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RUAEA Board Meeting - Denver, March 2019 *Reported by Bill Corbett (RUAEA VP of Conventions)*

This will go down as the most memorable board meeting ever. We started our Executive Board meeting on March 11 and all went very well. We all broke for lunch on our own. On March 12 we had our annual spring board meeting and had box lunches for all attendees. After the board meeting, all board members and members from the local Denver chapter participated in sampling items that will be featured for the Denver convention. Food selections will be Salmon, Beef, and Chicken. Everyone present had no complaints on the food selections. Just as the dinner was being served, word started circulating throughout the room that a snow storm was coming in on Wednesday afternoon March 13. People started scrambling around to see if anyone could get out of town that night. All flights were overbooked already. Then on the morning of March 13, 2 of our members were able to get out of town and the rest either stayed at the hotel and everybody returned back to the hotel. Blizzard conditions were severe with zero visibility and winds of up to 75 mph. The Denver airport closed at noon on March 13 and gradually opened up for scheduled operations on the afternoon of March 14. Only a few people were able to get out of Denver on pass travel. The rest of the members had to buy PS tickets to get back home.

Those who did go to the airport had a lot to tell us on their return. The trip there was in driving rain in a cab with a broken windshield and wipers. While there, the food courts ran out of food. Then the blizzard hit and the roads closed so they tried the train. The ticket machine was not taking cash and by the time they figured that out, the train left them waiting in the snow. The next train was 35 minutes later and it got stuck on the tracks for another hour. By the time they arrived at the hotel exhausted, the hotel was sold out of food and they finally were able to order from a limit menu at 9PM. **Linda Scriven, Jim Sommerfield and Shirley Brown** were at the airport so long that they adopted a child. Seriously, they came back with **Jessica Menconi**, daughter of ORD Mechanic **Pete Menconi**. Jessica was on her way home to Chicago for spring break from the Colorado State University. All hotel rooms were sold out and as always, we take care of our own. We all enjoyed Jessica's company as she was a true delight. We will not be worried about snow when we return to Denver for the convention in September. The convention rate of \$129+ including free breakfast every morning will apply from September 22, 2019 to September 30, 2019. I will be providing more info about the hotel and getting to and from DIA and around town later on. If anyone has any concerns just get in touch with me from my contact info in the back of the monthly newsletter. ■

Standing ~ Ray Jensen,
Bill Corbett, Cas Spokas,
Chuck Cole, Jim Sommer-
field, Virgil Gooselaw,
Pam Ziebarth, Hank
Gosselin

Sitting ~ Tom Cunning-
ham, Mary Jane Stew-
art, Rosalie Tripicchio,
Mike Malesardi, Kathy
Malesardi, Sonda
Sandstedt

On Floor ~ Don Burbank,
Dave Garland



*RUAEA Board Meeting
Denver, March 2019*

GENERAL NEWS

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RUAEA Election of Officers



Virgil Gooselaw

As most of you know, we have not had an Officers Election for 2 years in RUAEA. This was due to the lack of candidates. We do wish to thank the incumbents for continuing in their respective positions and those who volunteered to fill open positions. As election

period is coming up soon for the 2020-2021 terms, we will attempt to have an election. So, if you desire to run for one of these open positions or have questions about the election process, please give **Virgil Gooselaw** or **Hank Gosselin** a call or email. Our contact information is below.

Note: To have an election, we must have a short bio and a clear head shot (digital picture min. 300 dpi) of each candidate to the Newsletter Managers no later than June 1st, 2019.

The positions open for election are as follows:

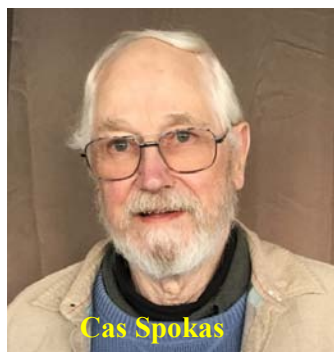
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- ★ Northwest Director
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Secretary

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A Message From the Denver Office:



Cas Spokas

A big thank you to all of you who are able to use our credit card feature to join RUAEA and pay your dues, it saves a lot of work for those working in the Denver office.

We have another request – when you use the credit card feature or pay your dues by check, please don't

put a letter in front of your file number, like the letter

"u". The letter "u" is used by United Airlines for retirees and current employees to access the Flying Together website. It is not used by RUAEA, in fact it causes us a problem when the letter is entered when making a payment by credit card. It is very time consuming to extract it from your membership record.

If you have any questions about this, please send us an email or a written note and we'll get back to you.

Also messages left on the phone are for the most part not decipherable. The system does not record the messages clearly. The best way to contact the office is by email or a legible hand written note and a phone number and we'll get back to you. Yes, the phone works well for one on one conversations, it's the recorded messages that are not good. Whenever contacting the Denver Office, be sure and include your file number. Trying to find a member by the alphabet doesn't always work well.

Thanks for understanding and your help.

Regards,

Cas Spokas
Membership Manager

'Why don't we fly there?'



"This route is great, but can we please start flying to X, Y or Z city/country/region? Other airlines do, but we don't. What gives?"

That's a perfect example, albeit tongue-in-cheek, of one of the most-asked questions in the comments section of Flying Together any time we make a new route announcement. It's one we're all familiar with; maybe you've even asked it yourself a few times. And now, to address that query and others like it, here are answers to some of your burning network questions.

So, first things first: How do we decide when and where to open new routes? It all starts with hours upon hours of research. The Domestic and International Network Planning groups continually analyze passenger load and fare data for routes we don't currently support before determining where opportunities for new service lie.

They'll take 100 city combinations, for example, then slowly whittle that list down until they reach 10-15 that are viable for us based on customer demand and profitability forecasts. Then they measure the impact of introducing new service versus adding more flights be-

tween cities we already serve. It's a constant negotiation between dozens of variables, and there's a lot of consideration that goes into those decisions, since we never want to launch a route that ultimately fails.

Which brings us to the decision to end service on a route. That is one that is never taken lightly, given the impact it has on employees, customers and communities. When it becomes clear that a route is no longer profitable, and it's clear there isn't a path to acceptable profitability in the foreseeable future, we will exit. In some cases, Network Planning might salvage a route by reducing it from year-round to seasonal, but that isn't always an option.

Now, let's say Network Planning unearths a potential new route that looks appealing. The question then becomes one of aircraft availability. Do we have existing capacity in the fleet to support it? If not, can we move equipment from an underperforming route? Or, would it be better served by United Express.

Before building a segment into the schedule, Network Planning estimates customer demand by evaluating connection options, the route's popularity and what the competition offers, among other things. Finally, planners look at different aircraft capabilities, things like number of seats, range, and takeoff and landing limitations, then decide if the route should be flown with mainline or regional equipment.

That's all fine, you might be saying, but there's still the question of us versus them. Why can't we offer a flight that one of our competitors does? The simple answer is, we can't be everything to everyone, everywhere. No, we don't have LAX-PDX (Portland, Oregon) like Delta (DL), for instance, but we do great with our LAX to IAH, IAD and ORD routes, which is why DL doesn't offer those flights. As mentioned above, we operate within constraints. A new segment requires assets, like airport gates and airplanes, not to mention paying customers. We're not going to cannibalize assets being used for more profitable routes just to compete with a competitor in places where we would be operating at a deficit.

There are plenty of places where the competition is firmly in our rear-view mirror. Hawaii and the great ski and national park destinations in the West, to name just two. Our overall strategy is about leveraging the network in the right ways to ensure United's long-term success.

President Scott Kirby likes to say we have the most network potential of any airline, and he's right. Unlike our competition, we have room to grow at our hubs. That means there's more route expansion to come, particularly in our mid-continent hubs. While this is by no means a fully comprehensive look at the work of our Network Planning teams, we hope it demystifies the thought process that goes into those decisions.

Changes coming to MileagePlus award travel



United announced that award charts will no longer be published for travel on or after November 15, 2019. This change allows United to match award pricing to customer demand.

Where there is more availability, United will be able to offer lower prices than what the company offers today. That means one-way award flights within the U.S. and Canada that are currently 10,000 to 12,500 miles today may be available for fewer miles moving forward. You might have already noticed these lower award prices, and you'll be able to get them right away. If your travel dates are flexible, these changes will help you make the most of your miles.

Also beginning November 15, United is getting rid of the \$75 close-in booking fee for award tickets issued within 21 days of the departure date. That fee was waived for employees last year, so this change only impacts customers.

The award calendar on [united.com](https://www.united.com) or in United's app will continue to show the lowest available price for your destination.

How United Express drives growth



The kind of network expansion United has seen over the past year has been nothing short of monumental. United is moving down a historic path, and it's taken everyone at the airline pulling in the same direction to accomplish what it has – and that includes United Express flying partners.

Thanks to United Express, United entered several new, smaller markets in 2018, establishing a presence in more regions of the United States than ever before. As a result, last year United flew the largest number of customers in its history, driven in part by the fact that United Express saw an increase of roughly 4 million passengers compared to 2017.

"Simply put, it would be impossible for United to operate in as many places as we do without the help of United Express," said United Express SVP Tracy Lee. "Mainline service isn't financially feasible in every market, but we still want to offer those customers the choice of flying United."

As background on how those decisions are made, before building a new segment into the schedule, the Network Planning team estimates customer demand by evaluating connection options, the route's popularity and what the competition offers, among other things. Next, planners look at aircraft capabilities, things like number of seats, range and takeoff and landing limitations, then decide if the route should be flown with mainline or regional equipment.

Though many of the domestic routes United introduced last year are served by United Express, the reality is that, over the past five years, mainline departures are up by more than 22 percent, while United Express departures are down by the same percentage. Mainline is growing faster than at any point in United's history, even with the added United Express flights. And it's important to remember a majority of the customers who fly United Express ultimately end up on a mainline aircraft at some point in their journeys.

"The regional jets bring passengers to our hubs, where they connect to other cities on mainline flights. United Express is an extremely valuable conduit in that sense," Tracy continued. "Without our flying partners, those customers might never step foot on a United aircraft."

To that point, some of places in which United has launched service in the past year were formerly strongholds for its competition. United Express allowed United to break into those markets and show those customers what they were missing.

"We hold our flying partners to the same high core4 standards that we hold our in-house employees to," said Tracy. "It's so important that we give our customers a seamless experience, regardless of who is operating a flight. The good news is, United Express is delivering. Even with last year's higher load factors, those carriers combined to record the best-ever completion rate and the second-best-ever on-time departure rate in United Express history. They're taking good care of our customers and earning repeat business. Our express carriers are a big part of the foundation on which United is growing, and that's a real source of pride for everyone involved."

Happy Mother's Day

Torgy's Travel Tips – May 2019 **International Travel Updates and Tips**



Kathie Torgison

As we head into the busy summer travel season I thought I would pass along some updates and a few helpful hints to assist you and your eligible travelers who may be thinking of an overseas trip. With all the wonderful destinations that United serves it's a hard choice to decide just where to visit!

