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Honoring Centenarian Vicki Herrell By Jane Lorimer Rezberries Past President

Vicki Herrell, of Aurora, Colorado, worked a combined total of 29 years for United and Continental reservations before her retirement in 2000. But her airline career really began in the 1940's when she began flying DC-3s as an Air Hostess (that is, flight attendant) for TWA. Vicki flew for three years, leaving TWA to get married, but never lost her love for flying and for the DC-3 in particular.

In 2014, an edition of a UAL publication contained an item from a subscriber who provided the name and email address of another person who wanted to get in touch with former stewardesses who had served on DC-3s. In a roundabout way, this was brought to Vicki's attention who immediately felt she might be a rare and perhaps unexpected resource for whatever this person would want to know. She was featured

in the Smithsonian

Channel's Plane That Changed the World and was flown to Ontario, California airport and filming took place at Chino Airport where the DC3 was located.

Her other "love" is Football. She's been a Denver Broncos fan since 1968. Her favorite college team is Ohio. Her wish for her 100th birthday was to meet football legend, Peyton Manning. Rezberries (a Denver group of former reservations and customer service agents) made that possible for her on June 20. Peyton Manning was sincerely enchanted with her astuteness about football and her vivacious personality. She's a "with it" adorable lady. ■



Vicki Herrell



Peyton Manning and Vicki Herrell

L-R: Jane Lorimer former DENRRUA, Laura Coats DENRRUA retiree/RUAEA volunteer, Peyton Manning, Vicki Herrell, Carol Scott (Vicki's daughter).



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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Don Burbank

Hi Everyone,
This has been a very active summer so far. The heat is almost intolerable and Covid is trying to raise its ugly head again. I hope that you all are vaccinated and trying to avoid the ugly part.

I met with two UAL HR VPs in June. It was a very productive meeting discussing what we believe to be problems with travel, medical and general communication. We also talked about the RPC (Retired President Committee) which I am the chair. It greatly expanded the number of retirees under one roof so they did want to talk and were very straightforward with their answers.

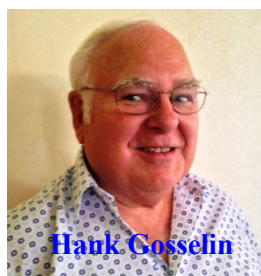
We will talk about all of it in future issues and at the convention. Please sign up for the convention as soon as possible to get the RUAEA reduced room rate of \$129 per night; the rate will go to \$340 a night if the hotel runs out of rooms.

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President



Letter from the Vice President - Conventions **Updates on RUAEA Convention 2022** **San Diego, October 3rd – 9th**



Hank Gosselin

Hi folks,
The RUAEA 2022 Convention is approaching fast; I am looking forward to meeting and spending a wonderful few days with all of you there. Please consider attending and sending in your Convention Registration to reserve your spot and any tours

you are interested in.

I have some additional information regarding transportation from the San Diego Airport to the Dana Hotel. If you are flying in for the Convention, please be advised you might check the Uber Rate vs. a Cab. On my recent trip, I found the Uber Rate to be higher than the Cab rate. By comparing the two, you might save a lot.

United to Become First Airline to Fly Nonstop **Between Washington D.C. and Cape Town** **July 28, 2022**



United Airlines today announced new direct flights between Washington Dulles Airport and Cape Town, becoming the first airline to provide nonstop roundtrip service from our nation's capital to South Africa. The U.S. Department of Transportation granted the airline three weekly direct flights, which will commence on November 17, 2022 (subject to approval by the South Africa Government). Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online or through the United app. United started seasonal service from New York/Newark to Cape Town in 2019 and expanded to year-round service in 2022. United has more flights to South Africa than any other North American airline.

"We are thrilled to further expand our Africa offering with this first-ever direct link between Washington DC and Cape Town," said Patrick Quayle, United's

Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *“These new flights build upon our existing year-round New York/Newark to Cape Town service – together they’ll provide a near-daily pattern from the U.S. to Cape Town along with connectivity to the broader region through our Airlink partnership.”*

United will soon offer a total of 19 weekly flights to Africa - in addition to these new flights to Cape Town, the airline launched nonstop flights from New York/Newark to Johannesburg and Washington D.C. to Accra, Ghana and Lagos, Nigeria in 2021.

Prior to the new United flight, Washington, D.C. to Cape Town was the largest route between the U.S. and Cape Town without nonstop service, and D.C. is also home to the fifth largest South-African-born population. United’s new flights will connect Cape Town to 55 U.S. cities, representing more than 92% of the U.S. travel demand. The new flights will also allow customers to connect in Cape Town to other points in South Africa, and to other countries in the southern region of the African continent with United’s South African based partner Airlink and their Cape Town hub.

United will fly a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft on this new route, which features 48 lie-flat, United Polaris® business class seats, 21 United Premium Plus® seats and 188 economy seats. All seats are equipped with seatback on-demand entertainment to help customers pass the time and relax during their travels.

United maintains a close relationship with the Mandela Foundation and BPESA (Business Processing Enabling South Africa) a not-for-profit company that serves as the industry body and trade association for Global Business Services in South Africa. The airline recently announced a collaboration with travel company Certified Africa, whose mission is to make travel to African countries easy, immersive, and life changing for millions of the African Diaspora across the United States.

**Game On! United Adds 120+ Flights
for College Football Fans to
See Their Team on the Road this Fall
July 26, 2022**



United is giving college football fans more chances to see their favorite team on the road this fall by adding 120 new flights to its schedule. According to a recent survey of the airline’s loyalty customers, more than 80% of avid college football fans are likely to fly to see a game this season. United is adding connections to more than 45 away games – including some of the country’s biggest powerhouses like Alabama, Oklahoma,

Iowa, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Michigan – and tickets are on sale now in the United app and [United.com](https://www.united.com).

“College football fans love following their team on the road and this year we’re making it easier than ever,” said Michael Weeks, managing director of domestic schedule development and publication at United. *“We’re flying nonstop to some of the most historic football towns in the country, including South Bend, Columbus and Baton Rouge, and also significantly expanding our service on the west coast to help more PAC 12 fans travel to cheer on their teams.”*

**Air Canada and United Airlines Expand
Relationship to Make Transborder Travel Easier,
With More Choice
July 22, 2022**



Air Canada and United Airlines today announced a joint business agreement for the Canada-U.S. transborder market, building on their long-standing alliance, that will give more flight options and better flight schedules to customers traveling between the two countries. Customers

will be able to connect to 38 codeshare destinations in the U.S. and eight of the most popular cities in Canada — all while enjoying the benefits of the carriers’ MileagePlus® and Aeroplan loyalty programs. The agreement will also strengthen and grow both carriers’ networks and help accelerate their COVID-19 recovery.

“United is a world-class airline and we are pleased to significantly expand our well-established partnership to further enhance the customer journey between Canada and the U.S. by offering more choice, greater convenience and an improved airport experience,” said Mark Galardo, Senior Vice President of Network Planning and Revenue Management at Air Canada. *“This agreement marks a new phase in our evolving relationship that will speed the recovery from the pandemic and strengthen both carriers. It will also enable us to optimize our hubs and schedules and to broaden our global network connectivity to maintain our leadership in the market.”*

“With this new agreement, we are further strengthening our long-standing partnership with Air Canada,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances at United. *“As international travel continues to recover, this expanded partnership will provide an enhanced experience for all transborder travel.”*

Customers who search for flights between the U.S. and Canada on United’s or Air Canada’s websites and apps will find more flight options scheduled at more

convenient times. Codeshare between the two carriers will also be expanded and members of both the MileagePlus and Aeroplan programs will have more accrual and redemption options.

In 2019, the U.S.-Canada transborder market was the second largest international passenger air transportation market in the world and the largest international market for both Canada and the U.S., as measured by seats.

Air Canada and United already cooperate in the transborder market, according to the terms of their existing U.S. antitrust immunity. Under the joint business agreement, subject to compliance with U.S. and Canadian regulatory and antitrust requirements, the two airlines will now be able to:

- ▲ Coordinate their networks and schedules, enabling the carriers to offer customers more choice, including more flights throughout the day and more access to each airline's seat inventory.
- ▲ Enhance codeshare on transborder flights, excluding certain U.S. leisure markets and territories. The carriers anticipate customers will be able to connect to 46 transborder codeshare destinations with more than 400 daily frequencies in 2022 – with opportunities to add more codeshare destinations for domestic routes within Canada and the U.S.
- ▲ Sell seats on each other's transborder flights and share revenue on flights between hub markets (where regulatory authorities and antitrust requirements allow), allowing the carriers to grow their overall capacities.
- ▲ Align customer policies for greater consistency and enable the seamless provision of onboard products, establish airport co-locations where available and provide extra value to each carriers' frequent flyer programs.
- ▲ Allow the two carriers to work closer together to advance their sustainability objectives.

The implementation of an expanded partnership builds on the existing close cooperation of the two carriers and previously acquired regulatory approvals. United and Air Canada are also founding members of Star Alliance and a transatlantic joint business agreement with the Lufthansa Group.

United Airlines Announces Second Quarter Financial Results -- Returns to Profitability **July 20, 2022**

United Airlines (UAL) today reported second quarter 2022 financial results. The company achieved the highest second quarter revenue in its history, delivering its first profitable quarter since COVID-19 began, de-



spite record-high fuel prices. The second quarter results combined with continued progress the company is seeing affirms United's confidence in achieving the long-term adjusted pre-tax margin targets of approximately 9 percent in 2023 and about 14 percent in 2026

that are part of the United Next strategy.

For the quarter, the company saw operating revenue up 6 percent versus the same quarter in 2019 and expects to see sequential improvement in the third quarter. The company also had record-setting TRASM (Total Revenue Per Available Seat Mile), up 24 percent versus the same quarter in 2019 and expects 24 to 26 percent improvement in the third quarter over third quarter 2019. Second quarter revenue improved at a rapid pace and while the company anticipates the economy will slow in the near to medium term, the continuing pandemic recovery is more than offsetting economic headwinds — leading to expected revenue and earnings acceleration in the third quarter. As a result, the company continues to expect to be profitable for the full year 2022. Additionally, even as the industry faced several, well-documented operational challenges throughout the quarter, United performed well and with the exception of Newark had operating results largely in line with 2019.

"I am grateful to the United team that has fought through severe systemic challenges impacting all of global aviation to serve our customers," said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. "It's nice to return to profitability – but we must confront three risks that could grow over the next 6-18 months. Industry-wide operational challenges that limit the system's capacity, record fuel prices and the increasing possibility of a global recession are each real challenges that we are already addressing. These fundamental challenges have already led to higher costs, higher fuel prices but, also higher revenue, which means we're as confident as ever we will deliver on our 9 percent adjusted pre-tax margin target in 2023."

