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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

I apologize for creating concern by mentioning Medical Insurance last month. My intent was to remind everyone that there are other issues beside travel that are important to all of us. The Bankruptcy decree provides that those who retired prior to July 1, 2003 will be provided benefit of medical insurance as long as United remains in business and does not file for bankruptcy again. Continental retirees are not afforded this benefit.

As mentioned last month, the company would like to have quarterly meetings with the organized retiree groups. The next gathering is planned for early October with medical benefits and further discussion on the pass travel program on the agenda. I find it interesting that further discussion on the pass travel program is on the agenda since we have been told from two different sources that the new program will go into effect as originally announced.

I would like to bring up volunteerism again. As we approach the end of 2011, many chapters will be looking for new officers for the coming year. Take a look at how you can become more involved with your local chapter. In addition, during our Presidents' meeting at the convention, I noted that some chapters have had the same leaders for years on end. I am sure many of these folks would appreciate added help or some time off. There are many spouses who are involved and in some cases, they are the ones keeping the chapter going.

Again think about what you might be able to do to keep your local chapter going. Become more active, you will find that it isn't that difficult and it might even be fun. Finally, in 2012, we will be looking for people to run for the National Offices, President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President-Convention and five regional directors, Florida, Midwest, Southern California, Northern California/Nevada and the Western region. Anyone interested should contact Ron Robertson.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

NRSA Service Charge Estimator

Numerous inquiries have been made by retirees as to how to determine the charges for their space available and companion fare charges.

The Service Charge Estimator is found by going to Flying Together and then to Weblist. After you do a Search on the desired future flights, click on the city pair (From-To link e.g. SMF-ORD) to see an estimate. You must click on each segment individually, as fares are based on segments, not point to point. Additional information is available at the same site as the estimate.

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Senior Discounts



If you are interested in getting Senior Discounts, Kerrie Schneider of the Dulles Loungers has found a website for you to try. Remember that discounts vary from place to place, so check with the sales associates/wait persons in your area to see if they apply to you. To see the list, go to Google and search for 108 stores with Senior Discounts, it is part of bradsdeals.com. Some places do not advertise senior discounts, so always ask if they offer one.

6th Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day



This event is for United Airlines Employees & Retirees, their family & friends and will be held at San Francisco Maintenance Center on Sunday, October 9th, 2011, from 1100 to 1700.

Planned event includes the Blue Angels, Aircraft Displays, Plane Pull Contest, Live Music, Car Show, Kids Play Area, Astronaut Video & Presentation, Parade, Aircraft Tours, Engine Shop Test Cell Tour, Exhibits & Displays, Food Vendors, and More!

Up to 4 Entrance Tickets per Employee/Retiree can be requested via E-Mail to: sf-familyday@united.com

Special charges include costs related to pension agreement

The special charges announced in advance of United Continental Holdings' second-quarter results include costs associated with an agreement reached with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) when UAL Corporation emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2006.



This agreement has no effect on any co-workers' pension benefits.

The agreement calls for United to issue notes to the PBGC when it would meet certain profit levels be-

tween 2009 and 2017. As United met those levels for the 12-month period ended June 30, 2011, it expects to issue \$62.5 million in 8-percent notes by Feb. 14, 2012. United recorded a \$49 million charge for the fair value of those notes in the second quarter.

This is the first time since the emergence from bankruptcy that the company's profitability has triggered the issuance of the notes. Because the combined financial performance of the two subsidiaries put United over the threshold profit level for the period, the charge is reported as an integration-related special cost.

United Continental Holdings announces 2Q profits, accrues for Profit Sharing



United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL), the holding company for UA and CO, announced second-quarter 2011 financial results July 21. Prior to the merger on Oct. 1, 2010,

UAL results included the financial results only of UA. Pro forma results that consolidate the financial results for CO for second-quarter 2010 are included for meaningful year-over-year comparisons.

UAL reported a second-quarter net profit of \$577 million, excluding \$39 million of net special items consisting primarily of integration-related costs and a one-time non-cash adjustment to revenue. On a GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) basis, UAL reported a second-quarter net profit of \$538 million.

"Thanks to the hard work of my co-workers, who managed through tough weather issues and many integration changes during the quarter, we are making steady progress toward building the world's leading airline," said Jeff. *"We are well positioned to deliver on the once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that this merger presents for our company and our people."*

The company accrued \$90 million for profit-sharing programs for results of the first six months of 2011, and employees of the combined company earned cash incentive payments for operational performance totaling \$5 million during the second quarter of 2011. United will base the final Profit Sharing amount paid to employees on full-year results.

UAL consolidated passenger revenue increased 10.1 percent in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the

pro forma results for the same period in 2010. Second-quarter 2011 consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile increased 9.0 percent compared to the pro forma results year-over-year.

Second-quarter 2011 consolidated fuel expense, excluding the impact of hedges, increased 45.2 percent, or \$1.1 billion, year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

United at your fingertips with new mobile app



United has launched a new, free, full-featured travel application for iPhone and iPod touch. Customers can book reservations, check in and access mobile boarding passes with a single touch.

In addition, co-workers will be happy to know they can now view their location on standby lists, which include pass travel reservations. Co-workers traveling on CO flights can check in using the app, even if they are doing so on a pass travel reservation or listing. The app will link co-workers traveling on UA flights to the mobile.united.com page to check in.

The United app offers time-saving access to information on-the-go travelers need, as well as other useful tools such as interactive airport smart maps and flight updates sent directly to their iPhone or iPod touch. Additional features include flight status details and access to MileagePlus and OnePass accounts. Users who got a sneak-peak during the soft launch have already given the app a rating of four-out-of-five stars in the iTunes store, commenting they love the capabilities and have been waiting in anticipation for its launch.

United's support brings together leaders in bioenergy



Leading experts and senior executives who define the bioenergy industry came together recently at the Bloomberg Bioenergy Leadership Forum in California. United sponsored

the forum and took part alongside representatives from agriculture, biotechnology, energy, public policy and investment firms.

"Alternative fuels are important in achieving our long-term CO2 reduction goals and are an important element of our Eco-Skies commitment," Environmental Affairs and Security VP Toby Enqvist said. *"Beyond that, biofuels can help us deal with the volatility of petroleum-based jet fuel costs."*

Forum participants agreed that biotechnology and bioenergy production processes have made major ad-

vancements, which may enable the development and availability of alternative sources of energy within this decade. *"We were pleased with the outcomes of the forum, which addressed some of the key issues in furthering the biofuels market to commercial scale,"* Toby said.

For more information on United's Eco-Skies commitment to the environment, visit [Flying Together](#).

New check-in kiosks on the way to replace aging units



Soon UA will be replacing 250 problematic or aging check-in kiosks across several stations. This is just one technology effort in place to resolve software and hardware challenges

that have surfaced over the past several weeks at a number of stations throughout the system.

"We are very aware of the operational and customer impact that results when automation and equipment are challenged," Airport Operations and Cargo Sr. VP Scott Dolan said. *"Given the summer volumes, this makes serving our customers that much more difficult. We thank all of our co-workers for their continued efforts, which have been extremely valuable in the identifying these issues."*

The recent slower kiosk process times result both from the age of some of the kiosks and the dual application United loaded in May. This is primarily due to the search function that may need to go through both UA and CO databases to find a customer record. The dual application search criteria also are more restrictive, so United is seeing more responses that the reservation is not found. *"Our hardware support teams are working closely with our vendors to provide replacement parts, while also staying in touch with stations to address kiosk reliability,"* Scott added.

Recalled ground service equipment mechanics return to work at BOS



Mechanics recalled as part of an ongoing effort to improve performance of the UA ground service equipment (GSE) fleet have completed their training and returned to work at Boston

(BOS) Friday, July 15.

UA is in the fifth year of centralizing GSE and facilities maintenance. The project has greatly improved the operational performance and service levels of UAL fleet while also significantly reducing costs.

In some stations, like BOS, bringing back co-workers is more effective while in other locations, United has partnered with vendors to handle GSE maintenance. *"We look for opportunities to do the work in-house, when it is competitive,"* Airport Operations Maintenance Operations Director Ray Ames said. *"After several productive discussions with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), we were able to bring back all the technicians at BOS."*

DEN GSE Supervisor Andy Alsdorf, who trained the returning mechanics, said, *"We're glad to have the team back and they are eager to work together again."* At BOS, the recalled crew maintains all the ground equipment, eight passenger loading bridges, the baggage system and snow removal equipment for CO and UA.

United offers furloughed UA pilots positions with CO



United will offer approximately 100 to 200 positions to pilots currently on furlough from UA subsidiary to fly aircraft for CO subsidiary. The positions will meet the needs currently

anticipated for the combined company's operation in 2012. *"We are pleased that, through cooperation with the Air Line Pilots Association, we are able to offer the opportunity for these UA pilots to come back to work,"* said Flight Operations SVP Fred Abbott.

"We will continue negotiation on a single contract for all of our pilots as we work towards our single operating certificate." As United finalizes the recall numbers and schedule, it will contact those pilots on the UA furlough lists. Furloughed UA pilots with questions can contact the Furloughed Pilot Coordinator at Furloughed-Pilots@united.com.

UA adds exit row seats to Economy Plus inventory



UA now includes exit row and select bulkhead seats offering extra legroom in the Economy Plus program. This change, effective July 21, aligns UA with existing CO policies and procedures.

"In addition to being an integration milestone, the move will grow Economy Plus upsell revenue, give customers more choices, and help ensure more customers have seat assignments when they arrive at the gate," said eCommerce and Merchandising VP Chris Ame-nechi. United will offer exit row seating in advance to

eligible elite MileagePlus and OnePass members and customers who purchased the Economy Plus Annual Option. General members and non-members may purchase exit row and select bulkhead seats when available, just as they can now for Economy Plus seats.

The new policy applies to all mainline and select United Express flights. The exit row seats will cost the same as other Economy Plus seats, and United will continue to ensure that customers accept exit row conditions before they are assigned to an exit row seat.

Bulkhead and exit row seats that do not offer enough legroom to qualify as Economy Plus seats are not included in the program.

United brand is defended in court



United succeeded in defending its brand in a UK court against United Airways Bangladesh. The court ordered United Airways to stop using the word “United” in the sale

and promotion of its services going forward. The court supported its decision by noting that United Airways had chosen a name well-established in the industry for decades and that the average consumer could be confused by the similarity in the names of two airlines.

“We believe it is especially important to avoid such confusion in markets in which we operate,” said Associate General Counsel Scott Garber. *“The United name is an extremely valuable asset to our company, and this judgment demonstrates the importance of protecting that brand.”*

SFO unveils new United look



From carpets and kiosks to signage and gates – and everything in between – the new United brand made its debut at its SFO hub. Co-workers and a support team from market-

ing worked through the evening to unveil the new look to customers when the airport opened early on July 13th. SFO elite travelers also experienced the new Premier Access airport services, including specially designed check-in counters, priority security screening, “front of the line” boarding and priority baggage handling.

“Given the high number of elite travelers SFO serves, the new branding is very important and shows we are a high-end airline that can compete globally and win their business,” explained SFO General Manager Ralf Ruckelshausen.

UA and CO integration continues to remain a hot topic for media around the world – China Daily, the Associated Press and local news affiliates were all at SFO to cover the re-branding changes.

ORD underwent rebranding in mid-May, and United will complete the eight remaining hubs by the end of 2011. As the company continues to make progress toward a unified brand, these transformations create a consistent customer experience.

CO team at PNS will handle United Express flights



The CO team at Pensacola (PNS), FL, will take over ground handling for United Express daily departures beginning Nov. 1, 2011.

This transition is part of the larger effort to ensure United is building the most efficient and cost-effective organization. The new United performed a complete and thorough analysis of the options including a “total cost of ownership” (fixed and variable costs plus service) on the United Express ground handling services at PNS. The transition team, which includes Airport Operations, United Express and the ground handlers, will work together to make it a seamless one for United’s customers.

Ask the Pharmacist - Sleep



The National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine reports that between 50 and 70 million Americans struggle with chronic sleep problems, and according to the United States Surgeon

General, sleep deprivation and disorders cost the nation \$15 billion in healthcare expenses.

A lack of sleep can take a toll both psychologically and physically - from daytime sleepiness to a weakened immune system. Long-term sleep deprivation leads to problems that can include memory lapse, depression, irritability and impaired work performance.

To help win the battle over sleepless nights, many Americans are turning to medication. In 2005, 42 million prescriptions for sleeping pills were filled. An analysis by Medco found that the number of adults aged 20 to 44 using sleep medications rose 128 percent between 2000 and 2005, and was up 114 percent among 10 to 19-year-olds in that same time period.

Insomnia is the most common sleep disorder, affecting between 30 and 40 percent of adults within a given year. Other sleep disorders include sleep apnea - a tem-

porary suspension of breathing that occurs throughout the night - and restless leg syndrome, which is characterized by intense discomfort, mostly felt in the legs when at rest. Some general recommendations for relieving sleep disorders are listed below. Should the problem persist, talk to a neurology specialist pharmacist at Medco by calling the number on the back of your prescription drug identification card.

A neurology specialist pharmacist has been trained specifically in the medications that treat sleep disorders, and he/she counsels patients every day who suffer from this chronic condition. Available 24/7, this specialist pharmacist will answer any questions you have about the medications you take for your sleep disorder and help you to manage this condition. Specialist pharmacists can also review your medical history and suggest ways you can save money on your prescriptions.