A new nonstop to Amsterdam began March 30th from our west coast gateway San Francisco. UA986 operates daily using 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft. Coming up real soon are 2 new European destinations that we have not previously served: Naples and Prague! Naples service begins May 22 and becomes our fourth destination in Italy, including year-round flights to Rome and Milan, and seasonal service to Venice. United will be the only airline to offer a non-stop flight between Naples and North America. Then on June 6 the beautiful city of Prague will be our first venture into the Czech Republic. This will likely be an extremely popular destination so standby travel may be a bit tight during the late summer season, but remember that Munich is a close-by alternative. Both Naples and Prague will be served out of Newark, using 767-300 aircraft. And if Portugal is on your wish list, Newark to Oporto seasonal service begins again April 29th.

Now onto South America ~ Good news if you are planning a trip to Brazil. This country has always been part of the A-B-C group (Australia, Brazil, China) that require US citizens to have a visa in order to enter the country. The visa cost alone was \$160 plus lots of paperwork. Last year, Brazil experimented with a streamlined \$40 electronic version to encourage visitors to attend the 2018 Summer Olympics. It proved so successful that Brazil will lift all visa requirements for US citizens effective June 17th! So, if the urge strikes, you can now travel to Brazil on a moment's notice. UA serves Sao Paulo, Brazil from Chicago, Houston, Newark and Washington Dulles. Rio de Janeiro flights originate in Houston.

Somewhat the opposite of Brazil's relaxation of entry requirements is the upcoming regulation change concerning the European Union. In 2021 US citizens (as well as those from 60 other countries, including Canada and New Zealand) will be required to "pre-register" their passport details electronically before arriving in any of the 26 countries that make up the Schengen Area. This area is defined as those EU countries that do not have internal borders and allow people to move freely

between them. France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy and Poland are just some of the 26 Schengen countries. The new program is called the European Travel Information and Authorization System, or ETIAS. Travelers will complete an online registration and pay a €7 (about 8USD) service fee. Completing the form and waiting for the automatic authorization will take about 10 minutes and the authorization will remain valid for three years. Again, this does not begin until 2021 and there will be more instructions and information coming out later on.

Something else that all US citizens traveling internationally should put on their checklist is to register in STEP: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. This can be found at www.travel.state.gov. If you are caught in a flood, hurricane, earthquake or civil unrest while overseas, the US Dept of State will have a chance to help you if you register in this program. They don't know to look for you if you don't register.

Effective November 1, 2019 there will be a big change in the entry rule for the United Club (Red Carpet Club). All United Club members (or those who purchase a day pass) must provide a same-day ticket on United or Star Alliance carrier in order to use the club. This applies to lifetime members as well.

And lastly, if you are just itching to fly somewhere and want to know which destinations have the best availability for you to travel standby on your passes, don't forget to use the Open Search feature in Flying Together: ft.ual.com>travel>employee res>open search. As a reminder, Open Search allows you to ask the system to display the total number of available seats to a specific city from anywhere, or vice-versa. Your search parameter is limited to dates within the next 15 days and it works for United destinations worldwide. Those folks who fly from United hub cities like DEN, EWR, IAD, IAH, ORD and SFO benefit greatly when using this feature.

So get out there and make some memories!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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Our meeting started off with Secretary **Myrl Eisinger** and her assistant **John** passing out the name tags. After everybody was ID'ed; our illustrious President **Conrad Hamilton** had Christina, our hostess at the Cubi Bar/Cafe Pensacola NAS Museum, read off their specials. Everybody got their orders in and the talk around the table began.

Ed Southworth, aka McSouth as he was called in Vietnam, was going over a short story he had written about his fly time in the old H-34 chopper he flew in Nam. Of course **Ray Owens** had a lot to add about the GI Vietnamese language. That had changed so much with this new generation. We of today seem to forget just how many men and women just like **Ed Southworth**, who walks among us, put their life on the line. We will not forget those who died in that war, we thank you all.

We are so sad to hear of the passing of our member **Harold Stofko**, our wonderful Treasurer **Barbara Serra's** brother. Peace be with him!



Member **Kim Ray** led 11 of our members through a tour group of the Flight Academy here at the Navy Museum, a lot of United pilots have gone through this place. It would be nice to hear a report on this next month for those us who could not make it; our thanks to Kim for going out of her way to make this happen.

Bill Hyden and his assistant **Rita Toucher** sold the 50/50, only to hear **John Eisinger** won, leaving out all the rest of us. Conrad is trying to pass a vote, you can

not win twice in a row; but you can buy as many tickets as you want. **My Owens** is not going along with this vote. I think I heard **Doug & Diane Kuykendall** said, "can he do that". LOL!

Rich Hurst said he is the President. Ha Ha!

Readers come join us, First Monday of every month at the Cubi Cafe Pensacola FL NAS Museum, come on down.

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

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

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The Azures held the final luncheon of the season on April 10th at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant. Special thanks and recognition go to **Vivian Klick** and **Marge Mullman** for hosting the event and selecting the venue.

Our ranks are dwindling, new membership is impossible to recruit and many of the snowbirds are no longer spending the winter in Arizona. It has been difficult to solicit assistance from the remaining membership in arranging luncheons and the April Luncheon may well be the last Azures luncheon ever. No one will step up to help and those that have been involved with few exceptions are just plain tired.

We do have a bright bit of sunshine in the dedication of **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes** who are still involved in arranging our breakfasts. We will be having a slight change in the scheduling of the breakfasts for the summer and will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month effective May 8 rather than every other Wednesday. The time and place will remain; 08:30 at

Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12535 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. All are invited and we would be happy to see any visitors from other chapters. Call or E-Mail Sherry or Suzie no later than the Monday before the breakfast at (623) 572-4828 or phx22@cox.net if you would like to join us.

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Spring is here already and soon it will be Mother's Day on May 12, and Memorial Day on May 27th. A lot of the "Snowbirds" have left for their northern homes, but we still have quite a few of our members who stick around all year. Our chapter continues to meet for Breakfasts all year round on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. Most people like going out for breakfast, so if you have any guests or know someone who would like to join you, bring them along, or tell them when and where we meet. We also encourage any United or Continental retiree or anyone that worked for the company at any time, to join us too. Maybe some of them are vacationing out here, and would like to come. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know that you will be coming to the breakfast a couple of days before, so she can inform the restaurant how many to expect from our group. We have a private room to the left, as you enter the building. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Those of us Re-United's who attended the Chicago Cubs/White Sox game in early March, were really happy with the seats **Ron Paluch** arranged for us to buy. We had a beautiful day to be at the ball park, and the Cubs won! You can tell, I'm a Cubs fan!

We had 28 people attend the luncheon that **Natasha Schmidt** arranged for us at Mt. Athos in Florence, AZ on Monday, March 11. We either had Gyro's or Fettucine with Chicken, plus a salad and cup cakes with French Chocolate Mousse for dessert. We had a few visitors join us: **Richard & Grace Caldwell** from Oracle, AZ; Grace worked in ORDCS. Another person was **Lyn Deneen** from Cave Creek, AZ, she decided to join our chapter, which we were happy about. One of our members, **Judy Preston**, moved to Sun City West recently, but she showed up too, after the long ride to Florence. We are always happy to see her join us. Thanks for all the extra things you provided; such as the dessert and extra prizes for the raffle, Natasha, and also

Doris for being so helpful too. We do appreciate all you do for our chapter.

Our March 22nd Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 33 people attend. We heard about the 737 plane being grounded and upgrading security effective 2021. **John Griffin** mentioned he has already contacted the Silver Star Theater in Mesa for us to attend the matinee on Valentine's Day next year. One of our members, **Harry Cloud**, showed us some awards he received while working at United Airlines, which were a Chairman's Award and a Central Division Safety Award. We are very proud of all the safety awards he received from 1972 to 1982.

We had 42 members attend our annual picnic on April 4th at Crescent Run Park. We had pulled pork, spare ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, and cake for dessert, plus coffee, tea, or water. Everything was very good. We had our usual 50/50, plus some other prizes in the raffle. We thanked **Ferrol Hilsabeck** and **Cindy** for their past work as Treasurer and Membership. **John & JoAnn Griffin** have taken over that responsibility, we are glad they accepted that position. The new Membership Directory for 2019 was passed out at the picnic.

We were reminded about the RUAEA Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado in September at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver – Stapleton North. We are hoping to have a good turn-out from our group. The Convention issue will be coming out with the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, so be sure and watch for that! **Shirley Claggett** said she will keep us informed about the Convention.

May Birthdays ~ **Bill Betz** (5/9), **Oscar Aguilar** (5/12), **John Griffin** (5/13), **JoAnne Griffin** (5/16), and **Kathy Brigante** (5/25). Happy Birthday to each one! The following couple has a Wedding Anniversary in May: **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** on May 23rd, that's 49 years for them this year! Congratulations Ginny & Fred!

Calendar:

May 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let VP **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

June 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



TALL PINES

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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After fires, there are floods. Northern California certainly has had its share of rain and flooding. We are waiting for the sunshine to come!

President **Merritt Odor** welcomed everyone to the meeting on Wednesday, March 27. The meeting/luncheon was held at one of our favorite places, Mill Creek Cafe in Los Molinos. Merritt thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up the reservations. Merritt also welcomed our Northern California Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**, who made a special trip to be with us. Sonda lives two hours away from this restaurant and she even drove in the rain to come.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Hal Burdick** celebrated his 91st birthday and Hal & Phyllis will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary in April. **Glenna Sollid** and **Bill Simonton** will be celebrating birthdays in April.

Kent & Billie Jorgensen spoke about the Chico Air Museum. The museum would love to have donations from anyone that has old United memorabilia.

Merritt spoke about the advantages of belonging to RUAEA and the great information in the newsletter. **Sharon Simonton** handed out rosters of all the members to the group. **Sonda Sandstedt** gave a presentation on some of the issues that were brought up at the RUAEA convention.

This year's convention will be held in Denver in September. The Double Tree Hotel will be the central location for the convention and tour information is being worked on. The state of RUAEA was discussed. She also spoke about communications and social media. RUAEA does have a new Communications Manager, **Claudia Blancett**, and she suggested a few ways to enhance our online presence such as Facebook, on line newsletter and travel sites for airline employees. It is true that parking for the retirees is no longer available at the SFO Maintenance Base. This year, RUAEA is looking for a new Treasurer and a few Directors. Sonda hopes more people will get involved and she will be staying on as our Northern California Regional Director for two more years.

Merritt thanked Sonda again for coming. She always has great information to share with us.

We had a delightful story time with **John Isbell**. Everyone really enjoys John and his terrific humor.

The next meeting/luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 1130 am in Chico at the Italian Cottage. **Billie Jorgensen** volunteered to set up the reservations at the restaurant.

Judy Ulrich won the 50/50 raffle, **John Delaney** won the lunch certificate, and we had an extra raffle brought in by Sonda; **Klarin Odor** was the winner of a beautiful bag with a design of an airplane on the bag and some goodies inside.

Calendar:

May 22 - Wednesday at 1130 am at the Italian Cottage in Chico, California. Come Join Us!

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We did not meet in March. I did forget to send in my money to continue the RUAEA membership in time. The months just seem to fly by too fast the older I get.

I was surprised to read about Flight Attendants creating a scam when bidding for flights and selling them off and employees selling their travel passes. Back in the pre-jet age, I remember stewardesses trading flights so they could fly with certain crews. There was never a problem I knew of.

