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Letter From The President



I trust everything is well with you and yours and some of you are probably making plans to attend Grandkids and Great Grandkids graduations. It's that time of year and the kids really enjoy seeing families gather around them for a high point in their life.

I want to thank those of you who send me letters; both

email and snail mail along with phone calls of questions/concerns or just to have a chat session with me. It's always good to hear from you. Sometimes we get phone messages on the office phone recorder, but we are not able to get back to the caller because no phone number, name or file number was left and we don't have caller ID. If you have a comment or concern, please leave some contact information and we will do our best to get back to you. Enough said.

Some changes are coming concerning Flying Together and how it will look. You can go to Flying Together now and check out the new format, but it won't be active for a while. It looks to me like it will be a lot easier to navigate through than the current format. There will be lots of information about it in our Newsletter and on Flying Together.

Some good news for the Denver Office ~ The Training Center remodeling project is getting close to completion. It's planned that the Denver RUAEA Office will be able to move into our permanent area sometime after June 1st. This will really be great for us. We have been working with minimal services, which have hindered our ability to service the membership. Hopefully everything will work on day one. We have been in temporary quarters for a year, and we are thankful that the company took care of us. I want to say thanks to the membership for understanding the problems we have had to deal with, your patience is appreciated.

Take care and warmest regards until next month.

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

Happy Mother's Day

The Writers' Column By Jeffrey Leavitt (Former UALer)

Geezer Seeks Connection and Friendship



The date was on or about June 16, 1966 and it was a hot, muggy day at 6 am on the way to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Anyone who has ever lived in Minnesota knows how uncomfortable the summer weather can be, even in the early morning. But I didn't care about that because I was on my way

to the greatest adventure of my life. Having briefly visited family in my hometown of St. Paul following my graduation from college, I was on my way to New York to begin my first real job, a pivotal moment in my 23 year old life. United Air Lines had made me a job offer I could not refuse, and they had even thrown in a business pass for the trip east. Pretty heady stuff at the time! The first flight to Chicago left at 7 am and I didn't want to be late. 17 hours later, I was still at MSP. I had watched 13 full flights depart (727's and Caravelles) without me onboard and it had been a rough day. At 11 pm I bought a full fare ticket on Northwest Airlines to JFK and life went on. I think I learned two things that day. Traveling on an airline pass could be tricky at times and, boy, was business ever good for United Air Lines in the Twin Cities! About 21 years later (and with a whole bunch of successful flights under my belt), I faced another pivotal moment. Storybook endings happen in storybooks but not always in real life. I had a ton of personal problems and to address them I had to make changes, which included resignation from UAL and a totally different focus.

Now, 31 years later, life has flown by (no pun intended) and I am just trying to sort it all out. Wrote my autobiography, not that I am any great personage, but that I fear the written word in depth is dying out in this technological era and pretty soon we won't be talking to each other or sharing our common history at all. I like our generation, well most of it anyway. I think we did a lot of things right and where we made mistakes, we worked hard to correct them. Some of the very finest people I have ever known were fellow UAL employees and I do not wish to close the book on my own life without reaching out in sharing and friendship to any of you who might be interested in reading about the world according to Jeff. So I am interested in you and your thoughts and to that end will openly share mine. If you would like a copy, drop me a line or an e-mail.

My UAL assignments: EWRCS 1966-1967 Management Trainee; EWRCS 1967-1968 Supervisor of Ramp/Cargo Services, JFKPE 1968-1970 Personnel Representative; PDXCG 1970-1971 Operating Chief of

Ramp/Cargo Services (job eliminated); PDXOO 1971-1972 Supervisor of Station Planning; HNLTR 1972-1974 Passenger Service Manager; SEAPE 1974-1975 Regional Manager of Personnel; SFOVG 1975-1978 Assistant to Senior Vice President/General Manager - Western Division; BWIOZ 1978-1987 Manager of Station Operations.

Best wishes to everyone and thanks for listening!

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UAL received tentative approval to increase IAH-HAV service



The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) tentatively awarded United and Mesa Airlines authority to begin offering daily nonstop service between IAH and HAV (Havana). Sub-

ject to final government approval, United will expand from our current Saturday-only service to daily service.

United's increased service will help ensure better choice, convenience and competition for customers in Houston and 44 other destinations in the central and western United States.

UAL plans to operate the route with either Boeing 737-800 mainline aircraft or Embraer E175 regional aircraft. Mesa Airlines will operate the regional jet aircraft as United Express.

From IAH, United's gateway to Latin America, the company provides the only service to Havana from the entire central and western United States.

"On behalf of United Airlines, we applaud the U.S. Department of Transportation's decision to increase United service between Houston and Havana from Saturday-only to daily," said Regulatory and Policy VP Steve Morrissey. *"We also want to congratulate Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, as well as Texas Congressmen Kevin Brady, Gene Green, Pete Olson, Ted Poe, the Houston Airport System, the Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for supporting our collective goal to improve air service between Houston and Havana and offering customers throughout the central and western United States more opportunities to make convenient connections in Houston."*

Enhanced mobile web experience for united.com

Starting March 29, United is introducing a new mobile version of united.com. The new mobile site will offer customers and employees a smoother and more efficient experience when navigating United's website via their smart phones.



The new mobile site features a refreshed home page and enhanced flows, offering the following improvements:

- ✧ Optimized Smartphone design consistent with other digital channels
- ✧ Supports bookings from the U.S. and Japanese points of sale, with Japanese as a translation option
- ✧ In addition to viewing reservations, users can create and change revenue flights as well as MileagePlus award bookings
- ✧ FareLock is available, allowing customers to hold a new revenue or award booking for ticketing at a later time
- ✧ Ability to review MileagePlus account information
- ✧ Ability to consistently deliver weather and service alerts via homepage
- ✧ Full check-in and flight status functionality

The new mobile website allows customers and employees a more seamless experience anywhere they go.

"We want to ensure our customers can reach us whenever and wherever they need us," said Principal Business Analyst Karla Padbury. *"While we already have an excellent mobile app, we recognize that not all customers have access to it for a variety of reasons, and they choose to connect with United via a browser on their mobile devices. We're excited to provide these customers with a mobile-friendly site that allows them to conveniently manage their travel plans."*

More service to New Zealand



Waiheke Island ~ In conjunction with United's Star Alliance partner Air New Zealand (NZ), United announced new nonstop service between AKL

(Auckland, New Zealand) and ORD. The announcement deepens United's two-year-old joint venture with NZ.

Starting November 30, 2018, NZ will operate the route three times weekly, year-round, using its new-configuration Boeing 787-9 aircraft.

In addition to the new route, United will also extend its current seasonal service between SFO and AKL to year-round beginning April 2019. The company will operate that route three times weekly with a Boeing 777-200ER between April and October and continue operating daily with a Boeing 777-300ER between November and March.

“By adding Chicago to the Air New Zealand route network, and with United’s increased service between San Francisco and Auckland, we are proud to offer our customers more ways to get between the United States and New Zealand and more connection opportunities in those cities than any other airline in the world,” said International Network VP Patrick Quayle. “Today’s announcements are great examples of the customer benefits that result from the strong, strategic alliance and partnership between United Airlines and Air New Zealand.”

Since announcing the partnership in 2016, the joint venture has offered travelers more choice and convenience across United’s combined networks.

Pass Travel Update From Kirk Moore

You can read this update on the RAFA website. The links may work better, and have more information than can be printed in this newsletter, <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1836169>.

Next-generation Flying Together!



United’s Flying Together website is getting a make-over and it’s coming **soon!** *“Everyone can experience and become familiar with the new site during a soft launch before it becomes permanent in a few weeks. Built based on extensive feedback from team members across United, the new intranet includes fresh features, functionality and navigation. Read about some of the new features and then check them out for yourself.”*

Here’s the link: <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Company&path=/Pages/nextGenerationFT.jsp>

Click the yellow links to see a preview of the new FT or switch to the new site now. Tips:

1. You will be able to import all your existing tools and favorite shortcuts into the new Flying Together.
2. All information about Pass Travel will be in the Travel section of the new Flying Together, but some information may reside in new locations or menus. Click around to find out!
3. When you find a page you need often, use “Add to favorites” at the bottom of the page and you will be able to quickly access it with one click on your “Favorites” link.



Change EFs in June for July-December travel



December 31, 2018.

Plan ahead! Keep in mind only retirees will be able to change their Enrolled Friends during the mid-year open enrollment period beginning in June for travel July 1 through De-

cember 31, 2018. The enrollment will take place just like it normally does via FlyingTogether > Travel > “Update pass riders and buddies”. If you do not want to change your current EFs for July-December no action is needed. Your current EFs will automatically roll over on July 1. More information will become available on Flying Together in May.

Transit tax refund request: LHR / NRT



UNITED

Thanks to Gina Sui-Oerelius for a heads-up on the new procedure.

New Procedure: To request a refund for the transit tax from London Heathrow (LHR) or Narita (NRT) you must submit an offering via United Service Anywhere. Do not email EPC@united.com or ETC@united.com.

United Service Anywhere offering link (fill out the form online): <https://msast001pngx.saas.hpe.com/saw/ess/offeringPage/2762165?TENANTID=341390153>

Be sure to have the following prior to submitting your request:

- ✎ London Heathrow (LHR): If you connected from another airline and departed on a United flight in less than 24 hours, submit the other airline’s boarding pass and United ticket number.
- ✎ Narita (NRT): If you connected from another airline and departed NRT on a United flight in the same calendar day, submit the other airline’s boarding pass and United ticket number.

