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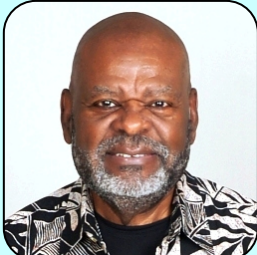


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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I received an email from Michelle Pritchett (UAL Senior Analyst – Employee Travel, Policy & Procedure) to remind us that the deadline to make Enrolled Friend changes for the July 1 – December 31 travel is Tuesday, June 28 at 11:59PM CT. Then on June 29 at 12:01AM CT, the election tool re-opens for the January 1 – June 30 2023 period. So essentially, the election tool is always open to make updates the next travel period any time before next the election window closes. As usual, once the enrollment period closes, exception request will not be accepted. To get started, go to the Dependent Management System and select the “Manage Election” link in the Action column to get started.

I also want to share with you the following article; it is the essence of what retiree groups are all about. Whether you retired from UAL or CAL, which is important to us but not as important as our friendship with our former colleagues. Please consider attending this year’s Convention and you can ask almost anyone there “Do you remember?” and the answer will be “Of course”. So please join me and all our retiree groups and say “Do you remember when ...”

*When I was young, I noticed that every Friday at about 2PM, my grandfather would leave the house, drive somewhere, and come back after three hours. This happened regularly like clockwork for several years.*

*My curiosity was aroused so much so that I asked my grandmother, “Grandma, where does Grandpa go every Friday afternoon?”*

*To which my grandmother replied, “A place called Country Bake Shop. He spends time with his friends drinking coffee and having pastries.”*

*This type of routine is very common among the elderly. A group of old friends would meet in some cafe, have coffee, and reminisce about the good old days. They would make sure they didn’t miss any session. After all, it is only to these people they are able to say, “Do you remember?” because these people were there when they lived those moments.*

*And then the number starts to dwindle. From a group of eight, the number goes down to five, and then to three; until finally, one finds himself alone. His friends leave him and he must now travel on alone. Even to the friendliest people he meets on the way, he will never be able to say, “Do you remember?” They were not there.*

*To the elderly, this is one of the most crippling experiences, “desolation”. The feeling of being left behind by old friends who have been with you and shared with you all those crazy and happy moments. He is devastated by the awareness that the few years he has left will no longer allow him to expand that circle of friends once again.*

*Desolation, one good reason for the young to prepare themselves psychologically for old age; one good reason for them to treat the elderly with respect and compassion.*

*“One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months, and years will pass until our contacts become rare. One day, our children will see our photos and ask, ‘Who are these people?’ And we will smile with invisible tears and say, ‘It was with them that I had the best days of my life.’” ~ Anonymous*

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

**Letter from the Vice President - Conventions**  
**Updates on RUAEA Convention 2022, San Diego, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**



Hi folks,

By now, you have all received the 2022 RUAEA San Diego Convention Package in the June 2022 Newsletter; if not, it is available on [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) for you to download.

If you are planning on attending, here are a couple of reminders: Book the Hotel ASAP, we have contracted for a certain number of room nights. If we need to increase that number, we need to know that early on. Secondly, please register as early as you can for the Convention; mainly because of the tours. Again, we have contracted for tour transportation with a certain size bus. If we need more buses and/or a van, we need to know soon. As you know, the gas prices and the shortage of staff can be a problem if we make any changes; doing so early on will make it less of a problem.

I recently saw a sign in a Medical Clinic, “*The whole world is short staffed, please be nice to available staff*”. This is something we will be contending with for some time to come. Also, remember if you need a handicap room please ask for that when you register for the Hotel. If you wish to request an upgrade, again request that upon your Hotel Registration.

In addition, you can request a room close to the Convention activities area. Remember to make these requests if needed early on; as the facility fills up, you might not get what you want. Those of us on the Convention Committee have little to do with hotel registrations, however please contact me if you need help.

Friday night at the convention is *Fiesta Night*, so consider wearing clothing that goes with the theme. There will be a photo ops area with Sombreros for memories. There will be fun for all, I hope to see you there.

**Hank Gosselin**  
**RUAEA VP - Conventions**

**United Expands World’s Largest Flight Training Center**  
**to Prepare for Pilot Hiring Surge**  
**June 1, 2022**



United Airlines today announced it is expanding its Flight Training Center, already the largest facility of its kind in the world, as the airline seeks to hire an additional 10,000 pilots by 2030. The airline will add a new four-story building on the 23-acre campus in Denver’s Central Park neighborhood that will house 12 additional advanced flight simulators, training classrooms, conference rooms and offices.

Marc Champion, Managing Director of the Flight Training Center, was joined today by Toby Enqvist, United’s Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, Matt Miller, United’s Vice President of Airport Operations in Denver, Denver’s Mayor Michael Hancock, and Phillip Washington, CEO of Denver International Airport, at a groundbreaking event to kick-off the expansion project that is expected to be completed before the end of 2023.

United has embarked on an aggressive plan to recruit and train thousands of pilots in the next decade and remains an attractive option for aviators because the airline has one of the largest global networks in the world and flies more widebody aircraft than any other North American carrier.

“*The expansion of this world-class facility gives United even more resources to recruit and train the next generation of aviators,*” said Marc Champion, Managing Director of the Flight Training Center. “*Our pilots are the best in the industry and flying remains one of the best, union careers in the world – great pay and benefits and the chance to captain the biggest planes to the most places around the world.*”

United’s campus – seven buildings, across 550,000 square feet of training space – is the sole training facility for the airline’s 12,000 active pilots and all newly hired pilots. Every nine months pilots must visit the training center to remain up-to-date on certifications. At any one time, there may be up to 600 pilots training at the facility.

United’s Flight Training Center campus currently has 39 full-motion flight simulators and 15 fixed training devices – the additional building means United will soon have the capability to have a total of 52 full-motion simulators and 28 fixed training devices.



United expects to add more than 2,000 new pilots this year alone and is on track to hire 10,000 pilots by 2030. The airline plans to train around 5,000 pilots by that date through United Aviate Academy, the airline's own pilot training school. United's goal is to have at least half of the pilots trained at the United Aviate Academy to be women or people of color.

United and its pilots' labor union (Air Line Pilots Association) recently reached an agreement on new contract terms, a first among the major U.S. carriers.

*"United Airlines was the only airline to work with our pilots union to reach an agreement during COVID,"* CEO Scott Kirby said in a post. *"It's not surprising that we are now the first airline to get an Agreement in Principle for an industry leading new pilot contract."*

Companywide, the airline has embarked upon an historic hiring effort, planning to hire 50,000 people in the next five years. Close to 90 percent of United's domestic workforce is unionized, and all employees of the airline, even part-time employees, earn more than the federal minimum wage and are eligible to receive company-sponsored medical coverage, participate in company-funded retirement programs, receive paid vacation and flight benefits to travel the world.

More than 1,000 of United's 7,000+ Denver-based employees work at United's Flight Training Center in roles including instructing, evaluating, scheduling, human resources and flight standards.

The facility demonstrates United's longstanding commitment to the Mile High City. It was originally constructed between 1966-68 as part of the Stapleton Airport complex and has served as United's main pilot training facility since then. Within the last five years, United has renovated the entire facility and added an additional building as recently as 2020.

This May, United celebrated 85 years of continued service in Denver. Today, the carrier is the largest airline in Denver area, connects Coloradans to more places in the world, and operates the most flights and carries the most passengers in the state of any airline. United has invested \$825 million to add new gates at Denver International Airport, with several gates already open. The expansion will soon bring United's total gate count at the airport to 90.

### **United Debuts New Custom Amenity Kits from Away Ahead of Summer Travel Boom** **June 1, 2022**



Today, travelers flying in premium cabins on United's long-haul international and premium transcontinental routes will be the first to experience the airline's new, co-branded amenity kits designed exclusively for the airline by global travel lifestyle brand Away. Inspired by Away's iconic suitcases and versatile accessories, United will offer three versions of the amenity kits, each with custom travel essentials and Sunday Riley's United-exclusive range of clean, cruelty-free

skincare products. The collaboration signifies the first time Away, the global travel lifestyle brand, has partnered with a commercial airline.

*"As travel demand continues to rise to unprecedented levels, travelers are seeking comfort and quality now more than ever when they fly—that's why we chose to partner with Away,"* said Luc Bondar, vice president of marketing and loyalty and president of MileagePlus at United. *"Away's mutual commitment to making travel more seamless, elevated and modern design aesthetic is in perfect harmony with United's brand, and we're thrilled to have the opportunity to be the only airline to provide this unique offering to our customers."*

Together, United and Away thoughtfully designed each amenity kit to be the perfect accessory for customers to freshen up on long flights and reutilize on future journeys. The Away amenity kits offered include:

- ▲ **Hard Pod**: For travelers flying in United Polaris® business on long-haul international flights. The sturdy shell and interior elastic band will help keep belongings organized.
- ▲ **Sports Pouch**: For travelers flying in United Premium Plus® on long-haul international flights. Featuring a soft, protective material you can keep all your belongings organized — including your other travel essentials.
- ▲ **Zip Case**: For travelers flying in United Business on premium transcontinental flights. The water-resistant kit for transcontinental premium travelers is an ideal solution for storing liquids and moving quickly through airport security lines.

*"We are thrilled to partner with United to bring Away's thoughtfully designed products to United travelers around the globe,"* said Melissa Weiss, Away's Chief Marketing Officer. *"United's mission to connect the world and their dedication to making travel as effortless as possible aligns with Away's mission to create a*

*more open world by making travel easier. We are certain this unique relationship between our two companies will do just that, making the travel experience more seamless for journeys near or far.”*

In addition to co-branded personal care essentials like earbuds, an eye mask, and a dental kit, the Away amenity kits will include United’s In-Flight Remedy skin-care products from trusted partner and customer-favorite Sunday Riley. Sunday Riley custom developed the In-Flight Remedy line to offer United passengers, high-end skincare products on long-haul international flights and transcontinental flights. Formulated with hydration in mind to meet flyers’ needs for increased moisture as they travel, each amenity kit includes a variety of Sunday Riley products, from face creams and cleansing cloths to hand creams and lip balms.

### **United Opens Its Largest Club in the Country** **May 19, 2022**



United Airlines today announced the opening of its new, nearly 30,000 square-foot United Club location at Newark Liberty International Airport, offering travelers a modern design, enhanced amenities and culinary offerings, locally-sourced art and furniture pieces and views of the Manhattan skyline. Located in Terminal C3 near gate C123, this club is the largest club in United’s network, and is opening just in time for the Memorial Day holiday, which the airline expects will be one of its busiest travel weekends so far this year.

*“As more and more customers return to the skies, United is committed to delivering a superior customer experience on and off the plane, especially in increasingly crowded airports,”* said Aaron McMillan, United’s managing director of hospitality and planning. *“Our new Newark Club location is carefully designed with the customer at the forefront with thoughtful touches like murals and décor that reflect the local community. This design theme and commitment to creating a locally-inspired experience will set the precedent for future club openings and renovations across our network.”*

The Newark United Club location features a new design and reflects a modern take on the United Club experience. It showcases many firsts for the club, as well as existing premium offering, including the following:

- ▲ The largest club in our network: The club features more than 480 seats across spaces for lounging, working, private dining and socializing.
- ▲ Spa-like showers: Members can freshen-up in one of the six, spa-like shower suites at Newark, stocked with Sunday Riley products.
- ▲ Coffee shop experience: Staffed by a barista ready to prepare their favorite hand-crafted drinks, flyers can get inspired at the full-service coffee bar, featuring illy signature blend of 100 percent Arabica beans, in addition to culinary offerings in all United Clubs, like complimentary beverages and snacks.
- ▲ Modern, Newark-inspired design: Flyers can enjoy unmatched views of the Manhattan skyline amidst locally-sourced furniture pieces and décor, as well as the new design and color scheme that will be rolled-out in future new and refurbished clubs. The space also includes modern amenities, like self-scan entry for quick access and free, high-speed Wi-Fi.
- ▲ Sustainable, green materials: As part of the airline's sustainability commitment, the Club is designed with sustainable materials and features, such as WaterSense-rated fixtures, enhanced indoor air quality, green cleaning and more.

