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75th Anniversary of WWII European Liberation



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2020 is a milestone year for many reasons: The 100th anniversary of the ratification of women's voting rights with the 19th Amendment, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the beginning of the 3rd decade of this millennium, etc. But today I would like to remind you of the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII and the liberation of Europe. Get your map and calendar out as I guide you to a celebration that you won't want to miss: Liberation Festival Pilsen.

Pilsen is located 56 miles west of Prague, Czech Republic and most folks know it as the home of Pilsner Beer. You can definitely quaff some of that excellent beer here and tour the brewery as well at the nearby Pilsen Underground with its cellars and wells dating back to the 1300's. But every year since 1990, the town of Pilsen commemorates its liberation from Nazi Germany by US forces, under the command of General George S. Patton. I had the opportunity to be there last year, and I shed tears of joy at the sight of thousands of regular, everyday Czech citizens, from toddlers to seniors, waving US and Czech flags and saying, "Thank you, America".

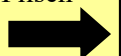


Let me give you a little background. The country many of us still think of as Czechoslovakia was formed in 1918 at the end of World War 1. This sovereign nation was comprised of several distinct cultural groups. The westernmost portion was home to many whose primary language was German. In 1938, Hitler overtook this area, the Sudetenland, without challenge and thus began the first of his conquests of Europe.

Fast forward to the spring of 1945 and the dwindling days of the Nazi regime; Berlin had fallen to the Soviets on April 20th and the Western Allies had crossed the Rhine and spread throughout Germany.

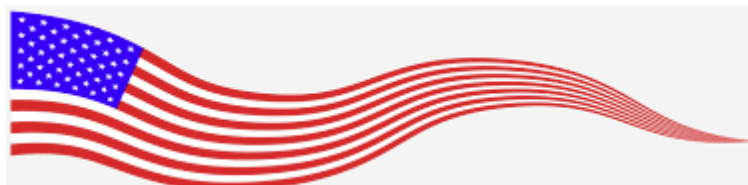


On May 4th, the US broke through the eastern frontier and entered Czechoslovakia. The next day the civilians in Pilsen rose up against the German occupiers and tore down Nazi flags and symbols. At 8AM on May 6th, Patton's 16th Armored Division entered the city, and German General Von Majewski surrendered. At 2:45pm that day, he committed suicide before his wife and staff. Pilsen was free!



75th Anniversary of WWII European Liberation continued ...

Germany formally surrendered on May 8th. Pilsen was the furthest eastern point in Europe that Allied forces fought. The Soviet Army, advancing from the east, overtook the rest of the German occupied territory in Czechoslovakia, including the prized city of Prague. Czechoslovakia remained under Soviet control from 1948 until 1993. During those 40 years, Pilsen was not allowed to commemorate or celebrate their liberation because of Soviet belittlement. Nevertheless, first-hand accounts, equipment, photos, memorabilia and strong family traditions were secretly preserved and finally, in 1990, the first public Liberation Festival occurred. Two and half years later, with the exit of the Soviet regime, the Czech Republic was born. On the first weekend of May each year, Pilsen can now express its thanks to the US, and it does so in a grand, 5-day celebration. So, what takes place at the Liberation Festival, you ask? People come from all over the world to witness and participate in the “memory of crucial moments of history and strengthening of the current freedom”. But it’s so much more than that. Pilsen has collected and preserved hundreds of US trucks, tanks, half-tracks, uniforms, airplanes, music, clothing and other nostalgia. Local citizens dress in period clothing and a huge parade with US Army vehicles, replete with young men dressed as US soldiers rolls through the same streets as on May 6, 1945. There are loudspeakers playing period music and a fly-over of US aircraft. The light standards are bedecked with Czech and US flags throughout the whole town and everyone jockeys for the best viewing position. There are celebrations in several museums and gatherings for veterans and their families. Drinking and toasting abound in the bars and restaurants. There are smiles and pride, everywhere! In anticipation of the parade I brought 2 small US flags from home, hoping it might be OK to wave them. OK? You bet it was! While driving into Pilsen on the morning of the big parade, we spotted several WWII vehicles entering the roadway. I rolled down my window and waved my flags. The response from the young Czech fellows in period US uniforms was enthusiastic waving and horns honking. How cool was that! Check out the website www.liberationroute.com for information on this and other locations that honor and celebrate this historic year. Then get out your map and calendar and plan a trip!



GENERAL NEWS

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No Local RUAEA Chapter In Your Area



In the February issue of the newsletter, we had an article about retiree members living in states where there were no local chapters. RUAEA Directors and other board members are willing to provide support and assistance to retirees wishing to get together. Whether it be to start a local chapter or have a one time reunion, we have experience with both.

From the response to the article, we are happy to report that there is interest in starting new chapters. It is obvious that retirees from various states where there is no group currently formed, are looking to connect with other retirees. We want to hear from you and meet with you. Let's get together!

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Introducing the EWR-DCA shuttle



As United previously announced during the Media Day Event in October, United is launching a new hourly shuttle service between EWR-DCA (Reagan Washington National) that will offer customers 13 daily flights between the Beltway and the Big Apple – more than any other airline.

Most of the flights will be operated by United's first-of-its-kind two-cabin, 50-seat Bombardier CRJ-550 aircraft that offers first-class seating, Wi-Fi, amenities, more leg room and enough space for every customer to bring a roller bag on board.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Jan. 18 and service starts on March 29.

"Our customers who regularly travel between Washington, D.C., and New York – one of the busiest routes in the country – have told us they value convenient flights and a comfortable ride above all else," said United Express SVP Sarah Murphy. *"With our new shuttle service aboard the one-of-a-kind CRJ-550, United Airlines is the only carrier to deliver both."*

United is changing terminals at PHX



Check out United's new digs at PHX!

Starting February 4, United will operate out of the new Terminal 3 at PHX (Phoenix). This facility will offer United's customers and employees a modernized experience with updated architecture, more food and retail options, and later this year we also will open a brand-new United Club location.

Here are a few things you should know about the new terminal:

- ➔ Ticket counters will be located on Level 1 of Terminal 3.
- ➔ Cargo drop-offs (i.e. PetSafe, QuickPAK) location is unchanged.
- ➔ Employee parking will be on Levels 7-8 of the Terminal 3 garage.

- ➔ For crews on layover, the hotel shuttle bus pickup location will be in front of Door 6 on the baggage claim level. Note that the regular courtesy shuttle will be across from Door 9 on the baggage claim level if you prefer to use that instead.
- ➔ TSA Precheck security checkpoint will be located on Level 2 of Terminal 3.
- ➔ The Known Crewmember checkpoint will be located on Level 2 of Terminal 3. Use elevator 5 to go up to Level 2 – you will see signage right outside the elevator.
- ➔ United will primarily be using Gates E1/E3/E5/E7/E9/E10 in Terminal 3.
- ➔ A flight planning area will be available in the Ops office under Gate E5. Access from inside the terminal will require an escort (no change to current policy).
- ➔ The Inflight base is located on Floor 5 of Terminal 3. Take Elevator 5 to the fifth floor and go to room T35WT367T.
- ➔ Baggage claim will be located on Level 1 after you leave the secured area of the terminal.
- ➔ The new United Club location will be located between Gates E3 and E5.

Please note that the United Club location in Terminal 3 won't open until later in the year, but it'll be worth the wait! This brand-new club will feature a modern and beautiful design, a uniquely regionalized menu and a wellness room. At 5,400 square feet, it's much larger than United's club in Terminal 2 and it will offer 108 seats. Watch for more information – and photos – of the new club in the coming months.

If you happen to receive a customer complaint about the United Club closure, please direct them to our customer care team or to a supervisor for handling.

Visit the PHX airport website for more information about Terminal 3 modernization project and their helpful tips for travelers.

You also can find updated airport maps on the PHX website.

Get REAL (ID)



If you haven't already, now's the time to get "real" ... as in making sure your state-issued driver's license or identification card is compliant with the U.S. Federal Government's REAL ID Act.

Beginning October 1, 2020, TSA will require air travelers 18 and older to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state identification card or another acceptable form of ID at airport security checkpoints for travel within the United States. The REAL ID Act, which passed in 2005, set minimum security standards for license and ID card issuance and production as an added security precaution. Over the past 14 years, the law has been enforced in phases, giving states and ID holders ample time to comply, with commercial airline passenger enforcement being the final phase.

To help minimize disruption, the TSA launched a public awareness campaign, posting signs at airports nationwide to remind travelers of the upcoming deadline. United is also posting an alert on united.com and is informing its customers of the new requirement.

Check TSA's website to determine if your current identification meets REAL ID standards before traveling. A passport, passport card, or Global Entry or NEXUS membership card will still be acceptable forms of identifications for customers and employees who don't carry a compliant state-issued ID.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net, John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com and ruaeal@qwestoffice.net. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the

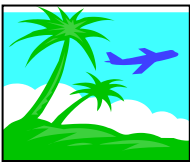
deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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Wow! What a meeting at McGuire's Irish Pub. Everyone was "Irish" on Monday, February 3. We will meet there again next month. Our President **Conrad Hamilton** was the first to arrive and greet.

Most attendees had the famous Bean Soup, at 18 cents a bowl. **Myrl & John Eisinger** reported that she was on her way to the Gift Store to get a new Shamrock necklace for St. Paddy's day.

Rita Toucher and **Bill Hayden** forgot the tickets for the 50/50, so our bank account is still solvent. **Jeanne Reinoehl** came without **Norm**, however, her news was a new great grandson. She will be absent next month visiting this new addition. Geez!

Chuck & Georgene Krewer were looking spry, along with **Bill & Ann Delavan**. Both Bill and Chuck have had life challenges, and are fighting back.

It's good to see **Michael & Carla Burke** with the group (we missed them). **Ray & Mai Owens** sat at the table that included **George & Desneige Atteberry**. Ray spent his youth tearing up the Gulf Coast, and mentioned that McGuire's was previously the Fire House Pub. They will not take any trips in the near future, due to the Corona Virus scare.

