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GENERAL NEWS

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Site Selection Committee



Dave Garland

We are happy to introduce **Dave Garland** as the new Site Selection Committee Head. We thank Dave for accepting this position and thank **Ron Bertacini** for his years of service as Committee Head and for continuing to serve as a Committee Member. Following is Dave's United Airlines Work

History and Biography:



Date of hire with United Airlines: January 30, 1967, as a line apprentice in San Francisco.

I started working in the Engine Shop working on JT4s. I also had a short stint in the Test Cell and then went to the Service Center to work on Douglas DC-8s and Boeing 720s and 727s. There were also occasional jobs on the DC-6 and the Convair 340s. In November 1967, I worked on 720s and DC-8s in Airplane Overhaul doing the 5-day overhauls.

In July 1968, it was back to the Service Center doing maintenance checks, both routine and non-routine, on airframe and engines.

In January 1970, I worked the ramp and terminal.

I was furloughed in 1971 and returned to work in 1973 to the Sheet Metal Shop. I soon transferred to Airplane Overhaul working sheet metal on swing shift.

It was also during this time that I had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Ireland to work on a Capitol Airlines' DC-8 that had blown tires and caught on fire during landing in Shannon. I spent over a month on the Emerald Isle.

In 1979, I couldn't get on day shift in Airplane Overhaul so went back to the Sheet Metal Shop where I worked day shift. This worked well until I was bumped to swing shift again in October 1983. I wanted to get back on day shift so I went back to the Engine Shop where I worked on the rework crew cleaning up engine parts that had gone through the flame spray processes.

Day shift opened up in Airplane Overhaul in April 1984 so I returned and worked sheet metal on maintenance checks, this time in the B-29 hangar. While there, I and several other mechanics redesigned the Sheet Metal Shop and we were able to purchase some new machinery.

By 1989, I was felt like I had crawled around aircraft enough and I requested a transfer to the Tool Crib as a mechanic. I worked on pressure gauges for two months and then was asked if I would like to work in the office doing inventory records on tooling in the various tool rooms and maintenance records on the tooling. This was a big change in my career. In December 1989, the computerized tool and record system came into being. The Tool Inventory Control System (TICS) changed the method of processing records from paper to electronic input. Once this was completed at SFO it was time to get TICS across the United system. As one of the highly knowledgeable users of TICS, I was asked to help configure their computers and train on entering data. This started a long list of trips to line stations where I helped with data entry and training.

In August 1998, I applied for and was selected as the UA Tooling Coordinator. I worked with a Tool Planner and buyers. With this position I also was the Airline Tooling Representative with the International Airline Technical Pool (IATP). I attended IATP conventions in Miami, San Francisco, Bangkok, and in Athens, Greece. The job was great while it lasted but after 9/11 I was cut back to mechanic in October 2001.

I went back to the Overhaul Tool Crib office and was doing the same thing I had been doing for the airline only on a smaller scale. There was a user manual for TICS but during this time I wrote a more comprehensive manual for the tooling mechanics to use.

In 2006, I again applied for a management position and was accepted as a Tooling Planner/Buyer. I was responsible for the Engine Shop and the aircraft Accessory Shops. I was also still able to travel to help get the TICS system set up at line stations. International stations I traveled to were the most interesting and included: Bangkok, Singapore, London, Mexico City, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. I retired from United in September 2008 from SFOLM after a career of over 41 years.

Personal History ~ I was born in Omaha, Nebraska and lived in the small town of Creighton with 1100 people. When I was seven my family moved to Denver, Colorado and I grew up there. In 1967, I moved to California to work for United Airlines. I married my first wife, Mary, in 1969 and we were married 29 years until she passed away in 1998.

I have 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren, 1 boy and 6 girls. My second wife, Robin, and I were married in 2000.

I have always been active in my church and spent 30 years working in children's ministry. In March 2014, I traveled to Harare, Zimbabwe to help in two 1-week camps for orphan children. My wife and I were in Zimbabwe in 2017, again to work at the camp with orphans. Both trips were very rewarding.

We now enjoy being active members in the Sacramento Gold Diggers and are also members of the Hangtown Miners and the South Bay RUAEA retiree groups.

Flying Together



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From the questions the RUAEA newsletter staff receives, it seems many RUAEA members do not use FlyingTogether for information. For those of us with computers, tablets, phones, it can be very helpful and informative. Yes, of course the focus is on employees, but there is a

lot of information for retirees.

We often receive questions relating to articles we have already mentioned in the newsletter. The answers are in past newsletters and on FlyingTogether. The following is just a repeat of a previous notice and is currently on FlyingTogether. **It is not new information.**

Retiree survivor pass travel ~ Upon the death of a pass-eligible retiree, their surviving eligible pass riders continue to qualify for space available pass travel on United and United Express for a specified travel eligibility period. **The following conditions apply for existing registered pass riders that are active for travel on the retiree's profile at time of death:**

- ❖ Surviving **spouse** or **domestic partner** is eligible for pass travel until the date that he or she remarries or establishes a new partnership (boarding priority SA1P for first 30 days, SA2R beyond 30 days)
- ❖ Surviving **children** regardless of marital status (natural, adopted and/or step) under the age of 26 are eligible for pass travel (imputed income tax may apply, see Flying Together for boarding priority)
- ❖ Surviving **disabled children** (disabled since before age 26)
- ❖ Surviving **parents** of the deceased employee or retiree (based on travel eligibility period)
- ❖ **myUAdiscount**
- ❖ Eligible pass riders listed on the deceased employee/retiree's profile may participate in the myUAdiscount program.

Thank you to Michelle Pritchett, Specialist – Employee Travel Communications and Training, Human Resources for her assistance with this article.

Adding Known Traveler Number to your Flying Together Profile ~ This may be new information for many members.

1. Log on to **employeeRES** and click on the **My profile** tab and click on **Manage profile** >

2. Click on the **Known traveler no.** line and the option to add the number appears. Once you add the information click on the **Save identification info** bar.

If you still have an issue you may contact the ETC (Employee Travel Center) via a Help Hub request.

Thank you to Joan Smith, Manager Benefits, Pilot Retirement Plans for preparing this article for us.

Correction to November 2019 Newsletter

On page 5 the title for the RUPA Cruise should read **“RUPA Cruise 2020”**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Travelers beware



Before heading out on a trip, most of us make at least a mental checklist to ensure we have everything we'll need while we're away. Boarding

pass? Check. Passport? Check. Phone charger and toiletry kit? Check and check. How about a well-thought-out cyber security plan? Probably not ... but according to the experts on our cyber security team, we're never more vulnerable to cyber-attacks than we are when we travel. So, in the spirit of National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we're reminding everyone to “Think Before You Go.”

Remember, never connect your laptop, mobile phone or tablet to an unsecured public Wi-Fi network, and never, ever charge your device using a public USB port. Criminals can easily infiltrate unsecured networks or set up their own networks in public places, like airports and hotels, and use them to steal your information, and they can just as easily modify USB ports to install malware on your device when you plug it in.

Of course, that's easier said than done for those of us who travel for work. If you have to use Wi-Fi while you're on the road, at least connect using a VPN that will encrypt your data.

Beyond that, if you're not using them, it's a good idea to turn off the Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections on your devices when you're away from the house or the office and disable any auto-connect options. You should also lock your devices with passcodes, make sure each one is running on the latest version of its operating system, and update virus protection and firewall software. And please, please avoid free anti-virus software or VPNs; you get what you pay for.

To further protect yourself, many security experts also recommend changing the passwords you use to ac-

cess secure websites before you travel abroad, then changing them again after you return home.

Be vigilant when using credit and debit cards, especially when visiting a foreign country. If you're shopping or dining someplace that looks like it doesn't have the right kind of security infrastructure in place to protect your data, leave the card in your wallet and pay cash.

Finally, don't simply throw away your boarding pass or bag tag after landing – shred them. The barcodes on those documents contain a lot of personal details, including MileagePlus information and trip itineraries, which can be used against you by a clever criminal.

Visit our [National Cyber Security Awareness Month homepage](#) for more tips like these that can help keep you safe in the digital world. And, as always, be careful out there.

Fly the Friendly Galaxy: **United Airlines Joins Forces with Star Wars:** **The Rise of Skywalker to Offer Customers** **Unforgettable Star Wars Experiences**



United Airlines recently announced that the carrier has teamed up with Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker – the epic conclusion of the Skywalker saga, to offer customers and employees alike exciting opportunities in the coming weeks to experience the Star Wars saga first-hand on the ground, in the air and throughout the airline's galaxy.

Customers will begin flying the friendly galaxy in November when United officially unveils an all-new Star Wars-themed paint design on one of its Boeing 737-800 aircraft with a re-designed onboard experience to celebrate the movie. The airline will also offer Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker-themed amenity kits and launch its latest inflight safety demonstration video featuring characters from the new film. In addition, the airline will provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for MileagePlus members – including access to attend the US premiere of Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker – through [MileagePlus Exclusives](#), the airline's platform that lets MileagePlus members use miles to bid and buy exclusive items and experiences.

“United Airlines and the Star Wars franchise share a common goal: connect people and unite the world,” said Mark Krolick, United's vice president of marketing. *“We are thrilled to join forces and help promote the concluding chapter of the Skywalker story, while at the same time enlisting help from our new friends from*

the Star Wars universe to demonstrate the importance of safety for our customers and colleagues.”

While not everyone will have the chance to see the new livery in person, anyone will be able to track United's Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker-themed aircraft via special icon on [FlightAware](#), the world's largest online flight tracking platform. For the first time, aviation and Star Wars enthusiasts can track past and future flights on both desktop and mobile by entering the plane's tail number and the new livery will appear on FlightAware's flight tracking maps as the X-Wing starship.

United Airlines Pledges \$40 Million **To Further Decarbonize Commercial Air Travel**



United Airlines further strengthened its reputation as an aviation industry leader in environmental sustainability by committing \$40 million toward a new investment

vehicle focused on accelerating the development of sustainable aviation fuels and other decarbonization technologies. The carrier, which earlier this year agreed to purchase up to 10 million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel over the next two years, will look to collaborate with other environmentally conscious partners on this extraordinary initiative. Among all airlines around the world, United holds more than 50% of all publicly announced purchase commitments to using sustainable aviation fuels and is the only U.S. carrier to currently use this fuel on a continuous basis.

“United has been an industry leader in environmental sustainability – including being the first U.S. carrier to announce a bold pledge to cut our carbon footprint in half by 2050 relative to 2005,” said Scott Kirby, United's president. *“However, to achieve this goal, we can't be content as a leading airline undergoing an evolution to adapt to climate change. We aspire to be the airline leading the revolution to fight climate change, and this new initiative will further empower us to reduce our impact on the environment and fly towards a more sustainable future.”*

United's Commitment to the Environment ~ United's latest commitment to invest in the development of sustainable aviation fuel and decarbonization technologies, along with its pledge to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, represents yet another leadership position the airline has undertaken to reduce its impact on the environment. Several of United's most significant environmental achievements include:

- ✓ Becoming the first airline to incorporate sustainable aviation fuel in regular operations on a continuous basis, marking a significant milestone in the industry by moving beyond test programs and demonstrations to the everyday use of low-carbon fuel in ongoing operations.
- ✓ Investing more than \$30 million in California-based sustainable aviation fuels producer Fulcrum BioEnergy, which remains the single largest investment by any airline globally in sustainable fuels. United's option to purchase, subject to availability, nearly 1 billion gallons from Fulcrum BioEnergy is the largest offtake agreement for sustainable aviation fuel in the airline industry.
- ✓ Operating the Flight for the Planet last June, which represented the most-eco-friendly commercial flight of its kind in the history of commercial aviation.
- ✓ Becoming the first airline to fly with Boeing's Split Scimitar winglets, which reduce fuel consumption by an additional 2 percent versus standard winglets; United is the largest Scimitar winglet operator today, with nearly 400 aircraft equipped with these winglets.
- ✓ Becoming the first U.S. airline to repurpose items from the carrier's international premium cabin amenity kits and partnering with Clean the World to donate hygiene products to those in critical need.
- ✓ Eliminating non-recyclable plastic stirring sticks and cocktail picks on aircraft and replacing them with a more environmentally friendly product made of 100% bamboo.
- ✓ Continuing to replace its eligible ground equipment with cleaner, electrically powered alternatives, with 40% of the fleet converted to date.

United's Award-Winning Eco-Skies Program ~ United's award-winning Eco-Skies program represents the company's commitment to the environment and the actions taken every day to create a more sustainable future. In 2017, Air Transport World magazine named United the Eco-Airline of the Year for the second time since the airline launched the Eco-Skies program. Additionally, United Airlines ranked No. 1 among global carriers in Newsweek's 2017 Global 500 Green Rankings, one of the most recognized environmental performance assessments of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

For more information on United's commitment to environmental sustainability, visit united.com/ecoskies.

About United ~ United's shared purpose is "Connecting People. Uniting the World". We are more focused than ever on our commitment to customers through a series of innovations and improvements de-

signed to help build a great experience: Every customer. Every flight. Every day. Together, United and United Express operate approximately 4,900 flights a day to 358 airports across five continents. In 2018, United and United Express operated more than 1.7 million flights carrying more than 158 million customers. United is proud to have the world's most comprehensive route network, including U.S. mainland hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. United operates 788 mainline aircraft and the airline's United Express partners operate 560 regional aircraft. United is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides service to 193 countries via 27 member airlines. For more information, visit united.com, follow @United on Twitter and Instagram or connect on Facebook. The common stock of United's parent, United Airlines Holdings, Inc., is traded on the Nasdaq under the symbol "UAL".