More information is here: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/UPDATE-2015-January>



Torgy's Travel Tips – Using “Custom Routing” to list on UA Flights



Kathie Torgison

Sometimes you are aware of UA flights that exist, but when you try to list on them, they just don't appear. Or, you may want to intentionally have an extra long layover at a connection point, but again, the combination of flights don't appear. Well, this month's article will help you solve that dilemma by using a wonderful little gem called

“Custom Routing”, which can be located inside *QuickLinks* on the listing menu in EmpRes. Let's say you want to fly to Sydney via San Francisco. You are allowed a layover of less than 72 hours when connecting to/from an international flight. So why not take advantage of a nice day at Fisherman's Wharf instead of just waiting it out at the airport, either by arriving in SFO early on the day of departure or staying overnight the previous night. After all, there's BART, the rapid transit line, right at the airport that whisks you to downtown SFO and back. And you'll have plenty of time to rest on the 16 hour nighttime flight to Sydney, hopefully in a Polaris flatbed seat! So, how do you do this?

1. Go to EmpRes and click on the blue QuickLinks
2. Next, click Custom Routing
3. Fill in the city-pairs and date of each flight you want, then enter
4. All flights for the first city-pair will show
5. Click View to show all the flights for the next city-pair (You can toggle back and forth between the flights until you decide on the best choices)
6. Click Select on the flight you want for each segment to begin the listing process
7. Follow the prompts to add the traveler names, class of svc and type of pass you want to use.

Another advantage of using Custom Routing is the ability to list pass riders who originate in different cities, but are traveling together from the connecting point. In the example above, let's say you originate in Phoenix but your enrolled friend will originate in Denver. You will meet in SFO and fly together to Sydney. By using Custom Routing, you will only use 1 pass which covers both of you on all the flights. Here's how:

1. Type in the 3 city-pairs and dates you want to see: PHX-SFO, DEN-SFO and SFO-SYD
2. Select the desired flights from the response
3. A screen appears with eligible traveler's names and a blue click “HERE” to customize prompt
4. Click on Person 1, then click the flights for that

person, along with class and pass type

5. Click on Person 2, then click the flights for that person, along with class and pass type, then hit enter. You will see 2 itineraries, tailor-made for the trip.
6. Click on Book Itin at the bottom of the page and proceed as normal.

The result will be 2 PNRs with separate record locators, but they will be “linked” behind the scenes to connect your pass usage. If your travel partner is an enrolled friend, their boarding priority on the unaccompanied flight will be lower, but it will rise up to yours once you meet and travel together on the long-haul flight.

Custom Routing is a great way to be creative with your flight listings. Do be mindful that minimum connection times still apply to non-rev travelers, so don't book a connection too close!

Later this year, EmpRes will be changing to make the listing process even more user-friendly. No specifics have been announced yet, but once the new changes arrive, I will update everyone on any differences or new procedures. In the meantime, get out there and have some fun!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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We meet every even numbered month at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. Our next meeting will be April 9th but to confirm, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

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Past President Phoenix Azures

Greetings from the warm and sunny West Valley of Arizona! We had our farewell luncheon for the season at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant with 26 in attendance. There were three 50/50 winners, **Joan Ingve**, **Susan Hughes** and **Shirley Bailey**. This is probably our last 50/50 and we thank **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie** for making it happen for the past many years.

Our group is getting smaller and will be making some necessary changes starting next October at our kick off luncheon. We will continue to have Breakfast meetings every other Wednesday at Lou's Tivoli Gardens at 8:30 AM. Next breakfasts are May 2, 16 & 30. The address is 12535 W. Bell Road, Sun City AZ 85375. All are welcome, just give **Sherry Muoio** a call a day or so before. Sherry can be reached by phone at (623) 572-4828 or E-mail at phx22@cox.net.

The Azures chapter of RUAEA, like so many others, is getting older and there have been few new recruits over the past years. Additionally, no one is willing to step up and take the reins of leadership. As a result, the current Board has made the following decision.

- ☞ Beginning with the start of the new season next October, each meeting and luncheon will be originated and managed by one of our members.
- ☞ The Azures will become self governing and no longer have an elected Board. Therefore the

elimination of those positions also eliminates the need for dues or a Treasury. The by-laws spell out that our treasury be dissolved and account closed with the proceeds donated to the West Side Food Bank. A recognized 501(c) 3 non profit organization.

- ☞ We have called upon individual members to take charge and have already lined up several members to sponsor meetings next season and are certain this will work for our group as well.

Marge Mullman was among those unable to attend as she fell at home, damaged her left hip and shattered her left wrist. She is currently in rehab and her prognosis looks good. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Vivian Klick's daughter is a member of the LA Racing Dragons and her team from LA came in second in the open division.

May Birthdays ~ **Boris Spitz**, **Suzie Hughes**, and **Tom Siernon**.

May Anniversaries ~ **Don & Ann Bergstrom**.

Finally, a great big thank you to our retiring Board members: **Lynn Cline** - *Recording Secretary*, **Claudia Richards** - *Membership Secretary*, and **Lonna Fischer** - *Treasurer*.

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Happy May! Sure comes up fast, doesn't it? Mother's Day is May 13th and Memorial day is May 28th. Have you made your vacations plans for the summer? The children will be off for the summer towards the end of this month and the beginning of June. Are you ready for that?

We will only meet for Breakfast each month now until October, so no more getting together for lunch until that time. So mark your calendars, for the fourth Friday of every month now at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We usually get a pretty good turn-out at each of our Breakfasts. Who doesn't like to go out for Breakfast and be with a group of retired United Airlines people? It's a nice group of retirees who enjoy getting together. Feel free, if you're in the area visiting etc., to make plans to join them. Please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know a couple of days ahead of the Breakfast, if you plan on joining them. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. She needs to let the staff at the restaurant know how many to plan for that morning.

At our Breakfast held Friday, March 23, we had 25 members there. President **Shirley Claggett** informed us that there will no longer be our All-Arizona Luncheons that we had in the past, as the other chapters in Arizona, are no longer interested in continuing with this yearly event. We always looked forward to going to it and meet-

ing the members of the other chapters each year. It was really a special time to get together, plus we had some fun programs and raffles.

We were sorry to hear the news that one of our long-time members, **Roger Veillette**, passed away March 18. He was one of our past Re-United's President in 2002. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, April 12 at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 6261 N. Granite Reef Road, in Scottsdale, AZ, with a luncheon following the mass. His wife, **Bonnie**, fell a couple of weeks before Roger died. She broke her left elbow and right knee cap. Her daughter, Michele, is helping Bonnie to get around. If you wish to send a Sympathy card, they can be sent to **Bonnie Veillette**, 7417 N. Via Camello Del Norte #160, Scottsdale, AZ 85258-3658. Our deepest sympathy to the Veillette family!

Our annual picnic was held Thursday, April 5 at the Crescent Run Park on Southern Avenue in Mesa, where **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** live. There were 38 members present, all enjoying the wonderful food, music, nice weather, and all the companionship of our members. We welcomed a new member, **Kathy Odell**, from SEARR/SEACS, who lives in Cottonwood area of Sun Lakes. She came with **Judy Burtner**, who is a member of Re-United's Chapter.

President **Shirley Claggett** opened the meeting by sharing her usual corny jokes, which everyone enjoys. She mentioned the Enrolled Friends passes, and if you wish to make any change of names, you can do so only until the end of June. She also mentioned, we should keep checking our accounts; for instance, Alliant Credit Union, because if not, the account may be considered dormant, and all the money you have in there, will go to the State. Just go in and check what your balance is once in awhile, to keep it active, and not lose any money you may have saved.

The Denver office has asked for our help to maintain the accuracy of their membership database. If your contact information has changed; for example, your address, zip code, phone number, or e-mail address, please contact the Denver office with the changes, either by email at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, by phone at (303) 780-5022, or by USPS AT 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Whenever you contact them, please give them your name, file number, and telephone number.

The RUAEA Convention is September 18 – 22, at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel. It is a five mile shuttle ride from the airport, located at W. 150th Street. Most of the activities will be located in the Rockefeller Room at the hotel. Some of the things, Cleveland has to offer, is they are the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the NASA Space Technology display located in the Great Lakes Science Center, where John Glenn's Friendship Seven Spaceship is located, plus they have a number of sights and entertainment to offer. It should be a fun place to go to and meet up with old and new friends while attending the Convention. Be sure to mark your calendars now, so you don't miss out. The price of \$109 for the hotel includes parking, internet, and Breakfast for two. The

last day to book your reservation for the Hotel is August 27. The Convention issue will be coming out with the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, so watch for that!

We have the following Birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5/05), **Bill Betz** (5/09), **Oscar Aguilar** (5/12), **John Griffin** (5/13), **JoAnne Griffin** (5/16), **Gary Gerstung** (5/22), and **Kathy Brigante** (5/25). Happy Birthday to each of you! The following couples have Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Ame Esan** and **Arthur Anderson** (5/10/2017), **Carol & Brian Hinkle** (5/11/1997), **Jeanette & Victor Kostecki** (5/18/1968), and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauer** (5/23/1970). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

May 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317, by May 23.

June 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

July 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

August 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

September 18 – 22 – RUAEA Convention at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

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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 rupdgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you

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There was no meeting of our Chapter during March. I have not heard any news from our members so I have to assume all is well with them. So until next month, we will have our April 20th meeting hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

I just read the April Newsletter with an interesting fact I did not know about. In the Historical Foundation page it mentioned how Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina got its name. It was named after a "rot gut" Medford rum that was so bad it could "Kill the Devil". That knowledge should get some trivial points.

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The Desert Sunbirds met at Fisherman's Restaurant and Bar in Rancho Mirage for our March Luncheon. **Kathy Wilson** was our gracious Hostess, and added to the fun by passing around delicious cookies after lunch.

The thirty nine attendees included new members **Rosemary & Lanny Gill**; **Frances Lucas**, guest of **Gay Traber**; **Gary Opperman** (LAXCS-Retired) and his wife, **Fran** (visiting our Desert); and **Jo Ann Rose Kellerhals**, recently wed to **Fred**, our dependable, hard working 50/50 ticket seller. Congratulations to Fred & Jo Ann!

