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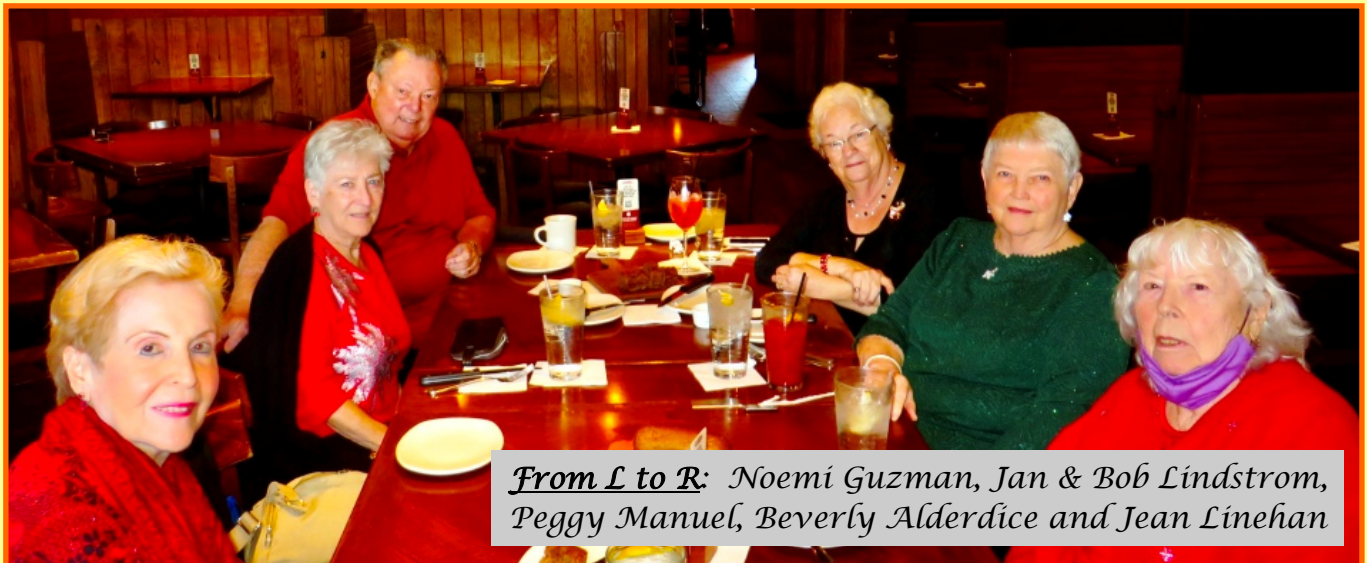
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## *Local Chapter Meetings During The Pandemic*

**S**helter in place has been going on for many months now. Restrictions vary from state to state, city to city, county to county, and even from day to day. Two of our chapters were able to have a small group meeting. The Chicago Skyliners and the Tampa Bay Chapter shared the photos, taken in December, 2020, with adherence to the restrictions in their areas at that time. With the administration of the vaccine, we hope that more of our chapters will be able to meet and share photos. Thank you to **Jan Gawenda** and **Jan Lindstrom** for sharing these photos. ■



*From L to R: Bob Larson, Jan Gawenda, Dick Kolloff, Linda Kolloff, Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, and Stan Chmielowiec*



*From L to R: Noemí Guzman, Jan & Bob Lindstrom, Peggy Manuel, Beverly Alderdice and Jean Linehan*

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I do not have a lot to say except wishing you Happy New Year and I hope you are all doing well.

I have stayed in contact with UAL and everything seems to be going OK. With the stimulus help, certain states are doing well and others not.

It's really too bad when the U.S. is the worst in the world, I guess we have more freedom than the others.

We will start looking at our convention for 2021. It looks like we should be able to have it in September with the vaccine being available.

I really miss being able to see all of you and can't wait for the convention to see all your smiling faces.

I will stop rambling now and wish all of you a very happy and prosperous new year.

**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

## New MileagePlus partnership offers villa vacation experiences

January 4, 2021



The travel industry faced many challenges in 2020, but even with decreased flying and limited resources, our MileagePlus program is launching an exciting new travel partnership with Villas of Distinction.

*"When traveling, our members are increasingly interested in staying in more non-urban locations, focusing on activities and experiences in safe, secluded accommodations that have extra space for larger groups and extended families,"* said MileagePlus Product and Partnerships Managing Director Shane Smith.

*"Villas of Distinction meets all those needs and more."*

Thanks to the new partnership, MileagePlus members can search online from more than 3,500 properties in 52 countries and call a villas specialist to plan their stay. Members will also earn a minimum of three miles per \$1 spent.

See all the amazing locales available at [villas.mileageplus.com](http://villas.mileageplus.com). Not a MileagePlus member yet? Join now at [united.com/employeejoin](http://united.com/employeejoin).

## Moving forward with the Payroll Support Program

December 28, 2020



On Sunday December 27, the President signed legislation that includes additional support for the airline industry. That means United intends to temporarily welcome back thousands of our team members through March 2021 under the terms of the Payroll Support Program (PSP) extension.

## Star Alliance makes touchless experience more accessible

December 30, 2020



At a time when it is crucial to increase traveler confidence and reduce new travel frictions caused by responses to COVID-19, Star Alliance and Amadeus, a global travel technology company, have announced a partnership that will allow customers enrolled in Star Alliance Biometrics or in Amadeus Traveler ID the



benefit of accessing biometric identity verification at a growing number of airports.

This new partnership will create a more global, frictionless and touchless journey for the millions of frequent flyers enrolled in the respective programs of its member airlines.

*“The best part of this trustful partnership is how we are building upon our individual strengths and working together to deliver a more seamless and safe travel experience,”* said Star Alliance Customer Experience Vice President Christian Draeger. “It increases our operational ability by speeding up airport processes and immediately benefits those who have already enrolled in our program. Through collaboration between the Star Alliance Biometrics and Amadeus Traveler ID solutions, we have a winning proposition that will encompass all aspects of the customer journey.”

Star Alliance Biometrics allows passengers to pass through curb-to-gate touchpoints within airports, such as check-in kiosks, bag-drop, and boarding gates by using a secure identity management solution featuring facial recognition technology, allowing for a touchless experience at airports.

Amadeus’ secure and agnostic identity data exchange and verification solution, Traveler ID, enables a simplified experience across the entire travel chain by connecting a customer’s digital ID to any online and biometric portal at opportune moments of the traveler journey. In the future, these customers will be able to use their Traveler ID to also access existing or new airports that have implemented the Star Alliance Biometrics solution.

*“The Traveler ID solution is agnostic, meaning that all types of travel companies can work with us for a variety of digital identity needs, from enrolling travelers, to organizing the collaboration of multiple providers to orchestrate the end-to-end identity verification process,”* said Amadeus EVP of Airlines Central and Eastern Europe Monika Wiederhold. “Ultimately, our objective with Traveler ID is to help the industry deploy frictionless travel throughout the whole passenger journey. We can only achieve this through collaboration with travel industry partners, which is why we are so pleased to work with Star Alliance to bring this vision to life.”

In both programs, travelers consent to share their biometric data with the stakeholders of their choice in full accordance with data privacy regulations.

### **The Writer’s Column** **Thoughts of an Old Man By Bob Duensing**

**Age:** I am 83 years old and every time I look in a mirror, I see my Dad. I am used to seeing that face and don’t necessarily see the ravages of time. I have a wonderful family, I work out, I am mobile, I volunteer and I travel with my wife.

Some of the situations that shock me into reality are:

- ▲ I see myself in photographs of family gatherings, etc. “Can that old man really be me?”
- ▲ My wife and I walk up to a building and someone rushes up from behind and says, “Let me get the door for you”.
- ▲ We board a bus from the airport parking lot to the terminal and as people see us board, there is motion observed and we are provided room to set down.
- ▲ Boarding an aircraft, someone offers to place our carry-on in the bin.

It all started sometime back when young people started calling me “Sir”, or someone addresses me as “Young Man” (which I don’t like) or salesladies call me “Honey”, “Sweetheart” or “Darling” (which I do like). There are other instances I could mention.

While the courtesies are very much appreciated, looking from the inside out I don’t see the necessity. That is, until I see a glimpse of myself in a picture.

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**Staying Humble and Kind:** These days, reading the news is often an exercise in anguish, with outlets around the country mainly reporting the worst of the world’s happenings. Very rarely do we get to see the “good” that stills goes on in the world, despite these challenging times we live in. When we constantly see images of death, sickness, destruction and anger, the feeling of despair begins to set in. Our hearts break, and we begin to lose faith in humanity. Perhaps now more than ever, we need to remember that old adage, “hope springs eternal”.

Kindness is a natural part of the human heart - far more natural, in fact, than unkindness. Science has proven that our bodies are healthier when we are kind, and our minds, more well-balanced. Kindness does us good! In addition to what it does for us as an individual, kindness does everyone good on a global scale, with each kind act making a difference in the lives of untold numbers of people. Have you ever had someone pay for your coffee in the drive thru line? Or perhaps a mysterious stranger paid for your meal? Or you left a generous tip for a server? How great do all these things make us feel? Sometimes, these random acts of kindness can even be life changing.

Studies have shown that people who volunteer tend to have higher self-esteem, better psychological well-being, and a greater sense of happiness. All of these things go up as their feelings of social connectedness goes up, in addition to improving one's overall health and even their longevity.

We are social creatures; people around us are one of the most important things in our lives. Research even indicates that when one person gives something to another person, the person who enjoys that exchange the most is not the person who received the gift, but rather the person who gave it.