United Joins with Marriott International to Offer Industry's First Complimentary Baggage Delivery Service



Starting November 1, United Airlines will begin offering Polaris customers on flights between New York/Newark and London Heathrow complimentary baggage delivery exclusively to five Marriott International properties. Whether they are bound for the boardroom or Big Ben, this first-of-its-kind service will allow United Polaris customers to start their London journey the moment they clear customs and drop their bags.

United's new baggage delivery benefit coincides with the airline operating its newly reconfigured Boeing 767-300ER on the route – an aircraft that features an extended cabin with 46 United Polaris business seats in the premium cabin and 22 United Premium Plus seats.

"The flight between New York/Newark and London is one of the most serviced routes in the world, and we are continually looking at how we can offer superior services and amenities for our customers traveling between these two major cities," said Andrew Nocella, the airline's chief commercial officer. *"And as our customers continue to demand greater convenience and choices, we will be ready to deliver, offering the caring, creative solutions that will keep them choosing United."*

The baggage delivery program will be offered to all customers who hold a ticket in United's Polaris business cabin on the New York/Newark to London Heathrow route, including upgraded tickets, and who are staying at select Marriott properties including JW Marriott Gros-

venor House London, London Marriott Hotel Canary Wharf, London Marriott Hotel County Hall, Sheraton Grand London Park Lane and St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel London. Customers can proceed through immigration and customs as normal, and follow signs for the bag drop desk in the arrivals area of London Heathrow, which will be open seven days a week from 6:00am – 12:00pm. Customers will not need to pre-register for the service. As an added benefit, passengers who are also members of Marriott Bonvoy, Marriott's travel program, and have booked their hotel stay directly with Marriott will receive a notification on the Marriott Bonvoy app that their bags have arrived at their hotel.

United's reconfigured Boeing 767-300ER features 16 additional United Polaris business class seats – all with direct-aisle-access – bringing the total premium cabin seat count to 46. The aircraft also features 22 United Premium Plus seats – becoming the first United 767-300ER to offer this seat type – 47 Economy Plus seats and 52 Economy seats. United will be the only U.S. carrier to operate a widebody aircraft that features this many premium seats. The aircraft will operate between Newark/New York and London, offering more premium seats in the largest premium route in the world.

United Polaris business class service is designed to bring a new level of quality to every aspect of premium cabin travel – from lounge to landing – and provide the best sleep in the sky. Customers booked in the Polaris cabin will continue to receive signature amenities such as Saks Fifth Avenue bedding, amenity kits featuring custom products from luxury skincare line Sunday Riley, a variety of inflight entertainment options, elevated food and beverages and access to the Polaris lounge at Newark Liberty International Airport and the arrivals lounge and United Club at London Heathrow.

For additional details on the baggage delivery program please visit: <https://www.united.com/londonbagdelivery>

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

I grew up in Nebraska and attended the Methodist Church. Often my Mom would tell us we were having “Methodist Jello salad” for dinner. It was a salad that someone always made for a pot luck/church function. After all these years I do not remember the ingredients, but I do remember I was not fond

of the salad.

I promise this recipe is not that salad! This is our family favorite. It goes well with turkey, ham or what

ever you choose to serve. I will be making it for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hope you enjoy!

Pineapple-Cranberry Salad:

- ◆ 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple
- ◆ 2 packages (4 serving size each) raspberry gelatin
- ◆ 1 can (16 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
- ◆ 1 apple chopped
- ◆ ½ cup chopped walnuts, optional

Drain pineapple, reserving the juice. Add enough cold water to juice to measure 3 cups. Pour into saucepan. Bring to boil and remove from heat. Add dry gelatin and stir two minutes. Stir in cranberry sauce, pineapple, apples and walnuts. Pour into lightly sprayed gelatin mold or large bowl. Refrigerate four hours until firm or overnight.

Makes 14 servings, ½ cup each.

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.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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Our strong, vocal, sixteen, attendees, expressed their dismay in the Raffle corruption. The winner again (and again, and again) was outer island resident **Ed Southworth**. We all wondered why United hired this Marine. The only reason was determined by his dining choice, a "*chili dog with fries*".

The Atteberrys were present and witnessed a fond reception by everyone, **Ray & Mai Owens** were especially thankful, as George now is the new Scribe for the group.

Tommy & Sande Zander finally showed up from New Orleans. Our Exalted Ruler, **Conrad Hamilton**, found out that the Zanders passed by Pensacola frequently, however are remiss in attending our wonderful gatherings. True or not, we all are sticking with his findings. **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl** had questions about the new Social Security card.

Jeanne has mastered her new piano, and is looking for new Christmas music. Good luck Norm.

Rich & Maureen Hurst enjoyed the pizza, however Maureen had to bow out to attend her duties at the Museum. **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** administered the Raffle and handed out our cookie treats.

John & Myrl Eisinger continued their duties as usual (Greeter, Badger, Meeting Notification Inquiries). Myrl is the "Keeper of the Rules" for the up coming Christmas extravaganza, the "Dirty Santa" exercise. We also pledged \$300 to MANA support. Toys for Tots will also receive our gifts for the children.

Come join us, first Monday of every month at the Cubi Café (with its entire memorabilia moved from the Philippines), Pensacola FL NAS Museum at 11:00AM.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our 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.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 9th at the home of **Joe & Jane Jones** in Clanton for our Christmas celebration, at 11:30. Anyone needing directions can call Joe at (205) 646-3825.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The small but faithful group of retirees formerly known as the Azures met for their kick off winter luncheon at Pete's Bistro in Sun Village, hosted by **Ginny Weiler-Meyer**. There were 26 in attendance and we had a great time getting re-acquainted and sharing memories and new adventures.



It was a Halloween themed party and Ginny made it a bit more festive by handing out some party favors and candy. She even dressed up as she dished out the goodies.

Our group will meet again on December 13 for a Christmas/Hanukkah luncheon at Angela's Restaurant in Sun City Grand.

A hardy but somewhat smaller group still 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

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Time sure flies, doesn't it? Can't believe Christmas is right around the corner! It's always a very special time of the year and we love spending time with family and friends. The annual Christmas Luncheon for our Re-United's Chapter is going to be Wednesday, December 4. This is always a very special luncheon, so be sure and mark your calendars. It's being held again at the Cottonwood Country Club, Saguaro Room, at 25219 S. E. J.

Robson Blvd, in Sun Lakes, starting at 1:00 p.m. The menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu or BBQ Ribs with Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & butter, House Salad with Ranch or Balsamic dressings and cake for dessert. The cost is \$25.00, which includes tax and tip. There will be an open bar, with a server, and water and iced tea on the tables, plus coffee service. Reservations are due by Monday, November 25th to **Judy Burtner**, 10713 E. Michigan Avenue, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Please indicate your choice of BBQ Ribs or the Chicken, and make out your check to Re-United's. If you have any questions, contact Judy by her e-mail, JLB801@aol.com, or her phone, (847) 212-8052. Directions to the Clubhouse will be provided. We will have our usual 50/50 Raffle. What a wonderful way to start the Holiday season!

We had 16 members at our October 25th Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. It was nice to see **Bill & Molly Norwood** again. They do a lot of cruising in their spare time. **Rita Zarek** updated us on **Linda Cooper Koltz** recent death. She died from multiple problems. There wasn't any service held in Arizona, but something will be held in Illinois after the first of the year. Her husband died just two years ago, in the same month. We heard **Bob Fosberg** had his heart surgery in Colorado in October and is doing well. We look forward to seeing him and **Valerie** back in Arizona once again real soon. Another Re-United regular, **Fred Rockenhauser**, had cryosurgery to freeze the tumor on his left kidney the middle of October, and is doing fine. They will be at our November luncheon. Always like to report good news about our members. **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** weren't at the breakfast as they were celebrating their 61st Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to both of them!

We talked a lot about the changes being made to the Fantasy Flight in December. Our Re-United chapter members were very active for 20 years in making the Phoenix Fantasy Flight the most successful during all those years and are very proud of all we accomplished during those years.

There also was a lot of discussion about the new Medicare Advantage Plan. Some are for it and some against. Hopefully everyone will be happy in the long run. Time will tell.

Our next Luncheon is November 11th at the Boulders on Southern, 1010 W. Southern in Mesa. Dakota is again hosting this luncheon. We will order from the menu with individual bills. Contact Dakota for further information at (602) 920-7785.

Coming up soon is the nomination of officers for our Re-United Chapter. Please consider getting more involved and volunteering for any of these offices, and also for hosting one of the luncheons. It really isn't a lot of work, and it's good to have new ideas too! Please think about it.

Don't forget our annual dues of \$5.00 each are due by January 1st. **John & JoAnn Griffin** are our Treasurer/

Membership people. You can give it to them at one of our meetings, or mail it to them at 759 S. 76th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208. Call them to check where you should send your check at (608) 613-0090 or (815) 404-7979, as they are Snowbirds. If you have any changes in your address, e-mail, or phone, be sure and let them know, so we have the correct information for our membership directory, which is published early next year, and available in April at our annual picnic.

The following people have Birthdays in December: **Jim Brigante, Ginny Rockenhauser, Doreen Cloud, Sandi Fowler, Irma Furtney, JoAnn Fearing, and Peggy Snowdall**. Happy Birthday to each of you. We have two couples having December Wedding Anniversaries: **John & Joanne Griffin** and **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier**, both on December 18th, but 10 years apart. Congratulations to both couples!

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas Luncheon at Cottonwood Country Club, in their Saguaro Room, hosted by **Judy Burtner**. Deadline is November 25th. If you need further information, contact Judy at JLB801@aol.com, or (847) 212-8052.

December 20 - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net if you will be attending by December 18.

January - Luncheon. More information to follow. Dakota is the host again.

January 24 - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.



TALL PINES

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

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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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 De-

cember, 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 rpdgarcia41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA



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We had a great day on October 16 celebrating our wonderful friend, **Charlotte Puryear's** 99th birthday. Cake, balloons and gifts of laughter and smiles surrounded her. Several of the Northstaters came to Sycamore Glen Retirement Community in Chico to help celebrate Charlotte's special day.



Charlotte's first job was at Mare Island Supply Dept. in California as a typist clerk in October of 1941. Her husband went to work for United Airlines at San Francisco Maintenance Base. Due to advice from her doctors not to commute, Charlotte moved to San Francisco to be with her husband. She then went to work at Hammond Aircraft in a defense job and then worked at other jobs with Western Pipe, Standard Oil and Union Oil. Her husband came home from Air Transport Command and Charlotte quit working until November 16, 1949 when she joined the United family. She started at SFOGA, located at the Maintenance Base, where she worked until she retired February 1, 1983. She worked as a file clerk, accounting clerk, accountant, and then became a timekeeper in payroll. She also helped cover the cashier gate.

Since retirement Charlotte moved to Paradise, Redding, and back to Chico to the Sycamore Glen Retirement Community.

This last year was quite a challenge with the Camp Fire. Charlotte was living in the Atria Retirement Community in Paradise when the fire came. She only had a sweater and the clothes on her back when she was put on a bus to Oroville with the other residents and then put in a hotel in Sacramento until her nephew came. Charlotte then stayed with her nephew for a while until she could come back to her favorite place, Sycamore Glen. Charlotte lost all of her belongings in the fire. As always, Charlotte faced these challenges with the grace and smile she always has. I so wish everyone could meet this wonderful lady and friend. We all could learn so much from her 99 years of knowledge and experiences.

Charlotte now is still active at the retirement community and works tirelessly on her paperwork for her family. She is so well thought of by the staff and her friends. As everyone said goodbye to her after her celebration, she said, "Wow, can't wait for my 100th birthday". We can't either Charlotte!

Calendar:

December 4 – Wednesday at 1130 AM, Christmas get-together at **Bill & Sharon Simonton's** home. If you are in the area, come join us!

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our meeting was held on October 16th at Hapy's Bistro in Pismo Beach. This restaurant is located in an area with several other stores. I have driven by it several times but never stopped. **Mike Zoldak & Bridget** arranged to have our meeting there and provided very tasty treats. We had 9 of us show up that included **Bob & Marcia Stanger, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Barbara Stilwell, Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. **Joan Schaefer** was to come but due to her travels she was a no-show. **John Wessel** had another function to go to otherwise he is one of our regulars. Mike told us about **Dana Noyes** death. She was the last original member of our chapter, along with her husband **Bill**, that got our chapter started. Mike was able to send a condolence email to her son since a mailing address was not available. She was a wonderful, dedicated secretary of our chapter who turned her position over to me when they moved to Missouri.

It was a little hard to get any conversation going due to the restaurant's customer's close quarters, but I was able to find out from Bridget regarding their trip to Italy. They flew UAL to Rome and returned from another city, that I failed to hear about. They got to see most of the sights however the crowds were so many that they could have seen more or spent more time at places they saw.

Bridget would very much like to go back since this was their first time visiting Italy. The highlights of their flights was flying 1st class from San Luis Obispo to LAX, which usually takes less than an hour. I never heard about their accommodations on other flights but they were on schedule if I heard right.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** in December. They will let us know the place and date.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Doreen Roberts hosted the Sunbirds' October Luncheon. It was held at Solano's in Palm Desert. Thirty one Sunbirds were joined by 3 guests. Our hostess brought her usual guest, **Tom Wheaton**; **Kathy Wilson** brought her brother, **Phil Neth**; and the **Burnetts** brought a friend, **James Broder**.

Two couples celebrate Anniversaries in October; **Bill & Lia Schultz**; and **Marji & Chuck Lamas** (that's me).

As usual, we went right to our raffle, after Lunch and Dessert. **Phil Neth**, mentioned above, won \$50.00 in the 50/50; and I must be getting old, and/or my hearing is not so good, as a bunch of people won bottles of wine. The names I got were **James Broder**, **Winnie Sher**, **Sheryll Weiss**, **Ken Hawley**, and **Norm Burnett**.

