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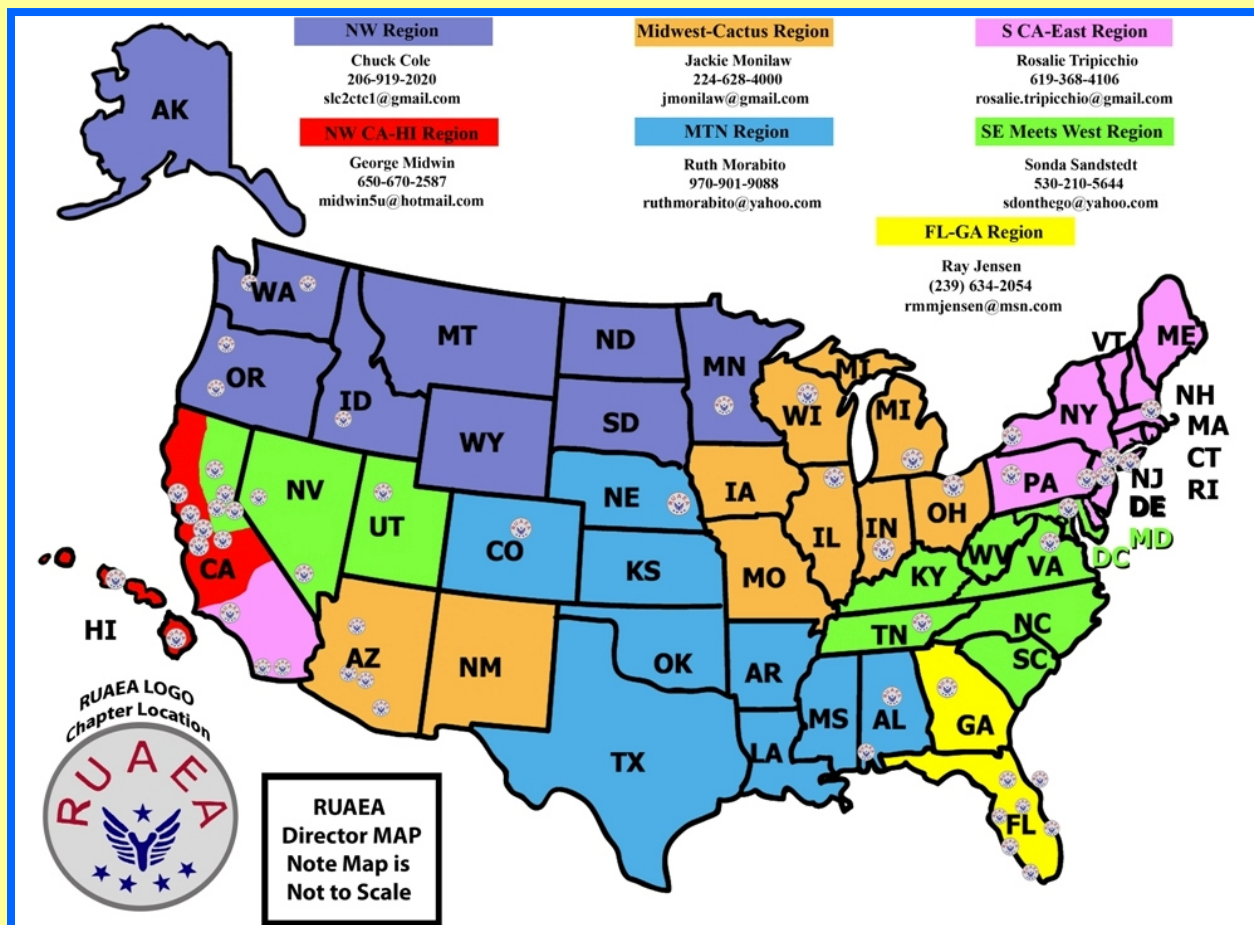
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Regional Directors Update

Due to personal reasons, two of our regional directors have notified RUAEA of their resignation. **Linda Scriven**, Southeast Regional Director, and **Norma Better**s, Northeast Regional Director; are both stepping down from their positions. We cannot thank them enough for their care and support of RUAEA and their local chapters. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. Due to the COVID-19 virus, we are not able to recognize their contributions at the convention as we normally would. But, we hope to show our appreciation to them when we meet again.

Three of the regional directors, **Ruth Morabito**, **Jackie Monilaw**, and **Sonda Sandstedt** have been working to revise the regional directors' areas of responsibility to accommodate for two less directors. The colorful map on the front cover reflects the regional directors' states. The areas are as follows:

- ★ **Ray Jensen, FL-GA Region** - Florida and Georgia, (yellow on the map)
- ★ **Chuck Cole, NW Region** - Alaska, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, (purple on the map)
- ★ **George Midwin, NW CA - HI Region** - California (Northwest), Hawaii, (red on the map)
- ★ **Ruth Morabito, MTN Region** - Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, (blue on the map)
- ★ **Jackie Monilaw, Midwest - Cactus Region** - Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, New Mexico, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, (orange on the map)
- ★ **Sonda Sandstedt, SE Meets West Region** - Northeast California, Kentucky, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia (IAD), - Washington DC (DCA), West Virginia, Utah, (green on the map)
- ★ **Rosalie Tripicchio, S. CA - East Region** - Connecticut, California (Southern), Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, (pink on the map)



GENERAL NEWS

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RUAEA 2020 Election Ballot Notice



A suggestion was received about sending our ballot in by email. This can be done using the ballot in your Newsletter or downloading one from the RUAEA website at www.ruaea.org. Simply fill out the ballot, then scan it (or take a picture of it) and send it as an attachment to **Cleora Conner** at richcleora@gmail.com with the words **RUAEA Election Ballot** in the Subject Line. Note: These words must be in the email subject line or your email will not be accepted. Voting will end on August 31st, 2020.

Change fee waiver extended to July 31 June 30, 2020



UNITED

What you need to know about COVID-19

As we continue to provide added flexibility to our customers, we are extending our current change fee waivers to Friday, July 31 (previously June 30), for new itineraries as well

as existing itineraries with travel through December 31.

Here are the details of our two change fee waivers:

Tickets purchased on/before March 2:

- ★ Change fees are waived for travel between June 1 and Dec. 31, 2020
- ★ You must change or cancel by July 31 using waiver code 7JC51

Tickets purchased on/after March 3:

- ★ There are no change fees for new tickets purchased by July 31
- ★ No waiver code is needed as change fees are waived according to the fare rule

We will continue to waive redeposit fees on award tickets with travel departing on or before July 31.

Stay up-to-date with all of our travel waivers on united.com.

What to know about restrictions on travel to the EU July 1, 2020

The Council of the European Union (composed of representatives of the EU Member States) has adopted a recommendation on the gradual lifting of the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel into the EU from July



1. Specifically, the Council recommends the lifting of travel restrictions for non-EU countries listed in the Council's press release, with this list being reviewed and, as the case may be, updated every two weeks. The Council also noted that individual European Member States may decide to take a progressive approach to lifting restrictions on travel from the listed countries.

As of now, persons traveling from the United States are not allowed to enter the EU unless they qualify for an exemption under the rules of their destination Member State.

For countries where travel restrictions continue to apply, the following categories of people should be exempted from the restrictions, although travelers must consult the rules of each individual Member State for a definitive list of exemptions:

- ★ EU citizens and their family members
- ★ long-term EU residents and their family members
- ★ travelers with an essential function or need, as listed in the Recommendation

If customers inquire with specific questions regarding international travel, please reference Flying Together for the latest travel restrictions.

Proposed financing to be secured by MileagePlus June 15, 2020



Recently, we announced that we have obtained committed financing of \$5 billion to be secured by our MileagePlus loyalty program. With the MileagePlus financing, as well as \$4.5 billion expected to be available to United through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") Loan Program, and other financing, we expect total available liquidity of close to \$17 billion at the end of the third quarter of 2020. While the majority of this liquidity is in the form of loans that must be repaid, better liquidity gives us more flexibility to manage through the impact of COVID-19 on our business and to be ready to bounce back quickly when travel demand returns.

What makes this deal unique?

This proposed transaction allows for the use of MileagePlus as collateral to finance a loan, and also allows us to continue to operate, evolve, and grow the MileagePlus program. This transaction is only possible because of the strength and value of our loyalty program. MileagePlus has more than 100 million members, over 100 program partners and drives "customer lifetime value," meaning MileagePlus members are more likely to choose United over and over again.

If we have all this money, why are we still talking about furloughs?

Without a continued emphasis on aggressive cost management, this new liquidity would only last several months. While demand is trending upward from its April low down 95%, we have lost billions of dollars and are still spending far more than we are taking in. We expect an average cash burn of approximately \$40 million per day in the second quarter of 2020 and to reduce our average cash burn to approximately \$30 million per day in the third quarter of 2020.

Liquidity helps assure we can survive this crisis. But remember that the majority of this expected, new liquidity is in the form of loans that must be paid back.

We expect that travel demand will not go back to “normal” until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. So until then, our ability to right-size our organization and cost structure are essential to our long-term success.

That’s why we continue to offer voluntary programs and move forward with our M&A reorganization to align our payroll expenses with overall demand. And we’re talking to our union partners to find creative solutions for our frontline employees, but it’s possible we may need to use furloughs or other measures. This includes the likely scenario where we will issue WARN notices in July that signal furloughs that are effective October 1. We have spent the last few months aggressively and proactively cutting costs, including canceling or postponing most events and programs, suspending salary increases, implementing an unpaid time off program for M&A employees and more. We’re also making smart decisions (check out the latest Straight from Scott) so that we maintain a schedule that’s closely aligned with actual customer demand, based on travel bookings, cancellations and other data.

The bottom line: Our primary goal is to save cash and set ourselves up for long-term success, which includes preserving as many jobs as we possibly can. We believe innovative financial solutions, smart decisions about our schedule, right-sizing our organization to align with demand and cooperating with our union partners to cut costs is how we can best position our company for long-term success.

