd</sup> luncheon at the Saddlebrook Country Club.

### Calendar:

**August 20** - Pine Top Country Club

**September 17** - To be announced

**October 22** - Saddlebrook Country Club

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS

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The month of July has been a quiet one since our Chapter did not meet. There have been some disturbing

e-mails regarding the direction UAL is going, and have also been written up in the newspapers. I don't pay too much attention to e-mails unless the information is quoted from reliable sources. It looks like there is going to be quite a change in September with flight schedule reductions and layoffs. Our local airport (SBP) still has United Express operating from it and when checking flight loads several times a week, I've noticed that they operate almost full. Just the other day, it was reported that the SBP Airport Authority wants to create an incentive for existing and new service. They also want to reduce landing fees if more flights are added. There were great plans to extend and improve SBP, until the recession hit and now everything is on hold. This is the sign of the times, I guess.

Our Chapter has about 19 active members and we have had very informative meetings. However, I needed to know more about the history of our members. So I gave the members a form to fill out, to give me as much information that they wanted to share. I have had several forms returned to me and I want to acknowledge those retirees, with their history and any comments. In no particular order, **Wayne Foster** has worked for UAL from July 1946 until retiring in August 1986. His career started in BUR and lasted 13 years before working at LAX for 27 years. He worked in Ramp Service, Inflight Service, and Air Freight. His wife **Jean** also attends our meetings regularly.

The other retiree I want to acknowledge is **Peter Schaefer**. His career with UAL started in Sept. 17, 1952 and retired in August 1, 1996. He worked in MDWDD, OPBOP, OPBDD, DENDD, EXOCM & LAXFO. And in his words, 44 good years, and I concur. He is always accompanied by his wife, **Joan**.

I will be recognizing other members from time to time. It has been interesting information I have received so far, almost as good as WWII vets relating their war experiences.

Our next Chapter meeting will be Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Avila Beach Golf Course hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We have held our luncheons here for several years and the setting and food is always good.

Here's a little trivia for all the cooks: *Chewing gum, while peeling onions, will keep you from crying.*

### Calendar:

**August 19** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

**Oct. 21** - Hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

**December 16** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.



## **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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**Dick & Hazel Hayes** hosted the Brazen Raisins' August 2009 meeting and decorated the meeting room in a Hawaiian (?) motif.

Our new RUAEA Director **Roger Casterline**, with daughter **Carla**, visited. Roger gave a brief background of his 29 years with United; Carla had also worked for United for 20 years and told about her career. Roger spoke of what's going on with United, including a possible partnership with Continental. Adopted at the RUAEA Convention is a provision that anyone age 55 or older who works or worked for United may join RUAEA.

New flight fares called "Twars" are available for last minute ticket purchases. RUAEA is looking into holding conventions on cruise ships; retired pilots have been doing this every other year, and their president will be at the next RUAEA meeting to give information.

Dick Shryock had sent letters to UAL retirees in Merced and Mariposa inviting them to attend a BR meeting.

No jokes - bummer!



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The Elephant Bar in Palm Desert was the site for 30 Sunbirds to roost for luncheon hosted by **Barb Azbill**. Several new "birds" were presented including **Merv Myers**, **Barbara Harrison** and **Brad Zittel** - happy to add to the flock. In addition, **Bill Courtney** joined this month but was not able to attend. About 180 years of wedding anniversaries were celebrated in July including: **Maureen & John Schultz**, **Elaine & Ron Aggson**, **Jan & Fred Kellerhals**, and **Melinda & Ron Lerg**. All were present at the luncheon. Much different than June when we had no anniversaries!

I'm happy to report that both **Jan Kellerhal** and **Dede Utzinger** are making rapid recoveries from their surgeries. Both will be able to travel soon.

Travel is common in the summer, so some of the Sunbirds were off to Hawaii, Ohio, Texas, Canada, and Massachusetts to name a few spots. Those of us who stayed in the desert enjoyed one of the coolest Junes ever.

The only birthday bird present, **Barbara Napier**, won the free lunch. The 50/50 winner was **Maureen Williams** who will be using the funds for her "Dollars For Scholars Fundraiser". The date for the fundraiser is October 19 in Desert Hot Springs. All funds go directly to the scholars and you can contact Maureen @ (760) 251-8844 for more information for the event.

## **Calendar:**

**September 9** - Meeting at Mimi's Cafe in Rancho Mirage, hosted by **Chuck Lamas**.

**November 12** - Luncheon, NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.

## **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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## **SACRAMENTO**



President **Francis Domaratius** opened the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and thanked **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt** for hosting the luncheon at the delightful Lake of the Pines Club House on a picture perfect day in the mid 80's. The round tables for eight had a lovely summer theme with very clever items displayed as centerpieces for each table, each one a different look! Sonda was extremely creative with such fabulous and clever arrangements. The spacious private room overlooked the beautiful Lake. Many enjoyed the boat ride after lunch, viewing the lovely homes and the peacefulness of the Lake. Fifty six members were present. Guests included **Bonnie Randall**, daughter of **Charles Dinsmoor**; **Jacque Woods**, guest of **Bob Hallden**; **Mike Housauer**, guest of **Al & Gloria Kaiser**; **Tim & Cyndi McPeak**, son and daughter-in-law of **Glen & Alice McPeak**. We were also pleased to have RUAEA Director Northern CA/NV Region **John Zoboli** and his wife **Pat**. It was a pleasure to see **Al Kaiser** as Al was the **first president** and the **founder** of the **Gold Diggers** in 1981.

Vice President **Frank Dellinger** started the officer's reports bringing us up to date with the locations for the remainder of the meetings through Feb. 2010.

Recording Secretary **Barbara Bertacini** reported anniversaries for July which included **Tom & Betty Obert** (54 years); **Francisco & Marta Fornells** (55 years); **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** (60 years)! The President of the South Bay RUAEA Chapter, **Dave Saso**, has invited members of the Gold Diggers to attend their December Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara. For those wishing to stay overnight the evening before at Mariani's Inn, the special rate of \$89 + tax includes a full hot

breakfast in the morning. The event on Dec. 8 is from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is a very thoughtful idea of the South Bay Officers to invite other central California chapters to their December luncheon. More information will be coming in October as to the choice of three entrees and the cost which will be approximately \$20 to \$23 depending on the entrée selected. This Holiday Social will be the day before the Gold Diggers Holiday Luncheon which is Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Alta Sierra Country Club. There is time to arrange your calendar to be able to attend both of these special events.

Filling in for Treasurer **Judie King** was **Forester Sinclair** with the account balance. Sunshine **Darryll Stroud** said that he had not heard from anyone which is good news. Today's job for Darryll was "parking attendant" which he appeared holding a rather large United jet balloon greeting everyone as they drove in to park.

RUAEA Director N. CA/NV **John Zoboli** mentioned the Maintenance Base Open House, Sunday, October 11. This coincides with Fleet Week in the Bay Area. The Blue Angels operation base is at the MOC. Please contact John for a flyer regarding the details of how to make arrangements to attend this event. Also, there is a need for volunteers to greet and guide those attending. The name and contact information is within the flyer. There will be a RUAEA table with brochures and information about joining RUAEA. John also reminded everyone about the seventh annual United Airlines Maintenance Get Together, August 21-23, 2009 which will be at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. The Reno Sierra Roundup Chapter is hosting a picnic at Sand Harbor State Park August 10<sup>th</sup> which many of the Gold Diggers plan to attend ... John announced that John Tague is the new President of United Airlines and that UAL Chief Financial Officer Kathryn Mikells was given an additional title of Executive Vice President. The modifications for the 747 have been completed which include a few interesting changes in the seating arrangements. John commented on the beautiful Lake of The Pines location and how much he and Pat have enjoyed attending the meeting.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** stated that John Tague has an extensive airline background with United. Glenn Tilton is still the Chief Executive Officer for United. RUAEA sent out 4400 mailings which included a letter from RUAEA Pres. **Ron Robertson**, a RUAEA brochure and a membership application form with about a 10% return of membership as yet. Currently we are in the process of another 1100 mailings with a new letter from **Ron Robertson** along with the RUAEA brochure. Membership increase is also a result of the recent bylaw change at the past RUAEA Convention which offers membership to all who have worked for United in the past but did not necessarily retire. This opens up a tremendous number of

possible new members for RUAEA.

Ron reminded everyone about the May 23-30, 2010, RUAEA Convention in Orlando, FL and recommended all to check out the hotel's website at [www.rosencentre.com](http://www.rosencentre.com) to see how fabulous the location is. Parking is free. The hours for the Oct. 11 Maintenance Base Open House is 11am to 5pm. **Ron Bertacini, Francis & Veronica Domaratius, John & Pat Zoboli** and **Roger Casterline** will handle the RUAEA table as this will be a good opportunity to let people know who we are and what RUAEA does as an organization. **Barbara Bertacini**, along with **Cheryl Jensen**, will be at the Clipped Wings table to answer questions and distribute brochures. There is still a need for others to volunteer for the various two hour shifts assisting as needed for the Open House. A question was asked if spouses of retirees are eligible to join RUAEA and the answer is yes. Ron went on to say that all spouses are welcome to join and he stated that some chapters would not be able to exist without the spouses filling the officer positions. Their contributions are very much appreciated.

Ron stated what a wonderful job **Virgil Gooselaw** is doing as the RUAEA Newsletter Manager. He went on to say how important Virgil's wife **Martha** is to the success of each issue as she does the proofreading and helps out with the hand written letters which are received each month. A most sincere thank you to Virgil for all his efforts and time spent in producing a terrific Newsletter for all to enjoy and to Martha for her contributions as well. Raffle Drawing was conducted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger**.

#### Calendar:

**Aug. 26** - Lou Labonte's Restaurant hosted by **Velma Stough**

**Sept. 30** - Lake Wildwood picnic hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

**Oct. 28** - Chinese Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

**Dec. 9** - Holiday Social hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

**January 2010** - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

**February 2010** - Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**



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Our August meeting/luncheon had originally been scheduled at a restaurant that has suffered the same fate



as so many businesses in this troubled economy. Our hosts **Rosemary & J.R. Heier** were notified 2 weeks ago that it had closed and they quickly had to scramble to find another restaurant. Tahoe Joe's in Folsom came to the rescue and were very accommodating. It was a great lunch and all agreed we would be back. Thank you Rosemary & J.R. for a job well done. There were 39 Gold Miners present and one guest, **Bob Hallden**. Bob is a past present of the Gold Diggers.

President **Jeanette D'Amico** talked about the funds in our treasury and the group discussed how we want to spend some of the money. It was agreed that we will subsidize the December luncheon and once again send a certain amount to a charity. Jeanette asked the group to return with suggestions for suitable charities.

Vice President **Jon Somplack** commented that all the luncheon dates for 2009 are filled but encouraged those who had not hosted yet to sign up for 2010.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** noted the passing of **Jim Chorley** and said he had sent a card to Karen.

The notable anniversary for July was **Tom & Betty Obert** (54 years) and for August was **Al & Geneva Lockwood** (64 years).

Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** reported that the treasury balance is looking good.

RUAEA Executive Vice President, **Ron Bertacini**, reported on by-law change made at the recent convention and said that so far 4400 letters have been mailed to the affected retirees inviting them to join RUAEA. RUAEA Director, **John Zoboli**, talked about the new leadership at United. Both the new President and Executive Vice President have airline experience.

#### Calendar:

**September** – No Meeting

**October 5** – Meeting at the Redhawk Casino, hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima**.

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July's Redwood Empire meeting was at Quail Inn, Oakmont, CA. Members helped **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by presenting the couple with a framed photograph taken of them by our official photographer **Barney Hagen**.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced eleven July birthdays and awarded the birthday lunch to **Pat Leahy**. Beside the O'Kelly anniversary, we celebrated the anniversaries of **Nick & Maria van Kruining** (56 years)

and **Fred & Joan Langkush** (59 Years).

**Charlie Anderson** was in the autobiographical spotlight this month. Joining United in 1950 as Warehouseman, he quickly advanced to Storekeeper B and then A. Four years later, he was a Shop Steward with the union, then editor of Trade Winds, a monthly newsletter. Eventually he became Supervisor on the mid-night shift. After 35 years of working for UAL, he retired in 1985 and soon was instrumental in starting the Redwood Empire chapter of RUAEA.