One more time! If there are any Sunbirds out there, who don't come to the Luncheons, but do belong to RUAEA, please let me know!

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Our November meeting was held on the 4th at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Concord with 21 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers and **Joe Leather** handled the raffle.

After lunch, we held our raffle. **Barbara Cunningham** won the money. We had a wonderful selection of prizes for our raffle - six bottles of wine, a cutlery set, a ceramic pumpkin jar, decorative soap, candy, a vintage United Airlines bag, a Christmas potholder and towel set, and a "fake" can of hair spray for storing valuables (and hopefully fooling a burglar).

In addition to the camaraderie and friendship, we also

share helpful information and travel tips. **Cheryl Kincaid** told us about her recent trip to the Finger Lakes region in upstate NY. The region is known for many quaint towns rich in history. She flew into Syracuse, the closest airport. Rochester is the next closest airport. She recommended several points of interest. The Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York is dedicated to the art, history and science of glass. It was founded in 1951 by Corning Glass Works and currently has a collection of more than 50,000 glass objects, some over 3,500 years old. Skaneateles Lake is rated the cleanest of the Finger Lakes and has a lovely Lakeside Walk. October is a perfect time to visit the many wineries and apple festivals, and to see the beautiful fall foliage.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is June 2020. In last month's RUAEA newsletter, I gave the date incorrectly as July vs June. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). There is more detailed info on this cruise elsewhere in the newsletter, but here are the salient facts: It's a 14-day cruise on Holland America, departing June 29, 2020 from, and returning to, Vancouver. You will see the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord, Haines, Icy Strait Point, Inian Islands, Anchorage, Homer, Valdez, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, and Misty Fjords. For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us! Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. In 2020, from January through November, we will meet at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Fuddrucker's in Pleasant Hill. Our December meeting will be at Zio Fraedo's. We will have each month's location finalized shortly. Thanks to **Diane Griego** for arranging the location of all our meetings.

❖ Monday, December 2 at 11:00 - Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at dianegriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have

cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.



GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** used her mighty duck call to bring the October 28th meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remembering those Military and Armed Forces members here and abroad. We have received our rental agreement with the Foster City Recreation Center for 2020 – there has been no increase in our fee for the year with thanks to residents who live in Foster City, they give us a break! Thanks to Vera who keeps us afloat. Our annual Christmas Luncheon was discussed, our menu selection has increased so when signing up, we will give our menu choices to the Auditors when they collect the money (\$25.00 per person.) This event is December 11th at 11:30am at the San Mateo Fish Market. Cut-off date for reservations is December 4th, please call **Gene Walter** with your selection before then. This event is open to all members (and guests.) President **Vera Kina** passed out the 2020 monthly meeting information, mark your calendars for some fun times!

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

- ✓ November 25 - Pot Luck – bring your special favorite dish, couples bring enough for 8, singles enough food for 4. This is a well-attended meeting, lots of good food.
- ✓ December 11 – Christmas Luncheon at The Fish Market in San Mateo. Genes' phone, (650) 856-9738.
- ✓ January 27 - BYOBL – Brown Bag lunch day with Bingo

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for the September meeting – had to correct that we were eating BBQ not Pizza. Condolence cards were sent to the families of **Pearl Bloom** and **Roz Clinton** who recently passed away.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** said that the bank account is healthy, he will pay our rental fees. He will be collecting 2020 dues starting this month so bring your check book. Dues remain at \$15.00 per person.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** is counting ballots at the Voting Precinct Headquarters so she was

unable to attend the meeting. (Ginger put on her hat.) Information regarding memorial services for Pearl and Roz were handed out to attending members. Both families were loyal, long time members and we will miss them. We had some birthday candle burners: **Walter Kina**, **Art Barrett**, and **Harriet Kunze**, almost caused a fire – so many candles! **Vera & Walter Kina** are celebrating their anniversary, congrats to you both! Anyone need some TLC? let Ginger know so she can send out a card. Hope to hear from **Ben & Linda Vietz** soon, both need your good wishes for better health.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** (in absentia) will have a sign-up list for the Christmas luncheon so please let them know that you are coming. Drag out those colorful sweaters.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – Don't forget the September 20-27, 2020 Princess 7 night cruise out of SFO to Canada and return. This is very popular as it is out of SFO and sells out quickly. Call Ginger if you want a flyer (phone number above.) Got some dandy trips planned for next year – a day trip to the PRO-AM Golf tournament at Pebble Beach, a 7day/8 night Columbia/Snake River Cruise, a trip to Safari West – and lots more so keep your eyes peeled, go dig up that coffee can in the back yard (what?? you have your money in a bank?) and join us on some fun times – guaranteed laughs and good eats.

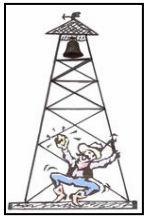
Historian **Jim Goodwine** was unable to attend the meeting, even if he is not here, we are still getting older.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** has asked everyone to bring new, unwrapped toys/games for kids at the November meeting, these will be donated to local charities during the holidays. Thanks for the canned goods you all brought for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Res Reelfs** won 3 times at Bingo, he left **Margaret** at home as she was not feeling up to snuff. That'll teach 'ya – he did say he would share his winnings. (Ha!) Don't hold your breath Margaret!

New Business: **Charlie Bogert** reported on the DEN RUAEA convention, a good time was had by all. The Convention will be held in SAN next September, more information to come. **Dee Peters** reported on the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) events that have been and will be occurring in Redwood City.

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, All ... I know that each of you put a lot of thought into where you wanted to reside in your "Golden Years". Each time we drive from the crowded, noisy Bay Area and travel through your beautiful, tree filled world, I sure can understand why you made the decision you did. Plus, the fall shows the area off so well! **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** chose a great place for our October luncheon. For-ester Pub & Grill is rustic, but modern with wonderful meals to enjoy, in the center of the small, quaint town of Camino – near Placerville. Their menu has a wide range of choices – and our group seems to be inclined to explore all sections! **Bill Dinette** extended our thanks to Tom & Suzanne. No one owned up to celebrating their birthday this month, and no anniversaries for those present. However, my records show that **Ed & Lindalee Akin, Gary & Mikki Dalleske** and **Bob & Carol White** celebrated anniversaries this month. Congratulations to you all! **John Muir** brought a friend, Ann Marie, and **Mike Thilges** joined us for lunch and as a (new) member too. Welcome to you both.

President ~ **Bill Dinette** always brings interesting items to us each month. October wasn't any different! Bill covered United Health Insurance enrollment options, United Employee Discounts program, etc.

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** did not have a report this month.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. He will be spending some of this for deposits to hold the American Legion Hall for our December luncheon and a deposit for the caterer (see old business).

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** was not at the RUAEA convention, but **Robin Garland** sent the Chapter Correspondents report and Jane went through a few items covered in this report.

Angie Dellinger added that at the beginning of the year you won't have to go to the desk while waiting to see if you will be on a flight. You will be texted or emailed with your seat assignment. You want to keep an eye on the monitor at the gate and your name will/should come up there. This could be a problem for those of us who are not techies!

The sign-up sheet for hosting luncheons in 2020 has been passed around! Yup, it's that time of the year – half the months have been chosen. Still available, January, March, July, September, November and December – tho, December is usually a group effort! I will be passing the sheet around again at the November meeting, but if you have a particular month you want to host; let me know and I will put your name down.

I also passed around copies of the Hangtown Miners roster. If you didn't get one and would like one, let me know. I will also attach **Thom Biro's** roster – if I figure out how to!

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that she sent a "get well" card to **Ed Akin**. Ed had another stroke. He is doing well, it's a slow process; good thing he's tough. The Akins are hosting next month's luncheon at the Olive Garden in Folsom. However, the second Monday is the 11th, Veteran's Day. They asked if we could move the lunch day to Tuesday, November 12th. The request was approved unanimously. Please note the change of date.

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** brought our albums today. She has done a great job keeping these updated. Please take a few moments to browse thru them next time, it's always fun to see faces from the past.

Old Business ~ So, the question still begs for an answer – do you qualify for the \$10,000 life insurance policy that UAL mechanics were told they would receive? From our membership, some who have inquired do, others don't – and there doesn't seem to be any rhyme nor reason. So, **Sonda Sandstedt**, our RUAEA Regional Director asked at the convention. I will quote from the email she sent **Bill Dinette**: "Today's agenda included the benefits meeting and the UA rep here who is able to handle your questions. As he explained though, there are sooooo many different plans that he needs to look at case by case. If you could send me a list of people in your chapter who are affected along with their file numbers, he will check each one. I believe there was a shift in responsibilities over the past few years and I'm not certain they even realized there was a problem. Don Burbank, our liaison and RUAEA president have met with Rick and assures me he is very interested in sorting this out." So, if you have inquired about the insurance and been told no, or if you haven't even asked about it yet, send Sonda your info and see what happens. Thank you, Sonda, for following thru with this for us.

Now, our December luncheon: As you may remember from our September luncheon, **Rosemary Heier** researched and presented the proposal that we change our venue for the December luncheon to the Elks Club. However, it seems that changes to what she had been told were popping up and she decided to drop that idea. We had already put out the request for other options. We would like to continue at the American Legion Hall, so **John Muir** got our name down on the calendar for Monday, December 9th. The cost will be \$200 to rent the hall. **Bill Dinette** took the bull by the horns and found 3 caterers. The first two were too expensive and didn't seem very willing to "work with us". But, our president is not one to be messed with, the third estimate sounds great and the lady he spoke to was very pleasant and helpful, a winning point for retirees!

Bill gave us 3 choices for meals. Almost everyone liked selection #3, so that's what we're going with! It was also proposed that each member will pay just \$10.00 per

person and the chapter will pay for all other expenses (if a guest is invited they will be paying the normal price of the meal). **Diana Bell** motioned to go with these choices; **Jack Fitzpatrick** seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business ~ Are you ready? Well, ready or not, election of our officers for 2020 is just around the corner. So, here are the nominations presented and you are to think about how you feel about each office and if you are okay with the person who was nominated. At the November meeting you will have an opportunity to nominate a different person from the one who was nominated – but please have a replacement for the position ready to discuss.

At our November meeting we will be deciding on: For *President*: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Bill Dinette**; **Rudy Blazius** seconded. For *Vice President*: **Jane Gibson** nominated **Rudy Blazius**; **JR Heier** seconded. For *Treasurer*: **Jane Gibson** nominated **Tom Kenny**; **Bill Gibson** seconded. For *Secretary*: **Bill Dinette** nominated **Jane Gibson**; **Duncan Nielsen** seconded. For *Sunshine*: **Diana Bell** nominated **Suzanne Kenny**; **JR Heier** seconded. For *Historian*: **Jane Gibson** nominated **Pati Kenney**; **JR Heier** seconded. Nominations closed.

Okay, so, for just about all of these nominations, there was lots of enthusiasm and shout outs, and as I type this I see that all the names I put down were from around where I was sitting! So, if you were across the room and shouted out to be first or second and I don't have you down for it, I'm very contrite! Our group is full of so many fun, boisterous people; it's hard to keep track of you all! Remember, we will be voting on this panel at the November meeting (we don't have a meeting in December), so be sure to attend and be heard.

Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin** at the Olive Garden in Folsom on the second Tuesday, November 12.

Bill brought our meeting to a close and Rudy started our raffle. There was a close watch on the draw for the donators' prize (his wife Cindy won the past 2 months!) so he had someone else draw and **Linda Dinette** had the lucky number. Thanks to all who brought items for the raffle: **Blazius** – candle; **Dinette** – wine; **Martin** – mystery box!; **Kenney** – table runner; **Heiers** – pumpkin hand soap; **Gibson** – hand soap; **Kenny** – apple baskets; **Hilton** – wine; **Fitzpatrick** – wine.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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Our Resans Breakfast will be after the date the newsletter is due so I will bring you up to date in the next issue.

Rosalie Tripicchio is vacationing in Hawaii and **Louie Semon** is travelling in Saudi Arabia and spending time in New York with family.

Our December Birthdays are **Barbara Tobin** and **Maria Pollack**.

The 2020 Benefits Enrollment Guide was confusing to a lot of us. It is confusing to read through all that info and make a decision. I encouraged phone calls to the United Airlines Benefits Center and some of the other numbers listed. They were hard to get through but I have heard that they were helpful once contact was made.

I talked to **Bob & Helen Grissom**, now living in Minnesota and they are both doing well despite the cold. Bob will be celebrating his 90th Birthday and despite being hard of hearing, he is going strong. He sends his best wishes to all.

If you are planning travel during the Holidays, the new eRES now allows bookings up to 120 days. It will be easier to list for any space available flight but do remember to cancel if your travel changes.

I have no Bio for you this month. Hopefully, I will have one for our January 2020 issue of the newsletter.

We are working on the plans for our annual Christmas Luncheon which will be held this year on Monday, December 9th.

Plans are already under way for the RUAEA Retiree Convention which will be held in San Diego in September 2020. We will keep you advised as we move along with our plans. Resans is looking forward to planning a great convention for you in 2020 and we hope you make plans to join us in San Diego!

There is no scheduled breakfast for December due to our Holiday Luncheon.

Calendar:

December 9 - Christmas Luncheon at Hunter's Steakhouse, 2445 Hotel Circle Place, San Diego

January 9 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Submitted by Robin Garland

The Gold Diggers monthly luncheon was held October 30 at Mimi's in Roseville. Thank you to **Ed & Rose Rheam** for hosting this luncheon. Forty members were in attendance with one guest. Our guest, **Kathy Lynch**, was a United flight attendant who after 43 years with the company decided to retire two years ago. She was the guest of **Trudy & Lance Engeldinger**. So glad you could join us!