The Writers’ Column **Japanese Balloon Bombing During WWII** **By George Midwin**

In a previous article, I discussed the only time the continental United States was bombed during WWII. The bombing resulted in no injury or deaths, or any real damage to speak of. However, that was not the case in another attempt by the Japanese to attack the continental US. Only instead of the use of an aircraft launched from a submarine, this attack made use of balloons.

The Japanese sought to use, balloon launched bombs to attack the US. The idea involved small incendiary bombs to ignite fires along the coast, with the purpose, to incite fear. Although the concept was simple, the process to carry it out, was not. The Japanese Navy conducted numerous tests using radio-equipped balloons launched from ships. They discovered that the balloons would not remain aloft long enough to reach the US. Continued tests consisted of launching balloons to reach varying heights. After a considerable number of months, they discovered what we know today as the ‘jet stream’. It was concluded that this fast moving air at higher altitudes could carry a balloon from Japan to the United States.

Next step was to design a hydrogen balloon capable of reaching high altitudes and carry the required load. Initial designs centered around a rubber type bag, but it proved to be so heavy, that only a very insignificant load could be taken aloft. A much lighter bag or envelope was needed. One which could sustain the rigors of flight, temperature variations, carry the required load and remain aloft for three days, the estimated time to travel the great distance to reach the West coast.

Many fabrics were considered, but their weight proved to be too much for the required purpose. It wasn’t until the bark of a kozo tree, was pulverized and made into a mush, pressed out, forming a thin sheet and allowed to dry, that a solution was discovered. The dried product was similar to paper, yet quite strong. It was such a laborious process to produce the paper, a means of mass producing this, needed to be developed quickly. This was resolved by utilizing thousands of high school girls, working in public buildings, to manufacture these sheets. None of the girls had any idea as to what the paper was to be used for. Using a specially developed adhesive, the sheets were layered and then glued together to form the envelope, that would hold the hydrogen. Initially 20,000 balloons were to be manufactured, however just fewer than 10,000 were actually made.



A unique lightweight system was needed to control the balloon. The balloon would be subjected to day and night temperature variations, causing the balloon to gain or lose altitude. A large ring would be attached to the balloon. On this ring were a number of sand bags, small battery, series of tiny explosives and a simple device that would could sense

altitude variances, as well as small incendiary and personnel bombs. As the balloon would gain altitude, a circuit would close that caused the explosives to release sandbags as necessary, to maintain the preset altitude. This process would be repeated over the estimated three days it would take to reach the West coast. At this point a lanyard would release the hydrogen, causing the balloon to come crashing down, setting off the bombs.

Three launching sites on the coast of Japan were selected. Hydrogen processing plants worked extensively to produce the required volume, while a rail transport line was built to deliver the hydrogen. Each balloon required 30 personnel, one hour to prepare and could only be launched during favorable conditions. Operations began on Nov 3, 1944.

Just two days later, a US Navy patrol picked up some tattered material with Japanese markings. While investigators examined that wreckage, similar material, was discovered two weeks later. Within a month more findings appeared on the US mainland. The military became gravely concerned. While the government continued to evaluate the balloons, a campaign was begun to keep silent, in an effort to prevent panic. As more balloons were discovered by civilians, they were instructed by the military to remain quiet. News media were cooperative in keeping their silence as well. Balloons fell throughout the West from Canada to California and a few as far East as Michigan.

As ironic as it may seem, a balloon bomb landed on a high power lines in the center of the state of Washington. This cut power to the Hanford Facility, where plutonium that would be used for the atomic bomb was being produced. The silence continued.

However, all that all changed on May 5, 1945. In the tiny logging town of Bly, Oregon, near the California boarder, Reverend Archie Mitchell, newly assigned to Bly, his pregnant wife and five children from his Sunday school, went on a picnic. The Georgia Pacific Lumber Company had set aside a small section of the forest, about 9 miles from town, which was a favorite place among locals. When they arrived at the site, the reverend dropped his wife and the children off and went to park the car. One of the children noticed a strange object high in a tree. Several lanyards were hanging down from the object and the children tugged on them. Just then the reverend heard a very loud explosion. As he neared the site, he found his wife and all five children dead. They had come upon a balloon bomb, in a very remote location, on an innocent outing and became the only Americans ever killed on the continental US. Their bodies are buried in simple graves in Klamath Falls, OR.

By this time the military had established a unit with the responsibility to hunt down balloons using aircraft. Additionally they would recover balloons and send them

to a central facility to gather more data on their origin. This incident created great concern as news spread, requiring the government to now inform the public about the dangers of the balloons.

Of the estimated 9,500 balloons launched, only 245 have been documented as having been discovered in the US. Most have been thought to have ended up in the ocean, or in extremely remote areas. Balloons have been discovered throughout the years since, the latest being in 2014 in Canada.

The bombing site became the Mitchell Monument and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 1997, one of the girls who had worked on making the paper for the balloons, heard the story of the balloons and the death, one caused. Along with others who had worked making paper over 50 years prior, they folded 1,000 paper cranes, a symbol of peace. They then personally delivered the cranes to the monument site and asking the town for forgiveness. The cranes can still be seen today.

So Simple From Sheryl



Dear Friends,

I was hoping that by August we would be out and about and have a little more freedom, but guess that is not yet possible.

The following recipe is one that can be enjoyed with the family or a group of friends when you feel it is safe to be socializing. It is a quick recipe:

Prep time - 6 minutes, Marinate - 8 hours, Cook - 16 minutes.

Hope you are all staying safe.

Honey Grilled Flank Steak

1 (2 lbs.) Flank Steak

¾ cup vegetable oil

1 small onion, finely chopped

¼ cup soy sauce

¼ cup honey

2 tbsp. cider vinegar

1½ tsp. garlic salt

1½ tsp. ground ginger

½ tsp. pepper

*Score steak diagonally (both directions) across the grain at ¾ inch intervals. Place steak in a heavy duty Ziploc bag or large shallow dish. Set aside.

*Combine oil and seven remaining ingredients; pour over steak. Seal or cover and marinate in refrigerator 8 hours, turning occasionally.

Remove steak from marinade and bring marinade to a boil in a small saucepan; set aside. Grill steak covered

with grill lid over medium-hot coals/heart (350-400) 8-10 minutes on each side or to desired doneness. Baste with the reserved marinate last 5 minutes. To serve, slice steak diagonally across the grain into thick slices.

*Serves 6-8.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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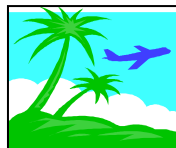
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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

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Due to restaurants not allowing groups of 10 or more, we have cancelled our June meeting and hope to meet again on the second Monday in September.

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

ARIZONA

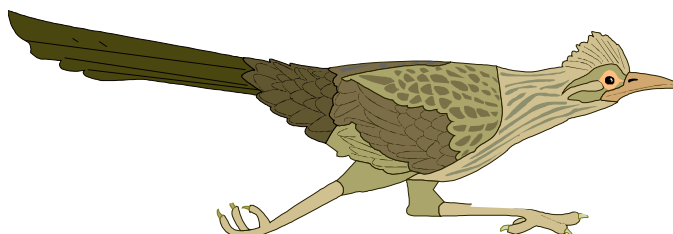


PHOENIX AZURES

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

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.





PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

Liz Tollefsen

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Hope your summer is going well and you're able to keep as active as possible during this virus. We feel sorry for so many people who are affected by this virus all over the world. We get on Zoom so we can see and hear family members, but it is not the same as being able to see them in person, but it's better than not seeing or talking to them at all. The most important thing is we all have to stay well! Wear your masks! Keep in touch with people either by phone or the internet. It makes you feel better and vice versa.

We don't have any idea at this time when our Re-United Chapter will be getting together for at least breakfast, but as soon as it is possible, we will get in touch with you. We really miss seeing everyone. We haven't heard of any of our members getting the virus, so happy for that.

One of our members, **Jo Ann Fearing**, found out this spring that she had Breast Cancer. She went through various treatments and hopefully is feeling better by now. We look forward to seeing her soon.

I asked my husband, **Ted Tollefsen**, to tell about his career at United. It is as follows:

"In 1966, my background coming into United was in Data Processing. United needed programmers at this time, which is why I got hired as a System Analyst at EXO. I started in Unimatic System at its birth. Funny thing, Unimatic is still an active part of the computer system. Unimatic was started in the basement of EXO, and then when they built the north building, the computer was in the basement; but we were on the fourth floor. I met a lot of nice people that I worked with. I had about six different bosses during my career at United, some male and some female. My favorite boss was a lady, **Ann Wagner**.

I had many varying jobs; most of it was with the Flight Attendant activities, etc. I was in the area that had to do mostly with Flight Attendants, from their bid and award program to anything else that had to do with them. I wrote a program for the Flight Attendant's Training Department to use as part of the Flight Attendants schooling.

I had to rewrite the Bid and Award program for the Crew Scheduling, as it took 4-5 hours to do just O'Hare, and I was able to speed it up and get it down to 45 minutes. Anytime a pilot contract was agreed to, our crew had to help get it done within a week.

Some times, we had to work on Saturday to meet a deadline. One young programmer wanted to go skiing with friends over the weekend, but the boss said, "No, we had to work Saturday." This young programmer went to Denver anyway, and called in sick. On Monday, his buddy asked him how the skiing was. The boss happened to be over on the other side of the wall with another pro-

grammer. The programmer was out the door in two hours!

I made numerous friends over the 28 years I spent at United. In the earlier days, I took a couple trips to Hawaii and even got in First Class, which doesn't happen now. I liked the opportunity to fly with my family at a reduced rate. Working for United was enjoyable."