Give what you are passionate about – whether it is your time, your money, or your talents. How can you help someone in your community? Are you able to help someone with an illness that has affected your family? Perhaps you can help someone overcome a disability you are familiar with? Do you know a family in need? Do you have a cause that is near and dear to your heart?

February 17 is International Random Act of Kindness Day. Now, perhaps more than ever, is the time for each of us to go out and do something good ... our minds and our bodies will thank us, and so will the person you may never meet.

Keep paying it forward, and in the words of Tim McGraw, always stay humble and kind.

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### **So Simple From Sheryl**

#### **Chocolate Roca Candy:**

Happy Valentine's Day to you and yours! I'm hoping that you have a "sweet" day.

24 soda crackers

¾ cups butter

¾ cups brown sugar

12 oz. chocolate chips

¾ cups slivered almonds

Set oven at 400°. Use 9 x 13 sprayed pan.

Place crackers in bottom of pan. In medium pan, melt butter and brown sugar.

Boil for 3 minutes. Pour over crackers and bake for 5 minutes.

Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over crackers. Spread evenly.

Sprinkle almonds and place in freezer for one hour. Remove and break in pieces.

Hope you enjoy every scrumptious bite!



## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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Due to the virus, our Birmingham chapter did not meet in December. We wish all of you good health and look forward to meeting again.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

### ARIZONA



#### PHOENIX AZURES

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Azures chapter of RUAEA.

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.

## PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Nothing much has changed anywhere yet, but, we're hopeful that when we all get the vaccinations in the coming months, we all will feel much more comfortable going out and being with people and things will start to get back to some type of being fairly normal. Everyone is hoping for a much better year in 2021. We just have to be patient, I guess.

We're trying to keep in touch with our members through e-mails to let them know we haven't forgotten them and we all look forward to getting together once again soon. Please let our President or Vice President know if you're having any problems and what you have been doing while being cooped up at home. We need to continue to keep in contact with each other.

Have you made any New Years Resolutions? It's something to think about anyhow. I bet a lot of people will want to travel somewhere just to get out and see something new, or to see family members that they haven't seen for a long time. It's like having a goal, something to look forward to.

February brings the following Holidays: Groundhog Day (2), Lincoln's Birthday (12), Valentine's Day (14), Presidents Day (15), Ash Wednesday (17), and Washington's Birthday (22). Maybe you might want to do something special on those holidays!

The following members have a birthday in February: **Pauline Montoya, Ted Tollefsen, Bill Norwood, and Dakota's husband, Dillon.** Happy Birthday to all! We don't have any Wedding Anniversaries this month; at least, not that I know of.

In the meantime, stay well; wear your masks, and keep in touch with your Re-United friends. Hopefully, we will get together real soon!

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at [rpdgarlic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarlic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Happy New Year 2021 from the Northstaters. Certainly, wish we had more chapter activities to report. Everyone in our group has sheltered in place and all are staying healthy. We truly miss seeing everyone and hopefully our meetings will start soon and everyone is anxious to get back together.

A special thank you to **Sonda Sandstedt**, our SE Meets West Regional Director, for keeping us up to date on any news from United. Please stay healthy!

Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD



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This is another year that passed along too fast. There are high hopes for a healthier 2021, but we will have to wait and see.

I know that the COVID virus has affected everyone, but in my case, it actually is doing me a favor. I received a notice from the DMV (Dept. of Motor Vehicles) that my driver's license will expire in 3 months. They said my license could be renewed on the computer. I tried it since I didn't want to go in person and get an appointment and go through that hassle. I heard that at my age I would have to take a driving test also since a friend of mine told me that he had to. So I tried the computer and that turned out to be a lot of fun. I was getting frustrated so I tried to call the number if I needed help. I called and was told I had an hour wait since they were so busy. My daughter came over and she was able to go thru all the displays. After about an hour I got logged in, paid the fee, and now I'm going to get a renewed license and I don't have to take a written or driving test. After about three weeks my new driver's license arrived and I can drive until 2026. I did not have to take a driver's test or written test after all. So, thank you COVID and now I'll return to my hibernation.

We spent a quiet Thanksgiving, just the two of us, and Christmas will pretty much be the same. We miss not being close to our family but trying to stay healthy is our top priority. Lucky for us we get to see our family via the computer using whatever system they use. We get to see our Granddaughter and family who live in Luxembourg and the clarity is as if they were in the states.

In our local paper, some travelers are ignoring the "stay at home" rule and they said it was worth the gamble just to see their family. Let's hope those millions of travelers make it back home safely.

I did get a new Great Granddaughter who was born on November 19<sup>th</sup> and she is the only Great Grandchild I was not able to hold after they were born. That also goes for my Granddaughter who would like to visit us, but we discouraged her and she will be staying home.

So until next year, from our Chapter to yours, have a Happy New Year.

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The Desert Sunbirds are on "Lockdown", as are almost everyone, so we don't have a report again this month. When we get "released", we'll have (hopefully) a more interesting report. I have an interesting (I think) situation when I was working the "gates" at LAX, probably in the 60's, I'll consider sending the story even if we are still on Lockdown. Talk to you next month.



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA land from the San Francisco East Bay. Welcome 2021! The first thought on everyone's mind is the ongoing pandemic. We begin the New Year with the hope that the Covid-19 vaccine will be administered to as many people as soon as possible, and that it will drastically curtail the spread of this disease.

**Ken Price**, our resident storyteller, is back with another memory.

In the late 1960's a Japan Airlines DC-8-62 was approaching San Francisco International Airport on a flight from Tokyo. About a mile from the runway it struck the water of San Francisco Bay and came to rest in an upright position with the landing gear sitting on the Bay bottom. There were no injuries and all passengers and crew evacuated successfully.

United Airlines was contacted and the aircraft was recovered by barge and transported to SFOMB. At that time United only had one hanger that was large enough for a DC-8 and it was full. The aircraft was parked outside a DC-6 hanger with the nose inside and wings and aft fuselage / tail outside. There was little apparent damage and there were only a few inches of bay water in the lower baggage compartments and aft cabin. However, the engines and landing gear had been submerged; and flaps and fairings were damaged by impact.

United was asked to repair the aircraft. A long effort was started by flushing the lower portion of the aircraft with fresh water to remove all salt water. Salt water corrodes and was a big concern. Knowing this was to be a lengthy repair; a wooden framework was constructed outside over the wings to tail and covered with heavy tarp. With the nose in the hanger and tail in a tent, work began.

I don't recall the exact length of time needed to complete the repairs but it was several months. Upon completion, United's Flight Test Crew flew the aircraft and it was as good as new. It was returned to Japan Airlines and continued in service.

**More info on Kaavan, the "World's loneliest elephant"**: Last month, I told you about the international effort to rescue Kavaan from the Islamabad, Pakistan zoo and to relocate him to Cambodia's Kulen Prom Tep Wildlife Sanctuary, a facility of over 30,000 acres outside Siem Reap. After 35 years of living in abysmal conditions, in chains and on an unhealthy diet, Kavaan was successfully flown to Cambodia on November 29.

As promised, this month I am writing about the logistics of transporting a 9,000 pound elephant and reporting on his progress adjusting to his new environment

For three months prior to his departure, Kavaan's vet and trainers coached him three times a day on how to enter and exit his four-ton travel crate. This training was absolutely critical to the success of the relocation. If Kavaan had balked at entering his crate, the relocation would have been cancelled and delayed for more training. If the 9000-pound elephant had become stressed during the flight and tried to get out of his crate, the result could have been disastrous.

Kavaan's travel crate weighed four tons and included a system that could hold up to 53 gallons of urine. At first, Four Paws, wanted to use, an Antonov, the biggest plane on Earth, but it was too expensive. After Kavaan was put on a healthy diet and lost 500 pounds, they were able to modify the crate to be smaller. This allowed them to take a Russian airplane, an Ilyushin IL-76, the only one large enough to accommodate the modified travel crate. They needed an airplane with a big door because the elephant was very big and very tall. Here is the url for the article with a picture of the huge aircraft and Kavaan's crate: <https://www.npr.org/2020/12/05/942214125/he-will-be-a-happier-elephant-vet-describes-what-it-was-like-to-rescue-kaavan>.

Before his flight, Kavaan was tested for Covid-19. Dr. Amir Khalil, Kavaan's veterinarian, accompanied him on the seven-hour flight and stated that he "behaved like a frequent flier" and was not stressed. He enjoyed 440 pounds of in-flight snacks and even got a little bit of sleep standing in his crate. "The flight was uneventful, which is all you can ask for when you transfer an elephant," Khalil said.

Upon his arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, Kavaan was greeted by chanting Buddhist monks and NethPheaktra, Cambodia's Deputy Minister of Environment. Go to this URL to see a picture of Mr. Pheaktra looking at Kavaan's foot inside his crate. This will give you an idea of just how huge this elephant is,



<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/world-s-loneliest-elephant-kavaan-arrives-cambodia-help-cher-n1249344>.

The travel crate was then loaded onto a truck for a ride of several hours to the sanctuary. It was dark when Kaavan first stepped foot into the sanctuary, where he was treated to a fruitcake and banana tree leaves. Since his arrival at the sanctuary, the staff has posted many videos of Kavaan showing his playful, curious and mischievous side. He plays a lot with his tire, loves watermelon, has torn down one of the wooden posts in his enclosure, and is now taking walks with one of the female elephants.