Additionally, in collaboration with The Newark Museum of Art and Gallery Aferro, the new club location prominently features two murals created by local artists, Gilbert Hsiao and Dahlia Elsayed. Inspired by the musical legacy in the Newark area and United’s iconic history, Hsiao’s mural, located in the club’s entryway, is a deceptively simple, eye-catching piece featuring dots and circles to represent abstract beats in space as well as nod to the United globe. Elsayed’s artwork, situated in the club’s lounge, is an abstract and textural piece, referencing Arshile Gorky’s famous 1936-67 murals at EWR, with imagery inclusive of built and natural environments of the New York / New Jersey area.

*“The Newark Museum of Art is honored to be a part of this remarkable tribute to our community and our city,”* said Linda Harrison, the Newark Museum of Art’s director and CEO. *“May these tremendous artworks inspire and remind our residents and visitors of Newark’s role as a cultural hub for artistic excellence and community cultivation. We are so proud to contribute to this exciting unveiling and pay homage to our special city with these two extraordinary works of art.”*

*“Artists like Gilbert Hsiao and Dahlia Elsayed have a gift, which is to make the world new for us over and over again,” said Emma Wilcox, Gallery Aferro’s co-founder. “Gallery Aferro is thrilled to see these acclaimed alumni of our residency and fellowship program gain a new global audience of travelers with this project.”*

The Newark United Club location is the first of a series of United Club locations to open with the new club design and amenities. It’s part of United’s ongoing commitment to renovate and introduce new United Club locations throughout its network and provide a more modern United brand experience. For more information on United Club locations, visit [united.com/unitedclub](https://united.com/unitedclub).

### **United Becomes First U.S. Airline to Sign Agreement to Purchase Sustainable Aviation Fuel Overseas** **May 10, 2022**



United, which has invested in more sustainable fuel production than any other airline in the world, became the first US airline to sign an international purchase agreement for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).

The airline has signed a new purchase agreement with Neste that provides United the right to buy up to 52.5 million gallons over the next three years for United flights at Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport, and potentially other airports as well.

*“Reducing carbon emissions from fuel is the fastest way United will reach our 100% green goal by 2050. As the airline that has invested more than any other airline in sustainable aviation fuel production, it makes sense to expand our network of partners internationally with a leading company like Neste,” said Lauren Riley, United’s Chief Sustainability Officer. “The demand from our customers to limit their emissions from flying is growing exponentially, and this agreement means that United customers flying from Amsterdam and potentially other airports will be partners in our sustainability efforts.”*

Neste will provide United with 2.5 million gallons of SAF in Amsterdam in the first year. United will also have the right to purchase up to 20 million gallons in the second year, and up to 30 million gallons in the third year, at Amsterdam or other locations that Neste can supply throughout the globe, as Neste increases its SAF production.

This supply agreement is enabled by Neste’s ambitious growth strategy, which will see the company producing 515 million gallons of SAF (1.5 million metric tons) per year by the end of 2023. Neste has been producing and delivering SAF since 2011 and has a proven track record of supplying SAF to customers in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

*“We’re excited to be partnering with United in this milestone purchase agreement and make our SAF available to United, also an industry leader in SAF investments,” said Thorsten Lange, Executive Vice President, Renewable Aviation at Neste. “Our global, fast-growing SAF production and supply chain supports airlines and their customers in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Neste is committed to helping aviation transition to a more sustainable future, and we look forward to expanding our cooperation with United.”*

SAF delivers the performance of conventional jet fuel but with a significantly smaller carbon footprint on a lifecycle basis. Neste’s SAF reduces lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions (“GHG”) by up to 80% compared to conventional jet fuel and burns cleaner than conventional jet fuel reducing non-CO2 emissions, including particulate matter (PM). Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ is produced from 100% sustainably sourced renewable waste and residue raw materials, including used cooking oil and animal fat waste.

United has aggressively pursued strategic investments in SAF producers and revolutionary technologies including carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft, and urban air mobility. United has invested in more SAF production than any other airline globally.

### **“Good Leads The Way”: United’s New Campaign Celebrates Employees Doing the Right Thing for Customers and Communities** **May 16, 2022**



United Airlines today launched a new, national campaign – “Good Leads The Way” – that tells the story of United’s leadership in areas like customer service, diversity and sustainability, and captures the optimism fueling the airline’s large ambitions at a time of unprecedented demand in air travel.

*“In the past few years, United has emerged as a force for good and an industry leader,” said United CEO Scott Kirby. “We’re taking actions that inspire pride among our employees and customers – everything from historic investments to fight climate change and training more women and people of color to become pilots to getting rid of change fees and upgrading our fleet with 500 new planes. This campaign serves not only as an exclamation point on our recent actions, but also as a commitment to how United Airlines intends to show up in the future.”*

The national campaign is United’s first, fully integrated, national brand advertising campaign in nearly a decade and was developed in partnership with creative agency of record 72andSunny. It includes more than 150 different pieces of video, digital, social and out-of-home content and features more than 60 real-life employees, the most ever featured in a single United content series.

Starting this week, people can see Good Leads The Way content onboard United aircraft and in airport terminals as well as in television spots, streaming platforms, billboards, across social media and through unique, contextually relevant and unexpected spaces. This launch coincides with the kickoff of the summer travel season and a historic increase in demand – United’s April seat fill in was the highest ever for a non-summer month, with 88 percent of seats occupied.

The Campaign ~ Each distinct piece across the integrated creative campaign represents a page in United’s brand identity story, and aims to deliver inspiring ads with engaging storytelling around customer, employee and community benefits. No two pieces are the same, from anthemic film to dynamic live billboards counting the number of connections saved on United.

*“At the heart of everything we do and say at United – every decision – is doing the right thing. That’s why, even at the depths of the pandemic, we didn’t dodge the tough questions facing our business. We confronted them head-on with optimism and a determination to be a force for good for our customers and the communities we serve,” said United chief communications officer Josh Earnest. “As the industry emerges from the pandemic, we are entering a historic new era of commercial travel, which makes it the right time to unveil our ambitious ‘Good Leads The Way’ campaign.”*

Creative highlights include:

- ▲ Anthem Film: In its hero video, United puts an emotional stake in the ground around the intention and impact of Good Leads The Way. The film features a patchwork of employee and passenger-sourced photos and videos, as well inspirational scenes shot for the campaign, as a narrator tells the true story of an airline on a mission to be a force for good on their planes and in the world. It will be featured within a national broadcast campaign and on broadcast in local hub markets.
- ▲ Out of Home: While the anthem tells the full story, each piece of out of home represents a different chapter, from major milestone actions to small, impactful moments with passengers. The imagery includes a mix of inspirational moments to authentically document United employees and passengers. The out of home campaign includes large-format outdoor and in-airport placements within United hub markets.
- ▲ Digital/Social: Leveraging a social-first approach to truly engage audiences where they are, the storytelling continues via bite-size content, like social videos and a pithy Twitter thread. Additionally, employees get their own custom Instagram sticker to showcase their pride. The social campaign will live on owned and paid social and digital channels.

How Good Leads The Way at United

For Employees

- ▲ Careers, not just jobs: United offers competitive pay and benefits, the chance to grow, and flight privileges to see the world
- ▲ Only major U.S. airline with its own pilot training school: United Aviate Academy
- ▲ New, state-of-the-art inflight training center opening this year in Houston
- ▲ World’s largest flight training center in Denver
- ▲ Surprised active employees with a special award of \$1,000 each last fall
- ▲ First major U.S. airline to roll out an employee COVID-19 vaccination program

For Customers

- ▲ 500+ new aircraft - and hundreds of plane upgrades – by 2026, with features like larger overhead bins, screens in every seatback, Bluetooth connectivity and fast Wi-Fi
- ▲ First major global U.S. airline to eliminate change fees on most tickets
- ▲ Helped more than 288,000 customers and counting make their connecting flight this year via United’s exclusive ConnectionSaver technology



- ▲ This summer, United will serve more transatlantic destinations than every other U.S. carrier combined and be the largest airline across the Atlantic
- ▲ The award-winning United app brings ease to customers, through features that allow you shop by map, get the latest trip details, plan trips with friends and makes travel easier for people with visual disabilities.

#### For Our Communities

- ▲ Hiring more than 50,000 people in the next five years, providing unionized, well-paying careers as pilots, flight attendants, agents, technicians, and dispatchers
- ▲ Will aim to train 5,000 new pilots by 2030 through the United Aviate Academy, with the goal that at least half will be women and people of color
- ▲ Invested more in sustainable aviation fuel production than any other airline in the world
- ▲ In 2021, United donated more than \$10 million in cash and in-kind contributions to non-profits across the country and worked with its customers to donate another 100+ million miles to charities that depend on travel
- ▲ Industry-leading investments in electric aircraft designed to help us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions
- ▲ Committing to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets

### **CLE's Mike Yuschak is our latest Taylor Award honoree**

**By Pete Rapalus**



Line Technician **Mike Yuschak**, who has spent most of his professional career with United, was honored by his CLE (Cleveland) colleagues and special guests when the FAA and United presented him with the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award on January 18.

Mike served in the U.S. Air Force as a technician on F-4 fighter and F-105 fighter-bomber aircraft from 1967 to 1971, and graduated from the Quaker School of Aeronautics in Philadelphia with his A&P (airframe and power plant) license in 1973. He then worked for the commuter carrier Ransom Airlines in PHL from 1973 until 1984, when he joined United as a line technician at

CLE.

Mike's career with United included several location changes as a technician (CLE, DCA (Reagan Washington National)) along with taking a promotion to Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor with stops in MCO (Orlando) and ORD. Ultimately, Mike returned to CLE as a technician where he retired in 2003 in lieu of furlough.

He continued working as a technician in CLE, however, first at the charter airline USA3000 and then at CommutAir, until United welcomed him back to his current position at CLE in February 2015.

Mike's son, Mike Yuschak Jr., is a technician with PSA Airlines at their maintenance base at CAK (Akron-Canton, Ohio) and was a guest at the ceremony. Aviation Safety Inspector Steven Steele presented the award on behalf of the FAA, joining CLE Line Maintenance Senior Manager George Hujo and IAD Hub and Region Managing Director Jim Hammer. George and other speakers praised Mike for his skills as a technician and as George said, "*Mike's dedication and passion for his craft is an example for all of us.*" In addition to his long history of service to aviation safety and reliability, Mike is known for collecting and working on vintage Corvettes.

To qualify for the Taylor Award, an aviation maintenance technician (AMT) needs 50 years of experience in aircraft maintenance, including a minimum of 30 years as an FAA-certified AMT; has to obtain peer recommendations; and must pass a thorough FAA review of his or her service record. The award is named for Charles E. Taylor, who was the Wright Brothers' engine builder and mechanic and is considered the first AMT in the history of aviation.

