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RUAEA 2014 Convention - San Diego October 1 - 4

With a spectacular natural setting and one of the best climates in the world, San Diego golf is the best in North America. You can be driving on fairways atop ocean front cliffs or putting on a dramatic desert landscape. There are more than 90 courses offering a challenge to any level of player. No, I am not going to name all of them, but will name a few that are in close proximity to where you will be staying in Mission Valley. Previously, I have mentioned the Riverwalk Course at the Town & Country where they will give you special rates as a hotel guest. I have also mentioned Mission Trails Golf Course and here are a few more lovely courses that will be close: Coronado Municipal Golf Course, Bonita Park Golf course, Torrey Pines Golf Course and Sycuan if you like to play amid desert landscape. Discount green fees can be found at underpar.com where you can save up to 60%. Other helpful websites, golfnow.com, and SanDiegoGolfGuideandMap.com.



October will be here before you know it and I have a few pieces of information that you may find helpful:

- ❖ Super Shuttle provides ground transportation from the airport to the hotel at a discount price. To obtain the discount you must book online on Flying Together. Go to travel and scroll down to discounts. There is a code you need to use to access the discount.
- ❖ Wheelchairs and motorized scooters are available for rental by calling Ashley MED at (619) 297-1983. The shower at the hotel is in the tub and there are no hand grips or rails. At home, I use a suction hand grip for the tub. It attaches easily to any surface and is light weight for travel. They can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot or Amazon for about \$20.00. They are easy to carry, safety items.
- ❖ The Town & Country is a large venue. If you feel you need assistance to your room, ask for a Golf Cart at check in.
- ❖ If you have not yet registered, you can get the form in the June issue or online. We don't want you to miss out.
- ❖ All convention activities are casual attire. There are three pools at the hotel that you might want to enjoy. The Banquet on Saturday night has a Polynesian theme, but Island attire is at your discretion.
- ❖ There will be no Convention article in October as we will all be on site at the Town & Country.

Looking forward to seeing you in our great city October 1st!



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GENERAL NEWS

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** Convention Hotel Reservations **

If you have not yet made your reservations, please do so soon. The deadline for hotel reservations is Sunday, August 31, 2014.

When you make the reservation, be sure to use one of the two methods we recommended. **Reservations can be made online at resweb.passkey.com/go/eb44deef. You can also call the Town and Country central reservations at 1-800-772-8527. You must be sure to mention RUAEA when you call.**

These rooms are booked with a guarantee. These methods insure that our guarantee is satisfied. And, **when you use these methods, you get the free breakfast buffet as well as the two dollar per day parking.**

Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks, the San Diego 2014 Convention is in the final planning stages. If you are planning on attending, remember to send your registration form in soon. If you have not decided to attend, please consider doing so. The convention committee has planned a great convention for you. Remember you can take a guest or two or more. It is a great vacation spot for the Fall season, with unimaginable things to do and see in the beautiful city of San Diego. I personally hope to see you and greet you there. All who voted for our open officer positions, I thank you. It is your association and participation is needed. Again, I hope to see many of you soon.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

United “carry on” educating customers about “Over, Under, Checked”



More than half a million customers received United's latest email aimed at educating them on United's "Over, Under, Checked" carry-on policy.

In addition to reinforcing the policy, United reinforces in the email that customers can "help everyone experience a more comfortable flight by bringing bags that are cabin-ready." Cabin-ready bags refers to both size and quantity limitations in our carry-on policy. Addressing where and how to stow bags once on board the aircraft ensures adequate bin space, smoother boarding and a more flyer-friendly travel experience for everyone.

The outreach accompanied an update to the united.com/carry-on page explaining what it means to be cabin-ready. These measures extend United's campaign to educate customers, which began in March and includes check-in screens, GID screens, airport signage and pre-travel emails.

The carry-on policy also applies to employees traveling for business or leisure. Excluding working crew exemptions, employees are required to follow the cabin-ready guidelines below:

- ✓ One personal item that fits under the seat, such as a laptop case or other small item (no larger than 9" x 10" x 17").
- ✓ One carry-on bag that fits in the overhead bin (no larger than 9" x 14" x 22" including handles and wheels).

All Airbus planes now have expanded bin capacity, Wi-Fi

United has completed modifications to increase the overhead bin capacity on all 152 of its Airbus planes, offering customers more useable space to speed boarding and reduce the number of gate-checked bags. United completed the work on the last aircraft last month.



Tech Ops employees in DEN and SFO performed 89 of the modifications, and United's maintenance business partners completed the remaining 63. In all cases, the existing bins on the A319s and A320s got new latches, hinges and doors, nearly doubling each plane's carry-on capacity.

United also has installed Wi-Fi in all the Airbus planes and completed two-thirds of the Airbus economy class seating renovations, with 104 aircraft back in service as of July 10. The company expects to complete the remainder this year. Installing the lighter, slimmer seats saves fuel and increases capacity by 6-12 seats per aircraft without compromising legroom.

TSA increases Aviation Security Fee



The TSA Aviation Security Fee, also known as the September 11 security fee, has increased from \$2.50 per enplanement to a flat \$5.60 each way for all travel originating at an airport in the United States. Stopovers of more than four hours on domestic connections or more than 12 hours on international connections will result in additional fee charges.

United, along with Airlines for America and other industry stakeholders, opposed the increase and have opposed certain aspects of this new security fee, such as TSA's plan to remove the existing fee caps for round-trip travel and to apply the fee to the domestic portion of travel

that originates outside the United States.

The fee applies to all revenue and certain non-revenue travel and is collected in the price of the ticket. Information regarding the fee on non-revenue tickets can be found on the employeeRES login page and in the employeeRES pass tax calculator, where it is designated as the "AY" fee.

Reminder - Retiree Badge Available



As mentioned in a previous newsletter, a new United retiree badge is available via electronic/online ordering to any former co-worker on "retired" status. The badge was intended to provide retirees with a tangible link to their former employer and supplement the Verification of Eligibility Letter when attempting to apply for any applicable discounts offered to United retirees. This badge is in no way mandatory nor is it required for pass travel.

There is a \$35 fee for the initial badge.

Follow this path in Flying Together to order your badge, see instructions, and access a frequently asked questions document: Flying Together > employeeRES > Quick Links > Employee Profile > Click here to obtain your retiree badge

If you have any further questions after reviewing the above, please feel free to direct them to badging@united.com

Correction



In the August, 2014 issue, in the new column, **So Simple From Sheryl**, a printing error occurred. The size of the baking pans was not legible. It should read, "*Place the peaches in a greased 11 x 7 x 2 baking dish, (to make a 13 x 9 inch cobbler make 1½ times the recipe).*"

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The newsletter staff is very happy to have **Sheryl Schubert** join us as a columnist and sorry that an error occurred in her first column. We look forward to more delicious recipes.

Torgy's Travel Tips



With summer travel not quite behind us yet, load factors are still high across much of the system. With that in mind, many of us who must or wish to travel during this busy time elect to purchase confirmed space tickets. This article will assist you with some tips on buying tickets.

When flying on **United** you and your eligibles qualify for a 20% discount off any fare offered to the general public. Along with the discount come 2 free checked bags - an additional savings of at least \$50 (more savings if your destination is international). You accrue miles if you are a Mileage Plus member and you may select your desired seat number at the time you make your reservation. If your flight is delayed or canceled, you receive the same compensation as all other revenue passengers. You can even volunteer for denied boarding compensation if you choose to, which gives you travel credits towards purchasing a new ticket in the

future and guarantees you a confirmed seat on a later flight. A word of caution, however: you must adhere to the rules of the fare you purchase. If you buy a non-refundable ticket, it means just that – non-refundable. Most every fare except full fare comes with change fees, usually in the neighborhood of \$200, which may be more than the price you paid for the ticket itself. There is no mercy given to employees or retirees who attempt to plead their case. It's "fly it or flush it".

This discount program is called: My UA Discount and can ONLY be accessed on the employee website: **Flyingtogether.ual.com>Travel>MyUADiscount>BookFlights**

If you choose to fly on an airline other than United, shop around for the best fares. Travel websites such as Cheepoair, Expedia, Hotwire, Orbitz and Travelocity can point you in the right direction for choosing an airline and Kayak.com will compare some of these same websites on one screen for you. But frequently, accessing the airline's own website will reveal fares that are better than those offered through the 3rd party websites. In addition, if you book directly through a carrier's website at least 7 days in advance for flights within the US, you are entitled to "hold your reservation and the fare and change or cancel within 24 hours of the booking, without paying a change or cancel fee", according to the US Department of Transportation. With the exception of **American Airlines**, you pay for your ticket at the time of booking and then receive a refund if you cancel within 24 hours. On American, you are given an option at the time of booking to "hold" or "purchase". If you think you might change your mind, choose "hold". The booking will expire after 24 hours.

Southwest Airlines goes one better by not only offering the 24 hour rule, but allowing you to change or cancel a reservation up to 10 minutes before flight time and receive full credit for your fare to be used on future travel on Southwest within one year of the original reservation. And Southwest gives you 2 free checked bags (even golf clubs and skis).

For international travel, consider some of the lesser known carriers that are now flying into the US. **Turkish Airlines** uses their hub city of Istanbul as a connection to almost all of the major European capitals. Now it may sound convoluted to fly from say Houston to Budapest via Istanbul, but believe me they offer great airfares, free stopovers in Istanbul (some even include free sightseeing) and onboard service like we used to get in "the old good old days" of flying. **Icelandair** is another wonderful example. Free stopovers in Reykjavik, Iceland are included on all of their flights into/out of the US.

A couple of more items you should be aware of concern carry-on bag sizes and higher ticket tax fees. The TSA's September 11th security fee has risen from \$2.50 per segment to \$5.60 per segment. If you use a vacation pass you do not pay this fee. But if you have less than 25 years seniority and choose to use a personal pass in First or Business, you will be assessed the fee. Also, if you purchase a positive space ticket using the "My UA Discount", you must pay these fees.

Carry-on bag sizes are apparently undergoing some "tweaking" by many airlines. UA states a 9 × 14 × 22 inch rule. Some carriers use 10 × 14 × 21 and still others allow 9 × 15 × 21. This has traditionally not been a major issue but customer service agents have been enforcing the limits lately, charging customers a checked bag fee if their bag does not fit in the portable "sizers" on display at the counter and gates. Be sure to read the baggage information on the website of the airline you choose in order to avoid a sudden surprise at the airport. When traveling on UA using a pass or the MyUADiscount, you are allowed 2 free checked bags.

So wherever your travels take you, have fun!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



The retirees from the Retired United Airlines Employees Association have donated a total of \$33,121.00 to date towards the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. This despite a few months when no donations were received. Hopefully this trend will not continue. Thank you for your dedication, contributions and support to the Chapel.

To donate, make check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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July 14 found 18 members of our Gulf Coast RUAEA group meeting at O'Charley's Restaurant in Foley, AL. We had a very special reason for not meeting at our usual place in the Naval Aviation Museum. We voted at our meeting last month since our very special member, **Park Learned** was unable to attend our meetings because of his stroke recovery; we would take our meeting to him! Attendees were: **Keeton Barnes, Conrad Hamilton** and his daughter, **Carolyn Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Monica & Joe Leonard, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey, and Tommy & Sande Zander**. We were thrilled to have **Keeton Barnes** join us again. He has not attended since once in our first year. We hope he will be back soon with us. **Joe Leonard, Monica's** husband was able to attend this month for the first time since he still works full-time. We were thrilled that **Carolyn Hamilton, Conrad's** daughter was able to be with us. She attends American University in Washington, DC and will leave again for school the first week of August.

Missing this month were **Jim & Penny Alston** who live in Ft. Walton Beach, FL and it was just a little too far from Foley but we look forward to seeing them next month, **George & Denny Atteberry** are still dealing with their young Border Collie puppies, **Bill & Ann Delavan** are still gone for the next 3 or 4 months, **Bob & Carol Dorsey** are in Maine until Nov., **John & Myrl Eisinger** had a conflict, **Bob & Bev Heinrich** as **Bob** has strep throat, **Doug & Edna Horne** because of distance from their home, **Charley & Sheila Pritchett** were away, and **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl** had a house full of guests this week. **Park & Billie Learned** were not able to come to the restaurant but invited everyone to their home after lunch. If you look at the number of our members that were absent, we were missing over 50% of us!

Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunch and the more extensive choices. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by President, **Bob Schwartz**. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** and the winning ticket was drawn by **Carolyn Hamilton**. The winners today were **Monica & Joe Leonard**. Maybe **Joe** being able to attend today was a good luck charm for them! Congratulations!

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes were emailed to everyone and there were no corrections.

Yvonne Schwartz told everyone that you can now subscribe to the RUAEA newsletter and get just the paper copy for \$25. She continues each month to encourage anyone who is not subscribing now, to do so in order to receive this very informative newsletter. The staff does an incredible job!

Yvonne brought a newspaper article about Louis Zamperini's death. He was 97. He developed pneumonia and fought it for 40 days (just short of the 47 days he was adrift on the raft!). We had just had a long discussion about him at our meeting last month. He had just been asked to be the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Rose Parade. The movie, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" will be released in December, which is the story about him.

Barbara Serra told us of a true story that she saw on TV about a Frontier Airlines pilot ordering 50 pizzas for his passengers after they had to make an unscheduled stop in Cheyenne, WY. I'm sure those passengers will always remember him!

We were told that **Rich Hurst** is doing very well with his health issues and they plan to be down in Pensacola in November and plan to attend our meeting! We are excited already!

August Birthdays are: **Yvonne Schwartz** (1), **Jean Dobison** (3), **Diane Hutto** (3), **George Dobison** (14) and **Keeton Barnes** (29).

September birthdays are **Patty Southworth** (9), **Conrad Hamilton** (10), **Norm Reinoehl** (11), **Bill Hayden** (11), **Barbara Serra** (11) and **Bev Heinrich** (21). Happy Birthday Everyone!