Second Quarter Financial Results

- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 net income of \$329 million, adjusted net income of \$471 million.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 capacity down 15% compared to second quarter 2019.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 total operating revenue of \$12.1 billion, up 6% compared to second quarter 2019.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 TRASM of up 24% compared to second quarter 2019.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 Cost Per Available Seat Mile (CASM) of up 32%, and CASM-

- ❖ ex of up 17%, compared to second quarter 2019.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 operating margin of 7.2%, adjusted operating margin of 8.2%.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 pre-tax margin of 3.8%, adjusted pre-tax margin of 5.0%.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 fuel price of approximately \$4.18 per gallon.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 payments of long-term debt, finance leases and other financing liabilities of \$1.0 billion.
- ❖ Reported second quarter 2022 ending available liquidity of \$22 billion.

Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2022 **Managing Travel Challenges**



Kathie Torgison

As the peak season for vacation travel begins to wind down as September approaches, there have been several trends this summer that bear scrutiny when planning your next trip. We've all heard about the significant number of cancelled flights among nearly all carriers which occurred within the

US. Record passenger volume coupled with large worker shortages both in the air and on the ground made for juicy headlines in the news. Overseas, several important hub cities in the UK and Europe were so overwhelmed by passenger volume that airport authorities closed access to some airports until check-in counters could process the huge crowds. That action, of course, only exacerbated the problem in the eyes of stranded passengers. It did, however, give the airlines a chance to proactively cancel some flights in advance. Hold times for telephone reservation help skyrocketed overseas as well as domestically. Several friends have commented on the excellent assistance that they did ultimately receive from the overworked and understaffed agents. So, what lesson does all of this teach us? Read on.

If your flight is cancelled, you probably own the most important tool to help yourself. It's called your smart phone. Make sure your phone is fully charged and carry a plug-in cord to re-charge it. Always use your cell phone number as the contact number given to the airline, hotel and car-rental agency. Usually a cancelled flight will show up as a text message and/or an email. Follow the instructions from these notifications. Often times you may find that your reservation has already been rebooked. If you are flying on a pass, that's a whole different story and **you** must rebook your listing or break down and purchase a ticket. If you phone the

airline's reservation number you most likely will be told the wait time is hours, not minutes. If the recording offers the option of receiving a call-back and not losing your place in line, take it. But remember not to ignore incoming calls to your phone and limit unnecessary outgoing calls. Be creative about rerouting. Accept alternate airports if you can fit that into your plans. I was offered a replacement flight 24 hrs later, but when I pointed out an available flight 9 hrs earlier to an alternate airport, the agent quickly booked it for me.

A word to the wise for those of you considering an offline ZED ticket - due to the problems listed above, many carriers have imposed embargoes on employee travel. Be sure to check for these embargoes through myIDTravelPurchase>ID Agreements, found in Quick Links on the FlyingTogether website. Search for the airline you want and scroll down to Embargoes.

Keep screenshots of your various reservation confirmation numbers for hotels and car rentals on your phone, as well as your flight info. Paper copies are great but when you need that info quickly, a scan through your phone's screenshots can save precious time.

Fees are increasing and harder to decipher on both hotel and car rentals these days. The hotel price you see online may say \$125 per night, but be observant of the total cost before you press the "buy" button. Resort fees that were commonly waived during the pandemic are back, and not just at 5-star resorts in Vegas or Mexico. You might be surprised to find that many hotels now assess a facility fee because they have a pool on their premises. Whether you use it not, these fees are added to your bill. Another increasingly common practice at hotel restaurants is to add a \$10 service fee plus an automatic 18% gratuity. A recent restaurant bill I received assessed both an 18% server gratuity and a 15% kitchen staff fee!

Rental car companies are also making up for lost pandemic profits by not only charging exceedingly higher rates this year, but by copying the airline practice of accessing surcharges if changes are made over the phone. A recent newspaper article cited a \$50 fee for a date change. The customer hung up, called to the actual rental location property that made the change without a fee.

Lastly, a nice enhancement for food purchase on United flights is now available. As you know, credit cards and cash are no longer accepted for inflight purchases. As mentioned in my previous articles you must save your credit card information either in the Mileage-Plus section of the United app or ual.com, or add it to your check-in record on the day of departure. But an additional method that I personally like is to create a QR code inside of PayPal for United. It is quick and easy and the QR code digitally copies into your United

“wallet”. When you wish to purchase something on-board, simply show the QR code to the flight attendant if asked. Another nifty bonus, for those storing a United MilegePlus credit card in their wallet, is an automatic 25% refund posted to your credit card account after each purchase. Makes the prices of food and drink a bit easier to swallow, huh?■



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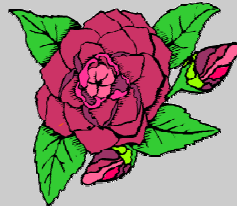
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Hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the last month of summer. Folks who left Arizona for their summer homes will soon be coming back to their Fall/Winter homes.

Our July breakfast was held at Mr. Zeke's, 1422 W. Warner Road in Gilbert with 15 people in attendance. Reminder: Save the date ... Wednesday, December 17th, 11am-2pm for our Christmas Luncheon. It will be catered by Robert's Catering, same as last year on his patio that has a beautiful view. We are asking everyone to bring a “White Elephant Gift” to our Christmas luncheon. Our next breakfast is on August 26 @ 9am at Mr. Zeke's, 1422 W. Warner Road in Gilbert. If you are planning to attend, please call our VP **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3327 or email her at phomfeldt@cox.net a couple of days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private dining room to the left as you enter the restaurant. Look forward to seeing you!


We celebrate the following birthdays in September: **Harry Cloud, Shirley Eaton, Mitch Golding and Mo-setta Douglas. Ted & Liz Tollefsen** will celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 18.

Calendar:

August 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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The Northstaters were set to have a meeting/luncheon in Chico on July 27th, however, due to the upturn in COVID cases in Butte County, it was decided that the group would wait and meet in September at their annual picnic. Members seem to be a lot more comfortable outside.

Sharon Simonton will be looking for a place to hold the picnic and will announce it soon. Take care everyone and stay safe!

Calendar:

September 28 - Wednesday, Time and place TBD.



After a very disturbing start of the 4th of July celebrations, our firework displays at the local beaches were enjoyed by about 90,000 people. There was extra police on duty and no problems reported.

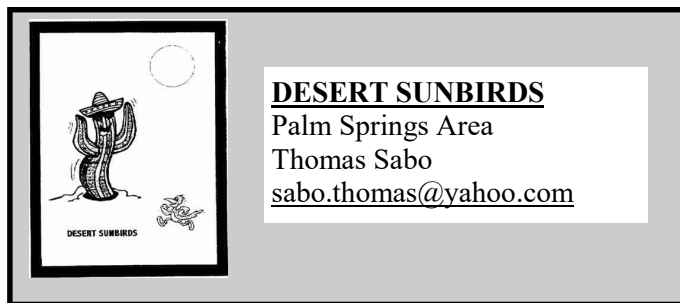
I was reading in the news about UAL making changes regarding Flight Attendant's appearances. It seems like the new policy will allow flight attendant's uniform to be able to show off visible tattoos. Also male attendants can wear piercing, makeup, and hair styles that were previously banned. There are several more changes that are being worked out with the flight attendant's union and management. I remember when Stewardesses were looked upon and appreciated. They were young and many just graduated college. I was fortunate to work at Midway Airport Operations so I was able to meet the new hires and help them get settled. Most of them worked for a couple of years, got married and had to resign. Now they can work as long as they want to. The way the airlines are canceling and delaying flights, I am glad that I was able to fly during the pre-jet age when service was the best and so were the passengers.

Our President **Mike Zoldak** and **Bridget** took a trip to Ireland. Bridget was born in a little town south of Dublin. They went over to celebrate a wedding and since the Zoldaks missed celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, due to COVID, they also celebrated at the same time. Mike said they had 18 there and everyone came from the states. He said they had a great time and also got to do some sight seeing. They rented a foreign car and had to drive on the left side of the street which was a lot of fun since the gear shift was on the left hand side. The car they drove didn't have the pickup or speed. Mike opened the hood and found that the engine was from a Volkswagen. When they got home, Mike got in his car and was surprised at difference in the speed compared to the rental they had. Mike said that they flew UAL both ways leaving from San Luis Obispo to SFO and then to EWR and then to Dublin. They had no trouble making their flights. The news has nothing but airline problems due to cancellations and staffing problems. The only problem they had was Bridget came down with a virus. Mike took her to the emergency after getting home, and the medication she received seems

to be working. So far Mike shows no sign of any illness. One thing Mike said is that there was a large room at the Dublin airport loaded with lost luggage. A delivery service was going to be hired to deliver the bags back to the owners in Ireland.

In latest news, UAL is cutting back service to various cities and Dublin is one of them. It seems the Zoldaks took their trip at the right time. The Zoldaks are thinking that they may attend the convention this year. San Diego has always been a favorite place for us to visit, but due to the COVID and our health reasons I will not be going.

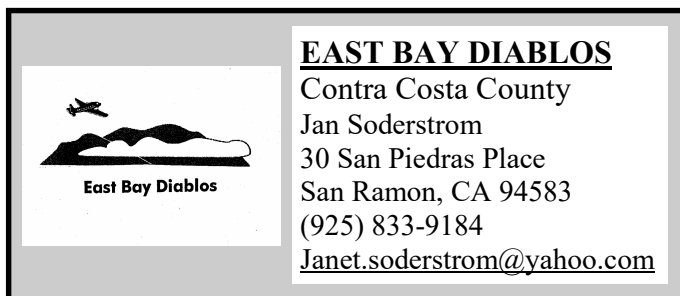
It is interesting to note that in English there is no female word for pilot; actress yes, but pilotess no.



The Sunbirds flocked to The Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage on August 10 for a lunch hosted by **Patti Sica**. We had a lot of catching up to do since this was the first luncheon since February 9.

Sadly, we lost one of our members, **Sherylle Delaney** (retired LAXCS), who died on July 23.

Our next lunch meeting is planned for October 13.



Happy September and happy Labor Day from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on August 7, the kids have only a few days of summer vacation left. They are making every minute count, playing outside until dark. I love the sound of their laughter and screams of excitement.

School starts in my district on August 10. The weekend before school started, my friend went shoe shopping with her seventh grade daughter. The outlet mall in our area was absolute bedlam. She went to several different shoe stores, gave up, and ended up ordering them online. I give her credit for trying to help the

local businesses, but sometimes it just doesn't work out.

Unfortunately, as of early August, my area continues to have a surge of Covid cases and hospitalizations. Although the latest variant is not as deadly, it is much more contagious, and people at high risk are still getting sick enough to be hospitalized. My therapy dog and I visit the local hospital every Thursday. We visit two med-surg units and then go to the nurses stations in ER, Outpatient Surgery and Maternity. Over half the rooms in the one med-surg unit are Isolation due to Covid. Before Covid, we were not allowed to go to ER, Outpatient Surgery and Maternity. But now, with the doctors and nurses so stressed and burned out, we can go anywhere the staff invites us.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. Please note the change in RSVP info for the September meeting below.