The biggest burger was ordered by **Ed Southworth**, to placate his not being able to participate in the 50/50 drawing. He took home a doggie bag.

Come join us at McGuire's on March 2 for a great menu, good drinks, and outstanding fellowship.

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There is no report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama chapter of RUAEA.

Our next meeting will be the second Monday in March at 11:30 at a Birmingham restaurant, and more information will be provided by **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711. Please join us if you are in the Birmingham area.

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



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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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Can you believe Spring begins March 20? This is a wonderful time of the year to be here in Arizona. We are so fortunate to be able to enjoy the weather here. This is the time most visitors like to be here, so, if you have any guests or know of someone here that may have worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, please invite them to join us at one of our monthly breakfasts or luncheon. They will be glad they came!

We met on January 9th for a luncheon hosted by **Dakota Morris-Terry** at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Tempe. We had 30 people in attendance; everyone enjoyed their food and all the conversations. We had a guest speaker invited by **Shirley Claggett**. His name was Gordon Falkofske. He is a retired captain for 3M Corporation out of Minnesota. He spoke about his life, being in the service, and working for 3M, where he got to travel all over the world and all his experiences throughout that time. Thanks Dakota for being an excellent hostess once again.

Our breakfast was held January 24th at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert with 22 people in attendance. We heard that **Ame Esan** was in a Rehabilitation Center in Mesa, but doing well, so we hope to see her once again at one of our meetings. Funeral service for **Linda Cooper-Koltz** was to be held in Illinois in February. She died October 1, 2019 in Arizona. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

A luncheon is being planned by **Jennifer Strohmaier** for March 11th at the Stone and Barrel Restaurant in the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. Our annual picnic is being planned at a different location on April 2. It will be at the Fountain of the Sun at Broadway and 80th. More information will be coming forth later.

Changes are being made at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Terminal 2. Beginning February 4, United Airlines will be operating out of the new Terminal 3 at PHX (Phoenix). This facility will offer United customers and employees a modernized experience with updated architecture, more food and retail options. Later this year, they will open a brand-new United Club location. Terminal 2 is to be demolished.

The March 11th Luncheon, hosted by **Jennifer Strohmaier** will have an early St. Patrick's Day theme. We will be ordering off a smaller luncheon menu, with a price range from \$10 to \$15. Separate checks will be provided. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 4th to **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** at (480) 287-2268, or by e-mail at jennifer.strohmaier@gmail.com. She needs to know how many will be attending. Look for more information also.

This month, we are highlighting one of our very active members, **Ron Paluch**:

I was born in Chicago, and grew up on the south side, and a Cubs fan all my life. I started playing softball in 1995, and have continued playing every year since, and have enjoyed it very much. Before playing softball, I was involved in hot air ballooning. I was part of an officiating team that traveled to cities in the United States for competitions. I also traveled to different countries for World competitions and was fortunate to fly with some of the pilots.

After getting out of the Air Force in 1964, I went back to Chicago and found out from a softball friend that United was hiring, as the ramp and mechanics had just came off a strike. I applied and got the job; had a couple weeks of classroom training and then out on the ramp for more training, driving tractors and loading planes. I was put out on the jungle ramp to begin my career. Being junior, I spent a lot of time in the belly pits, loading and unloading bags, mail, cargo, and animals, etc.

After 35 years working on the ramp, in 1972, when United went to Midway Airport, I put my bid in and got it. I lived on the south side, so it was nice not having to fight traffic going to O'Hare. I had a great highlight and a very sad low light while working at Midway. My low light was on December 8, 1972. I was waiting on my tractor for a flight from D. C., Flight 553, when my supervisor, **Wally Powers**, came running up to me and said the airplane had crashed in the neighborhood. We jumped in a van and headed to the crash scene. When we got there, the firemen were pulling people out of the airplane. The plane had crashed into several homes; a grandmother and her granddaughter had died in one of the houses the plane hit, but the other two homes had no one in them. The firemen were chopping a hole above the first class door to get the flight attendant out; they were pouring water on her to keep her from burning. They were successful and got her out alive. She had broken bones and burns, but she survived.

My supervisor, **Wally Powers**, asked me to go to the local hospital to check on the two flight attendants, who were in the back of the plane. When I arrived at the hospital, there must have been 20 reporters and camera men rushing to me. I told them I didn't know anything. A doctor standing to the side, called me over and asked who I was looking for. I told him the flight attendants, and he took me to this room. One flight attendant was smoking a cigarette and calm as could be. I asked them if they got hurt and they said no. One flight attendant told me she thought that they had landed, until the back door opened up and they saw a tree standing there. Eighteen of the 61 people aboard died; the flight crew didn't make it either. Very sad!

On a brighter note, in January of 1973, I got to go to the Super Bowl 7. They had a drawing of all the people who worked at Midway, and I was the lucky winner. I got positive space to LAX, hotel room for a couple of days, and two tickets to the game on the 40 yard line; not far from the field. Miami Dolphins beat the Washington Redskins 14 – 7. That was the year, Miami was and still is the only undefeated team in NFL history.

After about a little over a year, United pulled out of Midway. A friend of mine suggested we go to AF at O'Hare on midnight's and work cargo there. My friend lasted about 3 months, and went to days at the terminal. I stayed on graveyard for the next 13 years. The guys I worked with were great! We had a ball and had a lot of fun doing our job.

In 1986, after commuting to SEA for 5 years, I finally got my transfer there. I worked at AF on swing shift. Worked with a lot of great bunch of guys working there also.

In 2001, the tragedy of 911, United offered us a deal to retire. We were in contract talks and United said that if we wanted to retire while contracts talks were going on, we would get whatever the new contract gave us. So, Shirley and I decided to take up the offer and retire. I've been retired for 18 years now, it is the best decision we ever made. We were at United at the right time. It was a great company to work for. We saw the highs and lows, and to me, there were more highs than lows.

After retiring in 2002, Shirley and I went to Mesa, Arizona, to look around for a place to live as snowbirds, and ended up buying our present home. We both joined the Re-United's Chapter and also RUAEA that same year.

Shirley (Claggett) and I have been involved with RUAEA and for several years being Registrar and Treasurer of the Conventions.

A quote from Ron: "As we all get older, remember to cover as much ground as you can before it covers you."

We have the following Birthdays in March of our members or spouses: **Nancy Luby, Bill Eaton, Janet Vehring, John Smiley, and Olga Aguilar**. Happy Birthday to all of you! We don't have any March Anniversaries to report.

Calendar:

March 11 – St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Stone and Barrel Restaurant at the Oakwood Country Club, 25379 E. Robson Blvd., Sun Lakes. RSVP to the Strohmaiers at (480) 287-2268, or jennifer.strohmaier@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday, March 4th.

March 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know by March 25, if you will be attending at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

April 2 – Annual Picnic at a new location, Fountain of the Sun on Broadway and 80th. More info to follow.



TALL PINES

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There is no report this month from the Tall Pines chapter of RUAEA.

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2nd 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 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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The sun is shining and early warm weather is happening in the Northstate! We certainly need more rain! On January 22, a meeting was held at one of our favorite places, Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. President **Merritt Odor** greeted everyone and thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up the reservation at the restaurant. We had 19 members and spouses in attendance as well as 2 guests. Merritt welcomed our Northern California Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt** as well as her brother, **Jerry Ward**, visiting from Michigan.

Merritt asked if there were any anniversaries or birthdays. **Billie Jorgensen, Sharon Simonton, Merritt Odor** and **John Delaney** all celebrated birthdays in January.

Merritt spoke about the passing of **John Isbell**. Merritt worked closely with John over the years. He commented that John was a pleasure to know and he will be truly missed. John was a friend to all in our group. John was the Vice President of the group and Merritt opened up the discussion on who would like to take the role of Vice President. **Carl Franke** volunteered. **Sharon Simonton** made a motion to elect Carl as Vice President and **Bill Simonton** seconded it. All were in favor.

Merritt spoke about dues being due for 2020. The fee is \$10.00 per couple and \$5.00 for single member. Merritt introduced Sonda and she spoke about a couple of items on the RUAEA agenda. Because of hacking issues, the RUAEA Newsletter team is requesting nonspecific birthday or anniversary dates be put into the Newsletter. She spoke about the new CEO, Scott Kirby, who will be taking over for Oscar Munoz in May. Oscar will then become the Chairman of the Board of Directors for United. The next RUAEA convention will be held in San Diego, September 22 – 26, 2020. All are encouraged to come.

A discussion took place on where to hold our next meeting on Wednesday, March 25. It was decided to hold the meeting in the Redding area. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** volunteered to look for a restaurant in the area and will get back to Sharon to be announced.

Don Arndt won the 50/50 raffle and **Merritt Odor** won the Lunch Certificate. The Northstaters would like to reach out to any new retirees that are in the Northstate area to give us a call. We love to share our group with new members.

Calendar:

March 25 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM, the place (TBD). Come and Join Us!

CENTRAL COASTERS



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No meeting for our Chapter in January. Since I have had no new information from our members, I'm assuming their holidays went well. I did hear about traffic conditions between LAX and SFO that was a nightmare the Thursday after Christmas. There was quite a snow storm that closed down an important highway and diverted traffic to 101 both north and south bound.

We will be having our next meeting on February 12th, hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**. I'm sure I will have news from our members about their holiday celebrations.

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From **Tom Sabo** (the Master of Ceremonies for the Desert Sunbirds in Palm Springs) ~ The Desert Sunbirds met on January 8 for lunch and to celebrate our 30 year anniversary. 26 members and 2 guests enjoyed the luncheon hosted by **Tom Sabo**. For a bit of nostalgia, the 1990 Sunbirds Newsletter was read at the meeting.

Comment from **Chuck Lamas** (Desert Sunbirds Correspondent): We will see if there will be chapter reports in the future from the Desert Sunbirds. I just am not talented enough to write a column when we really don't have anything interesting happen. In addition, I really don't think there is a volunteer to take over this job, I will ask at our next Luncheon, and we'll see!