#### Calendar:

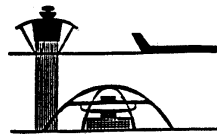
**September 10** - Chalet Basque, San Rafael, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

**October 8** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Judy DeFord & Mary Hill**

**November 12** - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

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In reading other chapters' news, great ideas are picked up. I was interested in the Tampa Bay, July column; **Terri Breslin's** observation of how rude the passengers are. Terri is not the first to notice this. In my mind, one demonstration of rudeness is the non-stop talking of passengers while the pre-flight safety announcement is being screened or announced by a flight attendant. Remember Capt. Al Haynes who survived the Sioux City DC-10 crash on July 19, 1989? Totally unforgettable was his presentation at a convention a few years back of the incident in which he admonished us to *always* take out the safety instructions, and *always* follow the presentation no matter how many times you fly – "the life you save may be your own". And did you read about the passengers injured in a flight from So. America recently - too many were not wearing seat belts!

Then there was the item by the Indy Racers about the Blue Angels screaming across her pasture en route to the airport. Come visit us at Leisure World in Seal Beach where we are serenaded on Saturday mornings by the scream of our Weekend Warriors in their fighter jets ripping the sky just a couple of miles east of us from the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. Not as colorful as the Blue Angels but as noisy. And often our afternoons are totally shaken by the final approach (right overhead) of the **huge** military C17 (I think) into the LGB airport and its Boeing home.

We all love Bob Brumfield's columns - hope the computer is fixed soon. In one of his columns, he mentioned SW and some of their good fare deals. I have used them with the non-restricted senior fare, but everyone should be aware of the one limitation of that fare - you cannot get an advance boarding priority card because you have to stand in line (grrrr!) to show the agent your proof of age for the fare. Result - guess who ends up sitting in the middle seat? Yep! The seniors! Was it Bob who asked for opinions about having a convention on a cruise ship? My opinion (for what it's worth?), it sounds pretty nice to me, BUT there could be a big problem with banquet facilities as far as I've observed on ships. Maybe one which has a port of call with hours that would enable a banquet at a good hotel in one of the ports?

**Donna Klobe** advises that she will bring to the picnic or the next meeting the extra ReLAXers pens donated by **Harry Takaki**.

In case you haven't heard, **Ed Clay** has moved to new assisted care facility. It's The Springs at Pacific Regent, 919 109<sup>th</sup> Ave., N.E., Bellevue, WA 98004 / 425-646-3818. He is losing his sight, so phone calls are so important to him - do call.

**Olga Jean Barnes** just seemed to love the Marina Hospital! It is a nice hospital, but enough already! She'd still been feelin' a bit puny, and they discovered with this, her #4 visit, that she's anemic. The iron pills seem to be doing their job and she's feeling stronger and has her good color back. Good news about **Betty Kopp**, she is finally on the mend from the bad infection that besieged her post-surgery (since January!) and hoping to attend the picnic. The **Sokoloffs** were able to make it to the steak fry in El Segundo. Bill is finally recovering from an infection he got in the hospital after a routine medical procedure. In hearing of infections folks are picking up in hospitals, you begin to really believe the expression that "the cure is worse than the disease!" They were getting there late - followed me off the freeway -- a/c they and several others and I from this area were caught behind a 7-car pile-up on the I-405. We found the elusive "alternate routes" and made it in time for our steaks!

Speaking of the steak fry - it was a great success, as usual, with 124 attendees. It was good to see some members who've been unable to get to meetings of late - **Joyce & Kennedy Hendricks** came from FL - looking very good. Joyce had some great family pictures, so we could catch up with her kid and grandkids. They will be at the Orlando Convention and Joyce suggested a ReLAXers get-together there. She, Donna and I will be contacting you-all, so plan to be there! It was nice to see **Roy Powers** with a friend and his daughter, Bev. Roy lives just a couple of miles from Leisure World - we're trying to talk him into a move here! The **Horom-**

**polys** brought their very handsome 6-footer grandsons who are visiting from CO. They are heading off to Maui today (the 7<sup>th</sup>) - standby looks good she says - but they were both busy serving and grilling for the crowd. **Jo Ann Briggs** was another volunteer server - another traveling lady. I swear she must live out of her suitcase even at home - might as well because she manages to be on the go every time ya turn around and will be off again in another week or so. Don't know how she does it! **Charlene Walker** reports she had a terrifying experience over there in the AZ desert area recently. She got caught in one of the infamous desert torrential downpours and was in a low area. Suddenly she was in a huge flood with water nearly over her car. She couldn't get the doors open and thought she wouldn't make it when someone strong came along and was able to open the car enough for her to get out. So scary! We're so relieved to know she came out of it OK, but sorry to hear that her car was totaled.

We heard from Maureen Marks, **Ernie LaMarre's** daughter, that Ernie passed away on July 10. Ernie had not been well for some time and Maureen was his close care-giver. She can be reached at 14045 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., N.W., Seattle, WA 98177. Sincere condolences are extended from all of us who worked with Ernie. I heard from him in the last few years, then heard from Maureen of his progress and will miss those notes.

We are all so sorry to hear from **Dorothy Overby** that **Henry Pietrzak** is now at home with Hospice care suffering from cirrhosis of the liver (was caused by medication he had been taking). He would love to hear from his friends at ReLAXers - send notes or cards to him at 1298 Brookhaven Pl., Upland CA 91784. (NOTE - typo in some emails show his Street number as 198, correct is 1298). Or send emails to him c/o Dorothy at [thedove063006@msn.com](mailto:thedove063006@msn.com).

Cheerier news - **Dick Pendleton** reports that his daughter, Karleen, presented grandpa Dick with a granddaughter, Elena, on July 29. Dick has already bought his parking tag for his trip to Toronto to visit the new baby in a few weeks. Congratulations, Dick, and have a fun trip.

**Special Notices from Barbara:** Just a reminder that the wonderful volunteers in PDS, SEA and CHI are very willing and able to help you with your travel questions. I am not at all knowledgeable about travel for widow/widowers (I'm not one and have no close friends who are), or for companions (I don't give out any companion tickets - don't ask!). Please get GOOD info by calling the experts -- it's nice talking to folks, but you're wasting your time a/c I just can't help! Where I can help is with LAX employee parking. Email or call me for details for good deals. That's for LAX only - I have no info about any other airport employee parking, if there even is any like at LAX anywhere.

**Special Meeting Change Notice:** Due to travels of the whole ReLAXers staff, the October meeting has been changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>. So re-mark your calendars for ReLAXers on 10/8, scratch 10/1.

**Calendar:**

**October 8** – (New Date) Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant.

**October 10** - LAXRR Reunion at Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo 11am-4pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance** at (310) 837-4695 (unlisted, so handle with care!) or [res-rat@aol.com](mailto:res-rat@aol.com) for details and reservations

**December 3** - Christmas Luncheon at Proud Bird, bring gifts for our charity's kids.

**GOLDEN GATERS**

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End of summer? Doggone! Oh well, it will make flying “standby” easier for most of us. Labor Day isn’t until September 7<sup>th</sup>? I remember my mother always used to say Labor Day was actually January 23<sup>rd</sup> (the day she had me).

By the time this newsletter is printed, time will be short to obtain tickets for our annual picnic on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at **Flood Park**, 215 Bay Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025-1730. Ticket pricing is \$10 for chapter members, \$15 for guests, with ticket purchase cut-off time on Friday, September 18. Please see or telephone Auditor **Gene Walter** at (650) 856-9738. And remember to put your name on the back of your ticket to be eligible for the drawing of a free lunch at our regular Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Our Charity Angel **Harriet Kunze** would like to remind you to bring to the picnic any non-perishable packaged or canned foods to be distributed to those less fortunate. (P.S. For those of you unable to attend this picnic, please remember we will have no September General Meeting.)

**OUR BLESSINGS** on the following quartet of anniversary celebrants for obtaining “over-50-year-status”: 71 years **Marie & Milt Cavalli**, 61 years **Auburey & Betty Bliss**, 54 years **Ernie & Pearl Bloom**, and 51 years **Rex & Margaret Reelfs**.

Kindly accommodating past Domestic Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson**, with willing aid from our peppy **Jo Milligan**, have agreed to **re-start** our local & daytime tours ... to take place every 3 months ... yay! Ladies! We’ve missed the camaraderie! Early suggestions will possibly be trips to the newly remodeled **San Francisco** Aquarium, Planetarium & further south along the coast to Duarte’s Restaurant (oh, that fabulous arti-

choke soup!) in the quaint town of **Pescadero**.

If you are interested in saving RUAEA postage money by receiving your monthly newsletter **online**, this is great! Realize too, that by doing this, you are able to **read** your newsletter **earlier** than the “snail mail” recipients. So, Early Birds, plan to attend the return of the Mainliner Club **Bingo** games scheduled for Saturday, September 12, to be held as usual at the Local Union Hall 1781, 1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA. Need further info? Call the Mainliner Club at (650) 534-4158 or Bob at (650) 799-7577.

Busy-as-a-bee International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is completing arrangements for her 7-day **Dubai (Persian Gulf)** January 2010 cruise. **Dahlberg** is also double-time-working on a special attendance tour in late August or early September 2010 for the once-every-10-year **Oberammergau, Deutschland “Passion Play”**, to include visits to **Innsbruck, Ostereich & parts of Switzerland**. With plenty of time on her hands (!), **Dahlberg** is also offering a sign-up list for May 2010 for those considering a visit to this country’s **National Parks: Yellowstone, Black Hills**, etc. Interested in any of the foregoing? Contact **Dahlberg** at (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

SFO Airport Ambassador (volunteer) & chapter member **Ernie Bloom**, complete with arm in sling due to a rotator cuff injury, very timely informed us of a drugstore/pharmacy (no prescriptions, please) coming to the airport’s Terminal 3 in the rotunda across from Gate 73.

I’ve received inquiries concerning the functioning hours of the **Chicago, Portland & Seattle Travel Desks**. Near the last page of each monthly RUAEA newsletter under “Important Phone Numbers” are the numbers you want. **Chicago** Travel Desk: 1-877-242-0035, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Central Time. **Portland** Travel Desk: 1-888-278-7038, Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pacific Time. **Seattle** Travel Desk: 1-888-826-3375 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pacific Time. These are all toll-free numbers. Do you carry these telephone numbers with you when you travel? I recommend it.

Another item that needs repeating is from **Dale Harper**’s August 2<sup>nd</sup> daily NewsReal column concerning our safety, including unexpected turbulence, when we’re flying. As you probably have noticed for many years, the best dressed people on a UAL airplane are the employees and/or retirees. Why? Because **WE** have a dress code. In addition, most of us have sense enough to keep our seatbelts fastened the entire time we’re up in the air ... until we have pulled up at the dock & we **HEAR** the engines turned off. How many times do you hear the “click, click, click” of seatbelts being unfastened the minute you hit the ground? This is pure stu-



pidity & not usually the actions of UAL people. I quote **Dale**: "On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, a **Continental 767** flying at 38,000 feet about 50 miles north of the **Dominican Republic** hit severe clear air turbulence. The pilots were unable to give a warning. The plane was diverted to **Miami** with 26 passengers injured, 4 of them seriously." Many of the passengers were not wearing seatbelts & hit the ceiling, receiving head, neck & back injuries. **My dear beautiful UAL retirees**: To avoid being listed in our monthly RUAEA "Golden Gaters" column under "obits" or "injured", take heed! (Please warn your companion pass people too.)

Locally exciting: the **SFO Maintenance Base** will have an Open House (party time!) during Fleet Week on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other attractions will be offered such as musical entertainment, the appearance of collectors' cars, motorcycles & small aircraft, tours of a UAL jetliner, expanded children's area & plane-pull contests ... topped off by the **Blue Angels** ground & air appearance with personal greeting time available for signing autographs. Food & drinks will be available for purchase. Hundreds of UAL volunteers are needed. These volunteers will receive lunch with additional coded wristbands for guests. To volunteer, contact **Debbie Van Wart** at (650) 634-4842 or send email to [Debbie.vanwart@united.com](mailto:Debbie.vanwart@united.com). Regarding the securing of coded wristbands necessary for general entry, further detailed information will be made available in the coming weeks.