**Four Benefits of Spider Plants:** Like a lot of people, I've been spending more time gardening outside and working on my indoor plants. We all know that trees help reduce pollution, and that houseplants also clean the air in our homes. But I recently found this article that says that Spider Plants are particularly effective in reducing indoor toxins.

1. They remove pollutants from your living space. According to NASA's Clean Air Study, the spider plant is extremely effective at removing carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, Xylene, and toluene from the air (even more so than many of the other indoor plants that participated in the study. Per the National Wildlife Foundation, spider plants removed 95 percent of the toxic substance from a sealed Plexiglas chamber in 24 hours.
2. They can speed up recovery. According to a study by researchers at Kansas State University, adding the spider plant to hospital rooms can speed up the recovery rate of surgical patients compared to patients in rooms without a plant. The researchers found that the patients in rooms with plants required less pain medication, didn't suffer from blood pressure or heart rate issues, experienced less anxiety or depression and were released from the hospital sooner.
3. They're safe for young children and pets.
4. They're hard to kill.

For the complete article, with info on helping spider plants to thrive, go to: <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/4-spider-plant-benefits-plus-130000804.html>

So, the next time you are at a nursery, consider buying a spider plant or two. And if someone in your house is sick, move the spider plants into their room.

Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!

To read the entire article, with tips for growing healthy plants: <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/4-spider-plant-benefits-plus-130000804.html>. Source: PureWow, November 29, 2020

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Somebody held their breath too long so our county has passed into the dreaded "Purple" zone – do not pass GO, do not collect \$200, can't buy a hotel or utility – just play the game and stay put! 2020 was the Year of the Plumber. Have you ever tried to get in touch with a plumber at 2:13AM? It is next to impossible ... as I walked into the "ladies" room, I should say as I waded into the "ladies" room ... seems the handy-man turns his phone off when he goes to bed. Used all of the towels to sop up the pool, put a bucket under the dreaded leak and waited for daylight. It was also the Year of the Rat. He goes into retirement in February when the Year of the Ox enters in – and that's no Bull! 2020 was also time to get rid of those pesky cataracts. Now I have 2020 vision and can see those signs on the freeway that tell me I can drive 65 mph (as those youngsters fly by me in the fast lane.) Have to correct my fumbling fingers as I credited **Bill & Diane Heinrich** with 63 years of marriage, no, no, they ambled down the aisle 46 years ago. Belated congrats you two!

It hasn't been too difficult staying sane. Can still get out for a walk, read, do jigsaw/cross word puzzles, read, cook stuff I haven't eaten for a long time (all those comfort foods don't seem to comfort like they used to.) The USA TV leaves a great deal to be desired so I am recommending that your dial in PBS (KQED here on the left coast) and get your smiles from England. "Doc Martin" is a good one to start with. Wonderful characters, lovely scenery and a good story line. Then there is a delightful "Escape to the Chateau," a terrific series that features a couple who move from England to France as housing is less money there. For the price of a 2-bedroom home, they can buy a Chateau for the same money - but it needs some renovations. This is for all you

slouches (DIY selfers) who can change a light bulb but tackle a Chateau? Not! It even has a moat! One other coming up is “All Creatures Great and Small,” the James Herriot author who writes about a Vet who goes to Yorkshire to tend to the animals. You probably remember his books from years ago ... wonderful reading so the show will be a winner.

On hold are our meetings, birthdays, anniversaries and all those other gala events. Do let me know if someone in our group needs some TLC and I will send off a card. The Board will be meeting this month in President **Vera Kina**’s garage again. With all the restrictions in place that we must follow, it looks like our meeting facility will not be open for quite a while. This also includes no more “dining outside” restaurants. We want you to stay well so that you don’t have to go to the Doctor, you can have your groceries delivered, and just think - you can vacuum up a storm. We can’t go anywhere as travel is on the no-no list and pretty soon you can braid your hair (and emulate Willie Nelson!) Amazon/FedEx/UPS will deliver just about anything and if you want to go back to work again, you can deliver meals from local restaurants to those who are too lazy to cook (I think you get to keep the tip.)

Our Company has done it again ... they have added a new benefit for us to use. It is a Mental Health Benefit (hey, Ginger, are they trying to tell us something?) They have named it “Ginger.” Now my big question is ... does this mean **Ginger Hyde** and I will get Royalties anytime they use OUR name? They will probably pay **Ginger Hyde** in Sand ... Dollars and me? (she’s from Florida.) They will dismiss my request as Non ... cents! Oh well, win some, lose some.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Blue Bird Room, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Vera Kina**, 203 Emerald Bay Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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December! We made it! Been a (very) long year, may be the same number of months, but long nonetheless!

So, how was your trip camping? Or your long awaited sitting in the Hawaiian sun, sipping iced tea, enjoying that beautiful sunset? (pipe down, Joe & Jeanette!) Wasn’t that family reunion fun? And the turkey with all the trimmings, so delicious! Seeing those grandchildren – my how they’ve grown! Yeah, we didn’t get to do those things either. Okay, so this has been a year for disappointments, but, look at all we do have! We have warm homes to spend all our time in! We have one another to support each other. We can (at least) call our friends and catch up on things. If we don’t feel comfortable going to a store – wearing those masks, of course – we can use the convenient “order ahead and we’ll deliver” programs – works for restaurants too. Yeah, there have been challenges, but no one I know is a wuss! We all are strong, happy, loving people who can and do adapt to whatever is necessary. So, pat yourself on the back, dust off your slippers, go get another cup of coffee/tea, turn that computer or television on, kick back and relax – this too shall pass.

Okay, a hearty Congratulation goes out to **J.R. & Rosemary Heier**! They will be celebrating 57 years together. Anyone who has a December birthday – you get a big Happy Birthday!

Now, a little business to go over: As you know we sent out an email asking about a donation of \$200.00 to go to the El Dorado County Food Bank. A motion was made by **Jane Gibson** for this amount to go to the Food Bank. **Rudy Blazius** seconded it. We had many responses, all were “yeas”. Thank you to all who got back to me. We also want to extend another Thank You to those who chose to add to the \$200 by sending **Tom Kenny** an additional check to be included with our donation. Tom has sent the Food Bank a check for \$400.00. Miners, you rock!

Okay, next: January is our “your annual dues are due” month. While I realize we haven’t really seemed to have “done” anything much this year, we still are a group. As such, annual dues are part of being a group. Our \$10.00 dues (not even a dollar a month) is not a huge amount, relatively speaking, and, in a “normal” year, our December luncheon is supplemented ,, so, you’re making money when you join in on that luncheon! Please, send your check for \$10.00, made out to Hangtown Miners to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville,

CA 95667. Oh, if any of your information has changed – you moved, changed your phone number or email address – please, please let me know so we can keep our roster updated.

Do you have your 2021 calendars yet? Well, I have mine and I go thru each month marking things that I need to remember or do – like birthdays. Our luncheon on the second Monday is always entered. I am being optimistic and have those Mondays in 2021 marked with our luncheons. At this moment in time, we (Miners) are on hold for the January date (11<sup>th</sup>). Things may be changing a bit with a vaccine being developed and administered, so maybe? But nothing is planned for January.

As we work our way thru December, we can't help but wonder what our Christmas will be like. Not being able to go out to the stores to browse and shop is tough. That stimulation for ideas just isn't there! I, personally, am not an online shopper, I love the lights, sounds, colors, happiness that comes with this time of the year, but it looks like I will have to bite the bullet and figure out how to order online! Patience, Jane, patience!

To each and every one of you, I'm sending wishes for a safe and happy Christmas/Hanukkah. Enjoy your lives – be strong – be happy – be healthy – be safe – be your best ever. Hugs to you all!

Side note: Monday (12/21) is the first day of Winter – stay warm!



### **RESANS**

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Our New Year, 2021 is upon us and we are still under quarantine here in San Diego. That means no projected date for our monthly breakfast right now but the year has just begun so I keep hoping. It has been so long since we have been together and there are many stories waiting to be told.

Birthdays for February are **Louis Semon** on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Paul Zadrozny** on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This means he gets to celebrate twice; Valentine's Day and his birthday the next day. Lots of red hearts and chocolate for you, Paul!

When we do get together with friends, it is indeed special. I recently met with **Tom Prewitt** and **Gloria Rymysza** at one of our favorite places to eat, Casa de Pico. They offer take out only so we placed our orders and then walked around the mall to find a place to sit. We finally did find a table, halfway across the mall and we settled in for a great visit and some good laughs. It seems we have to make our own opportunities to make things happen and then really appreciate them when they do arrive and stay safe at the same time!

I hope to have more to report next month. Always looking for an interesting subject to write about and open to any ideas that may come my way.

The RESANS family is here and we hope to resume our monthly breakfast in 2021. May it be a better year for everyone!

Never a ship sails out of the bay, but carries my heart as a stowaway ...

Fair Winds, Full Sails!