Tommy Zander told us of a group that he and **Keeton Barnes** are members of and it is called, "Ancient Aviators of South Alabama". We enjoyed hearing about the group and he said at one of their meetings, they were able to watch the Blue Angels practice and then met the pilots. Fantastic!

As we were talking, one of our members said they wondered how many years of United employment was represented around our table. The number of years was added up and would you believe **435 years!** I cannot imagine how many more years there would have been if some of our absent members that have over 40 years had been present. We'll try this count again in the future.

Bob reminded everyone that our 4th Anniversary as a RUAEA Chapter is in August and election of officers will be held. So far, those of us elected at the organization meeting in August, 2010, are still serving in the same positions. Do you think maybe they are lifetime offices? All four of us do enjoy our position and agree we do not even think of them as work!

Eleven of our members went to see **Park & Billie Learned** after lunch. He was thrilled to see us and he seems to be doing fairly well. We were even able to go out and pick big, juicy blueberries from their many bushes. We pray that **Park** will be able to return to our meetings one day soon.

Our next meeting will be September 8th at 11:30 AM, back at the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum's Cubi Bar Café in Pensacola, FL. Please join us if you are in our area! Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call.

Calendar:

September 8 - Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL.

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I hope everyone is surviving the Arizona summer, or, if you are a “snowbird”, you’re having fun wherever you are. As always, the summer months seem to go by very fast, and here we are in September already. This is the time of the year when Arizonans start planning outside events, patio parties, and picnics. Speaking of picnics, the Azures will celebrate the return of their monthly luncheon meetings at Beardsley Park in Sun City West, AZ on Friday, October 17 at 1100am - Ramada #3. This is a “day” change from our usual Saturday event but we felt that we would avoid having some members not be able to find our reserved Ramada due to the crowds on Saturdays. Last year, we lost three new members since the Azures name did not appear on the marquee and the amount of picnickers in the park.

We received news that **Susie Hughes** fell in her shower and bruised her tailbone. She was quite sore and since she was alone at the time, it took her 30 minutes to climb out of the tub. Susie has had her share of illnesses in the past couple of years so we pray she’s doing well now. **Sherry Muoio**, also had a fall and possibly has a compression fracture in her lower spine, she will be moving slowly for awhile I would imagine. We wish them both a quick healing process.

Members, **Joan & Richard Aaronson, Ginny (Weiler-Meyer) & Ben**, had lunch with new members **Lonna Fischer** and friend Keith at the Lone Star Restaurant. Joanie met Lonna thru their mutual friend, **Laura Coates**, when Laura transferred from LAXRR to DENRR years ago. It’s good to know the United families and friends still are getting together and keeping in touch.

Rose Barry spent 10 days at a timeshare in Aruba with a girlfriend from Pebblecreek Creek, walking on and enjoying the beautiful beaches. Since this letter went out for publishing before she returned, we’ll have to wait to hear about how much fun she had. She will be taking a short break from her fused glass classes (and **Ziggy Butkiewicz**’s personal instructions) where she made presents for her granddaughters, piano keyboards, since they both play piano. What a memorable gift from Grandma!

Vivian Klick’s California family came to visit her in August. At this writing, they came either the weekend of August 2 or August 16 to celebrate her birthday (August 31). We will wait to find out what they did for fun and celebration in Goodyear, AZ. Happy Birthday, Vivian, hope it was fun!

Azures 2014/15 Luncheon/Meeting schedule (October-April) will be sent to members in the middle of September.

Joe & Lisa Hopkins announced that their eldest grandson will enter and begin classes at DePaul University in Chicago to study business. He is a very good student and they say they have “high hopes” for him. Our congratulations on his future success! Joe reports he got a new set of golf clubs last month and has improved his golf scores miraculously. You go Joe!

Joe & Lisa Hopkins, Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz, Richard & Joan Aaronson, Ken (EXO) & Pat Paulson, possibly **Bob & Norma Lutzinger, Vivian Klick** and **Marge Mullman** are planning to lunch at B.J.’s Restaurant and Brewhouse on August 16 as part of Joe’s “let’s get together in the summer” plan. Sure wish we could join them! Vic and I will be back in September and then we can join them for lunch or possibly breakfast around Pebblecreek area.

The Azures lost a long-time and faithful member, **Jacky Rosch**, after a long illness. Condolences to **Bruce Rosch**, 16012 West Heritage Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Jacky will be missed by all.

Happy Birthday to all our September Birthdays! As I mentioned last month, my birthday/anniversary list is in Arizona (and we’re in Huntley, IL) so I will remember our honorees in the October issue.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco’s, 98th and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **September 9** and **September 23**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

October 17 - Beardsley Park picnic at 1100am - Ramada #3.



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Where did this summer go? I can't believe that it's September already. Now that the children are back in school once again, and fall is here, it's time to get back to scheduling all the things we love to do with our Re-United group of friends, like luncheons and breakfasts each month. We start our luncheons in October; but we meet for breakfast every month on the fourth Friday, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ. We would love it if we had so many people, we would have to expand the walls or something. How about planning on getting active with our group, if you haven't already? Every month, **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, waits to hear from everyone a few days before the breakfast as to whether you plan on attending or not. Be sure and contact her at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net and tell her you'll be there.

We hope many of you have made plans already to attend the RUAEA Convention in San Diego, California, October 1 through October 4 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center at 500 Hotel Circle North. We're looking forward to a great time and hope to see a good many of our friends there.

Our July breakfast had 25 people attending – good group! We were delighted to see **Shirley Claggett**, our President, and **Ron Paluch** there as they are in the Seattle area most of the summer. I guess they missed the group so much they had to make a trip down here in the summer to see everyone again. We were also glad to see **Jim & Bonnie Fauber** there too, as they don't always make it for our breakfasts. **Peg**, our Vice President, updated everyone as to what's happening to those members on our "sick list". We're hoping they all get better and can join us once again soon.

Peg brought along a "show and tell bag" of all the different items needed for our Fantasy Flight, so that everyone will be familiar with the number of items we give to the children, ages Kindergarten through Second grade. Those items are stuffed bears, socks, gloves, stadium-size fleece blankets, travel size soaps, shampoos, and body lotion, tooth brushes, and small tubes of toothpaste. We also need comfortable walking shoes to give to the ladies living in the Navajo Nation, where a charter school is located. Be sure and pick these items up as you are out and about and give them to **Peg Snowdall**. Give her a call if you have any questions.

Did you notice in the August Newsletter that recipes are back? **Sheryl Schubert**, a retired flight attendant and member of Clipped Wings for over 40 years, plans to include a recipe every other month. Can hardly wait to try the recipe for Peach Cobbler!

We have the following birthdays in September: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Judie Preston** (9/12), **Pete Kuspis** (9/16), **Bill Rang** (9/18), and **Nancy Snediker** (9/22). Happy Birthday to each one of you! We only have one couple that we know of who is celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month, and that is yours truly, **Liz & Ted Tollefsen**, on our 60th on September 18th! Can you believe that? Time sure flies.

Calendar:

September 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, September 24 at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net.

October 18 – Luncheon -TBA

October 24 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

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Thanks to **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin** for hosting our July luncheon at the Macaroni Grill. There were 25 members in attendance with 3 guests. **Doris Nicolson**, **Len's** mother and **Alexis and Cole Althen**, **Chuck & Sharon Cole's** grandchildren. Winners of the 50/25/25 were **John Bennatts** and **Jenny Cable**.

We welcome new members: **Jenny & Clyde Cable** (LAXSW and LAXFO) and **Jackie & Lee Benner** (ORDCS). It was good to see **Ed Kokot** at the luncheon after his knee surgery.

Treasurer **Pat Dilallo** reported that we have \$1000.00 in the treasury.

The 2015 All Arizona luncheon will be held March 19, 2015 at the Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy, Casa Grande, hosted by the Roadrunners. Arizona RUAEA, mark your calendars. The tour of the Mirror Lab at the U of A is still planned for November. Christmas luncheon will be held at the Arizona Inn. More information as the details are finalized.

September Birthdays: **Peggy Kuhn** (3), **Dave Folkers** (4), **Jim Hampton** (18), **Henny Saterfield** (28), and **Sharon Cole** (29).

Thank you **Claire Byle** for coming out of retirement to do the July newsletter.

Calendar:

September 18 - Hosted by **Ed Kokot**, Schlomo and Vitos 2870 E. Skyline (Skyline and Campbell) Contact Ed at (520) 229-2059 or Edmund.Kokot@mygait.com.

October 1 - 4 - RUAEA Convention in San Diego

October 16 - Luncheon hosted by **Sandy Lawyer**, details to follow.

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We did not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on August 20th, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. The place is yet to be determined.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter, as many of you also do. A lot of credit has to go out to those who put it together. Although I enjoy reading all the Chapters' news, the one that interests me most is the Letters section. In the July issue, there was a letter that brought back a lot of memories. Back in the late 1940's and early 1950's when planes used to park outside the gates, weather was somewhat of a problem in the winter and rainy days. There were no jet ways, so the passengers had to walk to the terminal. On more than one occasion, I helped the operation agents meet the flights with umbrellas and escort passengers to the terminal. It was always a pleasure to meet some appreciative passenger who liked our personal service. All this happened at Midway Airport with Capital before O'Hare was in operation.

Two other letters confirmed my feeling toward flying standby. I have not flown since the new pass policy went into effect because of all the horror stories I've read and heard about. I've also heard of how others have flown and their flights and the service went well. I lost a lot of seniority, as have most of us have, trying to fly standby. It seems that Southwest gives the service which I will be looking into if I ever fly again.

A little known fact: KLM is the world's oldest airline, established in 1919.

Calendar:

August 20 – Hosted by the **Rybars**, location is TBD.

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Short report this month ~ **Mike Bailardo** was on the road with his Magic Show, so **Patti Sica** took the reins for this Luncheon. Thirty six Desert Sunbirds gathered at the Palms Cafe in Rancho Mirage for our July Meeting, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**. Trouble was, we did not have our sound system (President Mike always brings his). The Restaurant was very busy and noisy, and there was no separate room for our group. So, no business was conducted and I didn't get a chance to tell my monthly joke!

Two of our guests at the June Luncheon are now New Members. Welcome aboard to **Jan Keck** (LAXSW), and **Marilyn Fry** (late husband a retiree from ONTCS).

On his return from a two day trip to Indianapolis, President Mike was leaving the PSP parking lot, when the machine "ate" his parking ticket stub. The cashier refused to believe him and demanded \$96.00 for a lost ticket. Mike persevered and refused to pay. Meanwhile, the line of cars behind Mike was growing. He then produced his boarding passes, which finally convinced the cashier that he was only gone two days, and was charged the correct amount.

Only one anniversary this month ~ Congratulations to **Jerry & Sheryll Weiss**! Twenty seven years on August 2nd.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Brigitte Brunken**, and **Gil Patterson** won \$40.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Calendar:

September 10 – Hosted by **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** and **Bill & Lia Schultz**

October 8 – Hosted by **Ben & Shirley Schiewe**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 30 at Sierra Grill in Auburn. This was hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**. We had 44 Gold Diggers and no guests attending. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending and our new members: (returning members) **Ed & Rose Rheam** and new member **Judy Moore**. The members thanked **Sonda** for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** introduced our new members and reminded us that **Ed Rheam** was the 1999 President of Gold Diggers.

Vice President ~ **Phil Frank** said all monthly luncheons have been taken for this year. January and February have been taken for next year. We need members who haven't hosted recently to host for next year.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for June: Those 50 years and over: **Francisco & Marta Fornells** – 60 years. Since they were not here, we are wishing them Happy Anniversary!

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

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** had a card to sign for **Angie Dellinger** as she had a knee replacement.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** has her camera today and will be taking pictures of our new members.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** still has a few rosters left if anyone needs one.

Francis Domaratius is speaking for **Ron** today and talked about the RUAEA convention that is running October 1 thru 4 at Town & Country Resort in San Diego. Convention package is on line now. He talked about the dinner. Dress is Hawaiian casual. Tables will not be assigned. This event will be held outside unless weather is bad then it will be held inside.

He talked about travel passes, suggesting that, if you and your spouse are flying and only one seat is available, the spouse should take the seat, because a spouse, flying unaccompanied, may get less priority flying on another flight and may have to wait quite a while to get on an airplane.

Director of Northern California & Nevada ~ **John Zoboli** ran through several items: RUAEA will now accept credit card payments for the yearly dues; 2014 RUAEA Convention; RUAEA Officer and Director Elections are in progress at this time; Maintenance gathering in Minden, NV will be August 19 thru 22 ; Sierra Roundup picnic at Sand Harbor Park at Lake Tahoe will be on Tuesday, August 19th; a new icon has been added to boarding passes; PBGC estimates the program will collapse within 10 years; etc.

Calendar:

August 27 – Rubino’s Restorante – Rocklin – hosted by **Figureroas** and **Dellingers**

September 24 – Commodore Park, Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley – hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Ooooo, so many choices! You just can’t miss with Italian Food! **Carleene & Charlie Hyde** hosted a yummy luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova for our July get-together. We had 24 Miners in attendance, so there was no shortage of visiting and laughing around the room. Our resounding “molte grazie” to Carleene & Charlie.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** asked who had a birthday in July - **Gary Dalleske** and **Irv Wolfram** owned up to such a celebration. While June had several anniversaries, there doesn't seem to be any for July.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** came forward to let us know about longtime Miners and friend, **Jerry Juba**. While friends were visiting with Bill & Linda, they learned that Jerry is not doing well. If you have a moment to call or just send a letter/note to let him know he’s thought about and prayers go out to him, please do so. FYI, **Ernie Sawyer** passed away.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to attend our meeting, but his gracious wife, **Suzanne**, gave us his report. We have received our final Tax Exemption status letter from California’s FTB. This document should be the last one to finally close the tax exemption process for California and the IRS! We are good now - yippee! and thank you, Tom, for your perseverance. Our checking account is looking rather nice, the balance is \$1,545.83.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report, but, she did have a question: When a person is traveling on a retiree “companion” pass, can they travel with the retiree’s spouse and still be on the retiree boarding date? Or, does the retiree have to be with them to get the better boarding level?

