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*Business Meeting*



*Country Night*



*Stapleton Control Tower*



**Letter From The Vice President - Conventions**  
**RUAEA's Golden Jubilee**

Hi Folks,

Personally and on behalf of RUAEA, I want to thank all who attended the RUAEA's Golden Jubilee in Denver. The event would not have been a success without the support of members of RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, Clipped Wings; along with their families and friends.

I had incredible support from members of RUAEA local chapter, the Denver Mile Highers. Many thanks to the Mile Highers' Chapter President **Paul Goodyear**, who is also the President of the United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF), RUAEA Past President **Virgil Gooselaw** and his family (**Dianne Adkins**, **Rachel Hutchcraft**,

**Lindsay McClelland**, **Dayna Roberts** and **Courtney Roberts**).

I would also want to acknowledge the tireless work of the Reunion Committee: *Site Selection Committee* **Ron Bertacini** and **Dave Garland**; Ron also put together the Registration Packet and the Reunion Program; he is my most able assistant. *Registrar* **Ron Paluch** and *Treasurer* **Shirley Claggett**, who have both performed these tasks for the last 14 years; and from the ReSANS chapter, **Betty Tomaino** and **Rosalie Tripicchio**, again volunteered to help at the Jubilee.

Look for the Reunion photos in upcoming issues of the RUAEA Newsletter, our Newsletter Manager **John Chu** will make sure that you are well informed of our Reunion.

If I inadvertently missed anyone who's helped with our event, I sincerely apologize.

I'm also grateful for all the assistances from other organizations: financial support from Alliant Credit Union which celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Benefits Panel, as well as financial support from RUPA and ARECA; they were wonderful. Also, always a highlight, support from United Airlines for presentations at the Benefits Panel.

Last but not least, I want to congratulate the RUAEA Board of Directors for keeping our organization vibrant and successful, their tireless work is much appreciated.

Yes, the 2026 Convention site was announced at the Jubilee, we will be in Houston, TX; much more information will be available in future issues of the RUAEA Newsletters. I hope you'll consider join in the fun and camaraderie next year.

Thanks so much again!

**From The Executive Vice President**  
**RUAEA 2025 Reunion**



The 50<sup>th</sup> year of RUAEA was celebrated with a great reunion in Denver. Attendees took tours of the Denver city and local area and the United Flight Training facility. There were photos of past reunions, a great video of the history of United and flight attendant's uniforms through the years on display. Two nights were dedicated to recognizing the longevity of RUAEA and the dedication of those involved in establishing this organization. Through the years, RUAEA has provided an opportunity to reunite with old friends and make new friends with employees that shared the pride of having worked for United. This year saw the continuation of having other United retiree organizations come together; pilots, flight attendants, and Continental retirees. Plans were discussed how this relationship can grow and increase the number of retirees attending future reunions.

There were many RUAEA members that came together to ensure the reunion was a success; events such as this requires members to volunteer to assist with a variety of positions and we had many members helping. The volunteers complemented those who planned the reunion and together, they saw the fruits of their efforts.

50 years is a long time and as we look to the next 50 years, we encourage members to continue to support future efforts. Current members have seen changes in aviation that are just remarkable. Technology is moving at such a rapid pace, members have experienced the DC-3 evolve into the 777X. We can only imagine what the future of aviation will be and future United retirees will experience; maybe flights to Europe in 3 hours and welcoming passengers who have just returned from a trip to the moon. Can you just think what flying space available will be like.

Next year, the Reunion will be in Houston and expected to be an exceptional experience for all. Members are encouraged to attend and should make plans as soon as registration is opened. Hotel reservations will be



available as soon as possible and will be posted in the newsletter. The cost will be just \$109 a night with free breakfast and parking. Look for more information in forthcoming newsletters.

## **Things to Review for Your Year-End Planning**

**By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



Your financial plan for retirement is not a one-time decision. Each year brings changes to your life as well as those people and causes important to you.

Any milestone or change during this year could impact your financial strategy, so use your financial professional as a sounding board to help you navigate how best to move forward, and to help ensure your goals and wishes are reflected.

Here are some of the topics your year-end planning should include:

- ❖ Was money tight or were you able to save more than you expected? Your answer may determine how to adjust how much you contribute to your retirement plan.
- ❖ Did you change jobs?
- ❖ Would changing your employee benefits help your long-term strategy?
- ❖ Review your taxes. How would contributing more to your retirement plan impact your taxes?
- ❖ Review your debt. Is it more important to pay down debt or contribute more to your retirement plan?
- ❖ Do you need to add or adjust insurance as a financial strategy?
- ❖ Review your estate plan to ensure your wishes for heirs and causes are still reflected.

To discuss these and other year-end planning topics, schedule your appointment today with me, a member of my team at [aris.alliantcreditunion.com](https://aris.alliantcreditunion.com), or a financial professional with whom you already work. I look forward to talking to you soon.

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## **United and Instacart Team Up to Bring Loyalty Members More Rewards and More Convenience,**

**Including \$0 Delivery Fees**

**October 6, 2025**



United (NASDAQ: UAL) and Instacart (NASDAQ: CART), today launched a new collaboration that gives the airline's loyalty members even more ways to save time, earn rewards, and unlock exclusive benefits when they shop with Instacart. In a first for an airline, Instacart is offering United MileagePlus members \$0 delivery

fees\* on orders placed right before, during or shortly after they take a domestic flight – making it effortless to replace forgotten items on the go or restock their fridge the moment they arrive home. Additionally, MileagePlus members who link their United MileagePlus and Instacart accounts can also enjoy mileage rewards across a variety of offers found at [United.com/Instacart](https://united.com/instacart). This new suite of benefits builds on United’s existing relationship with Instacart; earlier this year, United and Chase refreshed their portfolio of co-branded credit cards and announced Instacart benefits for eligible Chase United Cardmembers.

*“With Instacart, travelers can spend less time running errands and more time enjoying the journey and the destination – and now, United MileagePlus members can enjoy added benefits when they link their account to Instacart,”* said Ryan Hamburger, Vice President, Commercial Partnerships for Instacart. *“We’re excited to make the convenience of Instacart – whether shopping at home or while traveling – even more rewarding for United MileagePlus members. This partnership solidifies Instacart’s position as a critical piece of the journey, ensuring our customers have everything they need, wherever they are.”*

*“We’re always looking for new ways to make our loyalty program even more valuable for our members and the partners we choose go a long way towards making travel –and life—easier and more rewarding,”* said Richard Nunn, CEO of United MileagePlus. *“This Instacart collaboration gives members the peace of mind to know they can add groceries and other essentials at just about any stage of their trip – from making sure that order is waiting for them when they check into their rental property to stocking up at home so they can hit the ground running when they return. All while earning miles along the way.”*

#### Unbeatable Benefits and Rewards: Exclusive Perks for Every Journey

Starting today, United MileagePlus members can effortlessly earn miles and unlock special offers when they use Instacart, making it easier than ever to enjoy the convenience of online grocery delivery at home or on the road. With the Instacart collaboration, United MileagePlus members can access benefits like:

- ★ **\$0 Delivery Fees with Instacart, Every Time You Travel:** MileagePlus members who book a domestic U.S. United flight can enroll in a \$0 delivery fee\* offer to make it easier to get last-minute essentials before a trip, snacks and forgotten items at a destination, or have groceries waiting at the door when returning home. Once activated, United MileagePlus members receive seven days of \$0 delivery fees.
- ★ **Miles Just for Getting Started:** MileagePlus members who are new to Instacart, can earn 5,000 miles when placing four grocery orders of \$35+ each within eight weeks.\*\* Members who already have Instacart accounts will also receive 500 additional miles when they link their United MileagePlus and Instacart accounts and place an order \$35+ within 60 days.
- ★ **Even Bigger Rewards:** After completing the Getting Started offer, MileagePlus members can earn an additional 5,000 miles if they enroll in a paid, annual Instacart+ membership and maintain the membership for at least 30 days. When United MileagePlus members become annual Instacart+ members through the United offer, they’ll unlock even more benefits, making it easier to save time and money at home, on the road, and everywhere in between.

Instacart and United are both focused on making travel and daily life easier for millions of consumers. As the leading online grocery marketplace, Instacart connects consumers to over 1,800 retail partners and nearly 100,000 stores across the U.S. and Canada. United Airlines rewards travelers across the globe through MileagePlus, the airline’s free to join loyalty program with millions of members, and makes travel easier for customers through the United app, one of the most-used airline apps in the world. Together, Instacart and United are delivering meaningful benefits to U.S. travelers: more miles, more convenience, and more reasons to stock their fridge with Instacart, whether they’re at home or on the road.

Members can start earning today by enrolling at [united.com/instacart](https://united.com/instacart). See offer details and terms for enrollment windows and expiration dates, which vary by offer.

Kinective Media and Instacart ~ Instacart is also working closely with Kinective MediaSM by United Airlines to reach MileagePlus members throughout their travel journey with targeted messaging across United’s channels like the United app, in-flight entertainment and more. Travelers can expect to see offers from Instacart during timely moments such as on their mobile boarding pass in the United app and on seatback screens as they’re traveling to and from their destination.

\*On orders of \$10+. Service fees apply. \$35 minimum for Costco. Instacart users who are not existing Instacart+ members will get the \$0 delivery fee benefit through a 7-day complimentary Instacart+ membership.

\*\*Only one MileagePlus account may be linked to each Instacart account. Select offers (including the First Order Bonus and Qualifying Orders Offers) are limited to a one-time redemption per account.

**Free Tarmac Transfers in Style: United Chauffeurs Customers Between Gates for Connecting Flights in Partnership with BMW**  
**October 1, 2025**



United and BMW of North America are celebrating a successful summer, completing more than 14,000 luxury tarmac transfers since launching the automaker's first tarmac transfer program with a U.S. airline in May. Available to select MileagePlus® Premier® members, the service offers chauffeured rides between connecting flights in 10 BMW vehicles across United hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, a dedicated Premier services agent meets members at the gate and escorts them to a state-of-the-art all-electric BMW i7 xDrive60 sedan or BMW iX M70 SUV waiting on the tarmac to drive them to their connecting flight.