Here are some tips to help improve your sleep:

- ☑ Keep to a regular sleep schedule. Go to sleep and wake up at about the same time each day, even on weekends.
- ☑ Exercise regularly. Exercising early in the day can reduce stress and help you fall asleep at night.
- ☑ Watch what you eat and drink. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and meals close to bedtime. A cup of warm milk though, can help make you sleepy.
- ☑ Unplug. This is particularly important for teens with sleep problems. Make sure the bedroom is free of computers, video games, TVs and phones.

Sleep problems can be symptomatic of a physical or psychological condition that requires treatment, so it's important to see your doctor if the problem persists. Depending on the underlying reason for sleep difficulty, your doctor may recommend behavioral therapy - alone or in combination with drug treatments - for more serious sleep disorders. Medications include both over-the-counter products for minor sleep disturbances and prescription drugs, called hypnotics, for more serious sleep disorders.

Drug therapy is usually only recommended for short-term use. For those with chronic insomnia, a combination of medication and behavioral interventions is often more effective than either approach alone. Sometimes, with the right behavioral therapies, the use of drug treatment can be reduced or eliminated altogether.

“EASY DOES IT” Recipe Column

Are you single, widowed, divorced, available ... but no longer interested in having friends over for BBQ's or backyard parties? If you are invited and would like to go to these fun and friendly events and would also like to contribute and bring something delicious, here are



some easily prepared hors d'oeuvres which will make you a welcome guest at summertime events.

Christy's Appetizer Meatballs (or, use Little Smokies)

16 oz. pkg. frozen pre-cooked meatballs (or “Little Smokies” sausages)

18 oz. jar grape jelly –or- one can jellied cranberry sauce

(your choice)

12 oz. bottle chili sauce

Blend above ingredients; add meat and slowly cook on stovetop for 1 hour.

Barker's Cocktail Wieners

1½ C catsup

½ C brown sugar

¾ C bourbon (any brand)

2½ lbs. cocktail wieners

Combine catsup, brown sugar, bourbon & cocktail wieners in a large pot. Cover. Very gently simmer on “Low” on your stovetop for 2 hours. (Or, if you have one, same amount of time in a slow cooker.)

Bourbon Doggies (“Get Along, Little Doggie”)

2 C catsup

¾ C bourbon

½ C dark brown sugar

1 Tbsp. grated onion

1 lb. cocktail franks

Combine all sauce ingredients; add meat ... **Simmer** over low heat or **bake** in 300 F oven for one hour. If mixture thickens intensely, thin with additional water or bourbon. Serve hot. (To Microwave, allow 30 seconds for every 10 links.)

Bernadine's Ravensdale Garlic Dip (Garlicky but yummy!)

6 cloves of crushed garlic

16 oz. cottage cheese

12 oz. cream cheese

1 C Best Foods mayonnaise

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Blend together. Serve with “substantial” potato chips.

Creamy Cheesy Dip (Yum!)

8 oz. cream cheese

1 tsp. Tabasco

One can chili without beans

Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top

Serve with tortilla chips.

My favorite easy mushroom treats (Quick & Easy!)

Carefully remove stems from 12 firm medium-size mushrooms. Gently scrape insides with a small spoon. Save all to use in soup or omelets at a later time. Stuff mushrooms with creamy spreadable "Laughing Cow" (or similar) light herb-garlic cheese. (If you're feeling "rich", use Boursin cheese.) In any case, dip tops in finely chopped fresh parsley.)

Bacon-wrapped dates (Easy!)

11 slices bacon, cut crosswise into thirds (about ½ pound)

8 oz. pkg. pitted whole dates (about 32)

Place half of the bacon pieces on a rack in a shallow baking pan. Bake, uncovered, in a 350 oven for 12 minutes or until partially cooked; drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining bacon; cool. Wrap bacon pieces around dates; secure with wooden toothpicks. Place bacon-wrapped dates on rack in baking pan. Bake additional 10 minutes or until bacon is done. Approx: 32 appetizers.

Remember to find and put on your best apron so that your host realizes that you are a very serious cook!

Flight 93 Memorial



The dedication of Phase 1 of the Flight 93 National Memorial at the Memorial Plaza in Shanksville, will be held at 12:30, on September 10, 2011. Vice President Biden is scheduled to attend. President Obama is expected to visit Flight 93 Memorial on September 11, 2011.

Events start at Memorial Plaza at 9:30.

This start time was chosen to commemorate the time period during which the passengers and crew took action on the plane to thwart the terrorists.

As previously mentioned in an earlier newsletter, signs will direct visitors to the new entrance which is located on US 30. There will be field parking and visitor shuttles will provide access to the events.

In the future, if the fund raising reaches its goal, a tower will be built at the exit on route 30 directing the way to the Memorial. The tower will have 40 wind chimes and would illuminate at night, commemorating the 40 passengers and crew who died on Flight 93.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel ~ Over \$18,000.00 has been donated to the Memorial Chapel by United Airlines Retirees. What can I say? Thank you, thank you for all your support. You are very generous. Please continue, and may God Bless. You Retirees are great, thanks again. To donate, make checks to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: **Frank Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19072.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the *Obits* section of this Newsletter), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met Tuesday, July 26th, back in our favorite meeting location. We returned to the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. 16 members and 3 guests were present. **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** brought their 11 year old twins, **Jake & Eddie**, they are such nice young men. We really enjoy having them meet with us. **Park & Billie Learned** brought their 10 year old grandson, **Moe Morgan**, he is visiting them from Alaska. We truly enjoyed having all three young men with us. The boys left us immediately after eating and began exploring the museum, which with all the planes, they had a ball! After our meeting, **Park & Billie** took **Moe** and went to the IMAX theatre. We'll find out next month how they enjoyed it. Other members attending were **Honey Dimitriadis, Conrad Hamilton, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Thompson Horne, Jeanne Reinoehl, Harold Stofko, and John Whitney.**

We all had our lunch, which it looks like the "Cubi Dog" is becoming a favorite of several of our members. It is a hot dog covered with chili, cheese and onions and is delicious!

President **Bob Schwartz** called our meeting to order at 12:45. Lots of discussion continued regarding the pass policy and all the changes. **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** volunteered to bring her laptop to next month's meeting to teach everyone how to go about registering for a flight. Several members said they are lost in the procedure. Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** will contact the IT person at the Museum to get permission for us to log in on their WiFi system in order to do this. The minutes and financial report are emailed each month now to all our members so there is no longer verbal reports. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** and **Jeanne Reinoehl** sold the raffle tickets. Since the restaurant was so crowded, we shared our room with others so they didn't have to wait so long. A young lady at an adjoining table was asked to draw the winning ticket. **Barbara Serra** won the raffle, which all of us wondered how she arranged this!

A discussion was held about inviting Continental retirees to join our group. Everyone agreed this was a

great idea. **Bob Schwartz** will try to get names of retirees living in our area.

We found out after we arrived at the museum, that this was the last day for the Blue Angels to practice in Pensacola for the summer. There were thousands and thousands of people there and parking was a huge problem. A discussion was held and it was voted unanimously to change our meeting date to the 4th Thursday of each month, since they only practice on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Our next meetings will be Thursday, August 25th and then September 22nd.

Our August meeting will be the **One Year Anniversary** of starting our Chapter. We are all excited to think that it has been a whole year since we started getting together. We are all looking forward to many more years together. We look forward to having retirees who are vacationing in our Gulf Coast area to make plans to meet with us and view the awesome museum that the Navy has constructed here.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum.

Calendar:

August 25 - 11:30 AM – This is the 1st Anniversary of us becoming a part of RUAEA as a chapter.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We did not meet in July.

This summer we will be concentrating on increasing our membership. Readers, if you know any retirees living in central or northern Alabama, ask them if they are a member of our group. If they are not, tell them to contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or by email at judydyslover@mindspring.com. We love new members and guests.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX AZURES



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Are the kids back to school yet? It's getting harder and harder to "standby" for flights ... small planes ... heavy loads ... less lift. For Grandmas and Grandpas

who live “out of town”, and have to go back and forth to see the grandchildren, it is a real problem. Can’t wait until next year, it will be almost impossible to travel once we’ve used our 8 “vacation passes”. I’m confused ... aren’t we always “on vacation”? Oh, I’m happy for our wonderful flight benefits but I’m also worried that I’ll miss a lot of the grandchildren action!

Vic, fortunately, got on a flight on August 3 back to Phoenix for a routine doctor’s appointment. On the plane was **Barb Baer** and husband, **Tom**. They generously offered Vic a ride home to Goodyear. That saved him a trip on the Airport Shuttle. We owe you one!

So, I thought Arizona was hot and a “dustbowl”, the Chicago area had its share of hot, humid days (while we were there in July), followed, of course, by severe thunderstorms with record rainfall and flooding. O’Hare measured 6.86 inches of rain in several hours. It brings back fond (?) memories of the 1987 flood at O’Hare when people were walking and wading through flooded roads leading into O’Hare airport to catch their flights. Dem were the good ole’ days!

Our “breakfast group” scoop from **Sherry Muoio**: Our real-time traveler, **Jean Kernan**, joined the group to report on her fabulous trip to Russia. Too many tours later, she returned exhausted and her blood pressure and heart rate were extremely high. New medication for a leaky heart valve was prescribed. This did not keep Jean down as she left for an Alaskan cruise the end of July. Our prayers are with her.

Please keep **Tim & Nita Everhart** in your thoughts and prayers since both will be having foot surgery this month, Nita on the 8th and Tim on the 29th.

Sherry talked to **Dottie Quick** ~ She & Jack will be traveling for the next 4 months in Arizona and California. Then they will be celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary with a cruise out of New York to the Caribbean, down the Amazon River, back to more stops in the Caribbean and back to New York. Wow! Happy 46th to you, and many more!

The Azures Board sent a “survey” to its members to give opinions and suggestions for the upcoming 2011/12 season. So far, we have gotten 12 surveys back with great ideas. We will be offering a “carpool” to the luncheons and other events, so those who don’t want to drive too far won’t have to. So we should have fun this year trying new places and activities.

Also, the Arizona Broadway Theatre is presenting “Miracle On 34th Street” and some of the Azures will be attending the matinee performance on December 14. We have 20 tickets reserved and we can purchase more if we get more members interested.

Congratulations to **Dave & Rose Barry**, they are the proud grandparents of the Barry twins born July 28, a boy, Colin, 6 lbs. 5 oz. and a girl, Kelly, 4 lbs. 15 oz. Mother and babies are doing fine, I guess so is Daddy.

Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

September 13

September 27

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Can you believe it’s September already? Where has the summer gone? Hopefully, the weather will be cooler here. It sure has been a hot summer. The sand storm was something else! We hope more of our members and guests will attend our monthly breakfasts now that things are settling down more. We will be starting our monthly luncheons too, starting in October. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone again.

We had 19 members at our recent breakfast. We’ve had a number of people on our sick list. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, is now at home and progressing slowly from his serious back surgery. **Pete Kuspis** is going through chemo treatment. **Don Burns** had a mild heart attack, but is recovering nicely. **Ron Pedone** was in the hospital for tests and hopefully it’s nothing major.

We will miss **Julia Sapelak**, who moved to Farmington, Michigan to be closer to her daughter. Julia had brain surgery recently and is recovering from that.

Ed Conlon is under going rehab in Elgin, Illinois and hopefully will be able to return to their condo in East Dundee, IL soon.

Our Re-United’s Chapter is moving our breakfasts to a larger new location in Mesa as the restaurant we have been meeting in doesn’t have a large enough room to accommodate us. It’s the same company name, “Crackers & Company”. It is located at 1325 N. Greenfield Road, Mesa. It’s always hard to make a change, but if it enables us to accommodate more members and guests, we need to do it. We’re hoping to have more Continental retirees join our group also. Our first breakfast at this new location will be October 28.

This month’s Breakfast is Friday, September 23 at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue), starting at 9:00 a.m. This will be our last breakfast at this location. We’re open to anyone who has worked or retired from either United Airlines or Continental Airlines and is of retirement age (55 or more). Bring a friend! Contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, with your reservations at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net by September 21st. Look forward to seeing some new faces.

We're still collecting items for the Fantasy Flight to be held in early December. If you're out and about and see some of the following items, pick them up. We need stuffed bears, Barbie dolls, small individual blankets, socks, gloves, etc. We're having a book sale in October and need any new or used hardback or paperback books. Contact **Peg Snowdall** if you have any questions.

The following have September Birthdays: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to all! We have two Wedding Anniversaries: **Eldon & Jane Miller** (9/12/48) and **Ted & Liz Tollefsen** (9/18/54). Best Wishes Always!

Calendar:

September 23 – Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m. at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa. See information above. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by Sept. 21 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

October - Luncheon, hosted by **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier** - TBA

October 28 – Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers, 1325 N. Greenfield Road, in Mesa. (**New Location**).



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The monsoon season has not lived up to its reputation so far in the Tucson metro area. Some rain has fallen but it has been mostly isolated in certain areas and not of the general downpours that we usually see. Temps have been about normal for the month of July, running between the mid 90s to the mid 100s.

There were eighteen Roadrunners that met for lunch at Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant on the 21st of July. This is about the usual turn out that meet for our monthly luncheon during the summer months. We always have a good time and the conversations never let up. The food and service at Guiseppe's is always excellent and a big thank-you to **Pat & Rich Dilallo** for arranging this fine outing. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Howard Hunter** and **Ed Kokot**.

Our August meet will be at the Pine Top Country Club in the White Mountains on the 18th of August. This dinner will be hosted by **Howard Hunter**. Call him at (520) 825-1908 if you plan to attend. The dinner will be \$25.00 per person and you can pay Howard at the dinner. Dinner time is 6:00 pm.