We have the following birthdays in August: **Ame Esan, Richard Vehring, Wendy Young, Pat Nicholaisen, Shirley Claggett, Larry Young, Rita Zarek, and Barbara Tremonto**. Hope you all have a great birthday! We have four couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in August also: **JoAnne & John Gaudio, Pam & Gary Gerstung, Richard & Janet Vehring, and Wendy & Larry Young**. Best Wishes go out to them!

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD



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Another month without a meeting! Almost all of the businesses in and around Avila Beach are still closed. Our beaches are open with some restrictions, however, this doesn't stop families from coming here anyway.

I was reminded by one of the chapter's June issue's item by **Ken Price**, about the operation of the SFOMB when dock overhauls were done in 5 days. It was always a challenge to expedite parts in order to get the plane out on time. One time, when checking out the docks, there was a private plane that I noticed had completed its maintenance. As I checked it out, it happened to be Arnold Palmer's plane. I always enjoyed checking out docks 3 thru 7, just to see what activities were going on. I forget what dock this was in, but in order to get to and from the balcony there was an elevator that you could stand on. All you stood on was a small platform with a hand hold. I can just imagine what the Safety Committees would say about what you would need to wear in order to use it now or even use it again. I never heard of someone ever got hurt. It was a pleasure to work with Dock maintenance and I'm glad I was able to do that.

Trying to think of what to write, during these times, lets me think back to some of the wonderful times with CAP. The company invested in the Viscount and this was the beginning of the end. I happened to be working in communications the day a flight crew flew from DCA to MDW in a Viscount. They could not land at MDW since it was not equipped with the battery starter. This plane had the newest radio transmitter and they came in loud and clear around DTW (Detroit). The Captain wanted me to check with the tower for a "Fly Bye" giving his estimate over MDW. They gave the OK and the Viscount buzzing the field was a beautiful thing to witness. They only did this once and after getting their clearance back to DCA the pilot called in to see if we saw them and of course I told him the entire operation was outside to watch. I think they were flying over 30,000 feet when the pilot called back and had me ask Dispatch at what temperature fuel freezes? When I called Dispatch with the question there was complete silence and then they said they would call back. Within minutes I was told that aircraft fuel will not freeze. I passed it on to the flight and they continued their round trip back to DCA. Since that time I had several opportunities to fly in the Viscount and many times I was invited by the crew to stay in the cabin with them. It helped to know the crews.

I noticed that since this is the June issue it reminded me of another June back in 1987. I looked up my past records and that is when I retired. That makes it 33 years

of retirement. If we still had UAL's standby system instead of the present one, it might encourage me to start flying again. Prior to the merger my seniority was able to get my family of five on all the flights first class. It seemed like the flight attendants knew the standbys because one time when I was flying alone I was given a first class seat after all passengers were boarded. I don't think those days will ever return.

On June 15th, our little resort town made big news. We had a fire started in the hills not too far from our community and lucky for us the wind was blowing the flames and smoke away from us. It did shut down the main highway since the flames were jumping over and even burned the leaves of some palm trees in front of one of the hotels. Avila has only two roads that take us to the freeway and during the height of the fire the freeway was shut down. If our area caught fire our only alternative was to head for the ocean. Our residence is 55 years old and older which would be a problem for those with medical problems. Three days later the fire was pretty much contained. It was interesting to see the helicopter fly over our house dragging that water container and heading for the ocean. I counted about five flyovers and he couldn't have been more than 500 feet over us.

I have not heard from any of our Chapter members so I assume we are all hibernating until this virus gets contained and a cure is found. My wife and I are in that age group where we have to limit outside contacts as much as possible. It just seems that this situation has gone on too long but new cases are reported every day which makes me believe it is not safe to walk around without some kind of protection. Last weekend there were several high school and college graduations and parties to go along with the celebrations. As of today the virus cases have jumped higher than before. Some people will not learn or take advice from those who know.

So until next month I hope all of you stay safe and healthy.



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Once again, we have no report this month, mainly because of the Corona Virus. In fact, the Desert Sunbirds have canceled all of the remaining Luncheons for this year, except for the Christmas Luncheon. That too, may be canceled, depending on whether the Virus is continuing to run its course at that time. Wish I had better news!



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Greetings to everyone in RUAEA Land from the San Francisco East Bay! Here we are after another month of sheltering in place. Since we aren't meeting at present, I asked the group to send me items of interest to share with everyone.

Diane Griego reports: *"I have been busy with my yard (flowers, vegetables). It is like that saying "all dressed up and nowhere to go". It is soooooo ready for a party and, unfortunately, nobody can come. Sigh! I have planted enough vegetables to open a stand on my front porch! Next project is to purge files!"* Diane also shared an easy and delicious recipe for Beer Bread. The alcohol cooks away so anyone who cannot have alcohol can make it guilt free.

Beer Bread:

2½ cups self-rising flour (Important, because regular flour will not work).

2 Tablespoon sugar

1 can beer (any kind)

2 eggs

Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix, no need to sift. Place in small loaf pan and bake at 375 for 45 minutes. You can also add grated cheese or diced green chiles. Delicious.

Ken Price has another great story from SFOMB in the "good old days." *"During the days of doing Maintenance Service for other airlines at SFOMB, we had a DC-8-63 in for maintenance, which belonged to the Minister of Petroleum for Aramco, the Saudi Arabia oil company. This aircraft had a very expensive interior, a rear bedroom including an electric fireplace with full bathroom/shower and the outside was polished to a mirror finish. The onsite Aramco Representative was very particular regarding this aircraft and one day came into the office very upset. Seems some birds had done their business on the aircraft and it must be cleaned immediately. Well, birds are always in large hangers and this isn't an unusual happening but I got a hold of the Maintenance Foreman and told him the problem. He wasn't happy but the aircraft was cleaned and then the entire plane was covered with plastic to prevent a repeat. Another pleased customer for United Airlines."*

Rich & Georgia Bouska spent July 4th at their cabin celebrating Georgia's 83rd birthday. Rich enjoys wood-working and he has kept busy working on their hardwood floors.

George Midwin, our Regional Director, has a very unusual and fascinating hobby: *"I travel the state seeking out California Landmarks, of which there are 1,115. To*

date I have visited 550, from North to South and East to West. Some are quite easy to locate, while others require somewhat of an adventurous route to get to. I enjoy the challenge and planning involved in traveling to various sites. It also has been an interesting learning experience, understanding how California became to be. I have been permitted access to the nuclear submarine base in San Diego, as well as Camp Pendleton. I met an owner of a 6,000 acre estate who allowed me to seek out a landmark, completely alone. One private oil drilling facility provided me an escort to take me 4 miles to see a landmark. I've been on roads I never traveled and others have seldom used as well. Yet there are a couple sites that require an experienced 4 wheel drive jeep driver to get to. Most of my travel has been with my wife, who is not always very pleased as to where some of the landmarks are located, very remote areas with no one around. Other times I visit landmarks on my own, however I don't wander too far off the beaten path.

We live in a very unique state, with a history going back hundreds of years and into modern times. From discovering gold to discovering the micro chip. From those who established missions, to The Beach Boys. These are all landmarks where events took place, people are honored and our state history is revealed. You have seen the signs on the highway, "Historical Landmark ahead." Stop and read the plaque. You never know what you can find out about where you are. Covid has disrupted my many plans for trips to a number of sites, however, shortly I will be on the road again."

Jan Soderstrom has a delectable recipe for Scottish Shortbread. This is another simple recipe with only three ingredients. Her friend's mother is from Scotland and this is their family recipe.

Scottish Shortbread:

1 pound sweet (unsalted) butter

1 Cup sugar

4 Cup flour (or up to 5 C if dough is too sticky)

Cream butter and sugar with a mixer and blend well. Add flour and mix with a wooden spoon, then use hands to mix thoroughly. Press into a cookie sheet. Cookies will be thicker than other rolled cookies. Prick to the bottom of the dough with a fork, with pricks close together, to form a cutting line after baking.

Bake for 10 min at 350 degrees, then reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake 40 min more. Do not over bake. Wait two minutes, cut into finger-sized bars, and cool thoroughly in pan.

I would also like to share some recommended reading suggestions. I'm a huge fan of the Gabriel Allon spy thriller series by Daniel Silva. His latest book, The Order, comes out July 14. It's #20 in the series, and you really should read them in order, so this will keep you busy for a while.

I just finished Meet Me in Monaco by Hazel Gaynor, a historical fiction novel about Grace Kelly's wedding. I was swept away by the fabulous setting of the Cote d'A-

zur and the lush fields of lavender and jasmine in Grasse at the center of the perfume industry.

With things opening up the beginning of July, we knew there would be an increase in Covid cases, but I don't think anyone expected such a huge increase in cases over the last couple of weeks. A lot of my friends are saying people are throwing caution to the wind - only wearing masks when it is required and not social distancing. Until further notice, my only outings will be essential errands. I suspect many of you are doing the same. Take care everyone and stay safe!

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Here we are still SIP ... pining away in the Bay Area. With her ear to the ground, President **Vera Kina** has been advised that the month of July still has closure of our meeting facility. Opening date is set for August 1st but we are still holding our breath as our County positive testing results for the Covid-19 virus are still rising. The Board will let members know if and when we will be able to resume our get-togethers. We have been letting our guard down – flocking to the beaches in droves, large gatherings, too many not wearing face masks, ignoring simple rules. Our Pacific Ocean is just over the hills – just last Sunday it took one of our Church members 1½ hours to get home to Half Moon Bay – a usual 30 minute jaunt. Bumper to bumper, one lane in each direction, beautiful weather ... all leads to frustrated drivers and testy tempers. Most 4th of July festivities and fireworks displays were cancelled. Many still fired off fireworks and, as of noon today, there are 8 large fires burning in the Bay Area. High winds have not helped. Businesses that have been opening up on a limited basis are having to scale back – this is a national problem so we are not alone. We are in this for the long haul. Keep the Faith – stay well.