*"This summer, our ground transfer program with BMW of North America showed how seamless, premium journeys create real value for our MileagePlus members – helping thousands connect with less stress and more comfort,"* said Richard Nunn, CEO of MileagePlus. *"BMW of North America's commitment to innovation, luxury and sustainability further extends our program's value, giving members elevated travel experiences that feel effortless and rewarding, while underscoring United's commitment to delivering thoughtful, forward-looking solutions."*

United's 10 vehicle tarmac fleet currently features seven BMW i7 xDrive60s, which provide silent, effortless, and luxurious all-electric power with 536hp and up to 311 miles of range. These vehicles also feature a Rear Executive Lounge with BMW's class-exclusive 31" rear theater screen, a Large Sky Lounge LED Panoramic Roof, and front and rear massaging seats. Additionally, the fleet includes three BMW iX M70s, the brand's all-electric performance SUV offering 650hp and more than 300 miles of range. The vehicle's notable features include a Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Surround Sound System, an Illuminated Kidney Grille, and a Panoramic Glass Eclipsing Roof with one-touch opacity for enhanced comfort and privacy.

*"Teaming up with United offers an opportunity to show what true luxury feels like in the modern era,"* said Shaun Bugbee, Executive Vice President of Operations for BMW of North America. *"By offering discerning clientele a chance to experience the Ultimate Electric Driving Machine from the backseat like a passenger in a first-class cabin, we can elevate the entire travel experience while also reinforcing BMW's commitment to shaping the future of premium mobility."*

More than transportation, these vehicles transform quick connections into memorable travel moments for MileagePlus Premier members, delivering exceptional comfort and the distinctly premium experience United and BMW are known for.

**United Launches CBP's International Remote Baggage Screening on Select International Flights**  
**September 29, 2025**



United today announced the launch of a new U.S. Customs and Borders Protection (CBP) initiative, the International Remote Baggage Screening (IRBS), for connecting passengers with checked bags that eliminates re-checking bags on select international routes, making the connecting experience even easier and reducing potential missed connections. The new process is currently available for United customers traveling on United's daily service from Sydney, Australia (SYD) to San Francisco, California (SFO) with a connecting flight to a final destination.

Since launching the initiative, more than 160 passengers on each flight used the new process. These customers saved up to 45 minutes in their connection journey, relieving the stress of making their connecting flights to their final destinations.

Here's how the process works for connecting passengers on the Sydney to San Francisco flights:

- ▲ Check bag at SYD – Travelers drop off checked bags as usual with an agent at the check-in counter in the lobby.
- ▲ Arrive at SFO – Passengers connecting on a flight to another destination go to CBP for customs, immigration and agriculture inspections and then head directly to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for security screening – removing the step for these travelers to pick-up checked bags at baggage claim and re-check them to their final destinations, unless specifically referred by CBP for further inspection. As the flight is heading to the United States from Sydney, United, CBP and TSA

work together to screen checked bags and once the flight arrives, the bags are loaded onto connecting flights.

- ▲ Pick-up at final destination – Travelers simply pick-up their baggage at baggage claim at their final destination and head on their way.

*“We’re streamlining the international arrival process by eliminating extra steps for travelers to pick-up and re-check their bags on connecting flights,”* said Jennifer Schwierzke, United’s Vice President of Customer Operations Strategy and Execution. *“Together with CBP, we’re testing this new process on routes between Sydney and San Francisco and plan to expand to additional international routes in the months ahead.”*

United is partnering with Sydney Airport, BagCheck and Brock Solutions, leading baggage solution providers, to launch this initiative, streamline the connecting experience for customers and improve the efficiency of the bag inspection process.

*“It’s great to see United Airlines trialing bag re-check elimination on the Sydney - San Francisco route, one of our busiest long-haul services,”* said Scott Charlton, Sydney Airport CEO. *“It’s a win for passengers – saving valuable time, making connections easier, and showing how Sydney Airport and our airline partners are working together to deliver smoother, more seamless journeys.”*

CBP’s IRBS is the latest way United is improving the connecting experience for travelers. Earlier this summer, United launched new, personalized mobile app features for customers with connecting flights at United’s U.S. hub airports. They can now access a special section of the app that includes a countdown to connecting flights, customized turn-by-turn directions to their connecting gate with estimated walk times, real-time flight status updates, tips for longer layovers and notifications if United’s ConnectionSaver technology has been activated to hold the plane for them. Since launching the features, more than 3.5 million customers have used the new features, achieving a 95% success rate making their connection.

For more information, visit [united.com](https://www.united.com).

### **United Receives FAA Certification for First Starlink-Equipped Mainline Aircraft** **September 26, 2025**



United today announced the FAA certified its first mainline Starlink-equipped aircraft, and the first commercial flight is planned for October 15.

This certification comes less than five months since the first Starlink-equipped United customer flight on the Embraer 175 regional aircraft and less than a year since United signed the industry’s largest agreement of its kind with SpaceX to bring Starlink’s fast, reliable Wi-Fi service free to MileagePlus members on the airline’s mainline and regional aircraft fleet.

The FAA approved Starlink’s Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) amendment for the Boeing 737-800 to include United’s fleet. United completed the equipment installation on its first mainline aircraft and expects the first Starlink-equipped mainline flight to be onboard a United Boeing 737-800 that will fly from Newark/New York on October 15.

United’s first Starlink-equipped regional flight took place on a regional jet in May 2025, and the airline now has Starlink installed on more than half of the aircraft in its regional fleet. Initial customer scores on those flights have been noteworthy with 90% of customers appreciating the ability to stream onboard with Starlink’s high-speed, easy-to-use and consistent connection.

*“Customers are loving the Starlink experience onboard our regional aircraft, and our first Starlink-equipped mainline aircraft will bring a superior inflight experience to even more people,”* said Grant Milstead, United’s Vice President of Digital Technology. *“We’re working to install Starlink and offer game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like streaming services, shopping, gaming and more.”*

Starlink stands to unlock an incredible onboard experience for United customers – the fastest Wi-Fi in the sky, for free.

Starlink continues to secure an FAA STC to install Starlink on every United aircraft type getting the new equipment – more than 16 total regional and mainline aircraft models.

The FAA certification process involves approval of the design, installation, testing and certification of the system to ensure safe and reliable operations. United unveiled the Starlink installation process earlier this year, underscoring the technical operations benefits associated with the equipment, including size and weight as well as the ease of install and maintenance. The Starlink system, when compared to non-Starlink equipment, allows for a faster and simpler installation because it is lighter, requiring less fuel to operate the aircraft and is more reliable and weather-proofed.



Starlink is free for all MileagePlus® customers and includes game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like streaming services, shopping, gaming and more, thanks to Wi-Fi speeds up to 250 megabits per second (Mbps). Membership to MileagePlus® is also free, and people can sign-up now at [united.com/starlink](https://united.com/starlink).

## **United Celebrates Turnaround at Newark Liberty International and Charts Bright Future** **September 16, 2025**



United CEO Scott Kirby was in Newark (EWR) today to celebrate the airline's operational turnaround at EWR and discuss the bright future for the carrier's premier East Coast hub.

This summer, United celebrated its best operational summer ever at EWR, putting the airport on par with JFK and LGA for on-time performance. In fact, United flights out of Newark arrived on-time more often this summer than flights operated by airlines

out of JFK or LGA.\*

These rankings come as more than six million people flew United on-time through Newark this summer, the most in the airline's history.\*\* In addition, United's Connection Saver technology helped more than 28,000 customers make tight connections in Newark this summer.

Looking ahead to this fall and winter, United plans to serve more than 160 domestic and international destinations from EWR – more than any other airline in the New York City area – adding flights to popular cities like Rome, Venice, Porto, Marrakech and Dublin. Domestically, the airline will add flights to Orlando and Fort Lauderdale and new cities including Palm Springs, California; Columbia, South Carolina; and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Additionally, United expects to hire more than 2,500 Newark employees between 2025-2026 and will be the first airline to purchase sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) for use at Newark.

*“Newark is operating better than ever and United's future here is bright – that's a credit to the thousands of Newark employees who deliver for our customers and one another every day,” said Kirby. “I want to also thank Secretary Duffy, FAA Administrator Bedford, Governor Murphy and all the national, state and local leaders who helped ensure that Newark remains a safe and reliable crown jewel for millions of domestic and international travelers. As the FAA and DOT implement their plan of increased staffing and improved technology, the reliability and on-time performance of Newark will only get better.”*

*“Millions of passengers each year rely on Newark Airport for their travel needs. Over the past several months, we have worked diligently with our partners at the Port Authority and the FAA to move towards a return to full capacity at Newark Airport, and I am pleased with our progress,” said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. “United's continued investment in Newark Airport will serve as a significant economic driver for our region, creating thousands of new jobs for New Jersey communities. I thank United CEO Scott Kirby for his partnership in supporting our region's world-class transportation infrastructure.”*

In April and May, challenges associated with air traffic control staffing, technology outages and runway construction led to a concentrated number of delays and cancellations out of Newark. But since that time, bookings and customer confidence in flying through Newark have bounced back thanks to efforts by federal officials, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and United employees, including:

- ★ Runway construction was completed two weeks early on June 2
- ★ Beginning in May, the FAA limited Newark flight operations to 68 per hour. This was down from a high of 86, a number that was well above EWR's maximum theoretical capacity even in ideal operating conditions. The FAA has tentatively limited flights out of Newark to 72 per hour through summer 2026.
- ★ In July, the FAA installed a new fiber optic network to support the air traffic control system

*“We're building a brand new air traffic control system, and we started by addressing the challenges of outdated technology at Newark,” said FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford. “This summer, the FAA took immediate action to relieve substantial inconveniences to the traveling public—deploying a temporary satellite backup system, upgrading fiber optic technology, expanding high-bandwidth telecommunications, increasing controller staffing, and limiting arrivals and departures. Through strong partnerships with the Port Authority and United, we made significant progress this summer.”*

**United invests more in Newark destinations** ~ As the gateway to the Atlantic, Newark plays a critical role in connecting passengers to United's industry-leading international network.

United's most talked about 2025 destination, Nuuk, Greenland, will return to Newark for summer 2026 following a successful and enthusiastic first season.

- ▲ This summer, EWR had more international departures (over 20,000) and more departures to Europe (more than 8,200) than any other United hub
- ▲ This summer, all of United's 32 European destinations were served from EWR
- ▲ In 2025, United serves 82 international destinations from EWR
- ▲ EWR serves the most international destinations unique to United (seven) of any hub
- ▲ By the end of 2025, United will have grown its international network in EWR by 12 destinations since 2018, including the six additions this year
- ▲ EWR has more widebody departures than any other United hub

United hiring in Newark ~ United proudly employs more than 14,000 people in the Newark/New York City area, including more than 3,000 pilots at its pilot base and more than 5,700 flight attendants. United looks to hire another 2,500 employees before the end of 2026.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Comes to Newark ~ United will be the first airline to bring sustainable aviation fuel to Newark, with plans to purchase up to one million gallons from Neste for use at EWR this year. United purchased more than 13 million gallons of SAF in 2024, more than any other U.S. airline.