### **Calendar:**

**Pending** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

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*T'was The Night Before Christmas 2020*

*T'was the night before Christmas,  
And all through the town,  
People wore masks,  
That covered their frown.*

*The frown had begun,  
Way back in the Spring,  
When a global pandemic,  
Changed everything.*

*They called it Corona,  
But unlike the beer,  
It didn't bring good times,  
It didn't bring cheer.*

*Contagious and deadly,  
This virus spread fast,  
Like a wildfire that starts,  
When fueled by gas.*

*Airplanes were grounded,  
Travel was banned,  
Borders were closed,  
Across air, sea and land.*

*As the world entered lockdown,  
To flatten the curve,  
The economy halted,  
And folks lost their verve.*

*From March to July,  
We rode the first wave,  
People stayed home,  
They tried to behave.*

*When summer emerged,  
The lockdown was lifted,  
But away from caution,  
Many folks drifted.*

*Now it's November,  
And cases are spiking,  
Wave two has arrived,  
Much to our disliking.*

*Frontline workers,*



*Doctors and nurses,  
Try to save people,  
From riding in hearses.*

*This virus is awful,  
This COVID-19,  
There isn't a cure.  
There is no vaccine.*

*It's true that this year,  
Has had sadness a plenty,  
We'll never forget,  
The year 2020.*

*And just 'round the corner,  
The holiday season,  
But why be merry?  
Is there even one reason?*

*To decorate the house,  
And put up the tree,  
When no one will see it,  
No-one but me.*

*But outside my window,  
The snow gently falls,  
And I think to myself,  
Let's deck the halls!*

*So, I gather the ribbon,  
The garland and bows,  
As I play those old carols,  
My happiness grows.*

*Christmas ain't cancelled,  
And neither is hope,  
If we lean on each other,  
we can cope*

Happy New Year to all!

From **Sonda Sandstedt**: Well, 2020 is the year everyone will be talking about to future generations! Where were you when ... everything that got cancelled and how people gathered to plan alternatives.

My year started out great. My oldest daughter was nominated for an Academy Award. She produced the short documentary, Walk, Run, Cha Cha about Vietnamese refugees who settled in LA and how they brought joy and peace back into their lives.

During my brother's annual 6 week visit in January and February, we managed to take a few days to see the sights of Honolulu and Oahu's other coast. He'd never been there which is a rare feat to find something new for him.

One last trip to San Diego to plan the fall convention and boom; I've barely been out of my house since then! I read a dozen books in the first 10 days; then ventured out to do some gardening including planting (with help) 7 fruit trees and some annual flowers and perennial shrubs. Then to my oldest son's to help plant his quarter acre vegetable garden. I've never tasted more flavorful lettuce or juicy, sweet tomatoes. Now some of the winter crops are started and plans for a better garden this coming year.

I hope you all have fun, funny stories to tell about the year of The Covid. And maybe you'll reflect on how slowing down and catching your breath may have been a blessing in disguise.

Did you learn new technology to help stay connected with family, friends, churches and clubs? I sure did whether I wanted to or not; and, shopping online whether I wanted to or not was a blessing. When you have nowhere to go, you dig out those recipes you've been meaning to try. There's a new catchword, Covid 15. Or is it 20 or 25? For how much weight you've found laying around your house. There's a lot to be said for being retired and not have to worry about working in the public now or distance learning (teaching) your little ones while trying to work from home.

While all these challenges and great sadness for some have tried our patience and spirits, we're generally a resilient people and look forward to this coming year of seeing, hugging, playing and traveling with those we love most. I'm waiting for the time when I can visit your chapter meetings and greet everyone personally. I have a long list of places left to see and new friends to make while exercising new cautions and using all the new things we've learned this year. And, hopefully, we'll be able to join one another for a super convention in San Diego next fall.

Thank you to those who have kept us connected this year through texts, emails, phone calls, cards and newsletters. I wish you all blessings, joy and love in 2021,



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I'm hoping everyone had a beautiful Christmas. Here we are again with a short newsletter to stay in touch. Hope everyone is staying safe and well and wearing your mask and practicing social distance. I'm sure we are all tired of Covid and ready to move on so we can enjoy our lives. Some day it will go away and soon I hope.

Our chapter was planning a luncheon meeting in February but chances of that are pretty slim. We will just have to wait and see what is happening with Covid.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. Stay safe and well.

If anyone would like any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to answer any question you might have and give you the information about our chapter.

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The last meeting on Zoom for 2020, took place in early December. Unfortunately, it looks as if we may have to continue our meetings using Zoom for some time to come. Let's just hope that the vaccine works as advertised and will be available to the general population sooner than later. We all look forward to once again be able to sit down together as a group.

We were pleasantly surprised to see past members, **Alex & Margie Klaus**, joining us at our last meeting. Since moving to Las Vegas, members have had very little contact with them, so it was great to see and hear from them. Life in the desert city during this virus, is not much different than here in Silicon Valley. They have yet and maybe never will, attend any of the Raiders games. Alex stated that he was not a baseball fan!

Also joining our meeting were **Dave & Robin Garland**, both were very active members of our group. They now are active members of two RUAEA groups near their new home, however they will always be members of South Bay RAUEA as well. Dave was involved in setting up nearly a mile of lights in their church parking lot, with 1,000 visitors a night driving past.

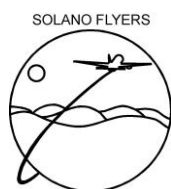
Our more recent 'movers', **Keith & Ann Olthof**, who now live in Ripon, have been joining us on a regular basis. It has been so good of them to continue to be part of our meetings and we look forward to them being with us.

Talking about moving, **Marianne Johnson**, our newest member and past president, is thinking about moving back to her home country, Denmark. We certainly would not want her to leave, however, we also understand that she wants to be closer to her only child.

Birthdays in December, included **Marianne Johnson** and **Lynn Buchhloz**, with anniversary wishes going out to **Hiroko & Greg Caster**.

Our story historian, **Jean Jenkins** is scheduled to have surgery and we wish her the best. We miss not having her as part of our scheduled meetings and hope that maybe some technology may come her way so she can join in. Also having surgery this month, was **Vern Snyder** and we understand that this will help improve his condition. It was great to see him and his wife, **Maureen**, who also had to have surgery.

Our president, **Chuck Clayborn**, has been working hard to schedule the ZOOM meetings and we would like to see more people participate. If you need assistance logging into ZOOM, please contact Chuck or myself and we will assist you. Meetings are being scheduled every other week and begin at 0930. Please join us. Add that to your 2021 resolution list!



### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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One may remember a past meeting, which was held in the basement of a furniture store. On December 16, in defiance of the current mandatory state lockdown, we returned to this secret enclave.

To avoid any Government Virus Tracers Tracking us, this report will not include any member's name in attendance. Opening the meeting was President ... caughtcha, didn't I. Told ya, not going to include names. Someone ... opened the meeting.

A member shared his recent experience at Home Depot: He stated "If you are going to Home Depot, be prepared for a long line, they are monitoring the 6 foot rule, as one person exits, another person is allowed to enter". He was at the end of the line, around a mile from the store's entrance, he also thought that they were taking the 6 foot rule to extreme as they made a family of six to separate; he felt so sorry for the little girl crying alone in the stroller. He said the store closed that day when he was but 100 feet to the entrance, he took it calmly but the guy that was second in line went berserk. All watched in awe as that person went screaming and swearing around the parking lot tearing up trees and shrubs, 911 was called, EMTs, Fire/Rescue, Police arrived, restrained & sedated him.

We all felt his frustration but we still maintained control, his actions made our day waiting in line. Knowing the line/waiting time, he figured to go early the next day, when he arrived at 4am, he was 77<sup>th</sup> in line.

The virus placed a somber note to the Christmas gathering, few were hoping for a custom mask, and others wishing for a Covid Virus Home Test Kit for Christmas, but liquor was mentioned very frequently.

Small talk was the rule for the day, until a member stated that he would support Governor Newsom to mandate a 12 foot distance rule, plus disposable gloves for all leaving their residence.

This resulted in a few supporting the 6 foot rule, followed by an another member thinking that 2.5 feet should be law, and also plastic shoe coverings as he stated, sneeze droplets go to the ground and have a life span of days.

The discussions then evolved to arguments shortly, our 6 foot rule was being violated, plus spittle dripping from excited members masks. The emotional excitement from our group was creating tension and alarm among the people that also occupied the basement as a shelter in place refuge, instead of a homeless camp. Chaos, was taking over the meeting.

At this time a member with shoulder length hair, (barber shops closed) waved his hand up in the air for silence, which was quickly complied. I think the truncheon he was waving did it.

As cooler heads prevailed, we closed the meeting. Until next month, January 2021, we will be collecting Membership Dues and hopefully, we will be without a Covid 21.

Levity be with You.

Two ways to eliminate the report from the Solano Flyers secretary:

1. RUAEA refuses printing the chapter report.
2. RUAEA contacts the Chapter's President for responsible adult to replace this person.

Until then ...

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

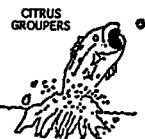
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Orlando Real McCoys chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Sand Dollars chapter of RUAEA.

As we try to keep our sense of humor, the Sand Dollars look forward to whenever it may be that we can meet again. Meantime, we hope any new retirees who are coming to our area will contact **Ginger Hyde** for the latest news on our group. Her email is: [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.





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Greetings to you from Tampa Bay Chapter!

On December 9, we celebrated our Christmas Luncheon at Outback with 6 members in attendance. It was good to see everyone. We had an enjoyable time with laughter and memories.

On January 4, 2021, we met at IHOP with 5 members and one fur baby. Pledge was said and a very informal meeting. We talked about our meetings at IHOP and the upcoming Picnic on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Park and our Picnic in October

We discussed Covid and getting the vaccines. It was a very laid back meeting. It was good to see our members.

We wish you a very Happy New Year and please stay safe & healthy.