Our next meeting will be on April 17 hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.





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I must be getting old! I completely forgot to go to our Luncheon. I had it on my calendar, but ... ! I did get the information, there were 28 members in attendance, along with one guest, **Alice Papanastasatos**, guest of **Sandy Sereno**. **Bill Schultz** won the Lunch at the Host Restaurant, and **Brigitte Brunken** won \$50 in the 50/50 drawing.

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Our April meeting was held on April 1 at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Concord with 22 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00. **Carol Parks**, our "candy lady," gave everyone a treat. After lunch we had our raffle. **Tom Johnson** won the 50/50 raffle. Other raffle gifts were chocolates, cookies, hand-made soap, stationery, and the usual bottles of wine. Always an interesting selection!

Last month I told everyone about two events that are touring the country. One is the musical "Come From Away" and the other is The Ford Tri-Motor Tour. Have any of our friends in RUAEA-Land been to either of these? If so, email me at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com and let me know how you liked it!

Wilma Leather passed along another excellent and informative travel website, www.Rome2rio.com; this is an online transport search engine which can be used for both local and long distance trip planning. Input any address, town or landmark as the origin and destination and Rome2rio searches a database of flight, train, ferry, bus and driving routes to present route and price options for travelling to that destination. The website also offers results for hotels, rental cars and attractions.

Our member **Nancy Boyle** belongs to Clayton Valley Village in Clayton, CA. She arranged for them to come to our meeting and tell us about this wonderful organization for seniors. Clayton Valley Village is an inter-generational community of seniors and volunteers organized to help members remain active, involved and independent in their own homes. They are part of The Village Movement, a nationwide grass-roots organiza-

tion that started in 1999 in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood. Currently there are almost 400 Villages open or in development across the United States. To see if there is a Village near you, go to www.helpfulvillage.com

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). If you are thinking of joining the group, time is running out, so contact Rich ASAP. There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7. For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year.

- ➔ Monday, May 6 at 11:00 - El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée and beverage.
- ➔ Monday, June 3 at 11:00 - Annual Summer Picnic at Diane Griego's home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The deadline to RSVP is yet to be advised. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme.
- ➔ Monday, July 1 at 11:00 - Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other

toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** called the March 25th meeting to order with her terrific duck whistle (a real attention getter!) Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is always followed by a few minutes of silence remembering our men and women in the military. We convinced the Little Green Men to stick around and help us celebrate St. Paddy's Day a week late. The Board cooked up delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage with tasty side dishes provided by the members. So many good cooks that it was decided to have a bake sale at our July meeting – dazzle us with your favorite goodies! Lots of rain has brought out our California Poppies and the fruit trees (and pollen) are in full bloom, a lovely sight. We will be celebrating our 57th anniversary on April 22nd with Finger Lickin' Chicken and (naturally) cake; \$5.00 per member/\$6.00 per guest. Call **Gene Walter** at (650) 856-9738 and let him know how many chickens we need to cross the road.

Here's what we have planned for the next three months:

- ➔ April 22 – 57th Anniversary Party – y'all come and grow old with us!
- ➔ May 27 - BYOBL
- ➔ June 24 - Hot Dogs and the Works. \$8.00 per member/\$10.00 per guest. Sign up by May.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for February, her brain and fingers did a good job as they were approved as read. An up-to-date roster is being worked on, so send in your dues. An invitation to our anniversary bash will be sent out to members shortly. Q&A: (Leonardo da V did!)

Treasurer **Art Barrett** advised we are successfully treading water and keeping our heads above the water line.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting today so Ginger reported that long time member, **Joyce Sulgit** (wife of UAL employee **Frank**, deceased,) had passed away. Both were members of our group but were unable to attend meetings because of ill health. **Mary Hughes** (wife of retiree **Don**, just recently deceased) has also passed away – services are April 27th at the Congregational Church in Belmont, CA at 11:00am. Our thoughts go out to their

families during these sad days. **Lil Christian** is administering lots of TLC to hubby, **Al**, a wonderful retired Shriner Clown! **Jim Goodwine** admitted to having a birthday this year – Happy Natal Day. It was good to see **Dee Peters** at the meeting, 28 in attendance today.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** will have a signup list for our June 24th Hot Dog day; they will graciously take your money as you sign up.

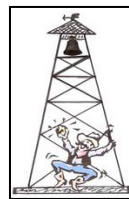
Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** ~ Trips are in the offing, we'll get you out of town soon!

Historian **Jim Goodwine** will regale us with 57 years of trivia.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriett Kunze** sold 2 sets of tickets to the Giants vs. A's baseball game, our thanks for their generosity, **Jim & Helen Goodwine** couldn't attend the games, **Bill Heinrich** and **Pat Ortega** are the lucky winners. Go Giants! Lots of raffle and donated gift winners – Bingo Blackout had to be split 3 ways – **Linda Barrett**, **Harriet Kunze** and **Bill Heinrich**, just enough to buy their way into our April meeting. You do realize that we live in the Land of the Rich and Famous!

Did you hear about the two silk worms that were in a race? They ended up in a tie!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Reported by Suzanne Kenny

If you're full o' fun and a wee few shenanigans, then you must be Irish at heart on St. Patrick's Day! The green tradition that goes with March was in full "bloom" at the Los Pinos Mexican restaurant in Cameron Park. If you weren't able to join us for our March luncheon, you missed out on some yummy food! We ordered "off their menu" so everyone had just what they wanted. Luncheon specials as well as their full regular menu provided choices of Wraps/Sandwiches, Burritos, Tacos, Enchiladas or Salad. Didn't see any green beer ordered, but very friendly and efficient service.

President **Bill Dinette** extended an enthusiastic "Thank You" to **Cindy & Rudy Blazius** for arranging this luncheon for us. Bill then asked if anyone was cele-

brating their anniversary this month and **Kerry Kozelka & Ann Barton** announced that they were celebrating 26 years! Celebrating birthdays were **Cindy Blazius, Linda Dinette** and **J.R. Heier**. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to you all!

We again enjoyed having three guests, who have been regulars lately at our luncheons. **Roy & Dawn Martin** were guests of **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**; **Ed & Lindalee Akin** brought their daughter, **Julie Bauer**. Guests are always welcome!

President ~ RUAEA Newsletter. A lot of the information we bring to our monthly meetings is retrieved right from this newsletter. If you do not currently subscribe to this publication and rely on the information that we highlight in our meetings, that is fine, however there is a lot more information we don't cover in our meetings that might be of interest to you. If you wish to subscribe there is a credit card option available on-line visit www.ruaea.org or you can mail a check (\$30.00) to RUAEA 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433.

Bill also made mention that our Secretary, **Jane Gibson**, does an excellent job of submitting our monthly meeting minutes, each and every month, to be included in the Newsletter.

Passing of a Friend ~ I just got word from a friend of mine that a friend and fellow employee, **Mick Vodern**, one of the people with whom I worked and associated with passed away. Mick worked in the Landing Gear/Mechanisms area when he was at SFO, he also worked in Oakland and as a Line Mechanic, stationed in Denver where he retired. Mick lost his battle with liver cancer on March 7th. According to his wife **Debbie** he passed peacefully in his sleep. I personally enjoyed many hours of motorcycle road trips and other outings with Mickey and his family outside of our work relationship at United. Mickey will be missed by many. As we carry on and move forward it seems that just about every day we are informed that another friend, relative, acquaintance or fellow employee has passed away. We all know that our time here on earth is limited, but it is always devastating when we receive news of someone's passing.

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** made sure that everyone who brought an item for our raffle received their "donator's" ticket and also checked to be sure that no one still needed to get their tickets so they can win one of those great prizes. Cindy & Rudy also provided beautiful potted Viola plants for our table decorations today, and many lucky ticket holders were able to take one home with them. Rudy shared news from a friend on the 80 side whose neighborhood watch recently indicated that homeowners in that area were receiving notice that they would be insured for fire at a much higher rate or deemed that they won't be insured at all. Some homeowners in high fire areas will have to go through

an insurance broker. Something to look forward to, as that is probably the case for many of us living here in the beautiful foothills.

Secretary ~ **Jane & Bill Gibson** were not at our meeting today. They are relaxing in the Hawaiian sunshine! Please don't forget to come back to our California rain!

Treasurer ~ Yeah! **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today! Tom reports that almost all of our members have now paid their annual dues ... 29 of 36. At this time we still have 7 members who need to send in their dues. Please send your annual dues of (only) \$10.00 (check made out to Hangtown Miners) to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667 as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by June, we will assume you aren't interested in remaining with our group and your name will be removed from our roster. We really want to get a current roster together and sent to all of you, so please, get your dues sent soon. If you no longer wish to be a Hangtown Miner, please take a minute and let **Jane Gibson** know by email, tired-dogs@comcast.net or calling (925) 443-0905. Appreciated!

Tom also reported that with our current balance we may be able to be a little more generous with our gifting to charities this year. He also clarified that a donation to the El Dorado Senior Legal Services, which has been one of our recipients in past years, will go directly to them if we specifically identify that it goes to Legal Services and not the general fund. More discussion on charities in Old Business.

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** was not able to attend our meeting today.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have any sunshine to report. **Sherrie Wolfram** asked that we send a card to "Gold Digger" members **Dan & Rosemary Figueroa**, both 85 years young and not able to attend their meetings lately. If you hear of any member who has something they're dealing with, please let Suzanne know (tck46@flash.net or (530) 626-5660 so she can follow thru with them and keep us updated. All of our members are important to us!

Old Business ~ Reminder: Annual United Retirees Reunion at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV, June 18 – 21. This is a three day event. If you would like to attend and want more information you can contact **Darlene Odell** at imthemama57@msn.com; (530) 692-0505. She does an amazing job of organizing each year and is great fun for over 100 retirees and their spouses that attend.

Charity Contributions ~ There will be continued discussion in April and hopefully we can vote on what charities we wish to support and the amount for each this year. The past couple of months we have had some good suggestions: The El Dorado Senior Legal Service,

Snowline Hospice, Wounded Warriors, El Dorado Food Bank, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trained volunteers who serve as court-appointed advocates for children transitioning from foster care to adoption or returning to family. New suggestions last month were Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento, St Jude's. This month suggestions were Shriners, New Mornings, or local animal shelter. **Bill Dinette** brought information for funding to help the Camp Fire Victims through the North Valley Community Foundation (www.NVCF.org/fund/cmp-fire-evcuation-relief-fund). 240 Main Street, Ste 260, Chico, CA 95928.

Tom Kenny asked that you please bring your suggestions to our April meeting with the complete contact information and address so that after voting he can mail the letters with our contributions attached.

Our next luncheon/meeting at the Jack Russell Restaurant in Placerville, hosted by **Rosemary & JR Heier** will be reported in next month's newsletter.

Bill brought our meeting to a close and our raffle began with **Judy Fitzpatrick** winning the donator's prize. A big "Thank You" to all who brought items for the raffle today: **Blazius** – wind spinner; **Bell** – wine; **Kenney** – soaps; **Dinette** – wine; **Wolfram** – candy; **Fitzpatrick** – M&M candy guy; **Kenny** – shamrock cookies; **Heier** – wine and bag; **Martin** - \$20.00 gift card/Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant; **Kozelka** – Beer; **Akin** – fresh eggs.