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Our February meeting was held on February 3rd at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Concord with 15 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers and **Joe Leather** handled the raffle. We missed **Tracey Blanchard** who was still in Hawaii, poor thing, and **Bobbie McPheeters** who was in Palm Springs. Our group continues to keep the local doctors and dentists in business. **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** was recuperating from cataract surgery. **Tom Johnson** was at a doctor's appointment, and **Cheryl Kincaid** was at the dentist. Cheryl, bless her heart, showed

up a few minutes late in spite of being numb. **Ken Price** was at the oral surgeon for a consult and his surgery is scheduled for February 11. Even though the procedure is involved, the doc told Ken “*This isn’t my first rodeo.*” How’s that for putting a patient at ease! **Tom Cunningham** is having knee replacement surgery on February 18. **Barbara Cunningham** thanked **Russ & Glenda Kennedy** for their act of kindness a few weeks ago. They delivered a **heavy** recumbent bicycle to Tom to help in his recovery, and lugged it up a flight of stairs to set it up. **Joe & Wilma Leather** celebrated their 63rd anniversary.

After lunch, we held our raffle. **Joe Leather** won the money. We had a nice selection of extra prizes for our raffle including wine and Valentine’s Day candy. **Cheryl Kincaid** passed around cookies and **Carol Parks** gave everyone turtle candies.

Rich Bouska shared a neat story with us. In 1995, he flew an empty DC-10 from SFO to MIA with just two mechanics on board. Their sole job, upon arrival, was to paint “49er Liner” on the aircraft. The next day, he flew the 49ers home after winning the Super Bowl.

Correction to last month’s information on Medihoney Wound & Burn Dressing #31515. Some websites call it a paste, some do not. Either one is the right product. The gel, however, is a different product.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association.) Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says “*the more the merrier*” (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I’d love to travel with again). There is more detailed info on the 2020 cruise elsewhere in the newsletter, but here are the salient facts: It’s a 14-day cruise on Holland America, departing June 29, 2020 from, and returning to, Vancouver. You will see the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord, Haines, Icy Strait Point, Inian Islands, Anchorage, Homer, Valdez, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, and Misty Fjords. For more information, please contact Rich Bouska direct at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us! Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. \

- ✓ Monday, March 2 at 11:00. — Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, 2050 Diamond Blvd. in Concord. We are trying a new place this month. This is an all-you-can-eat buffet and they offer a senior discount.
- ✓ Monday, April 6 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ✓ Monday, May 4 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all he can get.” If you have cards you’d like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.

GOLDEN GATERS

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Here we are in the Year of the Rat! Does that mean the mice don’t get to play? President **Vera Kina** tooted our January 27 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, especially remembering our military and friends who are no longer with us. As we start the New Year we wish to thank **Vera Kina** for her outstanding contribution of her time and efforts to keep us going in the right direction. After much nagging, pleading and cajoling, she was able to snag a replacement of our “temporary” Auditor, **Helen Goodwine**. Thanks Helen for stepping in – **Pete Cooper** has (graciously) accepted the position. Now does anyone want to

join the Board? Awww come on folks, easy jobs to be had ... and the salary and prestige is great! (Looks good on your resume too!)

Food for thought for the next few months:

- ➔ February 24 – Our annual Chinese catered luncheon - \$10 per member / \$15 per guest. Call **Gene Walter** to let him know you are coming and we get enough food, (650) 856-9738.
- ➔ March 23 – St. Patrick's Corned Beef /Cabbage (provided by the Board) – Members bring side dishes.
- ➔ April 27 – BYOBL and Bingo (huge money to be won – maybe)

Recording Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for November that was approved as read. Eagle eye **Jim Goodwine** thankfully did not find any errors so she gets to keep the job (lucky her!)

Treasurer **Art Barrett** reported that our bank account is healthy. He is accepting dues for the year (\$15 p/p) and will let Ginger know so that the roster can be updated. Art will be filing our tax information on-line shortly. Kudos to Art for the great work he does to keep us on the positive side of the Budget.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** has had a short hiatus from her job at the Voting Registration complex; she will be going “back to work” shortly as elections are coming up soon. She urges everyone to get out there and vote! December saw **Linda Barrett** celebrating lots of candles on her cake – no one (around here) was born in January. **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** are chalking up 72 years of marriage – Wow, congratulations to you both. While not a member for several years, **Jack Hersh** recently passed away; a man with many hats at UAL. 23 people came to the meeting today. Thanks Barbara for keeping track of everyone.

Auditors **John Bogdanoff**, **Peter Cooper** (welcome aboard,) and **Gene Walter** are working on the budget. They are collecting money for our Chinese Luncheon. Thanks to the 3 for sharpening those pencils to get a workable Budget. They do an outstanding job.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2020 proposed trips. We have added a day trip to Thunder Valley Casino March 14th for those of you who like to play Bingo, and help keep California green. Call or email Ginger for a flyer. We manage to have lots of fun so join us!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** reported that canned goods and new toys were happily received by Life Movers (our local charity) this past holiday season. Thanks to those of you who generously contributed to the cause. Special thanks to Harriet for storing and distributing those goodies.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** wondered if we could resurrect the local Golden Gaters newsletter, we will look into it. It is a good way to reach members who don't often come to meetings.

Raffle and Bingo Winners: The **Heinrichs, Coopers, Donovans, Barretts, Turner, Peters, Kunze, Underhill** and **Tonda** all ran to the bank to deposit their “windfalls! The bank swept up the piggy bank shards and encouraged them to win more money.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th 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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Secretary

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What a great way to bring in a new year – well, we're in 2020, after all! Our Vice President **Rudy Blazius** filled in for **Bill Dinette**. Rudy gave a big “Thank You” to **Bill Dinette** for handling the arrangements for our December luncheon. Rudy also extended our thanks to **John Muir** and **Thom Biro** for hosting our first luncheon for the year at Fernando's in Cameron Park. As expected, the food was great; all our 36 members sure seemed to be satisfied with their chosen meal(s). While it took a little time for everyone to be served, the wait was worth it. We didn't have any guests this month, but, **Bill Gibson** and **Angie Dellinger** both celebrate their birthdays in January – Happy Birthday to you both and to any other members who celebrate this month but were not able to join us. No one attending had an anniversary.

President ~ **Bill Dinette** was not “planning” to be here, but their appointment ended with enough time for he and Linda to join us, he was there but “invisible”.

Vice President ~ Rudy brought several items which are covered further down in the minutes. He also shared that **Ray Denny** passed away the week before Christmas and that **Bill Arnold** also has passed away. **Ken Silva** had a heart attack, now has 2 stents but doing much better. Listen all of you, take care!

Treasurer ~ In spite of being in the hospital recently (see Sunshine), our wonderful Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was still able to keep our account up to date. (Equally) wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought the news regarding our checking balance.

Tom sent along the news that just over half of our members have already paid their annual dues. If you haven't paid for this year (2020), please send your annual dues of \$10.00 (made out to Hangtown Miners) to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. Just think about it, for less than one dollar a month you receive all this information, pictures of great friends and suggestions for delicious meals at local restaurants! It's a "win-win" all the way around, plus, when you attend the December luncheon (which the chapter subsidizes) you get that money back! Don't delay, send your membership dues (\$10.00) today!

Hooray to all of you, 162 pounds of food were delivered to local families as well as so many adorable toys (and gift cards too) donated to locals. Tom also extended a "Thank You" to **Bill Dinette** and all who helped with the December luncheon.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** passed out printed sheets of the hosting schedule for 2020. It's always good to have a reference when you aren't sure which month you committed to! She also passed around a nice Christmas card from **Joe & Lynda Lima**.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that (hubby) **Tom** wound up in the hospital right at Christmas time. He is doing well now, but the scare of congenital heart failure and bronchitis was a "wake up" moment for them. Tom is back at work now, and following doctor's orders – Right, Tom?

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** brought the great binders she is keeping updated. You know, it takes quite a bit of time to do this job and the information in them is very special. At the next luncheon, take a moment to browse thru them – it's fun to see familiar faces – some still here, sadly, some not.

Old Business ~ Another reminder to send in your dues (see Treasurer for instructions and address)

New Business ~ El Dorado County has chosen to go to a "vote by mail only" system. Keep your eye open for your ballot to arrive in the mail. Also, ~ you can drop it off, get a new one, or vote at any Vote Center location in the county; you can also change party (re-register), register, and vote; Vote Centers have paper ballots and ballot marking touch screen devices; there are drop boxes placed throughout the county for you to deposit your Vote by Mail Ballot! Questions? Contact them at edcquestions@edcgov.us

It's that time of the years – again! Time to think about which charities you think will be the best choice(s) for us to donate to this year. We like to keep the selection in the El Dorado County area. For the past few years we have been giving a check to the Senior Legal Services (under the El Dorado County Services). This group will help any resident of El Dorado County with legal questions and help with things such as a trust. **Tom Kenny** strongly suggests that we continue with them. But, since our checking balance is pretty healthy, we can possibly donate to (maybe) three charities at \$225.00 to each or other monetary combinations. Some of the past suggestions have been: Snowline Hospice, Wounded Warriors, El Dorado Food Bank, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento, St Jude; as well as Shriners, New Mornings or local animal shelters. **Tom Biro** is looking into the local Boys and Girls clubs. If you have another suggestion, please come to the luncheon with some information about the charity, or if you won't be able to attend in February, send the info to one of our officers and they will be able to present it for you.

Contributions ~ **Bill Voetsch** shared a few tidbits from the very extensive trip he and **Mary** took at the end of last year. These folks drove their RV up to the Seattle area and across this beautiful country to Maine! Along the way they stopped to look in on old friends – some in the Indianapolis area. If you knew **Terry Dopler**, note that his wife, **Carol** passed away; as well as **Carl Jacobson**. **John Bell** and **John Katelin** are still in the area. It was quite a trip and much enjoyed.