**Personally Speaking**: My last Summertime 2009 "mini-vacation" was a week spent last month tent camping in the woods, 12 miles inland from the Pacific coastline in a 325 acre County Park heavily crowded with big beautiful redwoods. In between our more adventurous out-of-state camping trips, my family began camping in Loma Mar, CA 44 years ago. Times have changed. Now you actually have to telephone or go online & reserve your camping site. No more showing up at the Loma Mar Main Gate at 6 or 7 or 8 a.m. Now you check in at 3 p.m. (like a hotel) and check-out at 11 a.m. But the birds & animals don't know that, thank goodness. Depending on the length of my stay, I always bring 10 lbs. of grapes for the night time visits of marauding but adorable raccoons, special birdseed for the early morning calls of brazen blue jays, & an overly generous supply of walnuts or almonds for the squirrels. For the last few years, a very small specie of red-headed woodpecker has been showing up ... & this is really fun: Even with my bad aim, they're quite expert at catching grapes mid-air. But as age creeps & leaps up on me, I've had to learn some "survival" tricks. I bought a really thick Eddie Bauer twin size air mattress at Target. It inflates nicely with an external pump that takes 4 Size D batteries. Afterwards, it also deflates ... even I can work that one. I put an old wheelchair pad

inside the tent on the floor next to the air mattress. It saves black & blue marks on my knees. Years ago, I bought a sturdy all-wood folding chair. Now I use that right outside the tent door. I find that it makes for really great support as I beg my legs to help me "gracefully" crawl in & out of the tent opening. And I can sit on it when I put my shoes on. The inside of my tent has something like a pocket on one side. So I slip in a wire (remember those?) coat hanger to hold my lightweight jacket up & off the tent floor. This usually keeps spiders & other little bugs from becoming my second best friends. The **best** all-around aids that I've found are those wonderful bungee cords that you can buy in all sizes. They tie up my sleeping bag (when I'm not in it), keep the night raiders ('coons) from opening my Igloo cooler, tie up those 2 years worth of magazines I've been meaning to read, & afterwards, tightly wrap up my tent & tent stakes. Other than my huge appreciation for those bungee cords, I've discovered & purchased variously sized lanterns that work with household batteries, size C or D, & have very bright energy-saving lights. No more fighting with matches, lamp mantles or Coleman fuel cans. (I still use propane bottles for my stove.) I'd love to have a van or camper to transport everything but since I can't do that, I bought a soft-sided luggage carrier "bag" that fits on top of my 4-door sedan, plus a luggage rack. Together they hold quite a bit. So I've proved, **at least to myself**, that I didn't have to give up camping. Personally speaking, I think the nicest thing about camping, besides the peace & quiet & sharing your larder with the cute little feathered & furry forest inhabitants ... is that you don't have to put on lipstick!

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (except for September & December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William 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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The highlight of July was the day our group presented **Stan Kolman** with a plaque, in thanks, for all the work he has done for our chapter over the many years. Stan has always been there to help when needed. Thanks again, Stan, for all your years of dedicated service; you have helped to keep our chapter strong.

President **Dave Saso** announced that he is starting a website for our chapter. This will make it much easier to communicate with our members ensuring advance notice regarding upcoming guest speakers and dates for all of our functions without having to wait for the national news letter to come out. Our web site is: [www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.com](http://www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.com).

The arrangements were finalized this past week for our annual Fall Luncheon which will be held at the Faultline Brewery & Restaurant in Sunnyvale, CA on September 30, 2009. **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** and I have been there several times just to make sure the food would be great – tough job, but someone has to do it! The luncheon will feature live entertainment by Tony Castle, a vaudevillian one man show. Please contact either Zelma (408.734.3043) or Cheri (408.226.7855) if you have not received a flyer. We are also extending an invitation to any RUAEA members in central and northern California who would like to attend. This is a great chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

**Genevieve O'Brien** gave a short talk on a book that her husband's (**Raymond O'Brien**) first wife wrote on genealogy. It was very interesting to see what she had found regarding the O'Brien family history.

Dr. Susan Wiltturner will attend one of our September breakfast meetings to discuss how stress and depression affect our physical health. Date and time to be announced – for more information, please contact President **Dave Saso** (408.226.9347). **Marion Gaevert** has arranged to have her physical therapy doctor speak with us about senior physical fitness. Karl Knoff, PhD, will join us for breakfast on October 9, 2009. We look forward to hearing how we can all stay fit.

We have several members who cannot find a break in the clouds and are still under the weather. **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Gerry Frisch, Alice Shelton** (doing better), **Vi Mattscheck, Paul Gual, Garver Sandy, Carol Copley** and **Dwayne Howze**. Your calls, cards and prayers will help them to get out and flying around again.

#### Calendar

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**September 30** - Fall Luncheon, Fault Line Brewing, 1235 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale (X Lawrence Expressway). Please call **Zeima Kibler-Rosenthal** at (408) 734-3043.

**December 8** – Save the date! Our spectacular Holiday luncheon will be held at Mariani's. Please plan to attend. We would like to extend an invitation to all central and northern California RUAEA members to attend

our party. Mariani's has a motel attached and are offering discounted rates to any members from out of town who would like to attend. Don't miss this event! We will have live entertainment, a great menu, party favors and lots of fun. Please call President **Dave Saso** (408.226.9347) for more information.

#### SAN JOAQUINERS

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Today is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and it is 108 degrees here in Jamestown. I hate the heat. I would be so happy if the temp never went over 80 degrees. But I have no say in the matter and can't control what Mother Nature dishes out, so I guess I will have to deal with it just like everyone else. Summer will soon be over and then we will all be looking forward to lovely Fall weather.

The San Joaquiners had our last luncheon meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at a new location here in Sonoma. We went to Christopher's Italian Restaurant and the food was great! The luncheon was hosted by **Irene Vermillion** and she surprised everyone with an ice cream on a stick for dessert. That was a nice refreshing surprise and a delicious treat. Irene also held a raffle and of course we had many lucky happy winners.

**Nancy Buddington** has recovered quite well from her knee replacement which was done on May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Doug Daniels** was at our luncheon and he is doing well after the fall he took at home. We have received a good report about **Dennis Dergan** that he is doing really well and responding to his chemo and radiation treatments.

Our Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the date, time, and location of our next luncheon meeting, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

#### COLORADO

##### DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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The August Mile Highers breakfast was held on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at United's Training Center with 50

members and guests in attendance. We were honored to have the Managing Director of the Flight Training Center, **Mike New** with his wife, **Rebecca** joined us. Mike came from the Bristow Group where he led Safety, Quality Assurance, and Standardization Initiatives. He is also retired from Delta Airlines with 18 years service where he was a pilot and served in a number of other roles within the airline. **York Swanson**, the Building and Maintenance Supervisor at TK also joined us.

First timers were **Lindi Brubaker** who retired from in-flight service and **Doris Hall** who brought her friend **Michael McGuire**.

**Donna Miller** brought her friend **Hank Cook** and **Victor Andreatta** brought his friend **Tom Ahern**. It was also good to see **Roy & Ethel Rardin** and **Ralph & Carol Krieser**.

**Elaine Fluegel** is recovering from back surgery. Elaine, we want to thank you for the pop cans you dropped off at **Harriet Ahr's** home for us. If you want to send Elaine a get well card, her address is: 8674 West 84<sup>th</sup> Circle, Arvada, CO 80005. Her phone number is (303) 421-9098.

The Antique Road Show came through Denver the last week of July. **Thom Roland** and **Russ Savig** were interviewed for it. If they are selected, the show will air in January 2010 on PBS Channel 6 in Denver. We'll keep you posted on this event as we don't want to miss our two celebrities.

The following people returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Bill Brehmer**, **Gene Sibley** and **Ray Shoults**. **Charlie Hassler** and **Rebecca New** won the drawing twice and also returned their winnings. Big thanks go to everyone.

#### 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!

#### PIKES PEAK

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We held our regular meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> at The Village Inn. Our meeting was attended by five regulars and we discussed the picnic and UAHF Tour. Donations were accepted for a postcard mailing and stamps. **Warren & Noria Gerig** have formed a group for the UAHF Tour. Please e-mail [warren@asia.com](mailto:warren@asia.com) to join and set a time. **Rick Broome** is still working on a summer picnic

date. The **Chuck Stuller** family traveled DEN to IAH in July for a family visit to Spring, TX and had a great trip.

We mourn the loss on July 21<sup>st</sup>. of good friend **Ed Reinhard**, retired from OAKFF and SFOFF. He was a member of the Oakland Old Farts Chapter! Cards may be sent to Mrs. **Stephanie Reinhard**, 205 Sycamore Ave. Manteca, CA 95336.

Colorado Springs lost two couples in one head-on accident in Wyoming in July. **Ed & Gwen Rudolph** were close friends of **Rick & Billie Broome**.

Our regular meetings have returned to The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25 for breakfast at 0830 hrs. Still the third Monday! Welcome All!

#### Calendar:

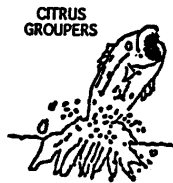
**September 21** – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

**October 19** – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

**November 16** – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

### FLORIDA

#### THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS



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**Jerry Bell**, President of the Citrus Groupers began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 27 members were present.

**Paul Brown**, Regional Director of RUAEA, spoke to all about the RUAEA convention in Phoenix last May. He also informed us about the convention that will take place May 23, 2010, in Orlando. The Rosen Centre in Orlando will be the location of the convention. Hotel rooms will be about \$100 per night. **Rich Llewellyn**, the Orlando Chapter President, is all ready making plans for the member's enjoyment. More information will be sent to members. There were conversations of possible day trips for our Citrus Grouper members. More later.

There has been communications regarding allowing RUAEA membership to include people that may have left United and worked elsewhere and would now want to join RUAEA; in addition, the discussion included spouses of deceased United employees being able to join RUAEA.

**Jerry Bell** informed the members of the "International SOS" program for United retirees and employees traveling internationally being able to get help in case of any dire circumstance such as lost passport, medical emergency, etc.



A discussion on the possibility of United employees and retirees having to use their middle name when checking in for a flight. It is our understanding the database is in the process of being updated. We will be informed when and if this takes place.

**Paul Brown** informed our members that an ID card can be purchased at the Driver's License Bureau. It is not a driver's license, but just a picture ID card to act as a spare for traveling purposes.

We are in the process of procuring a restaurant to hold our Christmas Party in December.

There were two winners of the 50/50 contest. They were **Dan Solomon** and a new member **Henry Gefrois**. Henry worked at DENHH and DENCg and was accompanied by his wife **Gerda**. Gerda & Henry live in Summerhill, Florida.

Our Birthdays for June and July: **Lois O'Hara**, **Mary Wimmer**, **Jo Beck**, **Nancy Henderson**, **Joe Cantillo**.

Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Bill Wimmer**, Mr. & Mrs. **Don Nellans**, Mr. & Mrs. **Ralph Nardone**, Mr. & Mrs. **Jim Hurst**, Mr. & Mrs. **J. Fernandes**.

*Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.* ~ Mark Twain

#### Calendar:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)

#### SAND"DABS"

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There were 14 Sand"DABS" present at our meeting on a wonderful sunny but hot day in Florida. Certainly, we'll probably have rain before the day is over, it's that season.

Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting. It was good to see **Bill Lowry** again. He is celebrating his 63<sup>rd</sup> company anniversary. When he comes to the meetings, he always takes on the 50/50 collection. It was a nice sum for **Nancy Thomas** to win. It's always good to add to our treasury also. **Penny Logan** keeps us posted as to how it is growing.

**Dick Russell** came through his hip operation fine at the new Florida Hospital in Ormond Beach, which I understand resembles a swanky hotel. After some time at the Port Orange Rehab Center, we've learned Dick is back home now and doing very well. We're happy to get that news.

**Frieda Coughlin** came through her eye operation

fine and is doing quite well and is seeing fine, but her description of the recovery sounded much like torture to all of us.

Prez Dick gave a brief synopsis of his 16 day sailing trip to the Bahamas and the races he and his friend participated in. Their boat was the fastest in its class, and they won some of the races. In his diary, he probably described in more detail the many experiences, races, parties, and food and good times he enjoyed with the group.

The only company news was that United is moving its headquarters to downtown Chicago. Several talked about their travel experiences getting on flights.

There were no birthday or anniversary celebrants present. Many of our group were traveling or visiting family, etc. The meeting was adjourned but there was still a small group having a conversation together when I left. It was a good meeting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *When you're pushing 80, that's exercise enough.*

#### Calendar:

**September 3** - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

**October 1** - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

**November 5** - 11:30AM - Red Lobster



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Thirty members of the Real McCoy's gathered at the Golden Corral to beat the heat and bask in the A/C while catching up with friends over some tasty lunch fare. President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the meeting after we ate and welcomed not only us "regulars" but also **Betty Davidson**, **Isabel Pomictier**, **Jack Caverner**, and **Jim Weeks**, whom we hadn't seen in awhile. Also joining us were **Jorge Cisneros** and **Kuno Koenigsberg**, and guest **Lori Fitak**, daughter of **Joe & Barbara**.