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

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on April 11th back at the La Gare Restaurant, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Pat Ortega**; we will be enjoying better spring weather after a tremendous amount of rain was unloaded on us in Sonoma County that put many rivers and roadways under flooded conditions and caused much damage! See you in April for our Easter-themed time together!



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United is still undergoing changes to its website and we are finding it ever more confusing. The benefits administrator is enhancing the security of our benefits.

All of this information is now accessed on YBR, Your Benefits Resources. You may access through Flying Together >EmployeeServices>YBR, or by www.ybr.com/united. You may also call at 1-800-651-1007. For some, this may be repetitive and then some of us need to keep seeing this to make it sink in. I am one of those!

We wished **Angela Derrick** a Happy Birthday at breakfast. She will be celebrating on April 15th. May it be a Special Day, Angie!

There were seventeen in attendance at our breakfast and **Paul Zadrozny** was the winner of our monthly 50/50. It was good to see **Ray Wood** back with us. **Arnie & Maria Pollack** were back with us after a visit to Toronto where it was freezing cold and snowy.

Louis Semon flew to Norfolk for his granddaughter's wedding. The date was moved up as her fiancé/husband is being deployed overseas and Louis did not have much notice. It is so good that he has recovered from his heart surgery and is able to travel.

Tammy Tucker is leaving us and moving to St. Louis where she will be joining her two sons who are both living back there. We wish her the best. She will be missed.

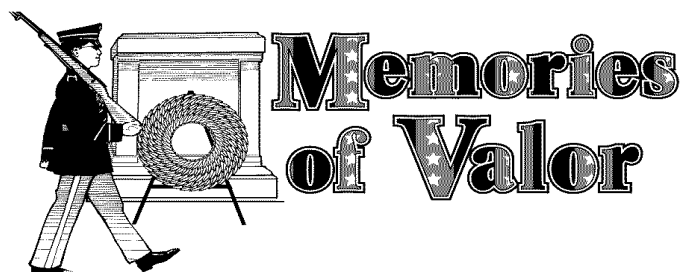
Our Spring Fling is being held on April 18th and we are looking forward to getting together again at the Tequila Factory where we have a Fiesta, good Mexican food and a great time visiting.

If you find yourself in San Diego we would love to have you join us the first Thursday of every month at the Pt. Loma Café!

Calendar:

April 18 – Spring Fling, The Tequila Factory, 2467 Juan Street, San Diego, CA. 92110.

May 2 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.





SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our March meeting on March 27th, at P.F. Chang's Restaurant in Roseville, CA. This month's luncheon was hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**.

President **Jim Simon** welcomed everyone and thanked our servers. He stated that we have 45 members and 4 guests in attendance. **Judy Zari**, guest of **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**; **Ellen Alexander**, guest of **Judie King**; **Ray Andrews** was the guest of **Frank Uhl** and **Christine Dellinger**, guest of **Frank & Angie Dellinger**. **Judy Zari** told us a little about herself; she is a retired flight attendant. She started with UA in 1970 at JFK and she transferred to SFO and retired in 2008.

Jim conducted the Birthday Roll-off & Raffle. This month we had two birthdays, **Terry Greenacre** and **Harold Mitchell**. The winner of the \$10 Birthday roll-off was **Harold Mitchell**.

Co-Vice Presidents, **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** advised we have openings in June and July for hosting duties. **Orville Harshbarger** volunteered to host July and **Jim Simon** will host June, as there were no volunteers. We now have the full year covered. Thank you to those volunteer hosts.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** reported the anniversaries for the month of March - **Ed & Shirley Vanderzyl** (married 54 years), **Robert & Judith Miller** (married 56 years), **Billy & Joanne Blizzard** (married 53 years), **Dave & Robin Garland** (married 19 years). Congratulations to you all!

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for March.

Sunshine Officer **Angie Dellinger** advised us regarding **Marv Becker's** memorial service on April 6 at 11:00am - Peace Lutheran Church, 828 W. Main St. in Grass Valley. **Orville Harshbarger** thanked everyone that sent cards and condolences to him, on behalf of his wife **Carolyn's** passing. **Hank Wickstad** broke seven ribs skiing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** passed around a memorial newspaper clipping on the life and career of **Marv Becker**.

Frank & Angie Dellinger's daughter, guest **Christine Dellinger**, Regional Investigations Manager of Fraud and Scams in the private sector, gave a very informative presentation on Active Shooter incidents and how we can better be aware of our surroundings. She also went over the different types of scams and their delivery methods. She passed out packets so that we

might share with our family and friends. This was a great presentation.

Jim announced our next meeting will be held at Lincoln Chinese Restaurant, in Lincoln, CA, hosted by **George Taylor** and **Vicky Enriquez**.

Vicky Enriquez and **George Taylor** conducted this month's raffle, including the beautiful table center pieces.

Jim adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. We will see you at our next luncheon in April.

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Time is passing so quickly. I feel like I just submitted my newsletter for April and here I am again.

Yesterday, on April 1st, I returned from a Western Caribbean cruise with my 2 sisters. It was a sisters cruise to celebrate my sister Jo's 80th birthday and we had a wonderful time. We were on the Regal Princess, it was a beautiful ship and each of the crew members was awesome. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to book a cruise. Today is catch-up day!

We had a great time at our luncheon meeting in March at Firenze's Italian Café in Oakdale, CA. Some were wearing green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. President **Steve Foster** and his lovely wife **Jacque** hosted the event. We all had a great time. Steve & Jacque told us it was National Pie Day. We were all surprised to hear that and pleasantly surprised when our president treated each of us to a slice of pie. Thank you to Steve & Jacque for a great time.

Don Nesja was available with a stack of printed jokes to share with the group. He is awesome and always lightens up the group with laughter. We're looking forward to seeing you at our May luncheon.

Steve said he sent letters to newly retired people inviting them to join our group to meet the members. Please come and join us. We are a fun group and would love to meet new people for lunch. We meet at many different locations. On May 9th, our Chapter will be meeting at Perkis in Modesto. Please call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 728-7641 if you would like any information about our Chapter.





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The meetings in March were well attended, with an average of 24 members, even though we held our annual Spring banquet this month. We are quite pleased with the continued support of our members.

Birthdays this month included **Rosie Reichard, Jean Jenkins, Sally Urso and Maureen Snyder.**

Ben & Cheri Scales celebrated their 53rd anniversary. All celebrants received a cupcake and were treated to an A cappella choir of members wishing them happiness.

Members shared comments on recent events such as the last commercial flight of the 727. The value of the Clipper Card for those who live in the Bay Area and travel in and around San Francisco; this one card permits you to travel by a variety of public transportation. Update on pass travel was brought up as detailed in the April Newsletter.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of **Wilma Sandy**. She was one of the last original members of the South Bay RUAEA, close friend to a number of members and just the nicest person ever. In her later years it was difficult for her to attend our weekly meetings, however, she never missed our quarterly luncheons or picnics. She will be missed by all.

President **Mariane Johnson** is traveling to Miami for a short visit, then on her way via cruise ship, to Cuba. She looks forward to riding in a 55 Chevy cab.

Rosie & Bill Reichard took in Spring training down in Arizona, enjoying the warm sunny days watching their favorite teams.

Our Spring banquet was attended by 58 people, including **Dave & Robin Garland**, who had to battle a terrific storm coming from Denver. This truly was a great affair. **Cheri Scales** did a wonderful job in coordinating everything and was praised by everyone in attendance. The meal was excellent and was followed by a cake Cheri had brought in. We all are now looking forward to our Summer picnic at Vasona Lake in June.

Jean Jenkins, concerned over a heart issue, went to the ER, only to find she was with a group of 55 people. With the closure of a nearby hospital, this now is the norm. Anyway, while going to the restroom, she tripped and broke her foot. There is more than one way to get moved up on the waiting list.

We wish our historian, **Vern Snyder**, a quick recovery from pneumonia, get well professor!

Ben & Cheri Scales, their son Jeff and myself had

the opportunity to take a flight on a beautifully restored Ford TriMotor out of Watsonville. What a great ride, so exciting to be able to travel back in time, even if it was for a short flight. Talk about coach class, it's like first class compared to the TriMotor.

Our long time favorite waiter, Roberto, at our weekly breakfast restaurant, is retiring. He was so wonderful, knew everyone's name, their favorite drink, which he never let run dry and always had a smile. We wish him well!

Roger Casterline, who recently surrendered his RUAEA Western Region Directorship, announced that yours truly was assuming his role. I look forward to carrying on in his departure.

We meet weekly, each Friday, for breakfast, at Holders Country Inn, located at 988 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129, beginning at 0800. Please feel free to join us anytime.

SOLANO FLYERS

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The Solano Flyers who attended our meeting at the Black Bear Restaurant in March were **Nelson McKinley, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Charles Johnson, Allan Pochop, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Jerry Munkholm, and Paul Schwafel.** Another rainy Wednesday day in Northern California, which probably limited our attendance. But then again ... forgetfulness, dumpster diving, tummy problems, sick llama, lost teeth, blocked in by police, astrologer warning, cornered by moose, etc; are viable excuses for chapter members.

Anniversary ~ **Bill & Joanne Blizzard** (53 years), congratulation!

The annual gathering of United retirees will be in Minden, NV, June 18-21, at the Carson Valley Inn & Casino, in Minden, NV, <http://carsonvalleyinn.com/>

Our 50/50 winner was **Linda Hornfischer**. Way to go Linda, your winning removed the illusion of ticket tampering.

Calendar:

April 17 – Denny's Restaurant, 1701 E. Monte Vista Ave. Vacaville, 11am-1pm.

May 15 – Raul's Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield, 11am-1pm.



COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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President **Don Burbank** opened our April meeting with 33 persons in attendance. He reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter income so we don't pay dues.

Tom & Nancy Goodyear have a new great grandson! Their 6th great grandchild!

Convention plans are going well. **MaryAnn Zah-nle** is setting up tours for the convention. A Vice President of HR will speak about benefits and insurance.

RUAEA has a new app on I-phone and I-pad for UAL website.

50/50 winners who returned their winnings are **Jim & Ginger Spate, Yumi Trujillo, Paul Miller, and Cas Spokas (2x)**.

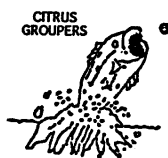
Deaths report: **Tom Davis (DENMM), Tom French (DENTK)**, a WWII veteran, and **Larry Rayfeld (DENMM)**, killed in a motor cycle accident.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, May 4th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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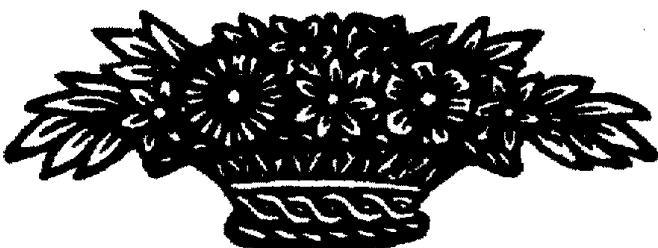
THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES

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

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



SAND"DABS"

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

Calendar:

May 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave.,
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President Ernie opened the meeting after everyone had enjoyed a wonderful picnic lunch. The cooks, **Al Fields** and **Cliff Hill**, had several guy helpers, and the ladies arranged a yummy array of side dishes! Burgers and dogs were cooked to perfection and the feast began after the Pledge and a blessing by **Al Fields** for the food and those who prepared it and also for the families of the friends we recently lost: CSR **Gary Mills (2/26)**, 1555 Aberdeen Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881, private Service. CSR **Phyllis Brennan (3/6)**, 374 Sauvignon Way, Groveland, FL 34736, no service. CSR **Elaine McGinn (3/20)**, 2600 Bass Lake Blvd., Orlando, FL 32806, celebration of life will be held on June 30th; location: JettyPark in Cape Canaveral; no firm time yet.