\*According to A:14 on-time performance data for arrivals and departures for United and the cumulative DOT reporting carriers at JFK and LGA from masFlight for June 2 – August 31, 2025.

\*\*Based on Jun-Aug periods since 2011 (post-merger years)

### **Torgy's Travel Tips – November, 2025**

#### **Passenger Rights Challenges and Entry/Exit System Begins in Europe**



On October 26 last year (2024), new airline rules were codified into federal regulation:

- Ticketing sites must display the fare including all taxes and airport fees on the first screen that a fare and schedule is quoted.
- Critical ancillary fees, such as change and/or cancellation fees, checked bag fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> checked bag, and carry-on bag fees must be visible on the same webpage not merely in a link that causes the user to leave the primary fare page.
- Families traveling with children under 12 years of age will be provided seating together *without extra charge*.
- Passengers legally entitled to a refund must be informed of this option *before* any other alternative flights or alternative forms of reimbursement are

offered. If the passenger declines any other alternative offered, the refund becomes automatic, and the airline must proactively provide that refund and not wait for the passenger to request it.

- Checked bag fees will be reimbursed if the bag is not delivered within 12 hours domestically or 15-30 hours for international flights, depending on length of the flight.
- Wi-Fi, in-flight entertainment, and seat selection fees will be reimbursed if that service is not available

Now, as of October, 2025:

- ▲ The current administration has just eliminated a proposed rule which would have paid passengers up to \$775 for lengthy delays (mirroring how European delayed passengers are compensated). In the UK and Europe, delayed passengers receive between €250 and €600 (\$295-\$704) depending on flight distance and length of the delay, or if the flight was cancelled with less than 14 days notice.
- ▲ US lobbyists are insisting on the removal of the automatic refund policy, ending family seating protections, eliminating fee transparency rules for baggage and seat assignments, and also shrinking protections for disabled travelers.
- ▲ Another requested change is a 2-year statute of limitations on enforcement actions by the Dept. of Transportation on existing policies, so that future demands can be more easily adapted.

US flight cancellation policies vary by airline. The Department of Transportation has no mandatory rule on this issue, leaving it up to the individual carrier to create their own policy. Most carriers offer meal and/or hotel vouchers for extensive delays but only 4 major carriers add additional compensation to passengers when a delay over 3 hours occurs: Alaska, Hawaiian, Jet Blue and Southwest. Those airlines issue vouchers for future credit or travel as well as meal/hotel vouchers.

On another topic, be aware that travel authorizations to Europe for US citizens are starting to appear. In my October 2024 article, I included information about the ETIAS – *European Travel Information Authorization System*. The projected start date for that program has been deferred until 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2026. However, a



separate Entry/Exit program called **EES** has just begun which tracks your entry into the EU and subsequent departure. This system will capture your biometric information from your passport and require you to be photographed or fingerprinted by airport Passport Control agents upon arrival. If you are not staying at a hotel or on a cruise ship you must provide the name and address of private accommodations you have arranged. Most of this process can be accomplished at kiosks in the arrival area. Croatia is the first country to begin the EES process on October 12, 2025, with full implementation to all Schengen countries by April 10, 2026.

I will provide you with updates to the more complicated ETIAS procedures as soon as the EU has finalized their website application process and declared a firm date for implementation. Stay tuned!

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

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

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

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

### **ARIZONA**

#### **PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S**

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I want to express a thank you to all who joined us for lunch on September 12<sup>th</sup> at The Café. It was a bit of a headache in the beginning regarding the seating arrangement. Out of 10 people who attended, eight would like to return; the place did lack ambiance, but we had a private room.

In September, our breakfast was at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. It's very interesting if you have not been there. It's not just a restaurant, they have an array of clothing, holiday items, knickknacks and more.

Our October 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon was at The Hub. I hope we have a good turnout; people are starting to return here to their second home, leaving their summer homes, to enjoy our pleasant weather. We want to wish a few people get well wishes who've had some sort of surgery in the last few months; **Bill Betz; Harry Cloud; Jay Hartough; Cindy Hilsabeck; Rosemarie Schaeffer;** and **Donna Smiley**. We hope you are recovering nicely.

Our next gathering is breakfast at IHOP on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, I do want to see all of you there. **Joann Griffin** will take your text RSVP a few days before the event.

There is this email that shows up on my laptop every day and today it caught my attention. I have attached the short story below.

Mosquitoes prefer to bite people with type O blood ~ While type O blood is commonly known as the universal donor as it can be donated to anyone in need of blood without fear of rejection, it also happens to be tastier to mosquitoes. Researchers found that people with type O blood have mosquitoes land on them twice as much as people with other types of blood. While this is an obvious negative for people with type O blood, being able to donate to anyone in need far outweighs the cons.

Many of you have asked me about **Peggy Snowdall**. Peggy was a long-time member of Re-United's before she took ill. I now, have an update for you. I have found out that Peggy will be leaving the care home she has lived in, in Casa Grande for the last few years. Since her stepdaughter has medical issues now, she is unable to visit Peggy in the care home like she used to. So, in the near future, Peggy will be moving to OKC where she will be closer to family members. Angie said she had dinner with Peggy and others recently and Peggy looks well but she has bad moments at times. I have asked Angie to send greetings from our group. I hope she has some happy memories of us.

### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS**

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It truly was a wonderful day in Paradise, CA. The Northstaters had their annual picnic on September 17 at Aquatic Park in Paradise. It is a small park with lots of trees and a beautiful pond. The park did survive the 2018 Camp Fire. It was a perfect day and place for our get-together. We had 12 members, spouses and guests in attendance.

There was no official meeting but **Merritt Odor**, our President, did ask if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Shari Pitt** had a birthday in September as well as **Klaren Odor**. One of our members, **Don Arndt**, brought a neighbor of his who had traveled all the way from Germany to spend a month at her property in Bangor; **Ursula Koch** shared some interesting facts about where she lives in Germany.

We enjoyed the social visit and brought our own lunches. **Sharon Simonton** brought dessert of fruit and

loaf cakes. Sharon shared that both **Carl** and his wife, **Grace Franke** are having some health issues. Sharon had a get-well card to pass around. Sharon also said that **Charlotte Puryear** will be celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 16<sup>th</sup> and several members said they would like to visit her in Redding for her birthday time.

We had our 50/50 raffle and lunch certificate raffle. The winner of the 50/50 was **Katie Innocenti** and **Don Arndt** won the lunch certificate. Sharon brought an extra raffle gift and **Klaren Odor** was the winner.

We had a discussion concerning our Christmas get-together. It will be held at Kalico Restaurant in Chico on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. **Sharon Simonton** will work on the details at the restaurant. It was decided not to have the gift exchange this year but Sharon is going to look for some entertainment to enjoy during our Christmas luncheon.

#### Calendar:

**December 10** – Wednesday. Time and place to be announced.



#### **CENTRAL COASTERS**

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

#### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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

We **try** to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email [sabo.thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:sabo.thomas@yahoo.com) for details.



#### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Happy November and Thanksgiving to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on October 7, it's another beautiful fall day, this time with a still-comfortable high of 88. Below normal temperatures have continued for another month, much to everyone's amazement, with only a handful of days above 90. A few days of 98 but so far no "century days" of 100 or more. If this sounds familiar, it is. It's exactly what I wrote a month ago for the October newsletter!

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand. If you are going to attend, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. The Lazy Dog has been our other "go to" restaurant for over a year. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our October meeting was held on October 6 at the Lazy Dog Restaurant Concord with 17 members in



attendance. This was our highest attendance in many months: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest **Carla, Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather** and daughter **Linda Collett** from Boise, **Dee Moreci, Carol Parks, Jack & Judi Smith, Jan Soderstrom** and **Sue von Emster**. We missed **Russ Schleske** and **Barb Cunningham** who were not feeling well. I hope that next month I can report that both Russ and Barb are feeling much better. **Joe & Wilma Leather's** daughter Linda has been here for a month and they are having a great visit. Linda visits often while her husband is working overseas, and she is an "almost regular" at our meetings. Linda has inherited her mother's culinary expertise and she contributed two wonderful items to this month's raffle—a jar of homemade tomato soup and a beautifully decorated chocolate butter cream cake. You may remember how I raved about the cupcakes and cookies Wilma brought to our August meeting to celebrate Joe's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Well, I won the chocolate cake! It was almost too beautiful to cut, but I had a piece for dessert tonight it was a very special treat. When Linda visits, she drives down with her Newfoundland Winston, who, as I recall, weighs about 150 pounds. He's too big to go in the cargo compartment, hence the road trip. He is best friends with Joe & Wilma's poodle mix Coco. One of the cutest pictures I've seen in a long time is of Winston with his head in Coco's doggie door. He got in as far as his head when trying to follow Coco into the house!

President **Russ Kennedy** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. **Linda Collett** ran the raffle and **Rich Bouska** won the money. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We had a nice range of gifts this month. In addition to the ever popular wine, we had holiday dish towels, a pumpkin spice candle, a candle repair kit, and the aforementioned soup and cake.

**Barbara Cunningham** collects both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please hold on to them for now as she cannot deliver cards again for a while, I'll let you know when you can resume mailing cards to her.

**Jan Soderstrom** is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. One thing we can all agree on is that the cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. If you have more than one ounce, invest in some additional ounce stamps - the cute ones with the school bus. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. All of my coupon donors are complaining that they are getting very few coupons now, so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On October 4, I turned in 309 coupons. Hopefully this sudden drop is a one-time fluke. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Glenda Kennedy** in CA, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Georgia Rutkowski** in NV, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

"Dumpster Diving." It's when you go through the wastebasket at your post office, apartment complex or assisted living facility and pull out junk mail flyers with coupons. **Carol Koslosky's** granddaughter **Samantha** is an incredible Dumpster Diver! She goes through the trash in her apartment complex mailroom and gets a ton of coupons that way. I owe **Samantha Koslosky** a huge apology. Last month I meant to tell you about the huge envelope of over 1000 coupons I got from her—with postage of \$16.62! Thanks to her, I turned in over 1800 coupons last month. So, please consider rescuing abandoned coupons from your mailrooms. You may only get

a handful of coupons in your own mail, but you can get many times that in your mailroom.

Helpful hint when cutting out coupons. Please make sure you do not cut off any part of the barcode or the expiration date. The narrow strip coupons for Claritin etc. are the worst. It's very easy to cut off the "5" in the expiration date of 11/01/25, for example, which is right next to the edge of the coupon. The coupon cannot be used and has to be thrown away.

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 3 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 31.
- ▲ Monday, December 3 at 11:30. This is our holiday luncheon. It will be at The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, November 28.

Until next month, watch your steps and do everything you can to stay healthy!

### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Hooray, it's Great Pumpkin time with our buddies on the lookout for his arrival! The tiny yellow-copter bird hovering over the patches in Half Moon Bay while the expression on C. Browns' face is of awe and wonder ... and Snoopy lies in wait under the leaves. The weather has been splendid so everyone is going over the hill to HMB to the beaches and pumpkin patches – what is a normal 20-minute drive, on a one lane going and one lane returning, turns into a nightmare, it's a 1 or 2 hour drive to get there and back. It is all worth it when you see the smiles and hear the laughter of the kids and grandkids as they run amongst the many pumpkins, trying to pick out the special one that they just have to have! Lucy tries to spoil the fun but to no avail ... he will arrive in all his splendor. Ye of little faith, you gotta believe!

The month of September had 5 Mondays, which confused some members. As a result, we had a small turnout of 12 hardy souls. We met at the Vibe. **Ginger Dahlberg** opened the meeting, with the usual Pledge and moments of silence remembering those who are no longer with us. **Eliza Vargas**, super recording secretary read the minutes which were approved as read, **John Garis**, he who can add and subtract better than I, said we were in good financial shape and to start sending in your dues for the coming year. \$15 per person for the year (this helps defray the cost of renting our meeting room.) **Vera Kina**, stalwart auditor perused the figures and deemed them acceptable. **Carol Slater**, Jill of all trades, had helper Vera sell raffle tickets. Vera and Ginger won the bankroll, while **Ben Ramos**, **Charlie Bogert**, **Colleen Wood**, **Lydia Rolfe**, **John Bodanoff** and **Jerry Marsala** took home goodies – thanks to those who brought in treasures from their attics! (Are you downsizing?)

We have a special election coming up and **Barbara Underhill**, membership secretary, was up working at the polling building and was unable to attend the meeting. We did have a report of no birthdays. **Bill & Diane Heinrich** (who are unable to attend meetings, as they do not have a car,) did celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Congrats to you both! (Diane is now back home and doing well.) **Harvey Samson** passed away – he had 42 years as an aircraft mechanic with UAL, he and Mitzi were married 67 years (they met as a result of an incorrectly dialed phone call!) He loved dogs, hence his nickname of Dog Boy, and was an avid horseman and competed in rodeos as a youngster! Our hearts go out to the family – he will be missed. He was buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery. Keep **Rosemary Bogert** in your thoughts, she is in an assisted living facility. Stay well my friends; get your Flu, RSV and Covid shots

The elevator is still not working so you need to remember that we will meet at The Vibe, 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City for the remainder of the year. Stay tuned for up-dates on the elevator above the Library.

**Jerry Marsala** reported on the annual mechanics meeting up in Minden, Nevada. Retired management employees did all the cooking, while the ladies set-up, served and did a great job. It was hot, hot, hot –thank

goodness for pop-up shade coverings. Golden Gater members who were there: **Jerry Marsala, Al Durr, John Bogdanoff, Gary Chong**. They had a good time and look forward to next years' meeting.

After our meeting, we had a tasty meal at Armadillo Willys' for Texas BBQ.

- ★ **October 27** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then off for some Chinese specials at Joy Taiwan Chinese Restaurant, 1489 Beach Park Blvd (Hillsdale Blvd., becomes Beach Park Blvd.)
- ★ **November 24** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then over to IHOP on Foster City Blvd. for lunch. They have a senior menu that is good and a great Chicken Fried Steak!
- ★ **December 8** – No meeting, just come to the Billini Bistro Italian Restaurant at 11:30am, wear those outrageous Christmas sweaters (demolish the moths first,) 1465 Beach Park Blvd., and plan to have a good time. You can order off the menu and enjoy some laughs and help bring in the holidays. Please bring 2 cans of low-sodium, not expired food that we will donate to the Foster City Fire Department for them to distribute to those in need during the holidays.

Conundrum of the Day: *The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons are suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your 3 best friends – if they are OK, then it's you! Ah well!*

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00AM at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

Jane Gibson  
Placerville, CA  
Secretary

Hello to all of you! What a crazy summer we have had this year! Hot Cool now Muggy with Sprinkles! But don't get too comfortable – I don't think Mother Nature is done with the heat just yet. We moved into our house in Livermore October 1<sup>st</sup> 52 years ago and it was well over 100 degrees that weekend – just sayin'! But, we have officially welcomed Autumn! Seriously – a couple days ago. I'm looking forward to the gorgeous fall colors that will be here soon.

Now, when it comes to welcoming, our president **Rudy Blazius** does an excellent job. **Thom Biro** and **Lynn Ceci** organized this luncheon at Casa Los Abuelos for us this month. If you like Mexican food, be sure to visit this restaurant, they have delicious food. The table decorations were part of the raffle and held jam that Thom made himself. I didn't get to win one, but know from prior times that he does a good job making it. Rudy extended our thanks for us. We welcome **Cindy Blazius'** brother, **Ernie Helliwell** and **Diane Wilson**. Have a few birthdays to be celebrated this month – **Diana Bell, Judy Fitzpatrick, Tom Kenny** and **John Woodward** all get to blow out candles – a big Happy Birthday to each of you.

*President* ~ Rudy always has plenty to contribute and it's scattered throughout the minutes. But, today I think this is more appropriate up here. Since many of us are fortunate enough to own our homes, we want to be sure that it is protected. It is important to check on this – is your home title in a trust? If your homeowner's insurance policy does not name the trust, your insurance company may deny any claim. This has only come to light since the LA wildfires, where some insurers have denied claims on this premise. Be sure to contact your insurance agent to see if this is the case. Of course, there was some discussion that followed and one of our members mentioned that if you have an umbrella policy, make sure that it too is worded correctly.

*Vice President* ~ **JR Heier** did not have anything to report this month.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything "secretary like" to report, but Rudy asked about how the Minden Reunion is coming along. Well, since it is just one week away, I sure hope everything is in place! And I do believe it is going to be a fun time for everyone. We are expecting around 60 people this year.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was ready with his report for us. He does such a thorough job! Our Treasury is a bit lower than average for this time of the year. We do have our December luncheon coming up soon. As you know part of the cost for this event comes from our treasury and we want to be sure there is enough to cover all who attend.

Tom touched on the tooling project. We have not received any significant amount of tools to donate this year, although Tom is hoping that a few people who have said that they intend to donate to it will be able to come thru. **Bill Gibson** said that a friend in our town does want to do just that, but he is dealing with some health issues right now. Bill plans to contact him and see if he could come over and help him go thru his



inventory.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that she sent **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** a card with a picture in it and told them that if they would like to come to the luncheon, to give one of us a call. Their son lives in the area so she mentioned that perhaps he might like to bring them and enjoy the lunch himself.

And our **Rosemary Heier** was with us today sporting a “nifty” cast on her left wrist. She took a dive and wound up with a broken wrist. People, please watch your step! We don’t “bounce” any longer!

*Old Business* ~ Rudy had “Minden” in this slot – but we already covered that!

*New Business* ~ Well, hold onto your hats – we are just about 2½ months away from, dare I say it, Christmas! Of course we first get to decorate next month for Halloween! And then there’s the stuffing of a giant turkey with all the trimmings.

Throwing into the mix will be our December luncheon. We need to get on this sooner rather than later! We have been getting together for about 3 or 4 years now at the Smith House Flat and have been very happy with their room and catering. **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** said they will get in touch with them again and see if the room is available and what they can do for our meal and the cost. However, if you have somewhere that you think would be suitable with a good plan for the meal, by all means, speak up and we can compare ideas. A while ago, the Gold Diggers contacted us to see if we would be interested in having our two chapters get together for this special luncheon. Our schedule dates were on the same day and since we have a few couples who are members of both groups, it would make things easier for them. Turns out they decided to change their lunch day but suggested that maybe sometime during the next year the two chapters might like to do a joint event.

Next: Each year at our December luncheon we bring donations to help out other families. Because the Fire Department needs to have the toys at the beginning of December so they can be organized and distributed early in the month, we are asking that you bring your toy donations to our November luncheon so we can get them to the Fire Department early. You know, you don’t have to get big or fancy or expensive items for the children. Small toys are just fine. Older children (teens) would love to have a gift card from a store – like Target, Kohl’s, or Wal-Mart too. You’d be surprised at what you can get for \$20-30!

We also, traditionally, have brought food donations to be shared with local families. Please bring those to the December luncheon. I’ll look back on my paperwork and see if I can find the “suggestion” lists.

And: Are You Ready? It’s time to think about who you would like to head up the Hangtown Miners in 2026! Yup, I said it! October is the month when we nominate who we want to be our leaders for the next year. That said, think about it and come prepared to nominate your officers. You then get to think about it for a month and in November, we will ask if there’s any changes that need to be made, then vote. December we don’t usually have a meeting, so we need to get this done early.

Since there weren’t any contributions or questions to be covered, Rudy treated us to some Paraprosdokians! What is that, you ask? Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous (Sir Winston Churchill loved them). Here we go:

- Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it’s still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.
- Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- I didn’t say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they’re sexy.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- And: I’m supposed to respect my elders, but it’s getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me! Love these!

Okay, wrapping this up, our October luncheon, hosted by **Judy & Jack Fitzpatrick**, will be at the Olive Garden in Folsom. Rudy gave JR the floor and he pulled the donator’s ticket which was won by **Dawn Martin**. Thank you to all the people who brought items for the raffle: **Heier** – wine; **Dinette** – cashew brittle; **Akin** – eggs; **Blazius** – wine; **Biro** – pen; **Trebnik** – cheese board; **Fitzpatrick** – pireaette; **Kenny** – cheese board; **Martin** – wine & wine holder; **Gibson** – lantern lights; **Kozelka** – dog statue; **Kenney** – flower arrangement.

Until we see each other in a couple weeks, take care of yourselves. Treat each other to a little something special. Take time to talk. Take time to laugh. Every day is a gift that we get to unwrap minute by minute – time together is everything.



## RESANS

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Hello everyone,

Our monthly breakfast was attended by 17 retirees and all had questions about our new Annual Benefits Enrollment Program.

United has now partnered with Alight Retiree Solutions (ARHS). This is to help provide you with affordable health options. With this new program you will work with an ARHS advisor to review your benefit options to find the plan that fits your needs and is affordable for you.

It is time to get on the phone and learn what options are available to you and more information will be coming to you in the mail. You may phone Alight Retiree Health Solutions Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 pm (Central Time), 1-888-387-7279.

Our Birthdays in November ~ **John Cunningham** (11/3), **Bill Krefft** (11/16) and **Greg Krok** (11/17). We wish them a Happy, Healthy year.