It was a great time together reminiscing about the convention in Denver of which a good number were able to attend. All thought the tours were wonderful. And how can we forget our outstanding tour guide Maryann who gave **Dave Garland** the opportunity to share about his experiences growing up in Denver while heading back to the hotel after Saturday's trip to Golden? Several members extended their time away after the convention visiting friends or family or visiting some additional sights while heading toward home.

Following a delicious lunch, President **Jim Simon** opened our meeting recapping the Denver convention and what an enjoyable time together it was. He was one of several from our chapter who decided to make the drive there and back. **Ron Bertacini** also mentioned that it worked out well having the benefit meetings on Friday instead of Saturday and was pleased that there was good representation from United.

Several officers gave their reports and Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** shared that she had received a postcard from **Sherrill & Syd Morgan** who now live in Florida. Syd recently moved to an assisted living facility and Sherrill says he would love to hear from folks. His new address is 1825 Ridgewood Ave., Apt. 124, Holly Hill, FL 32117. Please consider sending off a note to him for encouragement.

In **Marji Gabert-Milam's** absence this month due to extensive travels, **Robin Garland** is covering the bases for her.

Sonda Sandstedt announced that the nominating committee had chosen the following individuals as chapter officers for the upcoming year: **Dave Garland** – President, **Terry Greenacre** – VP, and **La Verne Haubl** – Secretary. Members voted and unanimously approved these new officers for 2020. Then putting her Regional Director hat on, Sonda commented that it was the best convention in Denver ever. The band Friday night was outstanding and the tours were great! She mentioned the San Diego convention for next year and encouraged everyone to make plans to attend.

Francis Domaratus let members know about some upcoming changes that will be made in the RUAEA news-

letter in an effort to make it more useful and helpful. He encouraged everyone present to consider joining the national RUAEA organization for \$30/yr. for the newsletter and \$35/yr. which includes an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Jim Simon led the birthday rolloff for September and October and wouldn't you know it **Barbara Bertacini** won for September and **Ron Bertacini** followed suit winning for October. No doubt about it, it was kept "All in the Family." Congratulations to the both of you!

Vice President **Vicky Enriquez** followed with the raffle first thanking everyone for bringing gifts. There were many wonderful gifts that delighted the winners—even Vicky who won the last gift! And with that our meeting ended.

Several in our chapter were affected by power outages in October as a precaution against wildfires especially during periods of high wind activity. They were using generators for backup power which they were thankful for but it was still a disruption to their lives. The Kincade Fire in Sonoma was burning at the time of our luncheon.

Our December Christmas luncheon will be held on December 4 at Woodcreek Golf Club in Roseville. Be sure to bring your raffle gifts, an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots, and \$10 for yearly dues. We look forward to seeing you there!



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Here we are and it's almost November. Halloween will be over by the time you read this article and all the trick-or-treaters will have already enjoyed all their candy. I guess it's time to start thinking about the holidays, shopping, food, parties, etc. My gosh, time goes by so fast!

Our president, **Steve Foster**, was at our October luncheon and hosted the event at the H-B Grill and Saloon in Oakdale. It was great to see Steve again since we all missed him due to his surgery. He had major surgery on his shoulder and he is going to Physical Therapy and still has to wear the sling for 3 more months. Steve came with his good friend and driver, Nick. We had 18 people enjoying the new location, a private room, and the good food.

Steve talked about the Real ID Drivers License. He said we should all go to the DMV (make an appointment first) and get the Real ID. We all need to have the Real ID by October 1, 2020 for identification if we want to travel by airplane; unless you have a valid U.S. Passport which is acceptable.

We were happy to see **Don & Jo Nesja** again. Don always keeps the group laughing with his file full of Jokes. They were away for several months traveling

through the U.S. **Jo Nesja** gave us an update on **Bob & Joy Blair**. They moved to Texas and are getting settled in their new home close to their daughter.

As always, we have our luncheon meetings on the second Thursday of each month, except for January. Our group is small but filled with happy, friendly people and we welcome visitors anytime. Our next luncheon will be at the Golden Corral in Modesto On November 14th. They have a wonderful buffet and everyone walks away with a full tummy.

Please call President **Steve Foster** (209) 328-1210 if you would like any information about our Chapter.

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Our meetings have begun to get back to normal with regards to attendance. Thanks in part to the IHOP folks responding to our requests to improve service. Coffee is flowing, individual bills are provided and food service improved.

Nine of our members attended the RUAEA annual convention and had a wonderful time.

Our chapter was well represented at the Family Day event at the SFO maintenance base.

Yours truly and my wife **Julie Midwin**, traveled to Australia, spending time on the Great Barrier Reef. Upon returning, I was fortunate enough to participate in a veteran "Honor Flight", traveling to Washington DC. It was a most unbelievable experience and I encourage any veteran to check out their website, by the same name.

It's nice to have our Sunshine lady **Maureen**, her husband and our historian **Vern Snyder** back with us. We also had guests, brother and sister in-law of **Ben Scales** who were out from the deep South enjoying the great California weather. **Thelma Graham's** son, Glen, joined us for one meeting.

During the month we had a guest speaker, **Pete van Gilluwe**, retired UAL employee (helped develop the Apollo System) and new RUAEA member. Pete has been tirelessly working to convince United folks to invest in a museum showcasing the vast history of United. He has visited other airlines museums and the effort they and the many volunteers have invested in telling the story of their airlines. His focus has been in the San Francisco part of California; however, if anyone has any ideas as to any possible sites elsewhere, please contact me and I will forward the info.

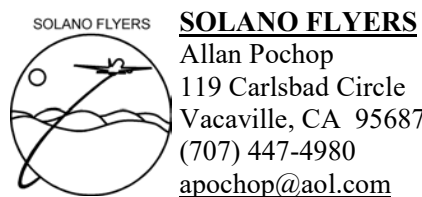
Larry Jorgenson and **Barbara Underhill** celebrated their birthdays, with **Albert & Elfriede Grossmann** celebrating their anniversary. A joyous chorus of chapter members wished them all well.

We had a new member, **Dave Shade**, join us last month. Well actually a former member returning after a long absence. Great to have him back!

Long time member, **Charlie Brown**, passed away. Although not able to make all our weekly meetings, he always made our quarterly luncheons. He will be missed.

Remember our Christmas luncheon, Tuesday, December 10 at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara. All are invited, contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-7855 for reservations.

We meet every Friday beginning at 0800, at the IHOP restaurant, on the corner of Miller Ave and Bollinger Rd. in San Jose. Everyone is invited to join us.



Solano Flyers meeting of October 16th found the following members at Denny's Restaurant in sunny Vacaville, CA: **Coustantino Poolos, Robert & Michiko Allen, Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Bill & Joanne Blizard, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert Zirzow, Eugene Boyce, Allan Pochop, Nolan & Mary Untiedt, and Rudy Arsaga.**

President Poolos brought the meeting to order and was rudely interrupted by VP Pochop with his announcement that in appreciation for the members' support and their refusal to impeach him from office, that he was dispensing items of gratitude for the loyal support. He would provide a few of his personal monogrammed pens, and after he won the 50/50 drawing, the holder of the second ticket drawn would receive a very rare vintage bottle of wine from his private collection. He then quickly proposed a showing of hands for support to change the 50/50 drawing to 75/25. Then room remained silent for a short period of time, then members were seen shaking their heads in a negative manner, and a few members spoke out with opposition thus the motion was soundly defeated.

Business meeting resumed; in the past, the Chapter had purchased the meal for all members at the December meeting, but we recognize that a few members are visiting out of area, and a few had relatives in for the Holidays which will bring down the attendance; so it was suggested and approved that the Chapter would move the paid luncheon to the January 15, 2020 meeting, this would help offset the \$10 annual due fee, and perhaps the incentive for new members to join the Flyers. All Solano Flyers officer positions are open for new leadership in January 2020.

As usual, the meals were all very good and consistent at Denny's, they provide an enclosed dining area for group meetings; this keeps the embarrassment to a minimum when the MAA has to step in and restore order to group.

It's time for the 50/50 ticket drawing, as the VP again

pranced around the room with his tickets displayed offering to trade with any member, and exclaimed "he was already counting the cash". No one fell for his ticket swapping ploy; members asked the waitress to draw the winning ticket, suspense filled the room as she read off the last three digits of the winning ticket which was held by **McKinley Nelson**. The VP demanded another drawing, but the MAA, quickly nixed that request. **McKinley Nelson** then drew the ticket for the bottle of rare wine, the winner was **Robert Allen**.

As the meeting came to a close, the members who received the pens noticing that the only monogramming on the pens were "Make in China". **Robert Allen** was wondering how many vineyards and wineries are in Marakech, Morocco?

November 20th the Solano Flyers will be at Bud's Restaurant, 100 S. 1st, Dixon, CA 11am.

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President **Don Burbank** opened meeting with 20 attending and reminding us to bring our aluminum for recycle.

There will be no breakfast on December 7th due to the Christmas party scheduled on December 14th. The party will be held at Ted's Place. Gary has a sign up sheet and we need to know how many will want prime rib for \$12.95 dinner. You are able to order other lunches if desired. Please contact **Kathy Sibley** (303) 840-1256 for reservations. Please bring a can of food which will be given to a determined group.

50/50 winners ~ **Kathy Sibley**, **Don Burbank** and **Richard Conner** (2x).

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



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

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SAND"DABS"

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Since we only had 9 in attendance, we hope the other regulars were out enjoying the beautiful sunny, 85-degree day in Daytona. We missed you but hope to see you all for our Christmas luncheon next month.

Our birthday wishes were extended to **Penny Logan** and **Larry Horton** and we had no anniversaries this month. **Marian Wickersham** won the 50/50 but generously donated it back to our treasury. Thanks Marian!

President **Dick Coughlin** gave his report and some great jokes, Vice-President **Steve Moddle** talked about the information session for the new medical insurance, **Marian Wickersham** gave the treasurer's report and **Gloria Marcantoni** gave a brief secretary's report.

Calendar:

December 5 – 12:00 - Christmas Party, Smyrna Yacht Club, New Smyrna Beach, FL

January 2 – 11:30 – Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS



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The November meeting of the Real McCoy's was a bit quiet. Just 28 members, but we had our share of guests! Recently retired CSR **Bonnie Harper** came to her first luncheon and promised to officially join in January. Welcome to Bonnie! A surprised MCOCG retiree **Isaac Diaz** ran into Pres Ernie by the salad bar? Mmm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Ernie asked

all veterans to remain standing and all of us “Thanked them for their service” to a round of applause. Of importance today was final info on the Christmas Luncheon to be held at Maggiano’s Little Italy at Pointe Orlando on Tuesday, December 10th at 12 Noon. It’s gonna be fun. See you there!

Birthday balloons for November included **Patti & Monty Clark, Jim Feeney** and **Tom Deckrow**. Our Anniversary couples are **Jim & Audrey Weeks** and **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**. Congrats and loads of happiness to you all!

P.S. I got an email from long-time-ago member, **Gene Hall**, and it goes like this:

Lost Words from our Childhood:

Mergatroyd! Do you remember that word? Would you believe that spellcheck did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy. He looked at her quizzically and said, “What the heck is a Jalopy?”

Hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

Some old expressions have become obsolete because of the march of technology, like, “don’t touch that dial ... Carbon Copy ... you sound like a broken record ... Hung out to dry ... Heavens to Betsy ... Gee Willikers ... Jumpin’ Jehoshaphat ... Holy Moley!

We were “in like Flynn and living the life of Riley”, and even a regular guy could not accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when’s the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A. See ya later, alligator! Okidoki!

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn’t anymore. Long gone. Pshaw, the milkman did it. Hey, it’s your nickel. Don’t forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I’ll see you in the funny papers. Don’t take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. Gone.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Mark your calendar and join us – you’ll be glad you did! Our first meeting of the New Year will be on January 7th at 1300.



SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-ins chapter of RUAEA.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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We were a small but mighty group of 11 Sand Dollars for our first meeting of the season, as so many of our snowbird members still have not returned from their northern homes. However we lunched in style at one of our favorite restaurants - The Rosemary on N. Orange Ave. in the old area of Sarasota. Their menus are always fabulous and our special three-course luncheon was a wonderful way to start the 2019/2020 season.

Bill & Inge Phillips brought their friend **Nancy Carter** to join us, and we also welcomed **Dale Mathe** who had come to the area on a family visit. Dale had asked ahead of time when we had our meetings, then arranged her trip so she could come to a Sand Dollars luncheon. Dale retired from DCASW, and we had great fun reminiscing about our old airline days. She said there are no RUAEA groups in her area of SC and she really misses the camaraderie of airline people.

It was great to have **Alice D’Souza** back. Last year she was taking an educational class which ran on the same days as our luncheons.

Maria Santangelo was attending a wedding in Chicago; **Vivian & Harvey Rucker**, who celebrate their 60th anniversary in October, will be returning to FL in November. **Ted & Liz Mavis** are on their way home from Australia and New Zealand; and **Gretchen Bulin** had a health issue which prevented her from attending this luncheon, but we certainly hope to see her next month.

Those of us in the Sarasota/Venice/Bradenton area are very happy to see United has put back into the schedule ORD-SRQ flights, with SRQ-IAD starting 10/27/19. Availability looks great, so far!

It was very sad to read in the October RUAEA Newsletter that **Kirk Moore**, RAFA Travel Benefits Chairman, is retiring after 8 years on the job. He has done a fantastic job of keeping retirees informed about all aspects of Pass Travel and helping us navigate the many changes that constantly occur. I’m not sure how we will manage without his help, but we wish him well in his “retirement”, and send him sincere thanks for all his past help.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May, and we love to welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on November 4th at IHOP with 8 members and 1 guest (**Roger Stahl**) in attendance. The meeting was called to order by **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. We welcomed our guest Roger and talked about his years with United.