Gordon & Dora Starr will host a luncheon on the 19th of August in Nutrioso. The luncheon will be at

Molly B's in Greer and will start at 11:30 am. They will also need to know if you will be attending so when you RSVP to Howard, just let him know that you will be attending the luncheon also and he will contact the Starrs. **Bill & Bonnie Royle** will be hosting our September luncheon on the 15th of September.

Calendar:

August 18 - Pine Top Country Club

August 19 - Molly B's in Greer

September 15 - Red Lobster at Oracle and River

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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We will be looking forward to attending our next meeting on August 17th, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. In the past, we were able to hold our meetings at the local Avila Beach Golf Course, but the restaurant has changed hands and they are trying to get it opened again. So we will be going to another location.

I'm sure everyone is aware of this, but there has been more information coming out about the pass policy. Not long ago, there was a change regarding the surviving spouses losing their pass privileges. This has been changed so the spouses will still get their passes. Apparently, the letters and emails have made an impression on management about how unhappy the retirees are on their decisions being made regarding our pass policy. Now, a reply to our displeasure, Management has finally said on a July 20th letter to the officers of RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, and Golden Eagles. It appears that Management feels Years of Service reflects our contribution to the company rather than Date of Hire. This makes it fair for both active employees and retirees. It sounds like a CO policy and not UAL that we all have become accustomed to. Is this the tail wagging the dog? It appears that this policy will still go into effect in 2012 and if they feel changes are necessary, they'll look at it again in the near future. We should live so long!

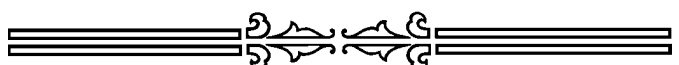
Until next month, I should have more Chapter news.

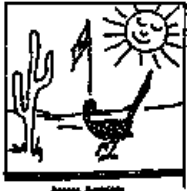
Calendar:

August 17 - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

October 19 - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

December 14 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**





DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Jim & Liz Clapper hosted the July Luncheon for the Desert Sunbirds at the beautiful Mountain View Country Club in La Quinta. Thirty one members selected items from the menu, including Cobb Salad, Reuben Sandwich, and Turkey Club Sandwich. I can report that no one went home dissatisfied or hungry.

There was only one guest this month, **Brenda Johnson**, guest of the **Clappers**. Congratulations are in order for **Ron & Elaine Aggson** (59th anniversary on 7/19), and **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (50th on 7/29).

We missed seeing **Jan Kellerhals** again - still on jury duty (so far - 2½ months), but we think she'll be back for our August Meeting. **Maureen Williams** and **Al Pennington**, both recently dealing with shingles, attended the luncheon "shingles free", but are now putting up with neuralgia, which is often the after-effects.

Sad news to report: We read an obituary notice in the Banning newspaper (about 40 miles from Palm Springs); reporting the death of **Rochelle Swiatek** from cancer. **Rochelle & Art** were members of the Sunbirds since 1999, but had not attended the meetings for several years.

Liz Clapper reported that she endured another "pat-down" at the airport on recent travels, but she was smiling when she told us. You know, Liz, that if you substitute "joy" for "dur" in the middle of the word "endured", it has a completely different meaning!

Liz Clapper won the birthday lunch (oh, that's why she was smiling). And **Melinda Lerg**, quite appropriately, won the 50-50 drawing. (See above - under Anniversaries). Lastly, one lucky winner at each table took home a beautiful flower arrangement, courtesy of the Clappers. They were: **Al Pennington, Lynda Davis, Judy Ford, Jan Voirol, and Ron Napier**.

More Student Bloopers: The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper.

Calendar:

September 14 - Palm Desert Greens Country Club, hosted by **Chuck Lamas**

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 27 at the Lake of the Pines Clubhouse in Auburn. This was hosted by **Dick & Sonda Sandstedt**. Dick was unable to be with us as he was in the hospital. We had 56 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President and Vice President were not here so our Secretary, **Colleen Esola** welcomed those attending and thanked Sonda for hosting.

Officer's Reports:

VP **Orville Harshbarger** was not with us today. We still needed a host for January. We had a volunteer come forward.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for July: Those 50 years and over: **Francisco & Marta Fornells** (56 years). **Bob Eggert** led us in the celebration song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the Chapter's balance.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Dick Sandstedt** as he is in the hospital with an infection.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report at this time.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** was not in attendance.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** talked again about the travel pass policy. The policy will remain as stated earlier.

Northern CA/NV Director **John Zoboli** talked about the following: The Sand Harbor picnic at Lake Tahoe will be held by the Reno Sierra Roundup on August 8. Clipped Wings of Reno will bring desserts. The Maintenance gathering in Minden, NV will be held on August 25, 26 & 27. This gathering is for all employee groups not just maintenance. There may be a one month - one time only - company payment of premium for retirees' medical insurance. More information to come. The convention in Portland was very successful with 400 plus in attendance. The tours were very good. Some rain with temperatures that were warm enough so not to be miserable. Two items were changed in the by-laws. Anyone retired from Continental may join RUAEA and term limits for Directors and Officers were eliminated due to the last few years there has been a lack of interest by members to become a candidate.

Convention in 2012 will be in Washington DC on October 3rd thru 7th. The hotel will be the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City which is close to Reagan National Airport. The rate will be \$99.00 per day which will also be available for 3 days pre and post convention. Due to the shortened convention, there will only be one banquet. The hotel will discount their restaurant food by 10%. The hotel may be reviewed at www.crystalcity.hyatt.com.

There are several petitions circulating regarding pass travel and related subjects. At this time, RUAEA is not in support of them. Donna Towle, V.P. Employee Relations, has written a letter to all of the presidents of the retiree groups indicating the new pass travel policy, as written, will begin in 2012. We will continue to evaluate the new program's performance. Another survey will be conducted in a few years.

Calendar:

August 31 – Alta Sierra County Club – Grass Valley

September 28 – hosted by **Charles & Martha Szekretar**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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The August 2nd Miner's luncheon was held at Mimi's Restaurant in Folsom and was hosted by **Bill & Jane Gibson**. Thanks guys, the food and service were great. The meeting was called to order by President **Jon Somplack**.

Treasurers report – We have some money. I couldn't hear how much – talk louder guys.

Old business – **Ed Akin** reported he couldn't make the luncheon as he would be attending a tractor "event" in Oregon. There will probably be some new equipment next year at his ranch.

New business – No meeting in September. We will need to start thinking about new officer nominees for next year.

A discussion was held concerning the new seniority and boarding priorities with the "new" United.

Not announced at the meeting were the August anniversaries. **Joe & Lynda Lima**, **Al & Geneva Lockwood** and **Paul & Bernice Ambrose**.

There were no anniversaries in July. September is **Darlene & George Nichols**.

Calendar:

October 4 – Location TBA, hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima**

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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We celebrated Bastille Day on July 14th for our July luncheon. The tables were decorated with blue, white and red bottles of champagne and little Eiffel Tower charms, everyone attending who had a birthday on July 14th or after, received one. **George Schwinds** birthday was the 13th, and George went home with a bottle of bubbly also.

Joanne Huhn, our president, welcomed 34 members and guests to the Chalet Basque in San Rafael. The weather was perfect, the food was wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the day, you could tell by all the friendly chatter. She thanked our hosts **Oscar & Joan Chambers**, who were assisted by **Pat Leahy**, **Joan Olsson** and **Dick & Maria Southon**.

Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests, **Lee Trevelyan** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Jack Donahue**, guest of **Joan Olsson** and **Maryanne Stilman**, guest of **Norma Stilman**. Maryanne is Matt & Norma's daughter-in-law.

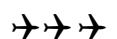
Treasurer **Judy DeFord** gave us our financial report for the month. It looks pretty good, until the bills get paid. The June minutes were approved.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr**, is away traveling so I did my best to stand in for her. The July birthdays were many, **Roger Casterline**, **Inara Witt**, **Charlie Anderson**, **George Schwind**, **Larry Schmidt**, **Janice Blackburn**, **Pat Leahy**, **Heino Witt**, **Helen Furber**, **Verda Burr** and **Joan Olsson**. The winner of the lunch was **Joan Olsson**. We had three anniversaries this month: **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** (72 years), **Nick & Maria Van Kruining** (58 years), **Fred & Joan Langkush** (61 years). Congratulations to all.

Joanne sent a Get Well card to **Matt Stilman** who is doing fine. Joanne also had a note from **Pete Bilsich**. Pete took a little tour to the "ER" for a heart problem. He is feeling better now, but doesn't like being haggled by all the nurses. Pete hopes to make it to the luncheons real soon. He says "Hello" to everyone.

August will be our picnic at Armstrong Woods hosted by **Verda Burr** and her son **Bart**. We are all looking forward to the picnic. A little reminder, the entrance fee was increased to \$8.00, but the first 10 cars are admitted free. It is always best to car-pool.

We had our raffle; **Dick Southon** donated a great "airplane bank." It was the first prize, and it was won by **Matty Matchinegg**. There were many prizes of chocolates and bottles of wine, enjoyed by all.



Calendar:

August 11 - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**
September 8 - La Gare, hosted by **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**



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As **Barbara Smith** is unable to write the September Newsletter, I am doing it for her for now ~ A few days ago, Barbara suffered a mild stroke at home but was able to call the paramedics. She is now regaining partial use of her voice, but her right hand is not functioning properly. Barbara is currently in the Los Alamitos Medical Center, 3751 Katella Ave., Rm. 121, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Hospital phone: (562) 598-1311. There is no phone in her room. Barbara expects to be in the hospital for a few days, and then moved to a rehab center. Cards or notes may be sent to her home address: Barbara Smith, 13721 El Dorado Drive, #20H, Seal Beach, CA 90740. They will be delivered to her.

Sandy (Shimabuku) Ortiz – I received a call last night from Sandy with some sad news. Last Saturday, July 30, Sandy was taking a bath and passed out while in the tub. Her daughter came over to check on her and Sandy was transported to Torrance Memorial Hospital. A series of tests were run, but the results are not yet in. The doctor told her that the best he can guess without seeing the test results is that she had a very sudden drop in her blood pressure which caused her blackout. Sandy is on the first floor of Torrance Memorial for a while but will be in rehab for an indefinite period. Sandy does not want any phone calls as she is very weak and needs to concentrate on regaining her health. Cards or notes may be sent to her home: **Sandy Ortiz**, 760 W. Lomita Blvd., Spc. #71, Harbor City, CA 90710. They will be delivered to her.

Tom & Carol Labrow were returning from Flagstaff, AZ on July 30 and had an accident. Carol had a broken wrist, but otherwise OK. Tom, however, suffered a broken neck and a couple of his vertebrae were also injured. He also has some broken fingers. He was airlifted to Las Vegas and taken to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center. He was operated on and per Carol, was up and able to move around. Both he and Carol are home now. The pick-up and camper were totaled. Per **Hal & Donna Klobe**, Tom's neck and left hand are broken and Carol's right arm is broken. Tom & Carol would love to receive cards or notes from their old friends, but asked that no phone calls be made due to the

difficulty in handling a phone. Their address is: **Tom & Carol Labrow**, 2039 Cactus Ct., Bullhead City, AZ 86442. You can send an email, but do not expect a long or involved reply, as I am sure you can understand. Email address is: tomlabrow@gmail.com.

LAXRR Reunion – the 2011 Reunion for anyone who worked in LAXRR or LAXTO from 1946 until 2002 will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo, CA. Times are from 11AM until 3:30PM. No host bar, buffet luncheon (Italian food) beginning at 12:30PM. Cost is \$34.00 P/P, all inclusive. If you do not have a flyer yet, email me at Res-rat@aol.com and I will email one to you – it has all the information and the RSVP form.

Calendar:

September 24 - Reunion at Hacienda Hotel
October 6 - Luncheon meeting at Proud Bird. 11am.
December 1 - How time flies - Christmas Luncheon

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There were twenty two attendees at our August breakfast. We welcomed **Walt Washington**, a first time attendee to our group and **Renelle Branson** was visiting from North Dakota. **Woody Grover** joined us also and it is always good to visit with him.

John Cunningham and **Betty Tomaino** assisted at the San Diego Comicon convention. Working with exhibitors, registration and crowd control.

Ralph Hernandez has headed back to New York for a family reunion and **Ed Knight** flew to Chicago to participate in the Mackinac Island sailboat race.

We wish a Happy 76th Birthday to **Tom Sturgeon** who celebrated at home in Cleveland with friends and family.

Mary & Louis Semon are moving back to San Diego and we hope to see them at our breakfasts in the near future.

At our July breakfast, we were happily surprised by a visit from **Bob & Carol Stoop**, currently living in Henderson, Nevada.

Skip Householder is on his way to Pennsylvania to visit with family.

Everybody is out and enjoying the summer and getting together with family and friends. We will have a lot to talk about next month.

See you at the September breakfast and enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember, if at first you don't succeed skydiving is not for you!

Calendar:

September 1 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS SFO - BAY AREA

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As Summer wanes, “Grandparents Day” beckons on September 11 and Autumn comes knocking at our door on September 23. Our annual picnic scheduled for September 26 has changed locations. It’s a shorter drive this time! We will be relishing those delicious BBQ steaks and accompanied goodies around and about 10:00AM at our usual monthly General Meeting place, William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Boulevard (Shell & East Hillsdale Boulevard), Foster City. You’ll be able to sit outdoors with your old and new friends. The beautiful background scenery of the lake and trees will treat your eyes very nicely, we promise. (In case of inclement weather, we will gather indoors.) Tickets are available at our Monday, August 22nd General Meeting: \$10.00 per member, \$15.00 per guest. If you can’t make the August meeting, call Auditors **Ben Vietz** (650-589-2988) OR **Dorothy Reuszer** (650-341-5765) to reserve a ticket. **Cut off date: Friday, September 16.** Telephone as soon as possible, please. **Note:** If you’re in the neighborhood and visiting from another chapter, we’d love to see your friendly face at this picnic!