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D’Amico** was not at this meeting.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** brought the great albums for members to cruise through, be sure to take the time to do so.

Old Business ~ Just a reminder that the Sierra Roundup at Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor State Park is coming up. Be sure to register to go! They need your information by August 12th. The festivities begin August 19th. Our RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** acknowledged that we consider the RUAEA representative an honorary member of the Hangtown Miners and that when the rep is able to attend one of our meetings, their meal will be covered by this chapter. He sends his Thank You and will let us know when he will be able to attend again. Rudy brought copies of our current roster and handed them out. Rudy also brought a list of “Important Phone Numbers” for you to keep in a handy spot.

New Business ~ We discussed United news and other topics.

Miscellaneous ~ Be sure your bag is the right size! **Bill Gibson** passed on a very frustrating situation a friend of ours experienced recently. Our friend used to work at United but changed jobs several years ago. He was told that his bag had to be checked (at a cost of \$25) because it was too big to carry on. Now, he had been to Canada and back and it was just fine and was fine on all his other trips but they decided to require him to put it into their new size box. It was ½ inch too big. He discussed this with the agent but to no avail. Lo and behold, when he got to his destination, his bag did not show up. Long and short, he filed a complaint with the company, won his battle, was refunded the \$25, plus the price of his ticket and given a voucher for \$100.

Rudy requested that I give you, again, the code to keep handy when you are traveling on a revenue ticket. There have been times when a retiree is told they have to pay for their luggage since they're on a fare ticket, we don't have to do that! Tell the agent to put in this code GGBAGEMP and it will give them instruction to send the luggage at no charge.

Rudy adjourned our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began: The **Limas** won the donators prize! Thank you to all who brought items for our drawing: **Lima** - basket & wine; **Dinette** - wine & trivet; **Barton** - cat wind chime; **Gibson** - seasoning; **Blazius** - coasters; **Ames** - candle & cook book; **Ouchi** - wine; **Kenny** - UAL key chain.

Next luncheon is hosted by **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** on Monday, August 11th at the Red Hawk Casino.

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On July 10, 21 members and one guest met together at the Chalet Basque Restaurant on N. San Pedro Rd. in San Rafael, CA for a delicious luncheon; we were a smaller group, but had a lively time visiting, until our President, **Brandon Maus** called us to order, and thanked **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** and **Fred McCauley** for hosting our luncheon. Brandon discussed the suggested changes to the by laws for membership to include active UAL employees as well as past UAL employees to grow our group. He also reminded us that the leaders have made a decision to change the November luncheon venue to the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa instead of Fountaingrove Inn, where the meal prices have increased beyond what we are willing to pay (due to the management dropping the group rates). We look forward to going to a more reasonable restaurant where the menu and the view are very agreeable, according to the team who visited and established that the change would take place.

Vice President **Larry Wilson**, after acknowledging the attendance of our 21 members and the one guest, **Jack Donahue**, here with **Joan Olsson**, mentioned that we would probably have a guest speaker at the October meeting, a local Chiropractor. He asked for responses and the approval was given.

Oscar Chambers, Treasurer, stated that our General account now has \$400.31 and there is \$506.11 in the Charity fund, with a combined total of \$906.42. The wine and candy for the raffle were also given as a donation by **Lou & Sheila Lignitto**, with our appreciation.

Barney Hagen attended without his wife **Clare**, as she was not feeling well that day; we wish her well. He reported that the Santa Rosa Pacific Coast Air Museum is raising funds to be moved over next to the Dragon Fly hangar, at the Sonoma Co. Charles Schultz airport, which is owned by the Navy to house their aircraft and memorabilia. This gives a closer oversight to the Navy's exhibit and property, which they will appreciate.

Barney also mentioned that the Canadian Air Snowbird team is planning to come to the 2015 Air show for an aerobatics show. He also mentioned that **Brandon & Pat Maus** had received their TSA pre-approved passes for travel without the necessity of an interview. The cost of a Pre TSA screen approval status is \$85.00 per person.

Joanne Huhn stood in for **Verda Burr** who couldn't join us that day. She revealed the Anniversary for July was for **Nick & Maria vanKruining**, who are celebrating 61yrs! The birthday lunch winner was **Joan Olsson**.

A get well card was sent to **Charlie Anderson**, who missed June's retiree luncheon due to Arthritis pain; he tells Joanne he plans on attending the August picnic at Armstrong Woods! Also a condolence card was sent to the family of **Ruth Loy** at her recent passing.

Roger Casterline reminded us that the elections of the RUAEA officers are coming up and he is running for the Western Regional Director, and **Hank Gosselin** is running for President, whom he supports. He asks us to please vote for them. He told a travel story about a previous difficult time getting on a flight to Hawaii, only to be passed over five times, and ultimately was not able to get on the flight, but his baggage did; so he went home and the baggage arrived a couple days later badly damaged. Hopefully things will improve for standby status, especially along with the TSA pre-approved passes being made available.

Our next luncheon will be our annual picnic at the Armstrong Woods, and Verda is arranging another "blow out BBQ" so consider inviting a friend to join us. By the way, **Larry Wilson** will be standing in for **Brandon**

Maus to lead the proceedings at the next two month's meetings; Bon Voyage to Brandon & Pat, and have a great vacation and send a postcard if you think of it!

Re-LAX-ers



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As time goes by; we notice that friends are missing from our Re-LAX-er luncheons. Our latest missing treasure is **Barbara Smith**, who's had a second stroke and is at Seal Beach Health Ctr. She has recovered well and is due to go home shortly.

Barbara's career was in the ticketing field: She worked at SFOTO and LAXTO. She became a ticket writing instructor and eventually assisted with the incoming Apollo ticket training department. On retiring, her love of travel guided her into organizing tours and she quickly became the RUAEA correspondent, to assist in spreading word of these tours to eager travelers. I hope you had the chance to experience her "Yellow-stone in Winter". Barbara has now reached the tender age of 92 and until this year; she faithfully supported Re-LAX-ers and RUAEA. Send good wishes to 13721 El Dorado Dr., #20H, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

Since **Rowe Prideaux** had missed a few meetings, we checked on him. His wife **Pat** advised that he had fallen and was in Rehab for awhile. Now he is home and using a walker to assist his everyday living. Send cheery notes to 4152 Via Solano, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Barbara and Rowe's paths ran together as they met with the group organizing the Re-LAX-ers in 1983. After elections and by-laws were voted in, Rowe became President in 1984. This energetic group jumped into RUAEA with gusto and volunteered to host the 1985 RUAEA Convention. Barbara became president in 1987. We thank Barbara and Rowe for their many years of dedication to the Re-LAX-ers and to RUAEA.

Other participants in the early days of the RE-LAX-ERS who assisted in forming our chapter are **Jack Callahan, Fran Joseph, Fred Trelfa, Phil & Barbara Muelrath, Art Ballagh, Ellen Poorman, Margaret Guyselman, Don Garner, Betsy Jones, Millie Sneed, Bernadette Carroll, Helen Moore, Lois Bowns, Liz Volkmer, George Stearns, Dick Heyman, Norma Besse, Jo Freemont, Bill Blaylock, Mary Jarvis and Dick Nichols**. These were the true pioneers of RUAEA, some 31 years ago. We will be forever grateful for their dedication and efforts so long ago.

Calendar:

October 10 - Proud Bird restaurant - (Delayed for the RUAEA Convention Oct 1-4)

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The monthly breakfast for August is after the due date of the newsletter so I will have only a brief note for you this month. Our convention plans are going smoothly and we are in the process of recruiting volunteers to help at some of our venues.

Our August Birthdays are **Debbie Taylor, Jackie Schwartz, Dan Meza and Rich Richardson**.

Due to the upcoming Convention, we will not be having our October Breakfast.

Calendar:

October 1-4 - RUAEA Convention, no breakfast this month. The next monthly breakfast will be on **November 6** - Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106- 2394. Phone (619) 226-0255.



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President **Jerome Underhill** called the July 28 General Meeting to order at 11:30 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Just some quick highlights this month ~ Wedding Anniversaries: **Betty & Aubrey Bliss** (66 years.), **Margaret & Rex Reelfs** (56 years). Congratulations! In other news, **Gene Walter's** wife **Carol** is recovering and they will both return to the chapter meetings soon. Also, a get well card was sent **Betty Bliss**. An updated roster of members will be distributed at the August 25th meeting. If you were not in attendance, it will be mailed to you. And finally, the most enjoyable entertainment was provided by Jim Stevens, a spectacular guitarist who played folk music. He was wonderful! Thanks to 2nd Vice President **Kathy Hutt** for her time and hard work in booking all our great entertainers!

Our annual picnic is fast approaching, September 22. If you haven't already done so, be sure to reserve your space and purchase your ticket, \$15 for members, \$20 for guests; RSVP to **Dorothy Reuszer** (650) 341-5765.

Calendar:

September 22 – Picnic

October 27 – Entertainment – Gene the Bird Man (Bird Performers)

November 24 – Entertainment - Scott Holiday (Guitarist and Singer)

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month, 11 am - 2 pm, at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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We hope everyone had a good Labor Day Weekend. It is hard to believe that summer is “officially” over. I am of the generation who puts away White Shoes after Labor Day, but I would say, “Don't put away your Sun Block or Bathing Suit yet!” Rather - Pack Them along with Walking Shoes for the **San Diego RUAEA Convention**. This will be a great time to meet with other RUAEA groups and connect with people from across the country.

When it comes to connecting with people from across the country, **Sally & Tony Urso** were delighted to have one of their “Right Coast” granddaughters spend some time here on our “Left Coast”. It was good to meet Kelly and Ryan, her husband, at one of our breakfast meetings when they were here for a visit on this segment of their California vacation. **Geneva Schaller** also connected with family from across the country when she celebrated a milestone 90th Birthday. Six of the approximate 35 family members attended one of our breakfasts; i.e. **Geneva's** sister, two daughters and their husbands, and a granddaughter. These family members had traveled from Michigan, Tennessee, Washington D.C., and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands!

At one of our August meetings we had 54 people present, and that was without several of our “regulars”! This demonstrates how summer has been a great opportunity for some of us to spend time with our children and grandchildren. **Marion Gaevert** brought her son, Randy, to breakfast. Randy was here from Los Angeles for a visit. **Joanne Saso** was accompanied by her daughter, Michelle, her son-in-law, Chris, and her grandson, Mark (our Webmaster). **Maureen & Vern Snyder's** grandchildren, Samantha and Nathan, came to our breakfast meetings, and I'm sure **Maureen** will be spoiling them with some of the \$\$ that she won when she and **Vern** were in Reno. The **Sweets** and the **Walbs** spent a week driving their grandsons to baseball camp at the University of Santa Clara. The **Reichards** and the **Scales** got quality grandparent time transporting

grandchildren to various activities around the valley. **Karen & Bob Devlin** spent time in Gold Country at Murphys with their grandsons. **Elfriede & Albert Grossmann** took their teenage grandson to the Lake Tahoe/Nevada area for a nice getaway. This trip was profitable due to **Elfriede's** Big Win on a Penny Machine! **Margie & Alex Klaus** enjoyed a trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium with their grandchildren. I'll bet **Alex** took this opportunity to give Football Pointers (Soccer to the rest of us) to his grandchildren since Germany is now World Cup Champions!

Alex continued his summer fun with a long weekend trip to Stuttgart, Germany, getting to travel First Class, no less! **Robin & Dave Garland** were no sooner home from their Northern California Camping Trip than were they off to Lake Tahoe and on to Oregon for a family reunion. **Ben Scales** took some time off from his golf dates with **George Sousa** and went to Portland EXPO Center to attend an Antique Collectable Show. **Boyd Sweet** participated in the **Bill Earnhart** (JJ) Annual Golf Tournament in Windsor with former UAL colleagues. (This was fine with me because I got some "Wine Time" in Healdsburg.) **Nancy & Dave Walb** went to the Delta for a few days. With our California drought I hope there was enough water to "float their boat".

Several couples have anniversaries in September; i.e. the **Browns, Frisch, Mazzolas, Snyders, Sweets, and Willevers**. There are also quite a number of birthdays this month - **Don Boyer, Charlotte Cacioppo, Robin Garland, Zelma Kibler, Rita Matkovich, Alice Rostirolla, Wilma Sandy, Joyce Malia Thuener, Tony Urso, Theresa Willever**, and both **Nancy & Dave Walb**. Wow! That's going to be a lot of Birthday cake! Our group has a lot to celebrate.

Speaking of birthdays, I omitted a very important milestone in the July Newsletter. I should have pointed out that 60 years ago the Boeing 707 was introduced to the World of Aviation which many attribute this event as marking the beginning of the Jet Age. It seems as though jet travel has always been the norm, and it is easy to forget our Aviation History.

I have a couple of corrections, too. I was mistaken when I said **Chuck Thuener**, our August featured member, attended Palo Alto High School when he really attended Sequoia High School in Redwood City. I also failed to mention that in addition to their daughter, Aimee, **Chuck & Joyce** have a son, Peter. Sorry Peter, I didn't mean to leave you out.

We have been missing **Bill Copley's** jokes at our meetings, but, unfortunately, **Carol** has been fighting a persistent infection, and **Bill** has been a bit preoccupied. Get better soon, **Carol**.

The member we want to feature in our newsletter this month is **Louis R. Marcolina**, known to us as **Lou**. **Lou** has been enjoying retirement for 21 years! It is unbelievable how quickly time goes by. **Lou** is another of one of our members who began his United Air Lines (UAL) career in Washington (DCA) with Capital Airlines in July, 1955. **Lou** moved to DCA from Pennsylvania. He was born in West Moreland County in a small town, North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He worked on a farm in Irwin from 1945 to 1948, then as an Auto Mechanic in 1949 to 1951. It was during this time when **Lou** played in 3 small bands. He is very musical. He plays the trumpet, clarinet, and saxophone.