### **TREASURE COAST**

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Here we are beginning a new year, 2021, with hopes and dreams of a year full of promise. It's hard to believe that we have been struggling through the COVID-19 pandemic for a year now. We have missed out on so much! Everyone of us "celebrated" our own birthday. We saw many holidays come and go without the usual celebrating. There were No Hugs, No Kisses, just New Year Wishes. We missed out on being with our children and grandchildren and of course, our friends. We weren't allowed to attend their birthdays or graduations. So many of us have had relatives and friends who contracted the virus. Unfortunately, some of whom actually perished. At last, a saving grace, was when the vaccine became available to some but not all of us. We are in the middle of a logistical nightmare. Even though most of us qualify by age or compromised conditions, in Phase One, the likelihood of getting it anytime soon looks questionable.

We find we have more patience than the younger generations, but it is beginning to wear thin. We have acquired new habits, for our own health and safety. I believe most will be part of our existence from here forward. Everyone wants life to return to normal. I, for one, wonder what that will actually look like. Shopping is far different. Scheduling appointments has taken on a new aspect. I fear some of us have postponed many for too long. Most of us continue to stay close to home as the new positive numbers continue to climb and our hospitals are overwhelmed.

I received the following email from **Joyce Smith**: "This Christmas was very different but we are thankful the family could all be together. Since we all live within 15 miles of each other and are in the same bubble we were able to have our dinner together. We had a little snow just before Christmas and let me tell you snow is overrated. Looking forward to returning to Florida. Happy New Year."

From **Fran D'Amico**: "I will not be going to Florida for the winter as I have done for many years. The reason is the pandemic. Due to a respiratory condition, I am not able to fly. I do want to wish all a Happy New Year with God's Blessings in 2021."

**Frances Student** writes: "Gene and I attended a beautiful Christmas Eve mass followed by a lovely Christmas day with our daughter and her family. Both of our grandsons were quite happy with Santa as he brought each of them a new iPad and cordless headphones. We had a good team effort in preparing a fabulous Christmas dinner of turkey, sausage and all the fixings. After Skyping with our son and his wife in NY, we played a new board game and watched a Christmas movie. A good time was had by all."

**Sharon Kirk** emailed: "Merry Christmas and a most healthy and joyous New Year to you and yours. I think we are breathing a sigh of relief that 2020 is behind us. Who knows what's in store for 2021, but I am pretty certain we all feel it has to be better than the previous year. Wouldn't you think we would all be sterile by this time with all the sanitizers, disinfectants, and hand washing? Makes you wonder how dirty were we.

I spent Christmas Day morning with my family. Traditionally, we have a huge breakfast and exchange our gifts. Christmas night we spend at my son Brian's home. He is a gourmet cook. (He didn't get it from me). The food was unbelievable. I am so lucky to have two wonderful sons, by far the greatest gift I ever received. I am so fortunate and count my blessings every day. Wishing all of you a fabulous 2021. May it hold all the best life has to offer ... also maybe please no more masks."

**Al Popek** shares: "It's been one month (at this writing) since **Janice** had her stroke. The month seems like an eternity for both of us. After 17 days in the hospital she is in good hands at the special stroke rehab here in Stuart. Still not sure how long she will be in there but today she (in her own way) told me she fell asleep right before the ball drop. I get to visit with her twice a day through the window from 12 noon-1 PM and 5PM until dark. The facility is doing great with her and they are pleased with the results so far. She still has no use of her right arm and is walking around with help. She is now able to swallow some soft foods. She knows everything that is going on and gets frustrated when she can't complete a sentence. We take one day at a time as she has a long road ahead of her.

I want to thank everyone for your many prayers, cards, emails and phone calls. It helps and means so much to us getting through this. Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and a safe healthy 2021. Al"

A big Thank You to our Vice-President, **Bob Langevin**, for keeping us up to date with goings on at United and the home front.

February birthdays include: **Pattie Connell, David Damon, Janet Hanley and Gene Student.**

February anniversaries will be celebrated by **Jim & Janet Hanley** and **David & Carolyn Lindgren.** Best Wishes to all.

## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

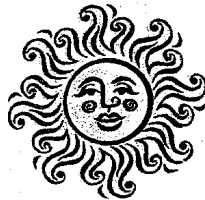
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World!

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA 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@icloud.com](mailto:annmedve@icloud.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Happy New Year to all! We do not have a meeting scheduled in January 2021. Next meeting will be in February 2021; date, time, and location TBD. Members will be notified when this meeting will be held.

## ILLINOIS

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February—Snow and Love! Either way, you could end up shoveling ... Well, how's the year so far? Think you'll stick round and see the next 10 months? It's off to a rousing start, hold on to your hats, 401K's, and your butts. We're in the month of LUUV, that's good for any age, color, creed or nationality. If you have it, hold on to it. Haven't heard of any new weddings lately, but I do have a list of a few anniversaries for you. Over the 60 year mark include, **Diana & Norm Wilkinson**, **Eleanor & Gene Vegeais**, both 68 years, **Marvin & Marlene Anderson**, and **Vince & JoAnn Giannini**, 63, **Doris & Clyde Johnson**, and **Pat & Bob Kalicki**, and **Deanna & Dick Hoppel**, all 62, **Ed & Nancy Naranjo**, 60, **Joe & Joan Teister**, 57, **Jean & Bob Smietanski**, 56, **Judy & Dave Stoves**, 55, **Don & Marcie Moller**, 54, **Pam & John Witkowski**, **Jenna & Dennis Kellerman**, and **Marianne & Al McGarrity**, all 51, **Bob & Carol Faust**, 47, **Jan & Walt Fink**, 43, **Bill & Delphine Perry**, 41, **Ken & Muriel Bergsma**, 28, then practically newlyweds, **Sue & Bart Kendall**, 18, **Kathy & Bill Corbett**, 14, and **Sherry & Charlie Parker**, 9 years. Congratulations to everyone, thanks for holding on through thick and thin. That includes working different shifts/days in the 24 hour operation.

If you're still looking for love, good luck, it's never too late, I hear. February 5 is National Shower with a Friend Day, that's one way to find somebody! Other Special days this month are the old popular Ground Hog Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stuffed Mushrooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Super Bowl on the 7<sup>th</sup>. They are selling seats now. The singer, nobody will know anyway, Chinese New Year on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Valentines on the 14<sup>th</sup>, or as I called it, Happy VD, Presidents Day on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Paczki Day is the 16<sup>th</sup>, Lent begins on the 17<sup>th</sup>, with Ash Wednesday., Margarita Day on the 22. As far as the month goes, we celebrate Heart month, Black History, American Pie, Hot Breakfast, Children's and Pet Dental Health, Cat Health, Creative Romance, Cherry month and after our favorite movie, Affair to Remember Month. I think I've seen that movie at least 100 times since 1957, I know all the words, I could be Deborah Kerr, and Cary Grant, maybe even sing the song. (If nobody is listening). The Farmer's Almanac says it will be a little warmer this month, which would be nice. February 3 is 62 years since Buddy Holly and Richie Valens died in a plane crash in Iowa, wow, 62 years, the Day the Music Died. Were you in school, working, not born yet? February 8, was 57 years since the Beatles were on the Ed Sullivan Show. Another popular group. Wonder what ever happened to them ...

Our breakfasts have been canceled because of the Covid restrictions in our towns, and people are still concerned to mingle. I've heard from quite a few friends, **Joan Rohrer**, **Elaine Ptak**, **Marj Kintis**, **John Wade**, **Muriel Bergsma**, **Marcie Moller**, **Frank Disanto**, and our **Mila Walker**, from the South Side breakfasts. I was able to get through to her; she is fighting cancer in many parts of her body. Mila is taking very expensive medicine to help her, and it's been successful, however, her back and hip are causing her a lot of pain, and she has difficulty moving around. She asked I send everybody a warm hello, and asked for prayers. Have also heard of a few surgeries and folks just not feeling good. Guess I'd have to add a few people falling, no broken bones, but many ouches and ooouuu's, that hurt. We have to be so careful. Have you noticed that's the first thing the doctors will ask, 'Have you fallen since I last saw you?' Falling can be the death of us, literally. Remember the actress, Natasha Richardson, a few years ago, she fell on her head while skiing, felt

good except for a headache. She died within a week. So, friends, please be careful, you don't have to break a hip or arm to end up at the Pearly Gates, or somewhere else ...

Changes over the years, see if you remember what our slang words were, Yowza, 23 skidoo, So's your old man, Cruisin' for a bruise, See ya later, alligator, Daddy-o, Cool Cat, Burn Rubber, Get bent, Slip me Five, Lincolns, Make Tracks, wearing dungarees. Kids say, what's That? Now I hear, Suuuper, Yessss, Puurfect, Gotcha, throwing shade (a dirty look), Lit (amazing), GOAT (greatest of all time), Salty (bitter, mad), Well Played, YOLO (you only live once), Meme, (an idea, or style that becomes a fad by imitation from one person to another). I see that one, a lot. Years ago, we would fly a kite, now they fly drones, my parents couldn't get me into the house from playing. Now they can't get the kids away from their cell phones inside, to play outside. When the street light came on, we had better get home. I can remember when I was about 6, I wanted to stay out with the kids, and I couldn't hold it any more, so I peed in my pants. My mom was furious, I think that's why I never wore corduroy again until I was about 50. Bad memories, and it was winter!