A recently delightful surprise was to view and hear retiree member **Darryl Coe** entertaining on his Drehorgel (German street organ) at a local Redwood City park concert. He followed “The Internationals”, a 4-piece band who set the mood for a definitely Deutsch and European evening. **Darryl** came prepared in an Alpine hat and very complete lederhosen costuming (see above photo). His Drehorgel was purchased in Berlin and has 20 notes and 32 pipes ... a melodious and beautifully decorated instrument. **Darryl** attended and performed among 13 other artists in this year’s International Drehorgel Festival in Charlottenberg (Berlin), Germany. The title given to such a performer: can you pronounce *Leierkastenmann*?

Joining the LXXXX set is member **Bob Donovan**! Happy birthday, dear **Bob**! More happy news: celebrating in July with “over 50 year anniversaries” are **Rex & Margaret Reelfs** at 53 years, **Milt & Marie Cavalli**

with 73 (Wow!), **Auburey & Betty Bliss** with 63 years and **Ellsworth & Jean Crowell** with 64 blessed years. Congratulations everybody!

No September General meeting, Picnic! (See first paragraph, above). December: No General Meeting, enjoy the holidays. Our General Meeting lunchtime entertainment for Monday, October 24 will be our male members’ favorite dancers, “*Beledi Desert Dancers* (belly dancers). For Monday, November 22, our very favorite piano and violin team: A bit of humor nestled in the supremely talented fingers of these returnees, “*Tibor and Elena*”. Don’t miss them!

We are missing another member, now departed from our shores: **Richard “Duke” Kennedy** of Millbrae, former address 1201 Broadway, #2314, Millbrae, CA 94030. God speed, **Duke**.

Recent correspondence has been received from **Wallace Rapozo**, UAL retiree and volunteer with the California Highway Patrol for the past 10 years. **Adrienne Tissler** of the San Mateo Board of Supervisors is offering a 3-hour free class for seniors to help older drivers keep their licenses longer. This class is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A free Continental breakfast and lunch will be given to each attendee. The class will be held at the South San Francisco Magnolia Senior Center, 601 Grand Avenue, 3rd Floor. Any questions, please call **Lorraine Simmons**, the legislative aide for Supervisor **Tissler**: (650) 363-4572. You must telephone Ms. **Simmons** to register your name in this class. And to repeat: both the 3-hour class and Continental breakfast and lunch are given to us at no cost.

Mark your calendars for the **6th Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day**: Sunday, October 9, 2011, 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the SFO Maintenance Center. Fascinating events will include a visit from The Blue Angels, aircraft displays and tours, plane-pull contest, a variety of live music, car show, Astronaut video and presentation, parade, engine shop test cell tour, exhibits and displays, food vendors, and more! Up to 4 entrance tickets (wristbands) per employee/retiree can be requested via email to: sf-familyday@united.com

If you are a member of our UAL retiree chapter here in the Bay Area and have a computer, you are invited to email me (**Helen**) to put your name on a “Keep-Me-Up-To-Date” list. I will notify you promptly if and when I am informed of the passing or illness of one of our treasured members or if I receive accurate travel pass info that I think you might not be aware of.

Personally Speaking:

- (1) “I’ve learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one.”
- (2) “As of today, do not keep anything for a special occasion, because every day that you live is a special occasion.”

Calendar:

Each monthly UAL SFO-Bay Area Retiree General Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 4th Monday of each month (not September or December or if a 4th Monday falls on a major holiday). We'll see you at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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The South Bay RUAEA enjoyed a Hawaiian themed breakfast. No passes were needed and everyone experienced first class food and entertainment. **Mary Lou Rogers** danced a graceful hula for us. Holder's even offered pineapple pancakes. Hawaiian decorations and music filled the room. Thanks to our social chairman **Dave Saso** and his menehunes for a delightful morning.

We welcomed a new member, **Deborah Casey**, to our group. We are always happy when new retirees join us. Our attendance for our weekly breakfast meeting averages around forty plus. Please join us any time.

Congratulations to **Darlene & Gary Ikeya** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

We meet **every Friday morning at 8 AM** for breakfast at **Holders' Country Inn** on DeAnza Blvd. in **Cupertino**, across from Home Depot.

Calendar:

September 12 - Bus trip to Disney Museum in the Presidio of San Francisco. Lunch @ the Beach Chalet - Garden Restaurant at Ocean Beach. Hosts: **Dave & Joanne Saso** (408) 266-9347.

October 5 - Oktoberfest Buffet Lunch @ Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave. San Jose. Hosts: **Karen & Bob Devlin** (408) 446 3244 and **Dave & Joanne Saso** (408) 266-9347

October 28 - Celebrate Halloween!

December 6 - Christmas Winter Holiday Lunch at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara. The officers of our South Bay RUAEA are the hosts. Contact **Dave Saso** at (408) 266-9547.

TBD - Ladies Holiday Lunch, hosted by **Joan Dahl**, (408) 996-2161.



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Time is going by so fast that I am having a hard time keeping up! I know I missed last month's newsletter because I missed our chapter meeting. But I hope to catch up with this newsletter and let everyone know how things are going. I told myself I had to get this article done today because we have so much going on.

We just got back from upstate New York and from visiting family. We all had a fun and wonderful visit and we were very fortunate we got coach seats on our flights to Chicago and Albany, NY. We had our granddaughter with us flying on a companion pass.

Our president **Don Nesja** and his lovely wife **Joann** are "on the road" traveling in their 5th wheel and seeing our beautiful country. Since **Jack Walls**, VP, and I were also out of town at the time of our June meeting, **Joan Verbaere** was kind enough to cover for us. **Barbara Edkin** took some notes for me so I could draft up the minutes. Thanks again to both of you for helping out in our time of need.

I understand **Hans & Regina Weber** had a wonderful luncheon in June at Kelly's Brewery in Manteca. They had a great turnout of 35 people. Everyone enjoyed the food and the Diamond Almond raffle prizes.

And the July luncheon meeting was held at a new place for our chapter - Mary Beth's Grand Central Station in Oakdale. The food was great. We brought our granddaughter Hailee as our guest and **Mel & Eve Oberg** brought their daughter Beth as their guest.

Ben & Karen Yeatts hosted the July luncheon. They selected the restaurant, the menu, and the raffle prizes but they were not there. They left the country to take a Mediterranean cruise with their granddaughter and I'm sure they had a wonderful time.

John Zoboli was our guest speaker. He was great as always. And he did share some information about UAL and Continental. Things don't sound too good for us retirees but he said we should not pay attention to rumors - just wait until we get something official from UAL. Before you know it, summer will be over. This short article will appear in the September newsletter and I'm hoping you all have a happy Labor Day weekend. Let's all enjoy the rest of the lovely summer weather.

Our chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month and we hope you will join us. If you need any information or if you have any questions, please call our president **Don Nesja** at (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

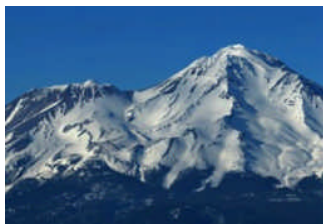
Calendar:

September 8 – Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs

October 13 - My Garden Cafe in Ceres

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Summer is finally here in the North state and the lakes are full and beautiful! We certainly have been blessed with great weather. Our July 28th meeting was held in Red Bluff this month and was shared by 25 retirees and spouses. Thank you to **Vanessa Pratt** for making the reservation at the Countryside Café. A great lunch was had by all.

Merritt Odor, our President, introduced **John Zoboli**, our Northern California/Nevada Regional Director, and our guest speaker for the day, **Earl & Karen Allen**. He asked for any birthdays or anniversaries. **Jim & Caroline Geiger** both celebrated birthdays as well as their 42nd anniversary. **Bunnie Stuart** and **Ronald Stein** also celebrated birthdays.

John Zoboli reviewed some of the items from the RUAEA Portland convention in May. He said the convention was a success with over 400 retirees in attendance. Unfortunately, none of our members could make it. John announced the date for the next convention to be held in Washington D.C. in 2012. The dates have been set for October 3-7. John announced the Sand Harbor picnic at Lake Tahoe held by the Reno Sierra Roundup that is set for August 8th. There also is a retiree maintenance group gathering in Minden, Nevada on August 25, 26, & 27th. He briefly mentioned the pass travel again, noting that several petitions are circulating and they are not supported by RUAEA.

Jim Bunton introduced our speaker for the day, **Earl Allen** & his wife **Karen**. Earl works for Southern Air Transport and gave a great talk on the airline, how it was formed and also about his personal experience flying aircraft and his 100 acre ranch where he has his own air strip with 3 hangars. It is called Allen Field. Earl was a two time National Winner in the Reno Air Show. He is the #1 747 Captain for Southern Air Transport and also the training instructor. He shared some great stories of his flying experiences all around the world. We all thanked him for sharing his stories with us.

Our member profile this month is **Dick Hooning** ~ Dick started with United Airlines on May 19th, 1955 after his discharge from the Navy. He and a service

friend applied together as temporary summer help. His friend left after the summer but Dick stayed on. Dick started in Flight Dispatch. After a few years, he transferred to crew scheduling where he handled the daily assignments of both pilots and flight attendants. In 1968, United got a contract with the Air Force to operate flights. Initially, it was cargo to the Far East, mainly Vietnam. This later expanded to cargo and passenger flights and this group had its own dedicated planes and crews. Dick worked full time in the Mac Operation for 4 years. It was one of the highlights of his career. When crew scheduling was centralized in EXO, Dick stayed in the SFO Flight office handling pilot monthly scheduling, training, vacation assignments and other administrative matters. Dick had great times and great friends at United. Dick retired in June of 1994. He enjoyed private flying and now has fun in Paradise, CA with his children and grandchildren. They keep him quite busy!

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **Dick Hooning** and the winner of the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate was **Hal Burdick**. The next meeting/luncheon will be held Thursday, Sept. 29th, at Anderson River Park. It will be a picnic with the Northstaters providing tri tips and attendees will provide salads or desserts. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon through E-Mail if you plan to attend a lovely day in the park next to the Sacramento River.

Calendar:

September 29 – Meeting/Luncheon at the Anderson River Park, KC Grove #2, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Come join us!

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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August 6th was a bright sunny day in Denver with the temperature about 75° when the Mile Highers met for breakfast at the United Flight Training Center, there were 54 in attendance.

We had some first timers: **Julie Jacobs**, **Bobby Reimemer**, **Gerald Schroeder**, and **Phillip Miller**. **John Mahar** from Continental was also present. Guests were **Earl Horner's** daughter, **Cathy Pankoski**, and her husband **Vince** from Calif. **Virginia Hanson's** sister, **Dolores Kambie** from Montana and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** daughter **Dianne Adkins** and their grand daughter **Rachel Adkins**. Come on back, one and all, and bring a friend! Our Continental friends **Don**

LeFurge and **Mick Manfre** also joined us. Thanks for coming, you are always welcome.

Teena Davis reported that **Marlin Hoeme** is at home after being hospitalized for blood clots and after a fall. He is also mending a few broken bones. **Logan Gray** had a heart attack and is home now.

Tom Goodyear reported the passing of **Diane Mazuroski** due to a heart attack; she was only 51 years old. Diane was the stores manager at DIA, she left the UAL and went to work for Air Canada as stores manager. Our condolences go out to her friends and family.

Virgil Gooselaw reported there was no information coming from the company regarding the insurance premiere rebate that was mentioned at the convention. Seems everyone is tied up with the merger, don't be surprised if it takes a while to get the information out. Also he has been getting a lot of calls regarding the new look of SkyNet website, none very positive. A frequent question is: Where is the "Pass Charge Estimator"? The estimator is still there but you have to go to "Web List", set your itinerary and then click on the blue high lighted cities in the From/To column. It's there along with all the information that used to be on the old Travel page. Our web masters may have something in this issue about this, if they get it in it will be in the General Section.

Harriet Ahr wants buttons and bows for a hospital that is making things for still born babies. Bring buttons and bows to the next breakfast. If you have questions give Harriet a call on (303) 477-2918.

Tom & Nancy took a recent trip to Germany and the only hitch was a side trip to Rapid City to make it to Chicago. They made their connection in Chicago to Amsterdam and got First Class. They were helping to bring their grandson back from Germany. He was going to a University in Germany. On the return flight, there was only one First Class seat left so Tom pulled rank and took it. The rest of the family had to fly Business Class. And understandably, he still hasn't got a clarification on his status in the Goodyear family since returning. Ha!

Two retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter; they were **Jim Peck** and **Ray Shoults**. Thanks fellows!

The summer (bug free) picnic will be over with by the time this Newsletter is published, but we're expecting a good turn out and there will be more to follow on this event next month.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

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We had a regular lunch meeting on July 25, it was a short meeting with a few people. Some who are on furlough since 2006 are now transferring to Billings, MT, a UAL station; **Shonda Nofzinger**, **Ron Jones** and **Betsy Keithline**, all former COSOZ, are going to Billings. There are CS openings in SFO, DFW, ORD and BIL. Good news for those on the street! Let's get moving!

Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

Calendar:

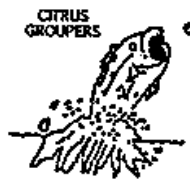
August 22 – Regular lunch meeting

September 26 – Regular lunch meeting

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Don Nellans, President of the Citrus Groupers, led the group in the Pledge of allegiance. There were 16 in attendance.

Charles Wirth gave the Treasurer's Report, stating there is a balance of \$317.00. He received a DVD and literature from the Memorial Chapel of Flight 93 after the Citrus Groupers sent a donation toward this memorial.