**Kayce Ward** was the winner of our monthly raffle and donated her winnings back to the RESANS fund. Many thanks for her generosity and thoughtfulness!

A promise kept: A long awaited trip to Ireland, by **Gloria Heppler Jordan** ~ *Sixty two years ago, my roommate and fellow United Airlines flight attendant, **Patty Hayes** and I set off on our very first vacation together. We were young and full of energy and determined to see as much of Europe as possible - eight countries in just three weeks! Ireland was supposed to be our grand finale, the last stop on our great adventure!*

*As life went on, plans changed and Ireland never seemed to happen. Several months, Patty called me out of the blue. "Gloria, it's time we go to Ireland. I laughed and reminded here that we planned that trip 62 years ago and we just never made it; Patty simply "Let's go now." We did, finally.*

*We flew to Dublin, explored Galway City and stood in awe at the Cliffs of Moher - windswept, breathtaking and worth every moment of the long wait. We toured the Jameson Distillery, sample of few whiskeys, and visited the Guinness Brewery. A kind bartender made sure we had seats in the rooftop tasting room. He asked two young men to give up their table for us – we felt like royalty!*

*Sunday for lunch, we went to Dublin's oldest pub, toured the Kilmainham Gaol Museum and spent time at the GPO Museum, learning about the 1916 Easter Rising and Ireland's modern history.*

*Traveling on our airline passes made the journey easy, and everywhere we went, the Irish people we incredibly warm and welcoming.*

*After 62 years, Patty and I finally kept our promise to each other. Ireland was everything we had imagined and more - a reminder that some dreams are simply waiting for the right time to come true.*

## Calendar:

**November 6** - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Café.

**December 4** - Holiday Lunch at Hunter's Steakhouse, Oceanside.

## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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## SACRAMENTO

**GOLD  
DIGGERS**



The Gold Diggers did not meet in September since several members were off to attend the RUAEA Reunion in Denver. For Barbara and me, it will be our 28<sup>th</sup> convention/reunion. The very first one we attended was in Phoenix in May of 1997. It was very well attended and the guest speaker at the Banquet was Captain Al Haynes who covered the events of Flight 232. He was the Captain of that ill-fated flight and he praised all of his co-workers on that flight as well as all the folks on the ground in Sioux City. His thoughts were that without all of the help and knowledge of all of them, the flight would not have made it to Sioux City at all. Captain Haynes presentation was very emotional and inspiring.

At the Banquet, we were assigned seating and surprisingly, two of the other couples at the table were my first supervisor at ORDCG, **Bob Coxhead** and his wife. The other couple was **Del Frey** and his wife, Del had worked with my father Arthur in OMA.

Over the years, the conventions have been good, of course no two are just alike. Most of the tours have been interesting and informative. A special one we remember was in BOS and an outing to the Boston Pops. There were about 100 or so of us retirees in attendance. The conductor, Keith Lockhart, wanted to thank us for attending even though the evening sponsor was American Airlines.

There are many more memorable times, the Monuments under lights in DCA, Flight 93 Memorial in PIT, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in CLE, US Air Force Academy in DEN, US Naval Academy in DCA, the USS Midway in SAN. But the most outstanding service was in Los Angeles in 2005 when Wolfgang Puck served over a 1,000 guests within ten minutes. Speaking of the LAX convention we were at was then the Marriott in Hollywood. It was also the week of American Idol's finals. Barbara and I met this fellow in the elevator with his clip board and he inquired what brought us to LA. We told him our convention and we asked what his job was ... he was Ryan Seacrest, host of American Idol. Later in the week, Barbara almost ran into Carrie Underwood who had just won American Idol.

Wishing everyone a happy Fall.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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

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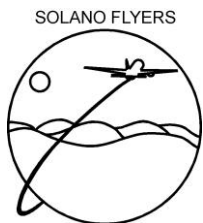
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There is no report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter of RUAEA.

We meet the first Monday of each month at the Bill of fare restaurant in San Jose at 10AM. All UA retirees are welcome to attend. It is just off highway 280, at 1069 Saratoga Ave.



### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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We met at Mary's Pizza Shack in Vacaville, CA on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, Robert & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Schutte, Al Pochop, Rich Cox, Chauncey Baine, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Frank Uhl, and Joanne & Billy Blizzard.**

The 50/50 winner was **Al Pochop**.

There was no birthday or anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Denny's in Cordelia.



## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Chapter President, **Paul Goodyear**, started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 13 members and visitors in attendance; including **Fred Vaughn**, retired Building Maintenance in Denver, who is living part-time in Phoenix.

No 50/50 drawing was held as **Kathy & Gene Sibley** were not in attendance.

Paul advised everyone of the passing of **Ray Shoults** in September. He will be greatly missed. Condolence cards can be sent to **Helen Shoults**, 3429 S. Nucla Way, Aurora, CO 80013.

**Ruth Morabito** was in attendance. She and Paul updated everyone on the success of the 2025 Reunion; our Denver volunteers were much appreciated. The tours at the Training Center were a huge success and very well received. The 2026 Reunion will be held in Houston, TX, September 26 – 30, Holiday Inn International at IAH, room rate is \$109/night. Mark your calendars now!

September Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ **Rich Conner** (10/11) and **Virgil Gooselaw** (10/25).

A Christmas Party is planned for Thursday, December 4, 2025. Watch for an email detailing more information.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 5, 11:00AM, Tedz Place, (303.287.7544. Paul will be unable to attend. We hope to see you there – bring a friend!

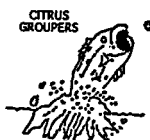
Our next meeting is Thursday, October 2, 11:00 am, Tedz Place, 303.287.7544. This is the day following the close of the Reunion. If you are in town, please feel free to join us! We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

## 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](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net).

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It is with great sadness that I share that **Mack Chandler, Jr.**, retiree from MCOCG and former CLECG Lead Fueler, passed away on September 1, 2025, after a short illness. Mack was born on October 25, 1937. He was an amazing individual who will be very much missed by all the Real McCoys and everyone who knew him. Many of you reading this may remember Mack’s singing at our 2010 RUAEA Convention here in Orlando! You can find his “Celebration of Life” video on Youtube.com. It was held at the Macedonia M.B. Church, 412 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL. The entire service, including a tape of Mack singing, was recorded

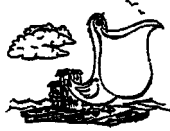
for all to watch. Many prayers for his peaceful and speedy entry into heaven. Amen.

Our Fall Picnic will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Grove Park – Gates open at 11 – serving burgers & dogs noon-ish. Everyone is welcome. If you are not a member or regular at our meetings, please reach out & let us know you are joining us! Linda [dobnzel@aol.com](mailto:dobnzel@aol.com).

Planning for the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Save the Date!

### **SW PELICANS DROP-INS**

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The SW Pelican Drop-Ins first meeting of the year was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October; we only had 5 attendees due to folks still out of town or from illness (such as me). Hopefully, next month we will have a better turn out, which will held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 11:30AM at LYNQ's restaurant in Ft. Myers.

On a sad note, we lost our good friend **William "Bill" Burg** (EXOKF) (age 93) who for many years was the leader of our group. He was a great person to be with and to work with. He is survived by his wife **Margie Burg** (WHQAJ) and three children. He will be missed.

### **TAMPA BAY CHAPTER**



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We had another small group with only 3 ladies at our monthly gathering today. Noemi celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 7, we wished her Happy Birthday.

We discussed retiree's health insurance.

Two ladies will not be attending our November meeting, so we decided to cancel the meeting. We picked our date for our Christmas Luncheon which is December 10, 1:00PM at Outback Steakhouse in Trinity, FL I will send out reminders.

### **Calendar:**

**November** - No meeting

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon.

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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 from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—If you are planning to be in HNL and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo!

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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November—Time change, time change, November 2, to Daylight Standard time, a little early this year because of how the month starts out, on a Saturday. We'll be back to some-what normal next year. It goes back to Daylight Savings time on March 8, bet you can hardly wait. Spring Forward, Fall Backwards, you figure it out, but don't stand on your head when you do it. It's also the Cookie Monster's 56<sup>th</sup> birthday (he did commercials first). Good excuse to hoard some of your favorite cookies after you change all of your clocks and watches. The 4<sup>th</sup> is Use your Common Sense day. Do some people even know what that is any more? I have to wonder about that occasionally. The 5<sup>th</sup> has two good ones, Play Monopoly and Wiggle Jiggle Jello day. Here's a dubious one on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Love your Lawyer day. That'll depend if they won your case for you. Duncie day on the 8<sup>th</sup>, I bet we've all known a few, but not us! Sesame Street celebrates their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They helped many children learn numbers, letters, history, kindness and all sorts of things, even before pre-school. Of course, the 11<sup>th</sup> is Armistice day, the end to World War I, at 'the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month' in 1918. Shelling continued all day until dusk. The Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year. Pickle day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Just for Rich Holke in the CU), Teddy Bear day on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Mickey Mouse day on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I bet Walt Disney never expected his little scrawling of Mickey would have propelled to such popularity since 1928, Minnie, Donald Duck, Goofy and Pluto, not even to mention Disneyland, Disneyworld, cruises, an island, parades, merchandise everywhere. His three-circle silhouette is recognized everywhere and with every child on the planet. The article I used as reference describes Minnie as his, companion. After 97 years, and he never married the girl?

I'm in shock! Shocked and dismayed! With the high morals that were out there in those days, I would think Walt had higher standards for his heroes and heroines. Hmmm, I just thought, I wonder if Pluto knew. The 19<sup>th</sup> is World Toilet day, no other description, nothing to go on. The 24<sup>th</sup> should interest airline people, it's D.B. Cooper day. Remember him? He hijacked a Northwest Orient Airline flight from Portland to Seattle in 1971, asked for \$200,000 dollars in ransom, and four parachutes. When they landed, he released the passengers,

had the plane refueled for a trip to Mexico City, got his money, and off they flew. But when they got over Southwest Washington, he opened the aircraft's aft door, deployed the airstair, and parachuted over a remote, heavily wooded area, never to be found. After years of searching and investigating, they think they know who it was, but he died a few years ago. A young man found some money in a bag near the Columbia River, near Vancouver, Wash. With DNA from a tie he wore, etc, they searched his family home, found a parachute. It appears his wife and two children knew about daddy, but didn't want to get involved. No kidding. Now you know, the rest of the story. You need me to keep you informed.

Yes, there will be another Super Moon this month, December, and January, too. Hope the clouds stay away so we can see it. The Beaver Moon will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. The beavers began to build their dams before the ground froze, hence the name given by the Early Americans. From November 4<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be three different groups of meteors early in the morning. Venus, Saturn, Mars and Venus will all be visible even though they're over 145 million miles away.