Our next luncheon will be at the Breakroom in Silver Springs – hosted by **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**. Please note that we will be getting together on Tuesday, February 11.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close took off his "prez" hat and picked up his "raffle hat"! **Pati Kenney** won the donator's prize. A big "Thank You" to all who brought items for our raffle: **Biro** – Champagne; **Blazius** – snack plate set; **Gibson** – "socks" & pound cake mix; **Wolfram** – candy; **Kenney** – winter plates; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Martin** – Bamboo; **Heier** – wine; **Bell** – Valentine cups; **Barton/Kozelka** – wine; **Dellinger** – Coffee cups; **Akin** – plant.

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There is no report this month from the Redwood Empire Retirees chapter of RUAEA.



RESANS

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The sun came out this morning after several days of clouds and cool weather, we are not used to that in San Diego. Twenty one retirees turned out for breakfast.

The Birthdays this month are **Louis Semon** on the 2nd and **Paul Zadrozny** on the 15th. Does that mean he gets to celebrate Valentine's Day twice? Lots of chocolate?

Betty Tomaino is out cruising and we hope to hear all about it next month. **Louis Semon** plans to be out traveling but doesn't know where yet and he was given a lot of suggestions.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Ray Klimke** on February 1st. He worked For UA in EXO and SAN.

There is still much confusion about "Boarding Dates" for Retirees and those who took an early-out. I get confused myself and so I am repeating this from a former issue of RUAEA Newsletter. Your board date is based on completed years, months and days of company service. These are subtracted from the flight date. You can check this out in employeeRES= Quick Links= Employee Profile. This still confuses me but I am working on it. Nothing like repetition until it comes to us.

Resans is looking forward to planning a great convention for you in 2020 and we hope you make plans to join us in San Diego. The date is September 20th to the 26th. We will have more information in future issues.

Calendar:

March 5 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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SACRAMENTO



President **David Garland** welcomed everyone to our January luncheon at Casa Las Katarinas in Grass Valley. Dave thanked **Rose & Hank Wikstad** for hosting the luncheon. We had 35 members and 3 guests, **Jerry Ward**, brother of **Sonda Sandstedt** and **Dan & Marilyn Hacker**, friends of **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**.

VP **Terry Greenacre** announced that the Past Presidents luncheon will be at Mimi's, hosted by **Jim Simon**. March Luncheon will be hosted by **Jack & Marge Raynor** and **Judie King**. Please call **Terry Greenacre** if you are willing to host April 29, June 24, or August 26 luncheons.

Secretary **Laverne Haubl** reported 2 anniversaries for January: **Bob & Michiko Allen** (47 years) and **Fred & Lynne Zakaria** (39 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave financial report for January. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** sent 8 Christmas cards and a note to members who are ill, moved away or for some reason are not able to come to our meetings.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** will be taking pictures of Past Presidents so dress up for the pictures.

Rosters **Jack Raynor** is working on new rosters for March. Let him know if there are changes.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** said the 2020 RUAEA Convention will be in San Diego, September 22- 27 at Crowe Plaza hotel in Hotel Circle.

Next month. All United numbers were good. They will reduce flights to China. In May, we will have a new CEO, also a new flight from SFO to Dublin. United will also have 5000 seats to MIA from various cities.

Angie Dellinger was winner of birthday roll off. **Terry & Penny Greenacre** did the raffle for this month and thanked everyone who donated prizes.

President **Dave Garland** ended the meeting with a thought for the day: *"The reason we have 17,000 pages in our law books is because we cannot follow 10 lines on a tablet made of stone."* Ravi Zacharias



SAN JOAQUINERS

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There is no report this month from the San Joaquin chapter of RUAEA.

We do not meet in January but we will be meeting on February 13 at Latif's Restaurant in Turlock, 111 North Golden Boulevard. So if there is anyone who would like to join us, please call our president **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210 and he will answer all your questions and welcome you to our luncheon. Hope to see you there.

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Our weekly meeting's attendance has increased significantly as continued improvement by the IHOP staff to accommodate our group has been made. We never know just how many members will attend each week, which makes it a challenge for the staff to prepare sufficient tables for the changing numbers. However, they work to ensure that we can all sit together once everyone has arrived. The coffee is always available now, although we do consume quite a bit of it and refills of the carafes is top priority.

We were joined with guests this month with the sister of **Cheri Scales**, **Susan Raasch** from Oregon and with member **Bob Mattscheck**'s son, **Charlie Owen**, a recurring guest. It's always nice to have guests join our gatherings.

Jean Marcolina celebrated her birthday and **George & Evelyn Dye** celebrated their anniversary in January.

Our new president, **Chuck Clayborn**, has been working on possible field trips for the members, once the weather improves. It has been some time since we as a group have gone on such a trip and we all look forward to participating. Our first outing will be to the Rosicrucian Museum on Park avenue, San Jose, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

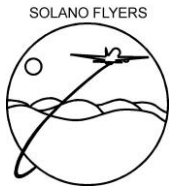
Cheri Scales along with her husband **Ben**, have been searching places to hold our spring luncheon. The ever-increasing rates have made this quite a challenge. That being the case, it is more important to have a place to accommodate a large group at a reasonable cost at a familiar venue, than change to venues for the sake of change, but have much fewer members in attendance. So our spring luncheon will be at the Fish Market in Santa Clara, scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 1100. Please contact **Cheri Scales** (408) 621-6955, by March 12th for more information

Yours truly, has been traveling the state on my quest to visit all the California Historical Landmarks. Along with my wife as driver, we have visited 550 of the 1115 sites thus far. This has taken us to remote areas we never would have visited and learned more about how the pioneers helped California become a state.

Our historian **Vern Snyder** continues to face medical issues, but has remained strong in his efforts to improve. We miss him and his lovely wife, **Maureen** and her wee Scottish accent.

We are happy to see that **Tony Urso** is now able to attend our meetings, as he has improved a great deal. Members look forward to his warm greetings and hand shake. It's been awhile since **Harry Willever** has attended and we were pleased to see him in February.

We meet every Friday beginning at 0800, at the IHOP restaurant, on the corner of Miller Ave. and Bollinger Rd. in San Jose, not far from highway 85. Everyone is invited to join us.



SOLANO FLYERS

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January 15th found the following Flyers in attendance at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville: **Fran Uhl, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad Gardner, Stewart McCale, Coustantino Poolos, Eugene Boyce, Allan Pochop, Paul Swhwafel, Diosnel & Luci Perez, and James Ellison.**

President Poolos called the meeting to order and the main topic was election of 2020 chapter officers. There was only one write-in candidate challenging the position for Chapter President, **Jim Chu**. Vice President Pochop, on review stated that "*Gym Shoe, could not challenge President Poolos' position as he was not a member.*"

2020-Chapter Officers: *President ~ Deno Poolos, VP ~ Al Pochop, Treasurer ~ Joanne Blizzard, Secretary ~ Allan Pochop, Sunshine ~ Dorothy Robinson, MAA ~ Allan Pochop.*

Joanne passed a Get-Well-Card around for members' signature for **Barbara Mitchell** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Varied communication within the Chapter, consensus is "*why let everyone know, what we know*". This results in limited reporting from the Flyers.

Winner of 50/50 drawing was won again by **Al Pochop**, many were wondering how he violates the law of probability?

Next month, we will collect annual dues of \$10 per person. To take the edge off that bite, the Chapter is going to purchase lunch at the City Sports Grill, aka Bowling Alley, 155 Browns Valley Rd. in Vacaville, February 19th, 11AM, (707) 455-7827.

March 18th meeting will be at Raul's Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St. Fairfield, (707) 423-1965.

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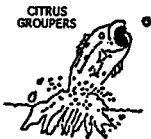
Gene Sibley opened our meeting with 16 in attendance. We were reminded to bring aluminum so we don't have to pay dues.

Jim Spate just got out of the hospital due to having the flu. **Virgil Gooselaw** had shoulder surgery.

Our 50/50 winners were **Ed Moore, Marv Berryman, Vee Hansen** and **Gene Sibley**.

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, March 7th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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THE CITRUS GROUPEERS

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rcapozzi@rocketmail.com.

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No minutes are available from the February 6 luncheon. Our next meeting is scheduled as below.

Calendar:

March 5 – 11:30 – Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



THE ORLANDO

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Our meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance after lunch. President **Ernie Vosges** thanked all for coming and then immediately called on Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** to give the financial report. Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** read a thank-you from Advent Health for our donation to Hospice of the Comforter.

February birthday wishes to **Bob Duszynski** and **Al Mollet**. Congrats Guys!

We had a couple questions and answers from the group regarding the new UAL Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan many of our members now have. Hopefully, it will all be ironed out soon. A second question went like this: Who in this room is the most senior retiree? Well, to be fair, both 1955 **Stan Halterman** and 1957 **Mack Chandler** are very senior, don't you think? Huge round of applause for unusual bravery in the line of duty, ah fire, HaHaHa!

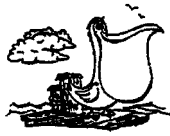
Our Annual April Picnic will take place on Tuesday, April 7th at Cypress Grove Park at 290 W. Holden Avenue. Let the planning begin! Hope many of you can make it.

We met **Al Fields** in the parking lot to load our Children's Home donations into his SUV – many thanks to Al & Lois for always making our delivery every year and thanks to all our members for their generous donations.

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Mark your calendar and join us – you'll be glad you did!

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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Our monthly meeting was held at KJ's Steak House. In attendance were **Dick & Phyllis Allen, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed Clarke, Joanne & Tom Halt, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Rick & Jane Marton, Stella McCaffrey, Jerry Pryde, Roger Schonewise, and Ralph Thinnies.**

We said goodbye to **Dick & Phyllis Allen**, who sold their Florida home and are moving back to Illinois. We were happy to see them, and wish them well in their full time Northern life.

Diane Roberts has left the group due to other activities filling up her time. She will definitely be missed.