Mike's name will be added to the roster of United's Taylor Award honorees on our ORD monument featuring a bust of Taylor. That installation is located airside on the departures level of Terminal 1 near the walkway to Terminal 2. Mike and a guest will also be invited to our next annual Taylor Award group tribute event.



**Torgy's Travel Tips – July 2022**  
**A PNW Circle Trip of the Past and Present**



Over 6 years ago, I wrote in this column about a very interesting World War II era site worth a visit in the Pacific Northwest. This site has now reopened after a multi-year closure due to Covid. I've put together a circle trip itinerary you might consider that incorporates this site along with some nearby outstanding venues and vistas that would make for an interesting, relaxing vacation. Summer and fall are the best times to enjoy a trip like this, so pack a bag, make a listing, reserve a rental car and fly out to Seattle or Portland.

We're headed east of the Cascade Mountains to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Richland, Washington to visit the "B" Reactor which produced the plutonium used in the first detonation of a nuclear weapon, in July 1945. It then fueled the Fat Man atomic bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, one month later. That event led to the end of WWII. The reactor was built in just 11 months, due to increasing fears that Nazi Germany would develop an atomic device first. When visiting this site you are allowed to stand beneath the face of the reactor, where 200 tons of uranium "slugs" were loaded into aluminum tubes. Inside the control room, you see where the scientists and engineers brought the reactor online for the first time in 1944. There was speculation that it might initiate an uncontrollable chain-reaction and blow up. As we know, that did not happen. On the tour, docents explain the various rooms and functions and you have time on your own to view thought provoking displays. The tour takes about 4 hours and begins at the Richland Visitors Center located at 2000 Logston Blvd. Reservation registration is available at (509) 376-1647 or [www.https://manhattanprojectreactor.hanford.gov/](https://manhattanprojectreactor.hanford.gov/)

Now Richland is situated within a lovely wine growing area, with more than 100 wineries extolling their award winning wines. Think of this as a pleasant alternative to crowded Napa, California. The nearby city of Walla Walla ("the town they loved so much they named it twice") is the usual jumping off spot for touring and tasting the predominant varieties of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. There are wonderful B&B's all over and tasteful, tasty restaurants, ranging from funk to elegance!

If you travel in September, consider stopping in Pendleton, Oregon for the annual Pendleton Roundup. This is a real, honest-to-goodness, full-fledged rodeo that brings about 50,000 people to this small city just to the south of the mighty Columbia River. The Roundup, which began in 1910, offers parades, concert entertainment, a night pageant and competition rodeo bull riding and roping. Check out [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com) for all the details.

If you began this trip in SEA, you would then head westbound towards PDX along the Columbia River Gorge, using I-84 on the Oregon side of the river. This is a majestic route offering gorgeous (pardon the pun) vistas the whole way. You will encounter world-class wind surfers competing on the river between The Dalles and Hood River. Delicious local cherries and honey abound from roadside stands and magnificent Mt. Hood towers over, as you get closer to PDX. A worthwhile detour to Multnomah Falls is a must, as is Crown Point Vista House. Between May 24 and September 5, a Timed Use Permit is required to access the land adjacent to Waterfall Corridor if you arrive between 9A-6P. Check out [www.travelportland.com](http://www.travelportland.com) for further info.

And a stop to see the famous mountain that blew its top in 1980 can be made on the drive between PDX and SEA. Just 52 miles north of Portland (or 98 miles south of SEA) is the exit to Winlock via WA504. This highway will take you all the way to Mt. St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument. Be sure to go all the way to the Monument, not just to the Johnston Ridge Observatory. More info at [www.mountsthelens.com](http://www.mountsthelens.com)

Of course, you could also add a trip out to the nearby Pacific Ocean beaches of Seaside or Astoria, Oregon and /or Long Beach and Ilwaco, in Washington for whale watching, stunning sunsets and the best seafood around. And Mt. Rainier, less than 50 miles from Sea-Tac airport beckons travelers to its glaciers, meadows and trails year-round. Whatever you choose to do, it will be pleasant, memorable and easy.

**Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next

Newsletter.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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We meet every three months for lunch at various restaurants in Birmingham and invite all retired United employees and their families to join us. For more information, you may call me at the above phone number.

### ARIZONA

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I hope everyone is doing great and enjoying life.

Our chapter continues to meet for breakfast all year round on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month starting at 9:00AM at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert. Many of us enjoy going out to breakfast, so if you have guests or know someone who would like to join us, bring them along or tell them where we meet.

If you know of any retirees who would like to attend, please notify our Vice President **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) a couple of days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant.

Next breakfast is Friday, July 22.

We celebrate the following birthdays in July: **Ted Higley, Pam Betz, Donna Smiley, Barbara Hartough, Fred Rockenhauser and Craig Toby.**

There are no wedding anniversaries in July.

#### Calendar:

**July 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**August 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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There is no report this month from the California NorthStaters chapter of RUAEA.

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Another month has passed and I have no new news from our Chapter members, which makes me believe all's well with them.

Our area, in San Luis Obispo County, has had an increase in Covid cases that is hard to believe. I take a daily trip to our beaches and since we are getting into the summer tourist season, it amazes me that no one is wearing masks or seems to distance themselves from others.

From what I've been reading, flying hasn't gotten any better. From the long check-in lines to crowded airports, I'm glad I don't fly anymore. I've had a hip repair and the last flight I took, it set off the alarm so a TSA had to search me.

My wife and I have had the third booster shot and there is some talk that we could take another. Since we have had no reaction to any of the shots, we would not hesitate taking another one.

Until next month, I'll keep reading RUAEA's Newsletter for the going on with the retirees. After being retired all these years, I still recall only one or two names. I'll always remember the good times when I looked forward to going to work, but times have changed and taking early retirement was the best thing I did.



## DESERT SUNBIRDS

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There is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds chapter of RUAEA.

## EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy July from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope that you all had a memorable Father's Day and are looking forward to the Fourth of July holiday. I just love celebrating America's birthday—the parades, the fireworks, and the opportunity to demonstrate our patriotism.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. Because the first Monday in July is the Fourth of July holiday, we have moved our meeting to July 5<sup>th</sup>. As I write this in early June, there has been a recent surge of Covid cases and hospitalizations in our area. In Contra Costa County where we meet, masks and proof of vaccination are not required in restaurants. However, as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the neighboring Alameda County is back to requiring masks at indoor venues. If the surge continues, Contra Costa County may very well go back to mask requirements as well. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our June meeting was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at **Diane Griego's** lovely home in Concord with 26 members and guests in attendance. Her beautiful back yard is just perfect for entertaining, with plenty of room for gazebos and buffet tables. June is our Picnic Meeting with a catered lunch from Back 40 Texas Barbecue, and gosh is their food delicious. We had chicken, spareribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad and green salad. Dessert was a beautifully decorated cake with a United Retirees theme, and ice cream with a lot of choices of toppings. This meeting is very special and we look forward to it all year long.

It was wonderful to welcome five guests at our picnic. **Poldi vonMuhlfeld** brought two SFORR friends, **Sharon Westermoe** from San Diego and **Bessie Wallach** from Sonoma. I hadn't seen Sharon and Bessie for years, and my jaw just dropped as they walked in. **Tracey Blanchard**, **Diane Griego** and **Jan Soderstrom**, all from SFORR, had a mini reunion of sorts reminiscing with them about working for UAL in the good old days and getting caught up on what we've been doing since we last saw each other.

Our other three guests were **Noelle Sakamoto**, **Emeline Harris**, and Emeline's 6-year-old grandson Roman. They work at the SFO Maintenance Base and are members of IAM Local 1781. Noelle is the IAM District 141 Employee Assistance Program Northwest Region Representative and Emeline serves on the Women's Committee. As you might recall, they came to our April meeting to tell us about the work of the EAP program and how they are helping battered women. They had so much fun at the April meeting they came back, and we look forward to collecting items they need for the women's shelter.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had wine, bath items, toiletries, a photo album, a candle and more wine. **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money and **Emeline Harris** won the money.

The Canopy Project is part of the mission of Earth Day. Forests are essential to life on this planet as we know it. Forests enable the growth of thousands of plants used in medicines and food production, and compose vast ecosystems for thousands of species of animals.

Despite the planet's need for forests, they have been disappearing at alarming rates. Since 1990, an estimated 420 million hectares of forest have been lost to deforestation and destruction. Though deforestation

rates have slowed in the past few decades, it is estimated that 10 million hectares of forest were lost annually from 2015 to 2020. It is not enough to simply slow down, or even stop, the deforestation and destruction of forests. They must be rebuilt. Source: email from Kathleen Rogers, President of Earth Day, April 14, 2022

Since 2010, [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) has partnered with local environmental groups across the globe to plant tens of millions of trees with The Canopy Project. Areas that are most at-risk from climate change and environmental degradation have been reforested. The project has also conducted broad tree planting in the wake of environmental disasters.

On the [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) website, there is a worldwide map showing all the areas that have been replanted with The Canopy Project. For example, go to California, and you will see that what the Earth Day Network (EDN) has accomplished in our state. [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) supported the planting of 20,000 trees in National Forests of California that were destroyed by forest fires in 2018. EDN has partnered with Mokugift to plant over 400,000 trees in California since 2011. EDN also worked with Friends of the Urban Forest to plant 1,200 trees in urban San Francisco neighborhoods to improve air quality, increase shade cover and, since the trees are cared for by home owners and renters, increase community involvement and empower residents to care for their city. In 2010, EDN worked with Tree People and teams of volunteers to plant 3,500 fruit trees in urban LA. The project provides free healthy food to low income communities, helping to provide food security and combat diabetes. EDN also worked with Tree People to clear invasive species and replant native trees and ground cover across the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area. As you cruise the worldwide map, it is amazing to read about the projects in so many countries. It is also a sobering reminder of the importance of reforesting our entire planet.

Kudos to two of our members who volunteer their time as docents at attractions in our area. **Russ Kennedy** is a docent at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. He offered to give our group a private tour of the museum. Unfortunately, this requires a lot of walking so many of our members couldn't go. On April 20, Russ gave a tour to **Rich & Georgia Bouska, Jan Soderstrom and Tracey Blanchard**. The museum is huge and really can't be seen in one trip but this overview tour let us see a bit of everything so we know what we want to see in depth on a future visit. **Joe Leather** is a docent on the USS Hornet in Alameda. Joe will be 90 in August and is the second oldest docent on the ship. The oldest docent is 93! I have had visiting the Hornet on my Bucket List for years and I am determined to go this year once my hand is healed. At my latest DAR District Meeting we saw a great program on the Hornet. It is amazing to see all the love that the docents and volunteers have for the ship, many of whom, like Joe Leather, served on the ship.

The Lincoln Memorial just turned 100 years old! May 30, 2022, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. It honors the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, and was inspired by the Parthenon in Athens. The memorial features a statue of the seated Lincoln; engravings of the Gettysburg Address and Second Inaugural Address, two of his greatest speeches; and murals with allegorical depictions of his greatest accomplishments as president - the reunification of the United States following the Civil War and the emancipation of more than four million enslaved persons.

The dedication of the Lincoln Memorial took place on Decoration Day (now known as Memorial Day) weekend. An estimated crowd of 50,000 attended the ceremony, while as many as two million listened across the country via the new medium of radio. Speakers included President Warren G. Harding, former president and Chief Justice of the United States William Howard Taft (who also served as chairman of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, which had overseen the design and construction of the memorial), and Dr. Robert Russa Moton, principal of the Tuskegee Institute. The latter, despite his honored place in the program and his remarks promoting equality among the races, addressed a segregated audience that day, a symbol not only how far the nation had come, but how much work remained.