Our couples celebrating Anniversaries in April, **Norm & Judy Burnett** (3 years on April 17th); **Ben & Shirley Schiewe** (36 years on April 3rd); and **Glen & Jan Voirol** (50 years on April 27th).

Everyone in attendance (except the Burnetts and Marji & me) missed an interesting and fun experience. In a separate room, just adjacent to our lunch room, is a virtual crab-fishing tour on the "Sea Venture". The room is set up to give one the actual feeling of being in the waters of Petersburg, Alaska. The program is 40 minutes long, and "departures" are on the hour starting at 11:30 AM to close. There are two "picnic" tables in the boat, which hold eight people each, so you can have a meal along with your tour. It was very "real", and fun!

The Birthday Lunch winner was **Sherylle Delaney**. **Vern Behnke** won \$50.00, and I took home \$20.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Our Hostess, Kathy, added two bottles of wine to the drawing, won by **Gay Traber** and **Jeanne Kahlahiki**.

Our featured Sunbird this month ~ **Louie Horvath**. Louie graduated High School in 1958, in Phillipsburg, NJ. He attended an Airline School in 1959, after which he was hired by Delta as a Ramp Service Agent at Idlewild that same year.

Ramp Service was not fun for Louie, so he searched for something else. He found that "something else" when he was hired by KLM in 1960 as a Customer Service Agent. Although he had many good memories with KLM, he left them in 1967 to take a job as a "Sales Rep" with TAP-Portuguese Airways in Boston. Although Louie loved his job with TAP, he could not handle the winter weather. He moved to his dream location - Miami, Florida. It was 1968.

It was there that Louie was hired by UAL as a part-time Customer Service Agent. At the same time, Louie went back to college; starting at Dade Junior College, and then Florida International University, getting his degree in 1976. Eventually, Louie ended up with a SATO (Scheduled Airline Ticket Office) position at Kirkland AFB in Albuquerque. He said the SATO position was by far the most satisfying job throughout his career.

In 1990, Louie saw the coming demise of the SATO's. He transferred to DENCS, where he stayed until his retirement in 2003, 34 happy years with United, and a total of 59 years in the airline business.

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their March luncheon, hosted by **Victoria Enriquez** and **George Taylor** at Old Town Pizza, in Lincoln, CA. We want to thank them for hosting this month's luncheon. President **Frank Dellinger** announced that we have 36 members present.

Frank introduced guests **Roger Burgess**, guests of **Ed & Rose Rheam**, and **Dave & Robin Garland**, guests of **Terry & Penny Greenacre**.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** announced that our April 25th luncheon will be at Old Spaghetti Factory and will be hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**. We need volunteers to host subsequent luncheons.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** acknowledged the March Anniversaries: **Marv & Jean Becker** (60 years), **Robert & Judith Miller** (55 years), **Ed & Shirley Vanderzyl** (53 years), and **Billy & Joanne Blizzard** (52 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for March.

Angie Dellinger gave the Sunshine report – She received an email from **Martha Szekretar** with an update on **Charles**, he is finished with Homecare and will be going to the VA as an outpatient. Some progress is being made, but he still has a long way to go.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** reported on the progress of the memorability photo album.

Jack Raynor reported that the new roster is out. The printout can be emailed by request. He welcomed new members **Dave & Robin Garland**.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** provided information that the new tax statements are being mailed out to all employees and retirees regarding imputed taxes that will need to be paid for the last quarter travel of Enrolled Friends and Domestic Partners. The expansion of ORD (2026) need more approvals for the go-ahead. New service between ORD –AKL and added daily SFO-AKL are on the fall schedule.

Ron Bertacini of the Site Selection Committee advised that the 2018 Convention will be held in CLE the

week of September 16-22 and the dates of the convention are September 18-22.

RUAEA Executive VP **Jim Simon** reported that the Executive Board meeting went well. He will not take the President position next year. He encouraged the membership to join RUAEA. Forms for signup are available. He encouraged all that will attend the convention in CLE to reserve their hotel space as quickly as possible to get the best rates.

The meeting was turned over to our Vice President **Penny Greenacre** who conducted the raffle.

Host **Vicky Enriquez** gave us an interesting historical perspective on the explosive growth of her hometown of Lincoln, CA, where we held our March Luncheon.

Thank you for coming and see you at the next luncheon meeting. Meeting was adjourned.



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, “top of the mornin’” to all of you! I don’t know how many of you have some Irish coursing through your blood, but I think having a direct blood line to the Irish is merely a formality! There’s so much about them to endear them to us – great food, happy natures, adventuresome spirit and plenty of beer – yup, we can all be “Irish” in March. 29 Miners were able to join us today. So, the theme for our monthly luncheon at B.J.’s this month reflected the Green Isle.

President **Bill Gibson** was not in attendance this month, so Vice President **Joe Lima** handled our meeting for Bill. Joe extended our thanks to **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** for arranging with B.J.’s; not only do we get to enjoy great food but we also receive a percentage of the tab back. A “win-win” for the Hangtown Miners! Joe asked if anyone was celebrating their anniversary this month, and, lo and behold, Kerry & Ann are celebrating 25 years! And for birthdays, **Cindy Blazius** and **Linda Dinette** claim March as well as **J.R. Heier** who is “29 and holding”. Last month I missed the fact that **Jerry & Dolores Avallone** not only celebrated their anniversary but Jerry had a birthday as well! So, thank you, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to you all!

President ~ As I mentioned, **Bill Gibson** was not at this meeting. Bill was in Oklahoma for a NMRA get together.

Vice President ~ **Joe Lima**, who said that this would be a short meeting, relayed some information that Bill had sent to him.

A reminder that, if you worked at SFO Maintenance Base, you can park at the south lot. Give yourself time to go to the Maintenance Base Lobby to get a permit for parking. It is good for (up to) 3 weeks. **Holly Hilton** noted that flight attendants were not included in this perk.

Joe also passed along a reminder that employees get 20 percent off onboard purchases – such as food, beverages, and tablet rentals. All you have to do is show your employee badge to the flight attendant when you give your credit card for payment. The discount is available on all mainline and United Express flights. Active employees and retirees are eligible. Enrolled friends and travel eligibles can take advantage of the discount if they are traveling with the employee and the purchase is on the same transaction. The discount applies to everything purchased through the Link handheld device, which doesn’t include DirecTV or Wi-Fi. You can get a separate discount on DirecTV when you purchase in advance. It was also mentioned that if you want a retirement card, you now need to do it on line.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to attend this meeting. He did send information regarding our checking account. A check for \$250 was hand delivered to El Dorado County Senior Legal Services on February 22nd. On that same date a check for \$250 was mailed to Wounded Warriors.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** conveyed **Bill Gibson**’s thanks to **Joe Lima** for filling in for him today.

Sunshine ~ **Suzie Kenny** was not able to join us today. Hope all is well with our members. Remember, if you have, or know of any other members who are experiencing any difficulties, please let Suzie know. Each member is important and we want to be sure all is okay. And when you have some new and/or exciting news, share that as well!

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** encourages everyone to go onto the website for the Hangtown Miners on the Shutterfly site. It’s easy and free to use. Not only can you view the pictures that Thom has put on the website, but you can add your own photos and if there’s something you want to have in your own collection, you can download from our site too. Shutterfly has other products available that you may like to take advantage of so take a moment to check it all out.

Old Business ~ Joe shared a Thank You note we received from Moriah Weldy. Moriah came to our meeting last month and gave us lots of information regarding the various services provided by El Dorado County. She’s a delightful young lady and it was a pleasure to have her join us. **Thom Biro** also mentioned that he had just taken advantage of the Senior Legal Services recently. Thom’s visit was regarding his Trust, and the help was great. You must be an El Dorado resident to take advantage of this service. SLS can help with a variety of legal areas. They don’t charge a fee, but it is encouraged (if you can manage it) to make a donation to help offset their expenses.

Don’t forget that our annual dues of (only) \$10 is due. If you’re not sure if you have paid yet, contact **Tom Kenny** and he will be able to check our records. I do believe that several of you still have not sent Tom your dues yet. If you want to send a check, make it out to Hangtown Miners and mail it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parley’s Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. Tom’s email is tck46@flash.net

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New Business ~ No new business was presented today.

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on Monday, April 9 at the Thai Unique Restaurant in Placerville.

Joe brought our meeting to a close and our raffle began with **Bill Kenney** winning the donator's prize. A big, heartfelt thank to all who brought items for the raffle: **Lima** – nuts; **Biro** – wine; **Heier** – wine; **Kozelka/Barton** – decorations and 2 raffle beers; **Dinette** – 2 bottles of wine; **Akin** – eggs; **Wolfram** – bird house; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Kenney** – Pampered Chef cool & serve.

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The annual Spring Fling Lunch is at the Tortilla Factory in Old Town again this year. It is a fun place, we always have a good turnout; it is so good to see everyone and we look forward to it every year.

Bill & Rosina Krefft are celebrating their 41st anniversary this month, we wished them the very best and many more to come.

Rosalie Tripicchio is having kidney stones removed and we wish her a good recovery.

Our only April Birthday this month is **Angela Derrick**, we wished her the very best and many more to come. She is looking forward to doing some travelling so we will be interested in hearing of her adventures when she returns.

Rosario Zepeda is off to Pittsburgh to see her granddaughter receive a PHD in Brain Research. She will have an interesting career ahead of her and we wish her well.

Paul & Joan Zadrozny are off to Scranton for Paul's class reunion.

Barbara Tobin has been in Ireland visiting with **Mary & Danny Armstrong**. Danny's Alzheimer's is progressing but he is in a place where the care is good and Mary is able to walk to see him every day.

Skip Householder was the winner of the 50/50 this month; **Pauline Reynald** joined us and it was good to see her again.