Thanksgiving day is the 27<sup>th</sup>, hope you can be with your family or people you like. Be thankful that all of us are still alive and able to visit and enjoy each other. We're all past cooking turkey, aren't we? Leave that to the young ones, under 65. We can bring dessert from Jarosch's or even Jewel's. I used to look forward to the next day, Black Friday, but my body won't let me go out early in the morning and fight the crowds any more. I can relive those fun days as I sit home in my recliner with the cat on my lap and watch the parades.

Our Northside breakfast only had four people, **Dona Nefczyk, Jerry Tipperreiter, Paul & Marsha Sealock-Weber**. At one point, I canceled our gathering because I only heard from one person, Jerry. Then after about 9:00 in the evening, three people wrote. One person wrote at 1:00 in the morning. I have to let Rose's know by 6:00 p.m., please decide and advise me by then. I'd appreciate the courtesy. Yes, they'll always find room for us, but if I don't hear from you, I'll cancel it, and you'll be there alone.

The ORDMM mechanics had 11 retirees, **Fred Seibert, Bill Durr, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Walt Chornomaz, Don Kramlich, Rich Protsman, Boris Spitz, Bud Lowe, Cas Paprocki and Jan Gawenda**. Walt is still cruising the world, the Caribbean, Alaska, anywhere there is a good deal and he can get his bags packed. What a wonderful way to spend their retirement. His wife is quite a trooper to be ready at a moments notice. Cas brought in a cucumber that was bigger than a zucchini. Thank You!

The OM's breakfast was canceled because nobody was available.

The RUPA lunch was a success with 40 flyboys and guests. UAL pilot, **Nate Thomas** was the guest speaker. He told of his experience on 9/11/01 when he was flying his F-16 with the 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron at Alpena, and had to land when the U.S. airspace was shut down. His story was riveting and unique in many ways. Quite a few of the pilots remembered that day well, since they were also in the same predicament then and days to follow. Never forget. Their next luncheon will be November 11, at Nick's Pizza and Pub in Crystal Lake. It's the day after the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. Dig out your old uniforms and wear them in salute to Veteran's Day. Will they fit? LOL!

The IAM 1487 Retirees meeting had 55 happy members at their Brown Bag/Bingo lunch. November will be a special Pizza Day. Come early, meeting starts at 11:00. Member **Rick Kulovitz** fell a few weeks ago and fractured his pelvis/hip. He has to keep weight off for six weeks. **Dave Dunham** also fell, landed on his knee in lots of pain. While recuperating, he got an UTI, more time in hospital and rehab. Get well guys! These falls are dangerous. Be careful, no brave actions. Think before you step, and no ladders! The Christmas Luncheon will be at the Seville on December 4, information and sign up will be this month. You must be a paying member of LL1487 to attend.

Last month I mentioned the Skyliners will be having their Christmas luncheon on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at the Belvedere in Elk Grove. The Board had a meeting last month and we have some updates for you. As you probably noticed, our membership is down, attendance at functions is down, but expenses continue to rise. We're just not getting new members as we used to. The company is not giving us the names of retirees as they once did. After much discussion, it was agreed to raise the cost of the meal to \$32 per person. We really wish this wasn't necessary, but on the other hand, that's not a bad price for a good meal, fun entertainment and seeing our old friends. It was also decided that we would have two luncheons a year, in July and December. That will also keep the expenses down for all of us. The Belvedere is very kind to us keeping the price down and still offering us a choice of entrees and their soup. We want to keep in 'business' for as long a possible. Many chapters across the system have already folded or only meet once and awhile. We don't want that for us, after all, we are Chicago! That can't happen here, we'll stick together!

I heard from some of our friends, they are alive, kicking and said hello. **Mila Walker**, from Dallas, **Ann Mahoney**, in Wheeling, **Nancy Naranjo**, in California, **Caroline** from Barrington, she was checking on our health insurance. Sounds like UAL might be changing our Aetna coverage. Not sure what's going on, but be



sure to check before you sign up in December. I also received an email from **Marilyn Marcy**, she advised me that Unimatic is still alive and well, being used for flight information and weight and balance in the load planning center.

An interesting article pointing out that the color of your luggage could cause confusion at baggage pickup. All those conservative colors of black, navy and gray cause delays and mistaken retrievals. Employees have to check and do extra screening and even with departure delays. All of you with bright colors, flowers and wild designs are ahead of the pack. Nobody will confuse you with dull black, will they?

I'll end on a fluffy note, Accuweather is predicting the Winter Forecast for Illinois. Expect 30 to 45 inches of snow, which is 22 inches more than last year. On the other hand, it could be warmer in Chicago. In other words, they don't know. But since we're retired, hopefully, we won't have to go out unless necessary. Stock up your necessary items now! Snacks, frozen dinners, toilet paper and spirits.

Fellow employees that have flown West last month include: **Bruce Nelson**, ORDCS, **Joelle Soder**, ORDMK/CHIRR, **John Connors** and **John Kovacik**, ORDMM, **Nick Damalas**, OPBFO, **Lazaro Chapa** and **Robert Diaz**, ORDCG.

Other notables gone from our lives, actors, Mary Pickett (All My Children), Polly Holiday (Alice), Patricia Routledge (Keeping up Appearances), Claudia Cardinale (The Pink Panther), Pat Crowley (Please Don't Eat the Daisies), one of the best, Robert Redford, (The Way we Were, The Sting ++), song writers, Bobby Hart, Boyce and Hart (wrote Monkey songs), Brett James (Jesus, Take the Wheel), singer/songwriter, Sonny Curtis (The Crickets) (I Fought the Law), George Hardy (the last Tuskegee airman), Jane Goodall, (chimpanzee expert), Jim Edgar, Illinois Governor 1991-1999, Charlie Kirk (founder Turning Point USA).

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I'm thankful we're still here and enjoying our world and each other's friendship. Stay well and happy.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**November 13**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**November 6**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**November 20**) Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M. 856 Pyott Rd, Algonquin, (**November 11**). Wear your Veterans uniforms if you have it.

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

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

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/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 always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **October 14** at Emmy's
- **November 11** at Emmy's

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

## MICHIGAN



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October 18 was the date of our last UA retiree luncheon held at the Olive Garden in Livonia, Michigan with **Camille Wade** as our host. Those that attended were **Dale & Denise Thorsby**, **Charlene Anderson**, **Pam Shamey**, **Liz Ronayne**, **Carol Shaffner** and her daughter, Stacey, **Kathy Page**, **Marguerite & Tom Venn**, **Marcy Vance**, **Ayman Mustafa**, **Gwen Dyc** and **Camille Wade**. Camille treated us with delicious pizzelle cookies in keeping with the Italian theme of the restaurant.

Just as we were about to leave, **Gloria Alexander** and **Lois Payne**, wife of the late **Vic Payne**, stopped by to say hello. What a pleasant surprise!

**Kathy Page** will be hosting our next luncheon which will be at the Red Lobster restaurant on October 14, 2025 at 1PM, 27760 Novi Rd., 12 Oaks Mall. Novi, MI 48377. Please text Kathy to RSVP at (313) 215-1911.

Congratulations to **Marguerite Venn** on becoming the Commander of the Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Thought for the month: *"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."* ~ Epictetus

## NEBRASKA



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

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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

The Las Vegas Silverliners welcome all UA/CO retirees to join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon Celebration. We will observe the Holidays in November on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, at the Durango Hills Golf Club, 3501 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129.

The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, [apolloguys@aol.com](mailto:apolloguys@aol.com) or **Mary Chandler**, [honolulumary06@yahoo.com](mailto:honolulumary06@yahoo.com).



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We did not hold a regular meeting in September. Six members – the **Leusings**, the **Robbins**, the **Roes**, the **Borchers** and the **Zobolis** got together at Crystal Lake Park for a picnic and send off celebration for our long time Treasurer and friend **Kathy Robinon**. Kathy has moved to Fargo, North Dakota to be near family; her sister Carol, brother George and friend Margaret was also able to attend. Kathy, Margaret and Kathy's dog Toby were due to leave on that following Wednesday (in 2 days). The weather was perfect as we are having a late Indian summer, although George, who lives in Arizona, felt it was cool enough to wear a sweatshirt! Fall is coming; everyone enjoyed indulging in chips, sandwiches, fruit, and a cake. Unfortunately, the **Klemms** were unable to join us.

The SFO Maintenance gathering was held again in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn. John and I did go to the picnic and were lucky enough to win 2 bottles of wine. The weather was pleasantly warm – no rain this year.

John and I will be attending the Convention in Denver and will report back to the group at our November meeting about any items of interest.

Thank you to **Barbara & Larry Leusing** for finding Crystal Lake Park. It worked perfectly for our small group.

**Pat Zoboli** has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon date with the Peppermill for Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at 12:00 p.m. Menus will be distributed at our October meeting, with selections and pre-payment due at our November meeting.

The September birthday celebrants are **John Zoboli** and **John Roe**.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St. See you there.

### NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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

#### NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

October 1<sup>st</sup> must have been a very busy day for our members; only 9 gathered for lunch so we held no 50/50 drawing.

Happy Anniversary to **Roberta & Nick Manfredo**, **Diane & Barry Carlson**, **Geraldine & Peter Korsch**, and **Rosemarie & Donald Arnoni**!

Celebrating birthdays are **Angie Paris**, **Marilyn Holdsworth**, **Kathryn Richardson**, and **Ray Forster**.

I'll be sending out an email to all of you of the details for our Christmas lunch on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"Middle age is when your sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings, and you hope it isn't for you" ~ Ogden Nash

Hope to see you on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar:

**November 5** – Meeting at Davenport Press.



# UNITED AIRLINES



**OHIO**

**OHIO BUCKEYES**

Cleveland, OH

Susan Broderick

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at Planted Flag Restaurant on October 1<sup>st</sup>. 35 retirees attended and every one of them loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together. In attendance were Chapter President **Sue Broderick**, VP **Sharon Minelli**, **Bernie Garrah**, **MaryLou Mack**, **Jeff & Judy Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Ben Bogucki**, **Betty Krischker**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Kathy Kilbane**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Tom Duta**, **Sharon Gatesman**, **Steve & Lee Rak**, **John & Jean Hughes**, **Tim Baker**, **John & Carrie Kercel**, **Nancy Cleary**, **Tom & Marty Hassell**. In addition, we had some new members and old members that have not joined us in a while, **Jennifer Schreiner**, **Marianne Skala**, **Arlene Brahm**, **Marilyn Cicco**; **Marilyn Kulkowski** planned to attend but something came up that day; we hope to see her at the next event.

