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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

Well the convention in SAN is over and in my opinion; it was the best we have had in a long time. A great "Thank You" has to go out to our site selection group which consists of Hank Gosselin, VP of conventions; Dave Garland, Site Selection Chairman and Assistant to VP of

conventions, and Ron Bertacini.

The accommodations were the best and surrounding area was beautiful. The food was the best and best of all, was the camaraderie shared by all.

The San Diego chapter did a wonderful job with tours and everything else they touched including great music for Friday and Saturday night.

Hats of to the editors and producers of the RUAEA Newsletter, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** for their contribution for the last 11½ years and we are searching franticly for new full time or even part time volunteers to help out. In addition, **Martha Gooselaw** who does the letters is finally going to retire from that job so we also need help there.

Just so everybody is aware with all these changes, I have been in contact with the President of RUPA and the President of RAFA to see if we can merge our groups into one while still keeping our autonomy. This would be a huge undertaking but I see no survival without doing something. We already plan to have our 2022 convention with Clipped Wings.

I know this is a lot to take in; I will keep you posted monthly on progress; perhaps it will not work but we won't know unless we try.

I'm sorry I did not recognize everyone that helped and extend my thanks to everyone that is helping right now. Thank you and stay safe.

> Don Burbank RUAEA President

New RUAEA Director - Florida - Georgia Region

We would like to welcome **Marge Stamm** into her new role as Regional Director of the Florida and Georgia regions. She began her career in 1994 and retired in



2018 after 23+ years with United Airlines Reservations in Chicago, where she was recognized with the "Top Performer" award several times. Marge and her husband Vern just celebrated their 25th anniversary in August. Marge has two daughters, both grown and both either are in the Airline

industry or have been at some point. Marge attends the Skyliners Chapter breakfasts and is part of the Mainliner Club in Chicago. To keep herself busy, she is active in the community where she and Vern reside in Sun City, Huntley area. Please welcome Marge as she steps into the new role and thank her for her volunteering spirit!

RUAEA Convention 2021 Recap Hosted by the San Diego Resans Committee By Barbara Drews, Resans, San Diego



Farewell may seem like the end but in our hearts are the memories and they will always be there.

Nowhere in San Diego did the sun shine any brighter than at the Dana on Mission Bay

on September 28th thru October 2nd. There were 186 attendants and about 20 cancellations due to Covid and the difficulties of traveling at this time. Most of the retirees arrived from up and down the West Coast; many of them driving, and also from the central states.

The hotel staff were friendly and efficient, the food delicious and there was a resort feeling in the air that had everyone feeling relaxed and enjoying the ambiance of the beach atmosphere.

A lot of activities, tours during the day included, Balboa Park and Air & Space Museum, a Flagship Luncheon on board "The Spirit of San Diego", which included a 3-course lunch and a tour of both North and South bay. There was a San Diego City Lights Tour which took place in the evening and the 90 minute journey was a drive through Balboa Park, the historic Gaslamp Ouarter, Little Italy, the Embarcadero and a drive across the Coronado Bridge with a great view of all the night lights of San Diego. The final tour was a Seal Boat tour which was a real adventure on a "Boat with Wheels" which was a fully narrated Seal Boat tour on the calm waters of the bay with an opportunity to see and learn first hand about our rich military history. Members had lunch at Seaport Village and then returned to the hotel to prepare for the Saturday night Banquet.

There were door prizes and a 50/50 raffle every night. On Friday, there was an evening with the Zinchiladas. This was an eclectic 5-member Gypsy Jazz Band. The crowd formed a conga line and danced around the ballroom. Our own **John Cunningham** plays in the band and we are so proud of him and his musical talent.

Saturday night we started with a super Banquet dinner and after dinner, we topped off the evening with the American Flyboys, a 19-piece swinging Jazz Band that had everyone up and on their feet. The band offered a dedication to the United Airlines of yesterday and a special rendition of "The Way We Were". There were tears and I believe the band had as much fun as those at the Convention.

I would like to list the names of the Committee Members who worked so hard to put this Convention together. This would not have been possible without their hard work and dedication: Betty Tomaino - Cochair, Louie Semon - Co-chair, Barbara Drews - Publicity and Registration, Jackie Schwartz - Registration, John Cunningham - A/V and Entertainment, Peggy Van Sickle - Raffles and Tour Sales, Rosina & Bill Krefft - Tour Operators and Organizers, and Rosalie Tripicchio - Decorations.

There are no words left but you have made the convention a better place with the memories, stories and friendships shared.

Important Phone Numbers -Now The Contact Column



As we have received updated information from United Airlines, we are changing the name of the column.

The Employee Travel Center no longer has telephones or email. ETC prefers all questions come through HelpHub. When you use

HelpHub, it captures employee/retiree data that helps the team identify who's contacted us and how to better assist them. Retirees can also use our chat feature from any Travel page on Flying Together. For your convenience, we are including the changes to the Employee Travel Center here as well as on the renamed Contact Column.

Please remember, the Flying Together website is https://ft.ual.com.

Employee Travel Center:

- Visit Flying Together for travel policies at https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/ retiree
- ▲ Submit questions using Help Hub at https://helphub.ual.com
- ▲ Search "Employee Travel Inquiry"

▲ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant from any Travel page on Flying Together

Also, the Flying Together Help Desk used to reset your password is now called the United Airlines Technical Service Desk.

New route to Lagos, Nigeria this fall September 16, 2021



On September 16, 2021, we're announcing new service from IAD to LOS (Lagos, Nigeria) that begins November 29 with three weekly flights (subject to government approval).

Tickets will be available on united.com this weekend.

"This new flight to Lagos has been highly anticipated by our customers and offers the first-ever nonstop service between Washington, D.C. and Nigeria, as well as convenient, one-stop connections to over 80 destinations in the Americas, including Houston and Chicago," said International Network and Alliances VP Patrick Quayle. "On behalf of all of United, we'd like to offer our sincere thanks to the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority and U.S. Department of Transportation for supporting our plans to provide this service."

We'll operate this route with a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner and flights will depart IAD Monday, Thursday and Saturday with return flights from Lagos on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. This new flight builds on our existing service to Africa, with 20 weekly roundtrips planned in December. Just this year, we launched new service between EWR and JNB (Johannesburg, South Africa) and IAD to ACC (Accra, Ghana).

This December and January, we'll also increase service from IAD to ACC from three weekly flights to daily service to meet demand during the peak holiday period. And on December 1, we're bringing back a popular seasonal route between EWR and CPT (Cape Town, South Africa).

Welcome to Chicago, AIM! September 17, 2021



The Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) operates 14 aviation schools across the country – and Chicago is the location of the newest one!

AIM has set up shop in McKinley Park on Chicago's southwest side. What used to be an old warehouse is now a brand-new aircraft

hangar that plans to welcome and train around 200 students annually. Tech Ops Planning and Strategy VP Kurt Carpenter joined Illinois Governor JB Pritzker and other business and government leaders at the grand opening of the school on Wednesday.

With our plan to hire 25,000 new employees over the next five years and ORD less than 20 miles away from the campus, the addition of AIM to Illinois's Tech Ops training pipeline will be a tremendous asset to United.

"Because of the specialized training our maintenance teams require, it's imperative that we have access to state-of-the-art facilities and programs like this one to help ensure we are pulling from a pipeline of quality talent," said Technical Operations SVP Tom Doxey.

"As we work to create and grow our technician pipeline to meet our future growth plans, we couldn't be more excited about this new campus," added Kurt. "This is an investment that supports our vision for growing our Tech Ops recruitment programs, and we look forward to welcoming talented AIM graduates into our Tech Ops team as employees in the future."

AIM is investing at least \$10 million in the Chicago campus and will receive a \$1.5 million EDGE tax credit over 10 years from the state of Illinois. The school will have about 50 full-time jobs and is the first aviation-maintenance program in Chicago.

AIM is partnering with City Colleges of Chicago to allow students to earn credits toward an aviation-maintenance certificate. It's also working on a partner-ship with Southern Illinois University to allow graduates to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Torgy's Travel Tips – November 2021 <u>Taking the Plunge</u>



Well, I did it. I flew for the first time since 2019. My decision to venture forth in the midst of known and unknown conditions was motivated by the amazing longevity of my dear Aunt Betty who was celebrating her 99th birthday. She was vaccinated on January 4th, one of the very first in Loma Linda, California, where there are

more centenarians than any other community in the USA. Twenty-one days later, she received her second dose and achieved "totally vaccinated status" thereafter. A 99th birthday is indeed a feat to be celebrated, especially under current circumstances.

The planning required to coordinate this journey was unlike past trips, when flying standby and picking



up a rental car were easy. This time, flights were heavily booked, car rentals were either non-existent or exorbitantly expensive and I was required to observe strict Covid measures in the air, on the ground and at her residence. Additionally, adherence to a rigid visiting timeslot and donning of PPE made preparations essential for the pro-

tection of everyone involved. Thankfully, my full-fare non-stop flight on Alaska Airlines met the timeline perfectly and the small but happy celebration was beyond expectations!

But the real story is what happened after the party. I had checked-in online for my 7:30PM full fare non-stop Alaska Airlines flight to SEA and arrived at the small Ontario, CA airport nearly 1½ hours early. The TSA Pre√ line was empty and I breezed through. I took a seat in the gate area with my small carry-on bag and verified that my flight was on-time. After waiting for about 45 min, watching the crowd grow in size, no gate preparation was visible. So I checked the flight status again. "On-Time" it said. A moment later, my phone chimed with a text message stating, "Let us make this up to you. Please check your email in the next 24 hours for our apology". This didn't sound good.