Old Business ~ 3 volunteers are needed for the Day Trip and Christmas Party which was voted on at the last meeting for events the Citrus Groupers would like to develop in the near future. Also, a new name tag was voted on and will be presented to members when they pay their dues in January, 2012. The dues are \$5.00 per couple, \$2.50 for individuals. Please pay **Charles Wirth** either cash or checks made out to him. If you are not at a meeting, you can mail dues to him, also indicating information for your badge.

A 50/50 was held and was won by **Elaine Cantillo**, congratulations.

July Birthdays: **Eric Becker**, **Joe Cantillo**.

July Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Bill Wimmer**, Mr. & Mrs. **Charles Wirth**.

Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month (**September 29th**), 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd.

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People must be taking advantage of these last lazy days of summer, as we had only 11 Sand“DABS” present at our August meeting. August may even be a dull summer month also, because there were no birthdays, or anniversaries, or company anniversaries.

VP **Steve Moddle** opened the meeting for us. Our Prez **Dick Coughlin** was having the last one of 32 radiation treatments today. He is doing very well, but has had some side affects, the great news is that he is now cancer free! We have been blessed to have so many of our prayers answered for Dick as well as **Bill Lowry** who had surgery not too long ago and was back with us today. **Emily Veracka**'s granddaughter came through her serious operation well and is making good progress.

Penny Logan gave us a Treasurer's report. Our money keeps growing slowly and we need to think of one or two charities to benefit from a gift from us.

Steve Moddle mentioned that he goes to a monthly police report meeting. They give reports of the kinds of crime that has taken place in the area and compare it with a year ago, locate trouble areas, etc. Steve reminded us to be careful of our surroundings, keep watch on things in our neighborhood and around us, especially make sure you lock your car all the time, keep valuables hidden, etc. Good reminders. It seems car theft is very prevalent in this area.

At joke time, Steve had a funny blond story which brought some chuckles. **Bill Lowry** drew the winning 50/50 number for **Nelson Funkhouser** to win. There were some air stories shared by **Steve** and **Larry Horton** going back to WWII days, from stories in some books. One was about Admiral Nimitz and the other about dropping the bomb that ended the war in Japan. They were interesting to hear. It was sort of like “the rest of the story” Paul Harvey used to tell.

There was no news of the company except for a few people who had flown recently and were able to go first class, which is always nice. We all left and will gather again in September.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY ~ If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there ~ L. Carroll

Calendar:

September 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster
October 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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40 members and guests braved the **heat** to gather at the Golden Corral and visit with friends. We had quite a few “strays” at this meeting! I think they just waited to visit until they were looking better than the rest of us! Ho! Warm welcomes and please come back soon to: **Al & Joanne Mollet, Jorge Cisneros, Stu Hunter, Lou & Joan Gaydos** and MCOCG retiree **Phil Williams**. Phil was visiting from DFW and was accused of bringing the sweltering heat to MCO. Just kidding, Phil! Come back to see us anytime!

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and we all especially prayed for **Ernie Vosges**, who began our tradition of saying the “pledge” to start each of our chapter meetings. Ernie underwent a procedure to correct a heart irregularity on June 30th and is still in the hospital. **Lou Gaydos** is back in the hospital with very serious heart and internal problems. On a much more positive note, **Alex Montalvo**, 13 year old grandson of **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, is making a wonderful and positive recovery following a heart transplant in CA. All of these folks are in need of our prayers and well-wishes.

Late breaking news ~ **Ernie Vosges** is breaking out of the hospital and into a local rehab center. He & **Cheryl** live at 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829. **Lou & Joan Gaydos**: 526 Wildwood Drive, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168. **Chris Hess** had triple bypass surgery 8/5, 719 Honeysuckle Ave. Celebration, FL 34747. Memorial Services were held on June 5th for **Mel Saathoff**, retired Lead MCOCG. Mel's wife, **Joan**, passed away on July 20th, 1133 Columbia Way, Cocoa, FL 32922.

August Birthday Guys and Gals: **Sharon Ringer** (8/13) and **Shelby Michels** (8/16). Our August Anniversary Couple is **Don & Susan Ullman** with 16 years on the 8/15. Congrats!

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road
September 6
October – Picnic
November 1

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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The Pelican Drop-Ins had a wonderful breakfast together. The waitress had our tables arranged in a square and it was perfect! All ten of us could easily talk and visit across the table. There was some talk about the merger and our boarding priority, but most of the time was spent talking about the summer and our plans.

We are changing the date of our next breakfast to September 9th because of Labor Day weekend.

Nancy Kopp and **Wanda Schmoyer** used Continental passes to attend the three-day Hibiscus Convention in Houston. Some of the flights were filled and they had to split up, but those two cute flight attendants made it there and back without too much of a problem.

Mary Moran was a first time member of the summer breakfast group. She is flying to Oregon for vacation. **John & Nancy Dainus** were also there for breakfast. Nancy says she is to have more surgery soon.

Ed & Judy Clark are planning to attend a family reunion in Columbus, Ohio. It is also Ed's 50th grade school reunion.

Sally Sciple was the first to arrive because of a mix up in the time. Sally has been doing lots of traveling this year. She is an inspiration to all of us.

Bee McCarthy has been busy this summer with her volunteer work at the Isles Yacht Club. **Mel & Linda Volz** are going to Michigan where they plan to stay at a Bed and Breakfast. Mel is going to play in "The Old Timers Golf Tournament".

Joan Gilkison continues to volunteer one or two days a week at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda. She has been there over 20 years. Joan leaves for a trip to San Diego in less than 2 weeks.

We had sad news. One of our long time members, **Ronald Schultz** passed away on Thursday, July 14, at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

If any United Airlines employees or retirees are in town, please call and join us for breakfast. Please remember next month's breakfast was changed to **September 9th**.

Calendar

1st 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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The August meeting was called to order by Vice President **Bob Lindstrom**. There were no new members and no guests, 17 members were in attendance.

There were no birthdays in August. Anniversaries were **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** on August 26th (44 yrs) and **Art & Flo Reveillac** on August 28th (66 yrs). Congratulations to both couples.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by **Jean Linehan**. She, also, read the treasurer's report. We are still looking for someone to take over as secretary. We are, also, looking for someone to take over as photographer/historian.

Mary Martin reported that we had 50 paid members. She said there were a few not paid yet. Remember if your dues are not paid by the end of this month, you will have to pay \$6.00 for the picnic in October. Guests are, also, \$6.00. If you need a name tag, she can make one up for you for \$0.50.

Sunshine Lady **Terri Breslen** sent get-well cards to **Bob Noe** who had back surgery and **Jan Kratofil** who was in the hospital for several days with a knee injury. Both are home and doing well.

Our fall picnic will be held October 3rd at Anderson Park on US 19 in Tarpon Springs. If you plan on coming to the picnic and will not be at the September meeting to sign up, please call **Jim Hottel** at (352) 597-4483 or e-mail him at jpoaks@bellsouth.net to let him know you will be attending the picnic and whether you want pulled pork or pulled chicken.

Reminder, our next meeting will be changed because of the Labor Day holiday. It will be held on Sept. 12th.

Calendar

September 12 - 11:00AM, IHOP, New Port Richey

October 3 - 11:00AM, Picnic, Anderson Park, Tarpon Springs

November 7 - TBA



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Whew ... it's hot and I know we aren't the only ones here in Florida feeling the heat. What would we do without A/C? With that said, let's get on our way and enjoy life, take it easy doing things slowly and dealing with the heat the best way you know, stay cool!

Our vacation is almost over and our next meeting is looming up for us, it will take place on September 6 at Mulligan's for lunch, commencing at 1230PM. Hope to see as many members as possible at this meeting. For those of you that either forget or make excuses for not attending, it is not fair to others who are trying to keep the United camaraderie going, so please make a real effort and come to our meetings.

Dues for 2012 are to be paid in September unless, of course, you are 85 years young! We are going to take the opportunity at this meeting to discuss a day trip, decide on a location and date, then vote.

We want to wish Sept. Happy Birthday to **Judith Frage, Diane Liebisch** and **Kim Langevin** (5th), **Diane Brodis** (6th), **Mari Hirjak** (12th), and **Jane Kerr** (16th).

On the Lighter Side:

☺ *Nobody said life would be easy, they promised it would be worth it.*

☺ *Believe everything happens for a reason.*

Life is a gift, even though it is not gift wrapped. If you opened your eyes this morning and were able to get out of bed, you were given that gift. Enjoy it and make the most of the day, don't save your best for tomorrow for it may never come.

Calendar:

September 6 – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM - (Dues will be collected)

October 4 – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM

November 1 – Mulligan's Jensen Beach, 1230PM

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BOISE GEMS

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Eight members attended the luncheon meeting at JB's in Meridian: **Dave & Carol Adams, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, Marlene Croghan, Ned**

Yundt, and Gloria Trotter. Shirley & Rick Dempsey were in Rohnert Park, CA, attending their daughter's graduation from the dental assistant program.

Is **Gloria Trotter** really moving to California this time? She says she is moving the end of August or the first of September.

In July, **Al Cox** passed away at his home in Boise, ID. Eighteen Boise Gems attended his funeral.

Calendar:

September 7 – Annual Memorial Picnic at Phillippi Park, 2299 S. Phillippi Street, Boise, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Please bring your own place setting and drink along with a food item to share. RSVP to **Carol & Dave Adams**, (208) 344-6897.

October 3 – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

November 7

ILLINOIS

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Correction to August 2011 Report: Celebrating mutual Wedding Anniversaries are two couples: **Arlene & Jim McCroy** (LAS) and **Joyce & Frank Caldane** (ORD); they also take lots of trips to celebrate together. Also two visiting Chicago Skyliners met up with 2 LAS people in beautiful Honolulu in October 2010: **Virginia Monaco** and **Phyllis Kordecki** met **Arlene & Jim McCroy** and had many great dinners together! They also celebrated Jim's birthday ~ *Submitted by Phyllis Kordecki.*

We had a nice crowd at the Northside this July so I have a bit of news between the breakfast and coffee.

Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal along with **Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo** are flying to Paris for a two-week-long river cruise to see the Normandy beaches and the American Cemetery. **Barb Wesemann** is taking a day bus trip with her sister on Mount Lassen Transportation in Northern California to the Monterey Aquarium, the Hearst Castle, and The Seventeen Mile Drive. **Darlene & Sal Marsiglia** visited Boston for their son's graduation from Harvard, they also visited Cambridge and Martha's Vineyard. **Elena** and **Cesar Guerra** took a lovely trip to Puerto Vallarta.

Our greatest Skyliners, senior **Hal Weary** was presented with a certificate of recognition introduced to the U.S. House of Representatives on June 15th, 2011. He's always ready to work a raffle, ride a float, give his fi-

nancial expertise, do fund raising and review budgets for the last 42 years for the Mount Prospect Library, all this after 31 years at UAL. This is really putting your heart and hands where your mouth is.

Ruby Singer sold her condo in Mt. Prospect and paid a tearful good bye in July since she is moving to 108 Canterbury Circle, Atkens, AL 35611. We're really just a plane trip away for smiles again.

Paula Mangino and son visited LA, Yosemite, and Kings Canyon. They also took in the Steinbach Museum and the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley. **Al Dietrich** retired from Computer and Unimatic and now a snow-bird, did come to visit us this July. Drop in again. **Lynne Hildebrand** retired from CHIRR on May 8th of this year and joined us for the first time at Ritzzy's. Welcome and come back in August.

Hope all 214 that signed up for the picnic will brave the heat we are having. We may have to drink more than eat the usual buffet goodies.

Helen Cauwels, our Midwest Director, advised the five-day convention for 2012 will be held in Washington, D.C., at the Hyatt in Crystal City from October 3rd to October 7th. The hotel rate will be \$99 plus tax and the dinner will be \$40.

The Fall Luncheon will occur October 10th at the Diplomat West at Route 83 (Busse, Kingery) and a few blocks west on North Avenue.

A Memorial was held for **Mas Yoguchi**, husband of **Jane**, before Jane taking his ashes to Japan to join his family plot.

We were very sad to announce that there was no response to the need for a few to take over the Midway Gals and Guys annual luncheon at Monty's in September of each year. **Marge Daily** and her crew did it for 25 years, **Carol Faust** and **Jacque Sontheimer** did it for the last two years. Marge is ill and the last two are already handling other Skyliners duties. So it's **over**. At least we had 27 yrs of doers from the list of 200+ goers.

A bit of history regarding the Skyliners. The same originated with 63 Southside retirees in September of 1980 at Wieboldt's Prairie House Restaurant (can you remember that far back?). It was done as a strictly social event which was a continuation of the parties held upon retirements and company anniversaries and for fun, fun, fun and no business. An update to this can be reached by a new Skyliners website at www.ChicagoSkyliners.org. This tells who we are, how to join, the last four RUAEA Chicago newsletters, upcoming events, next flyer, list of officers, and a page to contact the same with questions, concerns and suggestions. This is not to be or take place of holiday celebrations with family. Company business with the facts and the current status (not rumors) for retirees are found in the RUAEA newsletter. There, one can find the facts from qualified officers.

In response to info requested regarding the Loonies: The group is organized for those retirees who live in communities that have too few retirees in the local vicinity to have monthly meetings. The Loonies have a 3 to 4 day get together twice a year, in the spring and fall. All UAL retirees are invited to join in and become a Loonies cousin. We are now about 50 strong. Each session is led by the volunteers from the previous trip; the host(s) will plan the next get-together and send info re. location, date, hotel/motel, restaurants, tours, cost and etc. See the Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, and Pennsylvania RUAEAs for other Loonies news. A great, joyous and humble group. Next Loonies will be in Galena, IL, hosted by **Carol & Bob Faust**. For info, call (847) 903-4521.