We took a minute to pray for **Matt McNeill**, who keeps bouncing back and forth between the hospital and the rehab center. "Hang in there, Matt." **Charlie Ringer** reported that **Sharon** is doing great after bypass surgery and **Joe Segarra** advised us that **Jose Valente** is doing well after open heart surgery. Jose & Sylvia's address is 317 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33990. Members also asked for prayers and well wishes for **Chuck Grant**, **Linda Agnello** and **Al Mollet**. The rest of you? Stay healthy ... and out of trouble!

Happy Birthday to **Sharon Ringer** (8/13) and **Shelby Michels** (8/15). A very Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

to our August Loving Couple **Don & Susan Ulman** on August 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Stan Halterman** offered us a comedy show playing at the Shakespeare Theater at Loch Haven Park called "The Big Bang" on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 2PM, \$15.00. We will need to RSVP and pay Stan at the next meeting if we plan to attend.

**Paul Brown**, our Florida Regional Director, reported that UAL is in the process of re-programming the Apollo system to comply with a directive that requires passengers' boarding passes to indicate first - middle - last name. That includes non revs. Just be aware in case the question comes up with the TSA. More details when we get them.

#### 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.

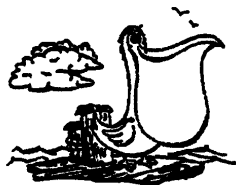
**September 2** – Luncheon Meeting

**October 7** – Luncheon Meeting

**November 4** – Luncheon Meeting

#### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS**

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On August 7<sup>th</sup>, ten members gathered at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers for breakfast. **Bill & Marge Burg** were in town and attended the breakfast. In September, they are planning a 13 night cruise starting in Copenhagen and ending in Athens. They will be visiting seven cities. **Sally Sciple** recently returned from Tuscany, Italy and Geneva, Switzerland and had a wonderful time. **Nancy Kopp** is planning a trip to Springfield, MO in August to visit family and friends.

**Tom & Marilyn McNabb** were part of the breakfast group. Tom and their son, Rick, had just returned from the largest gathering of the clan in history on Scottish soil. They flew first class both ways to Edinburgh, Scotland. There were 125 clans represented, 40,000 estimated at the gathering. Tom and Rick both wore kilts. They both marched in the parade up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle, one mile up hill on cobble stones. Prince Charles opened the games. What a magnificent experience!

**John & Nancy Dainus** are planning another trip to visit family in Michigan. **Bea McCarthy** is planning a Princess Cruise to the southern Caribbean and Mexico at

Christmas time. **Joan Gilkison** will be spending a few days in Arlington Height, IL visiting her daughter and her family and friends.

Our last breakfast meeting will be on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in town please call and join us for breakfast.

#### 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 Ft. Myers (**June-September**)

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August 3 meeting was attended by 26 members. Birthdays for the month of August are **Helena Kocevar** (8/10), **Audrey Kutilek** (8/26). Anniversaries are **Jan & Bob Lindstrom** (42 years on 8/26) and **Art & Flo Reveillac** (64 years on 8/28).

**Paul Brown**, RUAEA Southeast Director from Orlando, spoke to us on how the Phoenix convention went in May and also to gear up for the 2010 convention on May 23<sup>rd</sup> which will be held in Orlando, Florida. The convention will be held at the Rosen Centre on the southern end of International Drive and Road 528. The hotel rooms will be \$100.00 a night. More information of where helpers will be needed will be forthcoming. The dates for help will be on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Paul also talked on some of the other UAL issues.

The minutes for the July meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Travel was taken by **Marti Fitzgerald** and she used the non rev experience for the first time and it was not good as she ended up having to buy a full fare ticket to get home. **Jim & Pat Hottel** checked and decided to do flights from Orlando to get to Chicago and Portland Maine and it was a good trip. **Helena Kocevar** went from Tampa to Chicago and had no problems. **Jon Wilkinson** and **Ethel Cargill** went from Tampa to Chicago but they were unsuccessful in going on to Pittsburgh.

**Bob Lindstrom** again reminded the membership that voting will need to take place for 2010 offices of the President, Vice President and Secretary. He also reminded the members that signed up for the Thrashers baseball game at Brighthouse Stadium on August 22 to meet there around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. as **Ken Wilson** will have our tickets at \$4.50 a piece. He has also purchased about 5 extra tickets if you want to bring a friend.

NEW BUSINESS: UAL stock closed at \$4.12 on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. President **Lindstrom** also brought us up to date on United Airlines news this month.

**Jan Lindstrom** informed the membership that **Carolyn Lodge** is involved in the Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk and has forms if anyone is interested in donating to the cause or they could go on the website for [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org) and click on the donate tab and search for participant and put in her name.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Mary Martin** reported that we now have 64 paid members and she will have the new membership list ready by next month. **Jon Wilkinson** reported on the October 5<sup>th</sup> picnic at Anderson Park at 11:00. Members are free of charge and guests are \$6.00 each.

**Terri Breslin** reported on the Sunshine Report. **Larry Eppard** was in St. Petersburg Hospital but is now out and at a rehab center. **Shirley Eppard** is also at the rehab center. **Mary & Harold Judd's** daughter is doing much better. **Sadie Tuten** is in a retirement home and **John Gicking** is at a rehab center. Terri also reported on **Bob Taylor's** memorial service.

#### Calendar:

**September 14** – (Different Date) Tiffany's, 10:30AM

**October 5** – Picnic, 11:00AM - Anderson Park



#### TREASURE COAST

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As you know, we do not meet during June, July and August and will resume in September but that doesn't stop some of us from taking trips now and then. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, **Al & Janice Popek** and **Barbara Dodendorf** left for a trip to Berlin. A good friend in Berlin of Paul and Diane is **Thomas Merz**. He will be coming back to Florida with them but unfortunately will be returning to Berlin before our September meeting. Thomas has attended many of our meetings and loves to visit us when he is here in Florida staying with Diane and Paul. Maybe we will see him on his next trip to Florida.

**Al Popek** celebrated his birthday on August 1 while in Berlin, I couldn't get him to tell me how old he is but then again I won't tell him how old I am going to be in September, kind of makes us even. What is the age number anyway, it is just a number, stay young at heart and as long as your health is good, keep living and enjoying life.

The rest of us will see you in September. Ciao!

*On the lighter side:*

*Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy the following about growing older:*

- ☺ *Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.*
  - ☺ *The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.*
  - ☺ *Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.*
  - ☺ *When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.*
  - ☺ *You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.*
  - ☺ *I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.*
  - ☺ *One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.*
  - ☺ *One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.*
  - ☺ *Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.*
  - ☺ *Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft - TODAY IT IS CALLED GOLF!*
- AND FINALLY - If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.*

#### Calendar:

**September 1** - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30PM - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

**October 6** - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30PM - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

**November 3** - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30PM - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

***Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.***

***-Vince Lombardi***



## GEORGIA



**DIXIE FLYERS**

### DIXIE FLYERS

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Twenty five Flyers and two guests were in attendance on August 5, at the I-Hop Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were Tina Myers, and Melissa Lane, **Lyle & Joanna Myer's** daughters. This was a very good turnout as this is the first lunch held after summer break. Some of the Flyers are still on vacation and still on the road.

It has been suggested and voted on by those present that next year we will suspend lunches for the months of July and August, instead of June and July, which seems to be more frequently traveled months than the latter. **Sandy Lis**, our Vice President had a very nice table set up with some items from this years RUAEA Convention held in Phoenix, AZ. Items included, computer mouse pads, hand made table center piece, a hand crafted art candle holder, RUAEA pamphlets, business cards with important travel desk numbers, membership applications to join RUAEA, as well as applications for our local chapter. Under the new rules for membership, we encourage those who aren't currently members to come join us.

**Fred Cron**, who normally runs our 50/50 was up in Evansville, Indiana at The Annual Jeep enthusiasts show and convention. Fred enjoys locating and restoring parts for restored military and converted to civilian Jeep vehicles. **Bogie Wallace** and **Gary Tuttle** did a great job in Fred's absence. Melissa Lane drew the winning ticket held by **Willie Foles**, who donated his prize to The Promise Place. **Sandy Lis** provided an added door prize, of a convention art candle holder won by **Jane Brown**.

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting and Chapter Treasurer **Bruce Brodersen**, who is also RUAEA Southeast Regional Director, gave a report on his and Mary's trip to the convention. Bruce highlighted most of the activities and meetings he attended. Bruce answered questions from members about the role of information and communications functions RUAEA provides for its members. **Sandy Lis** also shared her thoughts on the information available. **Bill Elk** gave a report on the status of our treasury, and it was suggested by a member to raise the annual dues beginning January of next year. A vote was taken and approved by the members present.

Also it was suggested, voted on, and approved by members present, to go to a quarterly local newsletter

starting next year. Monthly RUAEA chapter reports are unchanged. As reflected in most things these days, costs are constantly going up for us all. Reporting on sick call is **Ron Heider**, who is presently in Henry County Medical Center undergoing tests and treatment for unknown serious internal health issues. Let's all keep **Ron** and his wife **Margaret** in our thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery.

On a sadder note, **Ron Clayton**, retired Atlanta Ramp Serviceman, passed away the end of June from cancer. Ron is survived by his wife **Jackie** and their children. **Joe Maley**, age 80, passed away July 11, 2009 in Ocala, FL. Joe worked in Atlanta ramp and freight, also in Tampa. He was retired and living in Ocala. Joe is survived by his wife **Mabel** and a daughter.

### Calendar:

**September 2** – 12:00 Noon, lunch at the I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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### *Submitted by Shirley & Rick Dempsey*

Rick Dempsey welcomed everyone to the breakfast and noted it was nice to see so many in attendance.

Rick announced **Dave Adams** would be filling us in on the September Memorial Picnic scheduled for Sept. 7 at Cassia Park in Boise. Dave distributed maps for directions to Cassia Park. He noted our group is scheduled to have the Pavilion from Noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be a BBQ available. We are to bring our own meat and a potluck item to share. Rick reminded everyone that there will be no breakfast meeting at JB's on Sept. 7. **Louise Duvall** said it was great to see everyone again. **Wayne** is in the VA Hospital in Boise. She said his health is deteriorating.

**Joan Varady** went kayaking with **Wendy Varady Reyna** at Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains. Wendy had not kayaked before but was loving it till she found herself in the drink with her kayak upside down in the middle of the lake. She swam to an anchored boat and managed to get up on the swim deck. After being rescued by marina workers in a motorboat, she tripped getting out of the motorboat and went flying over the wharf like the Flying Nun and into the drink again. What an adventure!

**John & Carol Bell** of Payette, Idaho, spent five days camping at a KOA near Santa Cruz, California,

with their three sons' families and dogs. We had a great time hiking, biking and swimming. The campfires at night were very special, telling stories and enjoying the smores. We look forward to our camping trip again next year.

For all of you who have been concerned about **Bill Heath**, his family is hoping to move him from the hospital to a rehab center today. He is very weak and has been on oxygen. Please continue to send your best wishes to Bill at his home: 361 Charlwood Ct., Boise, ID 83704.

#### Calendar:

**September 7** - Memorial Picnic, Cassia Park, Boise, Noon- 4:00 p.m.

**October 5** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**Nov. 2** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**Dec. 7** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

### ILLINOIS

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On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the children of **Bob Jacobson**, our Skyliner President, hosted a brunch for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The invitation said in lieu of gifts, donations for the Palatine food pantry would be welcome. The wife of one of the guests shopping at Aldi's was selecting cans of tuna into the cart and asked her husband to check the price of hash around the corner. Passing customer says \$1.29. Wife said take three and some of the beef and chicken stews to make a meal. Husband said *"Do we have enough cash? We also had a toaster in the cart"*. Wife said *"Yes"*. While husband was loading items onto the conveyer, passing customer again approaches the wife, put some bills in her hand and says *"Add this to your bill"*. Wife explains the party deal and customer says to add to it for her and walks away. Wife opens her hand to find 25 dollars. MORAL OF THIS STORY: These children and the customer gave freely to the needy expecting nothing in return. They are to be blessed.

An invitation by the daughter-in-law of **Marie Krakowski** was given to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Bohemian Crystal restaurant on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Marie can expect to see **Irene Abraitis** from the payroll department and her daughter, me and my husband Al, **Don Jiskra** from audio visual and his wife **Gloria**. We were also car poolers.

A little birdie told me we had a Hoffman Estates

star tripping the light fantastic in a production of Grease this last March. **Katie Koehl** had the role of Miss Lynch in a 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration of this play. She received an ovation and flowers galore from friends who remembered her 22 years of show biz as Asst. director and costumer in Taft high school.