Over the nearly 100 years since the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated, the edifice and the surrounding landscape have taken on a significance beyond merely commemorating the 16<sup>th</sup> president. As one of the most recognized buildings in the world, the Lincoln Memorial has become a symbol of the United States of America, a backdrop for national celebrations and the nation's pre-eminent stage for rallies and demonstration, particularly those for civil rights. During May, the National Park Service and its partners sponsored a number of commemorative activities which reflect on 100 years of honoring the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, including such topics as the meaning and memory of the memorial, the Lincoln Memorial as a work of art, the memorial and the monumental city, the many sides of Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Memorial's pivotal role in the civil rights movement.

**Barbara Cunningham** is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA

94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes.

**Jan Soderstrom** is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say “Manufacturer’s Coupon”. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday’s mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can’t wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). I would like to thank **Tracey Blanchard, Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks** and **Noelle Sakamoto** who bring coupons to our monthly meetings. I would also like to thank **Carol Hulsebos** and **Sheryl Schubert** who have seen my request in the newsletter and have mailed me coupons. The lady in charge of my DAR chapter’s coupon project reports that as of May, she has sent in 13,300 coupons totaling \$34,200.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America’s 14-Day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18 and returning on October 2. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUAEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Please join us! Please note the date change for our July meeting.

- ▲ Tuesday, July 5 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, June 30.
- ▲ Monday, August 1 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, July 28.

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

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Well, summer has descended upon us here in Sunny Northern California – temperatures yo-yo back and forth. From hot to cold, too little rain, dangerous fire season, beautiful sunsets, but our air conditioning (read: fog,) has found its way back into the City by the Bay. It is a lovely sight as it cascades down the foothills and mountains. Restaurants are open, masks optional (but do wear them as we don’t want you to come down with something.) The SFO Embarcadero shops are ready for you - sweat shirts galore!

President **Vera Kina** opened the meeting with her infamous call-of-the-wild duck horn. It is music to the ears of the Canada Goose – they no longer fly south for the winter, they stay here! Foster City is trying to figure out how to get rid of them – they have become a formidable foe. They enjoy watching the soccer games (on artificial turf) and leave reminders behind, just so we know that they have been there! It is amazing just to watch them – one acts as a sentry and when “danger” looms, it honks and off they fly, only to return when all calms down. Yes, the grass is greener here, so why leave?



We had planned to have Subway Sandwiches but could not get a response when we tried to contact them. We opted for McDonalds and had their McChicken Sandwiches and French fries – nothing like gourmet food. Our speakers for the day were very interesting and informative – Noel Prado from the Foster City Police Department told us all about the scams and fraudulent activities that seem to abound these days. If it sounds “funny” it is probably a scam, so hang up, don’t ever send money or give out your social security number to these crooks, stay safe is the new mantra! Cassie Villar, from the Adult Protective Services, gave us details of the special services they provide for communities – flyers and phone numbers on how to get help are only a phone call away.

May was a lovely time to get away from it all. Friends had invited me to stay with them on Kauai – they had rented a large home overlooking the ocean, waves crashing on the rocks, it was stunning. Every evening at sunset, thousands of green parakeets flew east to nestle down in the palm trees by the hotels for the night. (Many moons ago someone had smuggled in a pair of birds and they had multiplied many times over.) No fog or clouds as we sat at the sold-out Hotel Lanai, sipping Koloa Coladas (they slid right down,) and watched the gorgeous total eclipse of the moon. It was quite a sight – good friends, clear skies and the eclipsing moon nestled between the palm trees! Great timing as SFO was fogged in!

**Bob & Ella Mae Donovan, Jerry Milner** and I attended the memorial service for Board Member **Harriet Kunze** who had passed away last month. She and I had been friends for over 30 years – she will be sorely missed. We did get 3 new members: **Ben Ramos** and **John & Leanna Harper**. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our meetings. **Janina Pietrzyk** is catching up to **Bob Donovan** and is celebrating her umpteenth birthday. **Gene & Carol Walter** waltzed down the aisle 58 years ago – **Carol & David Slater** said “I Do” 33 years ago. Congratulations to you all – many happy days to follow!

Future Meetings: (June and July we meet in the Lagoon Room)

- ▲ June 27 – a jump on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and more. \$8 per person.
- ▲ July 25 – BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
- ▲ August 22 – Pizza and fixin’s – more info later on

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



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Secretary

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Did you ever play “Mother May I?” I wonder if that was inspired by May being the month that we, especially, honor our Mothers! Just a thought! May is such a great month. Like the other Spring months, we are blessed with flowers and trees stretching out from “Mother Earth” (get it?) and making this beautiful planet even more fantastic. If you aren’t cursed with allergies, you can take those walks outside, enjoy the (usually) mild weather and breathe in all that glory. Yup, May is truly a gift to be treasured. Okay, enough of the sappy talk!

Our president **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to **Suzie Kenny** and **Thom Biro** (with help from **Lynn**) for putting together our luncheon at the Forester. You know, all the places we get to dine, this one is a favorite! It is a rustic, wooden building in Camino with lots of character, good food and quick, efficient staff. Rudy inquired if there were any May anniversaries – **David & Debbie Van Wart** were not at this luncheon, but they celebrate 30 years this month. Congratulations! As far as birthdays go, both **Lindalee Akin** and her daughter, **Julie**, celebrate so Happy Birthday to you both. We were honored to have two guests join us today; **Thom Biro** brought **Lynn Ceci** and **Carol White** brought **John Woodward** – our welcome to both and John joined the Hangtown Miners too!

*President* ~ Rudy said he didn’t have too much to share with us today, but all news is welcome, of course! Keep reading ...

*Vice President* ~ **JR Heier** noticed in the RUAEA newsletter that **Ken Wesela** passed away. It’s possible that some of you may have known Ken. Our condolences to his family. JR then made sure that all who brought items for the raffle received their donator’s ticket and gave everyone a “last chance” to buy their raffle tickets.

*Treasurer* ~ We are happy to have **Tom Kenny** in attendance. He had back surgery just a bit ago, and he seems to be getting along pretty well. He mentioned that we often donate to local charities each year, but we have been waiting to see how our account grows. Tom suggested that maybe in a couple months we can revisit the donation topic.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** brought copies of our roster and a list of those who are still to host this year. Remember, our monthly day for our luncheon/meeting is now the **second Wednesday** of each month. Please be sure to “adjust” your calendars. I also passed around copies of those “Important Numbers”. I plan to attach our roster to these minutes, so be sure to download the info and/or print it out. Also, please look at your info and let me know if any of it is incorrect. (I’m trying to attach the roster but it comes thru all messed up - will keep trying but it will be on a separate email!) Here are a couple changes to make if you have one of the printouts I brought to the meeting: **Doe Pope**’s area code is 541; for **Jack Fitzpatrick**, his email is [fitzpatrickjack@me.com](mailto:fitzpatrickjack@me.com) and add **John Woodward**; 5820 Quartz Drive; El Dorado, CA 95623; phone – (530) 409-2945; email – [mrwoodie99@aol.com](mailto:mrwoodie99@aol.com). If you would like me to mail (USPS) a copy to you of our roster and/or those numbers, please let me know and I will pop them into an envelope for you – and I’ll send it too! Jane also shared that she and Bill attended the funeral for **Robert Ridsdale**. Robert is the son of **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** who are Hangtown Miners members. Our deepest condolences go out to them and a card from our group has been sent to them.

*Historian* ~ **Roy & Dawn Martin** were not here today.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** was able to join us today – **Suzie & Tom** have both been dealing with some health issues, so it was extra wonderful to see them – both are looking very great! **June McClain** mentioned that **Jimmy Ryder** was not doing well.

*Old Business* ~ Don’t forget about donating your old tools! **Tom Kenny** is still coordinating with Sacramento City College A&P program. When you donate your old, not being used tools to them, it is tax deductible.

Just another reminder that our new meeting day is the **second Wednesday** of each month.

*New Business* ~ We are sending out a request for someone to consider hosting the August luncheon/meeting. If you are willing to help out that month, please let me know. I know it’s short notice, but these things happen!

*Contributions* ~ **Thom Biro** shared that he recently used the Free Parking that is now available at the SFO Maintenance. It all worked out fine, but he cautions you to give yourself plenty of time – as in at least an hour+ - as it takes time to go to the office/lobby to get the permit, park and catch the bus to take you to the terminal. They prefer that you only use the parking for 2 weeks, but, you can be there up to 3 weeks. **Gina Kenworthy** pointed out that the privilege is not available for flight attendants – it is just for maintenance personnel.

Well, Rudy shared this little tidbit with us: “I just ordered a Life Alert bracelet so if I get a life, I’ll be notified immediately!” And then he called the meeting to a close, handed the “baton” over to JR and our raffle began. **Angie Dellinger** won the donator’s prize! A big “Thank You” to all who brought things for the auction: **Barton/Kozelka** – lavender planter; **Kenney** – roasting pan & pot holder; **Blazius** – wine; **Biro** – game; **McClain** – book, moneyclip, broach; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Dellinger** – drying mat & glove; **Kenny** – UAL key chain; **Akin** – plant, eggs; **Gibson** – hanging crystal; **Heier** – personal basket.

Our June luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Breakroom. I want to familiarize you with how this luncheon will go! We will be able to use their separate room, which is great, but they do not have the staff available for us to have “our own servers”. So, this is how it’s going to work ... we will get together in that space and then we will go up and order what we want – meal and drinks - individually. They will bring our food to us, but if you want anything else then you will need to go and order it on your own. Now, they don’t want a “flood” of people waiting in line, so they have requested that we only have a couple people go up at a time. Actually, it should work out quite well and you’ll be able to pay right away so no waiting for the server to bring you your check!

As we approach the middle of the year, be sure to take time each day to “smell the roses” - or whatever gives you a feeling of peace. These days there are so many distractions it can be difficult to keep focused on what makes us feel good and happy – peaceful. We need to take time for “us”, so keep doing what gives you a lift and makes you laugh.



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

### Calendar:

**October 3-9** – RUAEA Convention, Dana Inn, Mission Bay, San Diego

## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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## SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers met at the home of **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** for a Mexican Fiesta with 29 members and four guests in attendance. The guests were **Judie King**'s granddaughter Serenity and **Orville Harshbarger**'s daughter Julie and his two friends Michelle and Russ. The lunch was terrific with tamales, chili rellenos, rice, beans, grilled chicken and fish. It was a very warm day so it was nice having lots of water, soft beverages and a few adult beverages to accompany the delicious meal. Vicky and George's home is on a hill with plenty of views and enough shade with large oak trees and several umbrellas on the patio.

