



President's Letter – June 2010

Pam's Postings

*"And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays:
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten."*

Few other verses capture the essence of June like these famous lines from James Russell Lowell's poem, *The Vision of Sir Launfal*.

As one anonymous writer put it: Nature's glory—dreamed of in March, conceived in April, nurtured in May—is delivered in June.

June is named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage, fidelity and well being of women. It is synonymous with romance and brides, and it has long been considered the most popular month for weddings (although recent statistics suggest that July and August are actually more popular than June).

June is also National Rose Month, especially meaningful to Clipped Wings® since the yellow rose is the our official flower.

Notable dates/events in June include:

- 14 – Flag Day
- 20 – Father's Day
- 21 – First Day of Summer

Priorities

June 10 – Proposed Resolutions due to the Resolutions Chairman, **Mary Sensabaugh Londahl** (MAL) (Due date extended.)

June 15 – National Philanthropy Assessments for each active member are due to National Treasurer, **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** (DEN). Assessment is \$10 per member; or \$5 for "After April 1 Half Dues, First-Time members."

June 30 – California Chapters Sales Tax Report due to California Tax Chair, **Barbara Arneson Basso** (MAR).

July 1 – Articles and photos for the *Clipped Wings® Quarterly* due to National Editor **Mary Ann Niehus McGarry** (LAX).

Pertinent Policies/Procedures

Although the deadline for changes to the National Bylaws has past, the due date for resolutions to be considered at the Nashville Convention is June 10, 2010. As stated in the Bylaws, a resolution may be submitted by individual members, officers or committees. Please send resolutions to **Mary Sensabaugh Londahl** (MAL), Chairman of the Committee.

Philanthropy Project Progress

Barbara Allenby Sinnott (OAK) and her committee continue to work on your behalf finalizing details for our participation in Lincoln for the 2010 Special Olympics National Games. **Sue Schnieder Dannert** (PHX) has obtained entertainment for the Parents Reception—the Merry Makers—an Omaha based singing group that happens to have an OMA Clipped Wings® member in it. **Judy Enis Hall** (OMA) has traveled to monthly meetings in Lincoln to meet with the Cessna airlift organizers. **Rosalie Betschart** (PDX) has been busy working on getting volunteers entered into the SO computer database and making sure our volunteers have completed the necessary tests and waivers as well as setting up other volunteer opportunities. **Pamela Pease Berding** (OAK) has ordered the red polo shirts for volunteers to wear at the reception.

Betty Lowery Collins (CHI) has graciously volunteered to have our Clipped Wings® banner reproduced by her son at no charge to the organization. Thank you, Betty!

Pesky Postal Pleas

If your chapter receives any IRS correspondence, please forward it to the

National Tax Chairman, **Barbara Foote Bartizal** (LAX). Do not attempt to respond to it yourself.

Potential Partners

The announced merger with Continental Airlines has led to much speculation about what implications this might have for Clipped Wings[®]. Certainly there is potential for involvement with their Golden Penguins group in the future. Since the merger won't become official until late in the year, any overtures would be premature at this time. However, it certainly is exciting to think of the possibilities.

Profession Parties

Last month's celebrations for the 80th Anniversary of the Flight Attendant profession were exciting. Each domicile served refreshments, showed videos, displayed and modeled vintage uniforms, distributed special flight attendant postcards, etc. Many Clipped Wings[®] members were able to take part in some of these celebrations—SFO, ORD, LAX, LAS and IAD.

A big thank you to Jennifer Jagielski at UA World Headquarters for enabling us to participate. I attended the ORD celebration with National Secretary, **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI) on May 17. Since we both flew long ago (in the 1960s), it was exciting to be in the domicile and feel a part of United once again. The flight attendants were genuinely interested in seeing the old uniforms and talking with us in the crew lounge, where we were located.

Some type of photo slideshow will be produced in the near future to share our experiences with everyone.

Population Parameters

Address Chairman **Barb Eichel Dittig** (OAK) reports that membership is currently at 1262, which includes 56 first-time members. Last year at this time the total was 1292, which included 73 first-time members. The ending membership for 2008-09 was 1299; and for 2007-08 it was 1385. It is NOT too late to encourage previous members to rejoin and first-

time members to come aboard. Memberships may be received until July 31, 2010.

Powwow Planning

Mary K. Doherty Dana (OCC) **Gail Shannon Walker** (MAL) and I spent a weekend in Nashville May 21-22 to check out the city and make further arrangements for convention. The hotel was fabulous, and the staff was very accommodating. They are ready to welcome Clipped Wings[®] with open arms. There was no flood damage at the hotel.

Convention Reminders:

Please contact **Joanne Halligan Phillips** (MAL) at jotphillips@verizon.net to reserve boutique space if your chapter plans to sell items. Joanne needs to know space requirements by July 15.

All door prize donations need to be sent to **Marian Martin Wickersham** (STL) by July 15. Contact her at macwicker@aol.com.

Clipped Wings[®] convention registration forms and payment should be sent to **Gail Shannon Walker** (MAL) before July 22 in order to qualify for Jr. Suite upgrade drawing and to save you \$20.

Hotel pricing is guaranteed until August 22, on an availability basis. Convention information and forms are on the Clipped Wings[®] website:

<http://www.clippedwings.com/index.html>

If you would like to remember or honor someone in your life, consider a \$50 table sponsorship at the banquet. What a nice tribute to a person who has been or is important to you. The donation would be used primarily for wine and entertainment. A two-side tent card with your name on it could say something like: Mary Mainliner sponsors this table in memory of her beloved John Doe; or, in grateful appreciation for ..., or, in honor of ..., in recognition of ..., etc. If interested, please send a sample of what you would like printed along with your check, made payable to Clipped Wings, to: Marta Rash, 605 Los Robles Court, Danville, CA 94526.