We can congratulate **Lucy & Lyle Backus** on their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary and **Jacque & Jim Sontheimer** on theirs (Secret Years). **Helen & Tony Stefanos** celebrated 59 years on June 11<sup>th</sup> with a dinner shared with family and friends.

Our third picnic was another success with 200 plus attending. Beside the good food, we had quite a few winners of money. Added to that, Barb Anderson of Alliant Credit Union gave a gift basket and \$50 to be raffled off. Then to top it off, there were three more winners of orchid plants, pineapples and leis on each table. These went to the one with the highest seniority. Ours went to **Jim Sontheimer**.

Two big outings to list on your calendar. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Seville. Drinks are \$1.00 for soda, \$2.95 for beer, \$3.25 and \$4.25 for cocktails. Food is a steal at \$ 18.00. Also pre-Christmas celebration on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Avalon at the same food prices. Each event has a salad, choice of four entrees, veggies and dessert. Oh, and coffee too. Such a bargain!

**Barb Wesemann** is looking forward to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> when she embarks on a Clipper ship in Tahiti for a 17 day cruise to the Society Islands with her sister. **Pat & Ron Altman** are on the go again with a trip to Disney World and then on a cruise with **Ellen & Ken Thiede** around the United Kingdom.

**Ron Pryor** had his appendix removed Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> and is doing well but understandably, will miss the next run to the Food Depository. So take it easy and no dancing either.

The Southside breakfast was happy to see the return of prior regulars: Betty Doran, Al Eberhart and **Leona Gasiorowsky**. **Margaret Schmitt** advises **Elroy** is still under the weather.

Four big pots this time and the winners were **Bill Adams, Linda Gonzalez, Ed Ward** and **Carlyle Brandt**. A different kind of winner is **Dave White** who has a new grandson, courtesy of his daughter.

**Maria Santangelo**, a Skyliner from a year past attended the Northside breakfast for the first time. Hope to see you again soon.

For those of you who remember the olden days when we had switchboards, we have received notice that one of our original operators, **Mary Hadley**, died July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Ruby Singer** has a first floor, 55 age plus studio for sale in Mt Prospect. Call (847) 870-1417 or (256) 216-1775.

Last Minute Bulletin: We have five new Skyliners:

**Jane Reynolds, CHIRR; Rose Ann Domaracki, CHIRR; Barbara Laris, WHQUN; Renee Vanis, WHQUN; Mary Beth Gutman, WHQKA; Janis Heike, WHQIT.** Welcome to you all!

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**September 29 & October 27**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**September 9 & October 14**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**September 1 & October 6**).

**October 21** - Fall Luncheon at the Seville

**December 7** - Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon

**LOOP GROUP**

Chicago

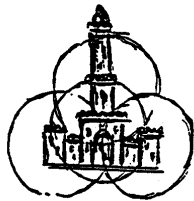
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The July Luncheon had 20 retirees in attendance including one new visitor, **Carol Petzold**, retired from EXOKF.

One long table was set up under the Atrium where when looking up, you can see some of the Chicago Skyline along the Chicago River ... almost like being outdoors.

A very extensive buffet is offered as well as ordering from the menu. The lunches are plentiful and delicious. Service is outstanding and we were well attended by Marco and Massan and we get separate checks. A special treat was a complimentary slice of Pecan Cheese Cake for those ordering from the menu.

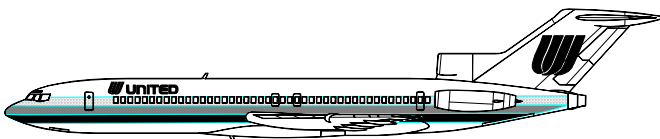
Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to call or email before noon of Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to let me know your attendance as the restaurant needs to know the number for setting up the table.

Calendar:

**September 16** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant), 11:30 a.m.

**October** – No Luncheon Scheduled

**Nov. 18** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel



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Our annual picnic, held on July 18, had 23 members, family and guests attending. The entrée was grilled and baked chicken served with corn on the cob and choices of delectable salads and veggies, topped off with any number of scrumptious deserts. All, as usual, had a fun time. My apologies to those who showed up earlier on Saturday to help set up, only to discover that **Ron & Cheri Innis** and their son Scott and I had set up on Friday. Cheri received the key Friday and the room was available, and since we were dropping off decorations and party items we decided to set up the tables and decorate. We sincerely appreciate your support, and for the next party, I promise, your day will come. In the meantime, many thanks to the Innises for their help.

Soon after our picnic, **Ray Brabo** had his second cataract eye surgery and is doing well. **Hannelore** has been his attending nurse, putting drops in his eyes on a regular basis, first pre-op, now post-op for both eyes. She says he is seeing a little better. President **Mike Matlak** was scheduled for shoulder rotator cup surgery on July 24; hopefully he is recovering nicely by now. Prior to the picnic, I talked to **Terry Martin** to see how he was doing and if he was planning to attend. With his chemotherapy on Mondays, he hasn't been able to make our meetings, but he reported that he had been feeling better. Hope to welcome him back soon to the regular meetings.

**Lanny Horn** returned from vacationing in Florida in time to attend our picnic. And, just prior to the picnic, **Elly & Bud Barnett** came back from a trip to the San Francisco bay area. Elly said their drive included traveling through Jackson Hole, WY on the way home. She told about the elk antler archway at the park entrance and the fact that boy scouts sell antlers as a fundraiser to feed the elk in the winter.

Elly reminded that she will be checking on available show dates and prices at the "Beef and Boards" dinner theatre and will have information at the August meeting.

Calendar:

**September 14** - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

**October 12** - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2 P.M., meeting at 3 P.M.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a July meeting because of vacations and Independence Day. We had planned our summer picnic at a Massachusetts state park. I went to the park ranger's office hoping to decide on a day that didn't have another group vying for a choice picnic area. Despite the fact that the state is raising its sales tax, bridge & tunnel use tax, cigarette and alcohol tax, I was advised the park had been closed because of budget cuts! Seems every time there is a cost saving plan, the people who pay for everything take the hit. I wonder how many MA politicians took a pay cut? Our last minute switch moved the picnic to the home of our Pres, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy**. Flyers had been mailed.

**Mercedes Hersom** had been hospitalized with an equilibrium problem, but is home now. As of August 1, Merc had been confined to bed and unable to answer her phone. Cards may be sent to 17 Spruce Drive, E. Hempstead, NH 03826. Her neighbors are feeding her and taking care of whatever needs to be done.

More sad news, **Peter Fusco** recently advised me, **Olga Kantratuik's** husband, **Myron** passed away in mid July. Cards can be sent to Olga at 19 Winton Street, Roslindale, MA 02131.

**Jayne & John Regan** traveled from PWM to Halifax, Nova Scotia with their car on board the Cat, (high speed catamaran ferry) to attend the International Buskers Festival. Earlier, Jayne, her daughter, son-in-law and grand daughter, Laurel, Steve & five year old Olivia, attended the Pittsfield, NH hot air balloon fair and got to fly on a helicopter. Jayne's a mover, always on the go!

**Marcia Kilpatrick's** kitchen renovation is finally done and she loves it, despite several hectic months. Her daughter Brianna, is crossing the country on Amtrak. Marcia will fly to CHI meet up and Amtrak with her to SFO. Brianna and friends will be camping at a national park before returning to pre-med classes. Marcia is proud and glad her daughter finally decided to be a doctor.

Our Pres, Carleen and husband Bruce, flew to BWI from MHT as it was cheaper than flying from BOS. They bought revenue tickets on Southwest and enjoyed singing F/A's on in-flight. Can't say anything bad about Southwest.

**Liz Palmer's** daughter Kirsten and her husband

Doug are home in ME for a month after a year of teaching in China. They will have one more year of teaching on return and advised they love it there. Liz and Joe visited them in Shanghai in May. Using passes, they enjoyed great treatment in first class, in both directions. Almost a thing of the past! Liz and Joe spend time bicycling and hiking in Acadia National Park in ME.

**Lynn O'Hare** and friend are planning on hiking the 100 mile Wilderness Trail, of the Appalachian Mountains Trail. It's the longest stretch of AT without any road access and should take about nine days. Lynn will celebrate a birthday while on the trail. She won't mind seeing a few bears, as long as they are on another mountain, just two crazy women checking off one more adventure on their "bucket list". Lynn is suffering from Jet-heimer's to be sure!

**Ed Burke** had a knee replacement and **Ginny** had surgery on both eyes. Ed says if they keep this up they will soon be the Bionic Duo!

The Nor'Easters welcomes two new members, **Les Brown** and **Timothy Howells**, both from BOSGQ.

September's birthdays: **Robert Anderson, John Bosco, Frank DeStefno, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Mark Hutchings, Marge LeClair, Gerald Peters, Lynn O'Hara, Paul O'Mara** and **Tyrone Withrow**.

September's anniversaries: **Robert & Mary Boyle** 29 years, **Ed & Virginia Burke** - 52, **Frank & Natalie Procopio** - 50, **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** - 24 and **Don & Joan Simard** - 45.

### Calendar:

Isaac's Water Front Restaurant, Plymouth, MA

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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August 6, 17 Escapees and 8 guests gathered at **Sharon & Rod Jacob's** beautiful home on Cedar Island Lake for a Hawaiian Event. Our hosts decorated everything Hawaiian including Rod himself donned in a grass skirt, straw hat and plastic boobs, it was a sight to behold. Camaraderie, great food and plentiful deserts mixed with a beautiful day and pontoon boat tour around the lake made for a perfect day. **Jim Simon**, our Midwest- RUAEA Director, also joined us along with **Bonnie Fleming** for the first time this year.

The fun day ended on a sad note though as we



learned that **Marlene Presnell** (DTWRR) lost her battle with lung cancer. Also the day earlier, **Maggie Pringle** lost her beloved mom who was 92. Our love and prayers to Marlene's hubby Miles and boys @ 8016 Pardee Road, Taylor, MI 48180-2322 and to Maggie @ 2344 Ellwood, Berkley, MI 48072-1049.

Since I cannot seem to reach my daughter, who is my grammar and spell-checker and someone in DEN (not to mention any names) is bugging me for this NL, I guess I will just send it along ... and hope I did not make too many errors ... ☺

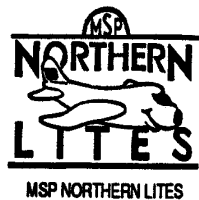
#### Calendar:

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

### MINNESOTA

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We had another taste of Minnesota's peculiar weather patterns (this is the way God keeps us alert, I think) ~ April's cool temps in the middle of July. Why would we expect to wear a sweatshirt or sweater at this time of year? Those attending our July luncheon meeting were all puzzled & complaining about how our short summer was getting even shorter.

34 attended that meeting, including **Virginnia Swenson** & her sister **Marge** (whom we hadn't seen in a couple of years) plus a face from the 'waaaaay past, **Dave Wiley**, former MSP ramp serviceman. Dave left UAL in 1970 & had a diverse career after that. For those of us who remembered him, it was great having a chance to visit. We hope he'll come back again.

Virginnia & Marge are very active in the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) program which flies charitable missions to remote areas. They have recently acquired a new airplane for these missions (a Kodiak) which gives them greater seating & range. The group was taking the plane to the Air Show in Oshkosh, WI & Virginnia & Marge were instrumental in persuading them to make a special stop for a show in Waseca, MN.

Everyone's summer is crammed with outings, graduations, weddings & company. We get soooo busy trying to pack everything into a few short months of "outdoor activity" weather that even though the snowbirds are back, we haven't seen very many of them. Hopefully, they'll make an effort to stop by before leaving again for the winter. We really DO miss them!

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.

### NEVADA



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The Gamblers met on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM with all of us visiting each other. Lunch began at 12:00 which was very good, "London Broil" and all the trimmings. At 12:45, our President started the meeting and the first subject discussed was the resignation of our secretary, **Chris Czaplewsky**, so I volunteered for the secretary's job. We decided to continue with our meetings as they are, and same schedule, since we have a beautiful place to conduct our affair.

On a sad note, **Preston Bluiett Jr.** informs us of the passing of his wife **Evelyn Lawton Blueitt** on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and the funeral took place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary in Inglewood, California. You can reach Preston at 4849 Storm Mountain St., Las Vegas, NV 89130-1853, or Phone # 702-281-6307, E-mail [pblueittjr@aol.com](mailto:pblueittjr@aol.com).

Winnie is inviting her dentist to give us a presentation of his trade.