Dave started the meeting with big thank you to Vicky and George along with their neighbors who helped cook our lunch. He then passed on some information associated with the theme of our lunch. It was some history of Mexican food. "The history of Mexican food is a long a diverse one. It is believed that authentic Mexican food might have been derived from the Mayans. They were traditionally nomadic hunters and gatherers. Corn tortillas with bean paste were a common food item, but they also ate wild game, tropical fruits and fish. In the mid-1300s the Aztec Empire was thriving and though the Mayan food staples were still in use, chili peppers, honey, salt and chocolate found its way into their cooking. Some of the wild games had become domesticated such as turkey. In 1521, the Spanish invaded Mexico and Spanish foods became an influence in Mexican cuisine. The Spanish introduced sheep, pigs and cows along with dairy products and garlic along with other herbs. The early natives of Mexico did not have ovens; instead they heated food over an open fire using cast iron skillets and ceramic ware. Another method was steaming. They would suspend meat wrapped in cactus or banana leaves over boiling water in a deep pit. Frying was also a popular method. Salsa was sold in the Aztec markets. Salsa, the Spanish word for sauce, is uncooked and sometimes pureed until chunky, smooth or chopped. Large red tomatoes, tomatillo, chipotle (staples of Aztec diet) and the avocado are found in the modern salsa. The term enchilada is first referenced in the US in 1885. Yet the concept of tortillas being used as a wrap can be clearly linked to the Aztecs. The word enchilada means, 'in chili.'

As for reports; there was only one anniversary in May, **Penny & Terry Greenacre** with 60 years, Treasurer **Judie King** advised that we are still solvent. We heard that **Ken Norton** is home and doing well and wanted to thank all the Gold Diggers for their cards. **Jack Raynor** had new rosters for all. Director **Sonda Sandstedt** encouraged all to attend the RUAEA convention in San Diego the first week of October. **George Taylor** won the birthday roll-off as he was the only member present with a May birthday.

Dave continued with celeb birthdays on May 25<sup>th</sup>; Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803, actor Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson 1878, boxer Gene Tunney 1898, actor Claude Akins 1918, and a host of others. One very interesting was Dorothy Straight 1958. In 1962 her mother asked her 'Who made the world?' Dorothy wrote and drew her response all in one evening. Her parents loved it so much that they sent it to Pantheon Books which published it in 1964, making her the youngest published author.

In addition, there were many significant events on May 25<sup>th</sup>. In 1919 Casey Stengel pulled one of his famous stunts. Then a member of the Pirates visiting the Dodgers at Ebbets Field, he was visiting old friends in the bull pen he found that pitcher Leon Cadore had captured a sparrow. Stengel took it and quietly placed it under his cap. When he was called up to bat in the sixth inning he received mixed cheers and boos from the Brooklyn fans since he was an ex-Dodger. At the plate he took a deep bow and doffed his hat whereupon the



bird flew away to great laughter from the crowd. In 1927, Henry Ford ends production of the Model T but begins production of the Model A. In 1935, Jesse Owens equaled or broke six world records in less than an hour. At a Big Ten meet in Ann Arbor, Owens from Ohio State equaled the 100 yard dash record and set the world records in the long jump, the 220 yard sprint and the 220 yard low hurdles. In 1945, Arthur C. Clarke proposes the idea of satellites in geosynchronous orbits. This will become a reality hence we have GPS in our cars and on our phones. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy announces that the nation is committed to putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. In 1979, American Airlines flight 191 a DC10 leaving Chicago O'Hare loses an engine and crashes with 258 people dying. The DC10 would be grounded for inspections after this incident. 1992, Jay Leno replaces Johnny Carson on NBC's 'Tonight Show.'

Lastly, May 15<sup>th</sup> was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stewardess Service. In 1930, Ellen Church went to Boeing Air Transport attempting to become a pilot. Being denied that position she and seven other ladies convinced the company to have Stewardesses. There are a couple of different versions of what happened on May 15, 1930. One account say four of the new stewardess flew from San Francisco to Cheyenne and the other four from Cheyenne to Chicago. The other version is that Ellen flew from Oakland to Chicago in a Boeing 80A holding 14 passengers. That there were thirteen stops and it took 20 hours. Either way it was groundbreaking. Of course we all know that BAT was the predecessor of United Air Lines.

Our next lunch/meeting will be at Sizzler's in Auburn on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.



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Our June meeting had thirteen members in attendance. As the result of our president **Chuck Clayborn** being in quarantine due to his wife having contracted COVID, **Marianne Johnson** stepped up to lead the meeting. We discussed our upcoming annual June BBQ, which we are looking forward to and I will report on next month. **Cheri Scales** mentioned that she would like to have someone take over the responsibility of treasurer or at least the planning and organizing our events. If you have not held a role in chapter before or it has been sometime, please consider helping out. Our next event, as it stands now, will be the Christmas function, so you will have plenty of time to plan.

We remembered those who bravely fought in the largest battle of WWII, the D-Day invasion, which began June 6, 1944. If not for their sacrifices to liberate the European continent, freedom may never have been enjoyed today.

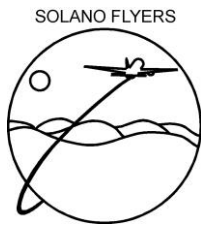
Thoughts and prayers are with **Ken Demblewski** and his father who is dealing with health issues.

Birthday wishes go out to **Barbara Brown; Christ Boyce** and **Jay Cacioppo!**

Couples celebrating anniversaries this month are **Don & Dot Boyer; Charles & Josie Esqueda** and **Charles & Sheryl Clayborn.**

A few of our members have already made arrangements to attend the RUAEA convention in beautiful San Diego. If you are considering going, check out the June newsletter for registration information and be sure to make a reservation for your room at the Dana on Mission Bay. Tours will be limited, so if interested, be sure to sign up. No matter what, you will be sure to have a great time considering the rate that has been negotiated for this hotel.

Our meetings are now once a month, on the first Monday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Holders in Cupertino, just off highway 85. You can choose breakfast or lunch from the menu. All are invited to attend.



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May 18 found the following Flyers at the Hide-a-Way Lounge & Grill in Vacaville: **Frank Uhl, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Eugene Boyce, Allan Pochop, Stewart McCale, Rudy Asarga, and Bob Richie.**

President **Larry Jackson** could not be at the meeting so VP **Al Pochop** dominated the meeting time, by presenting to the members completely useless information on the Fastest Gastropod (aka snail): *"The fastest speed achieved by a snail in the Guinness Gastropod Championship, held over a 13-inch (330-millimetre) course in the O'Connor Don pub in central London, is only 0.0085 kilometres per hour. This record is held by a mollusk called Archie, which took 2 minutes and 20 seconds to cover the course."*

**Allan & Peggy Pochop** celebrated their wedding anniversary.

**Pad & Eileen Gardner** donated a King Size Comforter, the winner is **Stewart McCale**. The 50/50 winner is **Al Pochop**.

### **Calendar:**

**June 15** - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista.

## **COLORADO**

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**Paul Goodyear** opened our meeting with the pledge.

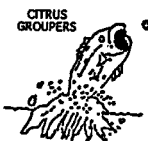
United is expanding the training facility; United is importing baby food. Information on how to receive it is on the United website.

**Jim Spate** was admitted to the hospital, expecting to have surgery. When he got there, they determined that he didn't need the surgery but they kept him in the hospital.

The 2022 RUAEA Convention is the first week of October. Signup information is in the June Newsletter or online at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org).

Our next luncheon is July 7<sup>th</sup> at Ted's Place in Commerce City.

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President Al began our meeting asking us all to stand and 21 really good lookin' Real McCoys stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Who you ask? Well, a whole bunch of regulars ... we welcomed back **Bobbi Gay** and her daughter **Lisa Grant**. We hadn't seen Bobbi since COVID began. Bobbi's husband, Bob, started his airline career as a Steward with Eastern, then signed on with Capital January 1951. The rest is, as they say, history! Bobbi says she's been insured thru UAL for 72 yrs; without any regrets. Wow! Today, she bought a 50/50 raffle ticket and **won!**

June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and because it's **Ernie Vosges'** birthday also, he brought information for all of us on respecting our Flag. June 11<sup>th</sup> birthday's include **Peg Cannata** and **Rich Llewellyn!** Eat Cake and Blow out Candles!

Our Anniversary Loving Couples for June are **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, celebrating 41 years and **Joe & Barb Fitak**, with 61 years! Congrats and hope you'll share your secret with us all next month!

Our "Getting to Know You" guy this month is none other than ... **Joe Fitak**. If anyone were to ask me, I would guess that Joe kept Barb busy house-hunting and the rest is 61 years of history! Joe began his UAL career at ORDCG in August 1962. Couple years and he TX'd to DEN ... couple years ... back to ORD ... couple years back to DEN ... do you see a pattern here? One more round trip ... ORD then DEN ... then SMF! What? Finally, they moved to MCOCG in '92 and Joe retired in 2002! Address: 1804 Christina Lee Lane, St Cloud, FL. 34769.

Joe says he doesn't think he could live in ORD now. **We all agreed it's way tooo cold!** Another guess? Barb would say "No"!

Early July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks to all! Our next luncheon will be on July 5<sup>th</sup> at Denny's at noon.

Hope to see many of you there!

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Our chapter is taking the summer off and we won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.

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

Due to some continued concerns about the number of Covid cases in our area, the Sand Dollars have decided to delay their monthly luncheons for a short while. For information about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.





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Our meeting was held at IHOP at 10:30 with 7 members in attendance; it's a social gathering. **Jon Wilkinson** took over for **Bob Lindstrom** as Bob is battling cancer and insurance. Everyone sent Bob "Get Well" wishes.

June birthdays ~ **Tom McCain, Jean Linehan, and Rachel Morin.**

We discussed the price of fuel for UAL. Jean and her daughter flew to Houston, the only problem they experienced was checking in.

Lunch/breakfast was served.

Happy Father's Day and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

I want to thank **Jon Wilkinson** for getting the info from the meeting. I hope to be there in August.

#### Calendar:

**July** – No meeting

**August 1** – IHOP, 10:30

**September 13** – IHOP, 10:30, we will discuss the October Picnic

**October 3** – Fall Picnic

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

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

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

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Happy Spring to everyone!

The Boise Gems will have their luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Joe Momma's Breakfast Eatery at 11:00 a.m. The address is 3510 Eagle Road in Meridian, next to Kneaders Bakery. Members will be notified of the information on this luncheon. This restaurant offers Breakfast and Lunch during our time with them. We look forward to seeing our members at the luncheon.

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July—It should be nice and warm by now. Farmer's Almanac said we'd have a hot summer. There goes all that green grass we got from all the rain we got in the spring. July was named for Julius Caesar, after he died. He was born in the fifth month, in the old calendar, so they honored him, sure, after they savagely stabbed him in the Senate. Et tu Brute, nice going Romans, you don't know what you have until it's gone, then you name a month for him from guilt. The old calendar was more confusing than as it is now, he's the one who decided February would have 29 days every four years. I thought it was for politicians to have an extra day to advertise their qualifications and other lies. Ha-ha. The ads and phone calls are getting out of hand. That extra day also tells us when the Olympics are held, or an extra day for the girl to catch her guy.

The July birthstone is ruby, denoting strength and protection. Warriors would embed them into their skin to signify courage for their battles. It's the second hardest gem, after the diamond, and of course, the red stands for love and affection. Other gems in July are onyx and sapphire. The flowers of July are the water lily and the larkspur. Monet made the lilies popular with so many of his floral paintings. He loved flowers and made a lily pond on his property in Giverny. Wish my lily painting was a real one, oh well. By the way, there will be an Immersive Monet Exhibit from June 17 through September 25, at the Lighthouse Artspace, in Olde Town. Also included are paintings of Renoir, Degas and other impressionists. The reviews from other cities have been outstanding. Google, Monet Exhibit, for information.