There is no Birthdays or Anniversaries for the Month of November, the Secretary report was read.

On Sunday November 17th, a Memorial Service will be held for **Noemi Guzman's** husband **Jaime**. We are so sorry for her and her family's loss.

We talked about Medical benefit, Roger asked about getting a ticket since he has no computer, we gave him some suggestions and info on who to call.

We were glad to have Helen & Frank back, it seems the older we get, the more doctors we visit.

Jon Wilkinson talked about his Senior Softball team - Kids & Kubs; they are celebrating 90 years. The team will be on TV WFLA news, this senior team is for men and women 75 and over. Jon is their President; he said he will be chatting with the news people.

Meeting was adjourned and we started the 50/50 drawing with lunch followed.

Calendar:

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday at the Outback in Trinity, 1:00 PM

TREASURE COAST

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This newsletter edition is being sent in early since Correspondent, Mary Kay, will be traveling and not attending the November meeting.

Our semi-annual "October Fest" picnic was held on October 15th at Dubois Park with 16 members and one guest attending. **Sandy Ruggiero** brought her friend, An-

nette, who was visiting. President **Al Popek** welcomed everyone and led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. It was another gorgeous day in Paradise with a balmy breeze to keep us cooler on a very hot day.

It is always wonderful to be able to visit with everyone in a relaxed setting. There's always a lot of catching up to do. **Mardele Celestin** and **Mary Kay Wetherington** had just returned from the Denver Convention and shared their experiences. It was wonderful, by the way. That interaction prompted a lengthy discussion about our medical insurance decisions for next year, i.e. choices and new additions to our existing plans. The paperwork that was sent out to everyone should clarify and answer a lot of questions.

The food that was provided by our members was once again fabulous! There's always enough for a huge crowd. Member "**Dinos**" **Xifaras** provided his wonderful tropical cake that we all look forward to. It is to die for, as they say.

Frances & Gene Student recently returned from a great 10 day visit to Hungary. They found Budapest a young hearted vibrant city with wonderful sights, food and wine. They found the people very friendly and many spoke English without hesitation. They rented a car and ventured to numerous other cities along the Danube, inland and down south in the plains. They also found Hungary a very easy country to travel in and quite different from other European places. Shortly after returning home, they headed up to NY to celebrate their youngest 40th birthday.

Frances D'Amico tells us she will be returning to Florida soon. She is one of our Snowbirds. Many of her family and friends who are spread across the U.S., united for her oldest grandson's wedding in September. They attended a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening, the outdoor wedding ceremony on Saturday at a beautiful resort in Vernon, N.J. followed by a lovely cocktail party indoors. It was like "A Fairy Tale". The weather was beautiful as well. All gathered the next morning for a farewell breakfast before their tearful goodbyes.

Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero had a fabulous adventure to Paris to celebrate her birthday. They recently returned from STL where they visited friends and attended a Celine Dion concert. Soon they will be flying up to R.I. to attend a surprise 50th wedding anniversary for dear friends of Sandy's, Annette & Arthur. They were delighted to find out Sandy's daughter, her husband and 3 grandchildren will be coming down to Palm City to celebrate Thanksgiving with them.

Al & Janice Popek will be traveling to Kansas in November to celebrate her aunt & uncle's 70th wedding anniversary. It no doubt will be very cold there.

If you haven't as yet paid your 2020 dues, please contact Treasurer **Carolyn Lindgren**.

I will soon be compiling our new roster which will be containing all paid members. Please let Mary Kay know if corrections are necessary in your listing.

The 50/50 was won by **Sharon Kirk**, the progressive by **Diane Brodis** and door prizes by **Jane Wise**, **Janice Popek** and **Sharon Kirk**.

Birthdays were published for November previously. There are no birthdays in December.

Calendar:

November 5 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

December 10 - Holiday Party at The Twisted Tuna, Port Salerno, 12 noon (more info. to follow)

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

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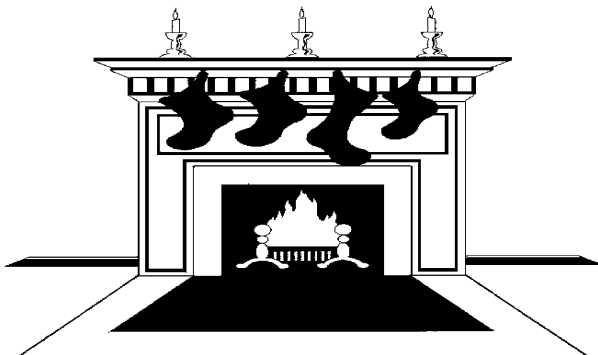
The Dixie Flyers met November 6th at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia, (770) 716-2628. Sixteen Flyers and one guest, **Janice Carter**, daughter of **Ron Heider** attended. We have no dues, no officers, so our purpose is to socialize and check on each other, see who has used pass travel. In November, **Bob & Diane Balas** will be snow birding to Naples, Florida where they have a double wide mobile home and will enjoy the winter.

People in attendance were **Fred Cron**, **Ron Heider**, **Tony & Cathy Carringer**, **Marie Brodersen**, **Barney Knotts**, **Don Shelley**, **Sandy Lis**, **Bob & Diane Balas**, **Frank & Barbara Russy**, **Judy Elk**, **Gary Tuttle**, **Stan Cebula**, and **Roy Cross**.

The 50/50 was won by **Janice Carter** who donated her winnings to our Sunshine Lady, **Sybil Voss**, to use for stamps and birthday cards. The 50/50 winnings were \$35. The winning ticket was drawn by **Diane Balas**. \$20 was donated to our charity the Promise Place.

It has been determined that there will be no Tampa/Atlanta reunion this year.

The Dixie Flyers meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia. The next meeting will be December 4.



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

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

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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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BOISE GEMS

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

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**. It will be our Christmas Party on December 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Bacquets Restaurant, a French Bistro, in Eagle, ID. If you plan to attend you must RSVP to Rick & Shirley no later than December 1, 2019. Their email is brandyjake@cablone.net. The restaurant is located at 1117 E. Winding Creek Dr., Eagle, ID.



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December - Our favorite twinkle-light month, always so uplifting. What a pretty way to end the year! We used to go around town and see the decorations in the 'rich' areas, did you? There was a part of town, my dad called Mortgage Row, because the homes were so expensive. Looking back, they were probably over \$50,000, that's funny now, since those homes would have another zero at the end. They had more lights, but it was about the same as us, now they have music in unison with the lights flashing, so high tech, but do we remember the reason for the season? Remember the tinsel, had to be placed just so, even and perfectly, no balls or just throw it. Then came the silver trees, with a rotating light, red, green, blue and gold. Our family is Polish, we so enjoyed Christmas Eve, Wigilia, with 12 items on the table, to celebrate the 12 Apostles. There was a variety of soup, vegetables, fish, no meat allowed, and the ever popular, never missed, pierogi. Yum, my grandmother, Busia, made the best. Wish I had her recipe, but you know how those ladies did it then, a little flour, some salt, a dollop of butter or cream, cheese, no real recipe. Whatever your ethnicity, you know what I mean, no recipe on paper. I'm still trying to figure out her Easter bread with kruszinki on top. After dinner, my family would make me suffer and wait a whole hour before Santa showed up with my goodies, mostly clothes, ugh! My favorite was a Madame Alexander doll and a wooden dump truck with marbles. (No wonder I'm weird). I think the most fun was the year we all gathered around the piano, sang Christmas songs, Koledy, and other old-time melodies. I only knew the songs in one key, so for some, it was too high, for some, too low, but we had a grand time. Then we'd go to Midnight Mass, and hurry home so we could have ham, a whole day without meat! OMG! Great memories, I hope you have some, too. Let's not forget to keep making new ones with the little babies in our families. Now that I have a beautiful great niece, Emilia, and nephew, Dominic, the holidays will be a lot more fun.

The Northside breakfast was consumed with 2020 Insurance talk. Even attending the meetings and having the conference calls, the unknown is unnerving. We know what we have, but is the new coverage going to be as good, or will we be sorry by March? Guess we'll have to stick around and find out. As the speaker said, there are 50 different groups at UAL, office, management, many unions, when you retired, was there a buyout? If you comment on your coverage, a union person might say, 'No, that's not right'. We were assured all bills would be

paid the same, the only difference is our monthly cost. We can always change next year. Meanwhile, stay healthy! Ha, that's funny, at 70-90 years of age, stay healthy! **Virginia Kondraros** returned after spending three months in Greece! How cool was that? Oopa! Then throw plates! Don't forget the Ouzo! **Darryl VanKampen** came with **Toni**, they're going on a Caribbean cruise. **Sandy Piwowaczyk** took her family to Starved Rock and had a great time. It's pretty down there with the lime rock formations. **Jerry Tipperreiter** and his friend, Pam drove to New Orleans. Jerry said the 444 miles of the Natchez Trace is a remarkable sight, a nice road trip. **Barb Wesemann**, went to Iceland, but missed the Northern Lights. On November 24, **Charlie Lewis**, our beloved treasurer, celebrated 90 trips around the sun! Good for you, Charlie, wishing you many more healthy ones! You're such a silly guy, I now they'll be happy!

Our Maintenance breakfast welcomed back **Jim Vitte**, **Don Kramlich**, and **Pierre Lupori**. We're happy that **Paul Skrudland** brought his charming wife, **Sharon** with him; she added a lot of pulchritude to the almost all male group. Speaking of ORD, that little trolley train that takes us from the remote parking lots, and to other terminals, has had a delay in their repair schedule. They were supposed to be complete by December, but now won't finish until early 2020. There are busses available from the remote lots to each terminal, and return, just allow enough time. The Department of Aviation broke ground to extend runway 9R/27L that will add 3,000 feet to handle larger long-haul jets. Part of that \$8.5 billion dollar plan is to demolish Terminal 2, and rebuild it as the O'Hare Global Terminal. Also, expand Terminal 5, and renovate Terminals 1 and 3, which will almost double ORD's square footage. It's not Chicago's little airport from 1961 anymore, is it? Now's the time to buy stock in concrete. The FAA, along with the City of Chicago has decided to reconfigure the runway patterns at ORD. Most flights will arrive from the east, and depart to the west. They talked about this a few years ago, I guess they're going to do it. Maybe those West coast flights won't wake me up at 6:00 anymore, nah, they'll be there.

The Southside breakfast had 13 people on Halloween, whoooooee! **Ed & Linda Ward** returned, as well as **Pat Kucera**, our Skyliners raffle lady. We even had a new member, **Sharon Larson**, who started in ORDHN, then moved to ORDMK. What a pleasure to welcome a new breakfast-eer. The raffle winners were **Jan Gawenda** and **Sharon Larson**, new person's luck! We also have a new member to the Skyliners, **Jaci Charbonneau**. Welcome and enjoy our little group and friendly members.

The IAM Union meeting was a delicious Sloppy Joe lunch, thanks again to those who brought salads and sweets. Also, to the people who set up the coffee, water, snacks, help serve the food, and the 're-arrangement' committee. In plain English, clean-up! The December Christmas Gala will be held at the Seville, and it has been pre-paid by those that already signed up. The Lodge's

Women's Committee is collecting hats, gloves, scarves etc, for the local area school kids. Bring your donation to the Lodge or to a meeting.



In October, 20 retirees went on a tour of the Aircraft Maintenance Service Center, or, the Big Hangar. **Jim Fitts** and **Jeff Heisler**, ORDMM, were our wonderful guides. There was a 737 plane inside, so we were able to see the engines, wheel wells, tail, and wings, up close. Some even went into the cockpit, and sat in the pilots' seats. Then off to a trip to the Tool Room, and the fifth floor, where there are training rooms and planner's offices. A new hangar is being built on the East side, adjacent to the old one, now referred to as 'The She-Shed'. It started out very large, but little by little, its dimensions are decreasing, therefore, the 'Shed' reference. The hangars are so big and vast, it's hard to believe 3-4 airplanes can fit in there at one time, and there are four hangars. We also have the North and South Ramps to keep the airplanes in waiting for when they are fixed and needed for a flight. The visitors loved the tour, and were glad they could attend. Pictures are on the ChicagoSkyliners.org website. Many thanks to **Judy Rivera**, **Joe Taldone**, **Garrett West**, **Jan Gawenda**, and **Ann Harris** for planning, and giving us the opportunity to see where the repair work is accomplished. Any of the folks that worked in the hangar years ago, would be surprised to see the change in the roads to get into the back of the airport. So many of the old buildings have been torn down to accommodate the new and expanded runways. The medical building, narrow body kitchen, hangar 5A, Eastern and TWA hangars, along with other buildings, are nonexistent. Do you remember standing in the parking lot waiting for the bus, in rain, snow, heat, wind? Those are just a distant memory. Ah, the good old days, snow up to our knees, winds at 50 mph, and a late bus. We had many enjoyable and educational tours this year. In 2020, we hope to have more. Stay tuned for announcements this Spring.

Our friends that flew West last month are **Ed Tolle**,

EXOHR, **Nancy Holm**, **ORDSW**, **Pete McVay**, **ORDMM**, **Rita Wiedenfeld**, wife of **Ron**, **ORDMM**, **Geri Hoffman**, wife of **Ed**, **ORDFO**, **Ralph Wiggins**, **ORDPV**, and **Arthur Vorhees**. Also gone from this world, Robert Forster, Bill Macy, Robert Evans, U.S. Reps, Elijah Cummings, and John Conyers.