The great news is that we had several surprise guests join us today! **Jim & Joan Schulte** from CLE, **Anita Pawlack** from NC, **Joe James** and granddaughter Brandy & great grandson, Fenix; **Tracie Ruffolo** and **Donna Sharp** too! Yay! And who else you ask? **Freddie DuPree, Joe & Barb Fitak, Richard & Gloria Armistead, Jim Mummah, Charlotte LeGrand, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Betty Davidson, Diane Lewis, Cliff & Jerry Hill, Patti Clark, Al & Lois Fields, Retta Finn, Linda Agnello & Bob Olsen, Al & Joanne Mollet, Laurie & Darryl Bork, Connie Lenard, Tom Cannata, Ernest & Cheryl Vosges, Mary & Bob McNeill, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Dee Francis, Ken Michels, and me, Elaine Tillman-Mannella.** Missing: **Stan Halterman** (hip replacement), **Gerry Vann** (moving back to IL 4/15) and **George Gleason** (home & better)

The Real McCoy's meet the first Tuesday of every

month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. except in April for our Annual Picnic at Cypress Grove Park. Future Golden Corral Luncheons will be on May 7th, June 4th and July 2nd.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS



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The April meeting was held at KJ's Steak House, this meeting ends our season since many of our members go back up North for the summer. We will resume in October. Our "last hurrah" will be a steak cookout at The Landings in Fort Myers in May. Thanks to **Roger Schonewise** who brought directions to get into The Landings, and passed them out.

Phyllis Allen came in sporting a sling on her right arm, she'll be wearing that for a few more months due to rotator cuff and carpal tunnel surgeries. Our condolences to her!

In attendance were **Dick & Phyllis Allen, Wallis Alves, Lynna Baker, Rosemary Blake, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Joanne & Tom Halt, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Stella McCaffrey, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Diane Roberts, and Roger Schonewise.** **Bill & Margie Burg** popped in, but couldn't stay due to a doctor's appointment.

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There were 18 Sand Dollars attending our pre-St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Glory Days Grill in Sarasota – a few days ahead of the real St. Patty's Day but who was counting? We ate out on the patio, in perfect weather, and had small St. Patty's cupcakes, just enough sweet to finish off our lunch. Those of us who use I-75 to get to our luncheons were glad to make it in time as a bad accident had blocked and slowed down the highway for a long time.

Ginger Hyde led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then gave us information on our missing members. **Maria Santangelo** was in Chicago sponsoring her two grandsons' confirmation. **Harvey & Vivian Rucker** were delayed due to Harvey's eye appointment; **Alice D'Souza** is still attending classes she had signed up for

early in the season; **Gretchen Bulin** was unable to attend as we were to be eating outside and she is affected by the pollen at this time of year. **Vince & Norma Malena** were not with us as Norma is still having therapy, but they wish us all a great, safe, summer. They will be heading back to Ohio early this year as their children are planning something special for them. Maybe a big celebration for their wedding anniversary later this month? They look forward to seeing everyone again in October. We are looking forward to having a new couple join us at our next meeting, **Jim & Shirley Razmus**.

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing, on March 16, 2019, of our long-time member, **Suzan Goodson**. We had learned a few days before our luncheon that she had been very ill and was under Hospice care in her home. Sadly, she passed away just two days after our luncheon. Suzan was French Canadian, born and raised in Quebec City, and became a stewardess for Capital Airlines where she met her future husband, United Capt. **Jim Goodson**. Jim preceded Suzan in May, 2015. Suzan was always dressed to the nine's with perfectly coordinated attire from the big bow in her hair to her matching shoes. We could always count on her to cheer us up with her jokes, great sense of humor, and her unfailingly positive attitude towards life in general. She will be greatly missed by her RUEA Sand Dollar friends, and everyone who knew her.

Bill & Inge Phillips had just returned from their fascinating Viking Cruise from Athens through the Mediterranean to Rome, though they were less enthusiastic about their two airline trips on Alitalia.

May birthday congratulations go to **Alice D'Souza** (2nd); **Inge Phillips** (8th); **Harvey Rucker** (15th); and **Doug Horuczi** (20th). Anniversary congratulations go to **Betty & Rupert Wood-White** (5th); **Skip & Cindy Irwin** (20th); and **Lee & Diane Hoffer** (30th).

The name drawn for the attendance was **Judy Macklin**. She was present and received the money in the pot. The 50/50 winners were 1st – **Sandy & Doug Horuczi**; 2nd – **Ken Bauman**; 3rd – **Alice Parker**.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, and we welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com

... Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.





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The Tampa Bay Chapter met at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs, FL. for our Spring Picnic. I want to thank **Loretta Marvett** for taking minutes for me as I was with Bob, he was having Mohs Surgery.

There were 9 members present and 1 guest, **Noemi Guzman**, who was visiting her parents and one dog. Jon said Grace. Lunch was served first, since there was fried chicken and nobody wants to eat cold chicken. Food was delicious as always - naturally the chicken, salads, appetizers and of course desserts.

Meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. Pledge was said. Our meeting was short because it's quite windy and the possibility of rain.

St. Jude's and Shriner's Children are our new Charities. Jon talked about the MAX8 & 9.

Meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

May 6 - IHOP -- 10:30

June 3 - IHOP -- 10:30

July 1 - To be discussed

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Our festive Hawaiian Picnic was held on April 2nd at Dubois Park in Jupiter. There were 15 members in attendance. As members arrived they were greeted by **Mary Kay Wetherington** with a colorful Hawaiian lei and President **Al Popek** offered them a Mai Tai cocktail, even with a cocktail umbrella and all the fixings. Members looked dashing in their colorful Hawaiian attire. Everyone brought their favorite picnic dish to share. With much luck, all during the picnic, the weather was balmy with a light breeze and temps in the 70's. Because of an impending storm heading our way, we decided that game playing would have to wait until next time. The prizes we had ready were instead used as raffle items which many members went home with. We still had lots of time to visit and share memories and photos before the thunder and lightening started. We extended a **big** "Thank You" to "**Dinos**" Xifaras for

bringing his delicious, fancy cake again. Everyone looks forward to it at all of our picnics.

Ron Brodis will be having back surgery soon and was unable to join us. Our best wishes to him and all of our members who are on the sick list for good health and a speedy recovery.

Dave & Carolyn Lindgren recently welcomed another great-grandchild. They now have three, all boys. All of their grandchildren are girls. They will be embarking on another cruise soon. Bon Voyage!

Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggerio have been extremely busy getting settled in their new home in Palm City after selling their respective homes in Rhode Island and Lake Worth. Congratulations and well wishes to you both.

50/50 was won by "**Dinos**" Xifaras. The Progressive will roll over once again since **Jane Wise** was not in attendance to accept her prize.

Everyone wished each other a Happy Easter. As our last member was safely in their car for the drive home, the skies opened up with a terrific downpour.

April birthdays include **Paul Liebisch** on the 25th and **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Carolyn Lindgren** on the 28th.

Calendar:

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

June 4 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

July 2 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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DIXIE FLYERS

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

The Dixie Flyers meet the first Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia.



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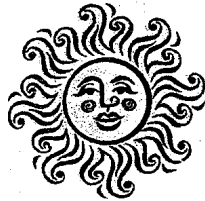
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLROA@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@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for April 18 and it will be reported in next month's newsletter.



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MAY—One of the most beautiful months of the year. Flowers are blooming; we can wear shorts and sandals, there is warmer weather without fear of snow. We can finally put away our boots! Even the air smells better! Mom's Day is the 12th. Maybe that's how it was chosen many years ago, the prettiest month for the prettiest and most important woman in your life. Sometimes we didn't realize how great she was until we became moms, too, all the sacrifices and patience she had for us little scoundrels. Are you lucky to still have your mom? Go give her a big hug, tell her you love her, best gift you could ever give her.

When I would visit my mom in the nursing home, I thought I'd mention I had problems, too. Make her feel like she wasn't alone in her pain, etc. Told her my neck, back and feet hurt, she'd point her index finger at me, wag it a little, smile with a twinkle in her eye, and say, '*Janice, it gets worse*'. Then she'd laugh! Yep, Rose, you were right, again.

You only live once, that we know of.

The Northside breakfast had 18 people. **Marsha Sealock-Weber** wanted to remind us that if you travel internationally, you cannot use Medicare for any medical bills while out of the country. Most countries will take cash or credit card, then you send the bill to your insurance, and they will reimburse you 80%. Better yet, get insurance before you leave. Years ago, **Bob & Carol Faust** took out insurance for their trip to Machu Picchu. When she was getting out of a boat, she slipped on mud, broke her hip. Her surgery was covered, even her plane ride home, with a nurse. Think ahead.

Our Southside breakfast had 14 people, **Margaret Schmidt** and **Bill Corbett** returned after weather-related absences. Bill was stuck in DEN over that terrible storm out there, plus the grounding of the 737 Max, took him three days to get back. However, going out, he and his wife, got First Class! Whoa, what happened? We had a new attendee, **Pat Kucera**, our Skyliner raffle lady. It was great to have her join us. Our raffle was won by **Mila Walker**, **Scotty Adams**, and **Gwen Brookins**.

The RUPA lunch was held at Nick's Pizza and Pub, 39 folks attended. We love the peanuts on the floor there, then the white table clothes at the Golf Club in

May. Some of the attendees included **Jan & Walt Fink, Howard & Marj Nelson, Bruce Carey, Steen Munter, Carl Eberle, George Bracke, Dick Kane, Jim Trosky and Jim Stuntz.** Their next luncheon will be May 14 at The Golf Club of Illinois.

IAM1487 Lodge had their April meeting with a Hot Dog Day. Thanks to all who brought sides and sweets, and to everyone who helped with the setup, serving and planning. They had an Irish lunch in March at Peggy Kinnane's for 35, and an April lunch at the Village Tavern for 40. The May 2nd meeting will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican food.

The Skyliner's Summer Luncheon will be held June 17, at Chandler's, in Schaumburg. The cost will be \$22.00, and will include entertainment by The Barefoot Hawaiians. We ask that you bring a non-perishable item for the St. Nicholas Food Depository. Thank You!

There will be a tour of the new Air Freight building on May 20th. **Ann Harris**, our Tour Chairwoman, has arranged for 15 people to see the new facilities. There will be an Email Blast sent out May 1st, sign up as soon as you can, since these tours fill up quickly. Ann, and her assistant, **Irene Jarmulska**, will conduct the tour. It's a 90-minute tour and does include walking and some steps. The building is off Irving Park Road, easy parking, and only a government ID is needed.