Ed Clarke was the 50/50 winner for the second month in a row. **Ray Jensen** had 4 tickets called, but declined to use them. We said, with his luck, he should play the Lottery.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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The Sand Dollars' January luncheon was at the Stonewood Grill & Tavern in Sarasota. We were so glad to welcome back more of our snow-birds at this meeting. **Lee & Diane Hoffer** are back from their IL home, **Cindy & Skip Irwin** from OH - Cindy cannot always come to our luncheons as she works at the Orioles' gift shop in their season which sounds like fun; and our world travelers, **Bob & Lisa Young**, are back in Florida at least temporarily. We were glad that **Bill & Inge Phillips** brought their friend **Nancy Carter** to join us again.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** recognized those celebrating birthdays this month, with special congratulations to **Vince & Norma Malena** who will soon be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary. **Alice Parker** could not join us this month but hopefully she will next month. **Paul & Shelly Grossman** were absent as their son and daughter-in-law had just arrived from Japan on a 10-day visit. **Bob Adams** was ordered to stay home by 'Nurse Shirley' as he has just had toe surgery and doctor's orders are to keep his leg elevated above heart level for several days. **Alice D'Souza** is soon to be having surgery, and we wish her all the best results and a speedy return to her active lifestyle.

Ginger Hyde asked for a vote on where we would like to have our next luncheon, giving us several suggestions. We agreed on Speak's Clam Bar in Lakewood Ranch/Bradenton for the February lunch, and Season's 52 in the UTC Mall for March.

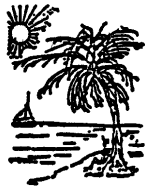
Bill & Inge Phillips have finally returned from their fabulous Viking Cruise of the West Coast. From Santiago Chile they stopped in La Serena and Iquique Chile, Arequipa, Pisco and Lima Peru, Quito Ecuador, Panama City, Puntarenas Costa Rica, Puerto Quetzal Guatemala, Cabo San Lucas Mexico, then San Diego CA and finally disembarking in L.A. En route they were given a wide selection of programs by well-qualified naturalists, a history professor, an Associated Press reporter, as well as a good variety of entertainment. What a wonderful experience for Bill & Inge - they need a long rest after all that!

Our world travelers have been concentrating on Europe this summer. After exploring Barcelona and Sitges in southern Spain, they took a long cruise around the Mediterranean. But, why stop there? They also explored further north in Europe, using Munich as their base from where they found they could get just about anywhere they wanted by using the super-efficient train systems. They enjoyed exploring Salzburg with all its history, and they were totally bowled over by Prague in the Czech Republic with its beautiful 12th and 13th century buildings. Bob & Lisa would probably still be over there except they have returned home for the imminent birth of a new grandson.

The attendance drawing was won by yours truly, **Judy Macklin**, and the 50/50 prizes were: 1st - **Michael Hyde**, 2nd - **Liz Mavis**, 3rd - **Lisa Young**.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May, and we welcome any new retirees or visiting retirees. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at ASDIP920@aol.com.

... I'm reading a book about gravity. I just can't put it down ...



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on February 3 at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Beverly informed us that one of our members, **Bill Linehan**, was in the hospital. He had a stroke and is improving. We wished him a speedy recovery. We will miss Bill and Jean.. Her hours at work have changed. We hope to see them back. We all take one day at a time.

In the mean time, **Noemi Guzman** will take over Jean's job as Treasurer and **Peggy Manuel** will help us out being the Sunshine person.

There are no birthdays or Anniversaries in February.

The Secretary report was read. We talked about the upcoming Spring Picnic on April 6th at Anderson Park. We also discussed out Medical, not too many members are happy with the new system.

Jon Wilkinson will be interviewed on TV for his softball league for folks over 75 called "Kids and Kubs".

We wished all A Happy Valentine's Day! The meeting was adjourned and we held our 50/50 raffle.

Calendar:

March 2 – IHOP, 10:30

April 6 – Picnic at Anderson Park, 11:00am

TREASURE COAST

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There is no report this month from the Treasure Coast chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

March - To Be Determined

April 7 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

GEORGIA

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DIXIE FLYERS

On February 5 at 2 PM, the Dixie Flyers met for a luncheon and a talk of what is going on at United Airlines. **Don Shelley** gave the blessing of the meal. **Fred Cron** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 14 in attendance, **Don Shelley**, **Gary Tuttle**, **Stan Cebula**, **Barney Knotts**, **Sandy Lis**, **Fran Broderson**, **Judy Elk**, **Fred Cron**, **Roy Cross**, **Tony & Cathy Carringer**, and their grandson who works on the ramp for Delta, and **Frank & Barbara Russy**.

The 50/50 of \$28.00 was won by **Barney Knotts** who donated \$14.00 to the Ladies in Distress.

Our sunshine lady, **Sybil Voss**, has relocated to an assisted living home. She will be greatly missed by all.

Having Parkinson's disease, I, **Ron Heider**, am no longer able to drive and have no way to get to these meetings. So **Fred Cron** gave me the information for the newsletter.

The next luncheon will be March 6, at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia, 535 Glyn St. S., (770) 716-2628.

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 3rd 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 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 and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

IDAHO



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There is no report this month from the Boise Gems chapter of RUAEA.

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March—Have you seen the daffodils and tulips? I did too, they had snow on them! What hardy little flowers, a lesson for all of us, stay strong; fight the elements and look pretty when you smile, fool everybody!

Don't let our arthritic 'petals' get us down. So, March! All the good Pisces people are born in March, and late February. Some of the funnier days are, Pig Day, If Pets had Thumbs Day, (I wish), Popcorn Lover's Day, Potato Chip Day, Ides of March (my favorite), Everything you do is Right day, Extraterrestrial Abduction Day, for you Slower folks, Crayon Day, Puppy Day, St Paddy and St Joseph's days, The best, Goof Off Day. I love the people who make these up, what a sense of humor. Of course, I fall right into their trap! C'mon, we all need a laugh; it's been a strange winter. Don't forget March 17th is Primary Election Day in Illinois. The field of 23 has shrunk quite a bit, might be easier to choose. Time to move all of your clocks and watches one hour ahead, on March 8; we lose that hour that we gained last fall. Hope you enjoyed it. One good thing, it's staying lighter longer! March is named for the Roman God of War, Mars! Too bad Julius Caesar didn't listen to the soothsayer who warned him, 'Beware the Ides of March'. The Ides were merely what the Romans called the days between the 13th and 15th of the month. Spring starts March 21, please, no snow and let's warm up. Enjoy your March, the flowers are blooming, we can get out without boots and heavy coats.

Our Northside breakfast had 13 retirees. One of our oft-traveled couples, **Darryll & Toni van Kampen**, went to Cedar Key off the Florida Coast. They are a cluster of islands off the mainland. There are only 700 residents living on the island, not much chance of getting lost there! They had a ball with their friends and the 700. After returning home for a while, they went on a cruise to the Caribbean. Keep moving while you can. **Jerry Tippewriter** took his family up to Lake Geneva, and enjoyed the Santa's Cruise on the Lake. Also in Geneva are the Ice Castles, hundreds and thousands of hand-placed icicles, featuring tunnels, slides, thrones, and fountains, opened until early March, weather permitting. Later, **Jerry & Pam**, and **Joe & Joan Teister** took a Caribbean cruise. Before she left, Joan fell taking out the garbage and bruised some ribs. That wasn't enough; she had to injure one of her teeth on the cruise, now she needs a bridge (over troubled water?) **Peggy Maromaty** took an exciting plane ride last month. She flew a round trip to Madison on the black Star Wars plane. The interior seats are all red and blue. No Captain Solo, no flight attendant Leia.

At the Southside breakfast, there were only nine people, some missing were sickies, and the rest, we have no idea where they were. **Tom Hurley** returned after a brief illness. It was good to see him again. There was no raffle since the raffle lady, **Gwen Brookins** was AWOL.

The ORDMM breakfast had about 20 people. **Paul Skrudland** brought his lovely wife, **Sharon**. Returning after an absence was **Jim Vitte** and **Richard Hansen**. Great to have them back. At all the meetings I go to, everybody is happy to be alive, sad to see old friends going to the great beyond. Their days are spent in therapy or at doctor's offices, but without those, they would have no social life. Glad you're still around, too!

IAM 1487 meeting was on a day of a snow event, so only 59 people came to our Chinese luncheon. Next month will be a Meet-n-Eat, the next IAM Newsletter will tell us what choice of food to bring. We will have lunch at Peggy Kinannes on March 10, and the Village Tavern on April 21, don't forget to sign up. Thank you again to all the members that brought fruit and sweets. I heard some of the missing mechanics and ramp guys were on the de-icing crew cleaning their car with glycol.

The RUPA group met at the Golf Club of Illinois, always a beautiful lunch, and it was a blue-sky day, great view of the golf course and 49 happy people. Our speaker was **Bill Thacker**, 777 Captain, ORDFO. His presentation, Coast to Coast in 48 Hours, had excerpts and references from the 1929 film of the same name. He took this trip with his wife, **Janis**, they had a fun excursion across the country in EAA's Ford tri-motor. She's also a pilot, as their son, Jake, and daughter, Jessica, now a pilot for SkyWest. He flies this plane across the Midwest in the summer for EAA taking people on rides. Some of the folks that enjoyed the afternoon were **Wes Lundsberg**, **Karol Marsh**, **Rick Siegfried**, **Dick Kane**, **Jan & Walt Fink**, **Bob & Carolyn Kelly**, **Bruce Carey**, **Howard & Marj Nelson**, **Russ Kuhlen**, **Carl Eberle**, **Jim Downing**, **Ole Sindberg**, **Steen Munter**, and of course, the **Thackers**. The March 10th meeting will be at Nick's in Crystal Lake, where we throw the peanuts on the floor, and talk to the nuts next to us ... LOL.