On behalf of the Chicago Skyliners, we'd like to thank you for attending our lunches, breakfasts, tours, and other events this year. We've started planning our functions for 2020, so stick around; we'll continue to entertain you. On a personal note, thank you again for your calls, cards and emails to me, they mean so much. Have wonderful holidays, my friends. See you next year; we'll try this one more time, with a 20/20 perspective.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**December 5**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza and Pub, 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake Tuesday, (**November 12**), 11:00 Cocktails, Lunch 12:00

April 7 - Skyliner's Spring Lunch - The Belvedere, 1170 W. Devon Ave., Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch.

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter October meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill in Avon, Indiana. In attendance were **Tony Urbanovic**, **Frank & Rita Prinz**, **Hannelore Brabo**, **Charles** and son **Anthony Theiss**, **Mario Bregante**, **Ed Loftus**, **Carol Conway**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty** and **Frank Ingegno**.

Two business items were discussed:

1. The annual Christmas celebration lunch which is planned for December 10th at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant, 3550 East 86th Street, Indianapolis IN 46240. Invitation emails have been sent to all chapter members.
2. **Tony Urbanovic** informed members that he wished to transition the chapter Treasurer responsibilities to another member. **Frank Ingegno**

volunteered and will replace Tony in this capacity. The Indy Racers wish to thank Tony for his dedicated service.

No travel events were mentioned.

The next RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent.

Our future meetings schedule for 2019-2020 is:

- ❖ December 10, Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy
- ❖ January 2020, winter break, no meeting
- ❖ February 2020, winter break, no meeting
- ❖ March 10, 2020 at Emmy's
- ❖ April 7, 2020 at Emmy's
- ❖ May 12, 2020 at Emmy's

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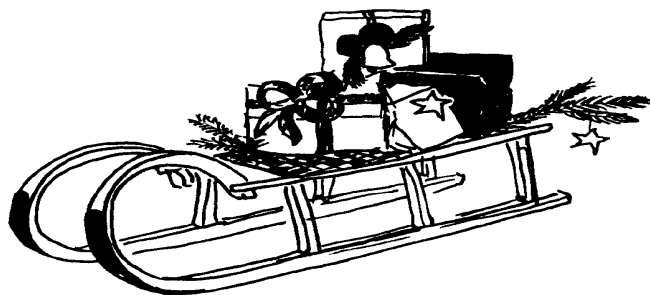
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Bob "Shorty" Austin was honored on his 80th birthday at a party given by his wife, **Judy**, and children at Calitris Restaurant in Danvers, MA. A good time was had by all and it was a great and well deserved tribute to "Shorty".

Irene & Bob Kimball just returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal. When asked about it, all they had to say was "awesome".

Carleen & Bruce Eddy traveled to Nashville, TN recently. Good time, but very expensive. Next time they'll bring the entire ATM. Grand Ole Opry is still a very good take.

Watch for info on the Christmas party ... coming soon.



MICHIGAN

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How fortunate we are to live in Michigan and to experience the beautiful fall colors. We have an abundance of cider mills to visit and to enjoy the cider and donuts. What a treat that is every year.

Our November luncheon was hosted by **Tony Gibson** (141 Union Rep), **Jill Hazamy** and **Stephanie Walker**. It was held at the Macaroni Grill in Livonia. Deadline for the newsletter was before the actual luncheon so that we cannot report on who attended.

Wishing all a very Peaceful and Happy Thanksgiving.

Thought for the month: *Thanksgiving is a virtue that grows through practice.*

MINNESOTA

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Note: Your regular correspondent was still celebrating her surprise birthday party with in-house guests on the day of the lunch/meeting, so thanks to **Mary Brennan** for taking notes and passing them along.

There were 15 Lites and guests in attendance after **Joe & Arlene Kelley** finally got to the Corral. They'd been stuck in a road construction zone on I-35 for about a half hour en route from their home near Cloquet. **Dee Eye-stone** caught a ride with **Marlene & Bob Overpeck**, who also brought Bob's friend, Harry.

Steve & Ida Mayo had represented our chapter at the convention in DEN. They reported good food and interesting tours. Their daughter was married Friday evening at Red Rock, so they only attended the business meeting Saturday morning, a tour and the Saturday evening banquet. The 2020 convention will be in SAN.

Updating the sick list:

- **Nel Brawner** is recovering from her fall down the basement stairs, actually. Her niece is doing the finger-shaking admonishments that our younger generation tends to do, but the Queen of Sass isn't having any of it. She's slowly muddling through the aftermath of blood clots and lumps on her head by herself at home. A neighbor is looking after her llamas.

- **Janet Meyer** is recuperating nicely from shoulder surgery. Should be able to rejoin us soon.
- **Lyle Gunderson** is contemplating surgery to improve his situation but no decision as of this writing. Stay tuned and think positive. A few prayers wouldn't hurt, either.
- Dr. **Jan Meyer** had spinal compression surgery at Mayo Clinic; what a relief to wake up and be pain free! Some temporary soreness from the surgery is nothing compared to what she'd been experiencing. Hopefully, we'll see her and Roger at lunch again soon.

The hosts that day were **Jo & Bud Ayres**. They had recently celebrated their anniversary with a bus trip to Nashville, where they were toasted and roasted at the Grand Ol' Opry and several other venues. It was the first time that they'd taken an escorted bus tour and thoroughly enjoyed letting someone else do the driving!

Winners of the raffle were **Dick Haag, Jo Ayres** and **Gene Delvaux**; the only October birthday person was still entertaining guests after her surprise birthday party ...

Lee Storlie is planning another trip to CA to see friends but at least he made it to lunch that day. Hope he makes it back for our next gathering of the Lites. We're starting to have withdrawal symptoms from the lack of groaner jokes.

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

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Twenty three of us enjoyed lunch and friendship at The Longhorn Bar and Grill in Fort Calhoun hosted by **Betsy Anderson**. It was a sunny/rainy day but a great day for a short drive in the country. The food was excellent as was the service. The winners of the 50/50 were **Helen Taylor** and **Judy Nekonchuk**, each received \$15. There was discussion regarding sign up time for insurance. The consensus regarding the United insurance plan was to stay with it. You need do nothing if you are staying with the current plan. If you have questions or concerns, call the Benefits Center 1-800-651-1007, open 7am-7pm Monday through Friday. Or, our literature tells us if you have questions regarding what will or won't be covered, call Aetna at 1-866-246-8088, open 8am -6pm Monday through Friday.

Calendar:

December 3 – Anthony's Steakhouse, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill with 32 members and guest in attendance. We had 2 guests, Angela Reyes and Linda Perez who are representatives from a Local organization "The Shade Tree". The Shade Tree's purpose is to provide a safe shelter to homeless and abused women and children in crisis. The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance after which our lunch was served.

After the lunch was complete, Angels Reyes gave the membership a presentation on what The Shade Tree does for the Community. They provide critical assistance to victims of physical abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse. They are open 24 hours a day and have around the clock security. They have medical assistance for their clients, Training Classes to help clients get back into society and job interview classes to help clients get back into the work force. New needed clothing for adults and children are provided because most of the people that come to Shade Tree only have what they are wearing. Uber & Lyft cab services bring clients to Shade Tree free of charge if they are in a dangerous or threatening situation. They work with many other organizations in the Las Vegas Valley including the Metro Police Force.

So instead of our members bringing gifts to raffle off we ask them to bring in items on a list of things that The Shade Tree needs to keep going. Our membership went overboard and opened up their wallets and their hearts and filled up a large table and the area around the table, the Reps were over whelmed by our generosity.

Our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** gave the membership the financial report for our Chapter which was well received. Jeannie also mentioned that the next Luncheon meeting will be a surprise menu again created by the Chef at Giuseppe's. We had a surprise menu by the Chef at this Luncheon and it went over very well. She also mentioned again that she will start collecting membership dues at the next Luncheon for the coming year of 2020. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** wants to thank **Jeannie Rolland** and **Eleanor Vasko** for their efforts arranging the seating, the menu and sweet treats for this and every Luncheon, their efforts pay off nicely.

Our Sun Shine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Members September and October Birthdays and Anniver-

saries. Eleanor also reminded the membership of the members that passed away or came down with serious health issues in the past few months. As our membership ages we can expect to see more in the future.

Just before closing the Luncheon, we had our 50/50 drawing for 3 cash prizes. Our member **Baldor Ziel** was the \$20.00 winner and he handed the winnings over to the Shade Tree Reps. Great gesture Baldor and a big Thank You. **Don Rutkowski** also mentioned that he and his wife **Georgia** volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Las Vegas; they collect pop top tabs on soda, beer and other drink cans for the Charity. They ask the members to save and bring them in to a meeting or send them to 8517 Lynhurst Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134 so they can turn them in to help support RMHC. The Luncheon / Meeting was closed and the Board members wished everyone to be safe driving home. The next Luncheon will be on December 12.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 13 members in attendance at our October meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including our friends from Roseville, **Bill & Donna Perkins**. We wished everyone a Happy Indigenous Peoples Day in keeping with Nevada law.

The Christmas Luncheon sign up sheet for Wednesday, December 4 at Tamarack Junction is available, RSVP deadline is November 25. Please make your reservations. We cannot guarantee any last minute sign-ups will get their meal choice. The signup flyer will be sent separately to each member via snail mail the first week of November 4. Once again this year, we will be collecting cash and checks for the No. Nevada Food Bank. The meal choices will be Chicken Parmesan, Salmon and Beef Tips and will include salad, bread/butter, cheesecake and coffee and tea. Cocktail service will also be available.

Our trip home on the train after the Denver Convention was an experience. The colors were beautiful as we rode through the Rockies during the day. We noticed that a river we were following for several miles was flowing east before we left its track. The next river we encoun-

tered, the water was flowing west so we knew we had crossed the continental divide. The dinner service was the last "tablecloth" service the train will be offering. Seems the younger generation doesn't like to sit 4 at a table with people they don't know so the eating arrangements will be changing. The food was actually better than we imagined. Trying to sleep on the pullout seat was an experience better left to much younger and more agile people. All in all, we enjoyed it and we would like to take the train east in the future.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Pat Nettles**, **Donna Perkins**, and **Barbara Leusing**. **Pat Nettles** was the winner of the 50/50. The candy was won by **Barbara Leusing**, who graciously shared it with everyone. **Dottie Robbins** won the miniature decorated pumpkin.

See you on Wednesday, November 13 at the Black Bear Diner. Happy Veterans Day!

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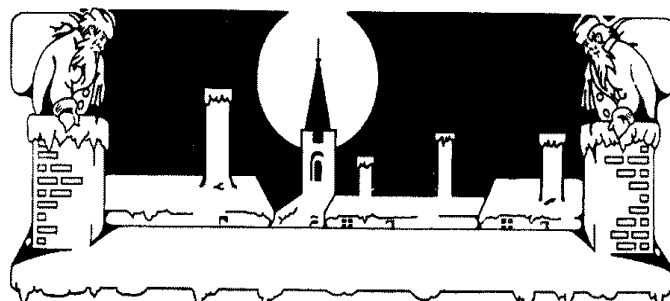
Our meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. **Frank Kokoszka**, still working, and still our man on the inside, always brings us up-to-date on what's going on at EWR. One thing you can count on is eternal construction or reconstruction. I came to United on March 23, 1953 and left in April 1991, and guess what, new construction still going on.

Vince Ferry won our 50/50

Please note the following ~ there will be no meeting in November, however our Christmas luncheon will be on December 11 at Snuffy's in Scotch plains at 12 PM. It will be that time of year for us to bring in toys for tots, and we're asking to bring in small packages unwrapped. That will be in memory of **Jerry Confer**.

John Murphy came back from some health problems, and it was good to see him.

***** From the great prophet Leroy: *"If you don't have any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble"*.



NEW YORK



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.

NEW YORK METROS

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Not much to report from the Metros. We had only twenty-one guests in attendance on a beautiful fall day. **George Riggi** is reverting to his days as a drummer in a band—I keep thinking it was the Rolling Stones—by letting his hair grow. He hopes to get it as long and bushy as it was then, before he dies. I said in that case I am going to keep cutting it!

I had an interesting experience washing one of my windows, the kind that folds out for easy cleaning. I then closed it and raised it up and was re-inserting the screen at the bottom. I guess I hadn't anchored it in the frame properly, and it came crashing down, flat on my head. The outer glass didn't break but, of course, the inner one shattered. Though I am not a doctor person, I thought it best to check in at the walk-in clinic. My answer to all the doctor's questions (Were you dizzy? Did you faint? Did you throw up? Do you have a headache? Did you bleed?) was no. Don't even think it (She's got a hard head). But I'm fine.

Our 50/50 winners were **Emma Milazzo** (\$20), **Kathy Richardson** (\$15) and **Nick Manfredo** (\$10).

Happy Birthday to **Leo Talochino**, **James Ammon**, **Gloria Manza** and **Una DeGeorge**.

The **Klos**' granddaughter is in intelligence training in Arizona. Our third generation of kids all seem to be doing well.

We look forward to our Christmas luncheon on December 4th. We always have a great crowd, so let's hear from you all!

Remember our wonderful veterans this month. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to the Washington Nats. If it couldn't be the Yankees, we're glad it was you. Sorry, Houston!

Early to bed after 17½ hours working at the Board of Elections and mastering the iPad on my first try.

Calendar:

December 4 – Davenport Press

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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We gathered at the “Old Oak Bible Church” in Middleburg Hts. for lunch on October 2nd. So far, the weather has been pretty nice. Our hosts this month were **Jeff & Judy Spooner** and we thanked them. We had 56 members in attendance. **Sue Broderick** said Grace and we ate an excellent lunch.