Something else to ponder ... the word, Sorry. How many times we have used that Big Little word. If we don't hear somebody, we say, 'Sorry, what was that?' If we insulted somebody in word or action, not thinking, they look sad, we say, 'Oh, yeah, sorry about that, didn't really mean it that way'. Yes, they did, but sorry is so easy to say. Then there's just a moment if we hit someone with a chair, a bump in the hallway, 'Sorry', that's easy. If somebody is going through a hard time, sickness, financial, you say, 'Gee, I'm so sorry'. It's not your vault, there is nothing you can do for them, but you are sorry for them. Then, you are talking about somebody to a friend, not saying anything nice about her/him. In other words, you are trashing the other person. You turn around, and there is this trashed person, with tears coming down her cheeks. Is a 'sorry' really appropriate? Does it mean anything? How truthful can you sound? You can't possibly mean any kind of an apology. You've just hurt somebody that they thought you were your friend, in Front of them! Best to walk away and reevaluate your own life, and your own mouth. The obvious worst scenario is, a death of a friend or friends' family member. You go to the wake, hold your friends hand, and say a truthful and genuine, 'I'm so very sorry for your loss, he/she was a wonderful person, one of my best friends. I can't put into words how sad and sorry I am, please call me when you need me, for anything, and I'll call you, too. I'm sorry beyond words.' That's the saddest and most meaningful, Sorry, you can ever say, as you both cry. Let's hope you know when to say that word, and mean it. As my friend, **Ginny Vlach** says, 'Lord, put one of your hands around my shoulder, and one over my mouth.' Think before you speak, even at our age, when we don't put up with too much any more. It happens. For example, two people were offensive to me last month, am I going to say anything, no, not a word. Anybody who knows me, knows I could say a mouthful, and then some. Not now, but any friendship we had is over. Period.

**Karen Carney** from the IAM 1487 Retirees Club, reminds all members to send in their dues ASAP for 2021, plus any new or changed information for their member directory to **Bill Perry**, 10522 W. Schubert Ave, Melrose Park, 60164-1569. You're already passed the deadline of 1/31/21. Better hurry! You will be informed if the February meeting will take place.

I finally realized the older I get, the better I was ...

Our fellow workers that flew West include **Fred Rodgers**, **Duane Eisenbeiss**, and **Tim Shelley**, from ORDFO, **Doris & John Daleo**, and **Dennis Hansen**, ORDMM, **Bev Reid**, ORDSW, **Martin Rice**, ORDOO, **Emmitt Pettit**, ORDCG, brother of **Maynard**, **Mitchell Keadle**, ORD Inflight Coordinator, husband of **Debbie**, ORDCS. From our 'old days', John LeClare, writer, Anne Reinking, Tanya Roberts, Dawn Wells, and Carol Sutton, actresses, Phil Niekro, Hall of Fame pitcher, Jeannie Morris, CBS TV sports journalist, singers, Chad Stuart (from Chad and Jeremy), Gerry Marsden (The Pacemakers), Phyllis McGuire (the last sister), K. T. Oslin and Charlie Pride, and Pierre Cardin (designer).

Lately, I've been a little concerned about my memory, then I thought, 'Ah, forget about it'!

These get-togethers in the Calendar section are all pending, determined on the situation of the state's Covid restrictions. An email blast will be sent to confirm. Hopefully we'll get rid of these restrictions soon.

#### Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**February 23**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**February 4**) 11:00 A.M.



## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter December Christmas Party meeting was canceled due to the very high Covid infection rates. January meeting is canceled as well. With the daily new Covid infections being in the thousands, the infection risk associated with having our meetings is too high. Resumption of our meetings will depend upon members getting the vaccine and infection numbers decreasing dramatically. I hope to resume meetings by early spring 2021. Maybe March or April.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join our chapter. Just come to one of our monthly lunch meetings to meet our members. The more members we have the more fun things we can do (During Covid, interested persons should email me, **Frank Ingegno**, to confirm the meeting will occur).

We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. (during Covid, please email me to confirm the meeting will occur).

The next Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200 (Covid permitting).

Our future meetings schedule for 2020 is:

- March 9, 2021 at Emmy's
- April 13, 2021 at Emmy's
- May 11, 2021 at Emmy's
- June 8, 2021 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider breaking bread with us. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. For more information, please contact **Frank Ingegno**, [figenius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:figenius@sbcglobal.net).

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Greetings to all!

We have no meeting, so there's no meeting news. We are all glad there are now vaccines for Covid 19. Hopefully, by summer, things will be back to normal. It will be good to see and share lunch with fellow Nor'Easters. Until then, please everyone, keep practicing safety.

February birthdays ~ **Gary Bosworth, Joan Simard, and Gladys Willis.**

February anniversary ~ **Robert & Clair Anderson** (70 years!)

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home!

## MICHIGAN



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Our DTWRR Escapee retirement group has not met since January of 2020. We are hoping that the restaurants in Michigan will be open for indoor dining in the near future and that we, once again, will be able to gather in safety and friendship.

We wish a healthy and peaceful new year to all.

Thought for the month: *"The good we do never dies. It lives on forever-in other people, in other places, and in other times."* ~ Matthew Kelly

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Nothing to report this month, guys. Sometimes, that's a good thing, right?

Since we haven't been able to meet since last February, some of our members have been essentially held prisoners in their homes or assisted-living apartments. Maybe a note or a phone call would make things a bit better for them until things ease up. A few of them are listed below:

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Don't know about y'all, but ~ in my humble opinion ~ all this isolation here in MN has been counterproductive. Now that the high school athletes are allowed to play again, they must wear masks. Does that make any sense to you? They've all been tested for Covid and passed negative, they're playing outdoors ... how are they going to be infected or how can they infect anyone? I swear, common sense has left the building.

See you next month!

## NEBRASKA



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There is no report this month from the Omaha Golden Ears chapter of RUAEA.

## NEVADA

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The Silverliners Board has been reviewing all data they can on the COVID-19 Virus and the start dates for distribution of the vaccine. The distribution of the vaccine has started already here in Nevada. As with other states, First responders and Nursing Homes are getting it before others; so, we feel that gatherings and Luncheon Meetings will not be allowed till around September. We the Board have done our best to keep all our members informed and up to date on what the directives are from the Governor's office and the CDC and how they affect us. We just want all our members to stay safe and healthy during this time, so when a vaccine is developed and a sense of normalcy returns to the world we can once again get together.

Even during the Pandemic while we kept in contact with our members, we were able to attract 3 new members that read about the Silverliners in the RUAEA Newsletter. So, we would like to welcome to the Silverliners, **Angie & Jeff** plus **Marie St. Clair**. Hoping to meet them soon in person!

I made a short mention in my previous report that our member **Felix Cicco** passed away. Now I would like to go a little deeper into Felix's life:

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Felix Cicco**, one of our most senior chapter members who was 93 years old. Felix had an accident while he was at the home of his partner **Jeannie Rolland**. He fell and fractured his neck. After going into the hospital and being released he found himself going back in the next day where he passed away on 12/4/2020.

Felix enlisted and served in the Army, dates unknown.

Felix hired in as a mechanic with United in CLE in 1951. He transferred to HNL, then on to SFO and then on to LAX. He was a Union Representative at all three of these stations. In LAX, he was the Mechanic's Committeeman and Grievance Committee Chairman for many years. He was on the IAM/UAL Contract Negotiating Committee from 1960 thru 1989. After he retired, he moved to Paradise, CA, then to Las Vegas in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his wife **Donna** who also was United employee in LAX. She was proclaimed Los Angeles mother of the year by Mayor Sam Yorty in 1973. Felix & Donna adopted 11 children through their lifetime. She was also appointed by California Governor, Ronald Reagan, to serve on the State Health Committee and President of the California State Parent Association Inc.

A private family only service will be held at St. Viator's Catholic Church in Las Vegas.

I want to Thank **Mike Vasko** for the information about Felix. They were very good friends.

The Silverliners hold our luncheon/meeting(s) on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on February 11, 2021, the doors open at 11:00am. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA.

## NEW JERSEY

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One of my greatest pleasures, was to sit down and relax and read the Sunday newspaper from end to end, and of course to have my second cup of hot coffee right by my side. And so it was on one Sunday morning that I was scanning through the papers when I came across the travel section, and there was a large article about what to see and do in the city of Chicago. What caught my eye was an advertisement for a particular restaurant called the Stockyards Inn, it was located right near the famous stockyards where most of the cattle, from out West were shipped in and slaughtered, then dressed and sent out to all parts of the country by refrigerated rail cars.

Those stockyards have long since closed down but the restaurant was still there but it was soon to close. I think it actually closed in December 1971. It was around 10 o'clock in the morning, I asked Violet if she wanted to go to Chicago for a steak dinner. Her reply was, are you kidding, and I said no let's go, and a first response was, I've got to do my hair! I said no way, if we are going it's got to be right now.

Both of us were ready in no time, and left the house by 11 o'clock. Since traveling on a pass, was really easy in those days because you could write your own tickets and pick your own flights, we were in Chicago around 4PM. Since we did have some time to kill, we found a tour bus to take us for trip along Lakeshore Drive. Say what you want but Lake Michigan is still a nice body of water to look at.

By 6PM we arrived at the Stockyards Inn. Make no mistake this was a big restaurant and it was divided into rooms named after steaks so we decided to go to the "Sirloin Room". It wasn't long before a waiter came around to take our order. Of course I said we want two good steaks. He disappeared and in a few minutes came out with a rolling stand with a mound of ice on top of it, and attached were all kinds of steaks, held together with toothpicks, and all you have to do was for the both of us to select our steaks.

These pieces of steaks were so big I don't know how anyone person could have consumed them. Anyway the waiter said that if you're not satisfied with the selection and if they are not to your taste, you can get another one for free. Oh sure I replied, I don't think even a "T-Rex" would finish one of these.

Of course when they came out for serving I knew that I was right. We both struggled through the greatest pieces of sirloin I think I've ever eaten. Now I know how some lions feel, when they go out for lunch. We got home around 9 PM and what a great day it was.