Our August meeting was held at Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and what a special meeting it was. We celebrated **Joe Leather**'s 90th birthday with 21 members in attendance. During our July meeting, I passed around a 90th birthday card for Joe and everyone signed it. As much as we missed **Joe & Wilma Leather** at the July meeting, it sure made the card signing a lot easier! I only had to chase down a few people at the August meeting when Joe wasn't looking. Wilma brought in cupcakes to have with dessert. We surprised Joe with his birthday card and his big smile just made our day. Wilma told me that the card is now on their mantel. She also made a bag of cookies for each of us to take home, beautifully packaged with a big blue bow. I can honestly say they were the best butter cookies I've ever had. It took every ounce of will power I had to only allow myself one a day until they were gone.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars each and the first ticket drawn wins a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month I finally blew my New Year's resolution. I forgot to write down who won the money and for the life of me I can't remember; my apologies to the winner. I'll find out and mention you next month.

I just finished another good book, *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. At just under 600 pages, it's a long read but very enjoyable. Set In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm

where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction - to New York City. At our meeting, we were talking about books we've read, and several members absolutely raved about Amor Towles' previous book, *A Gentleman in Moscow*. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

I hope you enjoy this feel good story about baby sea turtles courtesy of the Miami Herald. Before dawn on August 2, the Sirata Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach was overrun with adorable baby sea turtles after an estimated 50 hatchlings got lost in the dark and headed toward the pool instead of the Gulf of Mexico. An overwhelmed security guard collected about 15 of the sea turtles before calling the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for reinforcements. Deputies found baby sea turtles all over the area including in the hotel's pool, in the bushes, in the bathroom, and even in the storm drain. Sergeant Jessica Mackesy and deputies Jasmine Lopez and Zachary Wheeler played hide-and-seek with the turtles, collecting them in a big bucket. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation and Commission instructed the deputies "to release the turtles at the water's edge and let them go towards the water on their own." The release happened around 5 a.m. and the deputies pointed their flashlights at the water to keep them going in the right direction. However, at least two turtles tried going back to the hotel, the video shows. Video of the release racked up 14,000 views and 130 comments in 17 hours. Read more at <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/state/florida/article264125196.html#storylink=cpy>

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to

her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can't wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). I would like to thank **Tracey Blanchard, Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks, Barbara Cunningham, Russ Schleske, and Margaret McGhee** who brought coupons to the August meeting. I would also like to thank **Sheryl Schubert, Martha Gooselaw and Marcella Kern** who have seen my request in the newsletter and have mailed me coupons. Thanks to these kind people, I was able to turn in a whopping 1,031 coupons to my coupon chairman this month!

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

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

- ▲ Monday, September 5 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, September 1.
- ▲ Monday, October 3 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be voted on at the September meeting. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at dianagriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, September 29.
- ▲ Monday, November 7 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be determined later. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, November 3.

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



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Here we are almost through the Dog Days of Summer – the Almanac says that, among other things, these Days are fraught with “*drought, bad luck, unrest, and when dogs and men alike would be driven mad by the extreme heat.*” This little bit of trivia harks back to the really olden times – looks like we are going around in circles and haven’t learned from past experiences! (Now that really isn’t new “news”.)

Vera Kina, Presidente, called the meeting to order and welcomed several new members, some of whom rejoined our dwindling group (gone are the days of 2-3 hundred retirees at our meetings.) Good to see **John Garris** and **Frank Minnick** back among us. We will be going back to our regular Blue Bird meeting room next month. Here are our meeting dates:

- ▲ August 22 – Pizza Party, salad, dessert - \$10 per

member/\$15 per guest

- ▲ September 26 – Our annual BBQ – Tasty Ribs, salad, secret recipe of baked beans, napkins and dessert. \$20 per member / \$25 per guest – Don’t miss this winner-dinner!
- ▲ October 24 – BYOBL or perhaps a visit to a local restaurant – more to follow
- ▲ November 28 – Pot Luck Feast – singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8
- ▲ December 14 – Save the date as we hope to reserve our favorite Fish Market restaurant. We need to contact the manager (too early at this time) and make the arrangements. Stay tuned!

We had a nice turnout for our meeting – 27 of us brought our own lunches and enjoyed good conversations and good eats. **Peter Cooper** (one of our resident Chefs!) brought a tasty bread he had baked. We were delightfully surprised with Cupcakes from **Bob Donovan’s** son – 2022 has been a banner year for Bob – did you realize that Bayshore Freeway was re-named Highway 101 in honor of Bobs’ 101st birthday? This will be hard to beat for most of us! (“102 Bottles of Beer on the Wall” – now that will be an unusual event!) No other birthday events from the group but **Jerry & Pat Marsala** celebrated their 55th anniversary. Congrats to you all. **Kathy Hutt** tells us that she is planning on moving to Meridian, Idaho to be close to her family – she can say hello to **Dorothy Reuszer** in Coeur D’Alene – we hope you both will come down and visit us sometime.

Hot news! You all remember Post-its and the fella that invented those? He did not get much fame and fortune **but** we have a new contender – perhaps Mr. Clean and his Magic Eraser will wipe him off the map. Do you realize that there are over 20 magic erasable (yes, I made that word up) things you can do with that little white piece of fluff? Labels – that “forever” glue that never cleans up – well, El Fluffo will do it. Tupperware stains – works its magic. Oven glass door – takes some elbow grease to erase the grease (the other side of the glass presents a huge problem.) Iron (yes, I still use my iron) – removes stuff that has baked on it. Microwave – gets those pesky food blotches off. Shower glass – scrubs that scum off in a flash. Carpets – no way, means I have to get down on my hands and knees (I’ll have to call the “I’ve fallen and can’t get up” hotline.) Cabinets – those fingerprints around the knobs. Do not use it on steel though (didn’t get a “why not?”) You get the picture – Mr. Clean will become Mr. Super Clean and I doubt he will get a huge monetary stipend in the near future.

Stay well you all, we still need to wear those masks as these (and other) pesky variants are not going away. This has been a long 2½ years – we need to get our act together. If you do go out, support your local restaurants, tip generously and, above all, be kind to one-

another. It takes too many muscles to frown so give us a smile!

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

Jane Gibson

Secretary

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Well, this is the month when we celebrate the United States of America's birthday! I can think of no better place to live, to raise our families, to relax and grow old (!) So **Rudy Blazius**, our wonderful Hangtown Miners President took the reins and got our monthly meeting started. **Kerry Kolzka** and **Ann Barton** received his "Thank You" for putting together this luncheon at BJ's. Now, not only was this a great place to eat and visit, but it also was a fundraiser! Yup, a percentage of the total tally will be sent to our group and deposited in our checking account – this will be a benefit to all of us especially when December rolls around when we subsidize that luncheon.

We had a couple guests join us today: **Sherrie Wolfram's** brother, **Earl Humphrey**, joined us along with **Jimmy Bauer**, son of **Julie Bauer** (Ed & **Lindalee Akin's** daughter), and **Chuck & Peggy Trebnik** who also joined the Hangtown Miners! A hearty "Welcome" to all. There are no anniversaries celebrated by our group in July, but we do have a couple birthdays – **Irv Wolfram** and **Rosemary Heier**; Happy Birthday to you both and any other members who get to claim this month for their birthday.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** shared a few items with us – keep reading!

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** was not here today – something about celebrating his wife, **Rosemary's** birthday – sons and granddaughters showing up – you know, giving her a great day! He did talk **Judy Fitzpatrick** into covering for him and handling the raffle!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was on top of things for us – as usual! Our membership dues are caught up!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** passed along that **Doe Pope** was in the hospital. Also, we have several new members and you all may be interested in having one of our nifty name badges. I haven't ordered them for some time now, so I don't know what they cost – last time I

ordered them they were \$6.00 so I'm figuring they will be a bit higher by now. If you would like me to order a badge for you and yours, let me know. I will get in touch with the company who makes them for us and give you a price at our August meeting.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that **John Woodward** got Covid, but is doing well.

Historian ~ **Roy & Dawn Martin** are staying on top of things for us.

Old Business ~ **Tom Kenny** continues to collect tools for the Sacramento City College A&P Program. What we are trying to do here is to gather as many tools for working on airplanes as we can and making up kits to be donated to students who want to be part of their program but do not have the means to get the necessary tools. Since so many of our members are retired mechanics and probably not working on big airplanes any longer, maybe you would like to have a bit more space in your garage and are willing to donate some of those old tools. You will be able to show your donation on your tax returns too. So, if you have, or know of someone who has, any tools to donate, please let Tom know so he can arrange to get them from you. They will be going back to school in September and it would be great if we could have at least a few kits put together by then. Of course, they will appreciate any tools we can help out with.

If you haven't already signed up for the RUAEA Convention (October 3 – 9) then you will want to do so soon! It will be held in San Diego again this year (Dana Hotel) and they have arranged for several tours/activities that you're sure to enjoy. You don't have to be a member of RUAEA to join in on everything. If you don't already receive their monthly newsletter, you can go to ruaea.org to get more information and registration.

New Business ~ Rudy shared with us that one of our members has passed away. We lost **Dorean Ames** on June 9th. Dorean was such a sweet, lovely lady; she will be missed for sure. We send our condolences to Bob and their family.

Rudy brought some numbers to add to your "Important Phone Numbers" list. These are for the Honor Guard Services that are available for veterans. Please copy them so they're there for reference:

- ▲ Army: (916) 869-5889 or (253) 966-5889
- ▲ Marines: (703) 784-9513
- ▲ Navy: (360) 315-3275
- ▲ Coast Guard: North (510) 437-3712; South (310) 521-6125
- ▲ Air Force: Beale (530) 634-3346 for Placerville area
- ▲ Travis: (707) 424-5168

Contributions ~ Duncan and Diana recently traveled to Greece and used the parking at SFO Maintenance

Base and found it was easy to access the parking, though do give yourselves some time to get from there to the terminals. They traveled on passes and said that you now will get notification for stand by on your phones instead of having to keep checking the screens. Do know that you must use a credit card – no cash – and that is done through the UAL app.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close with this little observation: “*Brain cells, hair cells and skin cells die constantly, but fat cells seem to have eternal life!*”

Judy sprang into action and got the raffle started. **Lindalee Akin** won the donator’s prize. A big “Thank You” to all of you who brought items for that raffle: **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Trebnik** – wine towel; **Blazius** – snow figurine; **McClain** – PB books, necklace, AM book, sunglasses, pitcher & glasses; **Gibson** – fresh tomatoes, coffee cake mix; **Kenney** – glass bowl/backgammon set; **Kozelka/Barton** – table decorations (with beer in each); **Biro** – knives; **Martin** – BBQ set, hair clippers; **Akin** – Coleus plant.