Bernie Garrah and **Dolly Taucher** conducted the 50/50 drawing. We had three drawings and the winners were **Judy McKnight**, **Sue Broderick** and **Sam Bennett**.

Our president, **Dolly Taucher**, continued with the meeting. She announced an additional bit of information is requested from our members. It's called “ICE”. That, of course, stands for “In Case of Emergency”. In the past we have lost contact with members, as recently with **Pat Hendy** and **Nancy Yost**. Members are now requested to contact Dolly and give her the name and phone number of a family member or friend that we may call if we lose touch with you. All officers will then have this information.

John & Dolly did go to the RUAEA Convention in Denver. They attended the Board of Directors meeting which was very interesting. For those of you that have health coverage with United, you have already started to receive information on coverage in 2020. Additional info will be sent to you via the U.S. Mail. The RUAEA Newsletter will be passing on any information they receive. Please Note: RUAEA verifies all information before they print it.

Our attendance for our luncheons is getting lower, especially when our “snow birds” fly south. So, if you know a retiree, friend, relative, or even neighbor who might be interested, please tell them that they are welcome; then they will see what fun we have.

On a more serious note: Members are requested, if planning on attending a luncheon, to please send in their money for the luncheons earlier so that it is received before the “Due Date”. We do accept checks after the due date, but in some instances, we may not be able to add you unless there is a cancellation (i.e. July 1, 2020 for a cruise on our “Nautica Queen”).

Attention all members: Your 2020 Dues are due in January. If you have not already paid for 2020, you may pay now. Details will be in your Ohio Buckeyes Newsletter that you will receive, as usual, in the beginning of De-

cember. So please pay now and make life easier for our volunteer treasurer.

October Birthdays of members in attendance were **Don Elster, Lloyd & Pattie Fiste, Mary Ann Friedel, Jean Hughes, Stan Novak, and Cathy Pytel**. Yes, we did "sing-the-song".

October Anniversaries include **Gene & Jacki Craig, Ron & Jan Glozer, Charlie & Betty Hahn, Ray & Cheryl Knazik, Dick & Carole Mullen, and Carmine & Pat Spagnoletti**. It is amazing how fast time goes!

If anyone has any questions, please contact us at our new email address above.

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas Party at Williams on the Lake with a Special Guest, hosted by: **Marty & Tom Hassel**.

January 2020 - Winter break, no luncheon

February 5 - Fuji's Buffet: American/Chinese/Japanese cuisine. members love it..

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It is definitely the virus season time of year. We expected 46, but only 41 folks were able to attend, including visitors **Alan & Dagmar Dettinger Artwell**, friends of **Inge Pompeit**, dressed in their native Oktoberfest apparel, Dagmar in her dirndl and Alan in lederhosen. What a treat! We were also delighted to see **Patty Cox-Hollosy's** daughter **Keri Galagan** again, and to meet **Gisele Elkhall**, friend of **Juanita Null**.

Our meeting started with a great presentation from our guest speakers, Stacy Downing and Dallas Lange, representing Portland Rescue Mission and Shepherd's Door, the charity our group has supported for several years now. It was good to have a "refresher course" on their range of services and be reminded why our members choose to continue providing donations monthly.

Afterwards, we had our elections: **Terry Hotchkin** ~ *President*, **Jerry Knott** ~ *Vice President*, **Annette Knott** ~ *Secretary*, **Rosalie Betschart** ~ *Treasurer*, and *Directors* ~ **Louise Robillard, Linda Tracy and Bess Piechocki**.

Fortunately, no deaths to report but several of our members had some significant health issues since our last meeting: **Ray Reed** was hospitalized with sepsis due to a urinary tract infection; he responded well to IV antibiotics and is resting comfortably at home. **John Donaldson** was in the ER 5 times in a two-week period, he eventually responded to treatment, got well quickly and was able to

leave on his cruise as planned. **Sam French** was also hospitalized for a few days but was discharged with a clean bill of health. **Margaret Borbely** will have had some abdominal surgery by the time this newsletter is published. **Pat Smith** will have knee replacement surgery shortly after this newsletter is received. **Carl Gruenberg** continues to suffer from hip problems which prevented him and Lois from their usual annual trek to Arizona.

Prior member **Tim King** has remarried, and he and his bride are living in Bangkok Thailand. Those that knew him well are invited to visit if you're in the area.

Our president's quote of the month: "*Lying about our age is easier now that we have trouble remembering what it is!*"

Anniversaries ~ None this month.

Birthdays ~ **Linda Tracy** and **Annette Knott**.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize - **Pat Ogden**; Men's Birthday - None; Women's Birthday - **Linda Tracy**; 50/50 ~ visitor **Gisele Elkhall**.

Calendar:

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

November 13 - Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving Day celebration

December 11 - Our Holiday celebration, including entertainment and lots of fun giveaways!

January 8, 2020 - A fun start to a New Year.



OUR CLUB

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

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The Independents held their first meeting of the fall on October 13 at the Clarion Hotel in Essington with 22 people in attendance. We had one new visiting UAL widow, **Catherine Ferraro**. She is **Charley Ferraro's** beloved widow. I live in Wesley Enhanced living Main Line. It was a surprise to my ears when I heard United Airlines mentioned so I quickly made myself known. He and my husband Ron worked together and he was a valued

employee. Those guys were UAL's best (and girls). Hopefully, we will have her with us in November.

Gail Bradley won the 50/50 and **Steve King** won the free lunch.

Dick & Marsha Ems are improving slowly and hope to move from their cottage to an apartment soon.

Pray for a mild winter.

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November Birthdays ~ **Karen Moliterno, Kay Frye,** and **Lillian Lapcevich.**

November Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Pat Wagner,** and **Jim & Diane Weber.**

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

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

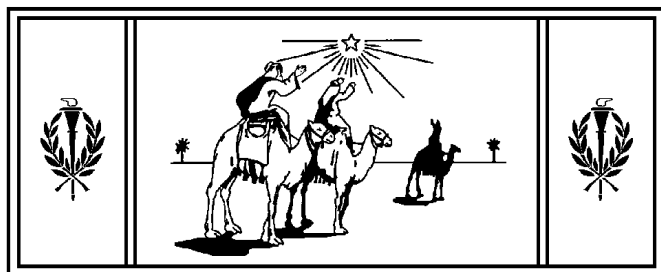
UTAH

SALT LAKE RETIREES

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



WASHINGTON

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With a lower-than-usual attendance (only 36) at our October 8 meeting, we look forward to greeting more in November. That may not be the case, as some of our Snowbirds may have absconded to Arizona for the winter.

Co-President **Kathie Torgison** conducted the October meeting while Co-President **Ken Storey** and **Judy** were already in Germany, preparing for a river cruise. **Kathie & Gary Torgison** were "loaded for bear," ready for **Fred Frey** to chauffeur them to SeaTac and a long flight to New Zealand right after the meeting.

Thanks to **John Haferbecker** for filling in as treasurer to collect luncheon fares and 2020 dues. Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** had continued her travels after the Denver convention and was MIA. As always, we appreciate our assistant treasurer, **Noreen Krawczyk**, for controlling the lunch reservations and her significant other, **Richard Devereux**, for peddling raffle tickets to benefit the chapter treasury. Accolades again are due to **Dolores Steger**, who takes telephone reservations and menu choices that she relays to Noreen. That's another chore-and-a-half that requires a lot of dedication.

Membership dues are due (wouldn't you think so from the name?) and payable. The annual \$10 fee to the Seattle RUAEA chapter entitles a member to receive issues of Contrails, the local chapter newsletter that is published before each meeting with a recap of meetings, a list of menu choices for the next luncheon at Angelo's, UAL company news, and biographies of retirees. We encourage membership in both the local chapter and RUAEA, as each provides unique and noteworthy information, but if you're reading this, you must already be a member of the national organization. Mailing our newsletter is the biggest chapter expense, and we urge all those who are able to receive their copies electronically.

Luncheon costs are on the rise, and the charge for Emerald City Slickers' meals at Angelo's will increase to \$18 the first of January. That still seems reasonable, considering we are provided with salad, bread, entrée (choice of 5 items), beverage, and dessert. The charge includes tax and tip, not to mention use of the private meeting room.

Several chapter members attended the early morning presentation by Aetna and SilverScript at a hotel near the airport, and we suspect there were others at the afternoon function. Most were impressed by presenters and their information and by the contributions of 2 members of the United Benefits team, who were prepared with additional information and answers. We hope the program was as well-received at the earlier venues. Attendees also appre-

ciated a breakfast buffet of fruit and pastries to augment coffee and tea. Emerald Slickers spotted at the morning event (there may have been others) included **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen, John Haferbecker, Dave Jones, Noreen Krawczyk, Ed & Gay Liesse, and Ken Tank.**

The November meeting concludes our 5th annual food and toy drive, coordinated by **Ed & Gay Liesse.** Contributions to Toys 4 Tots and Northwest Harvest are delivered soon after the November luncheon. Cash donations are divided between the two charities unless donors specify the recipient. The Liesses were slightly confused on their way home with the October "loot," when a little voice seemingly emanated from the back of the car just as they passed students leaving the local high school. Ed suggested the voice came from outside but Gay thought it sounded too young for a teenager. Hearing the voice again while rounding another curve, they investigated upon getting home and discovered a talking toy amongst the collection in the back end. They hope the battery isn't worn out before a child receives the gift.

We were pleased to see **Rosa Koller,** accompanied by her chauffeur-daughter **Linda Ryan,** at the October luncheon. Linda and her husband were prompted to augment the chapter's collections with a sizeable contribution of toys and food. We appreciate the family's generosity! Rosa is one of those senior citizens we have the privilege of greeting at lunch only when someone provides her transportation – thanks for that too, Linda.

Ken Tank reported on the memorial service for Capt. **Al Haynes,** also attended by friends and neighbors **Chuck & Dona Westphal,** and estimated that there probably were 1000 attendees from all over the country. The crowd included surviving crew members and passengers from Flight 232, United's VP of Operations, and a representative of the Master Executive Council (MEC) of the Airline Pilot Association (ALPA).

Another well-known pilot, Capt. Chesley (Sully) Sullenberger, spoke at the service and noted that his airline, USAir, had had no detailed emergency plans in place and that Capt. Haynes used his experience from an Iowa corn field to help them develop same. Kathie read a moving poem written by **Lou DelCastillo,** spouse of a surviving flight attendant from Flight 232, in honor and memory of Capt. Haynes, provoking emotion and applause. The poem has been printed in the chapter newsletter.

The **Torgisons, Kathie & Gary,** held sway over the door prize and 50/50 raffle drawings, to help them make a quick and orderly exit for their brief ride to the airport. **Shirley Claggett** won the "free lunch" (there really must be such a thing!) with an immediate cash reimbursement, a week before she and **Ron Paluch** returned to Arizona. **Fred Frey** took away the 50/50 stash.

With Halloween and Thanksgiving behind us, Seattle RUAEA retirees are gearing up for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other December celebrations. May the blessings of the holiday season be yours and...

Happy New Year from the Emerald City Slickers!

Calendar:

December - No meeting

January 14, 2020 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

February 11, 2020 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Fall has finally arrived in the DC Metro area. The trees have changed to beautiful colors of orange, brown yellow and rust. To take a ride on Skyline Drive through the Shenandoah Valley and over the Blue Ridge Mountains can be exhilarating. By the time you read this, though, the leaves will have fallen and the chore of raking them will be at hand. The prediction for our first snowfall is on November 13th. The summer was lengthy and it seems that fall will be brief.

Once again, I would like to thank **Kerrie Schneider** for taking notes at our luncheons. She reported that we had between 45-50 attendees at our October meeting. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** provided treats for everyone to get them into the Halloween 🎃 spirit. Special bags entitled their owners to choose a prize. Those winners were **Sid Stidham, Jon Beckett, Helen Stidham** and **Faye O'Meara.** **Ray Knazik** won \$24 in the 50/50 raffle.

Mary Beth Collins and **Benita Bell** spoke about their positive experiences at the RUAEA Convention in Denver. Both ladies enjoyed the event and encouraged all members to attend next year.

Jon Beckett, our chapter photographer, once again, took some great pictures at the luncheon. I will try to have copies for next month's newsletter.

November is our month for sponsoring Toys For Tots. Our group has been contributing to this worthy group for 15 years. Last year the Northern Virginia Marines distributed 106,947 toys to 89,755 children. Each year 2 or 3 Marines come to our November luncheon to receive our

toys checks, they get younger every year, we always marvel at their sharp uniforms and wonderful manners.

A lively discussion regarding the new health plan. Members will need to ask all of their doctors and hospitals if they accept Medicare. If they don't accept Medicare, our insurance will pay no portion of the bill. The cost will be about \$350. The deductibles will be lower but the drug costs will rise. It seems that they will just about equal out to what we have paid all along.

A friend and I took an Eastern Caribbean cruise on Holland America recently. We had a great time. **Judy Dunlap** is on the very same cruise with the same line right now. The difference is that she called the company directly to make her reservations and we went through a travel agent. She saved \$300 for the same product. We should have done some more homework.

Dutch Schneider has had quite a hard time regarding his health, he is finally on the mend. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva's** husband, **Larry**, had surgery weeks ago. It has been a rough road to recovery, but I'm sure that Cathy has been the best nurse ever. **Henry Ayers** has bounced back from his surgery and appears heathy as ever.

Ed Tolle, retired head of WHQGG, was honored with a large attendance at his November 1st funeral. Since his retirement, Ed has served as the liaison between RUAEA and UAL. RIP, dear friend.