Who said working for the airlines didn't have some advantages. Perhaps this was all time passed, but what great memories I still have of it.

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips chapter of RUAEA.

Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.





## NEW YORK METROS

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There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

## OHIO

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We Ohio Buckeyes are just waiting for the day that we can spread our wings and fly. Or at least see family and friends again. Anyone that attended our 2018 RUAEA Convention here in Cleveland, Ohio will tell you how very nice it was. That is one of the reasons for our first scheduled Luncheon in 2021 - First we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Then on July 7<sup>th</sup>, we have scheduled a "Lake Erie cruise on the Nautica Queen". We board the ship at 11:00am, and sailing at 12 noon for a 2-hour luncheon cruise.

Our second scheduled event is set for August 4<sup>th</sup>, we are having our Annual Picnic at the "Chalet" in Strongsville. That is the one event of the year that many United retirees come to Cleveland to play catch-up time with their former work buddies, reminiscing over the past and update on what has been going on in their life. We rent the entire Chalet area, and you can even take a walk through the trees, right there in our Wonderful "Cleveland Metroparks". Retirees and their family and friends come in from all over to enjoy the day.

Christmas is over and the New Year has begun. We hope the New Year gets better than it started. We are so sad to report that we just had 2 members pass away.

▲ January 3, 2021, **Carol Waldron** left our world to be with husband, **Ray** (UAL CLE).

▲ January 5, 2021, **Nick Penick** (UAL CLECG) lost his battle with cancer.

We Ohio Buckeyes feel the loss of all chapter members and pray for their family and friends.

We have spoken with many of our members, and they are all doing okay. "Thank You" to all of the dedicated volunteers that share their time to keep us informed on United and all the Chapters with this Newsletter. It is greatly appreciated!

We pray for an early spring and a victory over COVID. Stay healthy, happy, and may God watch over you and keep you safe.

## OREGON

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Finally, the year of the Pandemic is coming to an end and our age groups will soon be eligible for their vaccines! We continue to monitor recommendations from the medical/scientific experts (ignoring social media and political pundits!) before deciding when it will be safe to resume meetings, especially considering that our age puts us in the highly vulnerable category. Our meeting site remains closed. Eventually we will be able to gather again!

If you missed the email, it has been decided that since we have not met since March of 2020 and therefore have had no expenses for lunches or door prizes for a summer picnic and Christmas party, that we will not be collecting dues from you for 2021. You may want to consider donating your dues money to your favorite charity.

And now for your monthly dose of humor, mostly thanks to member **Kathy Russell**:

- ☺ Hugh Hefner became a multi-millionaire staying home in his Pajamas. I'm not having the same result.
- ☺ I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.
- ☺ I'm watching a 3-year-old pull up apps on a cell phone. Me, I just figured out how to turn mine off without removing the battery.
- ☺ My Grandma talking to my mom about her new hearing aids: "They're the most expensive one you can buy. It cost me \$4,000. My mom: "What kind is it"? My Grandma: "It's 4:15pm".
- ☺ People are excited about the newest iPhone, but no one has caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.
- ☺ Dear Santa, this year all I ask for is a Big Fat Bank Account, and a Slim Body. Please don't mix them up like you did last year.
- ☺ I always wanted to lie naked on a bearskin rug in front of a fireplace ... evidently Cracker Barrel has a policy against this.
- ☺ Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate. Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That would be much easier. Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes. Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothes is not starving. Husband is recovering from a head injury now.
- ☺ The most useless thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
- ☺ 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
- ☺ The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
- ☺ I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
- ☺ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot.
- ☺ Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- ☺ Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
- ☺ This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!
- ☺ I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him or her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
- ☺ I need to practice physical-distancing from the refrigerator.
- ☺ I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
- ☺ Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and asking for money.

Again this month, I am closing with a beautiful Haiku, author unknown, discovered by member **Kathy Russell**:

*We isolate now  
So when we gather again  
No one is missing.*

Remember: Also highly contagious is – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!!

Wishing everyone a better 2021.

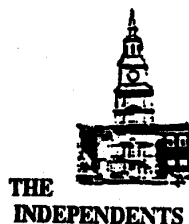
#### Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.  
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Well, the status is still quo. The latest rules in the State of Washington require everyone to follow enhanced protocols to help curtail the spread of the coronavirus and the resulting COVID-19. Testing is widely available, and vaccines are being administered according to guidelines. Restaurants are closed for dining-in after a brief reopening that only exacerbated the situation. Takeout and delivery flourish.

Holiday gatherings and political demonstrations, protests and riots have “upped the ante” in the fight against this plague that has infested the world. While we hope for a respite, there seems to be too many factors to effect a real cease fire in the pandemic.

Officers of the Emerald City Slickers have conferred and decreed that there will be no gatherings of members until it is safe. Some members are mastering online communication programs, such as Zoom, in order to stay in touch with family, friends and groups. Pretty impressive for us “old folks.”

In the December newsletter, we featured **Ken Tank**, Part 1. As you might have expected, Part 2 was expected to appear in the January issue. As unbelievable as it sounds, there were too many other items to include Ken’s biography. Ergo, we continue Ken’s story this month, as it appeared in the November 2019 Contrails, our chapter newsletter. **Ken Tank** joined United January 22, 1979, and we resume his story there.

His start with United was a little rocky, as there was a long IAM strike shortly after he hired on. He first worked in Reservations and then for Apollo Travel Services. Our Co-President **Kathie Torgison** was one of his instructors. Ken’s job was to visit and assist travel agencies when Apollo was installed in their offices. When this Apollo Help Desk was eliminated, he moved back to Reservations in Travel Agency Services and then International Reservations.

Ken & Marcia met in their church and became avid University of Washington sports fans – her father was the business manager in the Athletic Department! The Tanks and their children have traveled around the world a second time and did make it to Antarctica. They also took along two grandchildren when they flew to Massachusetts several years ago to visit Deval Patrick, a former United board member, after his first inauguration as state governor (he served two terms and was previously Assistant Attorney General under President Clinton). In July of 2019, Ken & Marcia took 13 family members on a cruise to Alaska. Some of you may know that both Ken & Marcia are travel agents and have traveled extensively worldwide.

Meanwhile, back when Ken worked for United, a very unusual opportunity came up in 1995, when employees were “invited” to become owners of the company via the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). Through a series of events, Ken was elected to serve for almost five years on what was called the System Roundtable, designed to give employees a voice in operating the company, and became a spokesperson for the salaried and management group. Routinely traveling to Chicago twice a month, Ken then served on a five-person Roundtable search committee to select a new member for the United Airlines Board of Directors.

Among those interviewed for the position was Valerie Jarett, who later became chief advisor to President Obama during his two terms in the White House, and previously-mentioned Deval Patrick, a lawyer who later gained political prominence, the final choice as a member of United’s Board.

Concerning ESOPs, Marcia & Ken were invited to speak before the British Trade Union Congress in London to promote the “greatness” of participating in an ESOP. Unfortunately, one year later, in 2002, United declared bankruptcy and employee stock holdings in the ESOP were worthless.

In closing, Ken believes that no company but United would have provided a person like him the opportunities to be himself, sometimes expressing opinions contrary to those of company officials. He appreciates everyone who has known him for putting up with his “antics and is indebted to United Airlines for providing so many varied opportunities.

Ken maintains ties with company friends and RUAEA counterparts, keeping the chapter informed – and explaining! – on matters relating to retirees.

There are many tales surrounding St. Valentine and the February 14 date of his death in AD 269. That is the Roman St. Valentine. In fact, there are a number of Saints named Valentinus. Pope Gelasius established the Valentine Feast Day in 496. Though not a public holiday in any country, February 14 is a feast day in several

modern religions. When “courtly love” became popular in England and lovebirds returned in spring, modern day observations turned to love. (Thank you, Wikipedia. Look it up for additional information.)

Valentine’s Day won’t give Washingtonian lovebirds a chance to celebrate in their favorite restaurants. It was once observed that “dinner out” on Valentine’s Day was second only to Mother’s Day. We hope you find a way to express your feelings without the usual trappings - there still are flowers and chocolate!

**Happy Valentine’s Day.**

Calendar:

No gatherings/meetings scheduled



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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.

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I wrote an article last month, but it went into Cyberspace. I am not a techie, but I should have been able to find it. I even copied myself in-still it was gone. Sorry ☹

Last month’s article was reporting on our “picnic” at Bull Run Winery in October. Our group had not met since February and most members were getting a little antsy. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva, Judy Dunlap** and I were on a mission to find a safe, outdoor venue. I inspected several venues near Dulles Airport, Judy checked out a few in Manassas. Each place failed the necessary conditions. Space, affordability and ability to serve 40 plus people with individual checks or a set menu for the group were our primary needs. Finally, Judy suggested that we check out Bull Run Winery. The winery was only 2 miles from the Golden Corral where we usually meet. Judy and I checked this one out together and decided it was perfect. There was a lot of level land covered with spaced picnic tables. I mentioned that it was level because that is a rarity here in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The winery serves wine and snacks but allow guests to bring in food and decorations.

Food and decorations, that is Cathy’s forte. She immediately went to her treasure box and pulled out enough tablecloths for all of picnic tables that we were going to use. She made trick-or-treat bags for every attendee. The 3 of us bought snacks that were placed in a black cauldron on the head table. Each attendee brought their own picnics and the chapter bought wine, sodas and bottled water from the Vineyard. We all were pleasantly approving of the wine. Because of the beautiful scenery, quality of the wine and the friendliness of the employees there, I am sure that there will be many frequent visitors from our chapter in the future.