Last month I got a call from **Sally Welter**, (George's wife from ORDMM), she asked if I heard from **Ruth Opitz**, a longtime friend from EXO. I hadn't, so I put on my Dick Tracy watch and called a few people. I heard back from her sister, Helen, who gave me many details. In July, Ruth fell down, hitting her head, ending up in the hospital. After a while, they realized she shouldn't live alone, so they moved her to Cedar Lake Assisted Living/Memory Care, 777 Church Road, Lake Zurich, 60047. She's in Apt. 215, the number is (847) 550-0555, and Helen said Ruth would love to hear from all of her old friends. She always looked so put-together, and kind. I was shocked to hear that she is 97. Go Ruth!

Just a reminder that the Skyliners Spring Fling will be on Monday, March 16th, at The Belvedere, on Devon Avenue in Elk Grove. **Marlene Anderson** and **Ken Thiede**, the hosts, tell me the lunch choices include Corned Beef and Cabbage, Salmon, Lemon Chicken, and a Veggie Platter. Soup, salad, and dessert are included. The cost is only \$21, which includes the music and comedy of Vito Zatto. Hope to see you all there.

I also received a call from **Muriel Bergsma**. She had some problems with our new Aetna Medicare. I'm not going to bore you with all the details; but a couple more of our friends also had a few glitches. Bottom line is, check with your doctor and Aetna to see what kind of tests, MRI's, and procedures they cover, and how much. **Bob Kalicki's** doctor went with DuPage Medical, who doesn't accept it at all. So Bob has to pay the cost of the appointment up front, then send the bill to Aetna, they will send him the amount that is covered. I remember seeing in small print somewhere, if you're not satisfied, you have three months to change. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but you might want to check this and your medical coverage, could be worth it.

Our fellow employees that flew West last month are **Ed Hoffman** and **C. E. Gammill**, ORDFO, **Chuck Perrine**, EXOKT, **William 'Pat' Powers**, ORDCG, **Bernie Harrigan**, ORDGQ, **Ruth Cord**, wife of **Paul Cord**, ORDMM, **Teresa & Ben Scola**, ORDMM, **Robert Maszczak**, CHIUC, **Charles Eichacker**, EXOFH/MSPCS, husband of **JoAnn Eichacker**, MSPCS. Also gone from our world include, Robert Conrad, Orson Bean, Buck Henry, Kirk Douglas, Terry Jones (Monty Python), Jim Lehrer, Marj Dusay (Guiding Light), Monique van Vooren, Mary Higgins Clark, Fred Silverman, Edd Byrnes, David Glass (Walmart), Jack Burns, Bob Shane (Kingston Trio), Joe Vanderver (the Navajo code talker), NBA Legend Kobe & Gianna Bryant, John, Keri & Alyssa Altobelli, Christine Hauser, Sarah & Payton Chester, and Ara Zobayan.

The road to hell is paved with cute distractions.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**March 11**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**March 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**March 5**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza and Pub, 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake, (**March 10**), 11:00 Cocktails, 12:00 lunch

March 16 - Skyliner's Spring Lunch - The Belvedere, 1170 W. Devon Ave., Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch.

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 7th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. Members in attendance included **Hannelore Brabo**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty** and **Frank Ingegno**.

Business discussed:

- ✓ Outing to Beef and Boards Theater was canceled due to little or no member interest.
- ✓ **Myrtle Duty** suggested a day outing to the Wright Patterson Air force Museum near Dayton Ohio. This suggested outing will be discussed at the February and March chapter meetings with final vote taken to gauge interest. If enough interest, outing will be planned.
- ✓ There was no 50/50 drawing on account only 4 members were present.

I'd like to give a "Thank You" shout out to **Jan Soderstrom** of the "East Bay Diablos" chapter. In the January newsletter, she suggested the play "Come From Away" and that it was on national tour. I had wanted to see this play. After reading her post I checked and found it was playing locally in Indy in January 2020. I was able to get tickets and my wife and I attended the show! Fabulous musical that made you laugh and cry at almost the same time! I highly recommend it, especially for airline folks. Thanks again Jan!

The next RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th (weather permitting) at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meetings is:

- February 11, at Emmy's (weather permitting)
- March 11, at Emmy's

- April 7, at Emmy's
- May 12, at Emmy's
- June 9, at Emmy's
- July 7 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent. For more information please contact **Frank Ingegno**, figenius@sbcglobal.net.

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easter chapter of RUAEA.

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We had a wonderful luncheon at Lei Ting Restaurant in January, hosted by **Jeen Kobb** (**Marie Cook's** daughter). In attendance were **Patty Gates**, **Camille Wade**, **Gwen Dyc**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Sharon Jacob** and her daughter **Lisa Glomski** and **Marlene Heaney**. Jeen made delicious Dream Cakes for dessert. The recipe was one of **Marie Cook's** favorites that she made every year for Christmas.

Our February luncheon was cancelled.

Mark your calendars for our "United We Care" Bowling fundraiser. It will be held on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the Ford Lanes in Dearborn at 7pm. Details to follow closer to the date.

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Wow, I never thought I'd see the day when only eight (8!) Lites got together for lunch and visiting but it happened in January. Is attrition setting in? Maybe it's apathy? C'mon, guys, we want to have you there to find out what's going on in your lives so I can report it to all those thousands of colleagues out there in RUAEA-land just itching to know.

Everyone attending that day was disappointed but in good spirits overall. We did have a session about our sick list members (too many of those!). **Mike Cunningham**, **Lyle Gunderson**, **Marty Arnold** and **Mary Kilian** were names that came up. **JoAnn & Chuck Eichacker** were worried about, too.

Even with all the prayers and good thoughts, though, we lost **Chuck Eichacker** about two weeks later. Hopefully, there will be a memorial service in Minnesota in the spring as he and JoAnn lived many years in one of the St. Paul suburbs. Condolences can be sent to JoJo and the family at 10751 So. Ocean Blvd., B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957.

Breaking news! 36 hours after **Jim & Mary Brennan** landed in Kona for their annual winter getaway; their condo in MSP was broken into! Thieves came through the woods in back and broke in through the glass doors off the patio. No cash taken (it went with the Brennans) and nothing apparently stolen. Just the damaged doors to fix when they return. Neighbors and family took care of police and securing the place. Darn it, why don't they get a job?

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

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

NEVADA

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There is no report this month from the Las Vegas Silverliners chapter of RUAEA.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and 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 or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Happy New Year to everyone!

There were 11 members at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner. The meeting dates for 2020 are: February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September to be announced, October 12, November 9, and December 7. Our Christmas Luncheon will be Monday, December 7 at Tamarack Junction.

John found an interesting article about the early days of airmail. Before the vast array of navigation options available today, large concrete arrows were placed on the ground to direct the pilots on the flights across the country. Interestingly, there is still one in operation south of Reno in the hills near Virginia City. At night it is lighted and a curved arrow indicates 'TURN' to aircraft lining up for approach to RNO from the south bound to the north. John had pictures to show the arrows.

Kathy Robinson and a friend drove down to Arizona to visit her brother and celebrate her birthday.

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada sent a very nice thank you card to the group for their December donation of \$46.00.

January birthdays were celebrated by **Mary Withers**, **Duncan Scaife**, and **Kathy Robinson**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Linda Borchers**.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on Monday, February 10 at the Black Bear Diner. See you there!

2020 dues are now due. The cost remains the same - \$5.00/person. Please mail your checks to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr. Reno, NV 89502.

NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters' meeting opened with a flag salute by our president **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Ada Enfield** who has been hospitalized, we ask for a speedy recovery.

We sent good wishes to **Gerry & Diane Johnson** who are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary, we wish you many more years of wedded bliss.

Frank Kokaska brought us up to date at EWR, with a new Polaris Club opening. Starting March 29, on-the-hour shuttle flights will commence to DCA Reagan Airport. Does anyone remember what the old airline was like?

Vince Ferry won the 50/50, our next meeting will be February 26 at 12PM at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

***** From the great Prophet Leroy ~ "A person who is all wrapped up in himself generally makes a pretty small package."

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

On December 4, 2019, 18 Chippers met at the Protocol Restaurant in Williamsville for our Christmas Lunch. Food was great as was the company.

We had one special guest, **Jill Sebastian**, United's General Manager. We have been looking forward to her visit for some time, but the Airport Authority schedules their weekly meeting/lunch on Wednesdays which is our choice of days, and business comes first. Jill, a local girl, was working in JFK as a secretary when the opening in Buffalo occurred a bit over 30 years ago. I will never forget the day an inquiry came in from JFK about an interview and was followed up with, as I remember, a daily inquiry from JFK asking if the job was still open. Interview day arrived and this beautiful young lady walked in and said, "Hi, I'm Jill your new Secretary!" After a short conversation, I said, the job is yours. Thinking all the time if I said no, **Jack Genader** and gang would probably take a contract out on me. Just kidding Jack, wherever you are.

Since Buffalo is now a contract station and Jill had worked with everyone at the luncheon, this visit is more of a reunion than a retirees meeting. A good time was had by all and everyone is proud of Jill and her accomplishments.

The next meeting will be in March, time and place to be determined.

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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This was our first luncheon of 2020, with only twenty in attendance. I can only think of one snowbird who is still south, **Frank Ferrara**. His nephew, Adam, the comedian, just had a birthday. Uncle Frank missed the party!

The **Manfredos** spent two weeks in St. Thomas, with a side trip to St. John's. They did some snorkeling and boating and had a great time. **Jim Richardson** and wife spent two weeks in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada. Their room number was 11 and another place was 11111, so they played #11 and won \$180. **Nick Manfredo**, the lucky lottery player, talked me into playing the new scratch-offs, as if I needed to be persuaded. I'll let you know how I did.

50/50 were won by **John Greene** (\$20) and **Margaret Hansen** (both \$10 and \$5). Lucky! No real snow this whole winter so far. It's crazy!

I couldn't dig up any more news, so that's it until March 4th at Davenport Press.

NORTHWOODS

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There is no report this month from the Northwood Loonies chapter of RUAEA.