Mike Beuchin died July 4, 2011. Condolences may be sent to **Carol Bacon**, 1492 Anthony Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449.

There were 18 present for the July breakfast. While no one reported any trips this month, the conversations flowed. Quiet was observed while **Bob Pearson** conducted the raffle in the absence of **Carlyle Brandt & Mary** who were observing a family doings in Michigan. Winners were **Lavonne Halach**, **Margaret Schmitt**, and my **Al Broderson**.

Following is a list of members who contributed to the Postage Fund during the second quarter of this year: **Ronald Artman**, **Chester Aszklar**, **Caroline Avramovic**, **Muriel Bergsma**, **Jay Boberek**, **Herb Braden**, **Gene Burda**, **Phyllis Capuzelo**, **Ronald Carlson**, **Marilyn Chaplin**, **Walter Chornomaz**, **Bill Churchill**, **Jose Cruz**, **Betty Doran**, **Patricia Ello**, **Santo Faso**, **June Feiereisel**, **Pedro Franco**, **Judith Geibel**, **Irene Groeschell**, **Mary Beth Guthman**, **Barbara Hanson**, **Edie Heisler**, **Ginny Henkel**, **Robert Judd**, **Lynn Kalweit**, **Mary Keenan**, **Linda Kirn**, **John Koehl**, **Al La Roche**, **Victor Liltz**, **Richard Lux**, **Lillian Mallstrom**, **Rudi Meskele**, **Ed Meyer**, **Casimir Mroz**, **Lowell Neal**, **Marge Nelson**, **Robert O'Connor**, **Harold Ogle**, **Joan O'Hara**, **Ruth Opitz**, **Delphine Perry**, **John Rairigh**, **David Rinkenberger**, **William Rogers**, **Christine Romanoff**, **Nick Romeo**, **Sherry Rugen**, **Edwin Schoenbeck**, **Marlene Stanek**, **Tony Stefanos**, **Mary Szabo**, **Wayner Tapp**, **Gerry Vann**, **Catherine Vita**, **Virginia Vlach**, **James Vlazny**, **Don Wagner**, **Diane Webb**, **Barbara Wesemann**, **Norman Wilkinson**, **Grace Will**, **Anna Wozniak**.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**August 30 & September 27**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzzy's Café & Backereaia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**September 14**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

October 10 - Fall Luncheon at the Diplomat West at Route 83 (Busse, Kingery) and a few blocks west on North Avenue



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This July summer day in Chicago had an excessive heat warning with a high temperature of 99° and 110° heat index. However, there were 10 happy retirees attending the luncheon including our Midwest Director, **Helen Cauwels**.

The high heat didn't deter Chicagoans from doing their daily routines as the streets were crowded and the restaurant had all tables filled. The restaurant has a new Chef and menu with a choice of selecting from the menu or choosing the plentiful buffet and we all get separate checks. Service is always outstanding and we were well attended by Phillipe and Carlos.

If you've never come to one of the Loop Group Luncheons, join us for an interesting afternoon with fellow retirees in the beautiful "Great Street Restaurant" with a view of the Chicago River and Trump Tower.

After lunch, there is time to do something else while in downtown Chicago. The hotel is about 3-4 blocks away from the newest attraction that is all the latest talk of the 26 foot tall sculpture of Marilyn Monroe on the Magnificent Mile. Passers-by are positioning themselves under her billowing skirt as she appeared in the 1955 film "The Seven Year Itch." She stands on Michigan Avenue in Pioneer Court of the Equitable Building and overlooks the Chicago River and will be on display through spring of 2012.

The next luncheon will be on Wednesday, September 21st. Please call or email before noon of Tuesday, September 20th so I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.

Calendar:

September 21 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

October – No luncheon scheduled

November 16 – Luncheon at Renaissance CHI Hotel



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This month's riddle: *Crunch, Crunch, Crunch!* No, it's not the sound of footsteps on the snow. No, it's not the sound of chewing fresh carrots or celery. The answer is: The sound I hear when walking across our dry, straw like grass! As of this date (August 5), we have had 20 consecutive days of temperatures 90 degrees plus. Have you considered that we could catch a flight and go somewhere much cooler ... But ... there isn't anywhere else to go. Every state is being roasted beyond the norm except Alaska. I'll finish this later, going to pack my bags ... Anchorage, here I come!

Ron said I couldn't go to Alaska, so I guess I'll finish this newsletter. Maybe I can hitch a ride with **Bud & Elly Barnett** as they are leaving for Alaska on August 12. Bud's nephew is undergoing surgery and has no one in his life to take care of him during his recovery. Big hearted as they are, the Barnetts will fly United to Seattle then Continental to Anchorage. They'll then travel to Wasilla, Alaska. That is quite a huge act of love and caring. Who knows, maybe they'll be able to see Russia!

We had a great time with our grandkids this year. We picked them up in St. Louis then brought them back to Indy. It was much too hot to do anything outdoors so we spent lots of time staying in with the A/C. We drove them back to their home in OKC where we spent 9 days with them as well as our son and our new daughter-in-law and got to visit with our other son who also lives there. We did not leave the heat behind as Oklahoma City set a new record of days in a row of temps 104 to 105, all while we were there. Sure did ruin any of the water park fun with the grandkids. As become our custom, we spent 9 days indoors in the A/C. Ron and I did have one exciting evening out ... we had free tickets to see the 2011 American Idols Tour concert. Great seats and a really enjoyable three hours of entertainment. A must see!

Dimple Rihel was busy with company from West Virginia. Her mother and sister came to visit. They had a great time then Dimple decided to travel back to W. Virginia with them. Hope she wasn't looking for cooler weather because it's not there either!

The Indy Racers have been looking into some one day bus tours to see different entertainers such as the Oakridge Boys and many more. The bus picks up and

takes you out to Bear Creek Farms in Bryant, IN. A buffet lunch is included in each of the package deals. For more details and information, please call Elly or Bud Barnett, at (317) 838-8796.

Lucky **Chris Johnston** won our 50/50 during July's meeting. We would love for you to visit one of our meetings as you may become the next "lucky one". We welcome all UAL as well as CO employees/retirees.

Calendar:

September 13 - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Hwy 36), Avon, IN. Room is available from 2:00 - 4:00. The meeting begins at 3:00 PM. We welcome all United as well as Continental employees/retirees.

October 11 - IHOP Restaurant

November 8 - IHOP Restaurant

December - Xmas Party

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No summer meeting, so no news. My attitude, no news is good news! September's birthdays: **Robert Anderson, John Bosco, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Mark Hutchings, Marjorie LeClaire, Joseph Moise, Gerald Peters, Lynn O'Hara and Paul O'Mara.**

September's anniversaries: **Robert & Mary Boyle** (31 years), **Ed & Virginia Burke** (54 years), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (52 years), **Joan & Ron Twing** (38 years) and **Bill & Judy Rodenhizer** (26 years).

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap!

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23 Escapees and 1 guest, **Ginger, Bill Wade's** sister, gathered at Bar One in Brighton, hosted by **Rick & Gwen Schwendenmann** on August 4. I cannot remember anyone hosting there before, but what a nice place.

Food was excellent and the staff was most eager to please everyone, I was very impressed.

We welcomed one of our newest Escapees; **Denise Ignas**, who retired in July and loving her new life. Hope she will become a regular. We had several first timers this year, **Dee Hegle** with hubby, **Charlie**, who tried to stay incognito, but it did not work. Also for the 1st time were **Donnis Reese** and **Marge Nicholas**, plus our great friend from DTWRR, **Jeff Le Fleur** and his lovely wife, **Carole**. Jeff said he was just lucky to have a Thursday off so he could visit with us. We teased him, that we thought he was just practicing retirement. I do believe he is much too young to think that way, so I am not starting any rumors.

Judy Haag welcomed her 4th grandchild into this world on July 26, a girl named Lauren Elizabeth. Congratulations to all. **Kathy Franz** wants to thank all for their thoughts and prayers. She was overwhelmed with concerns and believes your prayers are being heard. Likewise, **Maxine Raymond** also thanks everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers. Her surgeon said, "*No operations are needed at this time.*" Maxine says it's like she has her life back, that a miracle has happened. She feels your prayers are working. Please keep all in your prayers for continued recovery, including sister, **Joan**, who once again had a visit to ER this week with a heart rate of 198. They did get it down and she was sent home that day, however with no idea what caused it, but frightening me half to death. No wonder my hair seems to be getting whiter every day.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail (except for May).

MINNESOTA

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On a beautiful July day, our luncheon meeting was attended by 40 Northern Lites & one guest, **Storlies'** granddaughter **Brooklyn**. June had been so chilly & rainy that it was a pleasure to have such good weather.

We are saddened to report that **Earl Budahn** lost his battle with cancer on August 2. We'll miss his quiet cheerfulness at the monthly meetings. Condolences may be sent to his wife, **Joan** & their family at 21590 401st Ave., Arlington, MN 55307.

Please keep our sick list in your prayers ~ particularly **Tom Krieger**.

Some of our members who spend the winter months in the south were in attendance. It was great to have a visit again with **Randy & Georgia Cirksema & Ginnie & Lenny** (the bionic man) **Tousignant**. They all look pretty much the same, a couple more wrinkles here & there, but life seems to be treating them OK. And isn't that a blessing?

We had to elect a new chapter Vice-President because **Ethel Johnson** is moving to Denver to be closer to family, even though her townhouse hasn't yet sold. We'll miss her cheerful attitude & willingness to help. All the best in your new environment, **Ethel**!

Janet Meyer was nominated for **Ethel's** office; nominated, seconded & elected in about as long as it took to say "I nominate **Janet Meyer**", "Seconded!", "All in favor?" "Aye!" You'd think there would have been lots of folks clamoring for the job, but amazingly, not one spoke up!

Gene & Kookie Delvaux & Lee & Diane Storlie travelled together to the beautiful city of Mobile, AL recently. They took in all the wonderful military museums in the Bay area, particularly the USS Bremerton, since **Gene** had served on the ship. (Some years earlier, **Joe Eyestone** had also served on the USS Bremerton!) The **Storlies & Delvaux** had good luck on their trip ~ no delays or cancellations, got to sit together, & had snacks on board. And, thankfully, no car trouble, either!

Our chapter is lucky to have two poets (maybe more?) in the group. **Jim Simon** has written several poems for both our chapter & the Northwoods Loonies. He wrote one in honor of **Brooklyn**, the **Storlies'** granddaughter. She has attended our lunch meetings over the years as she's grown up & is now a tall young lady of about 13 who is known for being the shutout goalie on her local Iowa hockey team (mostly boys) where she lives. She ~ surprisingly ~ seems to enjoy her time spent with all of us "Oldies" & has said as much.

Our other poet is **Jo Ayres**, who read her tribute to our chapter. She & **Bud** left the Baltimore area some years ago to move closer to their children in St. Paul & wanted to retain a close connection to UAL retirees. They also thought it would be a good start to making a circle of friends in an area they'd never lived. Her words were sweet & poignant, but the truth is that our chapter was the winner in the deal. The **Ayres** have been a wonderful addition to our local United family.

Lyle & Sonja Gunderson have returned from their travels & described some of the sights they've seen. Unfortunately, they missed the 2nd bus tour they'd planned due to some sort of alien **Lyle** caught which caused him to feel like staying home. The "mystery" trip, though, they were able to make & they listed some of the great museums they saw in various towns in Iowa. The Midwest is full of interesting things to see & do, if only one knows where to find them!

The assembled group waited with bated breath to see if **Sonja's** luck would still hold in the 50-50 raffle after being away for awhile. She & **Lyle** got there early to make sure they'd get their usual table, but when the numbers were called her hand didn't go up. Hmmm! Did her absence put a hex on her? Only time will tell.

If anyone wants to update their roster of UA retirees in this area, just let me know & I can either email a copy or snail mail it to you. The cost of printing & postage is included in your chapter dues, so don't be shy. By the time this is read, our annual picnic at **Jim Simon's** place in Chetek, WI will be just a fond memory. Hopefully, we'll have had sparkling weather, a good turnout & a chance to renew old acquaintances with some of the group we haven't seen for awhile. I'll dish on all the gossip we picked up in next month's issue!

Lunch at 11:15AM on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

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My thanks to **Marilyn Weak** for taking "great" notes in my absence. There were 27 who enjoyed the lunch at Piccolo's including several of our flood stricken people from the Bluffs. Thanks to **Tony Sortino** for hosting. **Penny Sophir**, who lives in North Omaha, had to drive several extra miles due to the flood to get to our luncheon. Word has it that she is awaiting her first grandchild any time now. What a lucky little bundle that is to have Penny as his/her grandmother. Speaking of our flood – they are still opening the Gavins Point Dam and letting water into the Mighty Mo, but things are looking better. Lots of destruction, not only for those people who live near the river but for all the flooded farmland.

I received an email from **Mary Winkler** (was once treasurer of our group and now lives in San Mateo, CA). She said she has been following the flood news and knows the area very well around Hamburg, Iowa, living 5 miles away from it for many years.

Paul Steuri fell a week ago and broke his leg and fractured his wrist. Surgery on his leg went very well even though the break was bad enough to have a plate put in. He is now in rehab. After approximately two weeks, he will be able to return to Heritage Assisted Living in Bellevue. This shouldn't be nearly as bad healing as when he broke his knee back in Sept., 2010.