The flight status still read "On-Time". I noticed several other passengers with puzzled faces looking at their phones and I had the ominous feeling of an as-yet unannounced cancellation. I immediately headed downstairs to the ticket counter. A line of passengers was snaking through the lobby. Calling AS reservations revealed the call-wait time was 1 hour 45 min. I joined the snaking line. The person ahead of me related that his PSP-SEA flight a few hours earlier had been canceled and AS had rebooked him on this flight, even providing an Uber ride for the 72 mile journey to ONT. The reason for the PSP-SEA cancellation: "No ground personnel available in SEA to receive the inbound flight." The staffing shortages we've all been reading about were beginning to dawn on me.

When I finally reached one of the 3 empathic but stressed agents at the counter, I was told that no seats were available until the next night at 7:30pm. The cancellation reason was the same. Having done due diligence in searching for alternatives while I waited in line, I pointed out that there appeared to be a flight to PDX at 11:05 the next morning. Since I live between SEA and PDX this was acceptable to me and she quickly booked the flight and issued a boarding pass. But wait ... what about a hotel for tonight? Ah yes, just wait in the other

line to get that, she said. I did. The agent at this desk asked for my email address so she could send me a hotel choice list. Thankfully, the internet connection was fast and the email appeared instantly. Reading the email, I checked the listing to confirm that a hotel shuttle was provided before pressing "Accept". That action resulted in a confirmation code which I was told to show to the hotel check-in desk. I was quite impressed with this customer-friendly process.

I proceeded to the hotel pick-up zone outside and waited. And waited. Others joined me. I phoned the hotel and after a 10 min hold, I was told that there have been no hotel shuttles since Covid started in March of 2020! Get a taxi, I was told. So back to the ticket counter I went, with a few other confused, distraught travelers in tow. The weary, but still gracious, agent issued a taxi voucher. But wait - what about a return voucher? A second voucher printed. Back to the taxi pick-up zone. Eventually, a taxi appeared and soon I was in line to check in at the hotel.

But wait - not so fast, savvy traveler. Seems that a mere "confirmation code" in an email is unacceptable for payment, according to the front desk clerk. A *voucher* from AS is required. My weary but gracious agent had apparently forgotten the last step of the reaccommodation process. By now, it is nearly 10PM. I have no way nor will to go back to the airport. My emotional baggage has been lost, so to speak. So, I get out my credit card and charge \$192 for the room. Oh, and I am informed that there is no longer any restaurant/ breakfast bar due to Covid. I will face that dilemma in the morning.

Once in my room I try to contact AS about the hotel "snafu". The call-wait time is now 2 hrs. I will face this dilemma tomorrow, as well. Later, the room phone rings. A new desk clerk has come on duty and has verified with AS that they indeed did send passengers over without the necessary supporting documentation and AS will deliver vouchers to the hotel. My credit card will be reimbursed. Yeah! Things are looking up.

Since I'm wide awake now, maybe I will watch a little TV, to decompress. But wait ... where is the remote? I look by the TV, on the desk, through every drawer, under the bed, in the closet. Nothing. OK, I'll just turn it on manually. The power light illuminates but nothing happens. I call the front desk and am reassured that someone will come right up to fix the TV. Promptly, that someone arrives with 2 remotes in hand. The first one does nothing. The second one works! But apologies follow because apparently I cannot have that remote because it is the *Master Remote* and must remain in the possession of the staff. So sorry for the inconvenience.

Sensing that I just finally needed to give up, I reflected on the <u>joyful</u> parts of this day. Although we of-

ten take it for granted, aren't you still amazed that you can step into metal tube and step out in another city or country. And what <u>really</u> mattered was abundantly received – the gift of love. Hopefully, Aunt Betty's 100th birthday will be just a little bit easier to navigate!

P.S. Everything went like clockwork the next day. Thank you Alaska.

P.P.S. Always travel with a Smart phone, a positive attitude and never book the last flight of the day!

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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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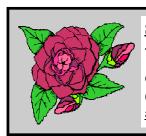
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We normally would have met on September 13th, but most of our members were reluctant to meet due to Covid. We plan our next meeting on Monday, December 13.

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 11:30.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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The RUAEA Convention at the Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA, was a success! The total amount of people attending ended up at 186. It was a very nice hotel, with the rooms being a very nice size, plus we had free breakfast every morning, which was excellent and plenty food to choose from, even specially cooked omelets! There were several pools and hot tubs in the complex, which we took advantage of. We gathered every evening for drinks and snacks, plus 50/50 and other drawings.

On Friday morning, we had our RUAEA Business Meeting and the Benefits Panel Presentation. On Friday evening, Alliant Partners subsidized our food and the Zinchiladas, a lively group of San Diego musicians, entertained us.

At our Banquet on Saturday night, we had a nice dinner of Salmon or Roast Pork Loin with all the trimmings, and were entertained by the American Flyboys Band, a 16 piece Swing Jazz Band. A lot of people got out and danced with this group. Everyone

there was very friendly and enjoyed themselves. Because everyone liked the Dana on Mission Bay, it was voted on by the committee to have it again next year at the same place.

The committee were very happy working with the staff at the Dana; the price of the rooms and facilities, the free parking, the free breakfasts each morning, that they felt we couldn't do any better elsewhere, and everyone agreed! So, please keep that in mind, when you make plans for next September, that this is one place you want to be!

At this Convention, our Re-United group had 15 people there; some were only there a couple of days; but the majority were there four or more days. It was nice seeing **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** there too; even though they were working for RUAEA as Registrar and Treasurer, they still were with us as a group when we gathered together.

Our September 24th Breakfast had 17 members in attendance, and five of them were visitors for the first time; **Mitch Schulte**, **Mike & Iris Henrikson**, and **Michael & Pam Mayhew**. We were very happy to see them join our chapter! Our interim President, **Debbie Schulte**, was introduced by our Vice President **Peg Snowdall**. We were very happy she accepted that position as our past president; **Shirley Claggett** won't be around as much as she was before after their move to Washington. In January, we will have our normal nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with installation at the April meeting.

We were advised that one of our members, **Bill Norwood**, will be inducted into the, "Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame" on October 15, 2021. This is quite an honor to receive. His recognition has been because of Bill's work in helping feed homeless veterans, speaking at schools and working with the local Tuskegee Airman Chapter. We are so fortunate to have Bill & Molly in our chapter and being active too!

Our first luncheon for a long time was to be held on October 7th at the Slate Bistro & Bar at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch, 4415 E. Village Pkwy, in Gilbert, AZ, hosted by Dakota. We will have more info on that later.

We have the following Birthdays in November that we know of, **Pam Gerstung** and **JoAnne Gaudioso**. Happy Birthday to both of you! We have three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in November too; **Harry & Doreen Cloud**, **John & Donna Smiley**, and **Sandi Fowler** and **Mark Martin**. Congratulations to all these couples!

Calendar:

November – Luncheon – Host and date to be announced

November 19 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at <u>phomfeldt@cox.net</u>, with your reservation by Wednesday, October 20, or call her at (480) 396-3317, so she can notify the Manager as to how many to expect from our group. Please note this is a change in the date due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

December 1 – Christmas Luncheon hosted by **Peg Snowdall**: more information to follow.



TUCSON ROADRUNNER

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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 <u>rpdgar-lic41@comcast.net</u> or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

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CALIFORNIA



<u>CALIFORNIA</u> NORTHSTATERS

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It looks like we are turning the corner on hot weather and fires! It has cooled down, most of the fires are out and now all we want is rain, please!

Merritt Odor called our September meeting/luncheon to order and thanked Sharon Simonton for setting it up. It was held at the Pour House in Chico. They were able to give us a separate room and our 16 members and spouses were able to visit and have a great lunch. Merritt gave a special welcome to Phyllis Burdick, wife of our late member Hal Burdick; it was very nice to see her.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries coming up. Carl Franke is having a birthday as well as our very special lady, Charlotte Puryear. She will be turning 101 years young. She is doing quite well and has made it through COVID without any issues. Sharon keeps in touch with her quite often. Carl & Grace Franke and Bill & Sharon Simonton will be celebrating anniversaries in October.

Merritt gave a report on one of our favorite restaurants, Mill Creek Cafe. Another restaurant has replaced it and Merritt & Klaren said the service in the new restaurant was not good and also another venue has taken over the separate room that we were meeting in. We are always on the lookout for new places for us to meet.

Linda Delaney shared some information concerning an air quality monitor that they purchased. Everyone in Northern California sure needs this due to smoke from the fires. She spoke about where to purchase a unit and gave us examples about how it worked.

At future meetings, Merritt suggested members share how they had spent their COVID time.

On a very sad note, it was learned that one of our members, **Kent Jorgensen**, husband of **Billie Jorgensen**, our treasurer, passed away from COVID complications 5 days after our meeting. They were

not in attendance at the Pour House. Kent was a wonderful storyteller. He loved to talk about airplanes, ham radios and fishing. We know he was well known across the United Airlines system. He will truly be missed by all.

A discussion took place on where to hold our next meeting/luncheon. The date is scheduled for December 8th but because of the upturn in COVID cases, the decision to get together might be made for a later date.

Klaren Odor won the 50/50 raffle. Phyllis Burdick won the lunch certificate and an extra raffle for Joy Lynn's candy was won by Vincent Neidlinger.

I have a friend who worked in SFO and has some stories he shares with me every once in a while. I would like to share one today: A Ramp Supervisor was riding a bicycle on the Ramp. His radio microphone was clipped onto his belt. The mike came loose, swung forward and wrapped into the spokes of the front wheel which locked up. The supervisor proceeded to fall off the bike. He completely flipped over onto the ramp looking up, only to see passengers in the terminal looking at him. Embarrassing to say the least. He was unhurt but the bike was tagged out of service.