Also some big full moon news this month, the Super Buck Moon will be on July 13, also visible a day or two before and after. It's the biggest moon of the year, since the moon orbits the earth in an egg-shaped orbit, it's closest to the earth. July is the largest, named for the antlers on the male deer, when they have grown to their bulkiest. It peaks at 1:38 PM, so at sunset look to the Southeast sky, and see the spectacular moon peeping

out of the horizon. Don't say I never tell you anything!

July celebrates some notable events, it's National blueberry, Anti-boredom, Baked Beans, Grilling, Hot Dog, Horseradish, Ice Cream, Picnic, Peach, and independent Retailer Month. My cute and funny days include World UFO Day, Compliment your Mirror, (like that one), Postal Worker, Superman, our beautiful Independence Day, Work without your Hands, World Kiss, Chocolate, Sugar Cookie, Pina Colada, Daiquiri, Tequila, and Frozen Margarita (yeay), Don't Step on a Bee, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Slurpee, (7-11), Different Colored Eyes, Bastille Day, Mac and Cheese, Tapioca Pudding, Ice Cream, Caviar, Hug your Kid, Gorgeous Grandma (for us), Aunts and Uncles, Father-in-Law, and Take your Pants for a Walk Day.

Let's make this Fourth of July really spectacular with American basics, hot dogs, apple pie, fireworks and lots of beautiful flags flying in the breeze. We need all the spirit of freedom and love of country that we can get this year. A few prayers sure wouldn't hurt! Teach history to the kids. Whatever it takes to get the world back on its axis.

Our Northside breakfast had a few newbies, yeay! **Janet Hidgon** and **Linda Addante**, one returnee, **Sandy Piwowarczyk**, plus **Marge Stamm**, **Margaret Longo**, **Kathy Curef**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Cesar & Elena Guerra**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Dave Dunham**, **Vicky Heuer**, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, and me, **Jan**, 14 in all. We have new members, **Linda Gulotta** and **Nancy Kraft**, from CHIRR. Thank you for joining, ladies, and attending our lovely lunch.

The Southside was canceled, nobody was available.

The ORDMM mechanics had 14 people, **Fred Seibert**, **Frank Wenig**, **Bob Palm**, **Paul Skrudlund**, **Dick Hoppel**, **Harry Kargenian**, **Larry Stilwell**, **Walt Chornomaz**, **Don Kramlich**, **LB Neal**, **Rich Protsman**, **Cas Paprocki**, me, and the ever popular **Boris Spitz**. Yes, guys, he moved back from Arizona. We all missed **Jim Kraft**, who is on sick list. (See below)

The ORDMM foremen included **Bob Smietanski**, **Roy Johnson**, **Tom Abraham**, **Glenn Hill**, **Stan Chmielewicz**, and **Jan**.

The May RUPA meeting had three great speakers talking about the B17 aircraft used in WW2. **Glenn Hill**, (ORDMM), **Ken & Lorraine Morris** (ORDFO), Crew Chiefs of the aircraft, spoke proudly of their affiliation with the B17. They gave a comprehensive tour of the inner workings and operation of the vintage aircraft. The UAL pilots were fascinated with the presentation. Some of the people in the audience were **Elizabeth Moes** and her daughter, **Suzanne Morrison**, **Ceil Myers**, **Marj & Howard Nelson**, **George Haupt**, **Kathy Gerske**, and **Jan & Walt Fink**.



The IAM lunch was Pizza Day, 103 retirees came in for free pizza! It was a lively, happy group celebrating with our new president, **Dave Roderick**. **Karen Carney** wanted to make sure I corrected the address of the lunches. They are not at the Seville, not until Christmas. Those crazy Typing Fairies are sabotaging my iMac at night. Sorry for any confusion, we still meet at the IAM Lodge on Oakton. **Ken Thiede**, who's been around forever finally got a pin and certificate for it. Ken started with Capital, celebrated 65 years in the Union, holding many positions, secretary of Lodge 1487, Chair of the Grievance Committee, AGC of District 141, and President of District 141 and 141M. The Union even gave him a beautiful cake. Ken truly is a nice guy, loyal to the company, union, friends, Ellen, and his family. I think we're all honored to know him. He helped plan our

Skyliners summer Luncheon. You can thank him for all of his work, and its success. Next month will be a Brown Bagger, i.e. bring your own PB&J, or Baloney. The Union will be raising the dues next year to \$20.00 per person, rising costs of everything are the felon.

The Skyliners' Summer Luncheon was a grand success after a 27 months absence, with over 90 people. It was so wonderful to see so many happy faces eager to join their old friends. The Barefoot Hawaiians hula-ed their little skirts off, and had a few people join them dancing and shaking their booties. The food at the Belvedere was delicious as always. We can't have a meal there without their tasty squash soup. The Mainliner Club sold their wares, new members and old timers alike laughed and sang together, too.

While we had a good cross section of our retirees, we brought up a proposal for a change in our events. We've had breakfasts forever in local restaurants, starting at 8:30. We recently changed that to a 9:00 start, which has been well received. I got a few requests for a monthly lunch meeting versus the breakfasts and the four seasons banquet lunches. I put it out to the group; it was accepted as a good change to our lives. If you've ever been involved with planning a large event, wedding, shower, party, you know how chaotic it can be, and if something like Covid comes along, the whole thing is canceled, as it was in March of 2020, what a disaster, we lost a lot of money on that. If we just do monthly lunches, and if we do have an emergency, at least we don't

have to worry about restaurants, deposits, entertainment costs, and disappointment to the planners. This way, we would just send out an email blast and cancel that day's lunch. If you read the RUAEA Newsletter, you'll see many other cities have monthly lunches, it seems to work very well. Our world is changing, we are changing, we're not 60 anymore. Our membership has dwindled, people have moved, or are disabled, can't drive, all kinds of things, many have passed away. The Board and I are discussing this change and will let you know what we decide. As always, we love hearing your opinion, you are our chapter. We'd like to keep one or two of our banquet soirees, but it all depends on the condition of the city, county, state, country and us. Stay with us, we love our Skyliners Chapter, we're the biggest RUAEA chapter in the country. We must keep it alive and active!

Some interesting musings. Our Mainliner Club is going to a Cubs game on August 10, and a Sox game on July 8. **Barb Wesemann** went to Louisville with her church group. **Mila Walker** has beaten cancer, thanks to her strong will to live, and the University of Chicago Hospital, she is moving to Dallas with her daughter. Good luck, and enjoy, we'll miss you. We had some wedding anniversaries last month, **Bill & Delphine Perry** celebrated 42 years of wedded bliss, what a pair of lovebirds. Also, **Charlie & Carol Lewis**, celebrated 60 years, another beautiful couple. **Mike Kern**, ORD Aircraft Inspector, fell and fractured five ribs, ouch, five! **Jim Kraft**, ORD mechanic, had an accident when a car hit him on his motorcycle. It really messed up his left ankle; he's already had multiple surgeries and others scheduled with a possible bone graft, bolts, screws and who knows what else. His rehab will be extensive, but his attitude is very positive. To think we survived so many things in our lives to get this age, and end up with bad bones, muscles, eye problems and can't hear. What?



Some things ending from our era, the last pay phone booth in Manhattan, NY, has been disconnected. The last Howard Johnson restaurant closed its doors in Lake George, NY. after 70 years. And our beautiful old EXO in Elk Grove has a blue net around it, a sign of it being torn down. **Robert Siel** said that he saw, 'only sadness as a bulldozer drove along the first floor inside the North Building' in early June. That got to me. Definitely a sign of the times, think of the thousands of people that worked or trained there since 1961. An End of an Era, for sure. So many of us really did grow up there and learned a lot about the airline and life in general, I sure did!

Remember about a year ago, I went over the rules of using the car blinker directional signal? Did it help? I was driving on the tollway the other day, in front of me was a truck with a very clever sign on both sides of his back door, so all lanes could see it. 'The Blinking thing means I'm Turning'. How funny!

Here's something I didn't know, did you? United does not accept cash, debit or credit cards for purchases on board our planes anymore. The only way to buy items on most flights is to preload a credit or debit card that you send the number to UAL first. **Bart & Sue Kendall** told me the screen came up when they bought a ticket. I have the instructions, the address is: <https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/inflight/dining/savepayment.html>. If you have a MileagePlus number, you can add the money on there, too. Look it up, it explains it so much better than I can. The article also mentioned that some airlines don't even accept cash for plane tickets anymore. The good old American dollar is disappearing and disintegrating.

Our co-workers that flew West last month include **Tom Loftus** and **Ruth Heim**, CHIRR, (two very liked people), **Gary Peck** and **Rick Gustafson**, EXOKF, **Lynn Gish** EXOSK, **Minnie Sinard's** husband, **Dan**, ORDCS, **Helmut Possin** ORDMM (8/2021), **Mary Ellen Stewart**, ORDCS, and **John Homer Anderson**, ORDFO. Also gone from our world include, sports star NBA Bob Lanier, singers, Naomi Judd, Jim Seals (Seals and Crofts), actors, Bruce MacVitti (Sopranos), Frank Ward, Lee Lawson (Guiding Light), Maggie Peterson (Andy Griffith), John Aylward (ER/West Wing), Bo Hopkins (American Graffiti), Brad Johnson (Marlboro Man), Charles Seibert (Trapper John), Ray Liotta (Goodfellas), song writer, Paul Vance (Catch a Falling Star), Ron Rice (Hawaiian Tropic founder), and Ann Turner Cook, the original Gerber Baby in 1927.

To keep us humble, remember that at the end of the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 9:00 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**July 14**). Second Thursday of the month.

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**July 21**). Third Thursday



IAM 1487 Luncheon, Union Hall, 501 E Oakton St. Des Plaines (**June 2**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.  
RUPA Lunch – Nick’s Pub, 855 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake, (**July 12**), 11:00A.M.

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As usual, we held our monthly chapter meeting at Emmy’s. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Ron Bretherick, Chris Johnston, Frank & Rita Prins, Allen Miller and Frank Ingegno.**

We discussed our chapter annual picnic which is now planned for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Avon Town Hall Park.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **June 14** at Emmy’s
- **July 12** at Emmy’s
- **August 9** at Emmy’s
- **September 13** - Indy Racers Chapter picnic at Avon Town Hall Park

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Greetings to all!

I hope all are enjoying the warm and good summer weather.

Our Vice President and Treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal**, sent everyone an email asking when and where we would like to hold our first meeting since Covid-19 shutdown. Unfortunately, he only got a dozen answers, with most requesting that we hold off until Fall; and no response as to the location of the meeting.

I am afraid the pandemic has caused more harm to our chapter than meets the eye. It seems to have robbed everyone’s interest, and I hope that I am seriously wrong. I would enjoy our normal meetings again, as I hope all would.

Stay well and be happy!

Calendar:

**Wear your masks**, think safety and stay healthy!

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our June luncheon is to be hosted by **Camille Wade** and will be held on Friday, June 10 at 12:30 pm. The location is Rex's Golden Grill at 2424 S. Telegraph Rd., Dearborn, MI. Hope you will be able to join us. If so, please RSVP to Camille - cell (313) 530-1261.

Big Tommy's Parthenon restaurant was the scene of our May luncheon. **Patty Gates** and **Pam Shamey** hosted the fun luncheon. Attending were **Patty Gates**, **Pam Shamey**, **Marcy Vance**, **Camille Wade**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Sherry Whitehead**, **Marlene Heaney** and **Gwen Dyc**.