New members this month, **Melinda Pielach, EXOUN, Jim & Gail Rudolph, ORDPV, Susan Larson-Spencer, and Naeve Koleno, EXOTE.** Thank you for joining the Skyliners.

First Quarter Postage Fund Donations: **Margaret Andersen, Marlene Anderson, Jackie Anderson, Judith Bugos, Dee Cappitelli, Bob Chance, Walt Chornomaz, Rich DelBoccio, Jean Gill, Susan Godzik, Bill Hamilton, Gayle Iverson, Lynn Kalweit, Linda Kirn, John Kozlik, Rosemary Lump, Laverne Lundquist, Lillian Mallstrom, Peggy Maromaty, Terri Martin, Ed Meyer, Nancy Meyer, Pat Muha, Marj Nelson, Ruth Opitz, Larry Parker, Ann Pepper, Delphine Perry, Gilbert Romero, Kathleen Prager, Bill Rogers, Modesta Sailer, Maria Santangelo, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Jim Sommerfield, Marlene Stanek, Joan Teister, Don Tutt, Gene Vegeais, Ginny Vlach, John Wade, Donna Wade, Sally Welter, Grace Witt, Sue Zuccarello.**

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Refuse to lower your standards to accommodate those who refuse to raise theirs.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**May 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**May 2**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

June 17 - Skyliners Lunch—Chandlers, 401 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch. Get out those Hawaiian duds.

September 10 - Skyliner's Fall Lunch—The Cotillion, 360 S Creekside Dr., Palatine, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

December 3 - Skyliner's Christmas Lunch—The Avalon, 1905 E Higgins Rd, Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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After what seemed like a longer, colder winter than we expected, the Indy Racers met March 12 at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill in Avon, Indiana. There were 13 members present, including our newest member **Frank Ingegno.**

The following members were present: **Ruth & Bob Duffey; Frank Ingegno; Hannelore Brabo; Jim Gibson; Dimple Rihel; Frank & Rita Prins; Ken & Deanna Boeke; Charles & Anthony Theiss; and Tony Urbanovic.** Attendance was down slightly with several

members not returning from visiting warmer climates, and several with doctor visits and other conflicts.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Jim Gibson**.

This was not planned to be a business meeting, but a social meeting to reconnect with United friends not seen for several months.

The Indy Racers meet the second Tuesday of each month, except January and February. The meeting dates for 2019 are as follows, March 12; April 9; May 14; June 11; July 9; August 13; September 10; October 8; November 12; and our annual Christmas luncheon/gift exchange December 10. Lunch begins at 1130, the business meeting at 1230 with social time following. All meetings, except the Christmas luncheon are at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, Indiana 46123 (317) 272-7200. The Christmas luncheon will be at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Fashion Mall, 3550 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 814-0700.

If you will be in Indianapolis on our meeting dates, we hope you will be able to join us.

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Submitted by Irene Kimball

We begin our March Newsletter with sad news. **Dottie Barry**, BOSGQ, passed away after a long illness, she worked in Building and Maintenance for 16 years. Dottie loved her family, dogs, traveling and BU Hockey. RIP, Dottie.

Dick Vee was in an auto accident on March 24 when his brand new car was broadsided. His vehicle spun around, flipped over, landed its roof, and was totaled. Through some strange miracle, other than a few scratches, Dick was not injured at all! He is counting how many of his nine lives are left!

The Travel Scene ~

Carleen & Bruce Eddy have returned from another Mississippi River Cruise on board the grand dame of the river, American Queen. They went earlier than usual to try to avoid the yearly flooding, but no such luck. The trip took them to Natchez & Vicksburg - very quaint, old towns with lots of Southern hospitality and history. They toured some beautiful mansions and heard a remarkable banjo player on board the boat while enjoying a great warm winter cruise.

Don Latter & Kathy had a wonderful week of

warm sunny weather in St. Thomas where they enjoyed the pool, the beach and lots of relaxation.

Beth McDermet reports that in February, she and her sister in law, Kris, ventured to Bangkok, Vietnam and Cambodia for three weeks. Leaving their husbands at home, Beth and Kris traveled on a Viking River cruise/tour and were thrilled with their incredible experience.

Sarah Pitt-Wooll flew to the UK to attend a family wedding. She enjoyed lovely weather and the wonderful opportunity of catching up with family. She then "Brexited" safely home.

April Birthdays coming up for **Tom Blackwood** and **Helmut Umbley**. Anniversaries for **Robert Lincoln**, **Frank DeStefano** and **Andy Montalto**.

Save the Date! Tuesday, April 30. The Nor'easters will kick off the year with lunch at Javelis while hoping for no more snow!

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Come join us at our April luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 12 noon. We are gathering at Bar None, 11600 Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI. **Mary Kay Edoff** is hosting and you can RSVP to her at (810) 333-6115 call or text; or email to MKE7571@comcast.net. This is a great chance to dump the winter doldrums and meet with old United friends and welcome in spring. Please note that the day and time change for this luncheon.

Thought for the month ~ To avoid the mistakes of youth, draw from the wisdom of age.

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Unfortunately, your humble correspondent was under the weather in March when the Lites once again came together, but word seems to get around anyway.

Re. the news about "**Mort**" **Morton's** boys doing a kidney transplant between one another, I'm embarrassed to say that I mixed up the two. **Jeff** was the recipient,

Scott the donor. Further information was really exciting although this publication won't come out in time. **Glenda**, Mort's wife, emailed the following ~

"When Mort needed a kidney transplant our oldest son Scott wanted to donate his kidney. We discovered that our two sons matched perfectly so we told Scott that we wanted to save his for Jeffery when he needed it. You don't often get a perfect match."

Last fall Jeff was added to the transplant list. Scott was told to lose 28 lbs and bring his glucose down for his safety. He lost 41 lbs! The transplant took place at Mayo on January 29 and went well. The kidney started working right away. Jeff's old kidneys weighed 66 lbs when removed. He went from 295 lbs down to 210 with the removal & water weight.

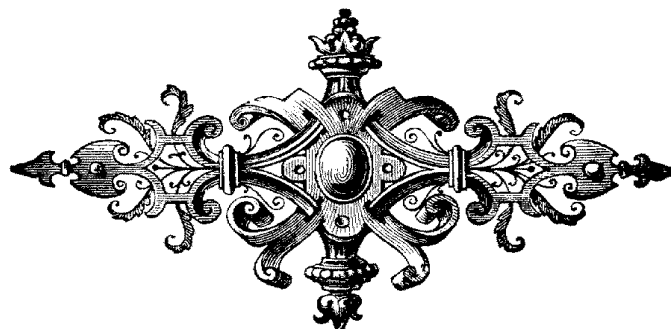
The manager of the fitness club where Scott worked out thought it was a great story and contacted the Today show in New York. The show called the boys and interviewed them by phone. A couple of weeks later the show called again and said they were very interested and wanted them to fly to New York for an appearance on the Today show on Wednesday April 10th! That is National Sibling Day & Organ Donor Month. Scott, Jeff, their wives & I are flying to NY on the 9th. A lady from the Today show called me a couple of days ago to get a little background info also.

It will be exciting & hopefully make more people willing to donate a kidney. I know there are at least 400 people in SD waiting for a kidney transplant.

So watch the show! Pass it on to all UAL friends."

Mary & Jim Brennan returned home from their annual sabbatical in Kona (got First Class from KOA to DEN!). They returned earlier than usual this year due to the impending wedding of one of their granddaughters. They had booked real tickets to Ft. Lauderdale but went into panic mode when the 737-800 scare popped up a couple of days before their scheduled departure. Thankfully, the situation resolved itself quickly and their trip went as planned. The weather was beautiful, the bride was beautiful and a grand ol' time was had by all.

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



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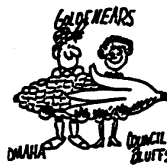
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It was still cold in Omaha but at least we didn't have new snow to deal with. Twenty hearty folks attended our luncheon on March 5th at the Golden Corral. We had a good visit. I always enjoy seeing everyone and catching up on all the news with each one. We enjoyed the fact that we had a separate room and could talk without interference. **Rita Purkapile** gave us a recount of the trip she and **Allen** took to China. They had no problems with all the flights (space available) and dealt with the language barrier and money with minimal difficulties. It sounds like Rita was well prepared for the differences. The winners of the 50/50 were **Stan Longmeyer** and **Shirley Mahoney**, each received \$19. We received correspondence from some of those out of the area. **Kathy Faust** wished us all well and encouraged us to "keep warm." **Ron Bertacini** sent a nice message after visiting us and we also received a note from **Van Van-Houten**; he is home and doing well with minimal assistance. We are so happy to hear from those who can't make it to the meetings.

I've been checking up on those who have been experiencing some health issues. I had a nice visit with **Mel Harrison**. She is coming up on a year at the Harper House, she was walking in the halls and does use oxygen but is still as "chipper" as ever. She wanted to know about everyone, she says she feels "so-so" which means she's not too good but not too bad.

I talked with **Dorothy Braden**. **Jim** is in the middle of radiation treatments. He will need to have 28 treatments and has just finished #18. Other than some hand numbness he is not having any serious problems. The doctors are giving him very good reports so the outcome looks very positive.

Checking in with **Frank Sesto**, he remains at Brookestone Meadows, 600 Brookestone Meadows Plaza, Elkhorn. He is beginning to be able to walk around his room with a walker but is not yet ready to go home. His home will need some minor modifications before he can return. He did have a vertebroplasty a week or so ago and it has helped some. The doctors say it will be a few weeks before he gets the full effect.

We haven't seen **Larry Nollette** for a long time so I called and talked to **Virginia**. Larry is doing well as far as the cancer is concerned, it is still in remission. He doesn't get out of the house very much, so he hasn't attended any meetings. A card or call inviting him to

join us would be good. His address is 5623 S. 91st Ave., Omaha, NE 68127, (402) 339-9888.

Death Notice ~ **Jim Schriber** of Omaha, passed away March 4, 2019. He worked for United for 31 years, retiring in 1992. He is survived by his wife **Elaine** and two sons. He was 87 years old.

Next meeting will again be at the Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72nd Street, Omaha at 11:30am on April 2, 2019. Again, no need to arrive early. They do not open until 11am. Just pay as you come through the door. We have one of the rooms in the back. I hope the spring weather graces us with its presence and that you don't fall in a pothole on the way. Hope to see a whole bunch of you there. It seems as if we have five seasons of the year now. Winter, Pothole, Spring, Summer and Fall.

April Birthdays ~ **Arnie Mahoney** (1), **Bill Anderson** (1), **Kathy Janus** (6), **Evan Holly** (9), **Allen Purkapile** (10), **Clair Soseman** (10), **Bob Glover** (13), **Denny Pierson** (14), **Glen Saffer** (14), **Hilde Schwan** (14), **Angela Hansen** (15), **Penny Sophir** (16), **Virginia Nollette** (18), **Tony Sortino** (22), and **Ray Ziebarth** (24). That's a long list. Happy Birthday to everyone.