Don't forget, we welcome guests at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Join us.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

Peggy Griffin

CW Vice President

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Hello RUAEA,

Now that the Thanksgiving meal is a thing of the past and we are headed back to the gym to burn off some of that Turkey Dressing and Pumpkin Pie, we can concentrate on our Christmas Shopping. I used to wait to start my shopping until after my birthday in December; but recently, I have decided to shop on good weather days starting in November. It must have something to do with aging.

December is a fun month for some of the Chapters at Clipped Wings because we have been invited by United Airlines to help with the Fantasy Flights. We decorate ourselves with festive holiday attire and serve a Turkey Dinner at the Mrs. Claus' Kitchen to the families from the Fantasy Flight. Most of these families are facing a serious illness with one or more of their children and are having financial hardship. This is the day that United shines its brightest. They fly these children and their families to

Santa's Village at the "North Pole". They treat the children to a visit with Santa and they get to shop at the Village. They will be able to choose hats, gloves, scarves, books, toys and many, many other fun things that the whole family can enjoy.

After the flight, the visit with Santa, and shopping; they are treated to a wonderful holiday meal and that is where Clipped Wings members do their best ... we are there to assist them in getting their meal, finding a place to sit and make sure they have everything they need. It is truly a wonderful day!

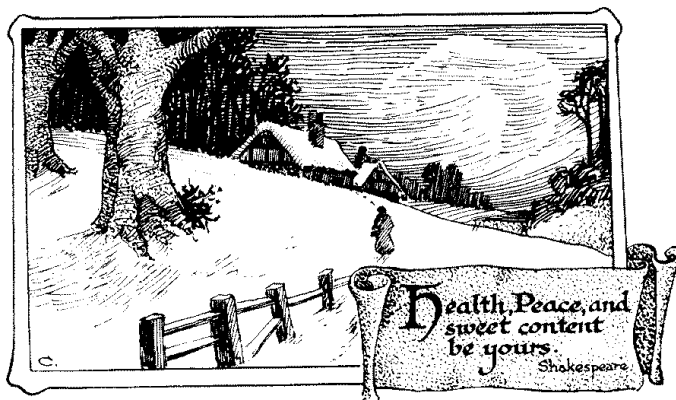
Our Chapters that do not have a Fantasy Flight near them find other fun things to do with the Holidays ~ meeting at Country Clubs in their area or in homes of one of the members; this is a great time of year to enjoy working with their Charities.

All of us at Clipped Wings would like to wish RUAEA and its members a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday or Wonderful Winter Celebration. See you next year!

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

We are a fun group!

Wishing you all blue skies!



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Correction to the **William Noyes** Obituary in the November Obituary section of the RUAEA News Letter, our apologies for any confusion:

Spouse – **Noyes, Dana J.**, on 9/11/2019, wife of William W. Noyes LAXMM (Deceased). (Note: This is the last known address from RUAEA membership records: 5350 Calle Real, Apt. 2F, Santa Barbara, CA 93111)

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Retiree – **Leever, Paul P.**, on 7/26/2019, SFOEC, husband of Amelia Ann Leever, 40422 Landon Ave., Fremont, CA 94538

Retiree – **Mayo, Brent P.**, on 9/27/2019, ORDFO, husband of Patricia Murray Mayo, 611 S. Burton Place, Arlington Hts., IL 60005

Retiree – **Mc Vay Jr., Peter J.**, on, 10/20/2019, ORDOR, husband of Theresa "Terry" (nee Holby), 1248 Diane Lane, Elk Grove, IL 60007

Retiree – **Perez, Sergio A.**, on 9/12/2018, SFOOV, husband of Myrian C. Perez, 5238 Harvest Estate, San Jose, CA 95135

Retiree – **Ritter "Tex" Nelius V.**, on 7/25/2019, MCOOZ, husband of Virginia Ann Ritter, 5026 Myrtle Bay Dr., Orlando, FL 32829

Retiree – **Tolle, Horace E.**, on 10/11/2019, WHQHR, husband of Jean B. Tolle, 3000 Garlands Ln., Suite 3108, Barrington, IL 60010

Retiree – **Wiggins, Ralph L.**, on 10/28/2019, ORDPOV, husband of Ruth Wiggins (Deceased), 401 N. Pine Lane, Wood Dale, IL 60191



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.)

Ron Bertacini – bertacini@surewest.net

We recently lost two members that have contributed much to the RUAEA organization over the years. **John Koehl** spent many years with the Site Selection Committee for our conventions. He also served as Vice President of Conventions 1998-2000. I recall first meeting John at the BOS Convention in 1998 which was a very successful convention. John was always available to fill in where needed at convention time, especially doing Late Tour Sales. John was a Navy veteran of WWII and had a long career with United. John worked in SFO and later in EXO

in the contracts department with **Mort Wax**. John was very active in the Chicago Skyliners chapter. John had just turned 93 and ironically passed away on the first day of the Denver Convention, September 23, 2019. I was privileged to work with John on the Site Committee for a few years before he had to retire again due to health concerns. He will be missed by many in the RUAEA family.

The other member is **Ed Tolle** who passed away on October 11, 2019 at the age of 85. Ed was brought into RUAEA as our Corporate Liaison. Ed had retired from United in 2002 and had been an assistant to Percy Wood. Ed had many contacts in the Executive Offices and was able to establish a good relationship between the company and RUAEA. I believe that **Jim Fauber** had Ed get an agreement with the company at that time to provide RUAEA with the names and addresses of new retirees. Of course that all changed after the merger. I had the privilege of not only knowing Ed but working with him during tenure as RUAEA President. We had some very interesting meetings with upper management at the onset of the merger with Continental. Ed will also be missed for his insights and dry humor.

Jim Simon – jimmyinc823@gmail.com

I admired and respected **Ed Tolle** and felt a personal association with him as he supported me and the 20 of 24 members on the board that voted to pursue the cruise ship proposal on a future convention. Our discussions were brief during the times of board meetings but were very cordial and rewarding. He was impressive and always on point with topics on the agenda. It was a trait I very much appreciated and adopted when I was placed in the role of chairing a meeting. Ed was a true gentleman who was respected by those who were given an opportunity to work with him. I felt a personal sense of loss receiving the news of his passing as I believe so many others share in that venue. Ed was a caring and loving man.

Lois Dick, 2310 9th Ave., Unit 2, Longmont, CO 80503

Thanks for all your hard work.

I am still living in Longmont in the Atvia Senior Living Facility. My husband Vic died in 1987.

I don't seem to recognize a lot of the names in the newsletter; but I enjoy the news.

It has been 6 years since I was able to attend any Denver activity. It still sounds like fun.

Arthur Martin, 9586 Indigo Creek Blvd., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Sorry I am late, a little extra for the postal fund.

It has been 21 years since I retired from IADRR.

The newsletter is the only link I have with United, and I look forward to reading it monthly.

Times have sure changed and everyone does a great job keeping me up to date.

Season's Greetings

Bill Schuster, Porter Place, 1001 E. Yale Ave., Apt. 338, Denver, CO 80210

Sorry it's too late. We sold our condo and moved into Senior Living at Porter Place in September. We both need a little more support these days.

Thank you for all that you do.

We have good memories of our days with UAL. We had lots of trips with family and friends and lots of activities in Hawaii.

Henry Suta, 2896 115th Circle, Westminster, CO 80234

I did not forget to pay my dues; I just forgot to get stamps for the envelope. The checks are in the vacation unit in SC just waiting for our return. Being late once in 20 some years is not bad.

We usually get to rest and relax at the beach, but not this year.

They put a new roof on all the units, our hot water burned out.

We are having an ongoing discussion with the HOA over all the dead plants from a disease known as Fire Blight.

The IRS refunded more money than I paid in. Anyone want to see my paperwork on that one? I just received a letter saying that they are not going to charge me interest as planned. However, they need sixty days more to get it figured out. I believe that means that they have yet to pin the blame on someone.

We are doing well and that is a relative statement.

Notes

Ron Bertacini

It is hard to believe I have been retired for 23 years and have attended 22 great conventions.

The Newsletter staff needs to be commended on their excellent publication. I look forward to each issue.

Tom Heller

Thanks for the fine newsletter with the updates on so many of my friends enjoying their retirement.

I just passed the 25-year mark after 34 years at UAL.

Susan Jefferson

I want to be connected to retirees because of the experiences we shared and they have helpful information to share.

When I told management I was retiring, (6 months ago) no one thought it was important to inform me what happens next! I was very distressed and disappointed. I asked a retiree and they told me they were not surprised and told me to call the benefits department. Local United management had no formal plan in place (to sit down with me). I had to figure it all out by myself.

Anne Jones

22 years I have been retired! Wow. I used to think "They must be old" of those who wrote that. Well, old is only a number and a feeling. I have the number, but I feel like the day I started (well, almost).

I am thankful to be able to keep in touch and read about my UAL family, thank you RUAEA!

Ahmed Muftau-Lediju

RUAEA means a lot to me because it will bring me closer to other retired members and to participate in the development of the association.

Jack Livesay

I have been retired 25 years this year; it does not seem that long. Time flies when you are having fun. Sure do miss the old United travel policy. I don't know why it had to be changed when it was not broken. It was the best in the industry. With the CO free mileage program SA'S stand no chance of upgrades. UA charged a fee to upgrade. That was extra money for the bottom line. Example Average 3 free upgrades per flight @ \$50.00 that would be \$150.00 per flight and look how many flights UA has. I really enjoy the newsletter and the info it has in it. It is much easier than trying to find it on the website. I have had a few medical problems this year.

June Donahue-Regan

We just sold our home and are moving into an active senior living environment. At our age it will be much better and we look forward to making new friends as well as living closer to family. I love the RUAEA newsletter and look forward to read about all the happenings.

George Schwind

Thanks for your time and effort in producing the Newsletter. We look forward to its arrival each month. My wife, Lois and I just celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary (September 11). Unbeknownst to us, our daughter put the word out on the internet that we would be celebrating our 70th anniversary; and as a result we received 180 anniversary cards. Most were from people we do not know. This included airline personnel from a number of different carriers. Needless to say, we were surprised and pleased with the thoughtful acknowledgment of our life long commitment to each other. This experience to us validated the saying "Nothing touches the heart more than unexpected kindness". We were and are blessed.

Andrea Sewell

This California girl has left Marian County and San Francisco behind and moved to Florida. My home now is a great continuing care community in Orange City, about a half hour southwest of Daytona Beach. I miss my United family.

Happy Holiday

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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, esc@united.com (email)

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For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking

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Aetna Medicare Advantage 1-866-246-8088

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

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1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

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UAL's Cheyenne base was asked to modify two Army Air Forces Flying Fortresses. Soon it was in business and has since modified several thousand.

Forty years ago, Cheyenne, WY, was a typical western cow town with a population of 14,000. In later years it was headquarters for United Air Lines' major Maintenance Base. Today, in place of the whoops and hollers of Indians and rootin', tootin' cowboys, the air around the town is filled with the roar of four-engined bombers, noise of riveting guns, clanking of sheet-metal work, and all the other sounds which go with a modern war plant. Now the town's population is more than 44,000.

Largely responsible for the transformation has been United Air Lines' Modification Center, devoted solely to modifying and building parts for AAF Flying Fortresses. United has modified several thousand Forts and has manufactured more than 4,000,000 parts used in them.

It all started in January, 1942. One wintry day, when the mercury was 30° "down under", W.P. Hoare, superintendent of United's Cheyenne Base, received a telegram from the Army Air Forces Materiel Command stating that two Fortresses were about to be sent to Cheyenne for modification. Could United handle the work? The Air Forces explained that these planes were to be used on a photographic mission and needed camera installations plus additional fuel tanks for long range flying. War plants still were flooded with the terrific blast of work set off by Pearl Harbor and couldn't do the job quickly enough. The Materiel Command turned to the well-equipped airline.

United complied by telephone and the planes soon arrived. Almost simultaneously came two civilian representatives from the Army and an engineer from the Boeing Aircraft Company at Seattle. The Air Force brought huge aerial cameras; the Boeing engineer data on how much additional load the Fortresses could stand.

No blueprints were forwarded for this first job. Three holes, each approximately 14 inches in diameter,

had to be cut in the bottom of each plane's nose; three weighty cameras mounted so that the lenses would fit perfectly into the holes; additional fuel tanks installed on built-in cradles within the fuselages - all without designs or specifications. Noses of the planes were held by "manpower" while mechanics cut the necessary holes. Makeshift mounts and supports were built in to hold the cameras firmly in position. With the installation of modified Douglas DC-3 wing tanks, the fuel loads and cruising range of the bombers were increased substantially. Work on these two planes was accomplished in 30 days by 30 men, directed by Don Stombaugh, then United's foreman in charge of the sheet-metal shop, now assistant superintendent of the Modification Center. The company had to move its own planes out of the main hangar. It apparently was worth all the effort because it later was learned that one of the planes was used to take the first aerial photographs of wartime Japan.

That was the first job and, at the time, United's personnel believed it would be the one and only. But in March, after two additional "projects" had been completed, the company began to realize it really had entered the modification business on a big scale. Just as work on the first two planes was in the final stage, word came that seven more planes were on the way - this time for the British.

Lou Long, who has been with United's Engineering Department since 1937, had been on loan to the Materiel Command as a coordinator in the Government Furnished Equipment Branch of Production Engineering Division at Wright Field. He was instructed to report to Cheyenne to supervise future modification work.

In mid-February the Forts arrived. Again it was a case of no blueprints, no designs and no specifications - this time not even a Boeing engineer or Air Forces representative. Orders read to convert the planes to accommodate the British bombsight (which is shaped different from ours), to change the instruments and other measuring devices so they could be read in British units as well as American, to revamp the electrical system and wiring to suit British radio installations, to install racks and chutes to fit British flares, and to install special bomb racks and electrical solenoids for fusing British bombs.

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