Lou went into the Army in February, 1952 and was sent to Korea for 2 years. He was a Mechanic for a Mortar Company in the Front Lines in Korea working on trucks and jeeps that carried the mortars that were used to support each Infantry Regiment.

Lou returned to Pennsylvania and got his FAA Airplane and Power Plant (A&P) License and FAA Radio First Class License at Pittsburgh Institute of Electronics. As mentioned in the June, 2014 Newsletter **Lou** and **Tony Urso** were in the same training class. They both still have their class picture marking this occasion. **Lou** moved to DCA where he completed Electronics School at National Radio Institute in Washington, DC. He also earned his Airman Identification Card to work on small private airplanes, as well as his Electrical Accessory Shop Inspector License. **Lou's** wife, **Jean**, worked for Eastern Airlines while they were living in Washington.

Lou moved his family to the west coast in 1968 when he transferred to San Francisco. He worked in the Radio and Aeronautics Shop, SFORC where an array of Automatic Test Equipment (ATE) was used to test and repair expensive electronic components used to maintain UAL's fleet. The Shop also handled numerous components for other airlines, thus generating *revenue* for UAL.

Since retirement in February, 1993 **Lou** has been very busy. He used his new found time to go to classes and learn Italian to exercise those "little gray cells". He meets weekly with a group who spend the morning practicing their linguistic skills by conversing in Italian. **Lou & Jean** enjoy trips to a variety of places. Among just a few of their travels have been a trip to China (October 2010 Newsletter), and a cruise to Bermuda (August, 2011 Newsletter), and, most recently, a cruise from San Francisco to Ensenada (March, 2014 Newsletter). **Lou & Jean** also participate in local Senior Center trips. **Jean** is Treasurer in the Ladies Guild at Queen of Apostles, and she visits friends in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities.

Lou & Jean have 3 children. Their daughter, Rosanne, is Director of the Mountain View Library. Their son, John, is an Engineer and Manager at Virtual Instruments, a Silicon Valley Software Firm. Their other son, James, works for Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute) in Redlands, California. They are proud grandparents of 3 grandchildren who are in college. Tyler is at San Jose State, Alex is at University of California, Santa Cruz, and Jenell is at Long Beach State College.

Calendar

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino across from Home Depot)
9:00 am

October 1 - October 4th - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

October 29 - Fall Luncheon at David's in Santa Clara (across from the new 49er Stadium): hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Bob & Karen Devlin**

December 9 - December Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara



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The meeting was opened by President **Bob Brooks**. **Sandy Brooks** held the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. Our meeting was held at Angelano's Restaurant in Manteca. Since our meal was ready, we had a temporary adjournment to enjoy the buffet.

When we resumed, President Brooks thanked **Don & Cathy Rentzel** for hosting the meeting. **Don Nesja** (our acting stand-up comedian) assisted our digestion with many humorous bits.

Don Rentzel asked for comments/recommendations concerning updated information on parking at the base. Comment was made that **Rudy Reyna** will be able to comment next meeting. Apparently the office is open 8 to 5 to obtain a parking pass. If you arrive after 5 (or before 8) you will need to pull up to the phone and call the office and a guard will give you a pass (after you showing proper identification).

President Brooks noted the restaurant had provided "take home" boxes for leftovers for the members.

The gathering at Minden, NV was brought up, and it was suggested that those planning on attending make their reservations by July 28 to obtain the negotiated rates. Also brought up was the Sierra Round-up in Lake Tahoe. The sign-up sheets were passed around as it is "right on the way" to the Minden Manteca Gathering on Aug 19 and would be a good "break" in the travel.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** had a death in the family and is in Texas, but submitted his written financial report to President Brooks. The report lists income and expenses through July, leaving us a balance of over \$600.00, with all bills paid.

Sandy Brooks circulated a roster updated (7/8/2014), **Jack Walls** was absent since had a triple heart bypass and **Rosie** is staying near him. When **Sandy Brooks** obtains further information she will forward it to the group. **Don Rentzel** had cataract surgery on his right eye last week and is doing quite well.

Sandy Brooks is still working with the Sonora Conference Center concerning our Christmas meeting. Hopefully the arrangements will be finalized by our next meeting.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to attendees **Pat Passarell**, **Max Fountain** and **Sandy Brooks**. We had no wedding anniversaries this month.

Our raffle consisted of cash and wine. A collection was taken for the tip.

President Brooks adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 14 and will be hosted by **Fred & Joan Verbaere**. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks** (209) 772-9814, for meeting information.

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Heat! Fires! Humidity! And now rain in Northern California. Wow! What a crazy weather year it has been for the North state. I know across the country it has also been very strange. Please think good thoughts for all of our friends that have been hit with disaster.

We did have a great get together this month with our retirees and spouses. **Merritt Odor**, our President, greeted everyone and welcomed our visitor **Galon Eslinger** from SFOOV, **Bill Dodds** who worked at SFOPK, his friend **Doris Stivey** and **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director. We had 21 retirees, spouses and guests for our luncheon/meeting. Many of our fellow retirees were traveling. Merritt thanked Vice President **Richard Skelly** for setting up the reservation in Redding.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Don & Ursula Arndt** both have birthdays in August. Merritt also thanked **Grace Franke** for last meeting's talk about her quilting hobby. He encouraged anyone who would like to talk about their travels or hobbies to do so at one of our meetings and bring samples of their work.

Merritt reminded our RUAEA members to please vote for officers of RUAEA by August 23. Our own **John Zoboli** and our friend **Ron Bertacini** are both running again.

There was a discussion about the flights in and out of Chico as well as the Redding Airport. Gaylon brought up the fact that San Francisco Airport is under construction and several of the smaller cities have had lots of cancellations. He also spoke about a parking permit for retirees at the Redding Airport. He was not sure if just United Express employees were eligible for the permit or if it included United retirees.

John Zoboli had several items on his agenda. It is always good to have John with us to update us and talk about any new items concerning United ~ It was announced that RUAEA will now accept credit card payments for the dues. John shared some items about the RUAEA Convention that will be held October 1- 4 in SAN. Accommodations will be at the Town and Country Resort. The daily rate will be \$109.00 per night including breakfast. Parking will be \$2.00 per day. A retiree is not required to be a member of RUAEA to attend the convention.

John spoke about the maintenance gathering in Minden, NV that will be held August 19-22 and also the Sierra roundup picnic at Sand Harbor Park at Lake Tahoe that will be held Tuesday, August 19th.

United has agreed to retain 220 jobs on the Hawaiian Islands that were planned to be outsourced. Most of these jobs were Customer Service jobs and ramp jobs.

United has also agreed to insource above wing positions at HNL and PHX and United Express positions at PHX, DEN, and IAD.

There was a lot of discussion on what appears as icons on the boarding passes. The newest one indicates when boarding will close.

John spoke about the articles in the newspapers concerning PBGC running out of money in 10 years. John was able to clarify that story.

The 1956 Grand Canyon crash site of UA ad TWA has been declared a National Historic Landmark.

There was a discussion on the recent United incident of an airplane that diverted into Midway Island from HNL to GUM. The B777 had smoke in the cabin and flight deck.

Vincent Neidlinger spoke about the Redding Air Show September 27th and 28th and invited all to attend.

Merritt talked about our next meeting, September 25th at 11:30 AM. It is usually our picnic which everyone enjoys. All were in favor to have it again at Anderson River Park at the KC Grove 2 area. We will be having hamburgers, hot dogs and Polish sausages. Everyone will be bringing a side dish and their own drinks. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact the Anderson Recreation Center to set up the picnic date and also to send out information to all Northstaters. **Richard Skelly** offered to purchase the meat that will be paid for from the group's treasury.

John Zoboli won the 50-50 raffle and **Vincent Neidlinger** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

Calendar:

September 25 - 11:30 AM at Anderson River Park. If you are visiting Northern California, come and join us for a great picnic!



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Our July 9th meeting was at the Travis AFB museum. After touring the static displays outside, the group moved indoors for lunch. The base deli mart in the commissary made the sandwich to individual's preference, with chips, fruit cup, cookies and bottled water. The members ordered sandwiches sized 6 or 12 inches. Picking up the order, several assumed that they had made an error on the six inch sandwich order, as the sandwiches were away past the six inch length. Their six inch sandwiches were 10-12 inches in length. Those that ordered the twelve inch sandwich, got two? Everyone had more than enough sandwiches, and some to take home.

Attending the meeting were **Robert & Michiko Allen, Bob Zweighardt, Louis Pell, Rudy Arsaga, Bill & JoAnne Blizzard, Bob Ritche, John & Sharon Francis, Ida Burton, Diosnel Perez, Ben Reed, Robert & Ellie Ewald, Robert Zirzow, Allan & Peggy Pochop, Dino Poulos, Eugene Boyce, Charles & Martha Szkretar, Jamie Schwafel, George Sturges, Stewart & Eleanor McCale.**

Robert Zirzow is a coordinator with the museum, the group expressed their thanks for his assistance in setting up our meeting.

Birthdays celebrated this month for **Jamie Schwafel, Bill Blizzard** and **Michiko Allen.**

Jamie Schwafel addressed the group stating that she had received the United \$10,000 life insurance with the passing of her husband, **Dave Schwafel.** Question, then came up on who was eligible for this insurance. Researching for the information with the United Help desk, 800-651-1007, I requested the guidelines for the life insurance, to then pass on to the group. I was informed that each individual has to contact the company for them to review their personnel record, their classification and year of retirement, are determination of their eligibility, if so also the amount.

Following information for August United Retirees:

- ✓ Sierra Roundup RUAEA Chapter Annual Picnic, August 19th at Lake Tahoe. Questions/information to contact **John Zoboli** at (775) 856-2044.
- ✓ United gathering at Minden, NV, August 19-22, at the Carson Valley Inn. Reservations: 800-321-6983. <http://www.carsonvalleyinn.com/>

The 50/50 drawing, was finally won by **me, Allan Pochop,** for \$52.50.

Second drawing for a bottle of Kansas City, "Gates" BBQ sauce, went home with **Martha Szkretar.**

Calendar:

August 13 – Meeting at Denny's, Vacaville, 11AM-1PM.

September 10 - Meeting at the Benicia Grill, Fairfield, 11AM-1PM.

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The August breakfast was held at the usual place, the United Air Lines Flight training center. There were 48 in attendance. We had a visitor from Farmington, NM – **Dan Engert,** son of **Frank Engert.** Glad to have you, come on back.

New addresses for **Lois Dick,** 2310 9th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80503, Phone number: (303) 834 9529. And **Dolores Cooreman'** address is, A Feathered Nest 11540 Milwaukee St., Thornton, CO 80233.

Martha Gooselaw did her good deed for a member of their church who has four small children and planned to travel to Chicago by car, alone. Martha volunteered to go with them; they drove straight through. After a few hours of sleep she returned to Denver on a UAL pass, with no problems, in time for our breakfast.

Don & Sharon Burbank weren't able to be with us as they were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at Winter Park, CO. Many of their family came out and attended the gathering. Fifty years of marriage, to the same person, is getting to be a rarity. Not many couples make that milestone. Congratulations, Don & Sharon, we all hope you have many more good years! Also, Don has been flying around all summer on a B-17. We expect to hear about this at our next breakfast!

Tom & Nancy Goodyear had a nice visit with his cousin **Bev Turner**, from Indiana. Tom has now had cataract surgery on both his eyes and everything seems to be OK. Now he can see without glasses for the first time since he was 7 years old!

Sad news, **Manuel Serrano** passed away on July 7, 2014, Manuel was retired from Ramp Service.

We also got word that there will be a military service for **Bud Kauffman** in Oak Creek, CO on September 20th at the Oak Creek cemetery at 1PM. **Alice Kauffman**, Bud's widow, said there will be a get-together, nothing formal, in the park afterwards. If you have questions Alice says to give her a call at (719) 275-4207 or email her at eeamk2731@aol.com.

The following returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Walt Hansen, Mary Lou Hoffman, Paul Miller, Larry Rehfeld, Gene Sibley, and Jim Spate**. Thanks for the donation to the chapter and thanks to **Laura Coats** for her help at the breakfast.

The chapter made \$40.00 in scrap aluminum. Do not forget your scrap aluminum.

Calendar:

September 6 - DENTK breakfast at 8:30

FLORIDA



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Another fine turnout of 18 folks for today's meeting! The weather was perfect Florida weather, blue skies, and warm but not too hot. A few of our members sent their regrets: **Ed Martin** is still in Germany, **Lowell & Anne Johnston** are in Virginia for a family reunion and **Bill Lowry** was busy with cardiac rehab after suffering a heart attack just days before his 87th birthday. Also **Nancy Thomas** sent a hello and hopes to visit us next year. While their presence was missed we were delighted to have **Bob & Dina Goetz** from San Francisco join us. They were in the neighborhood for a convention in Orlando. **Bob Goetz** used to do the same job our President **Dick Coughlin** did (Bob in SFO and Dick at ORD) so they became good friends. It's a small world when you work for an airline.

We belatedly celebrated **Dick Coughlin**'s birthday from July and also honored **Herb Gardner** and **Gloria Marcantoni** for their August birthdays. **Steve & Lillian Moddle** celebrated 53 years of marriage in July. Congratulations to them!