Our August Luncheon will be at the El Dorado Saloon.



Take a look at your calendar and you will notice that October 3rd will be upon us before you know it. The RUAEA Convention will soon be upon us and you should about be ready to pack your bags and head this way.

When you check in at the Dana Inn on Mission Bay, you will feel you have come to a special place to relax and enjoy the friendship of former colleagues. Our SAN team has planned some tours of San Diego and we have arranged some social gatherings. You may just want to hang out with friends in the Hospitality Room where you can catch up on times past and future or get cozy with a good book. You can go to ruaea.org to make an online booking and obtain more information.

We have two September Birthdays to celebrate: **Shakira Zamani** on the 15th and **Peggy Van Sickle** on the 29th.

Check out the tour of the USS Midway Museum and Tom Ham’s Lighthouse. The Midway is the finest Naval aircraft carrier museum in the world. After your tour of the Midway, we will have a motor coach ready to take you to Harbor Island and Tom Ham’s Lighthouse for a delicious lunch with great views of the Har-


bor. You will have great service, a leisurely lunch and great views, you will then proceed back to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon.

In 1955, Tom Ham, an adventurer, historian and UCLA graduate came to San Diego to pursue his dream. His passion for adventure and experience led him to a new venture: to build a Lighthouse. Tom found the perfect location, Harbor Island, where he incorporated his love of adventure, California history and adventure into the design of his restaurant and incorporating the working Beacon #9. He even purchased his own fog bell to incorporate the navigational beacon into his restaurant which today proudly features the USCG Beacon #9.

Calendar:

September 1 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego

October 3-9 – RUAEA Convention, Dana Inn, Mission Bay, San Diego

<p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</p> 	<p><u>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</u> Sacramento, CA Ron Bertacini Secretary sgd@surewest.net</p>
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The Gold Diggers met at the Oak Leaf Café in Granite Bay for the July lunch/meeting. We had 21 members and 2 guests; **Judie King**’s granddaughter **Serenity** and **Sherrie Wolfram**’s brother **Earl Humphrey** from Las Vegas.

After the members enjoyed either brunch or lunch, President **Dave Garland** started the meeting. He introduced the guests and then went into the officer reports. Vice President **Barbara Bertacini** reported that **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** had offered to host the August and October luncheons. The **Nortons** are working on the Holiday/Christmas luncheon in early December and the **Dellingers** have offered to host the January luncheon. Due to the RUAEA convention, we will have no luncheon for September and will also skip November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported only one anniversary for July and that was for **Vicky Enriquez & George Taylor** with 30 years. Treasurer **Judie King** reported that we are still solvent. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** had nothing to report which is always good news. Angie did mention that if anyone knew of any members having issues to let her know.

Dave then enlightened us with some trivia, such as July 27th birthdays and this day in history. Some celeb birthdays include, 1880 Joseph Tinker, a Hall of Fame


baseball player. Joseph played for the Chicago Cubs and the Cincinnati Reds in the Major Leagues and for the Chicago Whales on the Federal League. He is memorialized in a poem with the line 'Tinker to Evers to Chance' as they were the infielders for the Cubs and all three were inducted in the Hall of Fame in 1946. In 1899, Harl McDonald who composed the 'Santa Fe Trail' symphony. In 1906, Leo Durocher baseball player and manager with the Brooklyn Dodgers and other teams. In 1922, Norman Lear, TV writer/producer (All In the Family) and others. 1931 Jerry Van Dyke actor, 1937 Don Galloway actor who played Detective Sergeant Ed Brown on the long running crime drama series, Ironside. In 1948 Peggy Fleming of San Jose, CA, ice figure skater. She began skating at the age of nine when her father took her and her sisters skating. In 1961, her coach William Kipp was killed in the crash of Sabena Flight 548 along with the rest of the US figure skating team while en route to the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships. Fleming was then coached by Carlo Fassi. Her unusual style led to five US titles, three World titles and a gold medal in the 1968 Olympics in Grenoble, France. Since most of us worked at one time in the Bay Area, she was our local girl.

Some brief notes on this day in history; 1585 Sir Walter Raleigh brings tobacco to England from Virginia, 1837 US Mint opens in Charlotte, NC, 1844 US Mint is destroyed by fire in Charlotte, NC, 1861 General George McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac, 1866 Atlantic telegraph cable is laid 1,686 miles long, 1909 Orville Wright test the first US Army airplane flying for one hour and twelve minutes, 1944 first British jet fighter used in combat (Gloster Meteor), 1944 US regains control of Guam from the Japanese, 1947 Yogi Berra starts record of 148 game errorless streak, 1949 Havilland Comet 40 passenger jetliner makes maiden flight, 1953 Armistice signed ending Korean War, 1988 Radio Shack announces the Tandy 1000 SL computer ...

Dave then had some oddities about California; the Los Angeles Coroner's Office had a gift shop that was finally closed at the end of 2019, Beverly Hills began as a Lima Bean Ranch, California was originally called the Grizzly Bear State until someone found gold, California is the only state with a chemical element named after it (Californium a radioactive rare earth metal and a biological hazard), Marilyn Monroe was once the Castroville Artichoke Queen. Castroville is known as the "Artichoke Center of the World," and in 1948, actress and icon Marilyn Monroe was crowned their first ever Artichoke Queen at the Castroville Artichoke Festival. When she was 22 years old, Monroe was not even the first choice to be the inaugural Artichoke Queen in Castroville. What Monroe lacked in name recognition, however, she made up for in being available, and the

honorary title was bestowed upon her.

We wrapped things up with the birthday roll off and then the raffle. There were four birthdays with those present, **Serenity, Irv Wolfram, Sidnee McKinney and Dave Garland**. Serenity began with rolling two sixes and could not be caught. She was the happy winner of some extra cash.

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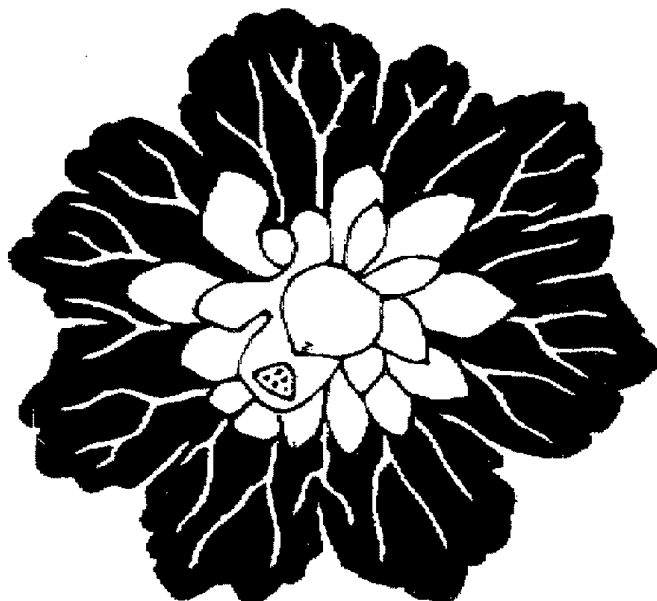
Many of our members are meeting for lunch on Thursday, August 11th at the Peppery in Sonora. After lunch, we are going to SRT to see the play SH Boom. This is so exciting and it will be fun time for all us (including me).


You'll never guess but I woke up to rain this morning! This was a pleasant surprise and I got a free carwash. I love a rainy day and a good book. They go so well together.

I don't have much to write about this month since we did not meet in July. We are sending get-well wishes to all our members who have health issues. Take care and get well and we hope to see you at our next luncheon meeting which will be held on September 8th. We will notify you of the location at a later date.

Have fun and take care!

Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of every month. If anyone is interested in any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210. He will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of retirees.





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We have sad news regarding our meeting place at Holders restaurant, which had a fire. The fire was quite destructive and it essentially destroyed the entire place. The owner has vowed to rebuild, however this will require a very long time before that will occur. In the interim, another restaurant was selected to hold our August meeting; we met at The "Bill of Fare", on Saratoga Ave. **Chuck Clayborn** made arrangements before hand to secure sufficient space for our group to meet, on very short notice.

The meeting had 16 people in attendance, who for the most part enjoyed the food, although the table set up was not the best. Chuck discussed with the owner the seating arrangements, who offered to host us in the gazebo they had set up outside; so our September meeting will take place there. If anyone has suggestions as to another venue, please let Chuck know.

Regarding the meeting, **Albert Grossman** was in attendance, as was **Jeanne Saso** and daughter Michele. It was great to have them there, as it has been awhile. Although I had looked forward to attending myself, a last minute medical test that was quickly scheduled, prevented me from participating.

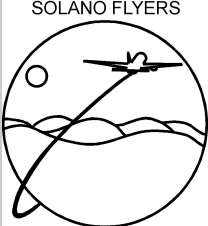
Birthday wishes went out to **Ben Scales** and **Ann Olthof**. Anniversaries in August being celebrated by **Al & Mary Lou Rodgers**; **George & Julie Midwin**; **Kal & Many Kalpin** and **Phil & Gayle Moorhead**.

It was reported that **Keith Olthof** was in the hospital in Modesto, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 5, our Sept meeting has been moved to September 12th and will be at our new place, Bill of Fare, at 1069 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, beginning at 10am. This is about 1 mile South of highway 280, restaurant is on the right. Hope to see you there.

If you consider attending the RUAEA convention in San Diego, please make your reservations to ensure a room at the RUAEA rate. If you haven't been out and about due to COVID, this would be a good place to spend some time to get away during October 3rd – 9th.





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Meeting notes submitted by President Larry Jackson

13 members attended our luncheon including **Jamie Schwafel**; she said it was the first time in 2 years. We heard that **Al Popek** and his wife caught Covid. All the folks at the meeting send their best wishes and prayers.

The 50/50 winner was **Padric Gardner**. A special gift was provided by Frank and won by Stuart.

Next month we will meet at Black Bear in Suisun.


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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rca-pozzi@rocketmail.com.





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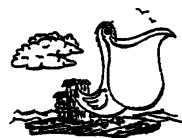
We are broiling here - as is the rest of the country! 20 brave McCoys dashed to their cars, cranked up the A/C, then drove to Denny's and looked without success for a place to park in the **shade!** It did seem like we had a longer meeting ... just to avoid going back to that hot car! Haha!

The Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports, then President Al took the floor. He pointed to former President **Ernie Vosges** and asked him to make a motion to have a fall picnic! Ernie tried to do just that in June, but time was cut short and it wasn't brought to the floor. Pausing for merely a second, Ernie motioned to have a November 1st picnic, to be held at Cypress Grove Park, with **eating** to begin at Noon. The motion was seconded by **Barb Fitak** and approved by all present. It was decided that we would cook again. Further details next month.

Elaine reported that she had contacted Maggiano's Italian Kitchen to reserve December 6th for our Annual Christmas Party ... we all seem to love the food and atmosphere there! Again, noon will be the time and 50 reservations will be the magic number. More details to come.