Former DTWRR trainer, **Katherine Basch**, passed away on May 27, 2022. She and her husband, **George**, lived in Grand Blanc, Michigan after retirement. Further information may be found on the website for Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

Thought for the month: *"It's not enough to love; people have to feel that they are loved."* ~ St. John Bosco

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

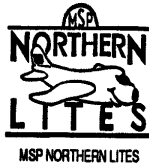
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Sorry I skipped last month's newsletter. There just wasn't much happening.

I got a call from **Al Kilian**; he & Mary are muddling along, as are the rest of us. Thankfully, they're able to again have 4 days-a-week in-home help for Mary. It was suspended for several months and they were scrambling to find someone to come in to help Al. He & Mary are pretty much our "senior" senior citizens of the group and we miss seeing them.

Not much going on, I guess. Or at least, I'm not getting much in the way of feedback. Remember, the Cities' traffic plus my failing sight, are keeping me from attending the monthly lunches at Lucky's 13. Unless I get some news from others, it's hard to pass anything on to you!

By the way, I have a new email address, noted above.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

## NEBRASKA

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Twenty one of us gathered at Legends Patio Grill on June 5<sup>th</sup> for lunch. We have our own space, with good food and service. We agreed to meet here each month unless some other place is desired and we will meet on a monthly basis until weather interferes, it's always the first Tuesday of the month.

**Shirley Payton** has made arrangements for the Christmas luncheon to be held at Cascio's on December 2<sup>nd</sup> which is a Wednesday instead of the Tuesday we usually meet. Cascio's is located at 1620 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Omaha. We look forward to seeing all of you there as well as at our next monthly meeting.

Winners of the 50/50 were **Teri Shook** (Patty's daughter) and **Jan Cornish**. Each received \$12.

We were happy to report that **Van Van Houten** has returned home after a short stay in a rehab facility following a fall.

Some discussion was held regarding the current status of flying as retirees. **Rita Purkapile** reported that space availability is a thing of the past. The flights are so full and there are so many cancellations and changes in schedules it makes standby very difficult. There still is the option of 80% fares. Rita & Allen just returned from Barcelona and said travel was very stressful.

Calendar:

**July 5** - Meeting at Legends Patio Grill, 6901 Pacific Street, Omaha.

**NEVADA**

**LAS VEGAS**  
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Well, it has been a few months since the Silverliners have gotten together. At our last luncheon, I mentioned that we are still in need of a President, Treasurer and Secretary and as of this printing, not one person has stepped forward for any of the positions. Our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** and Secretary **Don Rutkowski** are doing what they can to keep the Silverliners solvent into the future and lately, it is no easy task. So, we will keep hoping for the best and look forward to the next luncheon that any member is willing to set up for the membership. We still have members that are afraid of gatherings due to the COVID virus and the reports they hear about its resurgence.

**Don Rutkowski** and his wife **Georgia** tried to set up a luncheon in the town of Mesquite, the home town of members **Jim & Chris Czaplewski**. Don figured that since Jim & Chris traveled over 3 hours round trip to attend our local luncheons here in Las Vegas, we could travel to their home town and meet there. Well, when Don contacted Chris about a date for a lunch get together, he was informed of serious health issues with them. Jim was hospitalized for 5 days with pneumonia, sepsis and heart failure. He learned also that Chris is battling bronchitis and having a rough time. Both are on the mend but it is a slow recovery. Don informed the membership of the medical condition of Jim & Chris and got a response back from **Jeannie Rolland** that she was fighting bronchitis for the past 3 weeks also; she had a major water leak problem in her house and was trying to coordinate all repairs with the insurance company. She is totally stressed out and frustrated.

June Birthdays ~ **Jeannie Rolland**, **Chris Czaplewski** and **Lu Friel**.

June Wedding Anniversaries ~ **Christine & Woody Earl**.

All we can do is hang on and hope for a brighter future for our members of the Silverliners.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings quarterly now as we try and get through the Pandemic and dwindling membership and participation. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 14 members at our May 9 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. It was nice to see everyone. **Barbara & Larry Leusing** had returned from a trip to Europe to such places as France, Capri, Rome, Florence, Germany and Scotland.

A May birthday is being celebrated by **Bonnie Royal**. The 50/50 winner was **Barbara Leusing**.

We were advised that **Willie Reynolds**, known to many in our chapter, has relocated to Florida. Our next meeting will be on June 13 at 11:30 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

## NEW JERSEY

### THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters meeting was opened with a Memorial for our veterans from United, by our President **Frank Worzocha**.



IAM union representative, **Rich Creighton**, gave us an update on what's going on in Newark. It's always firsthand and it brings us up to date on what is happening.

We do have one thing to crow about: **Justin Bumara**, the son of **John Bumara** (our freight runner), and the grandson of **Mario Bumara** (someone that I have worked with in aircraft maintenance at Newark for many years), has just been made Captain of the USS Stockdale, a ship of the Pacific Fleet. I wonder if he can marry people?

Anyway, **Tony Silva** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on June 29 at the Stage Inn in Scotch Plains at 12 PM. I don't have to say it, but it would really be good to see some old friends, saying we don't have the time just don't get it.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will."*

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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

### NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We opened our June meeting with a pledge by President **Ed Pozzi**, and then a moment of silence for passing of member **Walter Stobe** and the children and teachers from Texas.

At our July meeting, we will have burgers and franks, ribs, fries, salad and dessert.

The 50/50 prize of \$20 was won by **Nunzio Milazzo**, \$15 goes to **Ileana Falcon** and \$10 to **George Riggi**.

Also while waiting for our lunch, **Joe Falcon** received a text that he was awarded the Charles E. Taylor award. Congratulations to Joe!

### Calendar:

**July 6** – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.



## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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There is no report this month from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter of RUAEA.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

**July 6** - Diamond Event Center.

**August 3** – Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our next luncheon will be back at Colwood, on Thursday, June 23! Check in and socializing begins at 11:00. Lunch served at noon. Thank you Rosalie for all the extra effort pulling this together for us!

I am very sad to report the death of my wonderful husband **Tom Hotchkin**, retired PDXMM. He had a heart attack on Monday, May 16, spent a few days in ICU then was discharged home on hospice. He lived another week, giving our family lots of time to share wonderful memories and shower him with love before passing on May 26<sup>th</sup>. His Celebration of Life was held June 5.

Along with that sad news comes the good news that I no longer need to resign as President or Newsletter Correspondent.

While we wait for our next meeting to be arranged, here is some more humor with a little bit of philosophy thrown in.

- ☺ First rule of cleaning while listening to music: The toilet brush is never the microphone ... Never!
- ☺ “Just cleared out some space in the freezer” sounds so much more productive than, “I just polished off another pint of ice cream.”
- ☺ We all get heavier as we get older because there’s a lot more information in our heads. So, I’m not fat. I’m just brilliant and my head could not hold any more, so it started filling up the rest of me. That’s my story and I’m sticking to it.
- ☺ The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.
- ☺ No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.
- ☺ Whoever invented “knock-knock” jokes should get a no-bell prize.
- ☺ I put my grandma on speed dial. I call that Instagram.
- ☺ Energizer bunny arrested: charged with battery.
- ☺ At the end of the day, I’d rather be excluded for who I include, than be included for who I exclude.
- ☺ I told my friend that I wanted a man who’s loyal, faithful, patient, attentive, forgiving, unselfish, even-tempered and a good listener. She told me I wanted a dog.
- ☺ Actual sign that I saw: Septic Tanks Pumped, Swimming pools filled, Not Same Truck.
- ☺ I have been working really hard to expand my skill set as I get older. And I can honestly report that I have completely mastered the ability to forget what I am doing while I am doing it!
- ☺ I’m at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.
- ☺ Once you understand why Pizza is made round, packed in a square box, and eaten as a triangle ... then you will understand women.
- ☺ Celery is 95% water and 100% not pizza!

- ☺ My Roomba just beat me to an M&M that I dropped on the ground. I guess this is how the war against machines will begin.
- ☺ I just cleaned my kitchen floor using only my feet and some baby wipes without spilling my wine ... if anybody needs a life coach.
- ☺ The most expensive vehicle to operate, by far, is the Costco shopping cart.
- ☺ My mom always said, "Work until your bank account looks like a phone number." Well, I did it! Available balance: \$9.11
- ☺ One minute you're young and fun, and the next you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.
- ☺ Don't be worried about your smart phone and TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.
- ☺ I wish I could drop my body off at the gym and pick it back up when it's ready!
- ☺ We keep a potato masher in a drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.
- ☺ Don't stress about your eyesight failing as you get older. It's nature's way of protecting you from shock as you walk pass the mirror.
- ☺ Exercise gives you energy but you need energy to exercise. Sounds like a pyramid scheme to me.
- ☺ You know potatoes really do not receive the recognition they deserve for their versatility. Think about it, there really is a potato for every occasion:
  - Breakfast: Hash browns
  - Fast food: French fries
  - Fancy dinner: Baked potato
  - Holidays: Mashed potatoes
  - Relaxing at home: Potato chips
  - Quarantine: Vodka
- ☺ I'm at that awkward stage of life, where most of my conversations have at least one of these sentences in them: "Have I told you this already?", "What was I saying?", "Have you seen my glasses?", "Any idea where the car keys might be?"
- ☺ A new study links drinking more coffee to a longer lifespan. Awesome. I am going to be immortal.
- ☺ Based on the amount of laundry I do, I'm pretty sure there are other people living here that I have not met yet.
- ☺ Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire, and used the insurance money to buy cupcakes.
- ☺ Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret.
- ☺ When I fight with my wife, I tighten the lid of every jar in the house, just so I can say, "Oh you need me now huh?"
- ☺ People who can finish a shampoo bottle at the same time as their conditioner are truly gifted!
- ☺ If you see me smiling, it's because I'm thinking of doing something naughty. If you see me laughing it's because I've already done it!
- ☺ If I was Snow White, you'd never be able to kill me with a poison apple ... you'd have to poison me with an éclair or something ...
- ☺ Some days I do several loads of laundry, clean the kitchen, make the bed, mop the floors and get dinner ready. Other days I eat a box of Oreos and call it a day. It's all about balance after all.
- ☺ I am not arguing. I'm just explaining why I am right!
- ☺ I don't always have a valid argument, but when I do it's later that day, in the shower.
- ☺ Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.
- ☺ I always say "Morning" instead of "Good morning" because if it was a good morning I would still be in my bed and not talking to people.
- ☺ As I've gotten older, I thought I was starting to get lazy, but it turns out that I am just being more energy efficient!
- ☺ A thing I never realized about being an adult is that you will always be cleaning your kitchen. No matter if you get take out, no matter if you're gone all day, you will be cleaning the kitchen.
- ☺ Sadly, I do my best proofreading right after I hit send.

#### Calendar:

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

## PENNSYLVANIA

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There is no report this month from The Independents chapter of RUAEA.

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

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

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Our annual picnic will take place on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12Noon at the lakeside home of **Kathy Skarbo**: 1611 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St., in Burien. Look for our UA sign at her driveway but please park along the street. The cost is \$10 P/P. Be vaccinated, masks optional (at this point). We will start serving the food at 12:30 and the table will be loaded with fried chicken, ribs, baked beans, salads, chips, watermelon and sweets. Water and pop will be provided, but you're welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. **Important**: RSVP by July 1<sup>st</sup> to Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** at (360) 459-8048.