#### Calendar:

**October 13** - 11:30 am

**December 8** - 11:30 am - The Christmas Party. Also send \$6.00 for 2009 membership for each person that joins our Chapter; if you are a current member. Please ignore this note. \$19.00 per person in your party for this Luncheon Service.

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There were 24 members in attendance at our July meeting. Our August meeting was the picnic at Sand Harbor on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We have invited the Gold Diggers, Hangtown Miners, North Staters and San Joaquiners to our August picnic and hope many attend. We also sent a flyer to Las Vegas. Sign up sheets have been

mailed to the membership for our picnic. Report on this meeting will be in next month's Newsletter.

The winner of the 50/50 was Larry Reid. July birthdays were celebrated by: **Louise Smith, Jeanette Bachellor, Duncan Thompson, Lloyd Stephens, & Ruthy Schenk.** **Lloyd Stephens** recently received a "crown" for being the oldest July birthday at the Carson City Senior Center – how wonderful to be active and healthy in this phase of life.

## NEW JERSEY



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President **Dick Confer** opened our "Christmas in July" meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ. A moment of silence was held for **Lenny Bolton** who passed away. There were 27 people attending the meeting.

Dick was in Hawaii, asked the men what he could bring back for them, they all said a Hula Girls, so there is one for the winner. For the women, there is a pot holder and towel set (naturally something practical).

**Violet Etler** read the minutes from the last meeting and **John Murphy** gave a treasurer's report. There is a list of telephone numbers for the departments in United, take one so you know where to call.

The Monmouth Race Track day was a great success, 35 people attended and everyone was a winner, well almost everyone. Food was great, treated by **Dick Confer**. There were many door prizes, the theme was Christmas in July.

Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at Merrill Park, Colonia, NJ on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring family, friends, food will be supplied and the cost is \$10.00. Hope the women will bring the desserts as usual.

*Clipped Wings report from Diane Johnson:* On Saturday, September 12, 2009 there will be a 5K "Walk with Joe" at Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Route 33 West, Manalapan, NJ. The "Walk with Joe" is a memorial 5K Walk that has been held every year since 9/11. Joe Driscoll was a passenger on Flight 93 and lived in Manalapan. It is to remember the passengers and crew of Flight 93. If you are interested in walking, check out their website [www.walkwithjoe.com](http://www.walkwithjoe.com). We hope a lot of airline people will attend.

### Calendar:

**August 26** - Picnic

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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There were 21 members and guests present for the August 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon at San Martin. We were delighted to see **Lois Svet**, a retiree of US Airways and a sister of **Mary Svet**, a UAL retiree. Lois is a dear friend to many of us.

President **Marge Segal** informed the group of the death of **Ruth Steele** on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Ruth was a frequent guest of RUAEA and a dear friend to many of us, especially **Audrey Smolik, Jeanne Leo** and **Rose Reructia**.

**Betty Williams** and her husband have been very busy going to the many summer events that Newark has to offer which included a Mahler Concert by the NY Philharmonic Orchestra in Central Park amidst an audience of 100,000! Also, they were excited to see a Yankee game in the New Stadium, and to attend the American Ballet Performance of "Sylvia".

July was Restaurant Week in Manhattan in which the expensive and more upscale restaurants offer lunch for \$24.00 and dinner for \$35.00. **Anne & Don Dean** dined at 21 Club, Gotham Bar and Grill and Park Café Summer. **Helen King** and **Marilyn Cheadle** enjoyed Le Perigord as did **Marge Segal** and **Jeanne Leo**. Jeanne and husband Phil also enjoyed lunching at Le Cirque and La Goule.

The 50/50 winner was **Marge Segal**.

### Calendar:

**Oct. 6** – Lunch at San Martin – 12 noon, RSVP **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788.

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The Metros Annual Picnic was a huge success! It started early, 10:00am. The earlier arrivals assisted with setting up the tables and food. They were rewarded with coffee and first pick of the most delicious donuts I've had in many moons. The final count that attended the festivities was 62 members & guests. I was happy to see **Nell Napolitano** arrive early. Her daughter-in-law dropped her off and her son picked her up after

work. Her son is a member of NYPD. Good team work!

**Kathy Corrente** arrived with **Dale Deuber** and the **Schneiders**. We're hoping for a new associated member? **Jean Donahue** has a new chauffeur, **Valerie Braudhler**. My directions to the picnic site had to be good. Both Jean & Valerie arrived early. **Barbara Shatner** was a nice surprise, besides her animal care, Barbara works part time at Home Depot. The **Holds-worths** invited **Lily Weir**, and **James & Helene Ammon** brought grandson Nicholas Ouwerkerk. **Jim Richardson's** son Bill and twin grandsons Noah & Breandan arrived a little late. They detoured to Brooklyn to pick up Grandma **Kathy**. The boys were a pleasure to watch riding their bikes around the walkways.

**Cassie Manelski** advised the membership that she was the big winner at last month's day at Belmont race-track. Congratulation Cassie!

**Dot Smith** celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Back in 1926, the popular song at the time was "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" People were singing "Side By Side" when **Paul Cohen** was born on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 82 years ago. **Stan Blonairz's** birthday is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, he will turn 80 years young.

**Jim Richardson's** friends **Frank & Marcella Miliani** living in Cocksackie, N.Y. donated a case of Arizona ice tea to the N.Y. Metros for their annual picnic. Many thanks Frank & Marcella for your generosity.

**Ed Pozzi** and **John Klos** did an outstanding job once again at the Bar-B-Q this year. They kept up with the demands for hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and sausages. I hope they made time to sit down and eat?

**Rose & Joe Totaro** bring their coffee urns every year for the coffee lovers and early birds of the chapter. They usually bring Dunk-N-Donuts too. **Josephine LoPinto** baked a delicious carrot cake. **Kathy Corrente & Dale Deuber** brought cookies.

**Jimmy Richardson** was there early, emptying his SUV; **Rose Totaro** was there to help set up and later assisted in serving the food and condiments, and she was also staying to help clean up. Rose has become a "Wonder Woman". Thank you for the great job! As usual, the 50/50 was a success and the raffle for the "Chockees" emptied the table.

Hello to **Dan Duran**, **Diana Arena**, **Dot Smith** and **Pat Gilson**. Also **Hal Malesardi** and **Terry Zabaraskas**. We haven't seen you for some time!

Thank you **Charlie Kazinski** for the flag pins you handed out to members.

#### Calendar

**Sept. 2** - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

**Oct. 7** - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

**Nov. 4** - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

**Dec. 2** - Christmas Luncheon

## NORTHWOODS

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Last call for the fall meeting of the Northwoods Loonies! The gathering of Loonies is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday morning, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in Ludington, Michigan on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. Hosts for the event will be **Mike & Carol Buechin**.

Seven B&B's, located in the downtown area of town, will lodge and provide their special breakfasts for attendees. An attractive one price for all rooms will be available until **September 1<sup>st</sup>**.

It is always a good time when Loonies get together. If you are interested in a Midwest adventure in the fall, give **Mike Buechin** a call at (231) 843-4470 or send an email to the address above.

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Eighty plus friends & Buckeyes gathered at Northfield Park on August 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday night to enjoy each others company, dine and enjoy the races. Pres. **Carol Hacker** along with **Ray** hosted the event.

Annual picnic which was held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, was a beautiful and sunny, yet not too hot July day. Bernie & I arrived late and still had plenty of time to visit with the remaining Buckeyes.

I was told that **Carol Waldron** attended along with her daughter Donna Pihuliak and Donna's son Allen. Her son, Ray Waldron, Jr. also arrived in time to visit with retirees. I'm sorry to say Bernie & I missed seeing them. May we all continue to keep the entire family in our thoughts and prayers in this time of healing.

**Bob & Shari Herman** made a short appearance at the picnic. They were able to visit for a while. Bob, you are amazing. Life is beautiful and we learn to take one day at a time. God bless you! Shari, how fortunate Bob is to have a loving wife at his side. We will continue to keep you both in our prayers.

Nancy Carter's guest was **Marian Evanco**, Passenger Service. **Jeff & Judy Spooner** brought their grandson, Trey who attended last year. Glad you were both able to attend and hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Members **Don & Pearl Park** from Butler, PA were missing this year along with **Lou & Joan Gaydos** from FL. The Parks have been experiencing medical problems and were unable to attend. Lou is doing better and slowly regaining his strength. They are staying close to home. If all goes well, they may drive to OH in September to see their children. Take care!

**Vince & Norma Malena** brought retiree **Ron Glozer** and his wife, **Jan** to the picnic. They decided to join our Chapter. Welcome, we look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Out-Of-Town guests were **Lee & Linda Graham** from VA, I enjoyed the time I had visiting with Linda, as short as it was. Come and attend our luncheons whenever you can.

**Jim Webster** informed me that **Cale Neth** is at Brighton Gardens Of Westlake. This is a living-assisted home. I know that he would love to hear from you. His address is: Brighton Gardens Of Westlake, 27819 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145

Anniversaries for the month of July were: **George & Mary Lou** who celebrated 48 yrs. & **Jeff & Judy Spooner** 44 yrs.

#### Calendar:

**September 9** - Grand Pacific Hotel, 8112 Columbia Rd. & Mill St., Olmsted, OH, pre-paid.

**October 8** - Flight 93 Memorial, Shanksville, PA.

**November 4** - Williams On-The-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH, pre-paid.

**December** - Stancato's Italian Restaurant, 7380 State Rd., Parma, OH, pre-paid.

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What a great day we had for a picnic. It was at a new venue with a pond nearby with ducks and geese, the temperature was perfect, good food (isn't that why you come to a picnic) and over 90 members were present, including many who brought family or friends. As always, our thanks to the members who brought the delicious desserts.

The monthly winners of our prizes in July were:

**Rosalie Betschart** (birthday), **Jack & Ann Starks** (anniversary), **George Thomas** (50/50).

The chapter supplied additional door prize winners this month and they were won by **Rose Bryant**, **Carol DeFord**, **Joyce Garrett**, **Cora Harper**, **Nadine Holten**, **Arie Luyten**, **Carole Luyten**, **Ed Micallef**, **Anna Miller**, **Joe Mortensen**, **Mary Nolan**, and **Jack Starks**. Grand prize winners were **Rich Marley**, carry-on bag and **Dave Smith** (extremely lucky as always) a wooden 2 ft. "Uncle Sam" holding an American flag. The winner of the candy jar guessing game (how many pieces of candy in the jar) was won by "yours truly" and donated by **Bob & Dee Boelter**.

**Anita Donaldson** unfortunately injured the shoulder where she had surgery earlier in the year and underwent corrective surgery in August. **Merle Pitman** had cancer surgery on his neck and will undergo radiation treatment. **Bill Keys** had a stroke in July but I have not had an update on his condition.

The only thing on the horizon for a meeting update is the ice cream social in October. Charlie is still looking for interesting speakers, so if you know of someone please give him a call.

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 9** - Social

**October 14** - Ice Cream Social

**November 11** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

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The OUR Club chapter reports have been a little discombobulated recently -- much like this writer. The July luncheon was too late for the newsletter deadline and Jim and I will be away in August, so this report will have to bridge July and August and into September.

**Ric & Gidget Walcha** hosted a terrific afternoon for 22 OUR Club members and guests on July 11. We first enjoyed lunch at Taprock Northwest Grill -- Grants Pass' newest restaurant overlooking the Rogue River. The lodge-style restaurant is home to a beautifully landscaped park with waterfalls and amazing bronze wildlife



sculptures. After enjoying lunch, we drove to the Bear Hotel where Ric and Gidget had arranged a tour. The Bear Hotel is an upscale "warehouse" used to host community events and also to house the larger-than-life hand-painted bears, eagles, nutcrackers, plaques depicting US history, and other public artwork that seasonally decorates the downtown streets. Many of the bears and other decorations are auctioned for charity at the end of each season. We were able to watch one of the wildlife sculptors working and got an interesting summary of the process involved in creating the bronze statues found at Taprock and throughout Grants Pass.

Plans are under way for the annual barbecue picnic which will be held at **Steve & Cyndi Austin's** home on September 11. RUAEA Northwest Region Director, **Jack Hooper** and wife, **Nancy**, will be joining us from Washington State. Their presence gives us even more to look forward to.

#### Calendar:

**September 11** - Annual picnic - **Jim & Jane Frincke**

**October 2** - TBA - **Marge Calkins**

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Happy Labor Day to all from the City of Champions and the Pirates also!