Planted Flag is a Medina Veteran owned restaurant. Aaron & Karen are both Air Force Veterans. In the military when you are assigned a base, you plant your flag at your new home; thus the name of the restaurant.

We started our lunch with the Pledge of Allegiance and a special thanks to God. We asked God to watch over all people and hold them close.

We had one October birthday, **Jennifer Schreiner**, Happy Birthday was sung, and all in tune.

50/50 winners ~ 5 pots of \$30.00 each went to **Tom Duta, Marylou Mack, Tim Baker, Bernie Garrah,** and **Marianne Skala**. Special thanks to **Bernie Garrah** and **Tom Kercel** for handling the 50/50 each week.

We were very happy to see so many people attending. The best part of the day was seeing one of our members that has not attended in a long time, **Cheryl Goodson** popped in after her last treatment to let us know she is in remission. What a joyful day!

The Ohio Buckeyes Schedule is as follows, if you are interested in attending or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you.

- ★ Mahle's – November 5
- ★ Diamond Event Center – December 3 (Special visit from Santa planned)

Thank you for flying United, and God Bless us all!

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had 22 folks attend our September luncheon. **Louise Robillard** won the free lunch door prize, and **Barbara Martin** won the Birthday free lunch. **Anita Uhl** won the 50/50.

Lots of sad news this month:

- ❖ **Denise Trasatti**, retired PDXCS agent, passed away on July 30, 2025. She passed away peacefully at home, with family. Cards of condolences can be sent to **Brittany Kovarsy**, 102 Soundview Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050.
- ❖ **Francis Koller** passed away on September 16. He worked in the Flight Kitchen as a Cook and when the kitchen closed, he worked in Cabin Service at PDX. If you wish to send a card to **Shirley** and family, the address is 34296 Berg Road, Warren, OR 97053-9640.
- ❖ **Terry Haywood**, Sous Chef at the flight kitchen and then transferred to PDXCS, passed away on September 8<sup>th</sup>. He was married to **Nancy Cornwell** who also worked in the flight kitchen. You can send a card to Nancy at 24105 SE Williams Pl., Damascus, OR 97089.
- ❖ **George Thomas**, a retired Mechanic from PDXMM, passed away on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Jeri Canfield**'s celebration of life will be on Saturday, November 15, from 2PM - 4PM. In the Hurley Building at 275 W. Third St, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vancouver 98660. Her husband **Blaine** arranged appetizers, beer and alcohol. The caterer needs approximate headcount, so please let him know if you are able to attend. [blainecanfield@gmail.com](mailto:blainecanfield@gmail.com).

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ Sign seen in a coffee shop: "Unattended children will be given Espresso and a free kitten!"
- ☺ Chocolate is cheaper than therapy and you don't need an appointment.
- ☺ I'm really considering getting Botox. Not for aging reasons, but to stop my face from being able to react to things before my brain gets a chance to weigh in.
- ☺ A recent article in the Daily Post reported that a man, Dave Harper, has sued St Paul's Hospital, saying that after his wife had surgery there, she lost all interest in sex. A hospital spokesman replied: "Mrs. Harper was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct her vision".
- ☺ My wife gave me an envelope marked "Not to be opened until 2026". Inside was a list of reasons why I can't be trusted.
- ☺ Grocery stores should really have baskets in the middle of the store for those "I really overestimated how much I can carry" moments.
- ☺ My hobbies include coming home, being at home, staying at home and trying not to leave home.
- ☺ I went to a family reunion and did not talk to a single person. I have no idea whose family it was, but their Mac and Cheese was worth it.
- ☺ If you can't sleep at night, it's usually because you are awake. Hope this helps!
- ☺ A Murder of crows requires probable caws.
- ☺ You may not be able to please all of the people all of the time, but offending all of them all of the time is a surprisingly achievable goal.
- ☺ Deep thought of the day: "Why is bacon called bacon and cookies called cookies, when you cook bacon and bake cookies?"
- ☺ What do you call a scientist that studies carbonation? A fizzicist.
- ☺ The plumber called today and asked why I haven't paid my bill for the work he did last Friday. I told him, "It's what you quoted." He said, "I didn't give you a quote." "Yes, you did," I said. "When I called to ask when you could fix it, you said you were free on Friday."
- ☺ Joy comes when we stop complaining about the struggles we have and are thankful for the struggles we don't have.
- ☺ 1995: "Don't get in the car with strangers" 2005: "Don't meet people off the internet" 2025: "Order

- yourself a stranger from the internet and get into their car alone”.
- ☺ It's weird being the same age as old people!
  - ☺ I just applied for life insurance, and they asked me, “Sir, do you participate in any dangerous activities?” I replied “Yes, sometimes I disagree with my wife.
  - ☺ I renamed our Wi-Fi network to “Police Surveillance Van #2”. That should keep our neighbors on their toes for a while.
  - ☺ I swear my brain is like the Bermuda triangle. Information goes in and is never found again.
  - ☺ Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for, and then retrace their steps. It is **not** a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. So there!
  - ☺ My entire life can be summed up in one sentence ... Well, that didn't go as planned!
  - ☺ I'm pretty sure my guardian angel just sits there watching me as she paints her nails, rolls her eyes and mutters under her breath, “How did I get stuck with this one?”
  - ☺ If liar's pants really did catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun.
  - ☺ My morning coffee isn't just a beverage; it's a peace treaty with the rest of the world ... at least until the caffeine wears off.
  - ☺ Excuse me – both X and SpaceX are moving to Texas and not one journalist went the headline “All my Xes Live In Texas”!
- Until next month!

#### Calendar:

**November 13** - Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

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Hi from Philly,

Joe and I just got back from a great week of the RUAEA Reunion in Denver. It was great catching up with friends we have not seen in a few years. We had nice conversations with **Dave & Robin Garland**, **John Chu**, and **Rosalie Tripicchio**. We spent a lot of time with **Lew & Connie Dunning**, and **Carl Alford**.

Certain members of the RUAEA Executive Committee could not have been more helpful: President **Ruth Morabito**, VP of Conventions **Hank Gosselin**, Secretary **Mary Jane Stewart**, and Past President **Virgil Gooselaw**. We also want to thank **George Cox** for helping us get around the great United Airlines Flight Training Center.

Thank you for all the hard work you put into our RUAEA Convention. See you in Houston!

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

## UTAH

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

## WASHINGTON

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A reminder that the Mechanics get-together is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

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### *Submitted by Carl Alford, President*

September 10<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed our members back from summer break. Among other things, we delighted at hearing how **Mary Beth Collins** and her husband, **Bud**, received presidential treatment in honor of their anniversary at the Presidential Hotel in Warsaw this summer. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to reschedule our guest speaker, Kristian Stroemsvik, Chief Flight Instructor for Upwind Aviation Flight School. We look forward to hearing him at our next meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you're in the DC area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, please join us at the Golden Corral in Manassas at 11:30am. We enjoy meeting new people, especially those with whom we share a UA bond.

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*From Air Miles to Service Miles: The Unsung Second Careers of Clipped Wings Volunteers* ~ For decades, they mastered the art of service at 30,000 feet, navigating everything from turbulent skies to countless meal services with grace and efficiency. But for the members of Clipped Wings, their most impactful 'careers' often began after their final flight.



This article celebrates the dedicated, unsung service of our members who have taken their professional skills from the airline aisle to the community, embarking on fulfilling second careers as full-time volunteers. When you've coordinated a full flight of passengers and crew, organizing a home cooked meal for the Ronald McDonald House or are volunteering at a state or national Special Olympics event feels like a walk in the park. The logistics training never leaves you.

*Our Legacy of Service: Who We Are ~* Clipped Wings is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization comprised of former, retired, and active United Airlines flight attendants and 'stewardesses'. Established in the service of others, our primary mission today is dedicated to raising money for Special Olympics Parent Grants.

With 26 chapters across the United States, we serve countless cities and organizations near our members. Our history is rich: Some of our esteemed older members saw their careers cut short by the historic 'marriage clause' requiring them to resign upon getting married. Today, we proudly have flight attendants with 50+ year careers! Our strength lies not only in our numbers but in our shared DNA: A deep desire to give back, coupled with an enduring bond forged by memories of our time in the sky.

*Find a Chapter and Join the Momentum ~* The wings may be clipped, but the momentum of service remains unstoppable. We salute every Clipped Wings member who continues to log countless hours of dedication. Your second careers—the unsung ones—are truly your most inspiring.

If you are looking for volunteer events in your hometown, we encourage you to connect with us and explore a chapter near you:

- Website: [unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://unitedclippedwingsinc.org)
- Instagram: [@clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual)
- Facebook: Clipped Wings® Chat Corner (Crew Lounge)
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## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **September 2025**:

James (Jim) Adair, Rogers, AR  
Christine Aguiar, Ewa Beach, HI  
Willie E. Bates, Summerville, SC  
James Bristol, Centennial, CO  
Edmund Brooks, Parker, CO  
Renee Bruske, Thornton, CO  
Marilyn Carr, Medinah, IL  
Consuelo Fueyo, Batavia, IL  
Richard H. Johnson  
Deborah Knisley, South Lake Tahoe, CA  
Anne Linginfelter, Conyers, GA  
Naomi Montgomery, Loudon, TN  
Robina Ramm, San Mateo, CA  
Henry Rottmann, Honolulu, HI  
Vernon Schmutzler, Napa, CA  
Donald Wood, Santa Clara, CA

## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **September 2025**:

Rick Bogner, Renee Bruske, Raymond Colavita, Marybeth Collins, Barrett Davidson, Pegi DuBois, Ruth D. Duffey, James F. Ferrance, Ardell Y. Furuta, Cathy J. Gilbert-Silva, Elaine Gomez, Jean O. Grieb, Clay E. Hunter, Brian C. Johanson, David H. Keefer, Roger Kleffman, Deborah Knisley, Sammy H. Liao, Lillian Mallstrom, Melvin Martin, Malcolm McCann, Harold J. Miller, Naomi Montgomery, Robert L. Mukomela, Jacklyn C. Muller, Terence A. Murphy, Sharyn J. Norton, Elizabeth Ogburn, Jim Parker, Libby Perkins,

William J. Pollock, John Quaine, Robert Schwartz, Ernestine (Tina) Sculerati, Kevin Stubing, Alfred H. Svare, Ellen F. Tansey, Yeaso Tekerian, Nick Utehin, Sally M. Van Cleave Mendralla, Cynthia A. White, Marian M. Wickersham, Donald Wood, and Rita Zarek.