OHIO

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As usual, we did not have a meeting in January. We use this time to summarize the prior year, and this gives our Secretary, **Judy McKnight**, a break. Our 2020 Newsletter was received by all members in the beginning of December. It contains a list of events from February thru our Annual Picnic in August. It also includes a separate sheet for each month with details of the luncheon/meeting. The average cost of our 2019 luncheons was \$17.50 to members. That's pretty reasonable considering that it includes everything, and the restaurants or party centers are nice places with wonderful service and great food. Actually, if we were not a tax-exempt organization, we would be adding 8% sales tax. Of course, in reference to members cost, occasionally there are "Special" exceptions. In 2019 we gathered at Carrie Cerino's (a special place) and we provided special entertainment by Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin (impersonators). Oh! They are good! Everyone really enjoyed it. If you don't believe it, go to our website, click of the past meetings tab, and go to July 2019 to watch some of the show. The extra cost was picked up by the chapter. And in 2020 we will be cruising along the Lake Erie shore on the Nautica Queen, and it won't cost what it did at our convention.

In 2019 we increased our membership with 12 new members, bringing our total 2019 membership to 227. We are sad to say that 5 members had passed away in 2019. The average age of members continues to increase, and so does the number of illnesses which is now hitting us pretty hard.

We Ohio Buckeyes work as a "Team". We have volunteers for: Hosting a luncheon (2019) included: **Gene & Jacki Craig, Sharon Gatesman, Tom & Marty Hassel, John & Carrie Kercel, George & Nancy**

Oncu, Jeff & Judy Spooner, John & Dolly Taucher, Barb Vauls, and Frank & Barb Wachs; 50/50 drawing - Bernie Garrah; email communication - John Taucher; "Callers" to notify those without email - Nancy Carter, Carrie Kerchel, Tom Hassel, Mary Lou Mack, and Judy Spooner, photographer - Lois Walter, and website - John & Dolly Taucher. I want to also thank our 2020 Officers (carried over of 2019): *Vice President - **Judy Spooner** (new as of September 2019), *Secretary - **Judy McKnight**, and last but definitely not least *Treasurer - **Bernard Garrah** for the "Great Job" that they do. We do make it a point to promote membership in RUAEA, knowing they keep retirees Up-To-Date on news about United (that they verified before publishing).

If you are a United, Continental, or Capital Airlines retiree interested in joining our chapter, you may contact us through our NEW email at ualohbuckeyes@gmail.com. *Note - Membership dues are still only \$5.00 per person,

"The Ohio Buckeyes wish everyone a Healthy & Happy New Year"

Calendar:

March 4 - Brown Derby Roadhouse, hosted by **Judy & Jeff Spooner**

April 1 - Mahle's restaurant, hosted by **Gene & Jackie Craig**

May 6 - Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Don & Kathy Elster**

June 3 - Old Oak Bible Church / Helms Hall, hosted by **Jeff & Judy Spooner**

July 1 - Nautica Queen luncheon cruise, hosted by **George & Nancy Oncu**

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S



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We had 52 join us for our January luncheon. It was fun seeing everyone after the holidays and sharing some wonderful stories. As usual, there was lots of talking and laughter, followed by some great food and more conversation. We were excited to have **Dick & Bonnie Miller** rejoin our group after moving back to the area. We welcomed them as "new-old" members

Once again, we have some sad news to report: **Tom Walker**, having battled with Multiple Myeloma for several years, and suffering from some recent falls, is at home with hospice. Although very weak, his spirits are good. **Nancy Hooper** is now residing in the Memory Care Unit at Glenwood Place Senior Living in Vancouver, WA. **Joe Barns** was in the hospital due to a cardiac event, no other details are known at this time. **Jack Stark's** 63-year-old daughter recently passed away following respiratory failure.

As usual we followed the "bad news" with some "good news: **Tom & Karen Gillis** sent a note stating they missed us and sent good wishes to the group. We also received a nice note from **Russell Stinnett** stating that all is well and that he is exploring transportation options to get him to the meetings, since he no longer drives. **Jerri & Len Blodgett** have a grandchild on the way.

A showing of hands showed that a few members took part of the lifetime Red Carpet Club membership offered back in the 70's. Many others wished that they had!

Following the meeting we learned that **Susie Clack** is now back at home after a stint in rehab after a broken hip. We will look forward to seeing her back at our meetings soon.

Anniversaries ~ **Bruce & Carol DeFord.**

Birthdays ~ **Pat Ogden, Bob Pfeifer, Cliff Blare.**

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Glen Swanson**, Men's Birthday - **Cliff Blare**, Women's Birthday - **Pat Ogden**, 50/50 - **Karen Pfeifer.**

Calendar:

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

February 12 - Guest speaker from Alzheimer's Association!

March 11 - Social

April 8 - Social

OUR CLUB

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There is no report this month from the OUR Club chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from The Independents chapter of RUAEA.
See you in March 2020.

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The PIT Christmas luncheon was held on December 17th at J.W. Halls; the group held a meeting to discuss future plans and decided to have four get-togethers this year. The following officers were elected for 2020, **Dave Beatty** - President, **Olga Karmazyn** - Treasurer, **Dianne Weber** - Asst. Treasurer, **Julie McConaghy** - Secretary, **Treatie Karwoski** and **Mary Jane Stewart** - Board Members.

The Christmas party was a great success, **Bob Wagner** won the 50/50 and door prizes were won by **Liz Reidel**, **Olga Karmazyn**, **Joan Ference**, **Al Ruschell**, **Julie McConaghy**, **Treatie Karwoski**, and **Paul Musko**. We were all happy to see a surprise guest, **Bob Gause**. **Russ Miller** was accompanied by his daughter **Trudy** and husband **Joe Friend**. **Mary Jane Stewart**'s son Brian flew in for the luncheon and to help her celebrate her birthday. A good time was had by all.

We have been informed of the passing of **Eleanor Seibel**, an active member of the Pittsburgh Interline Club. We also lost **Peggy Frank** who started with Capital Airlines as **Ed Svat**'s secretary in PIT, then transferred to Washington D.C., she played a major part in making the Capital Airlines picnics a success and gave a special welcome to all Pittsburgh attendees. We also lost **Glenn Hamaker**, PITOO, on February 1st. Glenn had more than 30 years with United, he is survived by two daughters.

Bill & Johnna Chicots welcomed their second granddaughter on January 9th; Maisy Fae Chicots came in to this world at 8:16AM on this date which ironically is her late great grandmother's birthday, she spent her first four days in UPMC Children's Hospital due to some minor complications, she is now home and doing fine. Bill is still recovering from an accident he had at the end of October after a fall at the fire station receiving 14 stitches and a moderate concussion.

February Birthdays ~ **Kay Yauch**, **Ted Polinski**, and **Jack Tinney**.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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UTAH

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There is no report this month from the Salt Lake Retirees chapter of RUAEA.

WASHINGTON

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After anticipating our chapter reunion at the January meeting, having not met since November, it was disappointing to have only 24 members and guests join us for lunch on January 14. Though it was bright and sunny when the meeting was over, the icy, sleeting weather won this round, holding many folks hostage and snug at home. Registration for February is down, but there is hope that attendance will pick up by the 11th, when we once again meet to enjoy lunch at Angelo's in Burien.

Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the January meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which reminded him of his experiences as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division when he was on active duty with the Army. Quoting **John Haferbecker's** meeting report on Ken's story, "*Whenever military personnel were driving a vehicle on post in view of the flag, and it came time for the American Flag to be displayed in the morning or retired for the day in late afternoon, all personnel were required to stop their vehicles, stand alongside them and salute until the flag ceremony was finished. All personnel walking on the base at these times also were required to stop and salute. Failure to abide by these requirements could result in a penalty issued by the Military Police.*"

To celebrate his 85th birthday, **Ken & Judy Storey** enjoyed a trip to Europe. Ken reported the results of information he had researched on 1934, the year of his birth, and wanted everyone to know that other famous people born that year were Brigitte Bardot and Sophia Loren. Very good wine also was introduced that year, particularly in Germany, where there were optimum growing conditions.

The Emerald City Slickers are notorious for telling some serious, some funny, and some outrageous stories during meetings and Ken's next contribution was a tale concerning Captain **Clay Lacy**, a retired United pilot now involved in various business interests, who once competed in an air race. His plane of choice was the DC-7, flying in competition with smaller, faster, fighter planes. Lacy won – because his big, lumbering airplane didn't have to stop for fuel.

An inveterate story-teller, **Lloyd Towne** was invited to share another of his jokes, a meeting ritual.

Besides the frivolity, there were serious issues discussed. With the change in Aetna's health insurance plan, there were a lot of questions. **Gay Liesse** told of her satisfying experience when she called Aetna to be sure December 31, 2019 appointments were adequately addressed. The Aetna rep had been well-trained and was well-equipped to deal with United retirees and their inevitable barrage of questions.

Next up? A flurry of questions about changes to SilverScript/CVS/Caremark, especially now that we have a few local CVS stores nearby. It took years for them to reach the Pacific Northwest. It was noted that even in CVS pharmacies, prices were likely to prove higher than those for SilverScript mailed prescriptions. A few chapter members had done some serious research and offered recommendations..

Heather Hamilton and **Jay Holland** were welcomed to the group and urged to join us on a regular basis.

Roger Lasco, a long-time member who had been MIA for some time, made an interesting table companion and later regaled us with an explanation of his long-but-checkered career with United, starting in the Seattle Flight Kitchen in 1967 before transferring to Customer Service here. What a change it must have been for Roger, a Seattle boy, when he transferred to Merced, California for 10 years, helping to close that station, moving on to Reno for 2 years – then to Chicago. Roger's experiences at the small station in Merced, where "everybody did everything" with minimal equipment and personnel provide a lot of story material. When he returned to SEACS he served as a supervisor for 15 years, plus an extra year as supervisor in ramp service. Roger retired in 2001 with 34 years of service.

After many moons of red wine on the door prize table, **Ken Storey** reported that there had been a request for white wine to enhance a winner's choices. In addition to those whose ticket numbers were drawn to select a door prize, **Phil Andersen** was chosen for a refund of his lunch money, and **Jim Small** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. Condolences to Jim, who had recently returned from his brother's funeral in Maine.