Our President **Dick Coughlin** was in rare form today with numerous great jokes. The common theme was "seniority," not Company seniority, just life's seniority! We think he had stockpiled them from his recent illnesses. Since our last meeting he had 2 more stents put in, bringing his count to 5. We're sure glad they were successful! Now he begins 12 weeks of cardiac rehab. **Frieda** is doing an excellent job keeping him repaired.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Gloria Marcantoni** and 2 additional raffles were won by **Herb Gardner** and **Frieda Coughlin**. **Penny Logan** provided us with a treasurer's report. Thanks **Penny** for keeping our funds safe and growing! Along those lines, a rare piece of United history was donated to the group for a silent auction next month. It's a photograph of the space shuttle blasting off and it has the United's old colors painted on. This was done back in the early 80's by the Company photographer and auctioned at a Food Services auction. It will be fun to see what it brings for our treasury.

Vice-President, **Steve Moddle** related that 3 congressmen from Iowa sent a letter to CEO Jeff Smisek expressing their displeasure at his decision to outsource over 600 jobs, including 48 jobs at Des Moines, Iowa. Good for them!

President **Dick Coughlin** gave us a very informative UAL report, including information on 3 recent emergency landings, and that Flight Attendants are bearing the brunt of cost reductions due to the merger, including furloughs. One bright note is heavy maintenance is coming back to San Francisco and will bring 600 jobs. The Company has established new fuel efficiency standards, including reducing the time the APU is running. Dick mentioned that UAL is the leading US carrier to China and we are resuming service to Melbourne in October. Finally he told a story about an Air New Zealand flight, smart luggage that can be tracked by GPS, and to improve productivity we may soon be asking customers to tag their own bags. Bottom line: fewer employees!

Emily Veracka recently traveled through Boston and observed that UA and CO are now together in the same terminal and it is designed to reduce employees. We're glad she had a nice trip in spite of that observation.

Calendar:

September 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

October 2 - same as above

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A great group of regulars to the Real McCoy's luncheon stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, missing only our favorite flag holder, **Ernie Vosges**. It was great to see 32 members and 2 members brought guests. **Loretta Finn** brought fellow flight attendant and retiree, **Pat Moran**, and **Joan Gaydos** brought her good friend, **Donna Earley**! And it was a special treat to welcome surprise visitors **Jim Feeney**, **Chris Hess**, **Sid Edelman** and **John Nelson**! Why, you ask? Well, this normally trusty keeper of the minutes and sender of the meeting reminders, ah, sent the email but forgot to cc: any of the Real McCoy's. Thank you to all who mark their calendars with or without my gentle nudges! And apologies to those who missed lunch 'cause of my "blonde" moment.

President **Rich Llewellyn** made a pitch for inviting former CO retired folks to our group, but says he hit a road block in the form of the former CO's own retiree group. I guess we'll just have to wait until the current UA/CO merged group have some retirements and then we can welcome all UA folks to join us.

A reminder that the annual RUAEA Convention will be in SAN October 1-4. It's beautiful country out there. Keep in the loop ... join us at convention! Get out your June RUAEA News and call the hotel. Deadlines for hotel and convention registration is August 31.

August Birthday Wishes to **Shelby Michels**, **Sharon Ringer**, **Stan Halterman** and **Lisa Leighty**. And Big Anniversary Congrats to **Chris & Donna Hess** on 51 years together and **Don & Susan Ulman** on 19 years!

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd.

September 2



TAMPA BAY

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Our August 4 meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by our Vice President **Bob Lindstrom**. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Two birthdays in August: **Audrey** (8/26) and **Les Manuel** (8/13). A sympathy card was sent to **Barbara Riecsc**.

Several members traveled recently. **Mary Judd** and **Noemi Guzman** both visited their families up north. **Bob & Janis Lindstrom** went to Pensacola in their camper. While they were there, they had the opportunity to see the Blue Angels doing their practice sessions. Bob said he's never seen anything like it.

One of our members, **Jon Wilkinson** is a celebrity. He was interviewed by one of our TV stations. Jon is very involved with a senior softball league (Kubs and Kids). The league has been around since the 1930's and includes seniors who are 75 and older.

Our picnic is coming up soon and we're making a list of everyone who wants to come. The picnic will be at Anderson Park on October 6. The monthly meeting will be at 11 am and lunch will be at noon. Anyone who wasn't at our August meeting who wants to sign up, please email **Volrie Fusina**, volriej@gmail.com or give her a call at (727) 375-9194.

We miss seeing our fellow United retirees and hope that you'll join us at our monthly meetings. It's amazing how much we have in common even though we come from different departments all over the country. Our meeting adjourned at 11:05 and most of us stayed around for brunch.

Calendar:

September 8 - Meeting at the IHOP. Note the meeting is on the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day.

TREASURE COAST

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Our meeting was attended by 13 regular members plus one new member and one guest. Our newest member is **David Damon** who hails from Ft. Pierce, FL. David is a retired pilot, he was stationed from several cities throughout the system; unfortunately, he just recently lost his wife. The visitor was none other than his son **David Besso** who hails from the Cape Cod area of MA, he has a place near his Dad when he visits him here. Welcome to both and just a note that his son was not a UA employee but enjoys his Dad's passes for travel.

As usual, when lunch was served the room was silent! When **Al Popek**, our President, brought down his giant meat tenderizer to get the meeting in order, there were as usual lots of chuckles! You have got to see it to believe its size. He covered lots of items of importance as a non rev getting on some of the aircraft and the service, how **Diane & Paul Liebisch** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** are getting home from Berlin, seems like they took quite a reroute journey to get home this time, issues dealing with Express Scripts, Profits and shares of stocks, the upcoming convention, Wednesday for September meeting instead of Tuesday, and of course Birthdays and Anniversaries for August.

As usual, our wait staff and food were the best and everyone enjoys our location for meetings; if you are in the area, please join us, you won't forget your visit I assure you.

A vote will be taken to change our meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday so as not to confuse everyone. Please make sure to return your response to **Bob Langevin** when he sends you reminders, he put a lot of work in those emails so please help him and us by responding. Make sure you read the calendar at the end so as to know when the meeting/luncheon is being held.

Please note that dues are due in September and the amount was increased to \$10.00 a year.

Birthdays for August are: **Al Popek** (8/1), **Maureen Carragher** (8/4), **Mary Jane Wise** (8/13), **Frank Wise** (8/27), **Dinos Xifaras** (8/25). Happy Birthday to all! No Anniversaries.

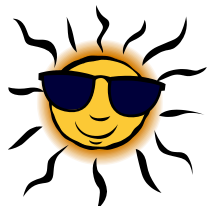
Life is short, forgive quickly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably and never forget anything that made you smile! Break the rules, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

September 3 – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).

October 7 – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).

November 4 – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL (Tuesday).



FIRST COAST SUNSHINERS

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It's hard to believe summer is almost over! Our group hasn't met since May but this is just a reminder we are starting up again in September. Coincidentally, our meeting is scheduled for September 11. How appropriate to remember this solemn occasion with other retirees and their guests. We all remember this day in a very personal way and it will be nice to share our thoughts with others. We hope to see our "usuals" and some new faces too!

Calendar:

September 11 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 416 Commerce Center Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225, (904) 727-7460

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Our Dixie Flyers met on the first Wednesday of the month at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA. This diner let us use their private dining room, and two waitresses to speed our meal. We had 29 Flyers in attendance.

Ed Paille, who just moved from North GA to Smyrna, gave the prayer for our meal. Macular Degeneration leaves him very little to see except maybe 10 ft, his wife **Young Paille** drew the winning 50/50 ticket, **Roy Cross** won the \$17.00 and he donated his winnings to our Ladies of Distress. Our guests are **Jay Marshall's** grandson, and **Melba Turner**, guest of **Fred Cron**.

Sandy Lis is the caregiver, along with her sister to their mother, we pray for the best for all.

It appears our 50 seat express Flights will have more seats by October which should be welcomed in ATL.

Next meeting will be September 3 at 2PM. Everyone have a great month.

If you would like your newsletter emailed, please send me an updated e-mail, even if it has not changed, please send it, so I can e-mail the ones that want it e-mailed, thank you.

P.S. If anyone is interested in going to the RUAEA 2014 convention, that will be in San Diego, October 1-4. Go to the website ruaea.org, I also put in 2014 convention. From there it will pull up all the travel information, hotels, shuttles, etc.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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BOISE GEMS

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Joining us at our July meeting were **Bud & Pat Peters, Charles & Shirley Perkins, David & Carol Adams, Ileen Bunce, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey.** David and I always look forward to seeing our friends on a monthly basis.

Speaking of the **Dempseys**, they gifted us with a wonderful letter, describing well their recent vacation. If you've ever been the secretary for your group, especially if it is a small group, you know why I was excited to receive this info!

Venice, Italy was the starting point. *"We had so much fun finding our way around this beautiful city. Staying near St. Marks Square was so convenient to seeing the sights of Venice and surrounding islands. Taking the Grand Canal cruise at night time was spectacular and so romantic. The glass factory on the island of Burano had too many gorgeous light fixtures, jewelry, vases and other items to choose. On the island of Burano, the homes are all painted bright colors so the fishermen would be able to find their homes when returning from sea. This island is also noted for their gorgeous lace items made on the island, as well as for their delicious Italian restaurants. The water taxis were so much fun to hop on and off getting around the city. Their fish, meat, fruit, and vegetable markets were so big, and we were envious! Our next stop was Kotor, Montenegro, where their sea is so beautiful in various shades of blue and green colors. Here we toured the man-made island called the Lady of the Rocks, created from rocks tossed into the ocean and sunken ships filled with rocks, and, is home to the Our Lady of the Rocks Church, featuring 68 magnificent paintings by 17th century artist Tripo Kokolja. Before returning to our ship we toured their old town. From the beautiful city of Taromina, Sicily, we went to a charming village of Mascalucia, where we explored the botanical gardens at Villa Trinita, and the owners hosted us to a cooking demonstration. Our next day, we were in Sorrento, Italy, with an excursion to the historical Pompeii. Buried for 1700 years, Pompeii had been resurrected for all of us to see the primeval daily life. We decided to do Rome on our own this time and had a wonderful time stopping*

at almost every gelato and pizza shop to taste their delights. Thank goodness we walked every day over 15,000 steps! The purpose of this vacation was to cross off one of Rick's bucket list items - to see the Monaco Grand Prix taking place the first day we were in Monaco. While Rick was there, Shirley went on a tour of Nice and Eze (in France). The views of the Mediterranean were spectacular she says. On the way to Nice we saw some of the most sumptuous villas in the French Riviera. Nice was very beautiful and their harbor was filled with many yachts. Our second day in Monte Carlo was spent touring the city on our own. Neither of us will forget our wonderful experiences there. Our next stop was Livorno (Florence, Italy). From there we traveled by bus to Siena and San Gimignano. Of course, while getting to and from these towns, we were gifted with the beautiful countryside of Tuscany. Our final destination was beautiful Barcelona, Spain, where we had the pleasure of being for 5 days. Going from restaurant to restaurant for tapas was so much fun. Their high end shopping district was delightful. We saw the Holy Family Church, designed by Antoni Gaudi in 1881. He died suddenly in 1926 and was not able to see his structure completed. Construction continues to this day on this beautiful church."

Calendar:

September 9 - 12:00 - 4:00 - Memorial Picnic at Cassia Park on Camas St. Please bring table service and a dish to share. This takes the place of our regular meeting.

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Ok, you Rock and Rollers of yesteryear, where were you 50 years ago, September 5, 1964? By any chance were you at the Chicago Amphitheater, watching the Fab Four from Liverpool? I was there, with four little pre-teeners, my sister, Sue, and three of **Helen Cauwel's** children, **Barb**, **Ed** and **Marty**. Tickets were \$4.50. Ha! I still have the program; it had the names on the wrong pictures of the Beatles. Think it's worth anything? Plus, one ad said, "Stop at McDonalds, we now have 10 locations in Chicago". That's pretty funny, since now, there's a McD's every 10 blocks, any direction. Then the movie, "A Hard Day's Night", came out. I took my two little sisters, Sue and Jean to that. Last week, I took Jean's son, Chris, to its' re-release. Déjà vu! Still had a FAB time! We will grow older, but we don't have to grow UP!

Back to reality, our Northsider breakfast had an attendance of about 30 retirees. People must be traveling, the snow stopped, and construction is so bad, might as well leave town. **Mary Szabo** brought her niece **Magda Klein**, from LaGrange. **Myrtle Jessogne** came back after a short absence. **Dona Nefczyk** went to BOS and still had time for house repairs. **Jerry Tipperietter** keeps busy with his Boy Scouts and Little League. **Bob & Pat Kalicki's** great-grandson, Carter, celebrated his first birthday with all four cousins. The Kalickis were in baby-heaven. **Phyllis Kordecki**, ORDCG, had shoulder surgery in August. **Marge Caliendo**, EXORA, has shingles. **Marj Nelson**, EXOIN and ORDFO, fell and broke her foot. Her husband, Howard, said she had a nice trip. Needless to say, there were other falls and procedures this month. We must be more careful, mustn't we? Bones are more brittle now.

At the ORDMM breakfasts, back after a short absence were, **LB Neal**, **Leroy Jones** and **Gene Hale**, sharing stories of where they've been, some tall stories were shared also. **John Witkowski** bought a 26 ft. RV recently; he and his wife, Pam, are traveling around the Midwest. **Glenn Hill** flies a B17 Flying Fortress across the country during the summer; he stops at various cities where you can catch a glimpse of WW2 history. It's been beautifully restored, and ground tours and mission flights are available. Many retirees volunteer in diverse fields. Good for them, able to get out and help in assorted hospitals, museums, churches and companies. We have very able-bodied and compassionate folks in our group. If you can't get out, maybe one of our volunteers helped you.

There were 17 people at the Southsider breakfast. **Mel Fisher** brought five Lotto tickets for our raffle. Winners included **Al Broderson**, **Sylvester Gant**, **Gwen Brookins**, **Tom Hurley**, and **Jan Gawenda**. Some people won cash, almost enough to pay for their breakfast. Thanks Mel, you're always so considerate. Cash

raffle prizes went to **Perry Pahl**, **Marge Caliendo** and **Gwen Brookins**. Mel mentioned that Ruby, his 95 year old sister-in-law, recently married for the fifth time. Five? Guess there's hope out there, if you're willing to wait, or, if you want to wait.