In February, **Louis Semon** travelled to New Zealand and spent three days in Auckland sightseeing on the hop-on hop-off bus; he visited the sky tower overlooking Auckland and the Queens Wharf. He took the ferry to Devonport Island which he said was a very quaint, little town. Louis then travelled by bus (11 hours) to Wellington arriving just in time for Cyclone Gita. Fortunately, it was just wind and rain but it did devastating damage in Tonga and Samoa. He attended a session of Parliament and ate some good food including, of course, Beef Wellington. On the way back to Auckland, he spent a night in Rotorua and visited the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute where they demonstrated carving, weaving and jewelry making. He

walked through the geysers spouting hot water over twenty feet in the air and the mud pools containing black sulfur. Finally, back to Auckland and on the plane back to San Diego. We always enjoy hearing about Louie's adventures.

When visiting sunny San Diego, please stop in and join us the first Thursday of every month at the Pt. Loma Café, conveniently located near the San Diego Airport and Shelter Island.

Calendar:

May 3 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** welcomed all – most everyone wore green to help celebrate (a wee tad late) St. Paddy's Day. Corned Beef and Cabbage plus members favorite side dishes are on the menu today. Plenty of food – great chefs and chefesses, and leftovers no less! A glorious day, we think Spring has Sprung here on the Left Coast.

Interim Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the February minutes which were accepted as read. Letters were sent to several old-times who had not sent in their 2018 dues; hopefully they will respond. Get well wishes were also sent to those on the "feeling poorly list."

Treasurer **Art Barrett** presented the monthly report, he has sent in the Tax information to the IRS. He said he had received several "dues" and will get the info to **Barbara Underhill** to up-date our roster.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting as **Jerome** had fallen and injured his elbow. **Roz Clinton** has moved to a Care Facility in Redwood City. Our Past President, **Ralph Trullinger** has gone into a Care Facility in Fremont and we understand that **Bernice** will be joining him in the Assisted Living part of the facility. I will get a good address for them shortly. We did have two birthdays, **Jim Goodwine** and **Shirley Kensinger** but no anniversaries. Two of our long ago members, **Bob Baron** and **Bob Sims**, passed away. Both had moved to be closer to relatives. News is sketchy from **Butch & Cookie (Joan) Brochu** and **Emmett & Gloria Landrum**, health problems keep them close to home. **Ben Vietz** is still sequestered in the Northwest, we hope to see him back here soon. Stay well you all! We miss you.

The Auditors, **Gene Walter** and **Dorothy Reuszer** (in absentia **Ben Vietz**) will have sign-up lists for our May and June meetings as we need to know how many waffles to waffle and dogs to dog!

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2018 trips. "A Walk in the (National) Parks" trip July 10 –

22 is in full swing, still limited space available so call or email Ginger and you'll get a flyer. May 17 – 18, Ironstone Winery / Black Oak Casino overnight / Calaveras County Fair and 90th Frog Jumping Jubilee (you even get your own frog to enter into the contest; who can jump the furthest – you might win a prize!). October 5, Blue Angels and Ship Parade with Lunch on Board. December 8 – 10, Christmas in Solvang overnight (a delightful Swedish town), overnight in Cambria with a visit to the Hearst Castle and its holiday lights then over to the Tenaya Lodge (close to Yosemite) for Christmas dinner and we head home. 2019 we are looking at February or March, Fairbanks and the Northern Lights and a Fall Foliage Cruise on the East Coast. Want on the interest list? – call or email Ginger.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** had nothing to report.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave away our 25%/25% winnings to **Bob Donovan** and **Charlie Bogert**. We did not play Bingo as the Leprechauns were madly cleaning up after lunch!

Things to Ponder: Why does a round pizza come in a square box? –or- Why do Doctors leave the room when you change? They are going to see you naked anyway.

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.

Calendar:

April 23 – BYOBL (Bring your own Bag Lunch)

May 28 – Waffles and Sausage Bruncheon - \$5.00 per member / \$7.00 for guests

June 25 – Summer is here so it is: Hot Dogs, Chips, 'Tater Salad and fixins'.

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This year's Spring Luncheon was a smashing success! It was held on March 20 at Ristorante Don Giovanni with 69 people attending. Despite concerns about parking logistics and weather, all went very well and some even took a stroll down the main street of Mountain View to check out some of the stores and other restaurants afterward. Our next large event gathering will be our Summer Picnic on June 12 at Vasona Park.

At one of our weekly breakfast meetings in March, we had representatives from the local Stroke Awareness Foun-

dation present information about the different types of strokes that occur (ischemic and hemorrhagic), what signs to look for when having one (one side of face droopy (**F**), one arm weak (**A**), slurred speech (**S**)), and what to do (time (**T**)). The most important action to take when seeing a stroke is calling **9-1-1**. The sooner it is addressed and treated at a hospital, the greater likelihood of a successful recovery. One of the representatives actually experienced a stroke a few years ago. He talked through what was going on in his life at the time and what he believes led to the stroke (extreme stress). Thankfully he was with someone at the time who recognized what was happening and called for help. High blood pressure and diabetes are significant contributors toward having a stroke and many are not even aware of whether they have these. So it is very important to have an annual physical as well as eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly to reduce the possibility of having a stroke. There is now an app to download onto your mobile device that will 1) Identify stroke signs and symptoms, 2) Locate certified stroke centers, 3) Accelerate 911 calls, 4) Notify emergency contacts, and 5) Send your GPS location. Search for "Stroke Awareness" in your app store for this helpful information. Contact the National Stroke Association at www.stroke.org for additional information or if you have any questions.

On a lighter note, one of our members who will remain anonymous related the following story of an incident that happened at work while on the overhaul docks one day.

Safety was always emphasized at United and this was especially true when welding with aircraft in a hanger. One day, welding was needed at a particular dock and a person was selected to operate the combustible gas detector while the welding was in process. The detector had a tube with a rubber bulb at the end that needed to be squeezed every few seconds to pull air in from the area to check if any combustible gasses were present. This wasn't the most exciting job to experience; it could be somewhat boring.

The welding was proceeding normally and there was no indication of any combustible gasses. The mechanic felt some flatulence coming and being a curious individual he decided to make sure the equipment was working properly. As the urge increased he could not resist the temptation. He let loose with something to be proud of and placed the tube behind his backside and squeezed the bulb. The reaction was immediate on the dial of the detector with the needle going all the way to the red. This was truly a combustible atmosphere.

Now this presented a problem. The detector was showing a combustible atmosphere when there really wasn't one and the detector was no longer checking the environment. The mechanic looked around to make sure no one was aware of what had just happened and began pumping the bulb to clear the detector. He then continued his job as he was supposed to do.

Our members seem to be staying close to home these days at least as far as I know and hopefully all are healthy as well as I've not heard of anyone being under the

weather. If you know of anyone needing a card or call, please let our Sunshine Lady, **Maureen Snyder** know. **Dave & Robin Garland** were in the Sacramento area the last week of March and were able to join the Goldiggers for their monthly lunch meeting. It was great to have some time with these folks, seeing faces from past conventions and getting to know them a little better. Dave especially enjoyed catching up with others he had known and worked with at United.

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

June 12 – Summer Picnic, Vasona Park in Los Gatos



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The San Joaquiner's met Thursday, March 8 at Frienze's Restaurant in Oakdale, hosted by **Steve & Jacques Foster**. The meeting was opened by President **Bob Scoble** with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by thanks to **Bob Brooks** for chairing the last meeting during **Bob Scoble's** recovery.

We missed **Don Nesja** as he and **JoAnn** were unavailable to attend, so we had to do with second string comedians. Either we need to come prepared with more jokes, or we have to make sure Don is present.

We had four guests at our meeting. **Sonda Sandstedt**, RUAEA Regional Director for No. Nevada and No. California, **Al Ramon** and **Paul Risso** (recent UA retirees from the Bay Area), and **Bob & Eleanor Wood's** great granddaughter, Kennedy, who charmed the group.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** gave the Treasurer's report, indicating all funds are current and in order.

President Bob reminded the group of the RUAEA Convention, September 18-22 in Cleveland, OH. Convention events and costs will be in the next National RUAEA newsletter.

Sonda Sandstedt took the floor and thanked **Barbara Edkin** for regularly submitting articles to the RUAEA newsletter. Then she discussed parking at SFO for retirees. Limited to SFO retirees only.

Sonda also mentioned the problem with suitcases with built in Lithium batteries. Be sure you have the batteries removed before checking in. A new policy for "emotional support animals" requires a documentation letter from a mental health professional and certification from a veterinarian that the animal is current with all vaccinations. Best to check before booking your seat. You will also be able

to change your "Friends" twice a year. Tax information for employees and retirees for any pass travel tax obligations for travel will be mailed to you, soon.

Our March birthdays are **Jack Walls**, **Pat Magee**, **Rudy Reyna** and **Bob Brooks**. Anniversary celebrations for **Jack & Rosie Walls**.

Steve Foster managed the raffle (including a special toy present for Kennedy, the only red ticket holder), and the blue ticket winners were all pleased with their prizes.

President Bob closed the meeting with thanks for all those attending, and wishes for safe travels until we meet again.

Our next meeting will be April 12, at Dickies Bar-B-Que in Jackson. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is Thursday, April 12, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 for information.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our March meeting was held on Monday, March 5 at El Tapatio in Pleasant Hill with 18 members in attendance. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers. Social hour was from 11:00 to noon and then we had lunch, followed by the raffle. **Barbara Underhill** ran the raffle and drew her own number to win the 50/50 raffle! Several members donated additional items for the raffle and we had a nice selection of wine, chocolates and hand-made soap. Sadly, our group has lost another member. **Manny Griego**, husband of **Diane Griego**, passed away on February 20. A memorial service was held on March 16 at Ouimet Funeral Home in Concord. Cards and messages of condolence can be sent to **Diane Griego** at 1634 Nuala Street, Concord, CA 94518-3308; or via email to diangriego@aol.com. Twenty two members were in attendance, including **Tracey Blanchard**, back from two and a half months in Maui; and **Trudy Engeldinger** and her husband **Lance**. Trudy moved to the Sacramento area last year. They rented and took their time finding the perfect house. They closed on a home in Rocklin on March 15. We really miss seeing Trudy at our meetings but we wish her all the best in her new home.