## OBITUARIES

**Obit Notice Policy:** *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**.* The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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

Retiree – **Easley, Phyllis O.**, on 7/17/2025, LAXRR, wife of Thomas O. Easley, 882 Annesley Cir., Meadville, PA 16335

Retiree – **Etler, Martin “Marty”**, on 9/7/2025, EWRMM, husband of Violet “Vi” Etler (deceased), 814 Wyckoff Apt 115, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Retiree – **Shoults, Raymond E.**, on 9/20/2025, DENMM, husband of Helen Shoults, 3429 S. Nucla Way, Aurora, CO 80013

Retiree - **Wolff, Joan M.**, 7/14/2025, ORDSW, friend and Personal Representative, Gregory Schmidt, 17445 County Road 137, Wellborn, FL 32094

### **Marty Etler**

**April 24, 1929 - September 7, 2025**



**Martin “Marty” Etler**, Age 96, of Mahwah, NJ. Marty was born on April 24, 1929 in Queens, NY and lived most of his life in Fair Lawn, NJ. He served in the U.S. Air Force (352<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Squad, 301<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group) from 1947–1951 as a Flight Engineer and Aircraft Mechanic. Following his honorable discharge, Marty began a 38-year career with United Airlines at Newark International Airport (EWR), where he was a proud member of the International Association of Machinists Union and was instrumental in establishing the union charter for United at Newark. He received two Merit Awards from United for extraordinary service on separate occasions.

Marty served in his local government (Fair Lawn) in many roles: Zoning Board (17 years), Planning Board (3 years), Planning Board Liaison for the Council (7 years), Council (7 years), Deputy Mayor (5 years), Mayor (1 year), Liaison to the Fire Board (7 years), and as founder of the History Committee. He also served as a Fair Lawn Democratic County Committeeman for 49 years and contributed on the Bergen County Highway Safety Committee (4 years), the Bergen County Community Development Committee (2 years), and as an Aide to State Senator Joseph Coniglio (District 38). Marty was a proud member of several organizations, including the 301<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group/Wings Association, RUAEA (Retired United Airline Employee Association), Gardenstatters Chapter, Harry Coppendyke American Legion Post 171, and the North Jersey Radio Control Club (Model Airplanes).

Martin was predeceased by his father, Jack Etler; mother, Rose Baruchin; stepfather, Alexander Baruchin; brother, Harold Etler (who died on the beaches of Normandy on June 25, 1944); and his beloved wife of nearly

58 years, Violet “Vi” Etler. He is survived by cousins Harold and Alan Aspis; nieces Sim Van Houwe and Viane Lizza; and nephew David Van Natta.



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

Ardell Furuta, Sally M. Van Cleave Mendralla, Sharyn Norton, Joseph L Walp and Cindy White.

**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.)*

**Bill & Jane Gibson, 1240 Killarney St., Livermore, CA 94550**

I'm sorry I missed the May renewal month! I was looking for the “Red Reminder” stamp. It took a couple of months for me to do a “Duh!” that I wasn't getting your great publication.

Keep up the good work, you are all appreciated.

**Barb Donohue, United Airlines**

I regret to inform you of the passing of retired Alert Lead, **Ray Shoults**. Ray was admitted to Skyridge Hospital and passed on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ray was hired in DTW in 1958 and was furloughed in 1980, when he took a transfer to DEN. He was known for his gruff personality and sleeveless down vest, even on the coldest of days.

After retirement, Ray spent time caring for his wife, Helen, and visiting others who took ill. Ray always put others first. He will definitely be missed by many.

If you'd like to send a card to Helen, here is the address: **Helen Shoults, 3429 S. Nucla Way, Aurora, CO 80013**. At Ray's request, there will be no services.

**Notes**

Cyndi and I have been living together since 2006. She retired from United in August, 2012, after 36 years as a Flight Attendant. I retired from United in 2007, as a Boeing 777 Captain. Cyndi's father was a retired United Captain. As you can see, we are a United family.

**Janet (Morris) Francis**

John P. Francis died almost two and a half years ago. I enjoy reading the newsletter and all the reports from local groups. Our daughter, Joanna, is a 757/767 copilot and her husband, Mark, is a 787 co-pilot based in Chicago. Our family contact with UA stretches from 1967 until now and Joanna flies some of the trips which I used to do as a Pan Am FA (1967-71).

**Robert Schwartz**

We continue to live in Tuscaloosa, AL near University of Alabama (Roll Tide). Bob is enjoying his hobby of looking through his telescope at different galaxies plus he occasionally uses his ham radio to contact people all over the world. Yvonne is on her 5<sup>th</sup> year of chemo but is doing good. Our daughter's Bama B&B near the University is doing very well. Our other daughter's linen rental business in Phoenix area is keeping them busy. Our son still works for Carhartt and travels a lot.

We have 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. We enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter very much and appreciate the hard work all of you do to keep RUAEA going. Thank you.

**Ronald G. Baker**

Pat & I moved to Luther Village in Arlington Heights, IL in Dec 2024. I turn 94 on 9/17/25. I've been retired from ORDCS 31 years. We are doing very well. Hello to all our UAL friends.

**Marilyn Carr**

I am joining RUAEA and look forward to being a member.

**Judith Schweppe**

I enjoy being Secretary of the United Airlines Historical Foundation at the Denver Flight Training Center (UAHF) where we keep "alive" the past history of Continental (where I had 33½ years when I retired June 2001) and United Airlines.

**Rajashree S. Ambegaoker**

Thank you all dedicated committee members for doing such a great job of keeping us informed. We had a beautiful family reunion in St. Petersburg Florida in August. In September, I met my 100 year old aunt in Memphis who is keeping good health for her age. I'm amazed to see her jovial nature, positive attitude towards the life and even at this age, staying socially active as much as possible attending senior get-togethers in her club house where she lives by herself. In spite of pleading of her children who are very well off, she does not want to move with any of them. Her answer is I like my freedom and I will visit you often whenever I feel like it. What a confidence! Anyway, with some aches and pains due to aging our life is moving on as smoothly as it could.

**Renee Bruske**

Below is copied from the information about RUAEA. It states perfectly what I want to be informed about United. (I added the comma after the words; additions below)

"Special features include the online newsletter as previously mentioned, chapter information, timely news regarding United, and RUAEA. It also features special travel information regarding travel desk help, UAL Regulations, travel discount sites regarding trips, tours, cruises, hotels, and rental cars at special discounts. In addition, it also has special links to United Retiree Associations, Medical and Prescription information, PBGC, latest US and World Information, Financial & Business News Information, UAL Corporate related sites, and the Alliant Credit Union."

**Clay E. Hunter**

I am doing okay but fighting some health issues like skin cancer and lactose intolerance, all else is good!

**Jim Parker**

I'm still grinding away after almost 51 years. I believe I'm the last (or close to it) UA Toledo Airport employee still working. Have been in Chicago (CS, CG, EXOTD, EXOCS, and CG since 1984 after time in OKC, DTWFR and RR.)



**Consuelo Fuego**

Hello, I worked for United for 28 years and took early out months before I was eligible for true retirement. I do have full retiree pass travel privileges.

**Cathy J. Gilbert-Silva**

We moved from Virginia to Tennessee to be closer to our son and his wife. We all stay very busy. We purchased a “flipped house” and still have undone surprises show up four years later! Little by little and some \$\$ we are making it ours. We both retired completely after 70 and are enjoying doing what we want when we want without consulting anyone ... other than our grand-dog who occasionally needs us and a surgery setback here and there. Life is good.

**Kathleen Freeman**

I am the National Vice President of Clipped Wings and an active International Flight Attendant based in EWR. It has been a joy to see such a well-organized community in RUAEA and to know that even after retirement, the camaraderie and good works continue on. I am attending the RUAEA convention along with the President of Clipped Wings, **Kathleen Denker**, and we are both looking forward to the event.

**Yeaso Tekerian**

My hobby to fly RC planes now takes up most of my free time and I am loving it. Keeping up to date on everything is great!

**James F. Ferrance**

RUAEA does a wonderful job to keep us all connected many years after retirement. Thank you all very much for what you do. God bless.

**Henry Rottmann**

I want to know more about benefits (life insurance).

**DON'T MISS IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE**



# The Contact Column



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<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ▲ Submit questions using Help Hub at  
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- ▲ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
- ▲ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant  
from any Travel page on Flying Together

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**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

*\*Do not use for pass travel questions\**

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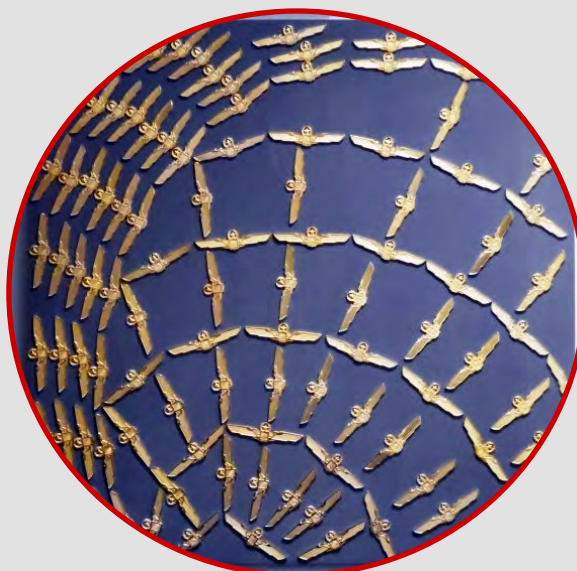




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## 2025 Mechanics Reunion, Minden, NV

**H**ave you been retired for a while? Do you miss talking to, joking with and just paling around with your co-workers? Well, that's normal they tell me and it is something that we can help with once a year! The middle of September each year, we host a UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion in Minden NV. Folks who are traveling usually arrive in Minden on the Tuesday and the stories; bragging, laughing, "remember when" begin. The Carson Valley Inn and Casino gives us a good rate for the event attendees and there is plenty to do and see in the Minden/Gardnerville area. The barbeque is on Wednesday - most people bring a side or dessert to share, we supply the burgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. We have added a raffle to the reunion. **Rosemary Heier, Sue Hohl and Jane Gibson** (Reunion coordinators) each put together a basket with a theme and everyone receives a "free" ticket at registration but you can buy more chances if you want. Lots of fun for all!

Think about coming in 2026, the dates will be September 15, 16, 17. If you would like more information about this really great reunion, let me know and I will add you to my email list. **Jane Gibson**, [tired-dogs@comcast.net](mailto:tired-dogs@comcast.net). ■



*Jo Silva and Dick Langland*



*Frank Dellinger, Francis & Veronica Domaratius*



*Cooks: Tom Kenny, Duncan Nielsen, & Sig Mueller*



*Stan Odell and Larry Permann*