Unfortunately, death is not taking a holiday. Among our friends that passed away this month, is **Joan Mudra**, supervisor in CHIRR. She died from cancer, her address is 213 N. Deneen Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Joan was one of the favorites in Res. ORDDMM foreman **Jim Spain** died in Florida, after two years from a serious bladder infection. He just celebrated 63 years with his wife Dolores. Her address is 9057 SW 91st Cir., Ocala, FL 34481. Jim was proud of the time he served in the Coast Guard. He had a burial at sea in July. **Jacque Sontheimer**, ORDDMM, wife of Jim, passed away in July after a lingering illness. A memorial was held in August. Jim's address is 411 S. Roselle Rd., Roselle, IL 60172. Jacque was a secretary at EXO and ORDDMM. Jim is a retired mechanic. **Mike Bartowiak**, son of **Fran Carro**, DENFF and ORDDFF, passed away. Mike was in Cambodia in 1971, while rescuing soldiers, was shot multiple times. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Army Air Medal. His service to our country was always in his mind. Fran and Skip can be reached at 30 Ptarmigan Trail, Canon City, CO 81212-9466. Their other son, Danny, passed away a few years ago. One other family member that passed was **Kimberly Lehst**, daughter of **Harold Lehst**, ORDDFF. She was only 46, and had a heart attack. She had three children. Harold says he'll miss her forever. His family's address is 2004 Hastings Dr., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. **Fred Hankwitz**, ORDFO and DENTK, also passed in July. After flying for many years, he became Manager of Flight Training of the 737 fleet. **George Edwards**, EXOKX, was 91 when he passed away in August. Cards may be sent to Lillian, 1225 Luther Ln., Apt. 261, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Also gone from our lives are spunky Elaine Stritch, niece of Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, James Shigita, and gorgeous, James Garner. "The Notebook", right, ladies?

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**September 10**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**August 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

September 23 - Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, Devon Avenue, Elk Grove, IL 12:00 PM.

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Indy Racers sported their "gambling hats" and enjoyed an afternoon of good food, fun conversation, bingo, poker and roulette games at their annual summer picnic at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN. We were happy to see **Jim Gibson** and **Rita Prins**, who both underwent back surgeries recently. Attending the picnic were **Ken & Deanna Boeke** (pictured at the food line), **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Jim Gibson**, **Chris & Shary Johnston**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Phil & Joan Romano**, **Charles Theiss**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. We would like to thank **Charles Theiss'** adult children, **Anthony** and **Amy Christine**, for conducting the bingo, roulette and card games. Congratulations to **Margie Bregante** who was the big winner in bingo. She is pictured with **Barb Urbanovic**, who celebrates a birthday this month and whose husband, **Tony**, served as the event photographer.

Ray & Hannelore Brabo recently hosted friends from Germany. **Hannelore**, who was born in Germany, says that they have known their guests for 40 years. They met when the father of one of the visitors was transferred from IBM in Germany to IBM in San Jose, CA where **Hannelore & Ray** were living. While **Ray** worked at SFO, **Hannelore** tutored the IBM executive's children in their native language so that they would not fall behind in their



studies upon their return to Germany. We are happy that this friendship has lasted over four decades.

In addition to our September 9th regular business meeting, several Indy Racers will attend the Tuesday, September 17th matinee performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" at the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre on the Northwest side of Indianapolis. The organization has reserved several tables for the performance. If you are interested in attending the performance at a discounted rate, call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406.

Happy Birthday to **The Urbanovics**, who both celebrate birthdays this month: **Barb Urbanovic** (9/9) and **Tony Urbanovic** (9/28).

Calendar:

September 9 -- Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 46123. Lunch and informal card playing are available at 1:30 p.m. with the business meeting starting at 2:30 p.m.

September 17 -- Beef and Boards Dinner Theater matinee performance of "Oklahoma", call (317) 694-4406 for more information.

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Our summer picnic on August 5th was held at the Salisbury Beach State Park, on the Atlantic Ocean in Salisbury MA. The day was hot, but the ocean breeze made it perfect. Attendees were **Carleen & Bruce Eddy, Bob & Susan DePippo, Frank & Janet DeStefano, Andy & Carol Montalto, Loretta Coyle, Don Latter, Lew Shakley, Helmut Umbley** and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal**, all regulars. Only 14 members out of 83 retirees plus spouses, a poor showing.

Bruce Eddy and **Lew Shakley** were the chefs, staving off seagulls while cooking. They didn't hold a 50/50 or the progressive as yours truly has the equipment. I planned on attending, but sprained my left foot the day before. Didn't think I'd make 30 miles on a standard shift with this sprain. All in all, everyone had a good time, and for once there was not a lot of food leftover.

Charlie Staula went to ANC in July with a niece. He paid for a ticket and was glad he did, as all flights were full. Said the reservations were not helpful on the 20% positive, so he purchased full fare. Also felt UAL is not what is use to be. He said he loves Alaska, his 3rd trip there, did all the tourist things and if he were a young man, he'd consider living there. Charlie was impressed with United's quarters in its new terminal.

The Boston Herald had an article about United's new automated lobby. The customer does everything him/her self to get aboard. Now, UAL will lay off 52 employees and reduce 10 full timers to part time. This is just one city. Isn't automation wonderful!

Last month, 11 employees at Logan took the buyout. Three have joined the Nor'Easters; **Susie Dolgin, Gladys Willis** and **Mark Hussey**. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, hope to see you at a meeting soon.

This September is the Nor'Easters twentieth anniversary. Here is a list of the original members who are still with us; **June Alberino, Robert Anderson, William Betters, Jack Casey, Dave Donnoly, Mercedes Hersom, Francis Mathews, Fred Parks, Charlie Staula** and **Vincent Vellila**. A big thank you for having the insight to put this chapter together. If I missed you and you are still out there, let me know. There were more originals who have left us for the Friendly Skies, whose names I may never find. I was a new-be at Boston's 1998 convention, which I was told, garnered the largest amount of retirees. We may not see one here again as hotels in the city are at the \$200 plus, a night range.

I have been trying to contact our own **Bart Casey**. His phone has been disconnected, and there is no answer at his email address. Most here say he was a loner and don't know who to contact for inquiries. Anyone out there with info, please send me an email.

A reminder, all our chapter's officers position expire in December. Please consider "throwing your hat in the ring". Let's have a competitive election!

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

September's anniversaries ~ **Robert & Mary Boyle** (34 years), **Edward & Virginia Burke** (57 years), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (55 years), **Joan & Ron Twing** (41 years), and ... **Dick & Dayle Vee** (33 years).

If God wanted me to touch my toes at this age, he should have put them on my knees!

Calendar:

September 2 - White Mountains Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH

October 7 - Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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20 Escapees and 1 guest gathered at Max & Irma's in Somerset Mall on August 7th, hosted by **Marlene Heaney**.

Our Love and prayers needed this month for **Lorry (Jackola) Cahill** (DTWRR and DENCS), who recently had knee surgery and has a long road to recovery @ 7372 S. Knolls Way, Centennial, CO 80122-1750.

Also **Jeff LeFleur** (DTWRR) has been out of work since Thanksgiving with severe back pain. Medication pretty much keeps him out of commission. Recurring ear infections will require surgery in the near future. I am sure that a word of encouragement would be appreciated @ 1117 Scarlet Oak East, Jackson, MI 49201-9546.

Marguerite Venn is undergoing her second round of chemotherapy. She has had a few problems that are now being resolved and she is feeling much better. She would love to hear from her old UA buddies. Her address is 14118 Rockland, Redford, MI 48239-2967.

Sallie Reithel had outpatient Lumpectomy surgery August 6th, followed by approx. 6 weeks radiation therapy to reduce the chances of cancer returning. Please keep Sallie in your prayers @ 2955 Jennings Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189. Sallie sincerely wants to thank all for your thoughts, cards and prayers, she cherished them all.

Gay Givens will be going in for knee surgery on August 11. She will be in rehab at Notting Hill, 6535 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 for several weeks. She just might "kneed" a card or two to lift her spirits.

Once again I seem to be the bearer of bad news, hopefully this will change soon.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Our July luncheon meeting was sparsely attended as only 22 members plus **Joe & Arlene Kelley's** grandson, Jason arrived at the Grand Buffet. Everyone else must have been taking advantage of our short summer weather to do what we all do if we can.

We were all pleased to see that **Diane & Lee Storlie** were able to make it that day. She is dealing with some health issues that might have caused them to miss. After describing some of the things she's working through, everyone assured her and Lee that they'd both be in our thoughts and prayers.

The treasury is fat enough at the moment that it was unanimously decided that the 50/50 raffle should instead be a 100% raffle. Six lucky Lites won \$10 plus another of \$5. That \$5.00 would normally have been the birthday prize, but there was no one present having a July birthday, even though **Nel Brawner** raised her hand just like she did last month.

Lee called for an assessment of our new lunch venue after three months. The judgment was that the food is good, but the windows could sure stand a washing.

The "Vista Sisters", **Virginnia Swenson** and **Marge Gores**, brought some of their wonderful jams and jellies which they sell at the Bloomington Farmers' Market. The proceeds of their labors go to various charities. **Marge** will be having her replaced knee replaced again soon; it's been 14 years and is wearing out. Hopefully, the new one will serve her well as long as she needs it.

By the time this is read, the annual picnic hosted by **Jo & Bud Ayres** in River Falls, WI will only be a fun memory. I'll dish on that event next month.



Got a note from **Glenda Morton** stating that she and her son, Scott, were planning to attend a game between the MN Twins and the KC Royals in Kansas City. Scott had gotten superb seats right behind home plate, first row. We tuned in that night and sure enough, their smiling faces were just to the right as we looked the pitches down the pipe into the catcher's mitt. That girl is making serious inroads on her bucket list! (Attached is photo taken of TV image, Scott on the left and **Glenda** on the right.)

Lee reminded us all to keep on saving the tabs from aluminum cans for donation to the Books for Kids program. **Nel** admitted that she's so committed to saving the tabs that she sometimes embarrasses herself by prowling through bins at gatherings where beer and soft drinks have been consumed and pulling the tabs off cans therein. Ha! (I just love that word, "therein".)

Don't forget our lending library ~ you have to attend a meeting to borrow one, though!

Lunch the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Grand Buffet, 2015 So. Robert Street, just north of Hwy. 110 in West St. Paul. **Note new location!**

NEBRASKA

OMAHA GOLDEN'EARS

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We had 26 at Fernando's in Blair. Thanks to **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider** for hosting. I had never been over the road through Ft. Calhoun to Blair and found it a most scenic ride with all the beautiful trees. **Jan Cornish** surprised us with her attendance since she just had a complete knee replacement. She said she was getting along fine – had put up her walker and using a cane. Latest word is that she is already driving.

Eileen Holly reports we have \$1,920.88. The 25/25/50 winners were: **Arnie Mahoney** and **Marilyn Weak** each receiving \$11.50.

August Birthday celebrants: **Ruth Jeppesen** (7); **Mike Blasco** (18); **Bev Hughes** (24); **Shirley Mahoney** (27); **Sue Manhart** (28); **Shirley Payton** (29); **Helen Taylor** (30); **Ruth Saffer** (30); and **Ralph Westadt** (31).

I made a call to Xpress Scripts on the 7th and there was a message saying as of October 1, 2014, when you call for a prescription to be refilled, you will have to use the phone number on the bottle. I also talked to a Service Rep and she said that was correct. I think the number is the same on all bottles, as that is the case on mine.

I talked to **Ruth Jeppesen** and she said she is doing pretty well. I thought she was going to be 90 but I'm a year ahead. She said her daughter and the rest of her family all live on the East Coast, but she still has her wonderful neighbors who tend to her needs.

I had a call from **Roger Jensen** on July 15 and he and **Carol** were so happy as **Roger** had a Cat Scan and it showed he is free of cancer. He has been fighting cancer since last October so it was indeed wonderful news. Apparently, the new cancer medication he was on did its job. Congratulations, **Roger & Carol**.

Calendar:

September 2 - Lake Manawa Hosted by **Sharon & Larry Farrell**. All food provided

October 7 - Sons of Italy, hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda Chapman**

November 5 - The Bohemian Café (Wednesday), Hosted by **Rose & Tom Langan** (Notice the Day)

December 2 – Christmas Luncheon at Anthony's, 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

NEVADA



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We're happy to report that attendance at our luncheon/meetings has improved. Any time retirees are visiting in Las Vegas, we'd love to have you attend. Since we need to have a number of attendees a week in advance, contact **Christine Earl** at 5535 Wild Olive St., Las Vegas, NV 89118, (702) 871-0884 or christine.earl@cox.net so there will be enough of the wonderful food we are served at Arizona Charlie's.

Christine has posted a notice on Facebook with current info. Speaking of Christine, she and her husband, Woody, enjoyed a driving trip to DEN in July. All was great, other than her puppy was hit by a car. He is doing fine, after expensive treatment.

In July, **Marlene & Bob Morwick** (LASMM) attended an Elk's convention in New Orleans. Bob has always been very involved with the Elks, serving as NV State President, and other state and national positions. I understand the MSY Convention was an awesome one, with all 50 states and other US Territories represented. Bob was chosen to carry the American flag on stage, surrounded by military Honor Guard while the Pledge of Allegiance and Star Spangled Banner was sung. What an honor! It gives me goose-bumps to think of it! Bob & Marlene are leaving on a driving trip in a few days in their RV, traveling to STL to see their son, Rodney, and his family; then on to Pittsfield, MA for Bob's 60th class reunion; and down to NC to other son, Michael and family. That will be a great month vacation for them.

Recent birthday celebrations by **Ingeborg Levy** (8/2), **Michel LeChevalier** (8/4), **Clinton Miller** (8/27). September birthdays are **Ron Rutkowski** (9/4) and **Eleanor Vasko**, our Sunshine Lady, will celebrate her 80th birthday on September 27.