Our April meeting was held on Monday, April 2 at Fuddruckers in Concord with 18 members in attendance. Social hour was from 11:00 to noon and then we had lunch, followed by the raffle. **Barbara Underhill** ran the raffle and **Russ Kennedy** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Several members donated additional items for the raffle and we had a nice selection of wine and a "surprise" gift in a gift bag.

I am a relatively new member of the East Bay Diablos group and am going to digress for a bit. Some of the members have been coming for years. My first meeting was September 2014 and I've been coming ever since. I so look forward to these meetings every month. The saying that United Airlines is a **family** certainly is true with this group, and I'm sure this sense of family and friendship is found in every RUAEA group in the country. I joined because I was invited to the meeting by my SFORR co-worker **Tracey Blanchard**. I worked for UAL for 16 years and took the buyout in 1984. I am technically not a United retiree, but she assured me I could still join the retirees group. I was welcomed with open arms and cherish the friendships I've made.

So here's my pitch. With every group I belong to, the biggest challenge they all face is recruiting and retaining members. People move, stop driving and pass away. Clubs need new members or they will go under. As people across the country read this newsletter, if you know of someone who lives in the SF East Bay Area, please urge them to come to one of our meetings and experience the friendship I do. And for all the RUAEA members, please do your part to build RUAEA and your local group. If everyone invited one friend to come to a local meeting and join RUAEA, think what it would do for the organization. If that person no longer drives, and they live near you, offer to give them a ride. Like me, not everyone worked for UAL their whole life, but I cherish my memories of working for United. I didn't even know RUAEA existed because I did not retire from UAL and get no benefits or communication from United. So help spread the word so others can enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of this wonderful organization!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

Calendar:

May 7 - 11:00, Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

June 4 - 11:00, Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego's** home. This fun meeting is a catered BBQ and requires an RSVP. More details to follow.



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Rain, sleet, snow and wind have blanketed the Northern part of California. The trees are all beautiful with lots of green and we so need the water to help out this summer. We still see it snowing in the East and I am sure they are about done with that weather.

Our March 30th meeting was held at a new restaurant for the group. It was Peter Chu's at the Redding Airport. This restaurant is located on the 2nd floor of the terminal with great views of the runways. It was a beautiful restaurant to go to and the food was wonderful.

President **Merritt Odor** called the meeting to order and thanked **Kent & Billie Jorgensen** for setting up the luncheon. We had 27 retirees, spouses and guests in attendance including **John & Pat Zoboli** from Reno who we are always glad to see.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Hal Burdick** will be celebrating his 90th birthday and **Glenna Sollid** and **Bill Simonton** all will be celebrating birthdays in April.

Billie Jorgensen led a discussion concerning different organizations that we as a group might consider contributing a small amount of money. Some of the suggestions were the United Employee Relief Fund, United Scholarship Fund and the Chico Air Museum. **Paul Poling** also suggested the young man, Preston Sharpe, who is placing flags on the graves of Veterans in tribute to their service. These ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

Billie & Kent Jorgensen also volunteered their home again for a summer get together/meeting at beautiful Lake Almanor. The date for this adventure will also be discussed at our May meeting and a big "Thank You" went out to Kent & Billie for their offer.

Merritt spoke about some cost cutting items that the RUAEA group is looking at. As mentioned before, there has been a decline in membership. There is also difficulty getting officers.

Sharon Simonton spoke about the new look of the Flying Together website. She brought some examples of the changes that will be going on in the month of April.

Kent Jorgensen gave a presentation on being a Ham Radio Operator. He also brought some pamphlets and information for the group. Kent has been a Ham Radio Operator for 14 years. He spoke about the organization being a service organization that works with the Red Cross and Civil Defense in disasters such as Katrina and the Houston hurricane disasters. His guest, Gene Wright, also spoke about his participation in the Ham Radio Operation. Gene is the past President of the Chico Ham Radio group. He has been involved with ham radios since 1963 and they



both belong to the group in Chico that has about 80 members. Another of our members, **Carl Franke**, is also a ham radio operator and has participated about 14 years.

It was very interesting and Merritt thanked both Kent and Gene for sharing their information about Ham Radio Operation.

Vanessa Pratt won the 50/50 raffle and **Bill Simon-ton** won the lunch certificate.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 11:30 AM at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to make arrangements for the restaurant.

Calendar:

May 23 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM. Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Please join us if you are in the area.

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting with 30 members attending. He reminded us to bring all our aluminum for recycle as it provides income so we don't pay dues. **Tom Goodyear** takes them to the recycling center for us.

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Walt Hansen** 2x (DENMM), **Cas Spokas** (DENMM), **Richard Conner** (DENMM), **Orland Baldwin** (DENMM), **Nancy Goodyear**, **Yumi Trujillo**, **Douglas Colbert** (DENCg) and **Bill Arnold** (DENMM).

RUAEA will move back to its office at TK on June 1st. Don would like a few volunteers to try the new cafeteria and report back to him their experience. We will decide in June if we are staying at Ted's Place or going back to the cafeteria.

Tom Goodyear reported that his grandson Sam lettered in swimming at Smoky Hill High School. Sam is the son of **Paul** (DENMM) and **Karen** (CSR). Congratulations Sam!

Jim Spate had hip replacement surgery 4 weeks ago and is doing well.

Flying together is getting easier and Don will explain to us soon.

Kathryn Marie Ayers passed away March 1st. Tributes are being given to the Denver Botanical Gardens for a bench. In honor of Kathryn, <http://florish.botanicalgardens.org/botanicalgardensgiving> or mail to Denver Botanical Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206 with "tribute to **Kathryn Ayers**". Any questions, please contact **Ron Eccles**, @rontseg@gmail.com.

Our next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in

Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

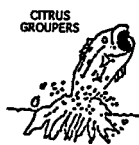
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The Citrus Groupers April monthly Luncheon Meeting was held on Thursday, April 26, at the Waterfront Inn in Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, FL. This was the 2nd meeting under the Presidency of the Citrus Groupers new President, **Julius "Joe" DiStaso**, EWRCS.

For the Citrus Groupers "Getting To Know You" Interview Program, the featured member of the Month was the new President, himself, Julius "Joe", and a reading of his bio as written by member **Richard "Dick" Bligh**, SFOKM, EXOKU was done with her usual excellence by **Elaine Lies**, CHIRR, HDQFF. Joe DiStaso's bio was published in the April issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

For the May Citrus Groupers column in the RUAEA Newsletter, the featured member in the Citrus Groupers "Getting To Know You" program was that of the immediate Citrus Groupers Past President, **Theresita "Tita" Dumagsa's** bio.

Joe diStaso mentioned and thanked new member, **Danny Goeres**, ORDCG/RSM for so generously donating his Raffle winnings back to the Citrus Groupers coffers.

Bio of **Theresita "Tita" Dumagsa**, IADEx, IADRR, WASSS ~ A January, 2018 new resident of the Village of Fenney, Tita was originally from Cebu, Philippines but previously from Northern Virginia before making the move to The Villages, **Theresita "Tita" Dumagsa** is a dietitian by education. She is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in Manila, Philippines, Cum Laude. She was the Valedictorian of her High School Class. Shy of a thesis, Tita completed her Masters graduate studies in Food Administration at the Rutgers State University of NJ. Her professional career was as a Food Service Director and Chief Dietitian and a Nutrition College Professor and Training Dietitian (in UST and the Kean College of NJ and at Rutgers as a Teaching Assistant) in various hospitals and Nursing Homes in New Jersey and Virginia where she settled.

Tita was the Editor-in-Chief of her High School and College papers. After retiring from Dietetics, Tita worked with United Airlines as a Human Resources Representative among others. She currently serves as the President of the United Airlines Retiree Group in The Villages, aka, the Citrus Groupers.

In 2017, Tita received the prestigious award from the Filipina Women's Network's Most Influential Women In The World (Global FWN 100) in the Behind The Scenes Leader category which recognizes 100 women of Philippine ancestry in the world who are changing the face of leadership in the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are recognized for their achievements and contributions to society, mentorship and legacy and is a driving force behind the success of a social cause or life issue, a community organization's project or initiative.

Her life's work has been to advocate for those who need a voice to help lift people from poverty in the Philippines through grant proposals she's written that provided for education, livelihood and infrastructure projects particularly when the deadly and devastating super typhoon Haiyan that killed over 10,000 people hit the Philippines in 2013.

Tita has been appointed to be a Director of the Board of Directors of the POA or the Property Owners Association of The Villages, FL (Homeowners Association) with about 15,000 residents of The Villages as members and growing. Tita is also a member of the FIL-AM Club and the Filipino Karaoke Club of The Villages.

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There is no chapter report this month as this correspondent was unable to attend the meeting. I'll be back in May.

Calendar:

May 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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Our Annual Picnic at Cypress Grove Park was well-attended and the dishes brought to compliment the burgers and hotdogs were, as always, delicious! Many thanks to all who spent hours toiling in their kitchens! Those who contributed and benefitted included: **Patti & Monte Clark, Laurie & Darrel Bork, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Cliff Hill & Jerry, Tom Cannata, Ken & Shelby Michels, Stan & Barb Halterman, Ted & Char LeGrand, Ernie & Cheryl Vosges, Mary & Bob McNeill,**

Lisa Leighty, Richard Vinson, Jim Mummah, Angel Montalvo, Dan Raciak, Joe & Barb Fitak, Al & Lois Fields, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Linda Agnello and Bob Olsen, Karen Carlson, and yours truly, Elaine Tillman-Mannella.