Remember: On St. Patrick's Day, Everyone is Irish. Here's to the "Wearin' o' the Green!"

Calendar:

March 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

April 14 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo

May 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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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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Our January luncheon was cancelled due to snow. Here in Herndon, we only received an inch or two but I was told that they got more in Manassas, which is where we hold our luncheons. I have included a picture of our local Clipped Wings luncheon (which is always the 2nd Saturday of the month) since it is basically a crossover group (Retired UAL and Continental flight attendants) and because it was hosted at Glory Days Grille. Glory Days is a big supporter of both the Loungers and Clipped Wings. Hicham Younes, a managing partner, took great care of

us, as usual. He gave us free appetizers and door prizes. We had a great time and plan to make this a regular event.

Beginning on March 29, UAL will begin hourly shuttle between Newark and DCA National Airport. There will be 13 flights daily on the 50-seat bombardier CRJ-550 aircraft. This plane has two cabins. First class seating is offered along with WiFi and extra leg room. Tickets for this service became available on January 18, 2020.

Kerrie Schneider reported that her recent visit to the Ophthalmologist was paid for in full by her new Aetna Medical Advantage Plan. She did have to pay for her glasses but discounts are available through Lenscrafters, AARP and AAA. After reviewing all three options, she found AAA to be the best. **Michael O'Meara** reminded us that when a special procedure is needed (CT Scan, MRI, etc.) the hospital can arrange the preauthorization through EVICORE at 1-888-693-3211. You should check with the hospital in advance to make sure this information has been forwarded to Aetna.

Our annual dues became due in January. Since there was no January luncheon, our treasurer, **Judy Dunlap**, will have her hands full at our next luncheon on February 12th. You are too late to come to that one, but please consider our next luncheon which will be the 2nd Wednesday in March. The starting time is 11:30 at the Golden Corral at 10801 Bulloch Road in Manassas, Virginia. We hope to see you there.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Living in the Midwest brings challenges during the winter months. So, to avoid those challenges, some of us are able to find warmer, milder weather ... which is what my husband and I did in January. We were in Naples, FL where I was able to drop in, for just a couple of minutes, on the RSW Chapter meeting and luncheon. I wish I had more time to meet everyone and visit. Many of our Clipped Wingers are finding warmer weather during winter months. However, those in the milder climates are enjoying "field trips" to museums

about guitars, gardens and wonderful restaurants. Our BWI Chapter has been helping out at their local Ronald McDonald House. The BWI Chapter members go in each month to make snack bags for families to take with them to near by Medical Centers as they spend for long hours with their loved ones.

Our Chapters are always busy helping their charities with various donations that bring smiles to the recipients because of the generosity of our Clipped Wing Members.

March is the month for St. Patrick and some of us celebrate the Irish Day more than others, “some leave the celebrating up to the amateurs”.

March is also the month that is spent planning the “Layover in the Desert”. Some of our members miss the idea of having a layover ... just to get away for a few days, so they have been going to the Desert for their fun in the sun in April. It sounds like a lot of fun. I will have to join them some year.

Our PDX Chapter members are buttoning up last minute details to their Convention in September. It looks like there will be a lot of great fun to be had by all.

Just a quick trivia note ... If you were watching the Super Bowl Game and loved watching the commercials as many of us do. Did you see the Jeep Commercial with Bill Murray and the Ground Hog? Well, some of that commercial was filmed just outside of Chicago in the towns of Woodstock, IL (from the original movie, Ground Hog Day) and at the Richardson Farm in Spring Grove, IL; my home town.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We are a fun group!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wishing you all blue skies!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **January 2020**:

Miller, Deborah, WHQWH, 1532 Colorado Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

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- Retiree – **Scola, Bernard D.**, on 1/22/2020, ORDMM, husband of Patricia (nee **Chappell**) and Teresa (nee **Kolkana**), both deceased, 315 W. Haven, Arlington Hts., IL 60005

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.)

Roni Adams, 2012 North 24th St., Boise, ID 83702

I still look forward to receiving the RUAEA Newsletter, and the December 2019 issue's article under the Historical Foundation brought me so many pleasant memories.

I was sent to that CYS Base in 1951 for my stewardess training. Our dormitory was in one of the hangers, and we had a house mother, "Mom Thompson". Reminded me of my college days! Our classes were held in one of the hangers on base, and we trained in a mock-up of the DC4. Our graduation was held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver. I got based in SLC and was stewardess on the DC6 to ORD, DEN and SEA; and on the DC4 to SFO and the Convair to BOI. At that time we had to remain single to fly as stewardesses, so I transferred to SLC Flight Reservations when I got married.

Maxine Dixon, 14691 Grandview Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Here is my renewal and thanks for all of the good information.

I especially enjoy the column written about the ORD group. Jan is so funny, I really enjoy reading it.

Barbara Harrigan, 10606 Oak Park Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

My husband, **Bernie Harrigan** passed away on October 26, 2019. He worked for United for 48 years and loved his job as a lead mechanic on ground equipment.

Seeing airplanes everyday was exciting for him and he never tired watching them take off and land.

Bernie was very proud of our sons when they expressed a desire to fly. Son, Bernie, Jr. is a captain for Delta, and Kevin is a captain for United. Our grandson, Jonathan flies for Boeing and grandson, Duane is in the Air Force Reserve, flying KC 135's, while Sean flies for a charter company. Soon to join the flyers are grandsons Kolin who is getting his ratings and Ryan who is studying aviation at Ohio State.

Our granddaughter, Jennifer recounted 10 memories of Grandpa Bernie and number 8 on her list said, "Life gets busy with a million competing priorities, but remember to slow down, stop and smell the roses or in Grandpa's case, stop, look up at every aircraft passing overhead."

Irene Nightingale Nettler, 8 Park Avenue, Apt. 1, Montpelier, VT 05602

Thank you for all the interesting information you provide in our newsletter.

I am so proud to tell people I worked for 34 years and 4 months at UAL. I feel honored to receive my "prepaid pension" and all the other perks I received while I was employed.

Is there any chance of having a convention at Boston?

Response from the Newsletter staff: This is an issue that comes up frequently. It would be great to have a convention in Boston. Our Site Selection Committee has investigated it in the past. They have been unable to find a hotel able to provide the amenities we need, for example, hospitality room, banquet room etc. at a room price our members can afford to pay. If you can recommend a location, please contact our Site Selection Committee Head, **Dave Garland** at (650) 776-7824 or dave_garland@yahoo.com. He will be happy to look into the possibility.

John Soja, 125 Lee Rd., Moultonborough, NH 03254

Enclosed is my membership fee 2020 with a little extra to help out. I enjoy my monthly reading, particularly articles about some of my old workmates. When did they get so old?

Notes

Terri Crowell

I am living with my 95 year old mother on Orcas Island, WA since my husband died 3 years ago.

Thanks to the RUAEA newsletters, I have been able to keep up with the changes in travel and to be able to take trips with Mom several times the last couple of years.

Chris Czaplewski

I am thankful that I spent 28 years with the old United, and for all the wonderful people that I met and worked with.

I am thankful for all the travel we were able to do.

Now, I am thankful to be retired for 23 years; although I have no UAL pension for those 28 years

Travis Glass

I am honored to be a member of the United Retirees group both nationally and especially in the Sweet Home Alabama Group.

I began my career with Capital Airlines in 1956 and worked 43 years. I worked with many good people in BHM, ATL, and JAX. I am pleased to submit my dues for 2020, plus a small donation to the postage fund.

Lloyd Johnson

I am doing cribbage tournaments on Saturdays, Mile High Peggers, and Harmonicas at Mile High Harmonica Club.

Debra Miller

It is great to keep up with the new and exciting news of United Airlines. It is also good to make new, wonderful and life time friends. The opportunity for travel and having fun is a plus.

James Sommerfield

Thanks to RUAEA's board members and all of its membership, for enabling us retirees to continue our friendship and love for one another.

There is another great convention coming up this year in San Diego.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our fellow retirees, enjoying their friendship, and camaraderie and having a great time on the tours and the banquet.

Karl Thomas

I had forced retirement in 2010. I am currently working at the University of Utah in the Facilities Department.

Jay Weimer

I have been retired for 17 years and loving it. It is the best job I have ever had. I am going on a cruise to the Islands in February.

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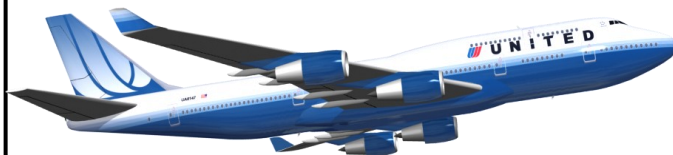
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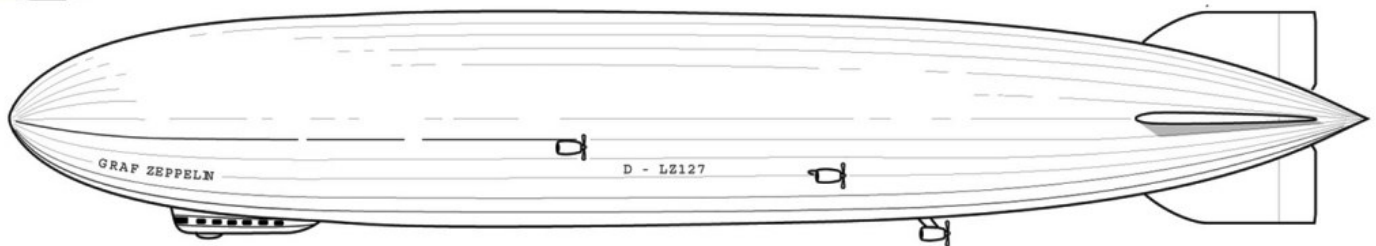
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1926 - 28 Days - Pilots: Evans & Wells

1928 - 23 Days - Fairchild FC-2W - Pilots: Mears & Collyer

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By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired.

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