Calendar:

May 7 - Elmwood Tower, 801 S. 52nd Street, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**

June 4 - Blair Picnic, Hosted by **Betsy & Bill Anderson**

July 2 - Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72nd Street, hosted by **Shirley Payton**

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The Silverliners held no meeting in March but the Board Members, held a meeting at Arizona Charlies. They discussed the declining membership rolls and tried to come up with some way that would increase the Membership numbers or keep them where they are. We also talked about the cost of the Luncheons and ways we may try to keep the cost the same. We had a brainstorming time and covered much of Silverliners business.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on April 11, 2019. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Ve-

gas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 19 members at our March meeting at The Black Bear Diner. Our bank, Nevada State Bank, is going to start charging us \$2.50/month for paper statements; all members present approved our continuing business with the bank. The bank prefers customers to use mobile, paperless apps for their banking.

Barbara Leusing will be checking with Miguel's in South Reno about our September luncheon when she and Larry return from their travels in May. It was proposed and accepted that a pre-luncheon flyer be sent out requiring pre-payment in order to make it more agreeable to the restaurant for a large group. The group decided that a Wednesday in September would work well for everyone.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Norm Borchers**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Perkins**. The wine was won by **Bill Royal** and the cup of candy donated by No. CA/NV Director **Sonda Sandstedt** was won by **Dottie Robbins**.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute by our President **Frank Warzocha**. This was followed by a moment of silence, with the death of **Jame Robla** of EWR ramp service. Get-well cards were sent to **Dick Confer** of EWR ramp service and **Lesha Brummell** of EWR CSA, who are in rehab and are doing better.

It was good to see **Ada Enfield** back again. It always seems like a hard struggle to go on the mend.

Rich Crighton and **Bill Imbema** from local 914 were there to bring us an update on what was going on station at EWR. It's always nice to hear first-hand news. The big surprise of our meeting was the recognition of **Marty Etler's** 90th birthday by bringing out a large birthday cake. Thank God it only had three candles on it, making it rather easy to blow out. Although his birthday is in April, getting some recognition a month earlier is all the better. Speaking for myself, at my age, I'll take all the good wishes I can get. **Frank Kokoszka** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on April 24, which is my real birthday, and it will still be at Snuffy's in Scotch plains at 12 PM sharp.

**** From the great prophet Leroy, *"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody"*.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

March 21st, the Buffalo Chips met at Erie Community College for lunch. The Culinary Class did their usual excellent job preparing and serving the thirteen members in attendance. Many of the missing were in Florida after a long hard winter taking advantage of the late season price reduction for rental properties.

We had a lot of discussion on the 737 Max 8 & 9 problems. With the US carriers American, Southwest and United not having the problem, the early thought is training has a great deal to do with the success of the new plane, only time will tell. What ever the problem, we hope the planes will be returned to service soon.


We lost one of our most dependable members with the passing of **Noreen Andrews**, widow of **Joe Andrews**, BUFSS. Noreen had been having serious problems for the past year or so but as long as she could find a ride she was at the luncheon. She will be missed.

We would be remiss if we did not wish Life Member **Lloyd Cliff** a very Happy 100th Birthday on March 29th. Lloyd is in an assisted living facility in Centennial, CO and enjoying life. The folks at his residence prepared an appropriate birthday celebration. His two daughters and families attended.

A reminder to all that we only meet 4 times a year, March, June, September and December. Everyone is welcome and can receive information or make reservations by calling or email at the above address.

The time and location of our next meeting in June are to be determined.

NEW YORK METROS


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Twenty-one Metros gathered on a beautiful spring day. We welcome back **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** from their three months in Hawaii. January was beautiful and February produced four feet of snow on the Big Island, so that got them off the beach and up on the mountain to ski, if you can believe that.

We're so glad to have **Paul & Lillian Cohen** back with us after a long absence. **Jim Richardson** served as their "Uber" driver. **Jordan & Mary Levine** are leaving permanently for Florida, they will be greatly missed. **John Green's** wife is recovering from knee surgery. **John Butera** (age ninety-five) is doing okay in a nursing home.

On a sad note, we were informed of the passing of **Bob Lee's** wife. We offer our prayers for May, Bob and family.

Happy birthday to **George Riggi** (April 1st) and **Mary Ann Lily** (April 27th). Fifty/Fifty winners: \$15 for me (**Cassie**), \$10 for **Evelyn Schroeder** and \$10 for **Diane Pozzi**.

Calendar:

May 1 - Meeting at Davenport Press.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our chapter meeting this month was on March 13 for our luncheon. After 6 years, we decided to go back to Girves Brown Derby in Middleburg Hts. It was very good. Our snowbirds were still in Florida so the attendance was only 58. **Jeff & Judy Spooner** were our hosts. President **Dolly Taucher** said Grace. We had our choice of 3 different entrées; I had the Baby Back Ribs which were excellent. **Bernie Garrah** and **John Kercel** held the 50/50 drawing and the winners were **Kay Preston** and **Lois Walter**.

Fortunately, not too many of our retirees are ill right now. **Joe Moses** went to the hospital not too long after the luncheon and is now in rehab. **Elda Custer** is still recuperating at her daughter's home after surgery.

There is no birthday and only one anniversary, **Vince & Norma Malena** (52 years); they weren't there as they are still in Florida.

Calendar:

May 1 - Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Barbara Vauls**

June 5 - Rose Hill Restaurant, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

July 11 - Carrie Cerino's, North Royalton

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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March was another great meeting. We had 49 folks attend; enjoy some good food, great conversations, lots of laughs and an excellent guest speaker from AARP. This is such a great group of folks to spend the afternoon with once a month. Please come join us if you're in the Portland area the second Wednesday of the month.

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **Ed Rommel**, retired PDXCG Ramp Serviceman, passed away on March 8, in his home. Our condolences go out to **Sue** and family on Ed's passing. However, we also celebrated some good news: **Carl Gruenberg** is home from the hospital, is breathing better and doing well. The snow melted! Yahoo! **Billy Davis**, former UAL Sky Cap, celebrated his 95th birthday on St. Patrick's Day. He is doing very well at his home in Columbia, MO, and still driving his '50 era red Ford convertible.

The 50/50: All the months for 2019 have been filled by volunteers to run the 50/50. Vice President **Paul Russell** took the time to write up easy to follow instructions for the volunteers to follow.

This month's quote from our President came from George Burns: *"By the time you're 80 years old, you've learned everything. You only have to remember it"*

Anniversaries ~ **Paul & Kathy Russell** (54 years); **Cliff & Sarah Blare** (59 years) and **Tom & Terry Hotchkin** (49 years).

Birthdays ~ **Russell Stinnett** and **Lorie King**.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize - **Pat Ogden**; Men's Birthday - **Russell Stinnett**; Women's Birthday - **Lorie King**; 50/50 - **Bill Grater**, who opted to donate the full amount back to Dew-er's! Thank you Bill.

Calendar:

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

May 8 - Guest Speaker from UA PDX - Jill Courtney

June 12

PENNSYLVANIA

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**THE
INDEPENDENTS**

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



PITTSBURGH

PIT-STOPPERS

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We would like to thank **Betty & Paul Musko** for doing a terrific job as our correspondents. However, with Paul's busy schedule and Betty not feeling up to par, I have offered to write the chapter report.

So, Pit-Stoppers, if you want to be in the newsletter, please contact me at the above phone or email.

Who would have thought that so many Pit-Stoppers would end up in nursing homes or hospitals for example, **Jeri Juth**, **Treatie Karwoski**, **Jim Weber**, and **Phyllis Smith**.

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

For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.



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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



After missing the February luncheon, it was great to see 43 Emerald City Slickers, friends and significant others at the March 12 meeting at Angelo's Ristorante. Some of our regular group was missing, but their absence was tempered by our seeing other faces and welcoming them to the group. **Nette Mitter** (SEARR) became our newest member at her first meeting. **Lloyd & Penny Baker**, long-time members we don't often see, came from their home in Mossyrock. **Colette Cox**, also from Mossyrock, was the guest of **Dolores Steger**. **Tom Lucas** was heartily welcomed. Before gathering in our pleasant meeting room, Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** moved up one chair to take on the money-changer's position for absent Treasurer **Bonnie Frey**. **Judy Storey** took on Noreen's job of registering attendees and handing out their labels for entrée choices. Co-President **Kathie Torgison** stepped in to help when early arrivals got there before Judy. **Richard Devereux** peddled raffle tickets for the 50/50 prize.

Following Co-President **Ken Storey's** official opening of the meeting with the usual formal- and not-so-formalities, Kathie introduced **Laura Tolen**, who brought us a welcome update on the realities of United's current role at SeaTac and life behind the scenes. Many of our members have been retired more than 25 years, so there have been many changes, some not so obvious to old-timers. Laura serves as the Seattle Airport Operations Supervisor and also carries the title of Safety Advocate for United Airlines. Her experiences with 36 years of service to the company, which included 10 years at EXO, prepared her well for her current positions. In addition to explaining why SEA has become a line station rather than a hub, Laura emphasized how employees welcome and respect the people-oriented views of CEO Oscar Munoz. She also suggested that the lack of loyalty to a company (not just UAL) on the part of today's younger employees can be partly attributed to the fact that there no longer is much reason to stick around to reap the benefits of a company pension. Retirement funds now often are accrued through an individual's personal investment in retirement plans, such as 401Ks, that can accompany the employee when s/he moves on to another position. Food for thought.

Once again, **Syd Reynolds** had his lunch money refunded, when his name was drawn for the "free lunch door prize." **Helen Clement** scored the 50/50 raffle

prize. **Ken Storey** closed the meeting by suggesting we consider adding a June meeting to replace the missed get-together in February and indicated that he would look into a July picnic event.

Getting back to profiles of members of the Seattle RUAEA chapter, which have been missing for a couple issues, let's follow **Ken Storey** and his career. Ken is the chapter's immediate past president, still serving as co-president with **Kathie Torgison** – and doing a great job. Thanks, Ken!

Ken Storey is a Seattle native and graduated from Franklin High, which, Ken likes to claim, is also the alma mater of famed Chicago Cubs 3rd baseman, radio announcer and hall-of-famer Ron Santo. After high school, Ken followed his grandfather's advice, earning his A&P license in 1956 after an apprenticeship with Boeing and night school classes.

Boeing hired Ken to work on B-52 aircraft and also the Dash-80, which became the prototype that evolved into the Boeing 707, America's first jetliner. If you want to hear some of his entertaining stories, ask Ken about his associations with such industry luminaries as Boeing test pilot Tex Johnston and United's late Joe Mortinson.

Based on his work at Boeing, Storey was exempted from the draft, but the Army grabbed him after he left Boeing in 1957, sending him to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, where he became a crew member on a 20-man helicopter, the H212 Vertol, as part of the famed 82nd Airborne. He installed radios in all 21 of those copters before they were placed in service in Vietnam. He also flew as a 'copter crew member to various Air Force bases around the country, delivering the 77th Special Forces personnel to their new training bases.

Boeing reclaimed Ken for 4 months after his honorable discharge. There, Ken worked on preparing the 707s for delivery to early customers, such as Pan Am, Braniff, Continental and Qantas in addition to the U.S. government. He installed seats, carpets, bulkheads, tables, etc., which doesn't sound as glamorous as some of Ken's experiences, though his projects included the table that President Johnson used on Air Force 1, which is on display at the Museum of Flight. As junior man in the shop, Ken often worked 12-hour days when fuel tank leakage was a common problem.