For the first order of business, Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report and we are in fine financial standing!

Secretary Elaine shared updated information about all the folks in need of our prayers and cheery cards:

- ❖ Our President Ernie was in hospital for a week, but is much improved, and joined us today to "supervise" the cooking!
- ❖ **Al Fields** reported that long-time friend, UA employee/retiree & all around great guy, **Ron Adair** suffered a heart attack and is in need of many prayers.
- ❖ **Lisa Leighty** shared the sad news that her father, **Clyde Luther**, UAL Captain Retired, had passed away unexpectedly on March 30th in Virginia.

Please keep all our members' families in your prayers for comfort and healing.

Our Birthday Gal for April is **Retta Finn** on April 10th! Hope it's a happy one!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Coming up – May 1st and June 5th.

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Our April luncheon meeting was held at KJ's Grill in Fort Myers. Two United retirees, **Liz Hreno** and **Mary McCarville** came for the first time. They both said they'd be back. Others attending were **Wallis Alves, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Ray Jensen, Bee McCarthy, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, and Roger Schonewise.**

Ray Jensen won the cash from the 50/50 drawing. Other prizes were 3 bottles of wine and a beautiful silver necklace.

There was a lot of conversation, mostly about travel and memories of past years at United.

The end of season steak fry will be held at The Landings May 4. The chapter supplies the steaks, and a list was sent around requesting pot luck items to round out the meal.

Calendar:

Lunch meeting first Friday of the month October through May.





THE SAND DOLLARS

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We had 23 hungry Sand Dollars attending our luncheon at Joey D's restaurant in Sarasota, FL. This is a Chicago Style Eatery and Pizzeria opened by the nephews of one of our Sand Dollars, **Maria Santangelo**, in memory of their brother, Joey D, who was born with a rare genetic disease called "Cockayne Syndrome". The average life expectancy with this disease is 12 years, but Joey D. lived to be 32 years old. The restaurant not only had excellent food, but it also benefits from having dedicated family members honoring their brother with very noticeable pride and sense of purpose, creating a very happy atmosphere.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** welcomed our visitors: **Alice D'Souza's** friend, **Susan Skovroner**, and **Bob & Lisa Young's** friend **Bobbie Hall** who joined us from ORDCS. Bobbie has purchased a home in Englewood, so we hope she will become a member of our group.

We were honored to have **Ray Jensen**, our Florida RUAEA Regional Director with us. Ray told us about his recent visit to the RUAEA Board meeting. As you know, the RUAEA Convention will be in Cleveland this year, September 18 to 22. Ray told us he was very impressed at how much they have accomplished already in preparing for the event. They have many tours and activities planned for the attendees, such as a trip to the Amish Country, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH, among other things.

We were missing a few of our regular attendees. **Betty Woods-White** had to cancel as her husband was having eye surgery. **George & Jeanne Sudol** were attending the funeral of one of their friends. **Sandy & Doug Horuczi** had tickets for another event, and **Bill & Inge Phillips** also had a conflict preventing them from coming.

Lou Balestra's name was pulled for the attendance drawing, but as he was not present another \$5.00 is added to the pot. Our 50/50 winners were **Diane & Lee Hoffer** (1st), **Katie Heasley** (2nd), and **Judy Macklin** (3rd).

Birthday congratulations for May go to **Alice D'Souza** (2nd), **Rupert White** (4th), **Inge Phillips** (8th), **Harvey Rucker** (15th), **Doug Horuczi** (20th), and **Russ Wasser** (27th). Anniversary congratulations for May go to **Skip & Cindy Irwin** (46 yrs on the 20th), **Joanne & Russ Wasser** (28 yrs on the 26th), and **Lee & Diane Hoffer** (43 yrs on the 30th).

We welcome any visiting retirees or any who are thinking of moving to our area. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together.

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, April 2, for our Spring Picnic at Anderson Park, Tarpon Springs, FL with 16 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Treasurer Report and Secretary Reports we read and approved.

Birthdays ~ **Carol Starr** (4/13).

Cards were sent to **Lillian Sawyer** who has been in rehab. We wished her well. We also talked about our chapter retirees that have moved to be closer to their families.

We welcomed two new members into the Chapter, **Frank & Helen Kacer**. We are glad to have you as members.

We talked about Life Insurance and what is going on with UAL news, etc. It's hard to get into Flying Together. We also discussed our meetings, do we want to meet over the summer? We will continue the discussion at the May meeting.

Our picnic lunch arrived, the meeting was adjourned and 50/50 was played.

Every one enjoyed our picnic luncheon/meeting.

Calendar:

May 7 – 10:30 IHOP - Trinity, FL - on RT 54



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Seventeen members gathered at Duffy's, South Stuart for our April meeting. President **Al Popek** led everyone in The Pledge Of Allegiance. He introduced **Mary Jo Andersen** who attended for her first time and has joined our group as a member. She is a retired Flight Attendant who flew 27 years out of Chicago. She winters in Stuart, Florida and summers in Crest Hill, Illinois. She has a passion for singing. Perhaps we'll be fortunate enough to hear her sometime. Everyone extended a warm welcome to her and hope to see her again before she heads up North.

Janet Hanley spent Thursday before Easter in the hospital. Unfortunately, she had to have her gall bladder removed. **Ron Brodis** is doing his best to recover from extensive back surgery. His wife, **Diane**, is doing her best to see him through the recovery.

A vote will be taken soon to determine what time our Christmas party will be held. **Al Popek** will have to re-

serve a room soon given the popularity of our Twisted Tuna location. He suggested a 2-6 PM time slot. Last year it was 12-4 PM and the year before in the evening.

Al asked how many members are planning to attend the Cleveland convention. So far he and his wife, Janice and **Arnie & Dee Lasko** are planning to attend. There were a few maybes. It's still early.

The latest United news was discussed. There was a lot of input from members concerning the onboard pet incidents and solutions. FlyingTogether has a new format that a few have already checked out. Getting to Employee Res. is different now and takes additional steps.

Chester Popek (their cat) celebrated his 15th birthday today. We figured out that he is actually 81 given the formula for lifespan.

The 50/50 was won by **Millie Rossi**. The Progressive will roll-over once again since **Sharon Kolibab** was not in attendance to accept her winnings. The floral centerpieces were won by **Janice Popek**, **Mary Kay Wetherington** and **Bob Langevin**.

Our deepest condolences go to Captain **Anthony Montalto** and his family whose daughter, **Gina Rose** was a victim of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas (Parkland, Florida) shooting on February 14th. Our member, **Jim Morehead** was able to attend the services along with numerous other members of the United Family.

Birthdays in April include, **Don Smith** (14th), **Paul Liebisch** (25th) and **Barbara Dodendoff** and **Carolyn Lindgren** on the 28th. **Joyce & Don Smith** celebrate their anniversary on the 20th.

Calendar:

May 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart 12:30

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

July 3 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart 12:30

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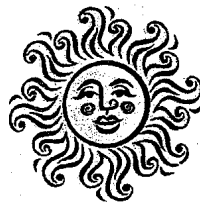
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLUA@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@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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May—the fabulously, beautiful month of May, with aromatic flowers blooming everywhere. What a welcome sight after the snow, rain, wind and cold of April. May Day is Lei Day in Hawaii. All of you Star Wars fans celebrate on the fourth, May the Force be With You. The next day is Cinco de Mayo; time to early test your Margarita recipe, Que Pasa and Ole'. May 13 is Mother's Day, the official day to honor the woman that gave you birth, whether you asked for it or not. We should respect and love her every day. Did we do that enough when we had her? Some did not, is it too late? Talk to her, she'll hear you. If you're lucky to still have your mom, give her a hug, tell her you love her. She'll probably appreciate it more than a gift. However, if you're smart, you'll get a posey or two. Don't depend on your good looks and charm. National Wine Day is the 25th, no comment; you're on your own. Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday, the 28th, a day to remember all service men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. We thank you for your service. It's also a day to remember our loved ones that have passed away. Now get that flag out and get those flowers planted, it's time!

Nineteen Northsiders came to Elly's. **Jim Sommerfield** has joined our Skyliner Board, a refreshing addition. **Toni VanKampen**, also from EXOKF, is the backup for our secretary, **Lynn Hagele**. Jim and Toni have been the brains behind our Skyliner Website for years. They made it the success that it is. Thanks for joining our merry little group. There's been some traveling going on, **Rich Maichione** took a cruise to the Caribbean, then visited his son in Colorado Springs. **Jerry Tiperreiter** and **Pam** went to

PDX for Easter, visiting his son and family. **Jill & Bill Bergner** went over the pond to London. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** went to Tunica, MS for the slot machines. **Jim Sommerfield** and **Shirley** went to a Guest Luncheon at a Wisconsin Winery. These trips all sound like so much fun. Even more fun is to congratulate **Pat & Bob Kalicki** on their 60th wedding anniversary, with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren on Easter. **Diana & Norm Wilkinson**, celebrated their 65th anniversary at a lovely Italian restaurant, complete with champagne. Afterward they attended a performance of Shen Yun. Norm said they had such a special night; they might have another anniversary in June. Speaking of love, there will be two full moons in May, referred to as a blue moon.

The Southside breakfast had 13 people, including the Skyliner president, **Diane Webb**. **Bill Corbett** brought RUAEA convention packages for everyone. There are some very interesting package tours available. The convention will be in CLE from September 18-22. It's close by, you can even drive. The raffle was won by **Sylvester Gant**, **Ed Ward**, and **Gwen Brookins**, who won twice. **Dennis Zachara** bowled a 266 in his league. Wow, he's definitely out of mine! **Bill Brookins** had a huge surprise 80th birthday party in March, with over 150 friends attending. Yes, he was surprised.