Calendar:

December 8 – Possible Christmas Luncheon to be determined.



CENTRAL COASTERS

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Here's another month of watching what we do and where we go. We had plans to start going to our church until masks are mandatory in public places. The church decided to separate members during Sunday services like before. So we will still watch the Sunday service from home via YouTube.

Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, received a call from our RUAEA director **Rosalie Tripicchio** to see if we will have a representative attending the Convention. So far, neither the **Zoldaks** or **Rybars** will be attending.

Mike Zoldak has been given an award for being

an IAM 50-year veteran in good standing. This is quite an honor and also being acknowledged by your union..

The one time I remember was being invited to a dinner in downtown SFO for 25 years of service. This was for all employees regardless of what department you worked in. We then were able to select a gift from a variety of items that was very generously offered by UAL.

Since there are so many new viruses around, I'm not sure when our next meeting will be. My wife and I have to be careful and we will wait for the booster shot before venturing out in any groups again..

I've reached this situation, have you? "If you have reached the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete."



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos group. Goodness, I can't believe it's October already. It seems like it was June a week ago, and a blink or two later, it's October. The days are noticeably shorter and I keep adjusting my automatic timer so the light in the living room comes on earlier. Our last heat wave, about a week ago, is most likely the last time we will see temps in the mid-90's until next spring. Our nights are getting cooler and now I start my annual personal challenge to see how long I can go without turning on the furnace and switching from my summer comforter to my down comforter. My goal is November 1st but I've never

made it.

As things stand now, we are back to holding regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The only thing that could set everything backward is the Delta variant of Covid getting worse.

As I said last month, let's all keep our fingers crossed that that doesn't happen. Due to the Delta variant, masks and proof of vaccination are now required. Also, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by the Friday before the meeting. I have also put the dates of our meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our October meeting was held on October 4th at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord with 18 members in attendance. We have a private room and they configure the tables based on our RSVP number. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. Instead of paying a flat \$20.00 price for lunch, we are now ordering from the menu and have separate checks. Darlene Platten collected the raffle money. We missed Poldi von Muhlfeld who was still with her family in Austria. We also missed Joe & Wilma Leather. Wilma had an appointment with her eye doctor in preparation for surgery on October 19. Best wishes to Wilma for a successful surgery, and we look forward to seeing you and Joe in November! And speaking of successful surgeries, what a wonderful surprise to see Rich & Georgia Bouska at our meeting! Georgia had major back surgery on September 14 and she is doing great. She is pain free and can walk again. Congratulations to Georgia ... and her surgeon. After lunch, we held our raffle. Jan Soderstrom won the money. As usual, we had an eclectic selection of gifts—wine, DVDs, and picture frames etc. Tom Johnson brought in some UAL memorabilia from the 1960's and several members eagerly took them home.

EPA bans chlorpyrifos ~ Chlorpyrifos is a toxic pesticide and potent neurotoxin that is particularly harmful to children. It is commonly sprayed on food crops, including apples, oranges, and berries.

For pregnant women and children, exposure to even low levels of chlorpyrifos can lead to increased risk of learning disabilities, including reductions in IQ, developmental delay, and behavioral problems. And farm workers and their families, who are predominantly Latino, face the most exposure to this harmful chemical.

In 2016, the EPA identified unsafe chlorpyrifos residues in fruits, vegetables, and drinking water, and called for cancellation on all allowable residues in food. For years, the ban was delayed, allowing the continued use of this toxic pesticide even though they knew it was damaging to human health. Environmental activists and the National Resources Defense Council sued the EPA and won. In April, the courts directed the EPA to cancel all food uses of the product that they could not deem safe. And since EPA scientists determined that there is no safe use of chlorpyrifos on food, they are banning the use of chlorpyrifos on all food production. California has already banned chlorpyrifos. Hawaii, New York, and Maryland are in the process of banning it as well. Corteva, the producer of chlorpyrifos, stopped making it last year.

The EPA's announcement still allows a few non-food uses of chlorpyrifos, such as for mosquito control and on golf courses. Industrial growers, pesticide makers, and chemical companies who benefit from the use of chlorpyrifos will try to prevent or delay phasing out the product for as long as possible to bolster their profits. Environmental activists have vowed to keep fighting until all of these pesticides are banned for good. Stay tuned.

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

Giant Tortoise ~ How many of you went to www.galapagos.org and signed up for the free enewsletter from The Galapagos Conservancy? I'm

still on a roll with giant tortoises!

Aldabra Giant Tortoises on Zanzibar's Changuu Island: In 1919. The British governor of the nearby Seychelles donated four Aldabra Giant Tortoises to Zanzibar.

The awesome foursome happily made Zanzibar's Changuu Island their home. Cut off from the world with no potential predators, the giant tortoises, which often weigh more than 500 pounds, began to thrive in their new environment. There was also ample foliage on Changuu for them to eat and plenty of shelter among the trees. These herbivorous giants spend much of their waking hours searching for food. Changuu has over 20 different types of grass and herbs - sometimes referred to as "tortoise turf" - with the odd fruit or insect thrown in for a treat. The tortoises have even been observed standing on their back legs in order to reach desirable food placed on branches higher up.

In time the four Aldabra giant tortoises took over the whole island. In 1955 – less than 40 years since they first settled on Changuu – the population had grown to approximately 200. Unfortunately, as is so often the case, humans almost caused the demise of the tortoises. Settlers brought dogs, goats and other livestock. Goats in particular grazed much more quickly than the tortoises and depleted their food supply. Also, unscrupulous visitors began to poach the creatures to eat or to peddle as exotic pets.

These issues caused the giant tortoise population to suffer an alarming drop in numbers. By 1985, the tortoise population had declined from 200 to 100. Several years later they numbered just 50, and by 1996, only seven giant tortoises remained. Later in 1996, concerned conservationists brought 80 young tortoises to Changuu to increase the population. But half of these newcomers disappeared, perhaps falling victim to more illegal poaching.

The now-independent government of Zanzibar took serious action. Helped by a global conservation agency, it constructed a huge compound to safeguard the endangered tortoises. And, thankfully, by the year 2000, the population had started to rise – with 90 hatchlings, 50 juveniles and 17 adults.

Since then, these efforts have borne even more fruit. Additionally, other tortoises are periodically relocated to Changuu from elsewhere in the world for the species' safeguarding. An organization devoted to the Aldabra giant tortoises' survival is now based on Changuu.

In recent years the island has become a tourist attraction. People from far and wide travel to Chan-

guu via Zanzibar, primarily to get up close and personal with the giant tortoises. The curious creatures often unwittingly pose for photographs with an adoring public who've voyaged across the ocean to pet and feed them. Source: richverse.com

Sumatran Rhino ~ Of the five species of rhino, two have populations of 80 or less. Last month I talked about the Javan Rhino, and how environmentalists are thrilled with the birth of two calves, bringing their population to 75. The Sumatran Rhino has been on earth longer than any other living mammal. Once found across parts of Southeast Asia, including the foothills of Bhutan and northeast India, southern China, Cambodia and Thailand, they are now restricted to just a few sites in Sumatra and Borneo, in Indonesia. In 1986 it was believed there were as many as 800 Sumatran rhinos remaining in the wild. Now, it is estimated that only 30 to 80 are alive today. The Sumatran rhino lives in dense tropical forest and spends a large part of the day wallowing in mud holes. The access to mud wallows is essential for thermo-regulation, skin condition; and to get rid of parasites that live on their skin and biting insects. Females reach sexual maturity at around 4 years of age, and males are sexually active by around 7 years of age. The gestation period is approximately 15-16 months and female rhinos typically have a single calf every 4-5 years. No wonder environmentalists cheer whenever a baby rhino is born!

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

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- Monday, November 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. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at <u>diangriego@aol.com</u> or (925) 676-6097 by Friday, October 29.
- Monday, December 6 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party is not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrées. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either Jan Soderstrom at email above, or to Diane Griego at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.

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



GOLDEN GATERS

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Well, we only had 13 people show up for our BBQ Ribs feastwhere were all of you? The food was outstanding - BBQ Ribs, potato salad, beans, Mac & Cheese and those special treats ice cream "Drumsticks" ... how long ago have you had one those? The heck with carbs, salt, no-no's and calories, we are only here once and we should enjoy it! After all, these are our Golden Years and we don't want our "gold" to tarnish! (Make sure you get those gold crowns back from your Dentist when he removes those molars!) Because of the small "crowd"... everyone was able to have seconds (and thirds) and we have to thank our hard-working President Vera Kina for putting this tasty luncheon together (and thanks to Costco for their great bargains) - she did an outstanding job and we thank her as she kept our treasury out-put at a minimum. (Hooray for sales!)

Vera blew her duck horn and brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a few minutes of silence remembering all those who have kept us safe - first responders, medical personnel, firemen - you know who they are ... so thank them when you see them, hand-over-heart, a smile. They appreciate the fact that you acknowledge them. Discussion was held regarding the increase of our yearly dues ... \$20 per person is a small raise for the coming year 2022– so send your dues to: **Peter Coo**per, checks to made out to UAL Retirees and mail it to him at 1583 Roberta Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403, or better yet, come to our October meeting on October 25th and give him your cash and pennies! We want to up-date our Roster for 2022 so get those checks in the mail - you will get a receipt for your hard earned dollars. We are still trying to get confirmation for our December luncheon – this virus bug-a-boo has kept the OK from local restaurants confirming that they will be functioning during the holiday season. Not to fear, we will get something hammered down and will let you know.