One Birthday, **Stan Halterman** on August 1st and one Anniversary, **Bonnie Cook**, celebrating 32 years on August 4th! Hope you both enjoy your special day with cake and balloons and good health!

We lost one of our long-time-ago members, **Charlie Ringer**, on July 16th. He and **Sharon** had moved to a skilled nursing facility back in April, and as far as I know, Sharon is still there. No details, but address is: c/o Brookdale Palmer Ranch, 5111 Palmer Ranch Pkwy. E, Sarasota, FL 34238; (941) 244-4701.



SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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Our chapter is taking the summer off and we won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.



THE SAND DOLLARS

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

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



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

Calendar:

September 13 – IHOP, 10:30, we will discuss the October Picnic

October 3 – Fall Picnic

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TREASURE COAST

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

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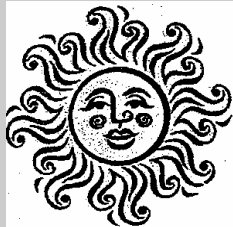


HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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



BOISE GEMS

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On July 29, 2022, **Floyd Rose** passed away. Our prayers and thoughts are with **Ann Rose** and her family. At this time, we do not know when or if services will be held for Floyd.

Our next luncheon meeting is being planned for September. When arrangements are made our members will be notified.

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September—'Oh, it's a long, long while from May to December, but the days grow short, when you reach September. When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame, one hasn't got time for the waiting game'. Beautiful song, written by Kurt Weill and Maxwell Anderson for John Houston, to sing in the Broadway show from 1938, Knickerbocker Holiday. Do you remember what it meant? It's based on a metaphor comparing a year to a person's life span from birth to death. The song is an older person's plea to a younger potential lover that the courting activities of younger suitors and the objects of their desire are transient and time wasting. As an older suitor, the speaker hasn't 'got time for the waiting game'. This song has been recorded from everybody from Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Tony Bennett, Jimmy Durante, Willie Nelson, and even some rock groups in the 80's. Now that is a song that has withstood the test of time. Nothing like beautiful music from days gone by, I'm definitely not into the music much past the 70's, and I'm glad. I'm a Golden Oldie Aficionado. I bet we could all talk about music that we fell in love to, or out of ... Dances, travel, movies, Broadway, the classics. Music is definitely another language that is universal in any country you visit. Maybe some of those space aliens have taken our melodies and play them on the Milky Way. Don't laugh, or do, we need laughter in our September Years to get through the day, happily.

The flowers of September are the morning glory, symbolizing affection, and the aster, a symbol of powerful love. Folklore says they were once burned to ward off serpents. Aww, but they're so pretty. The gem is the sapphire, once thought to guard against evil and poisoning. Here might be a tie-in with the snake. It was believed a venomous snake would die if placed in a vessel made of sapphire. Ok, I feel better now. The sapphire symbolizes purity and wisdom, ha, not for the serpent!

Septem is Seven in Latin, in the old Roman calendar, it only had 10 months. Then came along the Gregorian calendar, and added two months, January and February, so September became the ninth, but too much trouble to change the month again. With no phones or computers, it would take forever to tell the world. Best to leave well enough alone with those picky Romans. It's also considered Harvest Month. The Autumn Equinox is around the 21st, depending on the sun. September 1st was the beginning of World War 2, when Germany invaded Poland, nobody expected that, nobody was prepared. Poor little Poland, I think that's why the Poles helped the Ukrainians so much this year, they really know what being invaded is like. On September 3rd, Britain and France declared war on Germany, and the rest is literally history. September is month to special commemorations. It is baby safety month, chicken, happy cat, honey, mushroom, self improvement and sewing month. September 1st is Emma M. Nutt Day, the first telephone operator, the 2nd is VJ Day, World War 2, followed by Bacon Day, Labor Day on the 5th, Salami on the 7th, Ampersand '&&&', Teddy Bear, Chinese Moon Festival, the 9/11 Remembrance Day, who could forget?, and why would we? Grandparents and Pet Memorial Day, No News is Good News, Uncle Sam Day (image first used in 1813), Cream Filled Donut, American Legion, Constitution on the 17th, Elephant Appreciation, Rabbit, Rosh Hashanah on the 25th, Confucius, and the best for last, Ask a Stupid Question Day. I bet you'll get a stupid answer.

Our Northside Breakfast had quite a surprise in August. We came to Elly's only to see it closed, lights out and nobody home. The city said they were going to close the whole mall for a year, well, Thursday was the day. They have great plans for shops and senior housing, but we were unaware it was that day. Being the resourceful folks that we are, we drove across the street to the Golden Brunch, the old IHOP, and had a very nice breakfast. We'll be going there from now on, until further notice, as they say. They have a very varied menu, nice servers, a senior discount, and they have a liquor license. They start serving at 8:00 every day, and each day has a special. Thursday is Jameson's Whiskey Day, in case anybody is inquisitive. That should attract a few people. The attendees included **Virginia**

Kondraros, Kathy Cufar (sorry I spelled it wrong in August), **Janet Higdon, Linda Addante, Margaret Longo, Marge Stamm, Vicki Heuer, Jerry Tipperreiter, Pam Boydstun**, and newbies, **Rose Felber, CHIRR, Peggy Andersen and Eileen Mieszala, ORDCS and John Roberts, EXOKF**, one of our Loonie Friends, and me.

The Southside breakfast was canceled since many had appointments and other Senior responsibilities. Only one person was available, but that's not a party. We'll try again in September. Also, just got a notice that one of our stalwart Southsiders passed away in March, **Margaret Caliendo**, from EXOAN. What sad news, Marge always was there, except in the last year, she had a medical issue and was afraid to come out because of COVID. We'll miss her.

The ORD Mechanics had a good group, **Don Kramlich, Jim Vitte, Dick Hoppel, Bob Palm, Fred Seibert, Bill Durr, Larry Stilwell, Jim Kraft, Paul Skrudland, Rich Protsman, Don Matker, Cas Paprocki**, and me. Thanks to **Rich Protsman** for picking up **Jim Kraft** to join us. Not sure Jim will make the September breakfast since he just had another surgery on his ankle. Hope that is the last one. Also a sad farewell to **Larry & Richie Stilwell**, who are moving to PHX, to be closer to family and be someplace warmer. We'll miss you after 60 ++ years at ORD. Au Revoir!

The July Foremen's breakfast was small; must have been because the girl who sends out the notice gave the wrong date. The three people who knew it was the third Friday were, **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, and Jan Gawenda**. September will be better for this group, too.

A dog accepts you as the boss. A cat wants to see your resume.

Some retirees I had the pleasure of speaking with this month were **Irene Jaramulka, John Roberts, Harold & Sonja Lipinski, Don Tutt, Trahan**, and a lovely lady from Air Freight who I forgot her name. Duh! They're all alive and said, "Hi".

The IAM Lodge 1487 had a large group to celebrate the Union Indoor Picnic, 101 were in attendance. Union Executive Board officers served the members hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. Members brought side salads and desserts. Thank you to all for your participation. They also had their famous horse race and the corn hole toss games, along with the much celebrated White Elephant Sale, those items we just don't need anymore. Each item is wrapped and sold for \$.50, proceeds go back to the club's treasury, lots of laughter all afternoon.

Novinophobia—the fear of running out of wine.

The RUPA lunch in July was at Nick's in Crystal Lake. Thirty-four members and wives attended, enjoyed pizza, beef sandwiches, wraps, and fabulous company. Some of the couples attending included **Dawn & Greg Clemens, Maribeth & Dick Kuhn, Jacquie &**

George Mathes, Susie & Tom Peterson, Linda & Dave Strohm, Mary Jeanne & Jim Trosky, Jan & Walt Fink, and Marjorie & Howard Nelson. The September luncheon will be at the Golf Club of Illinois in Crystal Lake. The speaker will be **George Haupt** who has an interesting history with United, besides being a private pilot.

How about a silly high school story? Ok you talked me into it. A long time ago, in a land far away, I was a freshman in high school. Somehow, I got volunteered to be on a committee to build a float for the Intramural basketball games, sophomores vs. the freshmen. Ideas floated around, one girl said, 'How about if we say, the freshman are going to kill the sophomores?' Everybody thought it was cool. (Definitely a different time) The nun said, 'Too bad we can't get a box that would look like a casket'. I timidly raised my hand and said, 'I might be able to get a box, my grandfather is an undertaker, and he just got a nice pine box from the Army that held a soldier from the Korean War. It was a nice box with black handles, very respectful'. The nun and the girls were thrilled. But then I had to ask grandpa, kind of a stern individual, I was nervous, to say the least. After mulling it over, asking a lot of questions, making sure I wouldn't bang it up or deface it, he said, ok. Then I had to ask my dad about getting it there. Oh God, another stern guy. He said, 'Janice, how do you get yourself into these things? Ok, when do you need it?' He had a little red Ford truck from his work, that would be just perfect. It was for a parade on Tuesday, so it had to be there by Monday. He had time on Saturday, so he got an employee to help him.

They had no room for me, so I gave them instructions, 'go to the front door, walk straight into the gym, put it just to the right of the door, under the clock, oh, tell the nun in the front office why you're there'. Off they went. There was nobody in the front office, so they just walked in, put the box by the wall, and left. I had left a message for our moderator nun, but she didn't get it, she was visiting family for the day. This was before cell phones and email, of course. The nuns were at lunch and prayers, passed by the gym, noticed the pine box that looked like a casket box. Nobody knew what it was for, or for whom. They made a few inquiries, no information was available. The principal was called, she was very concerned because there was a funeral home a few blocks down, she thought the delivery man was confused and brought it to the school instead, and the funeral home was waiting for the soldier's body.

By now, the whole congregation of nuns heard and came down to look. The deceased soldier's name was still on the box, it looked very official. The nuns felt so sad and as good Catholics, what better to do than kneel down and pray for the war hero. Some had brothers and friends in the service, they cried for poor John Baranski,

as if he was their brother. Imagine about 40 nuns praying to an empty box, on their knees. They eventually dispersed and went about their Saturday duties. Late Saturday night, our nun came home and found my note, along with one from the principal, asking if she knew anything about the soldier's casket. Oh my ... I received a call from the nun, asking what happened. I don't know, dad said everything went fine. I explained the best I could, nobody was in the office, dad couldn't stick around, thought my nun got the message, etc. I got a detailed account of what transpired that morning. I was mortified, thought for sure I'd get expelled. You didn't mess with nuns in the 50's.

Monday came, the girls decorated the box with black ribbons, dead flowers, a deflated basketball, even a dummy holding wilted lilies with a red ribbon, the sophomores colors, and a sign on the side, 'Freshmen kill the Sophomores'. Everybody laughed and cheered. I was a hero, kind of, after all was cleared up. Then my dad had to pick it up, grandpa checked it over for damages. I had to live with that for a very long time; it even made the school paper.