Pre-Planning & Preparation

Now is the time to start preparing for your chapter's year-end report. It is due in two months; but "time flies," and August 1 will be here before you know it. I suggest you:

- Contact everyone in your chapter to tally their philanthropy hours.
- Make sure your 2010-11 chapter officers are selected.
- Verify your membership counts with the national vice-president.
- Create a month-by-month summary of chapter activities.

By planning ahead, the compilation, completion and submission of your year-end report will be a much easier task to complete.

Preserving the Planet

There was much discussion at the 2008 LAX Convention about the requirement that delegates bring 50 copies of their chapter reports to convention. Many felt that this was a waste of resources and that we should explore ways to "go green" including placing the reports on our website. However, since the reports contain personal information about incoming chapter officers, that option was ruled out.

The National Officers discussed this at their recent Executive Committee meeting. It was decided that on a trial basis, for the 2010 convention, the chapter reports would be submitted as usual (due date August 1). All personal information except for the individual names will be removed from the reports after they are received. The reports may be reformatted slightly to provide a more uniform appearance then placed on an Internet site different from the Clipped Wings® website. As a further precaution, this website is password protected. The 2008-09 reports will be posted by July 1, and details of viewing them will be covered in my July 1 President's letter.

Note that this is only for the chapter reports; officer and chairman reports will still require copies be printed and taken to convention (to comply with the National Bylaws, Policy 12).

Prior Personnel Parley

Orlando, Florida, was the site of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA) Convention May 25-30, which I was able to attend. It was held at the beautiful Rosen Centre Hotel. Ron Bertacini, the newly elected President of RUAEA invited me to represent Clipped Wings® at the organization's Board Meeting. The convention was interesting and informative, and the attendees were very friendly and fun. It was nice to see several Clipped Wings® members there including **Roni Romero Adams (MAL)**, **Barbara Boll Bertacini (RNO)**, **Christel Hasenbring Ilg (CHI)**, **Mary McDonald Kalpin (SJC)** and **Dorothy Taylor Stroud (SMF)**.

RUAEA membership is now open to **all** former United Airlines employees of retirement age. You no longer have to be "retired" from United to join. Membership is only \$25 a year; you can sign up via the RUAEA website: <http://www.ruaea.org/>

RUAEA has an informative, award winning newsletter that I look forward to reading each month. Vice President **Barbara Fisk Vincent (SEA)** writes a column about Clipped Wings® in every issue.

Passage to Pleasant Places

My chapter travel in May was to the Pittsburgh (PIT) Chapter. It started by **RoseMarie Dunnenberger Lavelle** meeting me up at the airport, taking me to lunch and then downtown to ride the unique Duquesne Incline and see some sights including the converted beautiful train station with all its stained glass. Later we met more PIT members for dinner at the Le Mont restaurant atop Mt. Washington with a breathtaking view of the city's Golden Triangle. The next day chapter president **Mary Nowacki Gorski** took me for a "Just Ducky Tour" of the city—so interesting and fun. We did more sight seeing including the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon Universities, the Cathedral of Learning and the Phipps Conservatory. That night we joined several PIT Chapter members at the Duquesne Club. A big "thank you" to **Barb Raddatz Dunkelman** for arranging such a perfect evening. I left PIT with

a new appreciation for the city and renewed admiration for its members. Thank you!

Prizes/Plaques/Presentations

Policy #9 of our National Bylaws states that the Jacqueline Jos Ceaser Distinguished Service Award shall be given biennially at convention. This is Clipped Wings® highest honor bestowed upon a member for continuous active endeavors with the organization on the local and/or national level. The honoree is selected from letters of nomination sent to the National President by chapters and/or individual members. A member may receive this award only once. Nominations are confidential, valid only for the year in which they are made and should be sent to me by September 10, 2010.

Pinpointing Pages

Sarah Wells, Emergency Procedures Instructor, SFOTK, put together a great slideshow in honor of her mother who was a UA stewardess in the 1950's. It can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/sarjane62#p/a/u/0/8kdRMRCZudk>
Can you identify anyone in the video?

Power of Prayer

Please continue to keep our Clipped Wings® friends who are ill, having treatments/tests, or who have recently lost a loved one in your prayers. Cards, phone calls or perhaps visits are always a special way to bring a bit of sunshine into their lives.

Pendulum Pulses

Countdown to:

Lincoln Special Olympics Natl. Summer Games
July 16-24, 2010 **46 Days**

Nashville Clipped Wings® Convention
September 22-26, 2010 **114 Days**

Playful Pun

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline." He said

that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?" "Why, no, Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

Parting Pearls

"Mine is the Month of Roses; yes, and mine
The Month of Marriages! All pleasant sights
And scents, the fragrance of the blossoming vine,
The foliage of the valleys and the heights.
Mine are the longest days, the loveliest nights;
The mower's scythe makes music to my ear;
I am the mother of all dear delights;
I am the fairest daughter of the year."

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"No price is set on the lavish summer;
June may be had by the poorest comer."

-- James Russell Lowell

"June is bustin' out all over."

-- Oscar Hammerstein II

Postscript

June not only provides us with a feast for the eyes but can also appeal to our other senses as well. As the great American philosopher Dolly Parton says in her song, *Sounds of Nature*:
*I can hear the rippling water falling gently
From the waterfall that I have found
From the meadow I hear meadowlarks a singing
Seems there's sounds of nature all around
I can hear the wind go whistling through the treetops
I hear raindrops falling softly to the ground
In the distance I can hear the roar of thunder
Seems there's sounds of nature all around*

I hope the sights and sounds of nature provide you with many perfect days in the month ahead.

To blue skies and smooth landings,

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