Our membership is dwindling ... 25 – 28 members have not sent in their 2020 dues and we are at the half way mark in the year. Where are you all? Need to keep **Jim Goodwine** in your thoughts as he is having on-going medical issues. His wife, **Helen**, is his caretaker and chief cook and bottle washer so she has her hands full.

Ben & Linda Vietz are plugging along, Ben being the Chief C&B washer in his household. Linda's eyesight is not doing well.

Linda Barrett is having medical issues also so please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. It's nice to get a card to let them know you are thinking of them. Let Ginger know of any one in our group needs some TLC – she is just a phone call away.

Our special thanks go out to First Responders – the

overworked Doctors, Nurses, the Hospitals, Nursing homes and those in the Medical field all need our support. Foster City and the Bay Area have several agencies that are working on vaccines so we wish them speed in finding solutions. The long hours they all are facing trying to get a hold on this rapid spreading virus is daunting.

Trips and travel have ground to a standstill. Commendations to a group that does not get much Kudos and that is Cal Fire (California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection Agency) Retired Battalion Chief Scott Watson was a font of information as he led us around on a recent trip. He spent 28 years on the job as well as 4 years of consulting. Cal Fire encompasses a huge range of services. Our group recently spent a day trip to the headquarters where we learned the vast array of services they provide. Search and Rescue is a broad field – Urban S&R that includes tsunamis, earthquakes, highway emergencies (Jaws of Life, etc.,) Hazmat S&R, all highly trained personnel. Long hours away from home – you name it, they do it. This is a state wide agency so they travel all over the state when needed. Their Helicopter Unit rescued an individual who was para-sailing, crashed into the side of the cliff and had to be plucked and flown off the face of the cliff to a nearby hospital. Surfers, hikers, cavers, people who have fallen in wells or confined areas (subway tunnels ...) ordinary Joes' and Janes' who need help have probably seen one of these dedicated "angels" by their side. They are of all ages and walks of life – a physically demanding job – most are EMT trained while 80% of their calls are medical problems, so if you see one, give 'em a thumbs up and an attaboy/girl nod. They will appreciate it – I guarantee it!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hello, Everyone!

Here we are, still "shelter-in-place(ing)"! Is anyone "having fun, yet?" I will say that our gardens have much fewer weeds this year - hey! anything to get to be outside in this lovely weather. Some of the days were way too hot, but I go out anyway and there's always watering to do! Just a side note, June 20th is the first day of summer!

Our third month of "non-meetings" is melting away -

June is one of the months with the most anniversaries. Looking at our records, I see that **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** marked 53 years; **Frank & Angie Dellinger** have 51 years to celebrate; **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** have 19 years together; **Tom & Suzie Kenny** claim 29 years; **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** have enjoyed 54 years! A hearty "Happy Anniversary" to all of you! Not sure how many of you have a birthday in June, but if you do, Happy Birthday to you and enjoy your cake.

Our leader, **Bill Dinette**, used his time of inactivity to attend to a medical problem. Bill went through cervical spine surgery that involved installing metal pins/braces on C2 - C6 vertebrae. Glad that it is over with and, after 3 days in the hospital, he's recuperating well - I'm sure he is following the doctor and Linda's orders to the "T"! You bet!

Since we didn't have a meeting, I don't have much to report. Our Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, did send me our latest statement. There are a couple of annual dues to deposit still ... and I am hoping that the 5 remaining members who have not sent in their dues yet will do so right away. This month is the month that we need to receive your dues, or we will have to drop you from our roster, and quite frankly, I really hate the thought of doing that. So, please send your annual dues of \$10.00 (made out to Hangtown Miners) to **Tom Kenny** at 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667 as soon as you get this. I realize that some of you have not been able to attend our luncheons very often, but that doesn't mean you aren't part of our circle of friends. You also get these minutes that (usually) give you heads up regarding things going on with United. As retirees, we are dependent on all resources available to be kept aware of changes to programs and policies. Plus, you get to see snapshots of your friends!

While things have relaxed a bit in some areas, the restaurants have not been given the go-ahead to have groups (over 10) yet. I want to thank you for responding to my survey about whether to get together in July or not. **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** were to be our hosts for July, but after talking it over with our board members, with Kerry and Ann, and seeing that the majority of those who responded also thought it is a good idea to let July pass without our luncheon/meeting, it has been decided to do just that - skip July.

A "Thank You" to **Diana Bell** who was on schedule for June and to Kerry and Ann for understanding about July. I sure hope that by August we will be able to put these restrictions to rest and be able to enjoy getting together again.

I/we would love to hear from all of you letting us know how you're utilizing all this "free" time. Have you been focused on little projects? Cleaning out closets? Garage organization? Dealing with any medical issues? Reading books? Please, check in and keep us updated.

I hope you all continue to stay healthy and happy. Until next month!

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The month of July has come and gone without our monthly breakfast. We all miss the good talk and companionship of our friends and former colleagues but it is most important to stay safe at this time in our lives.

Last month I wrote about some of the early history of United. I have found a couple more interesting facts I would like to share with you.

Ahead of her time, Ellen Church walked into the office at Boeing Air Transport in San Francisco and helped change the face of air travel. Creating a new profession for women, they were called "sky girls" and were paid \$125 a month to fly a minimum of 100 hours.

Their duty, in addition to serving meals, a welcome smile was an essential requirement. A rigid military salute was to be given to the pilot and copilot when they came aboard. Also included were the tasks of weighing passengers and their luggage, making sure the wicker seats were bolted firmly down, swatting flies that got into the cabin and carrying buckets of fuel to the airplane.

Now called Stewardesses, they passed out slippers to passengers on night flights and polished their shoes and swept the floor.

There were very strict requirements for hiring at that time. Applicants had to be under 25 years of age. Maximum height was 5'4 inches tall and weight no more than 115 pounds. They must be single to apply for the job. During the interview an applicant would be asked to lift her skirt so the interviewer could see her legs. Girdles were required and stocking seams must be straight.

The above information is from The Age of Flight by William Garvey and David Fisher.

When our monthly breakfast resumes, I will again report on current news from our Resans family! In the meantime, I hope you enjoy a little bit of history about the beginnings of United.

Several of our retirees are blessed with Birthdays in

August: **Galen Barr** (8/6), **Debbie Taylor** (8/9), **Ivan Pedersen** (8/9), **Jackie Schwartz** (8/22), and **Robin Munsey** (8/27).

At this time there is no information about our next monthly Breakfast. Worry not, we will be back.

Calendar:

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

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Vice President **Terry Greenacres** reported that the July luncheon will be cancelled. We will hope for August.

Angie Dellinger our sunshine lady has sent a smile for the day ~ *"I really hope everyone is being careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic ... told me to just suck it up, but the fan as more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to ... yes, you guessed it ... pull myself together."*

Unabashedly stolen, pasted and sent to you!



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Hi Everyone!

Chapter President **Steve Foster** sent a poll to our members regarding our next meeting. But, due to the Coronavirus and stay at home order by our Governor, our luncheon meetings have been on hold or canceled. We are hoping we will be able to meet for lunch in September but only have to wait and see. I'm sure we are all anxious to get together again and as soon as we know the situation, we will notify our members. It has been a long time and we all want to be safe so please wear your masks when you are out and be safe.

If anyone would like to join us at our next luncheon, hopefully in September, please contact our president,

Steve Foster, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to answer any question you might have and give you the information about our chapter.



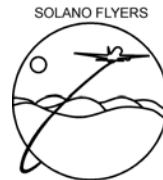
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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." ~ Charles Dickens.

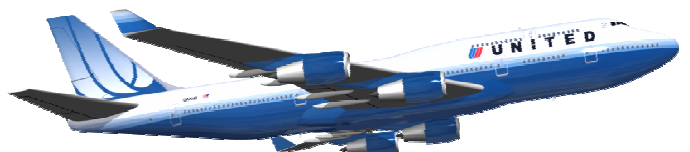
This day in memoriam, June 17, 2020 meeting of Solano Flyers. At Raul's Striper Cafe, **James Ellison, Allan Pochop, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Eugene Boyce**. With limited attendance, we enjoyed a fine meal and each other's presence and departed. Looking forward to Denny's in July, but now Solano County businesses are back in lockdown.

In the past there were humans, today there are objects in 6 foot spaces, wearing masks ... dehumanizing the population? Is it for Health or Control?

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Once again, we had to cancel our July breakfast meeting due to the virus.

Future plans are being made for our breakfasts. Hopefully we can meet in the near future.

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It would be nice to be having our monthly luncheons but as we can't right now, we're doing our best to keep track of everyone. We think (and sincerely hope) all our snowbird members have been able to make it safely back to their northern homes, while we Florida full-timers remain hunkered down, following all the coronavirus rules. As we sit home wondering how to fill our days, it's fun to

look back and reminisce about our former lives at our favorite airline.

Bob Adams sent us his fascinating story of how he wound up at United. His airline career followed what was once a familiar path: school, military, air transport. Following college graduation and facing the draft, he became a naval aviator. After three tours of military duty, commercial airline expansion began. Active recruitment by all the major carriers was intense. Fortunate to be in the right place at the right time, Bob had offers from many carriers. His father worked for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, which operated along the eastern seaboard of Florida, so naturally he developed a strong affinity to Miami and its connection with Pan Am. He had a poster of their clippers flying under the, yet to be completed, Golden Gate Bridge. To Bob, it was historical. After much pondering, he accepted their offer — however the offer was in New York and not Miami.

Because Pan Am still had many captains who were veterans of the flying boats and WW2, advancement to captain was lengthy. Nevertheless, Bob became a First Officer on major equipment, the 707 and 747. Those were the salad days for Pan Am, and Bob enjoyed traveling all over the globe. Finally, Bob qualified for his first command, as captain of the Lockheed L1011.