We are truly fortunate to have a lovely meeting room in the Recreational Center in Foster City – we can enjoy the lovely lagoon and watch the fog creep over the foothills, bathing Half Moon Bay with a misty overcast and putting a damper on the Pumpkin Patch festivities. Everyone wants to get out of the house and the Coast calls us; it has taken over $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to sometimes navigate the two lane road over to Half Moon Bay. Lots of great restaurants, beach walk-ways and pricey hotels to hit your pocket-book if you wish to stay at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel(it's best just to drive past it and say ... "hmmm...maybe next time.")

Mark your 2021 calendars for the following meetings:

- ▲ October 25 our tasty Pot Luck, bring your special treats for us to enjoy ... need main entrees. Singles bring enough for 4 people, couples bring enough for 8 people. Even though **Dorothy Reuszer** moved up to Coeur D'Alene; I stole her recipe for her delicious corn casserole! (We miss you and hope you are doing well!)
- ▲ November 22 BYOBL bring your own bag lunch hit up those delish deli shops and bring a sandwich and enjoy some conversations with us "Gaters."
- ▲ December 8 will let you know where and when our Christmas luncheon will be held.

For those of you who have been sitting around twiddling your thumbs and not doing anything ... you need to take a page out of our intrepid Treasurer, **Peter Cooper**'s book. Not only has he become a master chef (oh, those breads, cookies and such,) he is now dabbling in making wines and liqueurs. As he needs a "taster," I have volunteered to sample his wares. Don't bother to get in line; I'll handle it for you!

Thank goodness the libraries have allowed us to enter their buildings, restaurants have outdoor dining available, the museums have opened up – lots of good things to enjoy. Still wear that mask, get that booster shot and don't forget the flu shot. Tell your loved-ones you love 'em and remember to smile.

Keep Helen Goodwine, Linda Vietz, Margaret Reelfs, Gene & Carol Walter, and Charlie & Josie Esqueda in your thoughts as they need some TLC these days. Hope to see them back at our meetings soon as they are sorely missed. Their addresses are in your rosters, drop them a note and encourage them to join us at our October, November and December meetings.

No birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate but we did have some money raffle winners: **Barbara Underhill** won the Big Bonanza money jackpot and **Bill Heinrich** won the Smaller Bonanza pot. (There was

no need to drop by the Bank as their deposit would have gotten a sneer from the Teller!) Donated gifts were won by – Kathy Hutt, Bill Heinrich, John Bogdanoff and Emily Turner just to name a few.

Stay the course, be well and happy (this too will pass,) put 25 cents in a large jar every time your Doctor says, "Now people of your age," ... soon you will have more than enough money to go to Las Vegas several times over, gamble to your hearts content, see a great show and come home broke!

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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<u>Submitted by Suzanne Kenny, for Jane Gibson,</u> our wonderful Secretary

It <u>rained</u> in El Dorado County for the first time since April! The first day of Autumn 2021 is just around the corner ... on Wednesday, September 22. We made it through this very <u>hot</u> summer and looking forward to some cooler temperatures ahead. Many members were very disappointed that our annual United Reunion up in Minden, NV was cancelled due to the Caldor Wild Fire, unhealthy smoke in the area with many evacuations and Hwy 50 being closed.

Our president, **Bill Dinette**, opened our meeting and immediately extended a "Thank You" to **Doe Pope** for hosting the luncheon today at Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant in Cameron Park. The food was excellent and I don't think anyone could have gone home hungry. We started with chips and salsa waiting for us on the tables and for lunch, everything we needed for a delicious Taco Buffet. Tortillas, beef or chicken, 2 kinds of beans, rice and chicken enchiladas with sour cream and salsa to top it all off. We had lots of candy bowls filled with chocolate for dessert.

Bill asked the question? Any birthdays this month and we learned that Bill Kenney, Diana Bell, Bob Ames, Reva Gordon, Judy Fitzpatrick, Robin

Garland and **Tom Kenny** all celebrate one this month. Wow, that is a lot of candles! Happy Birthday to each of you! No anniversaries to celebrate this month.

President ~ Bill Dinette spoke about the 20th anniversary of the attacks of September 11 with various memorials held around the country; United benefits and other items covered in the September 2021 RUAEA Newsletter.

Vice President ~ Rudy & Cindy Blazius are hosting next month and shared some information that they encountered while choosing a restaurant and suggested that when hosting you should start looking early. Many restaurants are currently short-staffed making it difficult to take on a group of our size. For example Mimi's bistro-bakery requires a minimum of \$300.00 with a 3 hour time of usage ... no signs or banners, etc. The Breakroom would not have staff to wait on us ... we would each have to order at the counter. Hopefully this is going to be a temporary situation. Hiring signs are everywhere, so let's hope some of these people go back to work soon.

Secretary ~ You may have noticed that Suzanne Kenny is trying to fill in for our "wonder woman" Jane Gibson today by taking photos and notes. Jane made sure that we would pass the sign-up sheet for hosting lunches in 2022. December is always a group effort. Tom & Suzanne signed up for March. That leaves only 10 months and if you haven't hosted in a while, please think about it and take a turn. If you need help; Jane and I will always assist you.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny was with us today and reports that our bank balance is right about where it "should" be for this time of the year. That is really great considering that this is only our fifth meeting so far this year.

Sunshine ~ Our Sunshine Lady, Suzanne Kenny, shared that both Bill & Jane Gibson are home recovering from Covid. Jane had the virus first and shared with Bill. Jane is feeling much better, but Bill is still dealing with a cough and some fatigue which can last quite some time. Good news is that they both have lots of antibodies and are no longer contagious. We love them dearly, but did not want to see them today. Judy Fitzpatrick is recovering from a spine surgery procedure and is reported to be doing well; a continued and speedy recovery to each of you and we look forward to seeing you all maybe next month. JR Heier shared that Al Koehler, Labor Relations, SFO; passed away recently from complications after a heart surgery procedure. If you ever had the opportunity to work with him you know what a wonderful man he was. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends.

Historian ~ Pati Kenney brings our albums to the luncheons most of the time. She has been taking good care of them for us, but would prefer that her position be handled by a new person next year. If you would like to take care of our history for us please let someone know.

Old Business ~ We need to think about who we want to elect as our officers for 2022! Official nominations in October and we will vote in November.

We should also be planning our December Christmas luncheon as it might be more difficult to schedule this year. So, please give it some thought, and some research as to where/how you would like to celebrate this special luncheon.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. Our October luncheon will be hosted by **Rudy** & **Cindy Blazius** at 36 Handles Restaurant & Bar.

Rudy shook the box with the donator's tickets inside and the winning ticket went to Mr. Thom Biro! As always a big "Thank You" to all who brought items for our raffle: Blazius – plums/coasters; Biro - wine; Kenny – Lava Cap Sangiovse; Kenney – decorative calendar; Kozelka – red wine; Guinn – bath soaps; Akin - Coleus plant; Ridsdale – pumpkin; Martin – knives and port wine; Pope – Halloween bag; Garland – truffles.



RESANS

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There was no breakfast for October as we are all recuperating from our great and very successful Convention.

Our November Birthdays are **John Cunningham** (11/3), **Bill Krefft** (11/16) and **Greg Krok** (11/17).

Betty Tomaino left on a Caribbean Cruise to recover from her busy and timeless dedication to make our Convention great. May she have smooth sailing!

Peggy Van Sickle had her birthday on September 29th at the Convention and worked hard all day. We wished her Birthday Greetings all week and I am sure she will have a late celebration.

We learned of the passing of SANCS retiree, **Tom Sturgeon** on October 2nd. Tom was known as

"smiling Tom" as no matter how bad the operation became on a particular day, he was always pleasant and had his great smile for everyone, passengers and employees included. He will be missed.

Calendar:

November 4 - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA.



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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There is no report this month from the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter of RUAEA.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Hello again to everyone from the San Joaquiners chapter. We hope you are all doing well and enjoying life. Our chapter got together on September 9th and we were able to enjoy each others' company.

There were 14 of us at our September luncheon meeting and we all had a great time. We always meet on the second Thursday of the month, usually at different locations. If anyone would like information about our chapter please call our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or email Steve at <u>sgold-wing@comcast.net</u> and he will be able to give you information about our chapter.

At our September luncheon a representative from the Ledger Dispatch newspaper came into our meeting room looking for Al Svares. Al was celebrating his 96th birthday. He gave Al a Mexican Sombrero to wear and took his picture which he said would be in the next issue of the newspaper. Betty brought a yummy birthday cake which we all enjoyed while we were singing happy birthday to Al. It was a big surprise and a fun time for everyone.. There were several other birthdays to celebrate so we wish you all a very happy birthday.

Fall is just around the corner and hopefully cooler

weather. I'm sure we're all looking forward to that. It has been extremely hot this summer and we definitely need a break.

Our jokster, **Don Nesja** entertained us with some jokes. I don't know where he gets them but he surely had same good ones and there were many smiles and laughter as he read. I think I may have sent him a few.

Steve told us that the Mechanics Reunion scheduled for September had been canceled. Steve said he and his wife Jacque were planning to attend the RUAEA convention in SAN. I'm sure they will have a great time and will have some good information to share with us when they return.

OK, until the next issue; stay safe and stay well.



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The October luncheon had 14 people in attendance. Not bad since a good number of members were in San Diego for the convention, including yours truly. They had our room back, as Holders is very accommodating. A good time was had by all.

Chuck Clayborn discussed some of the issues that have been occurring on flights during the pandemic. People simply do not realize the consequences for their inappropriate actions. A plane load of passengers have to endure the delayed and missed flights due to the action of disgruntled individuals. Thankfully, the airlines place these people on do not fly lists.