Not enough? Tune in next month. If there's enough space, we'll continue the Storey Story with his work for United Airlines. He's a great storyteller, and it's hard to condense all the information published in our local chapter newsletter last year.

Calendar:

May 14 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

June-August – No regularly scheduled luncheons (subject to change)



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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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.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Sixty five people attended the March 13th luncheon. Our attendance seems to be growing each month. **Susan Craig**, a retired flight attendant, attended her first Loungers luncheon. It was so great to see her and have her spend time with us. **Janet Klinger** won the \$33 50/50 raffle and generously donated it back to the chapter. Thanks, Janet. Two new members were introduced to the group: welcome to **Gene Couvillion** and **Sim Stidham**. There were 17 door prizes given out. We usually keep it to 7, but, I suppose, special holidays (St. Patrick's Day) do require a bit more celebration.

Cathy Gilbert Silva passed out copies of the updated directory. Keeping this directory is certainly no easy task and we are so appreciative that she has done it for us the second year in a row. **Kerrie Schneider** took care of this overwhelming chore for years and I'm sure she is happy that Cathy is such a willing volunteer. Kerrie now fills the very necessary role of taking the minutes. Ours is primarily a social gathering, but it still needs volunteers and organization to keep it relevant and fun. We are already in planning mode for our "End Of Year Celebration". On June 12, we will gather at Barrel Oak Winery at 3623 Grove Lane in Delaplane, VA. We will have a catered and pot luck lunch, prizes, guest speakers, a mini UAL museum display and more. All are invited and the cost is minimal. Please RSVP by May 12th. On September 14th, Dulles Airport will host their annual Dulles Day and Plane pull.

I will be flying to Tampa for a few days in April, and a few days after that, I will be flying to Charlotte for a bridge tournament week. I will let you know how accommodating United Airlines is to us.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

As many of you know, Clipped Wings® supports Special Olympics as our main philanthropy. Our members have traveled the world to support and/or volunteer at the "Games". This past March was no different. This year's Special Olympics and World Games took place in Abu Dhabi.

The UAE's Capital staged the most unified Special Olympics World Games in the history of the Special Olympics. With its diverse population and a tradition of warm hospitality, the people of Abu Dhabi demonstrated, every day, the spirit at the heart of the Special Olympics respect and inclusion for people from all walks of life and abilities.

Three of our Clipped Wings® members were there in March to support the athletes at the games. They were **Barbara Vincent** (SEA), **Marta Rash** and **Chloe Ann Brown** both from our Members-At-Large Chapter. They were unable to volunteer this year but this is what Marta had to say ... *"Volunteering did not work out, too many local people so we took some time out and visited the Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi. However, we did get to see the Opening Ceremonies. The flyover prior to the Opening was beautiful and very impressive. These Games are all about inclusion, tolerance and determination."*

Isn't it wonderful how so many people from all over the world can gather together to play, compete in various sports and have a great time. Everyone wins!

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Google "Special Olympics" for your area to find out when they will be holding events (you're too late for this year's "Polar Plunge").

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

We are a fun group!

Wishing you all blue skies!



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your renewal date

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **March 2019**:

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **March 2019**:

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OBITUARIES

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
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- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, or

US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

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- Retiree – **Fudge, George K.**, on 3/24/2019, ORDMM, husband of Ann P. Fudge, 218 E. Maxon Ln., Streamwood, IL 60107
- Spouse – **Harshbarger, Carolyn A.**, 12/07/2018, wife of Orville E. Harshbarger, OAKUM, 22490 Perimeter Rd., Grass Valley, CA 95949
- Retiree – **Hills, Jacquelyn (Jackie) L.**, on 2/13/2019, LAXTR, sister of Joanne Cone and best friend of Marion Barnett, 1613 3rd St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
- Retiree – **Rehfeld, Lawrence**, on 3/28/2019, DENMM, father of Stephen and Christopher Rehfeld, 6866 Quay Ct., Arvada, CO 80003
- Retiree – **Strange, Norman G.**, on 2/25/2019, SEAFH, husband of Ruth Strange, 816 S. 216 Apt. T531, Des Moines, WA 98198
- Spouse – **Sulgit, Joyce P.**, on 3/21/2019, wife of Francis X. Sulgit, SFOLQ (Deceased), 1560 Los Montes Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010
- Retiree – **Swedberg, Judson F.**, on 2/28/2019, SFOOV, husband of Betty Swedberg, 2286 NW Kleinschmidt Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330



Letters & Notes



Hi members,
I'm the person who edits the letters and notes you send for the Newsletter. Your letters and notes 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:

Irma Atanasio, Lonnie Autry, Edward Beluschok, Albert Bentham Jr., Margaret Parry-Buske, Gary Church, Margaret Colangelo, Vicki Derrough, Marilyn Etchingham, Karen McNeerney, Marie Fediuk, Kathryn Flynn, Joseph Gillette, Joyce Hendricks, Bill Hindman, Gertrude Holmbo, Ester Horompoly, Y.G. Horiuchi, Wanda Huber, Arthur Jefferson, Agnes Jones, Donald Jones, Lynn Kalwelt, Kate King, Marcella Kern, Norma Kopel, Judith Landes, James Lundy Sr, Connie McManus, Karen McNeerney, Chis Miller, Armando Molina, Monte Monson, Cecilia Mossman, John Orchard, Shirley Pilgrim, Patricia Roller, Gloria Rosskamp, Bernard Sandner, Kerrie Schneider, Donna Stewart, Daniel Takata, Shirley Telegdy, Lucy Tiller, Kathleen Towns, Christine Weigner, Kathleen Wilkin, Fred Wise.

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.)

Beulah Barber, 1364 Camellia Dr., E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

I am sorry that my dues are a little late. I have been in rehab for falling and breaking my ankle, 3 times. I can not stop falling!

I thought that I was supposed to pay on my birthday.

Note: Birthdays are no longer used. The new subscription will run for one year from the date that the check is processed in the Denver office.

Nancy Brock, 183 3rd Ave., #304, Chula Vista, CA 91910

My, how the years do fly by! Thank you again for all the work done to keep us in touch with new and old friends. Please know how much it is appreciated.

It is so hard to believe that I have been retired for 30 years. I still worry about missing an early morning trip.

Best wishes to all.

Robert Gray, 29530 Sandburg Way, Hayward, CA 94544

I retired nearly 16 years ago and love it. I sold my home in Fremont, CA and bought a new home in Lincoln, CA. While there I joined the Gold Diggers. They are a great group and a lot of fun. I sold the Lincoln home and bought a home in Manteca, CA. There I joined the San Joaquiners. That also was also a great group. I sold that home and bought a home back in the Bay Area. I had to get closer to SFO. I am busy using my vacation passes, so have not joined another chapter yet. Where am I off to this year?

Caroline Manelski, 94 Elm Ln., Setauket, NY 11733

Sorry I am late! Wasn't there a time/age when one became a life member? I think this thought threw me off my schedule years ago.

I am the secretary for NY, so have to have my copy to see how my news holds up!

Virginia Monaco, 516 Camdon Cir., Bartlett, IL 60103

Once again thank you for your friendly reminder to renew my membership.

I have been retired since 2001, and have enjoyed many trips and cruises with my husband and friends.

Since my husband's passing in May, 2014, my United family has always been there for me.

The newsletters have always kept me updated with United information and friendships.

Thank you for all your hard work.

John Orchard, 2917 113th St., Omaha, NE 68144

Keep up the wonderful job you do, membership.

Please say hello and best wishes to **Carol Bare, Aggie Holcomb** and all those who worked on the Mainliner Desk when I worked the SATO office at Offutt AFB in the 1980's.

Dennis Scheuerell, 3100 SE 168th Ave., #317, Vancouver, WA 98683

After high school in 1960, in a small town outside MSN, Dad said "get a job son". So down to Chicago I went. As I have always looked at planes flying over, and still do I went to MSW. Some airline by the name of Capital was hiring. I had never heard of this airline. All there was in MSN was Northwest, North Central and Ozark. I was 18 years old and still wet behind the ears, but they took a chance. At that time, I believe Capital was the fifth largest and MDW was the busiest airport. Two years later, over to ORD and United. Wow! Two years after that in 1964, I received a letter that started with the words "Greetings from the President". I still have that letter.

Then after the next two years with the Army in Germany, I went back to ORD.

In 1986 after freezing on the ramp for 26 years, I went to SAN. After 3 years there, I ran out of sun screen and up to PDX, where there are four seasons.

After 9/11 and the big down size, I, like thousands of other loyal employees clocked out for the last time.

April 1, 2003 (April Fools Day) was my first day of retirement. How sweet it was!

In hindsight, I loved it all, retirement, the Great Northwest and RUAEA. It is all good!

Virginia Swenson, 5800 St. Croix Ave. N., Apt C209, Golden Valley, MN 55422

A little early but didn't want to miss an issue. Big move, big stress but we needed to make the move from the farm and all the work. We sold the home site to a great couple; another couple took all three cats.

The move went as smoothly as could be anticipated and we are adjusting to our apartment in retirement.

The farm was wonderful but the work was over whelming. God is good all the time and was present in every aspect of our transition.

I will miss the cardinals, though.

I retired from UAL March 1, 1998 after 34.5 years mostly in SFOPD.

I recently moved to Salinas, CA.

My wife of 50 years recently passed away.

I would like to hear from retired friends especially ones from 1781, or any UAL friends.

Feel free to contact me at the above address.

Robert Watson, 290 Regency Cir., Apt. 108, Salinas, CA 93906

Carolyn Alva, Lydia Flores

We are planning to start travelling, if god permits. My daughter, Angelita, who is going to be 40 on April 6th, has had 3 open heart surgeries and is ready to start travelling more this year.

Thank you from Angelita, Lydia and Jose.



Notes

John "Scotty" Thomas

When I read the article on Evacuation Test, the memories came flooding back. I was one of the volunteers for the test in San Francisco. I also volunteered to bring my daughter who was probably three years old at the time. On the morning of the test, father and daughter left for the Maintenance Base. Moira was all smiles to be going on a plane once again. However, when we got inside the hangar where the testing was going to take place, the smile disappeared. There was something different about this plane ride. When we got on the plane for the test Moira was having none of it! She started to scream and it was loud and getting louder. The supervisor of the test finally came to us and asked us to leave because nobody could hear the instructions over the screams. As soon as we left the plane, the smile was back on her face.

Moira loves flying and, to this day she flies more than anyone else in the family.

Barbara Donneault

I love to go on cruises and shopping for wonderful artworks is big for me.

Alice Dsouza

I am so glad to be involved with RUAEA. I look forward to the monthly publication.

Thank you all for what you do for us.

Harumi Odori

Thank you for reminding me to renew.

Sandy Moore

I currently own a small real estate and property management company. I also do some travel.

Jane Donahue-Regan

I love keeping up with all the UAL news.

Mary Ann Schaefer

Thank you for the newsletter that keeps me close to the part of my life that I shared with Bob, my husband, ORDCG for over 35 years. I occasionally see a familiar name.

Thanks for the memories.

John Walls

I retired in 1994. ■



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