By the mid 1980's, Pan Am's fortunes darkened and it was compelled to sell its Pacific routes. Again Bob was lucky to be in a small group that was acquired by United along with the L1011 aircraft.

The transition to UAL was a bit of a challenge for Bob and his family as they had to adjust to new methods and a new domicile, San Francisco. Thank goodness the folks at United were very open and welcoming. The company had recently experienced difficult labor relations, and Bob said he felt like Switzerland amongst warring factions, but fellow airmen made them feel very comfortable. Chosen as a flight manager, Bob flew proving trips to Europe and early familiarization trips to Beijing. Because of lasting friendships, his tenure at United was personally very rewarding and a career highlight. Charmed or blessed, he says it doesn't hurt to be in the right place at the right time! Many thanks, Bob, for sharing this fascinating history with us.

We would in a normal year be planning to restart our monthly luncheons in October, but this year ... who can say? Meantime we hope all our RUAEA friends stay safe and healthy, and if anyone is planning to come to our area of Florida we would love to hear from you. Please call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671 or email her at AS-DIP920@aol.com.

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



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As the Days/Weeks/Months pass during our self-quarantine, we long for the day we can return to normal. The question is, what will normal look like? I, for one, along with numerous others, have been at this for 115 days, but who is counting? A few more days it will be 1/3 of a year. We are all looking forward to the day we can return to our monthly meetings. I occasionally hear from some of our fellow chapter members, so will share their thoughts.

Presiden, **Al Popek** writes: *"Greetings from The Treasure Coast Chapter, here in Stuart, Florida. It is July already and no sign of our meetings starting back up due to Covid 19 virus. As a group of active retirees, we sure miss getting together for our luncheon meeting each month. I guess as of right now we can all be thankful for our safety and good health. All of our members are reporting no problems, which is a blessing. We see that United is increasing its schedule and out of PBI the loads are quite heavy. Just curious, has anyone, system wide, taken a flight recently? Most flights show a number of S/As traveling. We hope everyone had a Happy 4th. Stay well and be safe. Cheers from Al & Janice."*

The following members have sent Well Wishes to share with everyone: **Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero, Joyce Smith, Jim & Janet Hanley, Gene & Fran Student, Sharon Kirk and Mardele Celestin** who adds *"I hope everyone is doing well and planning trips and cruises for next year."* And **Fran D'Amico**, one of our snowbirds, has finally been able to return to New Jersey.

It is with our deepest sympathy that we report the death of **Robert Burtis**. He had a way of livening up our meetings with his numerous stories and memories of his days at United. He will be missed.

Our August Birthdays include **Al Popek, Maureen Carragher, Jane Wise, Jim Hanley, Bruce Jacobs, "Dinos" Xifaras and Frank Wise**. Best Wishes to all of you from all of us!

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

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



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

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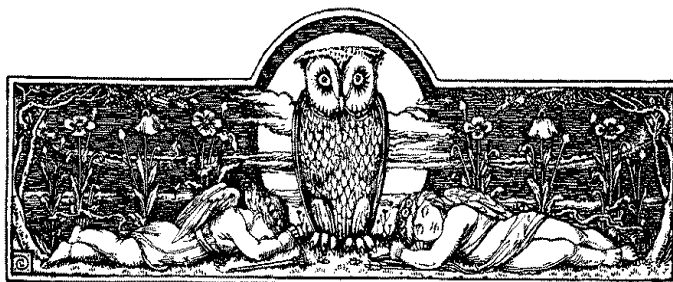
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Our next scheduled meeting in August is cancelled due to an increase in cases related to the coronavirus. A future meeting is scheduled for October and members will be notified when a date and time have been scheduled.

In the meantime we hope everyone will stay safe.



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August—Well folks, it looks like some of our restaurants and theaters are opening up. Trouble is, they still have a limit or quota of how many people can come in. Everybody that I know has been very obedient to the rules, staying in, using a mask and gloves, and washing hands endlessly. I think my skin has washed off a few times. I do go out for doctor appointments, order online, then pick it up. Or have even ventured out into the stores. I have not had any problems, alleluia! How about you? Doing about the same? I have only heard of one death from this virus, a friend's husband, but he had many other illness issues. With all of the people I know, I'm happy that's the only one. I hope your circle of friends are pretty much intact. They keep saying the elderly are most susceptible. Only problem, that includes me! I can't believe I'm this old. Chronologically, elderly, yes, but not mentally. I think like I'm still 65, or younger, I keep going, like the Energizer Bunny. We all should be that way. Maybe the Angels of Death will pass us by. Keep moving, so they don't think you're dead.

A funny observation, a little old man, driving about 50 in the third lane, which is 70 mph, wearing the ever popular old man's hat, with his virus mask and glasses, and gloves, and alone in his car. Really?

Ginny Vlach and I had lunch together in her home. I picked up a delicious Chinese meal, we behaved ourselves, and we're still healthy. I visited my nephew and his twins, out in his back yard, lovely visit with babies, how energetic they are and adorable. All babies are cute, but I feel mine are exceptionally beautiful, of course. I don't know of anybody that has flown, but I'm happy to hear that UAL is bringing the planes back from storage and starting some international routes. Our poor little UAL, what is going on? This reducing and condensing is breaking my heart. It sounds like the employees are almost forced into retiring or leaving. What about when UAL comes back? Will they hire new people at much lower salaries? Some upper management have already been shown the door. I don't understand this. Heck, there's a lot going on these days that I have no comprehension of what's going on. I'm glad we're gone, and hope we won't be affected in some way for the next few years.

Taking a trip down memory lane for a moment, on August 20, 1965, my little sisters and I went to Comiskey Park, to see the Beatles for their afternoon concert. There were 65,000 screaming girls, and boys, for both concerts that day. Tickets were \$5.50 each. On August 2, 1966,

we went to the Beatle's final Tour Concert at the Chicago Amphitheater. The tickets were \$5.75 each and we were in the 12th row. Funny, both of those places have been torn down since. Something I can put in my obituary, 'I saw the Beatles three times'. My only claim to fame.

Let's see what can make us happy in August! It's National Picnic, Family Fun, and Admit You're Happy Month. Let's hope so! The 2nd is Sister's Day, I can live with that! I like the 3rd, Grab Some Nuts Day, and Watermelon Day. Maybe it should be, Grab some Seeds Day, combine them. There are a whole bunch of funny ones, Wiggle your Toes Day, Work like a Dog Day, International Beer Day, Left Handers' Day, Tell a Joke Day, Be an Angel Day, Dog Day, Global Forgiveness Day, (I'll have to work on that one), Banana Split Day, this one is just for us, Senior Citizens Day, on the 21st, Aviation Day, V-J Day, U.S. Coast Guard Day, here's one we can get our teeth into, Bacon Day, and a favorite of mine, the Perseid Meteor Shower Night. That's beautiful to see if you're away from the city lights. My cousin Michelle and I went on a Planetarium Cruise years ago and could see them most vividly and had so much fun. Make life what you can, this mess should be over soon.

The Northside Breakfast was July 8, we had eight people. Lots of talk about what we've been doing and how we're handling the quarantine, seeing our families and doctors, and some funny things.

Our Southside Breakfast was scheduled for June 30, but nobody was ready to come in. So, it didn't happen. It's ok; I respect our love of stayin' alive, stayin' alive. One more month won't hurt anybody. Also our RUPA lunch was canceled, might be back in September. Yes, we're sad, but think of the restaurants and banquet halls that are really hurting for business. The Union Lodge 1487 and Northside breakfast should be opened for a meeting in August.

Those of you who remember **Ruth Opitz**, her sister called and said Ruth will be 98 in August. If you'd like to make Ruth's day with a card, her address is Cedar Lake Assisted Living, 777 Church Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

I don't like reporting this, but because of the virus, the Skyliners September luncheon on September 16 has been canceled. The Cotillion is still not opened, and they don't know when the Illinois governor will allow them to open and have guests. As of this writing, they're only able to have 50 people in the dining room, with safe distancing. We value the health of our members, that is our main concern, but we must adhere to state and city rules. Right now, we're not sure about the Christmas luncheon, so much depends on what Phase we'll be in and how many people we can seat. You will know as soon as we know.

Speaking of masks, I have a 'Jan's Mask Soliloquy' for you. A day with my newest Best Friend, my mask: ok, so I had to see my doctor. I took a shower, picked out my clothes, no sense in wearing makeup, it just gets on the inside of my mask, but I feel naked. Put on my earrings