October is a good month for birthdays with the following celebrating: Albert Grossman, Frank Mazzola, Alvis Rodgers, Cleve Stafford, Chuck Clayborn, Kathleen Adams, Linda Hornfischer, Joanne Saso, Cicina Norton, Carol Edwards, Shella Delisle, Paul Tiwana, Kathlyn Hutt, Helen Seidl, Thelma Graham, Alex Klaus and Larry Jorgensen. Can you imagine if all those showed up at one meeting, just how much cake would be eaten? Not to mention all the smoke from hundreds of candles.

Anniversaries this month included only **Albert** & **Elfriede Grossman**. Congrats you two!

The convention was held at a very nice resort, directly on the shores of Mission Bay in San Diego. The convention committee did an outstanding job negotiating the nightly rate without parking and resort fees. The included breakfast was excellent and eaten outdoors over looking the bay, made it just more special. The banquet was great, with a huge orchestra playing for us.

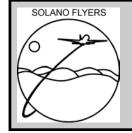
There was mention that if another suitable hotel with similar rates cannot be negotiated in another city, that the 2022 convention may be back at this hotel. If that becomes a reality, please do not miss this opportunity next year.

Most attending the convention drove there. The long drive for some was done in a day, while others took a couple days, making stop-overs. As for me and the wife, we took four days, traveling to some remote areas, visiting historical landmarks.

Don't forget the December event, to be held on the 7th. This will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Instead of Marianis restaurant, we will hold it at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Jose. Chuck will send out invitations to all. Cost has yet to be established, but we hope to keep it around \$30. All RUAEA members are invited to attend, simply send me an email and we will add you to the invite list.

Meetings now take place the first Monday of each month at "Holders" in Cupertino, at 10:00AM. Breakfast or lunch is offered and we have our old room in the back again.

If you are in the area, please drop by Holders Restaurant in Cupertino, on the first Monday of every month, beginning at 10:00.



SOLANO FLYERS

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The Solano Flyers met on September 15th at the Hide-a-Way, Lounge and Gill in Vacaville. In attendance were Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Stewart McCale, Allan Pochop, and Bob Richie. The Flyers welcomed two new members, Larry Jackson and Mike Ward.

As members entered the restaurant, one noticed VP Pochop counting out change on a table; as he

scooped up the change into a plastic cup he said, "Guy sitting on the sidewalk, and as I walked by he held out this cup, to be polite I took it; found he gave me \$2.78 cents".

Members are no longer surprised/shocked/ alarmed of the Vice Presidents demeanor, integrity, or lack of morals.

It was noted that President **Dino Poolos** was not in attendance. Rumor within the chapter that the VP has Secretary Pochop email President Poolos the erroneous date, time and location for each monthly meeting; therefore President Poolos has driven thousands of miles within California searching for our chapter meetings.

VP Pochop announced that January 19, 2022, the date for election of new chapter officers and he suggested mail in voting to assist those that may not be able to attend, which also eliminates fraud.

VP Pochop, then made a motion for the membership to approve the President and Vice President become paid positions in 2022. Motion was not seconded.

The 50/50 drawing winner was **Frank Uhl**. The VP contested, and demanded another drawing. MAA Pochop donated a vintage bottle of wine; the winner was **Joanne Blizzard**. **Pad & Eileen Gardner** donated a his & her watch set with the winner being **Stewart McCale**. It pays to be a winner.

As we all enjoyed our meal, we decided to return here for next months meeting. October 20, Hide-a-Way Lounge & Grill, 1080 Orange Dr., Vacaville.

A Personal Note: As a long-term caregiver for my spouse with dementia, and she has now lost her mobility and is now a bed patient. As I did not wish to leave her only in bed, with a body sling and using a Hoyer lift to transport her to the living room and place her in a recliner. This moved her away from the bed but her incontinence created another situation, which required movement back to bed, for cleaning and change out.

"Necessity is the mother of invention". I have modified the chair and cushion that allows my wife to sit comfortably and sanitary in the recliner during the day. This has greatly reduced patient care and clean up. If a RUAEA member has a loved one/family member that this could benefit, please email me for pictures and further details/questions.



COLORADO



<u>DENVER</u> MILE HIGHERS

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Twenty-four folks attended the monthly luncheon on October 7; things are looking up! Don Burbank gave us a report on the convention in San Diego that was great. The convention committee is currently looking at the same place in San Diego, CA for next year's convention. Don also spoke to us about our Newsletter Managers, Francis & Veronica Domaratius who are retiring (they have served for over 11 years and have done a great job!) from the newsletter around the first of the year. If you are interested in helping out, let Don Burbank know, his contact information is in the Newsletter. We have to keep in mind that RUAEA is a volunteer organization with no ties to United Airlines; but with all volunteer organizations, volunteerism is very important. I'm sure we haven't heard the last of this, as it's very important to our existence.

We decided to up the social calendar a bit and congratulate members having their 80th birthday in current months. In October, those 80 and over are **Martha Gooselaw** and **Virgil Gooselaw**. Happy Birthday to both of you! We will probably consider listing anniversaries at our next meeting on the first Thursday of December. We are also proud of **Michael Malesardi** who works in the Denver Office for being awarded the Charles Taylor award for 50 years in aviation. Congratulations Mike!

Our Denver Mechanics also have a breakfast every third Friday at 8:30 am and anyone who wants to, can join them for a breakfast at Ted'z Place, address below. You can also bring a guest, it's a good get-together.

Our 50/50 winners who returned their winnings, Gene Sibley, Richard Conner, Judy Butcher, Jim Spate and Bonnie Ohr.

Our next meeting will be November 4th at 11:00 AM at Ted'z Place Restaurant in Commerce City, 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022; (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.

FLORIDA



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 or **Rich Capozzi** at rcapozzi@rocketmail.com.



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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The Real McCoys were blessed on October 5th to have our private room at Denny's nearly bursting at the seams! A total of 34 folks, members, guests, and future members gathered to make for a pretty loud group of friends chatting!

President Ernie and VP Ken were both in hospital, so former president **Al Fields** led the group in prayers of thanksgiving for food and friends and for a return to good health for Ernie & Ken.

Our meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, then Al asked the new future members to introduce themselves. Some who joined us today were former CO employees who became UA employees with the swipe of a pen so many years ago! Welcome to Riema & Jeff Elder, Linda Durapau, Tom Crawford, Bonnie Cook, Viviana Betances & hubby Luis, Sandra Sawyer, Meg Corbett and Tina Pittman-Maree. A big welcome also to Tony Artica and Robert Cattron, and Ralph & Peggie LeGrand, guests of Ted & Char LeGrand.

Treasurer Charlotte LeGrand was busy collecting checks for the Christmas Luncheon, but stopped to report our financial status. We received a very nice donation in memory of **Bevan Vice**, MCOCG retiree and a donation from us to Guitars4Vets in memory of **Jim Mummah**, (RIP 8/27/21) who played a 6-string

Gibson and sang, back in the day.

Secretary Elaine was given the floor ... As I spent time with **Janet Mummah**, I realized that the sheer mountain of paperwork requested by United when someone passes is daunting. As a family member you probably don't know what to look for, much less where to look and who to call. So, a suggestion was made that we/someone put this info in a document we can all access/print/save for <u>future</u> reference. I will gladly start ... with help please!

A reminder that our Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 7th at Maggiano's Little Italy on I-Drive at Noon. Tickets are \$40 p/p and can be purchased until November 2nd by sending a check made out to **Charlotte LeGrand**, 1719 Branchwater Trail, MCO 32825, until our 50 reservation max is reached.

October Birthday Candles ~ Al (17) & Lois (30) Fields, Joe Fitak (22), Elaine Mannella (24), Connie Lenard (25), Mack Chandler (25), Cheryl Vosges (26), and Sandra Sawyer (31)! Yay! We made another year!

Anniversary Congrats to **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, celebrating 15 years on October 26th. Amazing!

Our "Getting to Know You" gal today is Loretta Finn. Retta became a stew in September 1969 and graduated to Flight Attendant quickly© being based in EWR 23 yrs., MIA 8 yrs., LAX 6 yrs., SFO 3 yrs. and DCA 6 yrs. We are so glad this Alabama native chose MCO as her current base and has been a member of the McCoys for many years!

More prayers for **Jim Mummah** & family (inurnment on October 11th at 0930), **Gene Hall** – getting old stinks, (2087 White Rd., Abbeville, AL 36310); **John Wiseman** - prayers and calls (863) 353-8551.

Prayers for all in our United Family! God Bless you all with good health or a return to it!



SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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Our first meeting in 1½ years was interesting. We've lost some members for various reasons, and some winter visitors aren't back yet. We were glad to see Ed & Judy Clarke, Joanne & Tom Halt, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Rick Marton, Paul & Ingrid

Olson, and Bill & Margie Burg.

The restaurant policy is different due to COVD 19 related problems. That changed the meeting's agenda, but we still had a lot of lively conversation. Next month's meeting should be back to normal, and we'll have more to report.

We are definitely looking for new members. We meet the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch.



THE SAND DOLLARS

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



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Our September meeting was held on the 13th, the Pledge of Allegiance was said. We had 10 members at our meeting.

Birthdays ~ Linda Karg (14th), and Janis Lindstrom (28th).

Old business ~ Jean Linehan turned her paper work/books over to Frank K. Christmas Luncheon will be at Outback in Trinity on December 8th at 1PM.

We held the 50/50 and all proceeds went to our Charity.