The Skyliner Spring Luncheon had over 100 people at the Cotillion. The Chicago Irish Band played a variety of music. They even got some of us dancing the twist and jitterbug. Our attendance is shrinking, we need to advertise to any new retirees that we exist and ask them to join. C'mon, it's only \$5.00, cheaper than a box of popcorn at the movies. United doesn't tell the retirees about us as they used to. There is no real 'Farewell Package' like in days of yore. Time to spread the word to friends you used to work with, you must know of a few. Just think, if we don't have good turnouts, there will be no more luncheons, ball games, theatre outings, no more seeing our co-workers, listening to gossip or having bouts of laughter! Spread the word, you'll be helping yourself as well as us; or the Board will be out of business. Oh no, Mr. Bill!

IAM Lodge 1487 had their monthly meeting, with the Board serving us hot dogs! The members brought sides, salads, and desserts. Next month's meeting on May 3 will celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Que Pasa and Ole'. **Carole Robbins**, **Delphine Perry**, **Dick Hoppel**, and **Fran Tritthardt**, helped in the kitchen and raffle desk. **Larry Parker**, ORDCS, had his knee replaced. **William 'Pat' Powers**, ORDCG, and **Mike Ksiazek**, ORDF, are receiving treatments and could use your prayers. In fact, there are quite a few people across the county that have ailments, that would rather I didn't mention their names, but could use your prayers, too. We're at that age, what can I say? It seems we're visiting hospitals or funeral homes a few times a month. God bless all of our friends, they brought us joy and companionship for a very long time.

The RUPA Lunch at Nick's in Crystal Lake had 50 people in attendance. **Dick Gardner**, a Delta pilot, gave a few words about his Air Force Museum docent duties in

Dayton, OH. The food was delicious and we had great conversations with **Eva & LeRoy Bair**, **Marj & Howard Nelson**, **Jan & Walt Fink**, **Bruce Carey**, **Linda & Dave Stroh**, **Bob Helfferich**, **Stern Munter** and **Ken Voelker**. **Dick Kane** and **Wes Lundsberg** took care of the money collecting and picture taking, respectively. The next luncheon will be May 8, at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin. Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month are **John Witt** and **Janet Thomson**, ORDSW; **Clyde Luther** and **Bill Myers**, ORDFO, Bill's wife, **Ceil**, is also from FO; **Jane Creevy**, CHIRR supervisor, **Brice Abell**, ORDCG, and from ORDCG, **John Rosinke**, **Robbie Howard Dillon**, ORDCG, and from ORDMM, **Glenn Hill's** wife, **Linda**, who fought a valiant battle against cancer. Also gone from our world, Stephen Hawkings, Hubert de Givenchy, Steven Bochco, Winnie Mandela, Frank Avruch (Bozo), and Rusty Staub.

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I'd just like to congratulate the Loyola basketball team for their Ramblers rambling into the Final Four. It was 55 years since they got that far. They were a joy to watch and a true lift for the city of Chicago. Love when our teams win! Every time you make somebody laugh, you give them a mini-vacation.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**May 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**May 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**May 3**), Lunch will be Hot Dogs. First Thursday of the month.

June 18 - Monday, Skyliner's Hawaiian Luncheon, Chandler's Restaurant, 401 N. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

September 4 - Skyliner's Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, 1170 Devon Ave, Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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Nor'Easters were able to get a bit of culture this month with our visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit at Peabody Essex Museum. 12 hardy souls braved the weather to come out for the event. **Judy Kearney** (BOSCS) did a super job of introducing and educating all. Stunning exhibit.

Sarah Pitt-Wooll just won't retire. After 21 years with United, she joined the Hilton Hotel chain. 11 years later, she has left Hilton and has begun a new career in their management company. Good Luck, Sarah. Where do you get your energy?

Our next event will be luncheon on May 3 at Jeveli's Restaurant in East Boston. This place is so beloved by airline personnel that it is fondly called Terminal J by all!

Today was opening day at Fenway and our Boston Red Sox did it in grand fashion with a walk off win in the bottom of the 12th. If baseball is back, can spring be far away? Snow predicted tomorrow!

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We had 6 Escapees gather at O'Mara's Grille in Berkeley, hosted by **Maggie Pringle**. Even though it was small, it was a great time. The weather was atrocious but the food and company were great. Attending were **Patty Gates, Lynn Manzi, Camille Wade, Gwen Dyc** and myself. Thanks Maggie for hosting and the wonderful homemade cookies that you gave out.

Sad news for the month of March. **Guenther Volkenborn** passed away on March 1 at the age of 93. He worked for United for 42 years, retiring in 1984. You can see his obit at Houghton Lake Resorter newspaper (March 8, 2018). It says cards can be sent to the funeral home (Walsh Funeral Home). Thanks **Sandi Cox** for the info.

Deepest sympathies and prayers also go out to **Irene Szuper**, whose sister Patricia Soroka, passed away on March 7th. She was 63 years young. Many of you may remember Pat as she ran the cafeteria at UA for a few years. She was such a delightful person, always with a smile on her face. Cards can be sent to Irene at 6680 N.

Gulley Rd., Dearborn, MI. 48127. Also **Mary Powell's** mother, Joanne DeRoo, passed away on March 13th. Deepest sympathies and prayers to her and her family. Sorry no info for cards.

Don't forget the United We Care Bowling event being held at Ford Lanes, Dearborn, MI on May 4th at 7PM. Retirees are welcome and if you have any questions, you can contact Charmaine.Victor@united.com.

Still need hosts for the July and November luncheons. Please remember that the day and date are not etched in stone, so if you'd like to do one on a Weds or the 2nd week of the month or a day that fits you, you can. Just be sure to let me know.

Please email me if you have any news to share, good or bad, mbheaney@hotmail.com. Would love to hear how everyone is doing.

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NORTHERN LITES



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It was a pretty nice day in March when 25 Lites came together again. **Andy & Norma Holen** drove down from Lake Mille Lacs to be with us. You may remember last month my telling about the martin houses that **Andy's** been building in his shop this winter for charities. He offered anyone in our group a birdhouse if they would make a donation to the Serviceman's Center at MSP in honor of **Frank Brower**, long-time MSP supervisor. Actually, it's the least he could do, as he and **Lee Storlie** just about drove the poor man around the bend with their pranks. No wonder Frank is no longer with us.

The local newspaper where Andy & Norma live did an article about them recently, reporting Andy's charity work and Norma's contributions to Habitat for Humanity. She has made two trips to Africa on their behalf in addition to volunteering with the MN Habitat groups.

In January, **Rosemary Soltis** had volunteered herself, **Janet Meyer** and **Donna Krogman** as hosts for the March meeting. About 3 weeks later, she discovered that she already had a commitment for that day, so Janet and Donna were left to come up with ideas! They did themselves proud ~ coming up with a "Do You Remember?" game with recent photos of folks we used to work with but haven't seen in many years. Sadly, those nasty senior moments struck again and we embarrassed ourselves by not being able to pull the names of most of them out of the wool that fills our skulls. Lee was the champ, remembering the names of 5 of the 10 photos.

The girls also had the numbers for the MSP operation for the two bitter cold days following the Super Bowl. Monday they operated 26 flights, moving 1,742 passengers and 1,098 bags. Tuesday they operated 49 flights, moving

7,185 passengers and 4,576 bags! Not too bad with only six gates, eh? Especially since some of the aircraft took up two gates at a time. Employees from ORD, IAH, CLE and DEN were on hand to help the locals. MSP's tiny Red Carpet Club had to restrict the visitors because of its size. When a few left, a few more could enter. I'm sure that it was an experience they will all remember for years to come. We're trying out a new location, starting with the April meeting. Since I couldn't get the info in the April issue of the RUAEA newsletter, here it is now. If you plan to attend the May meeting, be sure to call someone to verify the location! An email reminder will go out to everyone, since we all have a case of CRS (Can't Remember Stuff) to one degree or another.

It's the Golden Corral in Maplewood, an all-you-can-eat buffet across White Bear Ave. from Maplewood Mall. See directions below. It's located on the same site as the Old Country Buffet and actually does their pricing similar to the OCB (beverage separate from the meal). If you opt for a beverage with the buffet, your cost (senior discount) is \$11.19. Look for the private banquet room.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. **Possible change of venue!** The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN 55109. Take Exit 50 south off I-694 (White Bear Ave.), to Woodlynn Ave. Left into the strip mall. The Golden Corral is adjacent to Aldi's Market.

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Apparently, the weather man has something against the first Tuesday in the month. Once again (three months in a row) we had to cancel the retiree meeting. I doubt that has happened in the history of the organization. The funny(?) part of that is a few days before or a few days after are just fine. I think we need to plan our meetings according to the weather prediction rather than the calendar.

Three of our members have had some health issues a bit more than the ordinary this month:

1. **Hilde Bennett Schwan** is still in UNMC recovering from heart surgery approximately three weeks ago. She will be moving to a rehab facility in the next few days if things go according to plan. Her phone number at the hospital is (402) 444-7314. She is in room 7884 in the Clarkson Tower. Cards, letters and calls would be welcome. The hospital address is 4350 Dewey Ave., Omaha, NE 68106.

2. **Dick Chizek** who has moved to Westgate Assisted Living, 3030 S. 80th Street, Omaha, NE 68124, (402) 391-8566, Room 106. He says he is living the good life. "They do everything for you." He says he gets around with his walker and is hopeful of going home sometime in the future but for now this is his residence.
3. **Larry Nollette** is currently a patient at Brookstone Meadows in Elkhorn. 600 Brookstone Meadows Plaza, Elkhorn, NE 68022. He is hoping his stay there is a short one. He needs to gain more strength following a broken arm and low blood cell counts.

We have a new member, **Dick Loftus** and his wife **Sharon Ann**, 1114 S. 16th Ave., Blair, NE 68008, (402) 426-3614. Dick retired after 40 years with the company. Welcome to the group! In talking with Dick, he suggested the chapter members might be interested in a series of books called *Younger Next Year*. It has many short articles on living a healthier life and hopefully living longer. You can look it up on line, or in a book store, and see if it is something you might like to read and implement in your life.