and watch, both hearing aids, get medicine list, insurance cards, keys, glasses, shoes, I think I'm ready. Out to the car, first put on sunglasses. Hmmm, they interfere a little with the hearing aids, just keep going. Get in hot car, put on A/C, adjust seat, check rear view mirrors, move my head, back up. Go forward, I'm off! Get to Doctors office, get my mask out of my purse, well, that's not going to fit very well with the aids and glasses ... just keep going. OK, at doctor's office, open back door, get out my walker. While I'm opening it, one elastic mask band falls off, try to put it back on, not working. Just go, you're late. Get to door, hit handicapped button, still won't open, luckily, a nice man behind me helps with the very heavy door, thank you! Nurse at the door says, very clearly, 'I have to take your temperature, and ask some questions'. Sure, go ahead, temp is 97.1, all the questions on the questionnaire are a, **no**! I get a sticker on my shoulder, and I go to the receptionist. She greets me with some words, I can't understand her with her mask on, even with hearing aids. I have to ask her twice, 'What? Oh, insurance card, I have it, it's changed'. I have to sign something, take off my sun glasses, put on my cheater-readers. In the mean time, taking off my glasses, my mask elastic gets tangled up, can't get them separated, the mask goes into my nose, plus it gets caught on my earring, so I take them both off. The receptionist gets all nervous, and bossy, 'M'am, you have to keep on your mask, please!' Hold on, girl, I'm tangled up. Meanwhile, there are three people behind me, I'm getting nervous. Got sunglasses separate from elastic, put on cheaters, signed papers, sat down. Door opens, nurse says something, I just sit there, she finally comes up to me, 'Aren't you Janice, I'm calling you'. 'Ooops, sorry can't hear you with that mask on, you talk so softly'. Go to the furthest exam room, I think it's in Iowa, I sit down, she takes blood pressure, of course it's high, well, I just walked two miles to get here! Plus the inside of that mask is all fuzzy and getting into my nose, not to mention how my glasses are steamed up from the mask. Then she starts mumbling again, oh lord, please speak up! She starts with the Covid questions again, change in medicine, why are you here, the normal queries. After she leaves, I realize my ears hurt, I'm getting a headache. My head is hanging down as if it has an anvil on my head. I have the hearing aids on, readers, the mask, earrings, something has to go. I take out the aids, can't hear anybody anyway. One less thing to get tangled up. Doctor comes in, starts asking questions, I answered 'no' to something, he said, 'What, you're not taking medicine for your blood pressure, **why?**' I answer, 'of course I am, Doc, I can't hear you with that mask on, can you speak up? I thought you asked me about something else'. So goes the next 15 minutes of my appointment, what, why, when, where? Then the elastic snaps off when he checks my ears and mouth, mask falls down, more panic from the doctor. He very sweetly says that I look great and to keep doing whatever I'm doing. The misery is over, the one doctor I love to see is gone. I have no idea when I should come back or why my hand

hurts. That's all I came in for. I love getting out of the house, but wonder if it's worth it. The nurse noticed my mask was hanging from my left ear, she very kindly gave me a new mask for my protection.

I put on my sunglasses, try to get them not tangled up again, back to the car, put my walker away, it's so heavy. My purse tips over, my hearing aids fall to the ground, damn! Once I'm in, I take off my pretty new mask, back up, go to the Jewel for a few items. There, I have to find a spot that has a cart close to it, can't walk too far without help. Get in Jewel, find a motorized cart, grab a Clorox wipe, now I'm ready to shop, zoom, I'm off. Those carts are great but it's hard to get out and reach up for items. Some people are so kind, one girl reached my peaches from the top shelf. When I said, thank you, she said, 'That's ok, I do it for my grandmother all the time'. Thanks, I needed that.

Because of the mask-deafness, my stop to the deli was pretty funny, I asked for a ¼ lb. of ham, instead, I got a pound of head cheese. In my town, we have to show our drivers license to prove we're over 21. My god, man, I'm gray, sitting in a handicapped cart, can't hear you, and can't see the card machine without getting up. Thank God, a nice young bagger helped me get my groceries in the back seat. Getting them into my cart at home is another story, and I'm out of space. That's it, my story is finished. I can't wait for this to be over. (I bet I'm not alone with all of this). Those of you that don't need a cane, etc, enjoy every step, this could be you someday.

Our friend that flew West last month is **Pamela Russell**, WHQSW. Also gone from our world include Bonnie Pointer, Miss Mary Ann (Romper Room) Ian Holm (Lord of the Rings), Jean Kennedy Smith, Joel Schumacher (director), Nick Cordero, Johnny Mandel and Ennio Morricone, (composers), Vera Lynn, ('We'll Meet Again' fame in WW2), Hugh Downs, (Jack Paar's sidekick, Concentration, Today, 20/20), Grammy Award winner, Charlie Daniels, and the one and only, Carl Reiner, from Show of Shows, Dick Van Dyke, 2000 Year old Man, with his best friend, Mel Brooks, also a writer and director. His most famous Van Dyke show was when Mary Tyler Moore told the TV audience that Alan Brady had a toupee. He thoroughly chastised and excoriated her. That's about as famous as Carol Burnett's 'Gone with the Wind' episode, hysterical. Farewell, old friends.

Rest at Home is better than Rest in Peace. Six feet away is better than six feet under.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**August 12**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**August 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**August 6**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter June meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th. Our usual restaurant, Emma's, was closed due to a plumbing problem so we adjourned to Olive Garden instead. Members in attendance included **Hannelore Brabo, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins** and **Frank Ingegno**. It was good to see members again after the Covid shutdown. Thankfully, all present have been able to avoid any Covid related health problems.

Business discussed:

- 1) A couple of outing destinations were suggested including the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio and a Noah Ark museum in Cincinnati, Ohio. Members are researching and will report findings at future meeting. If desired by members, trips will be planned for later this summer, if no Covid restrictions are in place.
- 2) **Frank Ingegno** requested another member to take over Treasurer's responsibilities since he already is chapter Correspondent. No takers yet. Request will be discussed at future meetings.
- 3) No 50/50 drawing due to low attendance.
- 4) Treasurer reported chapter finances: Members present made donations to the chapter treasury to help restore resources recently spent on sympathy flowers. Thank you to all who contributed.

The next RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule for 2020 is:

- August 11, at Emmy's
- September 8, at Emmy's
- October 7, at Emmy's
- November 10, at Emmy's

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



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Greetings to All! With several locations opening businesses, and cases of COVID 19 growing again, there is a possibility, some have jumped the gun. I hope it's not going to start in earnest again.

Norman Hudon, who lost his appointment to have a hip replacement because of coronavirus, is scheduled now for the end of July. We'll keep you informed.

Jayne Regan, who finally got her hip replacement at the end of May, says she is back to normal. As she can drive again, she and **Jack** just go for car rides to get out. But, they usually play cards with friends on the patio. Always wearing masks!

Paul & Mary Ward are quarantining and fighting the virus in Florida, as the number of cases goes up. Paul says, a hell of a way to celebrate his 79th birthday! Their son and wife are celebrating their 25th anniversary, while their oldest grandson, commissioned in the Air Force, is putting in for the space force. Oh, to be young again!

A comment from **Judy Kearney**: Did the laundry; watered the plants; walked the dog; washed my mask; vacuumed all; made dinner; did the dishes; walked the dog; filled the bird feeders; walked the dog ... Oh I said that; did some knitting; a little on the boring side. Oh ... filed divorce papers, (just kidding); accosted the neighbor, just to have contact with someone else; walked the dog, who's never been so happy! Good job Judy, I think you said it for all of us! As you may know by now, before I had my stroke, I was chapter secretary for eighteen years (on a two year voluntary position). Well, this June issue is the first RUAEA newsletter I've read in 2½ years. I've noticed some correspondents who have also been at it a long time I'd like to tell you who: **Liz Tollefsen** (PHX); **Al Rybar** (SMF); **Ginger Dahlberg** (SFO); **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (MCO); **Connie Glattly** (MSP); **Pat Zoboli** (MSP); and **Marty Etler** (EWR). I thank you for writing each month about your chapter as I read the newsletter from cover to cover for years.

Don't be in a hurry to join large groups, I think we're not out of the woods yet. Be safe, act safe!

August birthdays: **Judy Kearney, Irene Kimball, Michael Provenzano, Mabel Reyes, and William Vanderwal**. August anniversaries: **Bob & Judith Austin** (61 years), **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** (37) and **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (51).

Calendar:

Canceled meetings until?

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Stay Strong ~ A while back, a friend shared a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "Lord, you know I don't care for raw white flour!"

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Stay strong and well.

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No gathering of the Lites again in June due to Covid-19 issues. Everyone is hunkering down, given our age. (Dontcha just hate that phrase?)

Mary Brennan's daughter, Susan Hooker, is once again doing the "Ride Across Minnesota", a 5-day, 300-mile bikeathon fundraiser for MS. This year, however, the national organization cancelled the big event due to Covid but Susan and her team, the "Prairie Pedalers", decided to do the run anyway. Our group matched the last couple of years' donations of \$100 again this year. Anyone wanting to contribute privately may send a check to Susan at 1332 Watson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

The Lites are celebrating the newest member of our group, **Pat Juberien**, who retired at the end of June. Her husband, **Mark**, is planning to kick over the traces early next year. Pat & Mark have been our go-to sources for

much of the local company news at MSP for many years.

Mary & Jim Brennan are inviting the Lites to an open-air, social-distance gathering at their place on beautiful Lake Minerva in Danbury, WI for our August reunion. August 12th, our usual day, at 11 a.m. BYOB, a mask and a lawn chair, but leave your sidearm at home. Lunch will be catered by the Log Cabin Country Store & Eatery. Roasted chicken, coleslaw, jojo potatoes ... bring a cookie or something to share for dessert. We need this, guys! It's been too long. RSVP to Mary & Jim at (651) 429-7343 or email at buzzygrin@icloud.com to get directions.

Hopefully, the Brennans' invitation will bring some of our friends out of the woodwork and into the sunshine. Carpooling with others (wearing masks, of course) may be a solution. Until there's some change for the better in the pandemic picture, our monthly meetings at the Golden Corral have been suspended. Actually, the Golden Corral isn't open and who knows when/if they'll be able to?

The bottom line, kids, we can't allow ourselves to wither away at home. If they're able, **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** are going to try to go to the picnic. We haven't seen them in a year! Even though there will be no hugging, they'll know that we want to!

Future events & meetings, TBD.

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

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

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With much concern for our members we, the Silverliners Board, have determined that we will review and monitor directives from the Governor's Office related to the Coronavirus and its effect on Seniors. Our age group is the most susceptible to this virus with deadly consequences for those that become exposed to it. We will closely monitor the conditions relating to the virus and plan for the next Luncheon on August 13th if possible, the safety for our members are our first concern. In the Gov-

ernor's Phase II directive, he stated that groups of 50 people (up from 10) or less can get together with mask and social distancing. Then in the next line he states "people that are of the vulnerable population and have underlying medical conditions are to stay sheltered" that hits our group right on the head. With the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases we see very little chance of getting together in August, but we will monitor and advise our members as the time approaches.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are now held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA due to remaining in Phase II in Nevada (that does not allow for group meetings), there was no July meeting for the Sierra Roundup.