Lunch/Breakfast was served. Meeting was adjourned.

The Fall Picnic at Anderson Park on October 4th had 10 members and 1 guest, Noemi's daughter.

We decided on dues for the chapter; \$5.00 per

member. Frank collected the dues.

Birthdays ~ Noemi Guzman (7th), Ethel Cargill (10th), Carolyn Lodge (13th) and Peggy Manuel (15th).

Meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed the picnic

Calendar:

November 1 - IHOP - 10:30

December 8 - Christmas Luncheon, at Outback; details will be discussed at November meeting.



TREASURE COAST

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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





PAU HANA KUPUNA

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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems did not meet in October due to an increase in COVID-19 Cases.

We are not scheduled to meet in November. Our next scheduled meeting will be to schedule our Christmas Luncheon. To date, we do not have details for this luncheon and when plans are confirmed our membership will be notified.

We hope everyone will have a beautiful Happy Thanksgiving!

ILLINOIS



CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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November—Veterans remembrance, Holiday to thank God for our bounty, our lives, our friends, and our beautiful country. Don't forget to Fall Backwards with all of your clocks and watches. Most TV's and DVR's auto correct. Just think, those poor mainte-

nance men at Stonehenge have to work all night moving those huge stones backward one hour. We've got it easy, don't we, with just a few timepieces. Look on the bright side of life. Does this give us a 25 hour day? When we worked on midnight shift, it was a constant question, are we working nine hours? In the Spring, it was, are we only working seven hours? The discussion continues, even in our retirement. November is the month that reminds us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.

November 11th is a federal holiday of great significance. The first World War ended in 1918, in the 11th month, at 11:00 on the 11th day, as the Armistice was signed in a railway carriage between the Allies and Germany, in Compiegne, France. It marked the end of fighting in the Western Front, it was called Armistice Day. There were parades and much excitement in the streets that day all across the world. After World War II, the holiday was recognized as a tribute to veterans of both wars. In 1954, November 11th was designated as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars. It's customary to have two minutes of silence at 11:00 in honor of all of those that lost their life in all wars. Recently, they've called it Remembrance Day. A beautiful tribute to all of our soldiers.

We also celebrate another federal holiday this month, Thanksgiving, on November 25th. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. That would make it a 400 year celebration this year. I read a few other explanations, but I'll stick with this one. In 1789, George Washington proclaimed Thursday, the 26th, as a day of Public Thanksgiving. Then on October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, announced we would celebrate an official holiday the last Thursday of November, in gratitude for the Union Army's victory at Gettysburg. Franklin D. Roosevelt changed it to the third Thursday to spur retail sales in 1939. That was not well received, so in 1941, he changed it back to the fourth Thursday. With all that I read, I couldn't find which president declared the next day, Friday, as the national day of shopping. Too bad, we would have given him a statue or something. Nah, somebody would've taken it down by now. Whatever the true story of sitting down to a meal with family and friends, let's just enjoy it, cook your turkey/fish/roast/vegan meal, with a green bean casserole, and enjoy the company of our fellow Americans. Raise your beverage, enjoy the festivities, and toast to memories yet to be made. (Federal Holiday means you have the day off ... hahaha). This Covid has really messed up my fun Black Friday. I can shop on the internet, but it's just not the same.

Cute days this month include, Go Cook for your Pets, Use your Common Sense (you mean that's still used?), Play Monopoly, Men make Dinner, International Merlot, Pumpkin Destruction, Sesame Street, Spicy Guacamole, Pickle, World Toilet, Humane Society, and Married to a Scorpio Support Day. November is also Aviation History, Child Safety, Diabetes Awareness, Caregivers Appreciation, Epilepsy, Peanut Butter Lovers and Real Jewelry month—meet me at Tiffany's, bring your check book, or card.

We have sad and glad news for you. On September 25th, Arlington Park Race Track permanently closed. The owners said that the gambling market had shrunk over time as casinos landed in the Chicago area. After 94 years, it was a sad, sold out affair, some moist eyes in the crowd, along with fireworks, as the sun set on the Park's last race. But what is this, heroes on white horses, Knights George McKaskey, and CEO Ted Phillips?

They signed a \$197 Million dollar purchase agreement with Churchill Downs Inc., the owners of Arlington Park. Whoa Topper and Silver, their lease runs through 2033, so the Bears would have to pay \$84 million in damages to the city of Chicago if it breaks the lease in five years. That means negotiating with Mayor Lightfoot, she'll want to protect the city and find a use for Soldier Field. Lori Lightfoot will not give in without a fight. She wants to maximize that asset and bring great entertainment to the Field. Stay tuned, folks, the day ain't over, this could take years. Ah, Chicago, always something going on. All you people that left Illinois, do you miss us yet? Bears are loyal fans wherever they play. This is the story as of this writing. We'll follow up next month.

Our Northside breakfast had seven people, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Ginny Vlach, Barb Wesemann, Dave Dunham, Jan Gawenda, and 'we haven't seen in a while' Virginia Kondraros, who spent many weeks in Greece, and Charlie Lewis.

The Southside breakfast had three retirees, Sylvester Gant, Bill Corbett, and Barb Wesemann.

The ORDMM mechanics group had ten people, Jim Kraft, Rich Protsman, Fred Seibert, Dick Hoppel, Frank Wenig, Paul Skrudland, Dean Hackenberg, a newbie, Bill Durr, 'haven't seen in a while', Bob Zeier, and yours truly.

All conversations centered on our families, what we're doing to keep busy, our health (of course), what we did during the summer, some future travel plans, what's going on with UAL, with the country and Chicago. Some interesting thoughts and personal suggestions out there. We should run for political office.

The IAM LL1487 had 76 retirees. It was a Brown Bag Lunch, meaning we brought our own sumptuous meal, mostly sandwiches, the union supplied coffee, pop, and water. Some really nice members brought treats, cookies, and candy. Thanks for your sweet contributions. The president, **Karen Carney**, told of the boat trip over 30 members went on in Lake Geneva last month. Dues must be paid by January 31, 2022, or else. This year people were still paying in June. Poor treasurer, **Bill Perry**, was going crazy with late payments. (Crazier than normal. Bill always has the cutest jokes at our meetings). Next months lunch will be Sloppy Joe's, compliments of the Union.

Also at the meeting was Marge Stamm, who proudly announced that she was named the new RUAEA Regional Director of Florida. Congratulations, wise choice by Don Burbank and Ruth Morabito. Marge just returned from the convention held in San Diego last week. There were 186 attendees, all having a wonderful time. In 2022, the convention will be in SAN again. It's such a beautiful city, hotel was well located, food and prices were good, and they were very kind to us. Very important point! Since there was no convention last year, thanks to Covid, everybody was so happy to see each other, that undoubtedly added to the joy of the successful week.

The RUPA lunch was held at the Golf Club of Illinois, where there were 46 attendees. The guest speaker was WGN-TV's very own Jackie Bange. What you see on TV is actually what you get in person. What a beautiful and out-going woman. Her passion is sky diving, with over 1,900 jumps, from various aircraft. She broke a record in 1998 with 246 fellow skydivers linked in formation for over threeseconds, in the sky, folks. Jackie mingled with all the guests and everybody was just struck with her energy, knowledge, kindness, and that captivating smile. I think she had a good time surrounded by all of those pilots with a similar love of the skies. Attendees included Mona & Pete Novak, Howard & Marjorie Nelson, Ken & Muriel Bergsma, Ceil Myers, Karen Gamill, Bob Helfferich, Ole Sindberg, Art Giovannoni, LeRoy & Eva Bair, Linda & Dave Strohm, and Barb & Harvey Hallberg who were visiting the Bergsmas from Florida, and me.

I heard from **Harold Ogle**, he had a wonderful 101^{st} birthday lunch with his nephew and niece, **Carlton & Judy Hilbert**. He started with UAL in No-

vember of 1945, right after he got out of the Air Force. I also heard from Shirley & Dave Perkins. He celebrated his 90th birthday with family at Del Webb's in Huntley. His two sons, Dale, from Littleton, CO, Glen, his daughter, Shannon, from Bradenton, FL, and their only daughter, Valerie, with husband Charles, from Lake in the Hills. Welcoming their family members was lovely Shirley, Daves' wife of 68 years. Shirley said, 'Dave and I feel blessed by our airline friends at United over many years of friendship. God bless you all.' Congratulations, Perk. Enjoy your next 90. Also heard from Carol Pfeiffer, Ken Brownlee, Rich Bulanda, Joe Herold, Dave **Detwiler** (he's a volunteer at the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville), Delphine Perry, Rose Nesser, Don Burbank and our newest retiree Bill Thacker

Our friends that few West last month are Chuck Karolek, and Bob Kelly, from ORDFO, Maria Duran, ORD-SOC/IAH, and Adrianne Orleans, EXOKF/KU, wife of Dick Orleans, OPBSP. Also gone from our world include actors, Michael Constantine (Windex Man - Big Greek Wedding), Willy Garson (Sex and the City), singer Sarah Dash (with The Labelles), Jay Sandrich (TV director), actors Jane Powell, (Seven Brides for Seven Brothers), Michael Tylo (Guiding Light), Tommy Kirk (Old Yeller), Art Metrano, comedian Norm MacDonald, Audrey Maine and Joan Berger, two of the original Women's Baseball players from the 40's, and Alan Kalter (Letterman's announcer).

Be sure to read Don Burbank's letter for ideas he is working on to make RUAEA even better.

Calendar:

ORDFO.

