



**DELTA PIONEERS  
INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER  
FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

Well I hope you all had a happy Valentines Day. We certainly had an exceptional meeting in January. If you were not there you really missed a fun time. We all had smiles on our faces. Check out our web site [www.slcdeltapioneers.org](http://www.slcdeltapioneers.org)  
On the left hand side click on Luncheon and you will see pictures of our meetings.

We would like to invite you to our February meeting it is always held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and this month it falls on the 22 of February. It will start at 11:30 am and end around 1:00pm. It is located in the meeting room of the Golden Corral Restaurant in West Valley City, Utah near the Salt Lake City Airport. Yes we will offer airport pick up and drop off after the meeting. The out of town members are an important part of our chapter. Of course we will have fantastic door prizes.

Be sure to ask for the Senior Citizen special. Yes most of us are now senior citizens. In the past I really did not consider my self old but now I notice young people open doors for me and I even had to buy one of those old people pill boxes to keep track of my medicines. I guess I am looking old these days.

Speaking of getting old. I have a three page list of senior discounts that you would be surprised what stores and companies offer. If you want a copy I can forward it to your email address or if you like a printed copy send me a self addressed stamped envelope to my home 3456 El Serrito Drive Salt Lake City, Utah 84109 or my e mail address is [rodneyvogel@comcast.net](mailto:rodneyvogel@comcast.net)

Also I will run off additional copies of who to notify when an employee or retiree passes away. Send a self addressed stamped envelope to me and I will return it to you.

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1st, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio city Music Hall for the benefit of AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was

“My Favorite Things” from the legendary movie, “Sound of Music” here are the lyrics she used. Sing it, it's fun.

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and hand rails and new dental fittings,

Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things,

Cadillac's and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,

Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things,

When the pipes leak,  
When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,

I simply remember my favorite things  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,

These are a few of my favorite things.

(Pretty descriptive Huh?)

I have a favor to ask. The National President of the Delta Pioneers had a heart attack and will have an bypass operation next week. If you have an extra moment please send him a get well card. He donates a huge amount of time to our National organization each month and I sent him a card from our chapter but it would be nice if some of you could do the same thing. His name is Paul Schmidt and his address is 278 Summer Hill Circle Stockbridge GA 30281

The biggest news these days is American Airlines bankruptcy. In the last quarter of 2011 they lost over a billion dollars. The plan is to shed about 14,000 jobs and increase international flying and other cost saving plans.

The vultures seem to be circling the carcass of American Airlines. Its current President says the company wants to exit bankruptcy as a stand alone company however other airlines and hedge funds are weighing the prospects of a merger or making a bid on part of American's assets. The current airlines looking are Delta and US Airways.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to my new I pad. I took it flying with me to California last Sunday. It is so much easier to carry on the plane than the hernia maker that I had. The battery lasts longer also. It is lighter and easier to pack. You can put it on the tray table on the plane and still have room for snacks and a drink. It even has an airplane mode. You can get on Delta.com via Gogo for free and I believe you can access the Travel Net also for free. I also have downloaded a couple movies for my grandchildren to keep them occupied when traveling.

It works with something called Aps. I think it is short for applications. There is an app for anything. There is one for Google translation service. You speak or type in what you want translated and then select the language you want it translated into and it will come back with what ever you said in the written language that you wanted with also phonetic translation. Some of the languages even have a verbal response.

These come on the new smart phones or tablets like the I pad. Some one said there are almost 400,000 apps available today.

How about this? There is an app for wherever is the closest toilet where you are at. You simply type in the address where you are at and the computer figures where the nearest public bathroom is available and shows you on a map. Good for traveling. When you have to go you have to go.

Remember the last two months we have been talking about the price of fuel rises with the political decisions of our government and world conditions? I give it about two more months maximize

Just personal opinion.

Let's start out with our Steals and Deals regarding Cruises. With the problem with the Costa Concordia I would have thought we would see better deals but here are a couple from DARGAL  
1800 690 3223

7 night Caribbean Holland America ms Eurodam March 24 \$299  
Fort Lauderdale, @sea, Grand Turk, San Juan, St Thomas, @sea HalfMoon Cay, Fort Lauderdale

7 night Caribbean Holland America ms Westerdam April 8  
Fort Lauderdale, @sea, Grand Turk, San Juan, Philipsburg, @sea, Half Moon Cay, Fort Lauderdale.

DON'T YOU JUST MISS IT?

USA TODAY

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OOPS: BA FLIERS MISTAKENLY TOLD TO PREPARE FOR WATER LANDING  
(AGAIN)(this is the second time in one year)

British Airways passengers got an unwanted scare after an automated emergency warning message was accidentally broadcast during their Miami to London flight last Friday.

The warning, which played on the public address system mid flight at about 35,000 feet, told passengers to prepare for an emergency water landing. That caused panic among many of the passengers who heard the announcement. "It was about 3 a.m.. An alarm sounded and we were told we were about to land in the sea. I thought we were going to die," one unnamed passenger

from the flight says to The Telegraph of London. “My wife was crying and passengers were screaming. Then they played an announcement telling us to just ignore the warnings.”

Another passenger 32 year old Michelle Lord, tells the Telegraph: People were terrified, we all thought we were going to die. They said the pilot hit the wrong button because they were so close together.

In a separate report from The Telegraph, Dunchan Farquharson, a 58 year old engineer from London, tells the newspaper he’s not sure if the flight crew realized just how big a jolt passengers got from the accidental warning. “Imagining yourself plunging towards a cold, water grave in the middle of the Atlantic is a pretty horrific thought but they seemed very blasé’ about it.” He says to the Telegraph

British Airways acknowledged the incident and apparently handed out letters of apology as the flight landed in London, according to the Daily mail of London.

Separately, BA tells the Telegraph it’s sorry for fliers who may have experienced “undue distress.”

(this is the second time that this has happened on a BA flight over the Atlantic at night.)

The Overhead Bin  
MSN.com

#### PILOT SUSPECTED OF BEING DRUNK KEPT FROM BOARDING FRONTIER FLIGHT.

A Frontier Airlines flight from Omaha, Neb to Milwaukee was delayed Thursday after the pilot, suspected of being drunk, was kept from boarding the plane.

The pilot didn’t make it through security after arousing the suspicious of airport police and Frontier employees, airline spokesperson Lindsey Carpenter told MSNBC.com.. The incident is under investigation.

#### TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE THAT DID NOT MAKE IT THRU SECURITY.

About two weeks ago I think it was at JFK but a TSA agent was observed by another TSA agent taking \$5000 cash from the coat of a passenger passing thru security. As I remember she wrapped the money in a used glove and reportedly passed it off to another person in the bathroom. The money was not recovered. Police were involved. Thanks and congratulations to the honest TSA agent who reported the matter immediately to his supervisors.

I went thru the total body scanner last weekend and they want you to remove everything from your pockets including your wallet. I guess the best thing is to zip it some where in your carry on luggage.