I spoke to **Marianne Brown** who lives in Florence Assisted Living. As was printed in the Omaha World-Herald a month or so ago, they are closing and everyone has to be placed in a different home by sometime in August. She is fortunate as she is going to Autumn Pointe Assisted Living in Ft. Calhoun. I am very happy for her. So effective in August, her new address will be Autumn Point Assisted Living, 501 N. 13th, Ft. Calhoun, NE 68023. **Georgia Egr** fell and fractured her knee on July 3. She had to have it reconstructed but is back home at Skyline Manor. Being of age 96, her nephew said both her attitude and willingness to do well in rehab are just outstanding. **Mary Beveridge** said she is doing okay since **Jim** died a couple of months ago. She said she will be able to stay in her home. She has a niece just around the corner from where she lives who comes in every day, does her grocery shopping, and is available to do anything for her.

Calendar:

September 6 – Macedonia, Hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

October 4 – Sons of Italy – Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

November 1 - Bohemian Café, Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

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There were 20 members in attendance at our July meeting. Our August meeting will be the picnic at Sand Harbor on August 8th at 11 a.m. Clipped Wings has graciously offered to do dessert.

The annual Maintenance Operations Center get together will be in Minden on August 25, 26, 27. Contact **Larry Nagley** or **John Zoboli** for details.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Ann Batty**. July birthdays were celebrated by: **Jeanette Bachellor**, **Lloyd Stephens**, & **Ruthy Schenk**. Thank you to the **Reids** for providing many small gift items for our raffle.

The **Leusings** recently returned from an extended stay in the Provence region of France. **Joe & Kathy Robinson** are planning a trip to exotic North Dakota to visit Kathy's family.

Starting with our September meeting, we will be meeting at Jack's on S. Virginia (the old Austin's). Meeting time is 11:30 am. See you there on Sept. 12.

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President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. Dick announced that one of our members, **Al Van Ravensway**, is very ill. Please send him a get well card. Pass policy is as was published, retirees are in Category C (last to be boarded except when using the Vacation passes). The Spouse policy stays the same.

Just to remind everyone, that the 10th anniversary of Flight 93 is this September 10th and 11th in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Special services are being held on those dates in the National Park, it will be closed on the 12th until 1:00 PM. There will be special directions on Route 30 and a special road into the park. If anyone needs further information, you can call 814-893-6322 or e-mail www.nps.gov/flni.

The elections of the flight attendants unions were held, CO is IAM and United is AFA. AFA won. More elections will be going on for the other Unions.

August 31st will be our picnic at Merrill Park. Directions will be in the meeting notice. Cost has increased to \$12.00. It is in Area 3 of the park.

Violet Etler read the minutes of the previous meeting. **John Murphy** gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$744.00. 50/50 of \$43.00 was won by **Emile Ruszinko**. Door prize was a Red Lobster certificate won by **Ada Enfield**.

Calendar:

September 28 - Meeting at Snuffy's

October 26 – Meeting at Snuffy's

November - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

December 14 - Holiday luncheon at Snuffy's.

NEW YORK

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In the dog days of August, only 7 members found their way to our luncheon. Though a small group, we partook in a robust conversation from the idiocy of Congress recessing before dealing with the FAA situation to

the mystery of D. B. Cooper (how did that man jump out of a B727 with \$200K and that staircase in the way?)

The flight attendant contingent fondly reminisced about SFO layovers at the Benjamin Franklin hotel - what happened in San Mateo stayed in San Mateo!

Barb Hill spent 5 great days on the Cape at a family wedding, and **April King** is off to the other coast for 2 weeks in Sacramento house sitting.

Summer in NYC can be difficult, but Broadway is bustling. **Marilyn Cheadle** and **Barb Hill** gave rave reviews to *Master Class*, starring Tyne Daly as Maria Callas. **Marilyn, Barb, Marge Segal** and **Jeanne Leo** plan on seeing *Follies* in the next month. There's something for everyone on the "Great White Way".

Calendar:

October 4 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061.

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With the possibility of threatening thunderstorms, our brave retirees showed up for our August Picnic in Wantagh Park. To our surprise, the day couldn't have been any better. Bright sun, low humidity, gentle breeze coming in off the nearby water made the day very delightful.

Jim Richardson, our President, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked us to remain standing in silent prayers for those members who are deceased and those who could not come due to some health or other issues. We were given late notice of a sudden death of retiree **John Petrick, Jr.** (JFKFF), who passed away the previous day.

The minutes of the June meeting were passed over and accepted as printed in the previous issue. Since there was no July meeting due to the closing of Belmont Raceway, we announced the birthdays at this meeting. Birthdays for July were **Janet Van Cleemput, Ed Smith, Dick Holdsworth, Elliot Olenick, Eleanor La-Castro, Ann Lyons, Ernie Luchtenberg, Desmond Brennan, Alice Brennan, Theresa Wolf, Pat Gilson, Nick Manfredo, Al Vernillo, Elizabeth Armstrong** and **Ed Pozzi**. We had 4 anniversaries in July: **Marilyn & Dick Holdsworth, Maryann & Joe Lilly, Josephine & Frank LaPinto** and **Lillian & Paul Cohen**.

In August, the birthday people were: **Elwin Van Cleemput, Joan Curtin, Frank Ferrara, Geraldine**

Korsch, Dorothy Smith, John Klos, Bobby Lee, Al Sudlich, Stan Bloniarz, Rose Schneider, Paul Cohen, Manny Suarez and **Joe Totaro**. Two Anniversaries in August were: **Sungsoon & John Modugno** and **Ursula & Harold Koch**.

A welcome surprise to the picnic was **Carol Maley-Davis** bringing **Ron Wick** to the picnic. Ron looked good, he has been battling a health issue for many months and it was good to see him get out and attend the picnic. Everyone agreed by giving him a round of applause. Amongst all the attendees were some new faces, namely **Joyce Smith, Rose Alba-Loicano, Nadine Cordes, Emma & Nunzio Milazzo, Carol Turner** and **Kitty McSweeney**. **Jim & Kathy Richardson** had their 2 grandchildren there as well as the 2 grandchildren of **Jim & Helene Ammon**.

A good time was had by all. We started at about 10:30am with coffee, tea, donuts, cake and cookies. As usual, a tremendous job of barbecuing by **John Klos** and **Ed Pozzi** ~ Hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian sausage, Italian sausage patties, Bratwurst, and marinated chicken, plus salads, pickles, etc. Soda, water and watermelon completed the menu. Makes me hungry again, just writing this report. We continued till about 3:30 when the wind started kicking up and people started leaving before the rains came.

Calendar:

September 7 – Noon - Mileridge Inn

October 5 - Noon - Mileridge Inn

November 2 - Noon - Mileridge Inn

December 7 - Noon - Mileridge Inn - Christmas Party

NORTHWOODS

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Just a reminder to all Loonies that we will be meeting in Galena, IL, October 11-14, at the DeSoto House Hotel, 230 S. Main Street.

If you have not made your reservations, call the hotel at 1-800-343-6562 ASAP to see if any rooms are still available. Request the Loonies rate of \$90 plus tax. It will be a fun time.

If you have already signed up, you will be receiving more information in mid-September and may already have it by the time you get your newsletter.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone.



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Our group enjoyed our annual picnic at a new venue this year thanks to our President **Dolly Taucher** and her husband **John**. If any of you are familiar with the Cleveland area, we have the beautiful Emerald Necklace surrounding Cuyahoga County. Our picnic was held at the Chalet at Millstream Run in Strongsville. The weather cooperated and all 108 of us gathered for delicious pot luck choices, plus fried chicken from the chapter. Desserts, etc., were nothing less than fantastic. The Chalet is a beautiful area with indoor and outdoor accommodations. The majority vote was that we come back again next year!

With the extra room, we are able to handle a larger crowd than normal. We have all enjoyed having so many guests show up at this picnic, and hope that each year we grow larger. Some of the guests brought pictures from their days of working in CLE and they were enjoyed by many.

In attendance, we had members from out of state. Visiting with us were **Dick & Jane McPheter** (AZ), **Don Park** (PA), **Ann Kenda & Jerry Zadar** (FL). Other guests joining us were (New Members) **Boyd & Mona Callender** (PA), **Jim & Ginger Spate** (CO), also out of state. Area retirees and families which we were pleased to see there were **Roger Bender**, **Bobbi Cairns**, **John & Gay Crawford**, (New Member) **Jim Kee**, **Dave Martin**, **Mary Merleno**, **Nancy Popovich**, **Julie Urbansky**, **Lois Walter**, and **Bobbie Wells**, and **Jake & Zach Werber**. You are all welcome back next year.

We have a number of members who are having health issues. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following: **Sharon Vannoy**, **Lou Gaydos** (FL), and **Sue Tischke**. It was so nice to see **Vic & Betty Taylor** in attendance.

Sadly, one of our Life Time Members since 2004, passed away on July 10th. **Emily**, wife of **Dave Robinson** spent almost 3 years in the nursing home. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends.

Birthdays were celebrated with the following in attendance: **Joanne Buchman**, **Tom Hassel**, **Helen Hockett**, **George Kuretz**, **Judy McKnight**, **Dick & Jane McPheter**, **Shirley Moses**, **Marie Placko** and **Leo Schueler**. Birthday wishes go out to all of our members who were unable to attend.

Anniversaries were acknowledged for the following who were in attendance. **Joe & Fran Sepesy** (50) and **George & Nancy Oncu** (42). To everyone celebrating this month, we congratulate each and every one of you.

**Don't count the harsh words said; tally the year of love instead.*

Calendar:

September 7 - Old Oak Bible Church – Hosted by **Gene & Jacki Craig**. Gathering 11:45 am – Luncheon 11:45 am. Prepaid – Deadline August 25th

October 5 - Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center. Prepaid – Deadline – September 24th

September 24 - Gathering at 11:30a.m. Luncheon 12:30p.m.

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Our thanks to **Bob Woods** for presenting us with great day for our annual picnic and doing such a wonderful job of chairing the event. A lot of people came early besides Bob to help set up the decorations, make coffee (it was a little chilly early on), set up signs and cover the picnic tables. Helpers were **Rosalie Betschart**, **Bill & Sam French**, **Bill & Sara Petersen**, **Kathy & Paul Russell** and I. If I forgot someone, I am sorry. Even though **Dee Boelter** wasn't there, she helped make the decorations along with **Kathy Russell**. I must not forget to thank all the members who brought the delicious desserts.

It was nice to have visitors at the picnic. They were **Robb Bohart**, **Steve Karker**, **Dale Stapp** and **Chad**, **Dennis Scheuerell's** nephew.

A lot of nice prizes were given out along with the usual monthly drawings. Winners were: Door prize - **Mary Nolan**, Men's birthday - **Merle Pitman**, Women's birthday - **Rosalie Betschart**, Anniversary - **Roy & Joan DeCamara** (23 years) and 50/50 - **Barbara Martin**. Additional winners of prizes were: **Betty Alf**, **Gloria Bean**, **Rosalie Betschart**, **Jill Bills**, **Jerri & Len Blodgett**, **Steve & Margaret Borbely**, **Dennis Cline**, **Joan DeCamara**, **Anita & John Donaldson**, **Chuck Falbo**, **Sam French**, **Jack Harper**, **Barbara Heidegger**, **Mel & Barbara Martin**, **Merle & Lois Pitman**, **Mary Schleining**, **Bill Shaw**, **Jack Starks**, **Pat Taylor** and **Tommy Walker**.

Four of our members had surgery in the past month.

Carl Gruenberg had hip replacement as did **Inge Pempeit**, **Steve Borbely** had back surgery and **Kathy Russell** also had surgery. From what I understand the surgeries were successful and they all should be attending a meeting very soon.

Long time member **Eric Brotherton** passed away on July 14th. He is survived by his daughter **Anita Uhl** and her husband **Kent** of Oregon City, who is also a retired UAL employee. There is a surviving son **Tony** in Scotland and grandchildren. We send our sympathies to the family.

Don't forget there will be a speaker with us at the September meeting from Elders-In-Action and in October, our own **Nancy Hooper** will give a presentation on disaster preparedness and afterwards we will have an ice cream social.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

September 14 – Speaker, Elders-In-Action

October 12 - Disaster Preparedness & Ice Cream Social

November 9 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

OUR CLUB

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Laurie Jordan hosted the July 8, 2011 OUR Club luncheon at the new Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. We had a lively, if not large, group of 16 enjoying the banquet room in the newly opened restaurant. **Wayne Widrig** won the 50/50.

On August 5, 12 members and **Doe Pope's** adorable granddaughter gathered for the monthly luncheon at Hong Kong Restaurant in Grants Pass. **Bob Lindberg** was our host. We missed **Jackie Mark**, who was resting after dental surgery, and **Gidget & Ric Walcha**. Gidget is still recuperating from major back surgery, and we hope to have her and Ric back with us soon.

We're planning the annual picnic to be held September 9 and, once again, thanking **Steve & Cyndi Austin** for opening their home and garden to us. Not only are Steve & Cyndi hosting, Steve has also volunteered to do all the grilling this year. That gives us even more to look forward to!

Calendar:

September 9 - **Steve & Cyndi Austin**, annual picnic

October 7 - **Sue & Steve Osborn**, TBA

November 4 - **Doe Pope**, TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

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The **hot** summer is almost over. This is a notification of a date change for September only: Tuesday, September 13 at 12:30 is our meeting at the Ramada Inn Essington.

This has been done to enable our members to attend the memorial for flight 93 at Shanksville and get back in time to report to the group their experience and memories. Keep all attendees in your prayers for travel safety. See you in September.