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

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**November 18**) Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**November 4**) 11:00 A.M. RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00, 856 Pyott Rd, Crystal Lake, (**November 9**) Speaker is Submariner and U-505 docent, Jim Daniels



INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers September chapter meeting was held on the 14th. I was traveling at that time and was unable to attend. Local members met; however, no business was discussed.

Regarding my trip, I would like to mention one very cool thing. I traveled to Mt. Rushmore Monument, South Dakota. In the evening they have a monument lighting ceremony. At the visitors center amphitheater they show a video detailing the accomplishments of each president on the monument. At the end of the presentation the ranger invited all veterans in the audience to come down to the stage. A large number of vets, both young and very old made their way to the stage. Once on stage the audience gave them a standing ovation. Then, to cap things off, the ranger asked for a few veteran volunteers to assist retiring the flag for the day. They brought the flag down the flag pole and folded the flag appropriately. For me it was a very patriotic and memorable experience!

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

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

Our future meetings schedule:

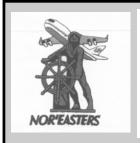
- November 9 at Emmy's
- ➤ December 14 Christmas Luncheon, Location to be determined.
- > January 11, 2022 at Emmy's
- February 8, 2022 at Emmy's

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Giving Thanks

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NOR'EASTERS

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We didn't hold our luncheon meeting and I don't know when we will have one. Needless to say, there is no meeting news. I've only had contact with three Nor'easters, Bill Vanderwal, Mercedes Hersome and Patty Mix.

It is with sadness that I advise of the passing of a past longtime Nor'easter, on September 16, Ms. **Dorcas West**. Dorcas served as a United flight attendant, reservation agent and customer service agent at Boston's Logan airport. She had a great love of animals and always had several pets. I worked with Dorcas and can say she was a very caring person and will be missed. During my absence due to my stroke, we also lost **Steve Bilodeau**, retired customer service agent. His passing wasn't reported. Another good person that is missed.

November's birthdays \sim **Robert DePippo** and **Marcia Kilpatrick**.

November's anniversaries ~ Carleen & Bruce Eddy (40 years), and Paul & Mary Ward (58 years).

Calendar:

Wear your mask, think safety, and stay healthy!

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We have not resumed luncheons.

Thought for the month: "Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, 'I'm Possible!" ~ Audrey Hepburn





NORTHERN LITES

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After rereading last year's November submission, it's uplifting to be able to say that our group and the country seems to be slowly getting back to normal, post-pandemic. It ain't over yet, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

Case in point \sim 20 Northern Lites and wannabes gathered at the Lucky 13 Pub in mid-September to celebrate getting together again. My best pal, Rich, & I were unable to attend because we weren't through our self-imposed quarantine after Rich was diagnosed with Covid. Not to worry, his case was mild and lasted only 3-4 days of coughing, runny nose and low-grade fever. However, the celebration went on without us, as it should.

Several of the pre-merger Continental retirees joined the group ~ Hurray! ~ we've been hoping to meet them for a long time. Everyone was happy to see **Al Kilian** walk in with **Gordy & Lou Olson**, but missed **Mary Kilian**, who cannot make the trip anymore. Another big surprise was that rascal **Lee Stor-lie**, who drove up from his new digs in Iowa. Everyone seemed to have a good time and opted to do it again in October. Whether the gatherings will continue through the winter remains to be seen. Driving conditions in the winter could put the kabosh on that, y'know.

The gathering was a success, I think, due to the efforts of Fred & Rita Stang, who scouted out the venue and made the arrangements. Also, I suspect that Pat & Mark Juberien did some urging, prodding and poking to encourage some of the more recent retirees to attend. Hopefully, they'll come back to visit again. We who have been involved in the chapter for many years are sold on the value of keeping frequent contact with the friends we worked with. The company and the industry is so unique that we all share many of the same experiences.

Of course, the October meeting will be held after the deadline for the submission for the November issue. I'll dish next month on the goings-on at the Lucky 13 in October.

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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

NEVADA



<u>LAS VEGAS</u> SILVER LINERS

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The board had a meeting at Giuseppe's where we will hold our October 14th Luncheon. We finalized our Luncheon details and are all set for the first Luncheon in 18 months. We notified all members by emails and regular mail as to the details and cost of this Luncheon. We are hoping we have a good response and we get to see all our members again. It has been a terrible year with the COVID virus keeping everyone separated and at a distance. It seems that the COVID virus is not going away without a fight to the very last one standing.

Our Treasurer Jeannie Rolland has returned to Las Vegas to take possession of her new home and working hard to set it up. As she told me she is trying to get 2700 sq ft of household items into 1300 sq ft today. We also found out that our Vice President Mary Chandler is leaving on a 10 days South America tour in a few days so we wish her well and a safe trip. She is very adventuresome, going to a foreign country during these times of the virus.

I recovered from my fight with pneumonia, had to go to the Hospital Emergency 4 times due to fever and coughing. Lost the whole month of August fighting it but I came out of it OK. Lost 20 pounds, not the way I wanted to lose them. My wife has recovered from her knee procedure and is pain free from

what she experienced before the procedure. We are looking forward to a better end of the year praying for no major medical issues.

In my next report, I will write about our Luncheon and report on the activities and items discussed at that time.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. 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 8 members at our monthly meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including Larry & Donna Reid.

The evacuation of South Lake Tahoe earlier this month affected two of our members: Larry & Donna Reid traveled to Suisun City, CA for a few days and then returned to North Reno for a few days; John & June Roe traveled to Minden, NV with their RV. All have returned home now that the fire is not as threatening as it was.

September birthdays were celebrated by Joan Baillie, John Roe and John Zoboli. The 50/50 winner was me, Pat Zoboli. Lynda Klemm won the "goody" gift bag graciously donated by Kathy Robinson. There will be a memorial for Bill Royal on Saturday, September 25. (Details were shared with the group.)

This will likely be our last Christmas Luncheon at the Tamarack Casino. Tamarack will honor our previous contract meaning: no prices will change, we can select choices from 3 entrees, the lunch will be plated, a no host, cash bar will be available and the minimum requirement is 30 people. The minimum number is 30 paid. I will be sending out the signups November 1 with reservations and payment due by about November 20. If we do not have 30, we will

have to cancel. At this point, feel free to invite others to our luncheon and yes, their lunches will have to be paid by you or your guests. The cost to everyone is \$18.00 P/P.

NEW JERSEY



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by our president **Frank Warzocha**. It was good to see **Diane & Gerry Johnson**, along with **Mike Hanley** at the meeting. **Rich Creighton** from local 914 gave a small update as to what is happening at Newark. They are close to pre-pandemic levels, with about 400 trips a day.

The 50/50 was won by **Frank Kokaska**. Our next meeting will be on October 27. There will be no meeting in November as usual. However our Christmas meeting will be on December 8. I will send reminders about these dates.

NEW YORK



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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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





NEW YORK METROS

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

Calendar:

October 13 - Davenport Press

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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On October 6th, we had our luncheon at Mahle's this year with 47 members in attendance; and what a great place! The buffet was delicious.

On a very sad note: On September 30, 2021; we, Ohio Buckeyes lost Chapter member **Tom Hockett** who passed away. He has been a valued member of our Ohio Buckeyes for many years. I know that Tom will truly be missed. We also lost **Tom Sturgeon** on October 2nd.

Normally here in Ohio, right after Labor Day the weather turns cold and leaves start to fall. But this year we are saying "Yippee"; it's still summer. And what a year this has been. Wear a mask; don't have to wear a mask. In the spring we had heavy rains and flooding. But now the ground is so hard that you can't even get a shovel into the ground to plant flowers because the ground is so hard. And we did not have "Spring" this year, but we did have snow, and then the following week we had 90-degree heat (which we still have now). But it will probably snow the beginning of October like last year.

As always, just before the meal was served, we said Thanks to God by saying "Grace". That was followed by a fabulous lunch. The meeting was continued by catching up on all the news, followed by singing "Happy Birthday" to all members with birthdays in October. That was followed by Anniversaries when we have each couple stand and we ask the "Husband" how many years they have been married. Yes, they usually know the answer.

We wish everyone a safe and Wonderful Thanksgiving.

Calendar:

December 1 - William's On-The-Lake in Medina - Cost is \$21.00

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our group has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has yet to re-open, and with the continued surge of COVID cases there is little chance that it will happen soon.

We are sad to report the passing of **Bill Putman**, retired PDXMM. Born March 22, 1955, and died September 8, 2021. He began his career for United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic in San Francisco in 1985; then transferred to Portland in 1988. He retired from United after 25 years of service, in 2011. Also, **Jeannie Ketchum** passed away on August 27th at Meridian Park Hospital from a Kidney disorder. She had been a Customer Service Rep at PDXCS before retiring. United Airlines retiree **Dona Chinn** passed away September 18, 2021. She attended our meetings as a guest on several occasions. And finally, **Rick Boatwright**, retired PDXCG Ramp Supervisor, passed in June. His memorial service was 10/2/21.

Once again, a little humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in until I officially retire. Enjoy!

- © Respect old people. They graduated high school without Google or Wikipedia!
- © Life goes by way too fast to fret about what others think or say about you. So just have fun and give them something to talk about!
- © In my dream world, books are free, chocolate is healthy, and reading makes you thin!
- © One day you are young ... the next, you have a favorite pharmacy.
- © The fact that my entire body cracks like a glow stick whenever I move yet refuses to actually glow is very disappointing.
- All grandchildren are brilliant and beautiful
 ... and obviously take after their grandma.