Girls joked, 'hey Jan, got a cold, I hear you coffin'. Some were worse. It took a long time before I volunteered for anything. Oh, by the way, we **did** beat the sophomores.

Our friends that flew West last month include three great mechanics, **Carl Meinzer, Mike Festa, and John Conforti**, ORDMM, **Robert Lindstrom**, CHIRR/ORDCG/TPACS, **John Welch**, ORDCG, **Lonnie Biggs, Ron Victorine, Nancy Mrazak, John Schock**, ORDCS, **Lola Uhwat**, EXOPO, and **Margaret Caliendo**, EXOAN. Also gone from our world, Basketball great, Bill Russell, actors, Paul Sorvino, (Goodfellas), Tom Sirico (Sopranos), James Caan (Godfather), Taurean Blaque (Hill Street Blues), Nichelle Nichols (Star Trek), Tony Dow (Leave it to Beaver), Larry Storch (F Troop), Mickey Rooney Jr., Greg Itzin (24), David Warner (Titanic), Burt Metcalf (M*A*S*H), Pat Carroll (Danny Thomas/ Caesar's Hour), Clu Gallagher (Last Picture Show), Claes Oldenburg, sculptor of Chicago landmarks, Ivana Trump, Vin Scully, (Dodgers sportscaster), and JoJo, the 42 year old beloved gorilla at Brookfield Zoo.

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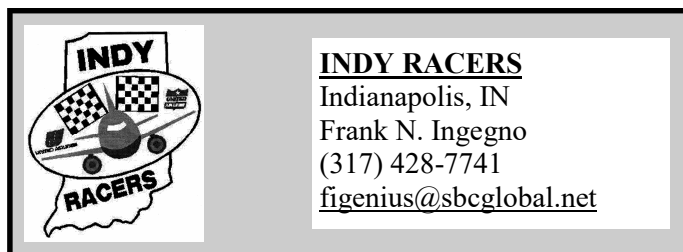
Northside Breakfast - Golden Brunch Restaurant, 9:00 A.M. 31 E Golf Rd. Arlington Heights, IL (**September 8**). Second Thursday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**September 15**). Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Union Hall, 501 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines (**September 1**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday. RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois 11:00 A.M. 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin, (**September 13**). Guest speaker is **George Haupt**, UAL employee and Pilot.

INDIANA



The Indy Racers chapter meeting was held on July 12th. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Allan Miller** and **Frank Ingegno**. We discussed plans for the annual chapter picnic, which will be held at Avon Town Hall Park on September 13th. There was no other business to discuss.

Regarding travel, I'd like to report that I attended this years AirVenture at Oshkosh, WI. As in the past, I found the presentations and forums to be very interesting and educational. I personally found some value in speaking to the Cessna and Continental representatives as well as other technical experts regarding my Cessna 150 rehabilitation project.

At the event, they have air shows every day, however, I found the Saturday evening (night) air show and fireworks to extraordinary; airplanes flying with pyrotechnics, fireworks going off and huge explosions along the entire runway. All to music, better then Disney World! For all the aviation geeks out there, I highly recommend attending at least one of these events.

I ended up camping in a tent with the EAA chapter of which I am a member. The weather was perfect, moderate temperatures and low humidity making camping out a pleasure. Reminded me of the many camping trips taken during my youth.

I even met up with one of my United Airlines friends from my SFOMOC and INDIMC days, **Jeff Johnson**. He is now a mechanic in DEN. He flew his plane to Oshkosh from Denver. I hadn't seen him for many years. It was great catching up!

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

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at

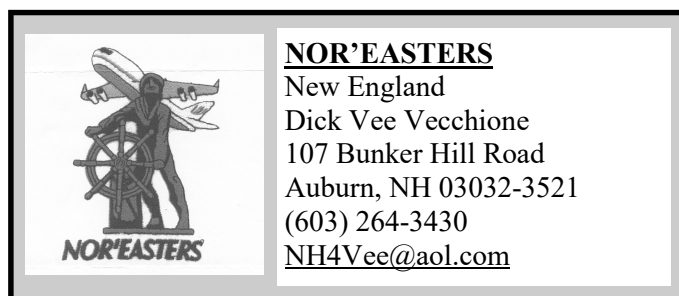
12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **September 13** - Indy Racers Chapter picnic at Avon Town Hall Park
- **October 11** at Emmy's
- **November 8** at Emmy's

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MASSACHUSETTS



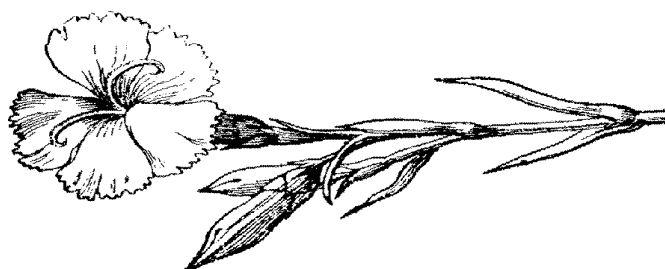
The Nor'Easters started as a chapter of RUAEA in May 1995. **Mercedes Hersom** (active and alive) and **Paul Newcomb** (deceased) started it up and got more retirees interested. Now I wonder if our chapter will go on. We haven't been active or in contact since the Covid pandemic. Our Treasurer **Bill Vanderwal** is striving for an October luncheon.

I joined the group in 1997 and became Secretary in December 2000. I've been active until the corona virus shut us down, and kept being the correspondent for the RUAEA Newsletter. Now, few seem interested in meetings or anything. United helped with our possible demise with no one left to retire.

So far, we've had a good run, our retirees shared a lot of luncheons, picnics, Christmas parties and conventions. At this writing, almost half of our members are deceased and the remainder are getting up there in years. I'd hate to see our chapter come to an end. Here's hoping Bill's effort to restart the luncheons again works well with good results. I'd hate to see the Nor'Easters demise.

Calendar:

Our first luncheon in two plus years will be in October.



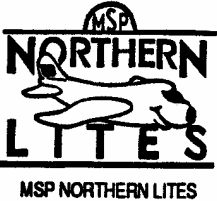
MICHIGAN

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There is no report this month from the Great Lakes Escapees chapter of RUAEA.

Thought for the month: *"The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure"* ~ Tibetan Proverb

MINNESOTA

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Sorry about last month's empty spot in the RUAEA Newsletter where our report is usually found.

I heard from **Jim Simon**, who lives near Sacramento and was a loyal, regular attendee at the Northern Lites lunches for many years. How come I get a call from him 'way out there and nothing from anyone else? I did hear from **Lee Storlie** about his comings and goings. You remember Lee, don't you? Y'know, El Presidente for a bunch of years until he ran out of things to say? Well, I take that back. He still had, and will probably always have, an unending supply of groaners.

Jim is chafing with the heat in Sacramento again; so hot that he stays indoors in the A/C. Those of you who know him will know that being forced to stay indoors isn't in his wheelhouse. Water restrictions are making things dry and brown again, too.

Lee is having a wee of a time down there in the cornfields of Iowa. He's the newest entertainer in the complex, I think. Pretty soon he may get paid for organizing sing-along and such for the other residents. Jim texted me a photo of our old friend, Lee, on a poster advertising the next entertaining offering this month. Whatta hambone that guy is ...

I talked to **Nel Brawner** sort of recently. According to her, she's getting along pretty well for the shape she's in. Hmmp! That could be said for all of us, right? She lives far enough away from the Twin Cities


that it has become increasingly difficult to make the drive to lunch anymore.

I hear frequently from **Arlene Kelley**; she & **Joe** were recently in the Chicago area visiting family. Bless her pointy little head, she called and asked us if we wanted her to pick up anything from our collective favorite WI cheese outlet on their return. What a funny person ... of course! They make the best cheese curds ever.

Dr. **Jan Meyer** sent me a nice long note. She & **Roger** have both battled Covid and are now getting back to some semblance of normal. Whatever that is, anymore ...

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

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It is with great sadness that I report that our most esteemed member, "**Van**" **Vanhouten** passed away at the age of 102 on July 25th.

Van attended a one room school in Battle Creek, Iowa and graduated there in 1938. He attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa and was drafted into the Army in 1940. He landed in Cherbourg, France in August of 1944 with the 26th Infantry Division, which was part of General George S. Patton's Third Army. They fought their way across France and were garrisoned in Metz, France when the Battle of the Bulge broke out in Belgium in December of 1944. They joined the battle, and he was awarded the Bronze Star and four battle campaign stars for valor in the campaigns. In 2014, he was awarded by the French Government, the French Legion of Honor, (France's version of the Medal of Honor), in a ceremony in Ouistriham, France, where the medal was pinned on him by a retired French General. After the war, he settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa and began a career at United Airlines. He spent 40 years at the airline. After retiring from the airlines, he began a career at a local mortuary where he worked for another 20 years until the age of 95. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by all.

Twelve of us gathered at the Legends Grill on August 2nd and had a delicious lunch. The 50/50 was won

by **Arnie Mahoney** and **Jan Cornish**. The weather in Omaha has been extremely hot which may account for the low attendance.

Calendar:

September 6 - Meeting at Legends Patio Grill, 6901 Pacific Street, Omaha. Maybe it'll be a little cooler by then. Hope to see you there.

NEVADA



**LAS VEGAS
SILVER LINERS**

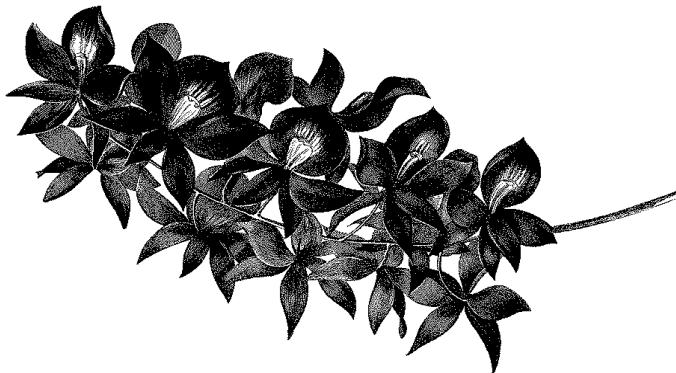
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Chapter Vice President **Mary Chandler** researched the location and set up a Luncheon for the Silverliners. She reserved October 11 at the Durango Hills Golf Club here in Las Vegas. They do not require any minimum number of attendees and the menu and price are very reasonable. So, a big "Thank You" to Mary for her efforts to get the Silverliners together.

At the present time, Mary is waiting for responses from our members on who is likely to attend the Luncheon. Once she gets that information, she will finalize everything at the venue. Again, thanks Mary for going that extra mile to get the Silverliners together.