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747 - and a Rhapsody in blue from my memories ~ As a United Airlines mechanic at Newark, my usual work area was at hangar 14. However, there were times when my chief said to report to the flight line, not my favorite place. When I reported to the mechanics ready room, I was already assigned to inspect an incoming trip, and check it for any gripes.

While I was waiting, a call comes in from the head stewardess in the back section of a 747, which was set for departure in about 10 minutes. This particular 747 was our usual 10 o'clock trip to San Francisco. The flight attendant was complaining that the ovens were not working, so my chief says to me, go down there and see what you can do. I said to him, everyone knows what the problem was. The girls were told not to turn the oven switches on

at the gate, because there is just not enough power, and it trips the circuit breakers. Anyway, I knew I had to go, so I ran out to the jetway, and told the agent, not to remove from this until you see me standing right next to you. I say this because in the back of my mind, I was thinking I might have to call Violet, and tell her I'll be a little late for dinner, the reason is I'm enjoying the waterfront in San Francisco.

This airplane was fully loaded so I moved quickly to the back, and there stood the head stewardess. She grabs me by the arm, and in a very low voice and piercing eyes said to me, you better fix those ovens, we have a lot of people to feed before we get to Frisco. I say nothing, but go quickly down the service elevator to the kitchen and there sits the other stewardess absolutely distraught.

I talked to her and tell her the best way I know how, that once the plane gets into the air, just to put the switches back on and everything will be okay. Thinking that everything was satisfactory, I get back in the elevator go up to the back of the plane, and there stands the head stewardess. She asks me, are those ovens working? Of course I told her yes, she now grabs my right arm, says just a minute, I wouldn't trust you mechanics as far as I could throw a piano. So she lifts up the interphone, and calls down below, and asks if the ovens are working, and I hear a resounding no. Now the clock is running, and there's only a few minutes left to departure. As she was still holding onto me, I said my name isn't George Gershwin, and I don't know how to "play the Rhapsody in Blue". With one strong pull I turned and sprinted down to the front door, and told the agent, to shut the door, this trip is going. He pulled away, and I signaled to the tractor driver to go. When I got back to the mechanics ready room, my chief asked me how did everything go. I told him everything went okay, but for some strange reason, the stewardess wanted to give me a piano! Those were both easy smiles for him and for me. What great memories after 38 years of turning "nuts and bolts".

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS



BUFFALO CHIPS

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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.

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

OHIO



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Judy is taking a break this month, so you're stuck with me. Here is an update on our monthly luncheons. On March 6th, we cancelled Mahle's (April) and Shale Creek Club House (May). Then in May we received a call from Nautica Queen (July cruise) and the "Chalet" in our Metroparks (August picnic) one of 2 large attendance (+100) luncheons. Both said they had to cancel. The good thing is all 4 changed the date to next year, and the deposit along with it.

COVID-19 situation is not getting any better. Consequently, we have decided not to schedule our September, October, nor November luncheons. But we did schedule our Christmas party (the other large attendance events) for December 2nd at Williams On The Lake. Our members also love going there, especially at Christmas. Aly at Williams has said, if we have to cancel, to please do it before the end of October. That's 3½ months from now. If the health situation remains the same as it is now, we will probably have to cancel. But if we must, then Aly also will shift our reservation to next year, along with our deposit. What wonderful people.

But then there is June at Old Oak Bible Church. They too called and canceled, but they refuse to return our deposit. They cancelled, did nothing, there was absolutely no cost to them, but they kept our deposit. That's wrong. I am not happy.

So, here we are again. Just like the rest of the world. Sitting at home, waiting for a break from this madness. We miss seeing our members at lunch every month. I know our members feel the same way, because we get emails from them. Some send a card praying for everyone's "Safety". We also speak with some members on the phone. Don't know about you, but the general consensus is pure and simple. "Yes, we did live in the best of time".

There is a bright side to this mess we are in. Want to feel better? Stop watching the News all day and pop an old DVD movie in and watch it. We have more time to

spend with family. If you love doing some work in your yard, then do it (but not when the temp is over 80).

We hope and pray that all United retirees stay safe from COVID-19. I don't know about you, but I talk with **God** a lot. Yes, I said "**With God**". Just like 2 weeks ago, I asked him for help with something. And just 2 days later, everything was fine. You can ask any Ohio Buckeyes member, and they will tell you "**He** does listen to our prayers", and answers them too.

From All Ohio Buckeyes members – God bless, take care, and Stay Safe!

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Not much of an article this month. We continue to hunker down and wait for this social distancing to end, wondering when that will be. Unfortunately, no new humor to pass along, but we remain cheerful.

Two of our members have had health issues that we'd like to share:

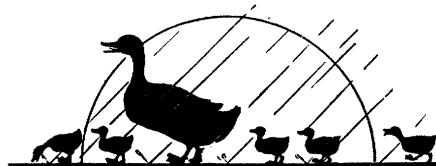
- ❖ **Shirley Walker** continues to recover from the stroke she had mid-May, and has made amazing progress. Cards and well wishes may be sent to her at 920 SE 166th Place, Portland OR 97233-4310.
- ❖ Mid-June, **Suzie Clack** had another fall at home - too many speed bumps? She required a few days in the hospital and then some time at a rehab facility. I'm delighted to report that she is now back at home - avoiding those speed bumps we hope!

We were also informed of the death of a previous member: **Lorene Ludeman**, spouse of **Jerry Ludeman**, retired from PDX Air Freight, passed on the end of May. She had moved to Arizona about 3 years ago.

That's all until next month. Since we will not be meeting again by then, I will solicit more humor to pass along for the next newsletter. We can all use a good laugh, especially during these hard times. Hope all of you are staying safe and well.

Calendar:

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



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Treatie Karwoski had another visitor at the facility where she now resides. **David Svat** and wife **Helene** from New Jersey. Dave is the son of **Ed Svat** who was the Pittsburgh Manager of Maintenance. Dave's sister, **Mary Leah**, also worked in Pittsburgh and then transferred to New York where she worked as a Ticket Agent. Unfortunately, she was working in the Towers when 911 occurred. Mary never recovered from the trauma and eventually passed from complications.

Mary Jane Stewart was headed to South Carolina to spend a few weeks with the family until the COVID-19 map took a drastic change and South Carolina became a hot spot. She told the family to just keep sending the video and continue FaceTime. No sense in taking a chance. Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

July Birthdays ~ **Bill Chicots**, **Gwen Detwiler**, and **Paul Musko**.

July Anniversaries ~ **Paul & Betty Musko**.

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

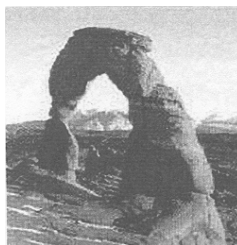
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UTAH

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

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The novel corona virus and COVID-19 yet dominate life styles in the Pacific Northwest. Because of still-increasing cases of the disease in early July, masks are required for all social contact except inside one's home with one's family. The latest attempt to halt the spread requires all businesses to refuse opening their doors to anyone not wearing a mask. Instead of the familiar "no shoes, no shirt, no service," we now are advised that "no mask – no entry." Much of Washington State has moved on to Stage 2 in the reopening process, but rescinding that allowance is a distinct possibility.

We hope all RUAEA members, their friends and families are staying safe and healthy and abiding with whatever restrictions are deemed in the best interests of all.

Unfortunately, the lack of chapter activities and socializing has produced only unpleasant news. **Tom Lucas** shared the news of the passing of **Karl Goering**, who had been in ill health for several years. Karl immigrated to the United States from Germany and eventually joined United as a cook in the Flight Kitchen with his late wife **Jean**, a pantry worker.

Howard Clark, a former trainer in Customer Service in Seattle, died June 2. Long-time Emerald City Slickers, Howard and his wife **Ruthann** lived in Mesa, Arizona.

Catching up with old news, we've been informed of the passing last year of **Rosemary Akre**, aged 88. Rosemary had worked in the Flight Kitchen and later in Cabin Service and was well-known to many. Rosemary had been diagnosed with cancer in 1994 and, when discouraged about the possibility of success with traditional treatments, sought care abroad and in her faith, adding 25 years to her life. Rosemary was preceded in death by her husband **Forrest** and is survived by her 3 children.

Last month we profiled the UAL career of **Jim Fauber** in Part I. Here we continue the saga with Part II, which follows Jim's post-retirement career and involvement with RUAEA. Thanks again to **John Haferbecker**, who wrote and published the original story in Contrails, the Seattle chapter's newsletter, which is liberally – and sometimes literally – plagiarized here, with John's permission.

This is a "name-dropping" compilation of United executives, employees and retirees, all connected to **Jim Fauber**. How many names do you recall from your own UAL past and how did those folks impact your UAL experiences?

Following his retirement, Jim developed a second UAL career, focusing his considerable energy on involvement with RUAEA. In 2000 the late **Frank Murdock**, retired station manager in several cities, including Salt Lake City, served as RUAEA president and quickly informed his Executive Vice President **Jim Fauber** to expect delegation of duties, Jim immediately became involved with RUAEA convention-planning.

Jim began researching convention sites for RUAEA's annual convention, being especially interested in security and availability of outside-the-hotel safety. When negotiating with hotel management, Jim made it clear that United Airlines did not fund the convention and that each attendee paid his own way, while trying to keep costs down, so lower-paid employees like cleaners and kitchen workers could afford to include the convention in their vacation plans – they were not all well-paid pilots (remember, this was many years ago). Jim also bargained with tour bus companies to get the lowest rates.

Jim did a lot of traveling during this period, flying to different cities and meeting with various individuals in the course of his research that led to several agreements, fully supported by the RUAEA Board of Directors.