Calendar:

September 13 – Meeting at 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn Essington

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Forty members and three interline guests braved the sweltering, sizzling and humid weather to attend our annual Pit Stoppers picnic July 7. The weather didn't prevent the horse race or the corn toss games. We don't know who the big winner was at the horse races. There was quite a bit of noise coming from that corner. We didn't have **Kay Yauch** to keep the game under control. Before dinner, **Diane Weber** said grace and **Paul Musko** welcomed the guests.

As usual, the food was superb. There was an assortment of desserts that were lip smacking good made by our Betty Crocker's: **Jeri, Cathy, Lorraine** and **Olga**. Thanks girls for a job well done. **Dick Brinza** was our roving photographer. We hope to see the pictures at our next get together.

Our special guest was **Lydia Casmer**, former sales rep from Pan Am. Her office was across from our ticket counter at the PIT airport, plus we worked Pan Am flights and had plenty of contact with Lydia. It was a

pleasure seeing her after all of these years. Lydia enjoyed being with us and joined our chapter.

Ellie Masters, from the interline club, also was a guest and joined our group. The big winner of the 50/50 drawing was our one and only Mr. **Jim Doolan** (thanks **Wendy** and **Mary Lou** for bringing your Dad and Mom to the picnic). The winners of the door prizes are too numerous to mention. I'm sure they were all satisfied with their prize.

Eleven bags of groceries and \$50.00 donated by our members was delivered to For-Focus On Renewal Food Bank by **Betty & Paul Musko**. We collected \$50 from the group and sent the money to **Frank Egges** from the Independents Chapter for the Shanksville Flight 93 Memorial. Frank has been very active as chairman for this project. Money is still needed for the Memorial. Empty your piggy banks and send your donation to **Frank Egges**. Make your check out to Chapel 93 Memorial. Mail to **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike, B-307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Include your file number on your check. Every little bit helps.

A belated happy 55th anniversary to **Gwen & David Detwiller**. July birthdays were celebrated by **Cathy Matteson** (July 6), **Paul Musko** (July 11) and **Mac Crampton** (July 28). **Kay Yauch** had back surgery and is in rehab, doing well. We missed her and **Ed** at the picnic. **Barb Seaholm** had open heart surgery in June. Barb was at the picnic and is looking good. We heard **Kay Ike** is under the weather but have no details. **Sandy Burn**'s five year old grandson **Matthew Kłodowski** had major surgery at Children's Hospital to remove a tumor behind his lung. We received word that the tumor was benign, which was good news. Sadly, another death from our United family, **John Cipriani**, 77, of Hopewell, died July 14. He was a retiree of Capital/United Airlines with 42 years of service at PITCS. Condolences may be sent to his wife **Susan Cipriani**, 5270 Webb Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001. His daughter **Laura** is employed by United at PITCS. Condolences may be sent to **Laura & Scott Shumaker**, 407 Carmel Dr. Hopewell, PA 15001. Our love and prayers to John's family.

One a happier note, **Cathy Matteson**'s daughter **Heather** presented her with a baby boy, 8 pounds, 19 inches, **Domenic Anthony D'Yanni**. This is Cathy's sixth grand-child. Soon she will have enough players for a baseball team. **Eleanor Boyle** and brother, **Hugh**, traveled to Idaho to visit their 94 year old sister **Anna Marie**. They attended a band concert in Montana in which their nephew played and marched. Eleanor had a wonderful and beautiful drive through that part of the country and is looking forward to next years visit. **Charla Ritter McBride**, one of our golden girls has moved to Atlanta, GA. She and her husband **Bill** both retired from United. I'm sure the next time we see them

they will have the southern accent. A few of Charla's friends held an "Adios party" at J. W. Halls Restaurant. Those in attendance were **Jeri & Bernie Juth**, **Cathy Matteson**, Cathy's two daughters Shelly and Heather, **Eddie Colona** and friend Julie. **Laura & Scott Shumaker** stopped in to wish Charla & Bill well. And of course, yours truly wouldn't miss a party.

A meeting was held by the officers to finalize our September 30th luncheon which will be held at J. W. Halls. You will be receiving details by mail the first of September. The Christmas luncheon was discussed and date has been set, December 2, at the Fez.

Let's go Bucs!

Calendar

September 30 – J. W. Hall's

December 2 – The Fez

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On August 2, 52 chapter members signed up to celebrate a pleasant summer-day picnic at SLC's Sugar House Park. Good catered food, delightful company, and a raffle game kept chapter members busy while visiting with one another.

New chapter officers were elected: (1) **Rich Papworth** - President; (2) **Lori Brady** - VP; (3) **Robert Turgeon** - Treasurer; (4) **Laraine Darby** - Chapter Secretary. A hearty welcome to the new officers!

And a big thank-you to the past officers for serving us so well for the past three years: (1) **Clair Anderson** - President; (2) **Kip Lufkin** - VP; (3) **Frank Christenson** - Treasurer.

To give some background info on two of the new officers: **Lori Brady** worked as a UAL F/A for 41 yrs. before retiring in Utah. While they were based in SFO, **Lori & Laraine Darby** were roommates for a time. **Carol Ryan** talked her SFO flying partners (**Nina Spillman**, **Lori**, & **Laraine**) into signing up for United's SLC "Fantasy Flights" handled through Shriner's Hospital "Cancer Wellness Ctr." These UAL trips took very sick & terminally ill children on an hour-long flight across the SLC Valley at approx. 4,000 ft. altitude. The last such SLC event took place in December 2000. As so many other nationwide "Fantasy Flights" stations & their participants knew, these children were totally awed, especially when Santa Claus greeted them with presents upon arrival at the terminal!

This report will be my last one as "The Salt Lakers" chapter Secretary/National correspondent. It has been fun serving the greater good for the past 16 years, and I enjoyed having been in touch with so many wonderful retirees on the UAL system. Thank you!

Calendar:

September 6 - Coffee and Donuts - 10AM, \$1 (donation) – Murray Heritage Center, SLC

October 4 - Lunch - 2PM - Menu Price at Totem's restaurant - 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC.

November 1 - Coffee and Donuts - 10AM, \$1 (donation) – Murray Heritage Center, SLC

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Meetings of the Emerald City Slickers Chapter of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association will resume this month with lunch on the second Tuesday, September 13, at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington. Our group meets from September through November and January through May with breaks over the Christmas and summer seasons. We look forward to seeing everyone again and to hear about summer travels and outings.

Only two couples observe September wedding anniversaries – **Jerry** (SEACS) & **Irene Opperman** (51 years) and **John** (SEARR) & **Sidney Reed** (58 years).

Birthdays are another matter! September has more birthdays than any other month with March a close second)! Birthday celebrants include **Mary Ann Andersen**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Herald Bowman** (SEACQ), **Carol Christenson** (SEARR), **Hank Gosselin** (SEACG), **John Haferbacker** (SEARR), **Don Hanson**, **Edna Harris**, **Ed Liesse** (SFOED), **Carol Moless-Maxwell**, **Donna Neumeyer**, **Sharon Penwell**, and **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH). Best wishes to all, as you enjoy your birthday flower, the aster, and your sapphire birthstone.

The *Seattle Times* published a photo and comments of **Lilly Kitamoto Kodama**, who worked with Dr. **Hensler** at SEAMD. **Lilly** spent time at Manzanar in CA, as well as at Minidoka, ID, World War II internment camps for Japanese-Americans during World War II. A new memorial wall includes the names of all 276 residents who were removed from Bainbridge Island, forced to relinquish their lands and possessions. Partly

because of local loyalty, friendship, and support, 150 of those displaced returned to Bainbridge Island, a greater percentage than at any other location. **Lilly** now volunteers at the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, where the plight of those interned during the war is recognized. Manzanar photos by Ansel Adams are displayed, but, while appreciating the attention directed toward the plight of the victims, **Lilly Kodama** points out that some people object to the exhibit because it often shows internees looking content. She understands their objections: "*It doesn't show how awful it was.*" Production of the exhibit, for example, was prohibited from showing the guard towers and barbed wire surrounding the camp, Manzanar. For additional information, look for the *Seattle Times* issues of July 26 and August 7.

Phyllis Mitchell (SEAHH), historian extraordinaire specializing in Flight Kitchen memories, is recovering from a cervical fusion performed last January. She is sleeping more soundly and enjoying better use of her hands and arms now that pinched nerves have been corrected. **Phyllis** recently picked nine boxes of raspberries, which found their way into her freezer and a pie. Almost 90, **Phyllis** limits her activities but gets around carefully with a cane, knowing from past experience that she'd have to activate her "Life Watch" if she fell.

Theo (SEAHH) and **Marry Sluys** have moved back to Graham, Washington, from Lacey, where they recently had been living.

Rita's (SEAOZ) husband, **Sydney Reynolds**, is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is doing well. Reluctantly, we mention the passing of a couple of our members. **Dorothy Brown** (SEATO) passed away in July in Edmonds, Washington. She is survived by her daughter **Barbara**, son **Jeff** and their families.

News was received as we went to press of the death of **Pete Peterson** (SEAMM), a lead mechanic for a number of years. August services were to be held in Tukwila with interment in Tacoma.

Paul Simonyi (SEAHH), 90, had worked in the Flight Kitchen Pantry. **Paul** was originally from Yugoslavia and his wife from Hungary. They came to the United States from Germany after World War II. Because of the political situation in Europe, **Paul** was unable to attend his father's funeral, but he shared a casket photo of his father with his United co-workers at the time. **Fern Wells** (SEAHH), who had lived near **Paul** in Des Moines, Washington, reported that he had moved to Shelton. **Tom Whittlesey** (SEAHH and SEAMK), who worked for United 31 years, died of a brain aneurysm in July with memorial services held in August where **Tom** had worked following his retirement from UAL. He is survived by his wife, **Susan**.

On a personal note, I had a surprise telephone call from southern California from a gal who worked with me at the San Mateo Public Library in the 1970s. **Col-**

leen Wilson, widow of **Ted Wilson** who passed away in April, saw my name at the head of this column and took it upon herself to call for a fun, friendly chat.

Noted in passing in the August issue of the *Retired United Airlines Employees Association Newsletter*, were convention photos of fellow Emerald City Slickers, in order: **Judy & Ken Storey, Anita & Hubert Malco, Mary Ann Andersen, Ed & Gay Liesse, and Hank Gosselin.**

Calendar:

September 13 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

October 11 – Luncheon to be announced

November 8 – Luncheon to be announced

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Clipped Wings®: Our year is slowly coming to an end, and it has been a great year. The year end reports are due, and the new fiscal year is ready to begin.

Special Olympics: Many of our members have volunteered in their state for the Yearly Summer games that were hosted last month. It is so rewarding to be able to help out and be at the games to cheer on the athletes and support their families. Many of us have given many hours of cheering, hugging and also working at the award ceremonies. How fortunate we are. We always feel that we receive more than we give.

Flight 93: There will be about 70 Clipped Wing members attending the 10 year anniversary of flight 93. We will meet in Shanksville to honor the crew of flight 93, as well as the families of the passengers on board.

With the start of the new fiscal year in September, we are definitely looking for all former United or Capital Airline Stewardess or Flight Attendant, to join us. We are a fun group and who knows, you might reconnect with some of your former roommates or flying partners. If you are interested, please check our website www.clippedwings.com for more information. I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at omachristl@aol.com. We would love to have you join us.

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 Duncan, Louis S., LASOZ 05/04/11
 Eschenbach, Anton, DENHH 05/15/11
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 Karcher, Melvin J., DENTK 05/11/11
 Koleczek, Peter P., OPBCM 05/24/11
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Martha Gooselaw

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 Letters Editor

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

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

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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.)

Annette Zib, 1617 Keeaumoku St., Apt 1301, Honolulu, HI 96822-4322

I went to the convention in Portland and had a great time. I understand that funds are low, so I am enclosing a donation.

Also I am hoping that we can get back what Mr. Patterson gave us retirees for loyal services (His words). What was taken from us was not company or employee choice.

Rich Surma, 10 Grow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1404

When I started working at United/EXO and as em-

ployee and Lead within the ISD - Computer Operations, I developed a great relationship with a team member who later helped me develop my part time business into sport photography. We had many good times together working with different sport groups in creating memorable photographs for the kids and their parents. This May, **Vic Rose** was recognized by his community and I would like to share that story written up in their local newspaper with all our retirees who remember him. This article below is brief and for your reading, and also my Thanks and Best to Vic in his future.

United Airlines retiree **Victor Rose** (WHQKF) was honored in May by St. Emily School in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Vic recently announced his retirement as Athletic Director at the school where he has served on a volunteer basis for 35 years. For his years of service, the school dedicated to him the gym floor he helped raise money to build several years ago. There was a ceremony for students at the school followed by a larger evening event for alumni and community members held this past May 6.

Rose's background in coaching sports dates back to his teens when he began working with a Little League baseball team. At 20, he became the youngest president of park district baseball in the country. Over the years, Vic was a Mount Prospect baseball coach for 39 years, a football coach for 36 years and a basketball coach for 48 years. What is most remarkable about his years at St Emily's is the fact that he was never paid a dime for the work he has done with the kids. *"I've coached for a long time and I've loved every minute of it,"* said Rose. In addition to his coaching duties at St Emily, Rose was instrumental in creating the Northwest Catholic Conference in which the Catholic elementary schools of the Northwest suburbs compete.

Vic retired from United in 2002 and plans to spend more time at his home in Wisconsin. Congratulations, Vic, for achieving another milestone and one of which you can be most proud.

Rhoda Aguirre, 201 Chadbourne Ave. #124, Millbrae, CA 94030

You certainly do an excellent job of preparing our newsletter.

We old timers are getting pretty ancient, but I for one, appreciate each day. I have moved to an assisted living residence, so I don't need to plan or cook meals ever again. The "living is easy".

*We appreciate your letters.
Please keep them coming!*

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