Mike & Eleanor Vasko celebrated their 57th anniversary on August 3rd, and Jim & I will celebrate our 47th on August 26th (as he says, "47 yrs of pure bliss - ha!")

All the good stuff stated; we heard that (LASCS) **Jack Richardson**'s younger brother, **Thomas James**, passed away in Independence, VA at the young age of 68. Our condolences to Jack and his family.

Calendar:

Lunch and meeting 2nd Tuesday of every other month at Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd., 1130 to meet and greet; lunch served at 1200

October 14

December 9

RENO SIERRA
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There were 19 members at our July meeting, including 1 guest, **Jeanette Reid**, guest of **Larry & Donna Reid**.

Those members not showing as paid will not receive a July newsletter. If someone contacts you, ask them to check with **Kathy Robinson** on their dues status.

July birthdays were celebrated by **Pam Wight**, **Ruthy Schenk** and **Lloyd Stephens**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Larry Reid**.

Once again, our resident pastry chef surprised us with delicious cupcakes – thanks Bill from your fellow chapter members.

Our summer picnic will be on Tuesday, August 19, flyers have been sent out by **Barbara Leusing**. Contact John or me for any questions. There will be no August meeting – just the picnic.

Calendar:

August 19 – Summer picnic, flyers were sent out by **Barbara Leusing**. Contact **John** or me for any questions.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by **Frank Worzocha**. It was followed by a moment of silence for **Robert Likowski** of Newark and Philadelphia customer service, and for **Mary Poosikian**, the wife of **George Poosikian** of EWRMM who have since passed away. **John Murphy** gave our financial report, and we are still afloat. John also won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on August 27th at 12:30 PM at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. There will be no meeting in November, however our Christmas party will be held on December 10. Hope to see everyone at the August meeting.

Just some thoughts ~ What if the drug companies were not allowed to advertise directly to the public? What would be the immediate benefits? There would be an end to really annoying TV commercials. There would be an end to patients badgering doctors, to give them pills that will make them look like those "zombie like characters, floating around in happy land." Maybe there would be an end, when someone says in a hushed voice see if "fixitallhydroxide" is right for you, ask your doctor. Oh by the way there are some serious side effects like having a stroke and having a heart attack and I hate to say it even death. Maybe we can tie all this to those obnoxious "Robo calls", and the endless stream of junk mail. Maybe I'm just wishful thinking.

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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Our August 8th luncheon was cancelled. Our next luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 12noon at San Martin. If there are any changes to this, I'll let you know.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOOD

LOONIES

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The Northwood Loonies will meet in Oshkosh, WI, September 16-19. You can make reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn at (920) 966-1300, until August 16. If you have questions, call Jan at (847) 437-7073.

OHIO

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Hello Everyone. Due to my computer problems, our June report did not go thru, so we are sending one now. Our meeting was June 4th at a lovely place called Rose Hill. It is a bit of a ride, but everyone feels it is worth it. Our meeting opened with our President **Dolly Taucher** welcoming the group and introducing Treasurer **Steve Pytel** to give his report. Before going further, we want to thank **John & Carrie Kercel** for hosting this luncheon.

We had 80 members attending and the smells of some great food is slowly entering our room. **Fred Draiss**, a Continental employee came to our last luncheon and had a great time so he decided to join-up! Welcome to our chapter. Since January 2010, we have welcomed 73 new members! We are proud!

Arlene Taylor was welcome to lead us in prayer before we were served. Thank you so much Arlene, your words are always so welcome and appreciated.

We have some guests with us today that we are introducing: **Diane Johnston** from New Jersey (Clipped Wings member), **Eleanor Kiehl**, **Arlene Taylor's** sister, and **Linda Lacky**, **Joe Moses's** sister.

We have some Anniversaries to acknowledge: **Dave & Nancy Cleary** (54), **Dick & Jean Foster** (61), **Tom & Helen Hockett** (22), **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (56), **Don & Pearl Park** (54), **Frank & Barb Wachs** (20). We send our best wishes to those of you who are celebrating your anniversary and were unable to join us.

Last, but not least is Birthday greetings! The following shared their day with us, and they are **Bill Althouse**, **Richard Mullin**, **Dave Simpson** and **Judy Spooner**. Happy Birthday to everyone, both here with us and those of you who are home or vacationing.

Fifty-Fifty winners ~ **Ellen Skinner** and **Cathy Pytel**. Congratulations!

2nd Report:

Hello everyone! I am slowly getting back on track and able to get out July's article. This has been an up and down year with the weather around this country. We pray you all got safely thru the worst of it. Hope this weather takes a more normal turn for all.

This month we didn't travel too far from home and it is a new venue for us. We met at the Diamond Event Center with a group of 77 members. Our appreciation for taking care of everything this month goes to **Dave & Marie Placko**, our hosts for the month! Thanks Again!

President **Dolly Taucher** welcomed everyone including our guests and a new member, **Gail Kovacs** (Cleveland RES), and guests **Mary Merleno** and **Eleanor Keihl**. Dolly also talked about some of the scams that are going around again. An example being about a call to your home suggesting your computers window system is in need of some upkeep, or something about the debit card being suspended, don't buy into these questionable fears!

Happy Birthday to all of you who celebrate in July. Celebrating with us are **Alene Allen, Elda Custer, Reta Hammer, Norma Malena, Shirley McCarthy, Ellen Skinner, Betty Tenwick**, and **Barb Vaults**. For those of you unable to join us, we join you in our hearts with love!

We have some Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate with those who are here with us: **Rudy & Marie Pivik** (59 yrs), **Jeff & Judy Spooner** (49 yrs), **Chuck Tenwick & Betty Warner** (2 yrs) and last but not least, **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** (53 yrs).

Fifty-Fifty winners ~ **Helen Hockett** and **Doris Schueler**. Congratulations!

Calendar:

September 10 - Old School House in Litchfield

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We were blessed with a beautiful day for our annual picnic at Red Sunset Park. There were 64 members present for the barbecue and of course all the delicious desserts provided by the many fine cooks we have. Thank you to everyone who came to set and those who stayed to clean up. We have a wonderful group who pitch in when needed.

There were lots of prizes awarded by drawings that included gift certificates to Applebee's, Olive Garden and Red Robin, 2 six packs of beer, 4 bottles of wine (donated by **Hoobers, B. Heidegger, Walkers**), cutting boards made by **Harold Miller**, wooden hand-made car by **Glen Swanson**, Gerber knives (donated by **DeFords**), scarves and a shadow box (donated by **Smiths**).

It was nice to see **Veulah Lorts** at the picnic. She has been struggling with health issues since the car accident last year. **Judy Jones** was there too and is feeling great after undergoing treatment for cancer. **Glen Swanson** had hernia surgery last month and is doing fine.

I have been told that **Jean Edwards**, wife of **Bob**, died recently. She had been ill for some time. Our condolences go out to Bob and their family.

Our July anniversaries were **Mel & Barbara Martin** married for 56 years and **Roy & Joan DeCamara**.

The monthly drawings were as follows: Door prize ~ **Nancy Ink**, Women's birthday ~ **Sam French**, Men's birthday ~ **Dan Jones** and 50/50 ~ **Charlie Stemper**.

Remember election of officers for the next two years will be voted upon at our October meeting and hopefully there will be a group of people who will step up and be nominated for the positions to be voted upon. They are President, Vice President, Secretary and one Director. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a good slate.

Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn 6221 NE 82nd. Social Hour 11:00 AM, Lunch served at Noon

September 10 - Social

October 8 - Ice Cream Social + Election of Officers for 2015-2016.

November 12 - Veteran's Day & Thanksgiving Luncheon

OUR CLUB

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I realize it has been a few months since you have heard from us. Many of us have been on vacation including yours truly.

It seems to be getting harder each time I send greetings from our chapter and again it is with this one. We lost our beloved **Neal Appleton** who has been fighting cancer for nearly three years now. Neal was 69 and his family was by his side. Neal was a past president of the chapter and his absence will be hard on us. His lovely wife, **Sonnica**, is doing as well as can be expected and our love and prayers go out to her and the family.

As it is with all organizations, we become family and it hits us hard when we lose a member. OUR club has had its share this past year but we hold strong and support each other the best we can.

We held our August meeting at the Tin Tin Buffet in Medford hosted by **Wayne Widrig**. We all enjoyed oriental food at its finest and you gotta love those almond cookies for dessert. **Linda Althouse** brought us all bags of grapes from her garden and they were very tasty. It was nice to see the Granddaughters of **Doe Pope** again this month. Both Lindsey and Faith give you hope for our future generation. They are two lovely gals with stories to tell and they put smiles on all our faces. If anyone in the California Bay Area is in the market for a beautiful Monaco motor home, Doe still has one to sell.

Marge Calkins gave **Ric Walcha** a pillow she had made for him as he is facing knee surgery in the near future. This is what I mean about a strong club, we truly do care about each other. For only 8 of us in attendance, we had a lot to talk about and the weather seemed to be the biggest one. We had the hottest weather recorded for the month of July and as with last year, lightning related fires all around us. Keep Smiling and enjoy what is left of summer.

Calendar:

September 5 - Luncheon at the Black Bear Diner, hosted by **Marge Calkins**.

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Wow! One sad thing about being the newsletter correspondent is that time flies by too fast. Here it is the 1st week in August and we're writing the news for the September issue.

The Pit-Stoppers held their summer luncheon on July 16th at Clarks in Moon Twp. We had a nice turnout with 37 members attending. It was so nice to see **Ed & Kay Yauch**, **Jack & Betty Tinney**, **Mary Solomon**, **Carl & Dee Chiochi** and **Bill & Verna Alex** along with some of our regulars.

We had such a good turnout that a couple of our guests were "outsiders". Just kidding, but they did have to sit outside of the main room. **Ellie Masters** and **Lydia Casmer** from the Local Interline club were also in attendance.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Betty Tinney**. **Verna Alex** got an unwanted surprise - hot coffee in her lap. Fortunately, she wasn't burned but dirtied.

Jim Weber gave us an update on our "sick bay" members. Jim is still undergoing chemo and **Art Todd** has completed his Chemo and radiation treatments. He is recuperating at home, Art's address is 3239 Gypsum Rd., Reno, NV 89503.

Joe "Scuffles" Scafoglio called yours truly and asked me to thank everyone for the card and kind wishes. He was very touched by the thoughtfulness.

Treatie did a great job setting up the luncheon and also passed out copies of the RUAEA board election, which she so generously mailed in for those who had not voted.

Speaking of Treatie, I owe her and the Krzemenski family an apology for misspelling the family name once again. Sorry Treatie, I hope I got it right this time.

The Pit board (minus Treatie) met on July 30th at Eat N Park and selected the menu for our upcoming picnic to be held on Friday, September 12th at Hopewell Park. All you former Pit-Stoppers come on out. We also went over our new additions - yours truly along with her. Hurry Cane took a tumble and is having trouble with my right shoulder. Thank goodness for front snap bras. Phyliss, our good weather guru suffered a mini stroke and President **Dave Beatty** had a minor traffic accident. All are doing well at this writing.

September birthdays are **Olga Karmazyn** (8th), **Gerry McDonough** (9th), **Rich Guida** (19th) and **Diane Weber** (25th). September Anniversaries ~ **Ed & Kay Ike** (7th) and **Jack & Betty Tinney** (25th).

Let's go Bucs!

TENNESSEE

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We had our social breakfast at The Egg and I in Knoxville on the 19th of June. There were twenty of us and we were very happy to see our former President **Herman Emmel**, he looked very rested and back to his jolly old self.

We took a river cruise on the Star Of Knoxville on the 17th of July. There were 25 in attendance including 6 guests. The weather was great, the scenery was beautiful and the food was very good.

Mike Chapin gave the treasurers report and advised we have a whopping \$429.00 left. Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Jo Humbert, #1 on the flight attendants seniority list, was with us and showed pictures of memorabilia that she has donated to the airline museum in Atlanta. Sure brought back memories to a lot of us in attendance.

We discussed our helmet pads project for the Wounded Warriors organization and will vote at our next meeting to make a donation. **Terry Klosky** won the 50/50 for \$33.00 and generously turned it in for this very important project.

Door prizes were won by **Polly Klosky**, **Ed Valente**, **Mike Chapin** and **Lucy Thill** (guest). The sunshine lady is going to send a card to **Al Barkman** who is undergoing treatment for cancer, "Thinking of You" card to **Herman Emmel**. We hope they all can come next month to meeting.

Calendar:

August 21 - Social breakfast at the Egg and I at 10:am

September 18 - meeting at Lakeside Tavern, Knoxville, TN. Hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Welcome back to Seattle's Emerald City Slickers with a new season and a new trial location! After our summer hiatus, we're ready for big things and being reunited with fellow members at the Elks Club in Burien, Washington on Tuesday, September 9, gathering at 11:30 for socializing and lunch at 12:00. President **David Jones** looks forward to conducting the brief business meeting in our new "digs."

This month's menu will be a full "dinner" with a choice of entrees, similar to the meals formerly served at the country club, and complimented by the usual additions of salad, dessert, and beverage. The new cost is \$20. Thanks to Honorary Elk **Doris Spence** and to **Mary Luke** for making the arrangements.

If you're new to the Seattle area – or if you have lived nearby for many years but haven't joined our local chapter – and would like to join us for our first get together of the meeting year (September through November and January through May), please send your e-mail address to Gay's e-mail box above and I'll forward it to the proper member to assure that you receive a complimentary copy of *Contrails*, our local newsletter that is provided to chapter members. Each issue details chapter news and gives instructions for making reservations for the luncheon.

Door prize distribution will be resumed with members providing the prizes. At this time of year we sometimes have offerings of members' produce and flowers. When you check in with Treasurer **Helen Stanger** and her assistant **Noreen Krawczyk**, you'll receive a door prize ticket, which we hope will entitle you to draw from a tableful of prizes donated by attendees. Raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing may be purchased from **Richard Devereux**.