One significant trip was to Boulder, CO where at the Spectrum Data Corporation Jim met with Knut Moe and Susan Persche, who were graduates of the University of Colorado and who specialized in technology. Together with Jim they made a handshake agreement that they would design the RUAEA website for free if RUAEA agreed to contract with them to run the website. He then worked with Chicago retirees **Bob Kalicki** and **Jim Sommerfield** to help maintain the website. Through Jim's aggressive actions the RUAEA website was developed and went on line. When the late **Martin Lade** was elected Executive VP, he was instrumental in the further development of our website.

While Jim served as RUAEA president in 2002-2004, he negotiated the agreement with the Doubletree Inn to host the 2004 Seattle convention. Hearing the terms, RUAEA financial expert in Chicago, **Mort Wax** quickly urged signing. During this time, Jim also got to know CEO Glenn Tilton, brought in to handle United's bankruptcy. Thanks to Jim, Mr. Tilton was prevailed upon to give the banquet speech at the Chicago convention in

2003. A schedule conflict prevented Tilton's attending in 2004, and he sent a vice president in his stead. During the convention, the VP presented Jim and his wife Bonnie with lifetime passes to Red Carpet Rooms.

That evening, Jim invited the late **Bob Ellis** to be seated at the rostrum, where those who knew and worked for him could come forward to greet him. Long-time retired maintenance manager in Seattle, Bob was, at that time, #2 in UAL seniority.

Jim also was a charter member of the Phoenix area RUAEA chapter and early-on traded leadership with the late **Bud Hubbard**. Each Christmas, Jim & Bonnie hosted a chapter Christmas party at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes.

Back in 1987, Jim chaired the RUAEA convention at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix where naysayers claimed the 1000-seat ballroom was too large for the banquet, which ended up with 1300 attendees. Entertainment was provided by Igor and the Jazz Cowboys at Friday night's Friendship Dinner and Captain Al Haynes spoke at the Saturday night banquet.

Jim continued a healthy relationship between RUAEA and the United Historical Foundation in Denver, initially serving on the board, being succeeded by **Tom Goodyear**. During the bankruptcy from 2002-2006, Jim was involved in seeking and disseminating information of interest to UAL retirees and keeping us informed of benefits. He worked closely with **Mort Wax**, who regularly updated Jim on developments.

For someone who was supposed to be retired, Jim seemed to be busier than ever, devoting much of his time to serving our RUAEA membership. We owe a great deal to **Jim Fauber**.

Be careful. Stay Calm. Enjoy Good Health and Summer Days. Live Life As It Is

Calendar:

Chapter meeting cancelled until further notice.

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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.



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

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Well, it has been a very quiet past few months for the Clipped Wings Chapters. Many of the Chapters are still Zooming. It is a wonderful tool to keep in touch and to know you are not alone, especially if you live by yourself.

Our Executive Board is hard at work planning our very "Unconventional Convention" for September. We are in the process of finding a moderator to work the Zoom meeting. Not an easy task but there are a lot of options from which to choose.

We are asking that each Chapter have practice Zoom meetings so they will be familiar with how Zoom works. This will help our not so savvy computer members be more relaxed and comfortable when attending the Zoom convention.

We will be voting in our New Officers, approving the budget and conducting some business that cannot wait for two years. The Executive Board will also be selecting our Best All-Around Chapter and Distinguished Service Awards. The prize that we have given in the past to the Best All-Around Chapter was a silver "Punch Bowl".

This large, lovely Punch Bowl had been donated to us by UAL many, many years ago. Each winning Chapter put their city code and year they won on the Punch Bowl. It was decided at our last convention that we retire the Punch Bowl as there was no room to add another name ... The Punch Bowl's new home will be in LAX at the Air Museum.

Now, our Executive Board had the challenge to find a replacement for the Punch Bowl. Mind you, this Punch Bowl was not easy to tote about ... it was very costly to ship from Convention to Convention to award to the next Chapter. When looking for a replacement prize, we wanted something that could be taken on the airplane or shipped for a much lower cost. All the Board members went searching for the just the right item. We selected a

silver plated tray designed by "Christofle of Paris". Our Editor, **Bev Bunn**, was the one who brought this to our selection table. It is beautiful. It has been engraved with the Clipped Wings logo and the words "Best All-Around Chapter". We can't wait to see which Chapter will have the distinction of being the first Chapter's name on this wonderful Award. It will be virtually presented at the Zoom Convention along with the DSA award.

We are in uncharted "waters" as they say. So let's just make the best of it. Stay safe, wash your hands and wear a mask if you want to go out. Now is not the time to let your guard down.

I heard this the other day ... so it is something to look forward to ... sort a. When the pandemic of 1919 was over, the "Roaring 20's" brought us fun and parties. Maybe one hundred years later we will be able to celebrate our "Roaring 20's" ... but keep your eyes open, your money close and watch out for the stock market crash. Just saying, history does have a way of repeating itself.

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



NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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Retiree – **Krause, Kenneth F.**, on 6/22/2020, LAXOO, brother of Thomas W. Krause, HDQCM, and Daniel Krause, 6520 Evans Rd., Rome, NY 13440

Retiree – **Kuskie, William (Bill) E.**, on 6/26/2020, DENMM, brother of Ms Chris Kuskie, 426 Sloan Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644

Retiree – **Russell, Pamela P.**, on 2/22/2020, WHQSW, wife of John Russell (deceased), 2258 Salisbury Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

Retiree – **Showalter, Billy K.**, on 5/16/2020, MFROZ, husband of Marjorie Showalter, 311 Eastwood Lane, Medford, OR 97504

Retiree – **Stroud, Dorothy L.**, on 6/23/2020, SFOCS, wife of Darryll R. Stroud, (deceased), mother of Nancy Pantiga, Diane and Ken, 468 Higgins St. Folsom, CA 95630

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Retiree – **Wiehe, Edward L.**, on 7/19/2015, IAHOZ, husband of Ruth Fieseler Wiehe; Nyla M. Morningstar Wiehe (both deceased), 12314 Figel Rd., Monroeville, IN 46773 ■

Letters & Notes



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

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)

Barbara Briggs, 934 Aileen St., Oakland, CA 94608

I am sending a huge thank you to all who participate in the efforts to make this Newsletter the success that it is. It is well done, and so much appreciated.

Patricia Conrad, 21011 W. Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544

Another year rolls around and it is time to send my dues. This year, I am late with payment. It is the first time in the 28 years that I have been retired.

I still look back on my career with UAL, as one of the highlights of my life. I enjoyed going to work every day with my co-workers, AKA extended family.

I enjoy keeping up on UAL news and old friends through the newsletter.

Hang tough United. We will beat this Covid-19.
Keep up the good work on the newsletter.

Lois Pitman, 12215 SW Davies Rd., Beaverton, WA 97008

Thank you for your endeavor to get the Newsletter to ones like me. I have no computer or smart phone. I get by easily since my family lives 5 blocks away and are computer and phone savvy.

I wish good health and safety to all.

Richard Sanchez, 2285 Montarossa Ct., Livermore, CA 94550

I enjoy the Newsletter each month. It is great to hear how all the people that I have worked with are doing. Unfortunately some appear in the Obit column. My condolences go to their families.

This past January, I celebrated 19 years of retirement. I play golf with the same foursome once a week, the same guys that I played with when I was working.

I started in SFOJJ and retired from SFOJJ Base Stores.

Thank you for keeping all of us informed.

Mickey Wehman, 3440 Monte Carlo Ave., Lake Havasu, AZ 86406

I am blessed to be with my son and daughter-in-law in beautiful Arizona and I pray that everyone is dealing favorably with these bad conditions.

Stay healthy, be happy and enjoy many memories.

Notes

Mary Lou Dyer

I recently moved from Washington, GA to Ann Arbor, MI to be near my family.

Carol Faust

Oops, thanks for reminding me that I forgot to pay my dues. I can only blame it on old age.

Jeff Gregory

Sorry, I didn't realize my dues were due.

Larry Hoover

Thank you for keeping us up to date on the happenings at United, and for keeping us informed about fellow retirees.

Raymond Klapatauskas

I have been away for a couple of years. I miss the Newsletter.

Michael Nester

I was part of the VSP2 mass retirement, effective 7/1/2020.

Patricia Nicholaisen

I have been retired 27 years, wow; I don't know how I had time to work.

Life is good here in Sun Lakes, AZ, there are many UAL people here, but few from the computer group. I am renewing but can't seem to get the month straight. I enjoy getting the news from the people that I worked with for 28 years.

Sorry I goofed in my renewal but will try to do better next year.

Levert Quarels

I am just waiting until I can fly again. I had made plans to travel to several cities in the USA, but everything is on hold.

Good luck to United Airlines. I hope it won't be too long.

Lee Ramsburg

I enjoy getting the newsletter. I retired in 1994 and have enjoyed my retirement years. I like to see what is going on with my fellow employees. I am sure a large number of my fellow workers are retired also. It is sad to say a number of them have passed away.

Keep up the good work with the newsletter.

Barbara Rothermal

Thanks for all you do. I can't wait to start traveling again.

Esther Skegg

I renewed my membership on July 1. After submitting my payment, there was an additional \$25 charge as a donation which I did not intend to make. In response to an e-mail I sent about this, I was told to make a contribution of \$5 and I would have paid membership for 2 years. Thank you.

Gordon Starr

We sold our other home and moved into a Senior Community in February.

Then Covid 19, so a lot has happened and I just forgot. I also have a new e-mail.■

*We appreciate your
letters.
Please keep them coming!*

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By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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Mainliner Clubs - By Jackie Monilaw RUAEA Midwest - Cactus Region Director

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Beyond the enjoyment these activities bring to club members, they inevitably lead to heightened feelings of comradery among employees and community among clubs.

Whether employed 5 years, 50 years or somewhere in between; many employees have made life-time friends at United. As employees move into retirement or new endeavors; this allows them to keep in touch with friends they made while working.

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