There is not too much else to talk about since no member has come forward to fill the 3 vacancies in our Board. We have not had a President for over 3 years and the Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down, but they are still helping out until a replacement is found.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever someone sets one up. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to hear from you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 7 members at our July 11 meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for contacting Murieta's Mexican Restaurant and making reservations for Monday, September 12th at 11:00 for our September meeting.

Pat Zoboli will talk with the Peppermill about our December luncheon.

There were no birthdays in July. The 50/50 winner was **June Roe**.

NEW JERSEY



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The meeting opened with a flag salute from our Chapter President **Frank Worzocha**. There was plenty of discussion about the past and present of United. A nice welcome was given to **Joan Kurowski** and **Charlie Moore**.

Frank Kokaska brought us up to date as to what was happening at Newark; the theme was just too many accidents. Anyway, it was a very nice luncheon.

We learned that **Everett Eaton** of EWR maintenance will be 98 this coming September 3. Now that's something to eat crow about.

Our 50/50 was won by **Charlie Moore**.

Our next meeting will be on August 31st in Scotch Plains.

From the great Prophet Leroy: "Forgive your enemies, but remember their names just in case."



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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NY Metros August Report, compiled by Ed Pozzi and John Klos

President **Ed Pozzi** opened meeting with the Pledge Of Allegiance. We had only 12 guests in attendance; what held everyone back ... hot weather?

We held a moment of silence to remember the passing of **Gerry Korsch**, wife of **Peter Korsch**, JFKMM Manger.

We also received sad news about **George Riggi**, JFKCS-retired; George is in hospital for foot surgery due to gout.

I spoke to **Werner Buck**, JFKFF, he said he has back problems (Spinal stenosis), and troubles walking. Werner mentioned that **Marge Hansen**, wife of **Vic Hansen**, JFKGQ, is in an assisted living facility, and Werner visits her every day.

I was able to contact **Evelyn Schroder** to inquire about her husband, **Michael Schroder** (JFKBM) who is in rehab. Evelyn says that Mike had a pacemaker installed on August 8th. Boy, it doesn't pay to get old.

Birthdays for the month ~ **Van Clampeat** - JFKMM, **Don Arnoni**, **John Klos**, **Bobby Lee** and **Rosemarie Arnoni**.

Anniversary of the month ~ **Ron & Donna Feingold**, celebrating 52 years.

Since our attendance was so small, the Metros Chapter picked up the tab for Lunch.

Calendar:

September 7 – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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We had our July meeting at the Diamond Event Center with 34 in attendance. We have many members unable to attend, due to illness or unable to drive. We also have a lot of the members going into assistant living. Concerns were raised about the lack of memberships and attendance at the meetings. We are having a problem finding restaurants that will take us with less than 50 people for booking the party room for our meeting. Also, another problem is the cost of the luncheons have been going up and it doesn't look like it is slowing down.

We have found a few new restaurants that are glad to have us and the prices are reasonable, but we need to drive a little further to get to them. So far, the members that have attended the new restaurants have been pleased with the service and menu choices, and said they are willing to go back again. We would like to thank all of our members who have and are still hosting our luncheons.

We would like to thank our president **Dolly Taucher** and V.P. **Judy Spooner** for all the hard work in finding and checking out new restaurants and checking out the menu and prices. It consumes a lot of time to visit the restaurant and talking with them about getting everything set up.

Please remember those needing prayers for healing, strength and comfort of all of our members and families.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer. God Bless One and All!

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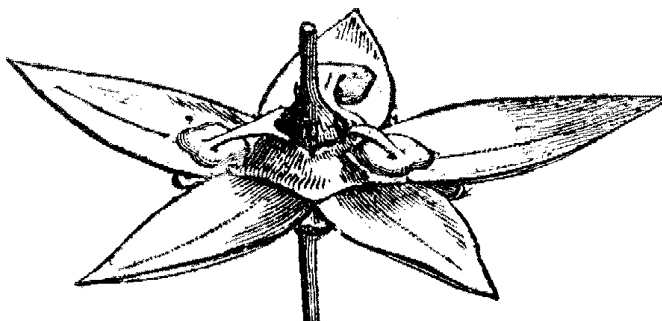
We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

September 7 – Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge

October 5 – Simon's Restaurant & Bar **New**

November 2 – Diamond Event Center

December 7 – Williams on the Lake



OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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Our Colwood luncheons have resumed! We had 30 folks attend our July meeting, and the meal raved about by all. Our August meeting will be held by the time this newsletter is received and going forth we will be meeting the second Thursday of each month.

Until we have more to report, I will continue with a bit of humor and a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ The main function of your little toe is making sure all the furniture in the house is in the right place.
- ☺ Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think: "That can't be right!"
- ☺ I tried cooking with wine last night ... after 5 glasses; I forgot why I was in the kitchen.
- ☺ If Satan ever lost his hair, there would be hell toupee. I'll see myself out.
- ☺ You know you are in trouble when the voices in your head start a chat group and don't invite you.
- ☺ My word for today: Snaughling: When you laugh so hard you snort, then laugh because you snorted, then snort because you laughed.
- ☺ If you throw your hands in the air like you just don't care, make sure you put your coffee cup down first! Follow me for more life advice.
- ☺ I told my family that I needed a time out and asked that they send me to the bookstore and not let me come back until my attitude improves. A win: win for all!
- ☺ Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall. When it rang I'd pick it up without knowing who was calling. Amazing that I'm still alive.
- ☺ Mother's Day commercials: Diamonds on sale for \$3000. Father's Day commercials: Men's target cargo shorts on sale for \$11.
- ☺ A day without coffee probably won't kill me, but why risk it?
- ☺ Commas are important: 1. No more coffee. 2. No, more coffee.
- ☺ Me: Can you grow please? Bank account: No, Lawn: No, Hair: No, Muscles: No, Stomach: I got you!
- ☺ You never realize how long a minute is until you are exercising.
- ☺ If your electric car runs out of power on the In-

terstate, do you walk to a charging station to get a bucket of electricity?

- ☺ I have 3 sides. The quiet side. The fun side. And the side you never want to see.
- ☺ A lot of people think things slow down and get boring as you get older, but we had two humming birds at the feeder at the same time this morning and I'm still buzzing from the excitement.
- ☺ Pros of being an adult: I can eat 28 cookies and no one can stop me. Cons of being an adult: I just ate 28 cookies, no one stopped me, and now I feel awful.
- ☺ A waffle is just a more considerate pancake. It's like here, let me hold that syrup for you in these convenient boxes!
- ☺ Where does it say we have to "act" our age? As long as it makes me happy and I'm not hurting anyone, I will act whatever age I want to!
- ☺ A Vegan said to me that people who sell meat are disgusting. I said people who sell fruit and vegetables are grocer. I'll see myself out.
- ☺ I am a person who wants to do a lot of things, trapped in a body of a person who wants to sleep a lot.
- ☺ Notes to myself: 1) Stop spending more money to get free shipping. 2) Your coffee is still in the microwave. 3) Don't throw the box with the directions away until it's 100% done. 4) Glasses are on top of your head. 5) Wearing headphones does not make your farts silent. 6) Just because it pops in your head does not mean it should come out of your mouth. 7) Don't use your phone as a flashlight to look for your phone. 8) You are never going to remember to do that thing later so do it now.
- ☺ It hurts when someone you love says mean things like, "It's time to wake up."
- ☺ Shout out to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people!
- ☺ Instead of cleaning my house, I just watch an episode of Hoarders and think "Wow, my house looks great!"
- ☺ When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.
- ☺ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads were not paved.
- ☺ Remember when teachers used to say... "You won't have a calculator everywhere you go." Well, we showed them.
- ☺ Run from people who love drama, or they will

- put you in one of their episodes.
- ☺ I've started investing in stocks ... first chicken, then beef, and now vegetable. I know it's risky, but I know one day it will pay off and I'll be a bouillon-aire.
 - ☺ When people are like "Oh my gosh, I love your curly hair. How do you get it to look like that?" Step one: Wash hair. Step two: Hope for the best.
 - ☺ You cannot be a true coffee lover until you've tried to suck the spilled coffee off of your shirt. Get on my level.
 - ☺ Don't believe what you see in cartoons. No matter how hard you throw a toilet plunger, it won't actually stick to someone's face. Please don't ask me how I know this ...
 - ☺ Did you ever take a nap so good that you thought you missed the school bus, but it's the weekend and you're 75?
 - ☺ I've combined a laxative with alphabet soup. I call it "Letter Rip".
 - ☺ Almost cut my finger cutting up vegetables for my salad. All I could think was, this never happens with cupcakes!
 - ☺ I want to be the level of rich where I don't get mad at beef jerky prices anymore.
 - ☺ I hate it when I go to the kitchen to look for food and all I find are ingredients.
 - ☺ Dr: You need to listen to your body more. My Body: You're old and you want tacos.
 - ☺ Some things are better left unsaid, which I realize right after I say them.
 - ☺ Best friends: They know how crazy you are and still choose to be seen with you in public.
 - ☺ I checked Kelley Blue Book today for my car's value and it asked if the tank was full or empty.
 - ☺ Don't get me started. I don't come with brakes.
 - ☺ At my age, "getting lucky" means finding my car in the parking lot.
 - ☺ If we are ever in a "don't laugh" situation, do not look over at me!
 - ☺ I need coffee, a vacation, and a bag full of cash. That's all.
 - ☺ I'm going to stand outside, so if anyone asks I am outstanding.
 - ☺ Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller?
 - ☺ I don't have bad handwriting; I have my own font!
 - ☺ The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
 - ☺ I got thrown out of my local park after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn't like me critter sizing.
 - ☺ The carts at Target roll so smooth, you don't

- even realize it's full of stuff that you don't need.
- ☺ Egg salad is still chicken salad when you think about it.
- ☺ When I say, "I'm just going to the bathroom" my dogs hear, "family meeting, assemble now!"
- ☺ I miss very few things about being young, but the ability to sneeze without injuring myself is a big one.
- ☺ There is nothing at all wrong with being a larger and more curvaceous woman. It's just nature's way of saying OMG, you're so bloody good I just had to make more of you!
- ☺ Last night I dreamed about coffee and this morning I'm drinking coffee. I guess dreams do come true.
- ☺ A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender asks, "hey, what's with the paper towel?" The pirate says, "Argh, I've got a Bounty on me head!" I'll see myself out now.

Calendar:

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

September 8

October 13

PENNSYLVANIA

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Hello again from Philly, where it has been hot, hot, hot 90° and above.

We're not having a luncheon again until October, but the news doesn't take a break.

We sadly have two members' death to report: **George Altman**, George passed away in May; he was a mechanic for 30+ years at Philadelphia airport. **Al "Duke" Caputo**, Albert chose to join the United States Marines where he honorably served from 1962 to 1968. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was a member of the USMC honor guard that watched over the Pentagon and the casket of President John F. Kennedy. Sergeant Caputo was then deployed to Vietnam where he was seriously wounded and received the Purple Heart for his bravery and heroic actions. Sergeant Caputo's Portrait was featured on the cover of the Time/

Life Book "Larry Burrows Vietnam". The Portrait also hangs proudly in the USMC museum in Quantico, Virginia where it represents all of the soldiers that fought for our country in Vietnam. From there he went onto UAL.