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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.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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**Blue Angels**  
2022 SHOW SCHEDULE

MARCH	AUGUST
12   NAF EL CENTRO, CA	6-7   SEATTLE, WA
19-20   NAS NEW ORLEANS, LA	13-14   MCAS KANEBOE BAY, HI
26-27   MACOILL AFB, FL	20-21   MCMINNVILLE, OR

APRIL	SEPTEMBER
2-3   NAS KINGSVILLE, TX	3-4   CLEVELAND, OH
9-10   JRB CHARLESTON, SC	10-11   KNOXVILLE, TN
23-24   VIDALIA, GA	17-18   NAS OCEANA, VA
30-1   VERO BEACH, FL	24-25   MCAS MIRAMAR, CA

MAY	OCTOBER
7-8   MCGUIRE AFB, NJ	1-2   MINDEN, NV
14-15   ELLSWORTH AFB, SD	8-9   SAN FRANCISCO, CA
25-27   USNA, ANNAPOLIS, MD	22-23   JACKSONVILLE, FL
28-29   JONES BEACH, NY	29-30   HOUSTON, TX

JUNE	NOVEMBER
4-5   EAU CLAIRE, WI	5-6   PEACHTREE CITY, GA
11-12   CHESTERFIELD, MO	11-12   NAS PENSACOLA, FL
18-19   MILLINGTON, TN	

JULY
2-4   TRAVERSE CITY, MI
9-10   PENSACOLA BEACH, FL
16-17   YPSILANTI, MI
23-24   MILWAUKEE, WI
30-31   DAYTON, OH

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Attached is the 2022 calendar for the Blue Angels. If you have never seen one of their shows, you should try to find a date in your area. The show is exciting and beautiful. The precision of these synchronized flight patterns are incredible. This calendar was passed along by **Tammy Alvarez**.

The Loungers met for their monthly luncheon on May 11. Thirty five members were in attendance including a surprise visit from a past President, **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** and her husband **Larry Silva**. The Silvas were visiting from Tennessee. We also were joined by a new member **Janet Baltas**, ORD/SFOSW. Quite a few of our members were absent because they were attending the annual luncheon for the Dulles Traveler's Aid Volunteers.

I was most excited to pass around a sign-up sheet for the end of year party. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be gathering at the Bungalow Lakehouse in Cascades, Virginia at 11:30 until 3:00 pm. We will be giving



awards to our volunteers. There will be a silent auction of a gift basket valued at \$150.00 donated by The Great Harvest Bakery in Herndon, Virginia. A variety of appetizers will be served. There will be a birthday cake celebrating the many summer birthdays of our group. The Great Harvest Bakery is donating additional trays of brownies.

After years of serving as Vice President and then years of serving as President, I will be stepping down. I am proud of my years as an officer in this closely-knit Retired UAL Organization. I look forward to many more years as a member.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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Clipped Wings Vice President

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### Submitted by Karen Williams

Happy Summer to All! Perhaps some of you are even traveling around the world exploring one of the many new routes to International Cities where UAL has added service for the summer. We wish you safe travels and happy new adventures ... plus First Class and Plan A, (hey, as long as we're wishing!)

This Fall of 2022, our Clipped Wings Members will be traveling to PDX for our 2022 Convention. This will be the first time since 2018 that we've been able to hold an in-person Convention. Our PDX Chapter has been four years in the planning stage for this special event which will celebrate 92 years of Inflight Service.

In 2020, we rose to the challenge of holding a successful Virtual Convention via Zoom so we sure are looking forward to all of those **real hugs** with our flying buddies.

Since the Pandemic severely limited our travels during the past few years, many of us at CW are open to new possibilities and ways of approaching goals. This, of course, involves re-thinking some of the ways we've done things in the past and exploring new "Routes" to get to our desired destination. One new "Route" that Clipped Wings is hoping to experience with other UAL Retiree Groups is to hold our conventions in the same city at the same hotel and either with back-to-back time slots or even concurrent times depending on what works best for each Retiree Group. Working together in negotiating for conventions should enable us to offer more affordable rates for hotels and tours. Let's pool our Brain Power and Talents and travel down this new "Route" for the future and fun for each of our organizations. We learned different ways to cope because we had to during the COVID pandemic so let's use that new set of Flexible Skills and Mindsets to move forward into the Future!

Our Clipped Wings Family wishes to extend to our RUAEA correspondent and CW Vice President, **Barbara Dunkelman**, our deepest sympathy on the loss of her husband. Barbara is spending time with her daughter and granddaughter as they mourn the loss of a very special person. Our hearts are with you and your family, Barbara.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **May 2022**:

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# CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **May 2022**:

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# OBITUARIES

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Gish, Lynn J.**, on 5/21/2022, ORDSK, beloved companion of Cheryl DeSmidt, 640 Gaslight Dr., Algonquin, IL 60102

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## Letters & Notes



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

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

Frank Christenson, Robert Duffey, Shirley Elrod, Warren Fong, Jay Hartough, Rosemary Heier, Jesse Hicks, Sharon Hill, Shelley Hofmann, Barrie Hooley, George Horiuchi, Lynn Kalweit, Norma Misner, Dawn Murphy, Rogelio Ramos, Rueben Rivas, Joe Sweeley, Susan Thornton, Ken & Beverly Yeager.

### **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.)*

#### **Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596**

It is always nice to receive our Newsletter. I love reading about people I have worked with over the years. I have been retired for 25 years, although I have not flown anywhere since 2018, I know my passes are available and that is comforting. Living in Florida, we take more cruises than flights.

Since March 4, 2021 life has been a challenge. After 6 weeks of in-home infusion 3 times a day, Kennedy ended up losing his right big toe; then 8 weeks of hyperbaric therapy June through August. He did not heal. It was not diabetes, as most people thought, it was poor vascular circulation. He ended up re-hospitalized from September to mid November, resulting in an amputation below the knee of the right leg and 5 days later, above the knee which offered better blood flow for healing.

His hospital was across the street from the Tampa Bay's football stadium. We enjoyed watching the football fans going to the football games from the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of St Joseph's hospital. He came home 4 days before Thanksgiving.

Now he is in a wheelchair and we just bought a 4 wheel scooter. We are waiting for 100% healing before he gets his prosthesis. He was measured for it this week.

Through it all, we thank God for our strength to keep on keeping on. We are also thankful for our Aetna Insurance supplement and Medicare. You pay for what you get.

At no time did he/we lose faith that God would take care of us. Our lives have changed forever, but we are still the same people, Kennedy and Joyce.

Hello to all my friends and thank you for the Newsletter Staff.

**Dolores Pitts, 2305 Sigwalt St., Rolling Hill, IL 60008**

Sorry for the delay. My life is too full of problems at this time.

I have a 59 year old special needs daughter that still lives with me; also a 56 year old homeless daughter and her 14 year old son living here for over 3 years and her estranged husband for 1½ years.

I just had a tooth implanted after 1 year of prep work being done; but I am still having some problems. I had over a year of retina shots which helped the first eye. I need my second eye to hang on so I can still drive to the grocery store, doctors and church.

I want to sell my house before I can't drive anymore and move to a senior living facility. Hopefully, I can still afford to do that.

I am a first generation Ukrainian American but I don't know if there is any family still living there.

Keep me in your prayers.

I will be 84 in July and would like to really get to know my first great grandchild in October; and my youngest granddaughter, who has had 3 heart surgeries and is doing great.

Keep up the good work.

**Linda Ward, Brentwood Estates 1111 S. 70<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, NE 68510**

I am sure glad I found this Senior Apartment center.

I don't have to cook; I can have 3 meals a day with 3 entrée choices. The electricity, water and gas are paid. House cleaning, towels and bedding will be changed once a week. The only thing I have to pay for is Wi-Fi. I love my world.

I love getting the RUAEA newsletter. Thanks for all you do.

**John "Scotty" Thomas, 810 Gonzales Drive 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132**

Tomorrow a group of my family is heading to Chicago for the graduation of my grandson from Northwestern University. He graduated in 2019 but because of the virus, there was no graduation ceremony. It has been quite a journey for Nicolas but he has done very well.

He joined the Marines and did his basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. The Marines sent him to George Washington University, where he got his first degree. The day before the graduation we attended another ceremony with the Marines. I got to pin one of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant bars on and his mother, my daughter pinned the other.

The next day we proudly watched him get his degree from George Washington University. Out of about 200 graduates, he was the only one in uniform, a USA Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

While at the University, he met the love of his life, Stephanie. They got married after he was in the Marines and they now have 3 lovely daughters. Stephanie is from Chicago, so now she is going home.

Nicolas wanted to be a lawyer, so after 12 years in the Marines, he retired as a captain and went to Northwestern University where he studied for a law and business degree at the same time. Now, the final step, graduation ceremony!

His mother, his Chicago in-laws, his wife and his 3 daughters will all be there. He is going to be able to take his 2 oldest daughters 4 and 6 years old, with him to the podium for the ceremony.

Unfortunately my wife and I will not be in attendance as my traveling days are now over.

Nicolas & Stephanie loved San Diego, so he applied for a position with a law firm there and was accepted. He has been with them since he graduated and passed the California Bar.

As my good friend, Kenny Ahern from Boston used to tell me, "Scotty, What A Country!"

**Notes**

**Allan F Huber**

I worked at the following stations: EXOSO, MDWCG, ORDCG, ORDOO, ORDMM, SFOMO, HDQCS, SFOOO and SFOFF.

**David E. Shaw**

I'm playing golf, gardening and just loving our Nevada life.

Thanks for all that the Newsletter team does to keep us in touch with all that is going on.

**Delores Cappitelli**

I am moving to Clive, IA as of July 7, 2022.

**Mary Ann Schaefer**

I often see the names of those who worked along side my husband, Robert (ORDCG). I know some of you often called him "Big Bird". It makes me smile and remember all of the good stories he told me about you, especially the day when you opened the belly door and saw the tiger looking at you.

**Virginia F. Cable**

The Newsletter is a tie to United. I enjoy reading it but lately there haven't been any names I recognize. I've been retired for 27 years. Life on the airline has certainly changed a great deal. I'm grateful for the years I was a stew and how much fun we had.

**Thomas P. Marcy**

I would like for you to start publishing the notes from the board meetings again and especially the financial reports.

**John H. Zoboli**

Pat and I spent four weeks in Nuevo Vallarta in March and will be spending time in Kauai during October.

Our chapter, Sierra Roundup, has recovered membership well since the COVID shut down.

We are looking forward to another great convention this year. Thanks to Hank and the committee. All retirees should help keep RUAEA strong.

**Art Rugh**

I still live in Henderson, NV and I am staying reasonably well for an old person! I want to say hello to all my friends out there and wish them well. I am still flying R/C airplanes but had to give up snow skiing! Life is good!

**Leonard Becker**

I'm traveling and staying in different states for at least two years. I'm heading to New Mexico next. Thanks for the Newsletter.

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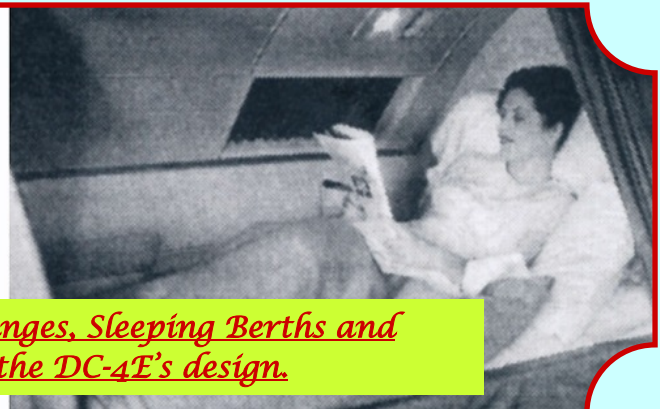


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