Our annual picnic was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. 74 Pit-Stoppers enjoyed good food and company. We welcomed our "regulars" and others whom we haven't seen for awhile: **Capt. Black** and **Jane**, along with **Jayne Kroeck**, **Dick Brinza** and **Harry Shirley**, **Lou Ragona** and friend along with **Mitch & Doris Abbas**. They even got **Ray & Darlene Mootsey** to attend. **Ted & Mary Polinski** were there with Ted sporting a mussy - looks good. Great to see **Black Cloud Knezevich** there along with **Ray & Julie McConaghy**.

Thanks to their children for taking that extra step to escort **Jim & Lois Doolan** and **Bill "Pappy" Duvall**. **Charlie Carr** and his wife came in from Denver, always good to see them. **Tom Kemp**, former fueler from PIT and DEN did not make it in. We expected to see **Pappy** and **Cake Guida** race in their scooters, but Pappy came in a wheelchair.

**Tami Yeager**, our secretary, entertained the group with some games, one was a contest to decipher city/airport codes. Amazing how many we forgot. Hubby

Bernie had all of the women entertained with his horse races. We also welcomed **Gerry McDonough** who attended the picnic. We had several members of the Pittsburgh Interline Club join our group outing.

President **Ken Wolfe** welcomed the group and introduced our newly elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Cathy Matteson**, a recent retiree. Ken also mentioned the need to get more people involved, stating the need for an assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

**Treatie Karwoski** brought us up to date on the National RUAEA news. **Barb Seaholm** gave an update on the status of our treasury.

Thanks to **Anita Pawlack** for reconnecting me and others with an old friend, former PITTR Supervisor **Dick Snyder**, however, the circumstances of the reunion were not pleasant. Dick advised us of the loss of his wife Betty recently. Betty was hospitalized for 50 days. Our condolences, thoughts & prayers go to Dick and his family. Cards can be sent, c/o 4900 N. 123<sup>rd</sup> St., Kansas City, KS 66109.

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Due to insufficient numbers, our July meeting and trip to the historical Keith Mansion in Athens, TN was cancelled. We appreciate all the hard work **Jack & Sue Ferrell** put in to planning this trip. Hopefully, we will be able to visit the Mansion at another time. We received good news for a change! **Jackye Jeacock** is home! She still has a lot of physical therapy ahead; but both Don and Jackye are glad that she is finally home.

**Ed & Pat Valente** are planning a great trip in September. We will be going to Oak Ridge National Laboratory. They have arranged for a tour of the facilities along with an "overview" of their activities and the history of ORNL. The tour will last approximately 2 hours and there will be minimal walking involved, so all of us will be able to participate.

Tennessee has had a rainy summer after two years of severe drought conditions. It's been a good year for us, as all the family (children, granddaughters and great granddaughters) have been here for a visit. Everyone enjoyed swimming, fishing and playing on the water. We understand that most of our members also have either had family visiting or they've traveled to visit them. We all should have plenty of stories to tell at our next breakfast or at our meeting in September. We hope all of you are enjoying your summer as well.

### Calendar:

**Sept. 17** - Trip to ORNL Lab. In Oak Ridge, hosted by **Ed & Pat Valente**, (865) 458-2462. Location and time for lunch to be announced.

**October 15** - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**November 19** - Hosted by Betty Shipe, (865) 922-3858). This is election year for officers! Please volunteer for one of these positions. Herman & I would like a break and need someone to take our places as President & Secretary.

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On Aug. 4, 65 chapter members gathered at SLC's Sugar House Park, Lake Terrace Pavilion, where the group enjoyed a meal catered by **Joe Morley's**, arranged for by the chapter officers, Pres. **Clair Anderson**, VP **Kip Lufkin**, Treas. **Frank Christenson**. **Judy Anderson** & **Susan Christenson** were of great help in setting up the buffet tables and serving the food to their appreciative friends. **Frank & Susan Christenson** donated the liquid refreshments. A hearty thank-you to all of them!

When **Clair Anderson** and his team took on the chapter responsibilities, they brought in many members from among the newly retired UALers. This made for a great mix of old-timers and their more recently retired coworkers, some of whom actually had worked more years than their older counterparts - some with often more than 40 years of service!

To name but a few of them: **Randy Jenkins** & wife **Jill**; **Dave Jenkins** & wife **Jane**; **Pat & Clint Nelson**; **Richard & Karren Balderston**, **Ron & Shirley Jensen**. Welcome to our new members!

Newly-weds, **Grant & Nina Beutler** spent time with us and we hope to see more of them. It was also good to see **Jerry & Jannine Snider**. We always enjoy our regulars, among them: **Tony Brown**; **Maureen Seikaly** & son **Germanus** ("Jerry," for short); **Shirley Scown** & son **Mike**; **Bill Ottman** & friend **Betty Colf**, both came up from St. George/UT. **Lila Maughan**, **Larry Maughan** & wife **Paige** brought **Betty Davis** who is coming along splendidly without cane or walker. **Art Scott & Carol Finney** and **Bob & Judy Turgeon** were present - and **Judy** looked great! It was good to visit with all of them.

But missed were other regulars: **Lorrain Olson & Kaye Nelson**. We trust they are staying cool & well in our present heat wave of often over 100° F, with no rain in sight.

In a phone conversation, DEN RUAEA member/UAHF Director **Tom Goodyear** advised this correspondent that **Frank Christenson** & his grandson took up the general call for donation of United Airlines memorabilia to the **UA Historical Foundation**. Consequently, the **Christensons** drove to DEN and presented **Tom Goodyear** with a beautiful desktop model of a DC-10! Some years back, it had been deemed surplus by UAL & stored at SLCAF - until **Frank Christenson** applied for permission to obtain it. A very impressive donation!

UAL retiree **Pat Graves** & husband **Don** also inquired about "whom to contact regarding donation of UAL items," of which she had collected quite a few! She was given the [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org) website, for her info & handling. Another impressive trait of **Pat's**: She won a beautiful decorative tote bag during our picnic raffle game and, generously, offered it to **Lila Maughan** who, graciously, accepted it. Actually, **Lila** had really wanted to win it but didn't! Thanks, **Pat**!

During the first September week, **Frank Murdock** will be off again on his 37<sup>th</sup> fishing trip to Ketchikan/Alaska. He'll try to teach his wife how to run the boat & clean the fish. Good Luck!

### Calendar:

**September 1** - Coffee Time, 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., SLC.

**October 6** - Lunch, 2pm at Golden Corral, 7200 S., 700 East, SLC.

**November 3** - Coffee Time, 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., SLC.

## WASHINGTON

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**Judy Higley**, retired from SEATO and previously worked in SEARR, has been fighting thyroid cancer since 2008. She has a journal that she maintains to chronicle her experiences and progress, and this can be accessed at [www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com). To access her journal and messages left for Judy, type in her name, all run together (judyhigley). Friends and former co-workers are encouraged to leave their comments.

**Terry Martin**, retired from SEARR, has evolved

his hobby - cutting and working with gemstones - into a business of cutting, selling and offering consulting advice regarding gemstones. His website is [www.terryleemartin.com](http://www.terryleemartin.com) and he invites questions from anyone, even those considering making purchases elsewhere. Many of Terry's gemstones are very unique and of significant value and end up in purchasers' private collections rather than being worn as jewelry. Terry also speaks before various organizations, e.g., Rotary International, to share his expertise and help maintain interest in gemstones.

**Ernie LaMarre**, retired United VP who was retired in the Seattle area, and who held a number of different positions in the company in NYC, LAX, SEA, MIA and EXO, passed away in his sleep the night of July 10 while surrounded by family members. Ernie had been battling Parkinson's disease and was under the care of his daughter **Maureen Marks** at the time of his death. Maureen is retired from SEARR. Ernie was also a Marine Corps veteran who served in World War II and the Korean conflict. His wife Frances preceded him in death. **Glen Mondou**, retired from SEACS, passed away July 13. Glen lived in Des Moines, WA and is survived by a daughter.

Many museums in the Seattle and Tacoma area, as well as in other cities around the nation have free admission days. Some of these are sponsored by Bank of America and require that you show a Bank of America credit, debit or ATM card. In Seattle, the Museum of Flight is free 5-9 PM, the first Thursday of every month; the Seattle Art Museum is free 10AM-9PM, the first Thursday of every month. The following museums accept presentation of a Bank of America card for free admission the first weekend of every month: Museum of History and Industry, Wing Luke Asian Museum and the NW African American Museum. In Tacoma, the Washington State History Museum is free 2-8 PM, the third Thursday of every month and by showing a Bank of America card, the Tacoma Art Museum is free the first weekend of every month. To check museums in any major city, go to [museums.bankofamerica.com](http://museums.bankofamerica.com), or call the museum you are interested in to ask about free admission days.

**Ken & Judy Storey** took a 28-day tour of France in June, landing in Nice by way of London and departing from Paris after touring southern France, taking a 7-day Rhone River boat tour and visiting the D-Day beaches at Normandy. Some of the other cities on their route include Caen, Arles, where painter Vincent Van Gogh lived from 1888-1889 and painted and had his ear cut; Avignon, home of the Catholic Popes from 1305-1378 when the French Kings had great influence in the Church, as well as Lyon and Macon. One of the highlights of their tour was a dinner at the home of a French family at the conclusion of their boat tour. They also

visited WWII American cemeteries in southern France and Normandy, and at the latter they placed floral bouquets on some of the grave sites. In Paris, Ken & Judy celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Moulin Rouge night club and had a great evening. They also saw the sights, such as Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower, as well as the "Awful" Tower, a new huge, modern building so-named by the locals who consider it to be incompatible with the grandeur of Paris.

**Theo & Mary Sluys** took a trip to their home country, the Netherlands, in July and spent two weeks there, plus they took a tour to Poland, where they visited Krakow and other areas. Their tour included stops at the Auschwitz-Birkenau WWII concentration camps, run by the German Nazis in occupied Poland near Krakow, where many people of the Jewish faith lost their lives. Theo recalls that when he was growing up in The Hague, he took accordion lessons, and at the age of 14 when he showed up for one of his regular lessons, the daughter of his teacher answered the door and said that her father was not there because the Nazis had taken her parents away. The daughter went on to say that she would be the next to be taken, and Theo noticed that the next time he passed the house it was closed up and no one appeared to be living there any longer. Switching back to current times, Theo mentioned that Rotterdam today is reclaiming more land from the North Sea by the use of dikes to provide additional staging area room for ocean-going container ships. The Port of Rotterdam is apparently doing well.

#### Calendar:

**September 8** – Luncheon Meeting – DoubleTree Guest Suites/Southcenter, 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle 98188 (Tukwila, WA)

**October 13** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**November 10** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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We have passed the mid-point of the summer and now we are treated to the three H's: Hazy, Hot and Humid!

The Dulles Loungers continue to meet for lunch at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We enjoy a casual lunch and a

chance to catch up on the news and to hear about travel plans for the summer. We will resume our full program on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

**Frank Contento** (formerly IADRR) who always checked us in at our monthly lunches, has been out of commission for several weeks. Frank is suffering from a strange illness that attacks the muscles in the spinal cord. Walking and generally moving around is very painful for him. If you wish to write him, please contact this correspondent for more details.

Former IADRR agent **Mark Albosta** reported that he had a wonderful trip to Phoenix recently. Although it was very hot indeed, Mark tells us that the heat was not unbearable as it is much dryer in the desert. Back in the "Old Days" when the Interline Club of Washington, DC held monthly parties and gave away passes, Mark was a consistent winner and he really got to see the world!

New retiree **Donna Marie Simpson** (formerly DCAOS) enjoyed a wonderful trip to Geneva, Switzerland with her husband **Richard**. This is a new service and operates 5 days a week from Dulles to Geneva. The Simpsons travelled out in first class and after clearing customs; they went directly to the hotel and prepared for an afternoon train tour to Montreaux. The train went completely around Lake Geneva in 1½ hours and the gardens were in full bloom. The town offered many outdoor bistros and lots of dog walkers! The highlight of the trip was a chance to visit the Chateau de Chillon, built between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries. A Renaissance fair was being held and that greatly added to the ambiance of the evening.

The next day, the Simpsons took a 2 hour tour of the city which included The United Nations, World Health Organization, Red Crescent, Unicef and many more organizations that work for world peace. With the city tour over, it was time for lunch and then a cable car ride. Once at the top, the view of Lake Geneva afforded many photo opportunities. Next day, it was time to head home after a short but sweet trip!

#### Calendar:

**September 9** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting

**October 14** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting



## NATIONAL

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A group of members of Clipped Wings® are looking forward to attending the Flight 93 Memorial service in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, September 11, 2009. We will present a donation to the memorial from Clipped Wings® United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc. We thank **Blanche Harris** (DCA), head of the committee, and the members of PIT, EWR, BWI and DCA chapters who have made the plans for this emotional event.