We have a request for whoever remembers **Dee Burrs** from Philly. Dee is in a nursing home in Colorado, far from her many friends, which makes her very homesick. If anyone would like to, please send a "Thinking Of You" card to me and I will put them all in a box and send them to her. This will definitely boost her morale.

We hope all are doing good and enjoying your retirement. Till next month, be safe.

UTAH



SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

WASHINGTON



EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The day could not have been more perfect for our annual summer picnic on July 12th! In fact, the spots in the shade were coveted by the early arrivals at **Kathi Skarbo's** lovely home on Lake Burien. We had 34 in attendance including: **Phil & Mary Ann Anderson, Dick & Helen Clement, Hank Gosselin, John & Addy Haferbecker, Jay Holland, Rosa Koller, Ed Karr, Noreen Krawczyk and Richard Devereux, Gay & Ed Liesse, Ron Paluch and Shirley Claggett, Tom Lucas, Tony Morella, Sid Reynolds, Betty & Arnie Schaetzke, Jim Small, Dolores Steger, Ken & Judy Storey, Ken & Marsha Tank, Kathie & Gary Torgison** and a few more that I missed.

The picnic was not without a panic the day prior, however. **Bonnie Frey**, the co-chair of the event, suffered a debilitating case of vertigo 2 days before the picnic. She and Fred had stored all the ice-cream bars in their extra freezer and were planning to bring them to the picnic, from their home in Olympia, along with salads and beans they would purchase the day before the event. After 2 trips to urgent care it was clear Bonnie would not be able to walk, let alone shop and attend the picnic. As it turned out, the coordinated efforts of the **Freys** and co-chair **Kathie Torgison** and husband **Gary**, allowed the picnic to proceed. Despite out-of-stock supplies and no dry-ice available, Kathie purchased all the cold food and stored it at the Frey's, where Fred packed it snugly into several coolers on the morning of the picnic for the Torgisons to pick-up. Kathie & Gary drove the 60 miles to Seattle and unpacked the coolers into the refrigerator and freezer at the picnic site. They then made a second run to secure the



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

TENNESSEE

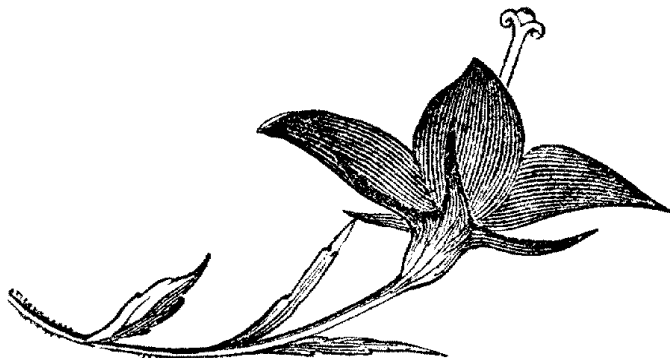


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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.

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



fried chicken and BBQ ribs which had been ordered the week before. Returning to the picnic site, they unpacked and plated the hot food, placed the salads, beans and watermelon in bowls on the serving table and no one would have known the mad dash required to make it all happen! A big thanks to **Ken & Judy Storey**, too, who prepared the picnic tables, set up chairs, beverage stations and manned the check-in table. It really shows how airline people know how to work together to make an on-time departure!!


Our next gathering is scheduled for December 13th at 11:30 at Angelo's Restaurant in Burien. More details to follow as that time draws nearer.



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

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NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS
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Dear RUAEA,

This is my last article for the RUAEA Newsletter as Clipped Wings National Vice President. I have truly enjoyed writing these newsletters, and I hope you gained some insight into our wonderful organization. Our new Vice President will be resuming her duties and I look forward to reading her newsletter.

We all enjoyed our National Convention in Portland from August 31 - September 3, it was an amazing Convention! The Portland chapter has been planning for 4 years, and they did a fabulous job! The meetings were very informative and presented with such enthusiasm. We all learned so much to bring home to our local chapters. It is always so great to connect with old friends and meet new ones. Many chapters did not meet over the summer, so new ideas from Convention are greatly appreciated. Local chapters start meeting again in September.

The convention wrapped up with the new officers assuming their positions and we wish them the very best of luck!

September 5th is Labor Day, followed by Grandparents Day the 11th. Autumn officially starts the 22nd. Rosh Hashanah is the 25th at sunset and ends the 27th at nightfall. Fall is a busy time for all.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as National Vice President of Clipped Wings.

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

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Interesting Piece of American History About the Pocket Watch, A Very Interesting Story!

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found.

Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line. Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years.

This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit. That started it all.

He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches.

Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say. The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago - and it's still there.

Yes, it's a little known fact that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: Richard Sears and his partner Alvah Roebuck!

Bet You Didn't Know That! OK, Maybe you did; I didn't! Now that's History!■

NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **July 2022**:

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Welcome

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The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **July 2022**:

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Thank you

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Retiree – **Lowe, Kenneth O.**, on 7/20/2022, DENMM, 2844 NW 115th Pl., Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Retiree – **McArdle Sr., Robert E.**, on 10/17/2021, LASOZ, husband of Johanna Spadone McArdle (deceased), 2554 Quail Canyon Ave., Henderson, NV 89074

Retiree – **Owens, Raymond, N. (Neil)**, on 7/1/2022, DENMM, husband of **Ruth Ann Owens** who passed away on 7/3/2022, 3323 S. Quintero St., Aurora, CO 80013

Retiree – **Zweighardt, Robert M.**, on 6/26/2022, SFOOV, husband of Mervel El Araby; father of Barbara and Sayed; grandfather of Courtney and James, 413 Berryessa Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687■

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.)

John Bennatts, 11953 NW Swantown St., Silverdale, WA 98383

It appears my devices do not want to communicate with RUAEA; so I am returning to both paper and Web for the Newsletter deliveries. This also happened when I was the Tucson correspondent to the newsletter, but stuff happens.

Sometimes the tried and true methods work best, snail mail.

Thanks for keeping the group alive and well.



Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romanza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

I have been watching my monthly newsletter for an indication of my renewal but I must have missed it.

We had a lot happening around here these past few months; so thankfully with Covid winding down, our lives will be back to normal.

I missed the convention last year, but I will be putting in an appearance this year. It must be a good omen that it is here in San Diego again.

Thanks for keeping us updated on all things at United. The information is a blessing and the timing is always perfect. Your editors have a unique perspective and I appreciate the time and effort that all devote to this task. I consider myself so lucky to belong to this exclusive club.

As retirees go, I still do a fair amount of pass riding and thanks to your tutorials; I am very up on all the reservations, check-ins and seat assignment applications. I really love that we never have to bug the agents at the gate; they are always very busy.

Keep the news and information coming.

Janet Jolly, 935 Ransom Ave., Brookings, OR 97415

Thank you for another year of keeping us connected. The clever wit coming from the Oregon Dewers has kept me laughing, and one can't have too much of that!

Bee McCarthy, 147 Hibiscus Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Thanks for the reminder about the dues. I certainly don't want to be left off the membership list after 31 years of retirement.

I am enjoying the beautiful weather here on the West Coast of Florida; there is always never a cloudy day.

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

Thank goodness for the Newsletter; it is the only connection with United people.

Age has kept me from socializing very much.

I appreciate all of the dedicated people for getting the Newsletter out.

Koji Takeuchi, 3344 Uribe St., Las Vegas, NV 89129

I am 88 years old now. I worked for UAL as a Power Plant Mechanic from 1956-1995, 38 years. I started on graveyard shift, swing and days. I did all types of maintenance repairs. I can state that I worked on most of the aircraft that United had during the period of my stay.

I met many employees from all departments at United and the majority of them very nice.

One of the things I enjoyed was dispatching a fully loaded B-747 to Hawaii with a right hand salute and wishing the crew a safe flight to their destination.

During my working years, I have invested my wages and at this time my family is set for a great retirement. These are the best years of our lives.

We appreciate all the work everyone does and the information provided and the help in many ways.

Geraldine Vann, 13215 Michigan Ave., Huntley, IL 60142

It is always great to get the RUAEA newsletter every month. I look forward to catching up on all the news.

I moved to Del Webb, Sun City in Huntley. I really like living here as I am now close to family.

Thanks to all of you for the hard work and time to get the newsletter out to all of us. The red reminder is always a "surprise" of another year.

Norm Wilkinson, 2114 Country Knoll Ln., Elgin, IL 60123

I read in the August Newsletter the Jackalope column by **George Midwin**, and wondered if it brought back memories for others as it did for me of the Jackalope in the bar at CYS when UAL did its "stewardess" training there. I have never forgotten that taxidermy.

Notes

Levirt Quarels

If I am blessed next month, I will be 94 years young on the 8th of August. I do have Glaucoma and my young wife is taking care of it. We don't travel much anymore. I do enjoy reading The RUAEA Newsletter. Until we meet again, take care!

Frederick J. Schnittker

I can hardly believe I've been retired for 24 years. I am still running my automotive machine shop, but definitely slowing down. I always enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter and getting updates on former fellow employees.

Sharon Gulino

After 25 years with UAL at headquarters in Chicago, I retired and moved to sunny Arizona. Hiking through the beautiful deserts and mountains out here is always exciting, with many different plants, birds, animals (and snakes!) to discover. But I do miss the airline industry & HDQ. It became a part of me that I will always remember and treasure!

Barbara Thomas

I am looking forward to the convention in San Diego!

Michael O'Meara

With gas price at its current level, I can't afford to drive to DC for meetings.

Richard W. Nelson

Help keep RUAEA strong!

Gerald L. & Vera Brazeau

We live in Frisco, Texas, in a Del Webb community. Our health is good, and we enjoy lots of activities with children and grandchildren!

We like reading the RUAEA Newsletter. Thank you for all your work.

Cheryl Plumb

I want to check out the old news as well as the new stuff on the RUAEA website.■



The Contact Column



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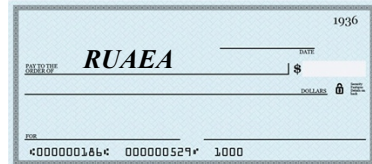
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In this architect's rendering, the "F" building is to the right and the "D" Building behind the new four-story "H" Building. Syracuse Street is in the foreground.

Construction was spurred by the airline's hiring push, with the overarching goal of employing another 10,000 pilots by 2030. This year, United is focused on hiring more than 2,000 new pilots. The move comes as a pilot deficit grips not only the U.S., but also the globe. The Federal Aviation Administration limits the age of commercial pilots to 65, so pilots are aging out of the national industry. On top of that, fewer pilots are leaving the military, so the airline industry is rushing to secure new hires quickly.

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