The weather cooperated beautifully. It was warm and sunny. It was so warm that I had to buy a Bull Run T-shirt so that could change out of my witch costume. We had our 50/50 drawing as always but because of Covid, we put the tickets on the head table and sold them on the honor system. **Cheryl MacDonald**, who usually sells the tickets, won. It was her first 50/50 win. We gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of that draw to the staff at Bull Run. The winery gifted each one of us a Bull Run wine glass. We were all pleased with our socially distanced Halloween gala. We tried to have another gathering in November, but the weather did not cooperate.

Cathy’s husband, **Larry Silva**, had his rotator cuff surgery and Cathy went back into nurse mode. They are taking turns nursing each other back to health.



I don't know what is going on here in Virginia, but many of our members and their spouses are taking some pretty nasty falls. **Pat Watson** is recovered from a painful fall back in March that took quite a toll on the bones in her hand and wrist. Then **Kerrie Schneider** took a fall that hurt her hip. She is now in therapy hoping for recovery. **Bob O'Roark** also took a very bad fall and hurt his hip. He attended our "picnic" but had lost a lot of weight and used a walker to get to his table. **Mike O'Meara** took a scary fall at our picnic and we called the paramedics. Luckily he was surrounded by flight attendants who were CPR trained and **Dutch Schneider** who alerted them to the problem and assisted them in getting him in a comfortable position to await the professionals. The EMT's arrived, took Mike's vitals and waited with him and Faye until he was feeling better. Mike chose not to go to the hospital but went to his primary care Doctor who took it from there. My husband **Dan Per-Lee** tripped over a gas hose and badly damaged his shoulder to the point that it must be replaced. He is in pain but plans to try to wait until he gets his COVID vaccine. I wish each of my friends a rapid and complete recovery. If you would like to send any of them a card, email me and I will give you an update and an address.

I, myself, am looking forward to a Granny makeover. What is that, you ask? Well, you have heard of the mommy makeover, which is a lifting of the boobs and liposuction to the tummy. Then, for those grabbing their last grasp at youth, have face lifts and tummy tucks. My Granny makeover consists of cataract surgery on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and February 3, and a hearing aid somewhere in between.

I wish you all a happy New Year. May your year be full of joy, good health and good food. Below is a recipe that is quite delicious. I hope you try it and love it.

### **Fresh Tomato Pie:**

- 1 unbaked pie crust (I prefer refrigerated Pillsbury)
- 8 oz. shredded Mozzarella cheese
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 2-3 fresh tomatoes, peeled and cut into thin slices
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh, grated Parmesan cheese
- Preheat oven to 400°

Using a very sharp knife, peel and slice the tomatoes. Lay the tomatoes on top of two layers of paper towels. Sprinkle tomatoes with a dash of salt and place one more layer of paper towels on top of tomatoes. Leave tomatoes to drain while you prep the other ingredients. This will prevent your pie from becoming too watery.

Optional ... To help cut the strong raw onion flavor in the pie, toss the chopped onion in about a teaspoon of hot olive oil for a couple of minutes before adding to the pie.

Layer all ingredients in the pie crust in the order listed. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes. Allow pie to stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

### **NATIONAL**

#### **CLIPPED WINGS**

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Hello RUAEA,

A new year is here! Let's pray this year will be much improved from last year. The vaccine is out there and has started to be available to those in need, like our first responders and hospital staff, the elderly, and those living in skilled facilities. Our most important agenda for 2021 is herd immunity!

When this is all over (really over) I say we throw a huge party and decorate for Christmas, eat Thanksgiving dinner, hunt for Easter eggs, dress in Halloween costumes, exchange belated birthday gifts and set off 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

I am copying this from ORD Chapter, but I think it is something we all can live with all year round.

- ★ To your enemy ... forgiveness
- ★ To an opponent ... tolerance
- ★ To a friend ... your heart
- ★ To a customer ... service
- ★ To all ... charity
- ★ To a child ... a good example
- ★ To yourself ... respect

OCC received \$315.00 in donations for their charities during the membership drive. Our Denver chapter is now up to 134 members. Hopefully each of our Chapter's will see new members in the New Year.

As I am sitting in sunny, warm Florida (instead of my home town of Pittsburgh, PA), visiting my daughter and granddaughter, I look forward to the changes the New Year always brings. The inauguration of our next President, Joe Biden on January 20, 2021, hopefully we will see a lot of changes in our government over the next 4 years.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2021!

## NEW MEMBERS

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## Letters & Notes



Hi Members,  
I'm the person who edits the letters/notes 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.

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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.)*

**John Kozlik, 1820 Locust St., Des Plaines, IL 60018**

Thank you for your great job in putting together the great newsletter.  
The fill-in stories during the Covid 19 from the various chapters are great.  
Keep up the good work and a very blessed and healthy Holiday.

**Ken Story, 16039 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., SW, Burien, WA 98166**

Here we are in another year and what a year 2020 was!  
For 2021, we were signed up for 2 trips. One was to Australia, Fiji, Tahiti and back to Seattle. Another trip was to Russia, Norway and New York. Both have been cancelled.  
As Co-President of the Emerald City Slickers, I have tried to contact our members by phone. I would hate to lose members from no contact. So far, I have had good luck. It is great to talk with them.  
We also have a mechanics group I try to stay in touch with.  
It is so good to be retired; no more fuel controls, alternators and anti icing valves to change. Also there is no more de icing of airplanes. I can watch it snow and I love it.  
Stay safe.

**Rita Vezina, 4644 Cotton Rd., Magazine, AR 72943**

I turned 90 years old in November.  
I have been in a wheel chair since 2013.  
Noel died in 1987; he worked in CHIRR and DENRR.  
I always get a card at Christmas time from **Laura Coates** and **Carol Howell**. I still like to read the notes.  
Thank you for your good work.

**Virginia Vlach, 404 S. Albert St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

Happy Holidays to all of you wonderful folks that keep us up to date on our airline and the articles from the different cities.

Of course, I am prejudiced on our **Jan Gawenda's** articles here in Illinois.  
I wish everyone a healthy and Happy Holiday season.

**Notes**

**Phillip Elliott**

I just want to say, thank you, for all the work you put in to keep us informed and up to date with United.

**John Haferbecker**

A big thank you to everyone involved in putting out the monthly newsletter. It contains much useful information, and this includes the chapter correspondents who carry on, even without meeting to summarize.

**Lloyd Johnson**

I read the entire newsletter and enjoy it all.  
I have been playing tournament cribbage with the Mile High Peggers. It is fun!

I no longer drive because of macular degeneration; but I do read as much as I can.

**Anne Jones**

Oh, for the good old days! Did we ever think we would see such a time as this.  
Happy memories, keep laughing, wear your mask and stay safe.  
Thank you for your hard work to keep us connected!

**Linda Keim**

Sorry to be late. It seems as we age, time goes faster and faster.

Both Ron and I are doing as well as can be expected with this Covid virus exploding everywhere. We are wearing our masks and keeping our distance from just about everything, which under the circumstances is probably a good thing.

I have recovered completely from my fall/broken bones in 2019, which is a small miracle. Those instances do tend to remind us how quickly life can change and not for the better.

We wish all our friends from DENRR happy/healthy 2021; and many thanks to the RUAEA staff for their ability to keep us all informed.

**Charles Lewis**

I must be one of the very few people who worked their entire career in one place, EXO. I started in 1957, when it was across the street from Midway Airport and moved with it in 1961 to a location northwest of ORD and then I retired in 1992.

**Mary McCarville**

A big Thank You to all who help to keep us informed with all of the latest valuable information!

**Lacides Miranda**

There is not much to say except to stay at home, wash your hands, wear your mask, keep distance, and etc.

**Gary Opperman**

I have been just hanging around home. I have not been on an airplane since last year.

**Nalini Shah**

I am glad to continue my RUAEA membership. Thank you to all that work hard to keep us informed.  
I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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### What happens when the Government controls Private Business. (Part 2 of 3)

**U**nited Aircraft & Transportation Corporation President Philip G. Johnson was "banished" ... but Vice President W. A. Patterson, as a "junior officer" had not attended the Former Postmaster General Brown's "Spoils Conference". On May 1, 1934, United Air Lines, Incorporated (UAL, Inc.) was reformed as an "Operating Company" with W. A. "Pat" Patterson as President.

Following the edict from Roosevelt, the U.S. Congress passed the Air Mail Act of June 12, 1934 giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to regulate the air mail rates. **Further, the Air Mail Act outlawed any financial or interlocking directorate connections between airlines and aircraft manufacturing businesses.**

It even "outlawed" Philip Johnson from his presidency of the United unit that manufactured Wasp and Hornet engines, because the engines were purchased by the U.S. government for military planes!

Johnson bitterly gave up his Presidencies in United Air Lines and United Aircraft & Transport Corporation. **William Boeing, also bitter over Roosevelt's injustice, resigned as Chairman of Boeing Air Transport and concentrated on the airplane building business.**



W. A. "Pat"  
Patterson

C. D. Howe, the Minister of Transport in Canada, invited Philip Johnson to Canada where in 18 months, Johnson organized Trans-Canada Airlines.

The Air Mail Act gave United Aircraft & Transport, Corp. five and one-half months to "unscramble". This task fell to Joe Ripley, the man who had originally put the Corporation together. The reorganization was approved at a stockholder's meeting July 11, 1934. Ripley created three new operating companies: United Aircraft Corporation, Boeing Airplane Company and United Air Lines Transport Corporation (United Air Lines).

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