We have a committee in place that is working with the Games Operating Committee (GOC) of the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games that are being held July 16-25 in Lincoln, Nebraska. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes, we will also be assisting with the Cessna Air-lift.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

We are having great response from prospective members visiting our website. Please check us out at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).

### QUOTES

*Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined.*

*~Johnny Carson*

*Live by this credo: have a little laugh at life and look around you for happiness instead of sadness. Laughter has always brought me out of unhappy situations.*

*~Red Skelton*



# NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your renewal date

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

**Marie Kocovar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596-9107**

Another year into retirement and I am loving it! There is so much to keep me busy, classes at USF-Ollie, sight seeing in Florida, meeting new people and keeping in touch with dear friends. I truly understand the statement, "I'm so busy that I don't know how I ever had time to work".

Plans have been firmed for a Trafalgar Tour of Croatia and Slovenia this fall. My father was born near Ljubljana, Slovenia. In the 1970's my dad, mom and I

visited there and met our relatives for the first time. On this fall trip, I won't be in touch with my Slovenian family; instead I will visit the areas that were missed on the first trip. I am especially looking forward to several days at Lake Bled, the summer home of Tito, who was the former president of Yugoslavia.

Thanks to all of you on the RUAEA Newspaper for keeping us all up to date with the latest news about UAL and its retirees.

**Doris Riley, 1047 McDuffie Dr., Pinewood, SC 29125**

Greetings to fellow retirees! Just a note to all who may remember me at JFKFF for 18 years and JFKCS for 4 years. I retired in 1991.

I enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter. There are some names in the New York Metros column that I recall.

**Milton Sank, 2204 Fountain View Dr. Monsey, NY 10952**

It is tough living in a "hick town" area, so remote from airline friends and contacts. This makes receiving the Newsletter all that more important. I scan it from cover to cover, hoping to spot a familiar name. Keep it coming!

I still recall the furor when United hired revolver-toting guards at JFK airport. Today, troops at airports are common place.

**Mary Semon (Benanti) 2451 Midtown Ave. #902, Alexandria, VA 22303, (703) 417-9392, mjsmon@sbcglobal.net**

Here I am, late again. First a big thank you for this newsletter. It's a great way to be in touch and to know what's happening in the company.

By now, you must know we are back in the USA, we were abroad five years. As much fun as it was, living in foreign ports, there's no place like the USA. Louis is still working for CBP in downtown Washington DC.

We are right opposite the last stop on the yellow line so it's an easy commute to Huntington Ave.

Being a country Manager now, he has several countries which he has to visit. Durban, South Africa is one of them. This will probably be in Sept. & I will definitely go. He'll also take vacation & I also plan to accompany him to Freeport, Bahamas in July. I need to buy my own ticket or if possible travel standby.

Being back in the states gave us the opportunity to visit family in New York and in August our children and grandkids will visit from Wisconsin.

Till next year (maybe I'll be on time).



**Theodore & Collene Wilson, 1984 Olivewood Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 94362-1554**

I could no longer keep Ted at home. He is in a "Board and Care" and I visit him every other day.

He enjoys reading the newsletter and sometimes points out something that I have missed.

He remembers a lot of things of long ago, but has forgotten some of the present day events. Needless to say, the newsletter is very welcome to both of us.

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

Thank you all for putting together this informative newsletter. But it so happens that having withstood the advent of time, I seldom see anyone that I might know. I will be retired 31 years on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 but have so many memories of UAL of the early years, feel I should share a pilot's remembrance of them.

I was hired on December 16, 1941, by **Seely V. Hall**, then VP of Western Ops. His secretary was **Ken Gallagher**. When I went into the UAL hangar at SFO (SF then), Ken asked if he could help me. So I responded "*I would like to apply for a job as a pilot*". Come in he said, and took me into a conference room. He came back with a Staine-Wadsworth Test. As I took it, he graded it, and when I finished, he took me to Dr. Ladd's medical department. Gave me a physical, and I was hired to replace a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the air force, I recalled.

I was sent to CY5 to the Boeing school of aeronautics 8<sup>th</sup> class. We studied meteorology, power plants, company policy, navigation, radio communication, airplanes, DC-3, Boeing 247. Ground instructors included **Jim Newman**, **Marsh Caley**, **Gudy Gudmanson**, link trainer. And in the flight department, **G. I. Meyers** – Superintendent; **G. H. Willingham**, Chief instructor. My cross country instructor was **Bud Jordan**, instrument instructor, **George Wilbur**; **Nat Messer** and **Charles Doyle** were my twin engine instructors.

There was some discrepancy as to whether to call the 8<sup>th</sup> Class Tracey, or United 1. Nevertheless, much of my grading sheets were designated VIII, so I presumed Boeing class 8 was indicative of the name. There were two or three classes after that, which they called United 2, 3, etc. And then the school was moved to Denver, where the school was located in the temple court building in downtown Denver.

After I graduated from the school in July 1942, I was assigned to the CY5 shuttles with **Charles Doyle**, flying the Boeing 247. Then I was reassigned to SFO to be trained as a navigator for the Pacific Operations. The celestial navigation instructor was **Ned Simpson**. We also went to the Navy Morse code school in Oakland, California. We were part of a group from Boeing school CY5, as we had just finished a very comprehensive navigation training and only lacked the celestial and

Morse code training to be up to speed as navigators.

Luckily, the line navigators finished their training before we got the airplanes. The C-87 was the aircraft we used for the Pacific Operations. A B24, converted to cargo and passengers. The flight department then re-assigned me to SFO as a co-pilot in the DC-3. Then in March 1943, I was reassigned to Pacific Operations as a co-pilot. I stayed in that assignment until April 1944. Flying from Hamilton field, California to Hickam, Hawaii Canton Island, Fiji islands, New Caledonia, Brisbane, Australia. Then as the war progressed we flew into Guadalcanal, Port Moresby, New Guinea, Auckland, New Zealand. Lots of other islands, such as Attitaky, Bora Bora, I can hardly remember as it seemed like they were all at night, raining, and we were in and out as rapidly as possible.

After that stint, I was assigned to Portland, Oregon to start the process of checking out as captain. As the seniority was more junior at MDW, they decided to finish my training in MDQ, so in December 1944, I arrived in MDW and was promoted to captain in July 1945.

I will continue this epic next year with experiences flying the DC-3 during the early years.

Phyllis has been busy creating the most beautiful knitted sweaters, unbelievable. Happily, I am still instructing. Happy landings!

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

Greetings to all and thank you again for the extraordinary job you do on our monthly newsletter. It is interesting to read the different chapter's reports and see a name pop up that brings back a memory of a friend from the past.

Both my husband and I are in our "Nineties" and doing well. We both, finally, gave up golf, but he spends most days at the Olympic Club playing dominoes and I spend several days a week playing bridge. So we are keeping our minds active at least!

**Charles Cromling, 5870 Clear Water Dr., Ft. Calhoun, NE 68023**

I sold my home and it is time for me to leave. I have lived here for 46 years. I have lived alone now for 10 years as my wife had a stroke. We were married for 52 years.

I started with United on November 28, 1950 and worked for 35 years. Those were the good old days.

Thanks to all of you for the excellent newsletter.



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Jim Fauber	2002 – 2004
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Mort Wax	2006 – 2008
Editor Emerita - Jo Madden	1986 – 2007*

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In view of the anticipated closure of the Tuskegee Air Force Base, Frances applied for employment at the Tuskegee Veterans Hospital as a Medical Social Worker. This assignment was a lengthy one.

Frances then recalled her memories of the Tuskegee Air Force Base. There were nearly 1,000 fighter pilots trained there. Segregation was still being practiced. She recalled that President Franklin Roosevelt had ordered this training in spite of the attitudes of many of his top generals. They were of the opinion that black airmen did not possess the “intelligence, courage nor patriotism” to do what was asked of them. She noted that in spite of their disadvantaged beginnings, the all-black 99<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron distinguished itself by continual successful combat work throughout Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa, while escorting and protecting bombers and taking part in additional aircraft assignments.

**FLYING AT TUSKEGEE** - Black airmen who “washed out” of cadet training were given the opportunity to continue flying with the anticipation of obtaining their pilot’s license, and also the chance to enter the field of commercial aviation. Frances was one of 2 women who were allowed to enter this program. (She disclosed the other woman didn’t last long and was only interested in the “social” end of things.) Frances, however, stayed with the program and learned to fly light aircraft, logging in hundreds of hours, some of which were spent with the Civilian Air Patrol.

After her first solo flight, a “friend” disclosed this information to Frances’ mother. Unaware that this was a “solo airplane flight”, her mother replied, “Oh, that’s okay. Frances has been singing solo in the choir for years.”

**MORE ABOUT FRANCES** - Frances always loved being around airfields, spending most of her spare time with friends, listening to the Tuskegee Control Tower transmissions from a portable radio. She knew most of the military pilots by name and at the end of the flying day would congratulate them on their air work. She still had that same radio when we visited her in 2008. As was her generous nature, she donated it to the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

Being raised in Alabama in the early years of the 20th Century, Frances has personally encountered people and events that we have only read about. She witnessed the activities of the Ku Klux

Klan during the height of racial prejudice. Seeing the best and worst of human nature, Frances bravely rose above the problems. She received the Regional Commissioner’s Citation from the Social Security Administration. This is the highest award given an individual for “above and beyond” service to the elderly.

Frances married Sgt. William Dixon, a baker stationed at the Tuskegee VA hospital in 1948. Upon William’s discharge from the service, the couple moved to Montana, adopted and raised 3 children. William passed away May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1978. After William’s passing, Frances worked with the Department of Indian Health out of Billings, Montana. She ignored a suggestion from her then Indian Health Services boss that she “get in some current stick time” to enable them to fly to the different Indian reservations in Montana and Wyoming. Frances felt that the unpredictable weather in this part of the country was unsuitable for flying to remote locations and also, there were no adequately prepared runways for take-offs and landings.

At this same time, Frances was referred to Rapid City, South Dakota to provide coverage for hospitalized Indian patients. Shortly thereafter, she was recommended and recruited for the anticipated position of Area Social Work Consultant in the developing Billings area office. She remained employed by Indian Health until retirement in the mid 1980’s. Retiring from this assignment, she was employed by Area II, a State program for the Aging. After 8 years of work in this program, she retired again, but continued her interest and work with various services for the aging.

At the time of this writing, Frances was 94 years old and still living in Billings, Montana. She passed peacefully from this life on July 18, 2009. She had a great outlook on life and always looked forward to spending time visiting and reminiscing about flying. Her key to a long life: “Be Happy.”



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United Air Lines Oakland Municipal Airport Ticket-Office in 1936 (upper photo). Oakland's United Air Lines Traffic and Reservations in 1939 (lower photo).

By **C. L. "Jim" Newman**.

"On Christmas Eve Day in 1938, I flew as a passen-

ger from Oakland to Grand Island, Nebraska. There were never more than three passengers on the United DC-3 and the empty seats were filled with boxes of flowers."

"In 1938 Oakland Municipal Airport's Passenger check-in and ticket-counter was only long enough for three passengers and the waiting room across the hangar, was about 25 x 25 feet in size.

"At Oakland, the Boeing

School of Aeronautics shared hangers 4 and 5 with United Air Lines. In hangar 4 United had a radio-room, a dispatch-office and a small flight-kitchen."

"United's Bay-Area flights originated and terminated at Oakland. A few flights stopped at the smaller San Francisco airport, but most of the passengers were transported to-and-from Oakland by limousine."

"Although the Boeing School was the leading aviation school of the 1930 era, it is difficult to understand just how small the aviation industry was. For instance, in 1938, United Airlines had only 172 Captains & Reserve Captains and 82 First Officers."

"No story about the Boeing School of Aeronautics is complete without mentioning T. Lee, Jr. The initial "T" stood for Theophilus, so it was no wonder that everyone called him "T".

"During WWI, Lee was a Major in the Army Air Corps and he commanded an Oklahoma Air Training Squadron. Following the war he remained in the Army Reserve and flew as a pilot for Pacific Air Transport."

"In addition to having a flying-background, Lee was a promoter. His military-training experience convinced him that Boeing needed an Aeronautical School. He presented this idea to William Boeing and received approval. Lee also talked Mr. Boeing into adding a second pilot in the new Boeing Model 80 tri-motor."

*Photos from 1936 and 1939 Boeing School of Aeronautics catalogs - Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret.*

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