We hope the acoustics will be sufficient for you to enjoy a reading of *You're Only Old Once!: a Book for Obsolete Children*, by Dr. Seuss.

Bob Howard reports that 54 golfers came out for the annual Retirees Golf Tournament on a great early summer day in June. Foster Golf Course was a good venue for the four-person scramble with some great scores posted. The All Men team of **Jewel King** and **Wayne Anderson** had a low score of 56. The Mixed Team, **Judy & Peter Melo** and **Jeri & Cliff Melton** scored 62. The Ladies Team, headed by **Sandi Kussman** came in low at 69.

All those staying for the awards had a great time and took home a souvenir. They had a great time renewing friendships from last year's round. **Bob** hopes that the tournament string will continue next year.

The 2014 contest had players from Aircraft Maintenance, Customer Service, Flight Operations, Inflight, Ground Equipment Maintenance, Ramp Service, Stores and a renegade from Maintenance Training. Retired employees were joined by their spouses or golf partners to make up the teams. It was, all in all, a great mix of Seattle workers from more than 40 years – plus that regular formerly from San Francisco.

Apologies to **Bob Howard**, who had been listed as a retiree from the wrong department in the past. Those of you who know him will recall that **Bob** retired from SEAGQ PV but also had worked 22 years in SEAFO.

It is with sadness that we note the death of **Lyman White** (SEARR). His wife, **Caroline** also had worked in Reservations. **Lyman** will be remembered from NYC Sales, as well. We also note the passing of **Jeff Branch**.

John & Addy Haferbecker enjoyed an annual family reunion in Seaside, Oregon. **Ed & Gay Liesse** drove to Cleveland for the National Model Railroad Association convention with stops in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Missouri. **Dave & Linda Jones** welcome their daughter back to the West Coast and, between them, have a number of exciting travels planned. **Dave** is our local "Voice of Experience" on airline travels, with tickets or space available. **Helen Stanger's** Mercer Island offered a great viewing stand for the Navy's Blue Angels during Seattle's annual August Seafair. **Noreen Krawczyk** and **Richard Devereux** continue their frequent visits back to Michigan for family and high school events.

Couples observing wedding anniversaries in September include **John & Jackie Bell** (29 years) and **Frank & Gail Cochrun** (40 years). September birthdays will be celebrated by **Mary Ann Andersen**, **Jeannine Anderson**, **Lloyd Baker**, **Jackie Bell**, **Herald Bowman**, **Carol Christenson**, **Hank Gosselin**, **John Haferbecker**, **Don Hanson**, **Ed Liesse**, **Carol Moless-Maxwell**, **Sharon Penwell**, and **Dolores Steger**.

As the newsletter is put to bed, ballots for new RUAEA officers have not yet been counted, but we'd like to point out that both presidential candidates have ties to Seattle. Incumbent **Hank Gosselin**, an active member of the Emerald City Slickers, worked his entire 40-year United career at SEAMM, starting as an Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic and retiring as a Team Leader.

Mike Richards worked for UAL for over 37 years and served as Manager of Reservations in Seattle for several years and then at SEACG. In the past, **Mike** had been employed at other UAL locations. As you saw in his candidate's statement, he has more recently served nationally as Director of the Arizona Region and has been our current Executive Vice President.

The **best man** will win.

Calendar:

September 9 – Elks Club, Burien

October 1-4 – National Convention, San Diego

October 14 – To be determined

November 11 – To be determined

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

The Dulles Loungers did not plan any meetings for July and August.

We are pleased to announce that the Washington Metro Transit System opened 5 new stations in July, providing a fast link to McLean, VA (Tysons Corner Mall) and Reston, VA. The Silver Line will continue on to Dulles Airport in 2-3 years and is being anticipated with great excitement. This correspondent was told in 1969, when she first joined United Airlines, that the day would come when there would be a rail link to Dulles Airport!

It has been a cooler than normal summer here in the Nation's Capital and our many visitors are appreciative!

September birthdays will be here soon, so let's wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following Dulles Loungers:

Thomas Adams (9/1), **Forrest Levely** (9/6), **John Dovel** (9/9), **Agnes Jones** (9/10), **Alicia Boyd** (9/14), **Preston Rice** (9/17), **Joan Hamilton** (9/18), **Joanne Wilkins** (9/18) and Ms. **Terry Garczynski** (9/27).

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces at our next luncheon on September 10 and hearing about trips taken over the summer months.

Calendar:

September 10 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

October 1-4 - RUAEA Convention, San Diego, CA

October 8 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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The Clipped Wings members are still having fun this summer. Many are praying for rain!

The Clipped Wings Membership for this year came to an end and we will now hope that you will be joining us when September 2014 rolls around.

Our membership gained one more member making the count 1217 with 73 First Time Members.

We would like to see some of our friends from the RUAEA organization in attendance at the Clipped Wings National Convention: Washington DC – September 25-27. 2014.

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Esmee de la Mater, 2778 S. Kenton Ct., Aurora, CO 80014

In April of 2010, I had my right leg amputated below the knee. It is coming along well after surgeries and infections on the stump. Now I have an artificial leg on and am walking 2+ hours every day.

One day, maybe next year I will be able to fly in the "Friendly Skies" of United again.

Lois Dick, 2310 9th Ave. Apt 002, Longmont, CO 80503

I just remembered that I did not send in my dues in May.

I fell and fractured my left shoulder. I was in rehab for 6 weeks in Denver. My kids thought I should leave my home of 45 years and go into an Assisted Living. So now I am in Longmont near 3 of my girls. I am doing fine, but it is just not home.

Shirley Dickinson, 620 Barbara Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010

My husband's name was Walter. He worked for United for 34 years. We were members of RUAEA since the 1980's, when he retired. I have continued to be active in the local group.

I thank United for the many years we were privileged to have.

Dee Evenson, 530 Covey Ln., Tracy, CA 95376

I am so sorry about my lateness.

I have recently had major vision problems and have been unable to read or write. I have saved all of the back issues and hope to be able to read them soon. Thanks for not canceling my newsletter.

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

I turned "75" in April and I can hardly believe it! I am in good health as is my wife. We are blessed with being able to garden, travel, etc.

I took early retirement (32 years with UAL) in Orange County (SNA) CA. UAL closed Fresno, so I opted to go to a closer airport, as my family remained in Fresno.

During my UAL career, I worked as a Dispatch Clerk, Res Agent, Station Agent and Customer Service Agent. I worked at Fresno (FAT), Miami (MIA), Tampa (TPA), Des Moines (DSM), Denver (DEN) and Visalia, CA (VIS). Visalia was closed during deregulation.

After retirement, I was fortunate enough to land a job with DHL Airways. I was there 10 years. They laid me off as I was declared "Excess Personnel", in a merger with Airborne.

On my 75th birthday a buddy of mine, took me to lunch at an Indian Casino. I am not much of a gambler and didn't expect to win 2 cents. He went to the restroom for 5 minutes. When he came back, I had won \$1000 on a 25 cent slot machine! That made my day! I have never actually won anything else in my life.

My wife and I keep busy with church activities and an 8 year old grandson and other family in the area.

We plan on going to the Convention in San Diego this year. It should be a lot of fun. We are also going to visit a granddaughter who lives in the area. We attended the convention in Phoenix and it was great to see old friends and make new ones.

Our thanks for the great newsletter; it really keeps us on the "Mainline".

Marilynn Kretschmer, 913 Via Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003

Thank you all so much for keeping United's Friendly Skies alive in the (retired) RUAEA. I really appreciate all the work everyone is doing. I have been there and know the energy it takes to make it happen.

Sorry for being tardy this year. Our 14 grandchildren plus parents have just gone home after visiting the past month. There were 22 of us all together! Lots of work and fun!

Monica (Wheat) Leonard, 2070 Club House Dr., Lillian, AL 36549

I have recently become a member of The Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA. I retired in 2003 and having just recently moved to the Gulf Coast area, I am lucky to have found this great group of retirees and I look forward to our monthly luncheons. After mentioning an organization I am still involved with at United Airlines, the group encouraged me to write an article for the newsletter. The CAUSE Foundation which is an acronym for Concerned Attendants for a United Support Effort is celebrating 20 years of helping United flight attendants and their families who are in financial distress due to illness, injury, disability or death.

In the 20 years CAUSE has granted financial aid totaling over \$5,000,000. They have granted over \$45,000 in scholarships to children of deceased flight attendants.

More than \$40,000 has been donated to other 501 (c)(3)s as Research Grants to such organizations as ALS, Fredrichs Ataxia, Breast Cancer Research and several more. A Founders Grant given yearly has been awarded to organizations such as the Alzheimer Association, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and has also contributed to organizations that would directly impact flight attendants in need due to a natural disaster.

This organization is global and with its army of volunteers operates with an amazingly low 7% administration cost!

The CAUSE Foundation is primarily funded through voluntary payroll deductions. Since the payroll systems for the United and the Continental flight attendants have not as yet been totally integrated, a Fund has been established to begin helping flight attendants from the Continental group. This Fund has already been seeded with \$5,000.00 and needs matching donations to make this effort feasible until the payroll systems are merged.

Outside donations, cookbook sales, yearly fundraisers and auctions are other ongoing efforts that continue to augment the funds. If anyone is interested in learning more about The CAUSE Foundation, please visit www.thecausefoundation.org.

Lloyd Tomac, 409 W. Matterhorn St, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Although I am a lifetime member of RUAEA, I am sending a contribution. I appreciate all the work done by the many volunteers.

I and Lorraine, my wife of 61+ years, are now full time residents of Oro Valley (Tucson area). We have reasonably good health and still getting up every morning. I have been retired for over 30 years now and I don't know how I had time to work.

Geraldine Vann, 375 Apache Ln, Winter Haven, FL 33881

It is another year and time for the postal fund and dues. I have been retired 18 years from ORDCS. How time flies.

My husband and I moved to Florida from Illinois 3 years ago. We could no longer take those long and cold winters. We love living in Florida and enjoy traveling.

All of you who work to keep us informed should know how much your efforts are appreciated. You are our life-line to United.



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1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

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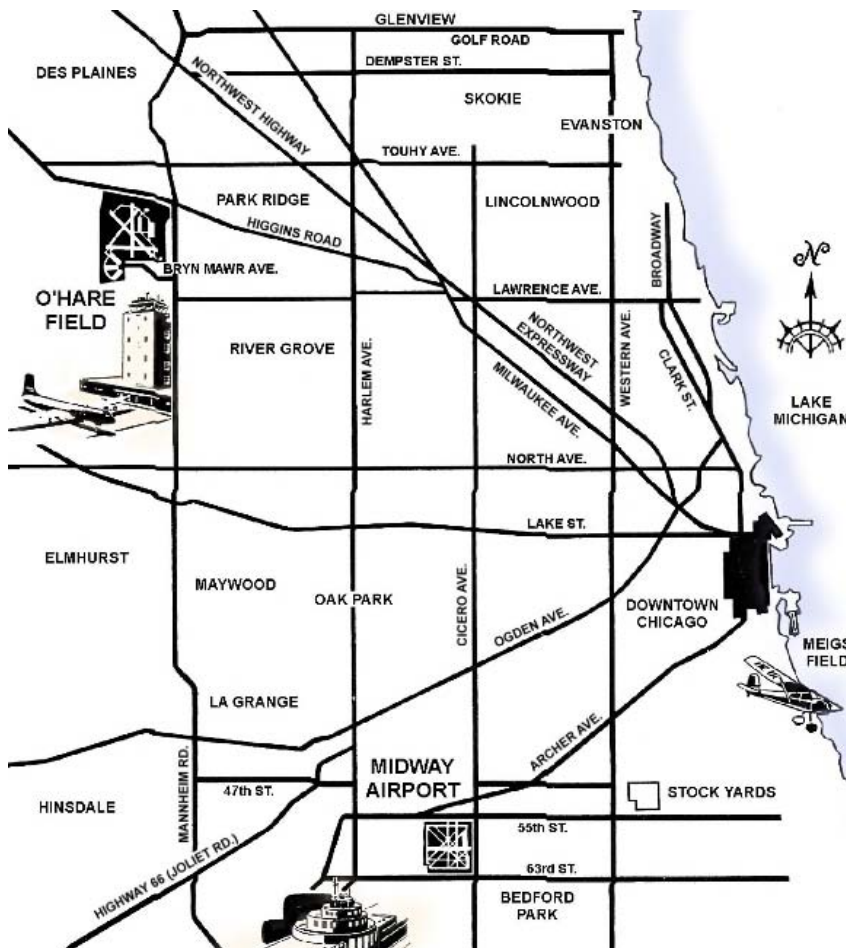
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This 1955 map of the Chicago area showing the location of the two airports - Midway Airport (lower center.) and O'Hare Field (upper left) were used by United and other scheduled airlines.

Beginning on October 30, 1955, United shifted 10 incoming & 10 departing flights from Midway Airport to O'Hare. At the time this was the largest number of flights operated by any airline at O'Hare. United offered non-stop service to New York, Washington DC, Detroit, Denver, Des Moines, Cleveland & Toledo and through-service to other major cities. O'Hare covered

6,400 acres (10 times the size of Midway) with the Terminal area covering a square mile. In November 1955, the four runways in operation ranged in length from 5,500 to 7,350 feet. The master plan included six 8,100 ft. runways. In 1955, four Ramp Positions were assigned to United.

Approximately 70 United Employees were assigned to O'Hare including: R.D. Hoen, Station Ground Services Manager and John Kersey, Passenger Services Manager. United leased Ticket Counter & Office space on the second floor of the Terminal building. United's ground-level northwing space included Crew Quarters, Communications, Cargo, Load Planning and Dispatch offices.

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired
- Excerpted from the October 1955
"United Air Lines News".*

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