- © I am now "take a picture of labels with my phone so I can blow it up bigger and read it" vears old.
- ② Does anyone have a recipe for "I don't know" or "I don't care"? It is what my family requested for dinner, and I can't find any recipes.
- Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago, and it fit! So proud of myself. It was a scarf, but still, let's be positive.
- ② I'm telling you girls, dieting is hard. Today I ordered a cupcake without the sprinkles. It just was not as good.
- Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is not a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise!
- © Can we all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"
- © Do we even need Halloween anymore? I've been wearing a mask and eating candy for 18 months ...
- © Childhood injuries: Fell of your bike, fell out of a tree, twisted your ankle. Adult injuries: slept wrong, sat down too long, sneezed.
- Tt takes real skill to choke on air, trip over nothing, and fall upstairs. I have these skills and then some!
- The older I get, the more I have in common with computers. We both start out with lots of memory and drive, then we become outdated, crash unexpectedly, and eventually have to have our parts replaced!
- © I want to lose weight but I don't want to get caught up in one of those "eat right and exercise" scams.
- When I was younger, I used to touch my toes 20 times each morning. These days I have a cup of coffee and wave at them.

Calendar:

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



PENNSYLVANIA



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



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

TENNESSEE



TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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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.



UTAH



SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

WASHINGTON



EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Seattle's Emerald City Slickers chapter of the Retired United Airline Employees Association want to send a huge thank you to **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** for their many years of service to the organization and the many hours they've spent on providing members with such a special newsletter full of news and entertainment. As they leave their newsletter career at the end of the year, we wish them all the best and hope they enjoy many years of retirement.

The recent RUAEA San Diego convention is the hot topic of conversation among Emerald City Slickers, in spite of very few of our members being able to attend.

Though he and **Judy** were the first to register and make their airline reservations from Seattle, Co-President **Ken Storey** tested positive for COVID-19, and they had to give up their trip.

Several others followed suit by canceling their own reservations in an abundance of caution. Travel has not been available in the Pacific Northwest until recently, and many folks are still reluctant to chance exposure to the virus.

Much of our chapter representation had major assignments to keep the convention running smoothly. Hank Gosselin serves as RUAEA Vice President of Conventions, while Shirley Claggett and Ron Paluch have been the Convention Treasurer and Registrar, respectively, for several years. Gay Liesse joined other chapter correspondents for an annual early morning meeting. It was good to also see

Larry & Pat Schmick, who seldom get to chapter meetings because of a scheduling conflict. Apologies to anyone we missed.

Those of us who made the trip to San Diego enjoyed a wonderful getaway to the family-owned resort, The Dana On Mission Bay. In fact, the experience was so pleasant and relaxing that the convention staff negotiated a planned return to that location for the RUAEA 2022 convention.

It was interesting to note that cash was not accepted as payment at the hotel (charge card or room charge required) and was discouraged in the San Diego Airport, due to continuing pandemic precautions. Also, masks were required on all modes of public transportation.

A newspaper obituary informed us of the death of **Peter Quarre** back in June. After a United career at the SFO maintenance base and raising their family in Menlo Park, California, Pete and his wife, **Rita** (who preceded him in death in 2019), retired and moved to Washington to be nearer their sons.

There still is no indication that the Emerald City Slickers will resume meetings any time soon, but we have our fingers crossed.

In the meantime, let's all give thanks for what we do have and continue to be optimistic about the future of both our local chapter and the national RUAEA organization.

Happy Thanksgiving from Seattle!



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.



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THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

November is upon us, and our days of sunlight are much shorter.

November 7, day light savings ends. Veterans Day is November 11. Thanksgiving is Thursday the 25. I want to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy Holiday. It is a great time to connect with family and friends. Hanukkah begins on sundown of the 28.

Do not forget to pay your dues!

Clipped Wings made a beautiful video for the Committee for Dulles.

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 even when we are apart and Zooming.



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 **September 2021**:

- Ambrosio, Martie, 6350 Genesee Ave., #312, San Diego, CA 92122
- Connell, William, SANCS, 1950 S. Elk Run Drive, Show Low, AZ 85901
- Powell, Sherl, SANCS, 1067 Hymettus Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024
- Stilwell, Lee, SFOPA, 35680 Dante Place, Fremont, CA 94536
- Ward, Mike, 2898 Calaveras Dr., Fairfield, CA 94534 Witte, Beverly, SANCS, 7740 Saranac Place, # Place-22, La Mesa, CA 91942■

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of <u>September</u> **2021**:

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

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- Retiree **Alderdice**, **Beverly J.**, on 5/9/2021, TPAOZ, 3517 Sarazen Drive, New Port Riche, FL 34655 (No additional information)
- Retiree **Chinn**, **Dona** C., on 9/18/2021, DENHH, mother of Patrica Andrews-Hall, Allison Andrews Binns (David) and Andre Ashley (Serena), 2820 NE 131st Ave., Portland, OR 97230
- Spouse **Domalik**, **Charlotte R**., on 2/11/2021, wife of John F. Domalik, IADFF, 100 Terrace Lake Drive Apt. 902, Guntersville, AL 35976
- Retiree **Fornells, Francisco H.**, on 5/18/2021, SFOWR, husband of Marta Fornells, P.O. Box 276734, Sacramento, CA 95827
- Retiree **Juhl**, **Ronald**, on 9/5/2021, DENFO, husband of Patty Juhl, Denver, CO
- Retiree **Landspurg**, **Fred E**., on 8/23/2021, EWRFF, husband of Alberta Landspurg, 117 Prospect St., Little Falls, NJ 07424
- Retiree Linehan, William (Red or Bill), on 7/1/2021, TPACG, husband of Regina (Jean) Linehan, 17 Pelican Dr. N, Oldsmar, FL 34677
- Retiree **Mummah Jr.**, **James** (**Jim**), on 8/27/2021, MCOCS husband of Janet Mummah, 1007 Pinehurst Ct., Oviedo, FL 32765
- Retiree **Ojeda**, **Manuel (Manny)** E., on 9/5/2021, SFOCS, husband of Leticia (Urzua) Ojeda, 424 Halcon Ct., Calexico, CA 92231■

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:

Nan Adams, Keith Bopp, Virginia Burke, Joyce Calderone, Pamela Dahle, Kenneth Darrow, Jr., Jean Flynn, Ardell Furuta, Bernard Juth, Leslie Kero, Lilly Kodama, Art Kruegal, Harriet Kunze, Ann Mahoney, Jerry Meierkort, Janet Meyer, Maureen Neidle, Elizabeth Ogburn, Jim Ogden, John Sheehan, Alan Stepheson.

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.)

<u>Diane Douglas, 42 Medinah Dr., Yarmouth, MA</u> 02675

Thank you for another year of UAL news. I enjoy and appreciate all that you do!

Another 9/11, it never gets better. I still miss my friends that were on Flight 175.

Evan Holly, 6535 Cypress Dr., Omaha, NE 68137

Many thanks for all you do to keep us up to date on company activities.

I always enjoy the newsletter and all the hard work.

I have been retired for over 30 years now and enjoying every minute of it!



Joyce Pfeiffer, 53 Dorothy Ave., Edison, NJ 08837

Thank you for all you do to put out the monthly newsletter. It is very informative and keeps me up to date with the people who worked with my husband.

My husband was a United employee but is now deceased. He was a Ramp Serviceman in Newark, NJ.

I like to read the Garden Staters column.

George Richter, 464 N. Benton St., Palatine IL 60067

I am going on my 89th year. I have been retired for 29 years. 27 of those years were spent playing senior softball. 17 of those years were going on out of town tournaments.

I had to finally hang up my cleats, this year.

Thanks for all the news; you are doing an excellent job.

Notes

George Atteberry

I am hoping to get the FL/AL chapter back at the Cubi Point Café in the Naval Aviation Museum and established as a chapter again.

Ronald Baker

Thanks to everyone for keeping us updated on UAL. I passed 90 this year. I had a great celebration with our 2 sons, Greg and Rick.

Barbara Bertacini

Thanks to Veronica & Francis for doing such a great job with the Newsletter.

Diane Brodis

I look forward to the Newsletter each month to learn what is happening at United and with my former coworkers.

I retired 19 years ago fro NYCRR and LGACS. I now live year round in beautiful sunny Boynton Beach, FL. I hope everyone stays safe and well.

Alfred Kubus

Please note, we are paying for (3) years and \$10 goes to your cause.

Rick Landrum

RUAEA is a good thing to keep us retired folks in touch with others and what is going on with the company.



Antonia Mascenic

Thank you for the reminder. Hello to **Jim Som-merfield** and **Toni Van Kampen** and all the others I worked with at UAL. I miss all of you.

Marie Pesak

Hi, to all my 2500 F/L pals who retired with me in June 2003. I hope all is well with you!

John Sabol

I enjoy reading about what is going on around the system. I sometimes come across names I can still remember. Thanks for the newsletter.

Ernestine Schulerati

I am very appreciative of the time and energies it takes to keep us up to date.

Edward Van Patten

The years fly by so fast anymore, it seems like a few weeks ago I renewed, but no it has been a year. I retired in 2002, soon to be 20 years. I wish happiness and good health to all my old friends at UAL.

Jon Wilkinson

I retired twice, the first was from UAL after 37 years; the second was from Kids and Kubs, which is the oldest senior softball club in the world. I played for 12 years and served as President for 10 years. I was the longest serving president in K and K's history at age 91. I was still playing at age 87 and probably will until I want to or must quit. All of it and UAL was a blast!

John Zoboli

The Sierra Roundup chapter has resumed monthly meetings with vaccinated members. We are currently inundated with smoke from the CA wild fires.

The Christmas gathering will change this year as the ownership of Tamarack has changed, along with the requirements for functions.

We are looking forward to the convention and meeting with our old friends.■



The Contact Column



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By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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