April Birthdays ~ **Arnie Mahoney** (1), **Bill Anderson** (1), **Keith Cornish** (2), **Kathy Janus** (6), **Evan Holly** (9), **Allen Purapile** (10), **Clair Soseman** (10), **Bob Glover** (13), **Denny Pierson** (14), **Glen Saffer** (14), **Hilde Schwan** (14), **Angela Hansen** (15), **Penny Sophir** (16), **Virginia Nollette** (18), **Tony Sortino** (22), **Ray Ziebarth** (24).

Our next meeting on April 3, 11:30am at the Longhorn Bar and Grill, hosted by **Betsy Anderson** will be covered in the next chapter report.

Calendar:

May 1 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**
June 5 - Pizza Ranch, hosted by **Marge Edwards**

NEVADA



LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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I would like to introduce you to **John Albert** who retired from United Airlines on February 1, 1993. John started his United career in January 21, 1957. Prior to his employment with what was Capital Airlines, John was in the Naval Air Squadron during the Korean War. During his 4 years of military service he met and married his wife **Leila** while stationed in England. Upon

his return to civilian life in the Washington DC area, he was hired by Capital Airlines which merged with United Airlines and John and his wife were on the move again out to San Francisco. John worked for United at the San Francisco Maintenance Base until his retirement.

In September 1993, John & Leila moved out of their apartment in the Bay Area and moved to Las Vegas to start their retirement life. After moving to Las Vegas, John got involved with the Silverliners a chapter of RUAEA. As an active member, John contributed his time and effort to the Silverliners group to improve it and make it enjoyable for the members. His efforts did not go unnoticed and he was rewarded by being elected Silverliners President for 6 years straight. He is still an active member of this Chapter today. Sadness and sorrow sidelined John for a while when his loving wife Leila *passed away on June 16, 2015*.

John stayed active and also in contact with his Naval Air Group over the years. This group of Naval Air Men once a year would get together for a reunion. John went to many reunions and at a reunion in Dayton, Ohio he was introduced to Honor Flights. He applied and was accepted as a member. The mission of Honor Flights is to bestow honor on as many remaining "ordinary people who saved the world" as they can provide. When chosen as a member you get an all-expense paid 3-day trip to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial. This is a very great Honor for John, all the Silverliners and friends that know him feel it is well deserved. So, in the last week of April 2018, John will travel to Washington, DC and be honored for his service to our nation. A Nation Thanks You for your Service, **John Albert**. As you can see there is a life after retirement if you pursue it and get all you can out of it. So, don't let retirement be the end of a career, but a beginning, the world is yours go for it.

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



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There were 13 members at our April meeting at The Black Bear Diner, plus guest **Lesly Jaramillo**, **Maurine Williams**' companion.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and **Norm Borchers**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Barbara Leusing**. The spring flower arrangement was won by **Donna Perkins** and the Easter decoration was won by **Linda Borchers**. Once again, our master pastry chef, **Bill Perkins**, brought a tasty delight to the meeting, lemon cake. **Duncan & Nancy Scaife** sent their greetings to the group.

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The Gardenstaters meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha** and a standup moment of good wishes for **Dick Confer** who has been under the weather the last few months.

Our ever popular **Diane Johnson** reminded everyone of the RUAEA convention, which will be in Cleveland, September 18 -22, and urged anyone who can make it to attend.

Frank Kokozka, our inside man who is still working, brought us up to date on what is happening at EWR. Two things of importance, one is that there will be more shuttle buses assigned between terminal A and terminal C, making it easier for passengers to make connections with United. There's also a reconstruction going on in terminal C by gate 70. When I first came to United, it was in 1953 and I can remember all the construction that was going on, it never seemed to end. Here it is 65 years later and there's no end in sight! Nor should there be. **John Murphy** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be at Snuffy's on April 25, 12 PM.

***from the great prophet Leroy ~ "It's better to walk alone, then with the crowd that's going in the wrong direction".



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Finally, we get to meet after not one, but two cancellations in March, due to the four Nor'easters that hit our area. It's rainy, but warm. Twenty-two of us were in attendance.

Our dear member, **Ron Weick**, died April 2nd after a long illness. Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, especially **Carol Maley-Davis**, who was such a strong support for Ron.

Madeline Klos is recovering nicely from laser eye surgery.

Happy Anniversary to **Joyce & Donald Smith**. Donald also has a birthday in April as does **Madeline Sudulich**, **Dom Rizzo**, **Chen Lee**, **Maryann Lily** and, no fooling, April 1st for **George Riggi**.

50/50 winners were 1. Me, 2. **Evelyn Schroeder** and 3. **Ed Pozzi**. The Pozzis' grandson, Mario Lagasi, was our only guest.

Ed raffled off some Olympic pins. Winners: **Werner Buck**, **Evelyn Schroeder** and **Nunzio Milazzo**.

That's all she wrote, folks. Welcome, spring. A few snowbirds still in the air.

Calendar:

May 2 - Davenport Press.

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We met for lunch at a new place in Medina called the Weymouth Country Club; one of our new members lives in the condo's associated with it and arranged it for us. Very nice and roomy, with the number of members we have attending our luncheons, (61) for this one, sometimes it hard to find a place to accommodate us. The meal was good and we had a good time. We thanked our new member **Sue Broderick** for hosting and she also said Grace before our meal.

Dave & Marie Placko could not make the luncheon, but we want to thank **Jeff & Judy Spooner** who

were there to sell tickets for our 50/50 drawing. The winners were **George Oncu** and **Kathy Kilbane**. *Lucky – Lucky*.

Steve Pytel updated members on possible United Life Insurance they may have but not know about it. Contact the United Airlines Benefits Center at 800-651-1007 and ask for "Retirees Life Insurance, Benefit Department" especially if you retired before 2003. You may be surprised.

President **Dolly Taucher** opened the meeting with a lot of news. Two of our past employees, **Richard John Bulin** passed away on January 12, 2018 (CLEMM); and **Harold S. Smith** passed away on March 19, 2018 (CLECG & CLEGQ). We have many members dealing with health issues including **Hannah Biesh**, **Gene & Jacki Craig**, **Nancy McLaughlin**, **Nick & Mary Jane Penick**, **John Taucher**, **Carol Tymke**, **Mike Minnelli** (**Sharon's** husband), and **Joe Moses' son** (**Frank**) and daughter (**Laurie**). Dolly went to visit **Carol Waldron**, who is in assisted living, and she said to say "Hi" to everyone. Everyone is dealing with some sort of problem that they need help with. And we, Ohio Buckeyes know from many past experiences that "Prayers do work". "He" does listen. So please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

We have another new member this month, **Carol Fuderer**. Also, we celebrated members Birthdays by singing "The Song" to the one person in attendance with a birthday, **Carol Hacker**.

Barb Vauls updated us on the convention here in September with info on entertainment and tours. Sounds like a great time.

Check out our website "Home Page" for convention news and much more at www.ualohiobuckeyes.org. In the June issue of RUAEA Newsletter, you will be able to read all about the convention. Make sure that you attend and bring family, and friends.

We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Calendar:

May 2 - Shale Creek Golf Club, cost is \$20, hosted by **Barb Vauls**

June 6 - Rose Hill Restaurant, cost is \$20.



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Although we expected 58, we only had 54 join us for lunch in March, but we still managed to have some lovely conversations and lots of great laughs. We enjoyed fun St. Patrick's Day table decorations, and themed lunch with corned beef and cabbage and Irish Stew. Once again we were delighted to welcome some new members. Last month **Ray Reed** came to check us out, and this month he returned with his wife, **Sherry**, and both officially joined, as did newcomers, **Jerry & Sandra Liston**. How great it is that no one in the group knew of any illnesses or deaths to report. I far prefer that to the alternative!

Last month, our President informed us that she planned to provide a quote at each meeting to generate thought, or discussion, or both. This month we briefly discussed the quote she shared the end of last meeting (originator unverified): *"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read"*. Some favorite books mentioned were: *Catch 22*, *Many Lives Many Masters*, *The Orphan Train*, and *The Glass Castle*.

This month's quote to think about, is attributed to Libbie Fudim: *"A happy memory never wears out; recall it as often as you wish."* She also shared a word for the day: **GIRN**, a verb meaning to bare one's teeth. Who knew!

Member **Ruth Larson** brought in samples of wonderful sweaters, as well as a few scarves and caps, that she and her sister received as a donation for "the cold and hungry in Portland", from a small village in Viet Nam that they visited several years ago. Her sister has stayed in contact with the Catholic priest they met. Both were totally unprepared for the large box of clothing, made by the village ladies, to support those worse off. All the items will be passed on to the charity we support, Shepherd's Door, a community of single women and children who participate in New Life Ministries through the Portland Rescue Mission, Portland, Oregon. We were truly touched by the beauty of the handmade items, as well as the generosity.

After being regaled with jokes by our very own **Cliff Blare**, our president wrapped up the meeting with an overview of things to come:

- April – PDX, UAL manager, Tom Cottrill will speak about the planned changes at PDX

- May – more quotes and jokes
- June – members Rosalie and Joyce will share their trip to Africa last year!
- July – annual indoor picnic with lots of prizes
- August or September – (yet to be confirmed) speaker from National Weather Service
- October – (yet to be confirmed) looking into speaker from local AARP chapter

Anniversaries ~ **Sarah & Cliff Blare** (58 years), **Kathy & Paul Russell** (53 years), **Terry & Tom Hotchkin** (48 years), **Anita & Kent Uhl** (50 years).

Birthdays ~ **Sandra Liston**, **Sue Rommel**, **Russell Stinnett** and **Paul Fatoo**.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Tom Hotchkin**, Men's Birthday - **Russell Stinnett**, Women's Birthday - New member **Sandra Liston**, 50/50 - **Marilyn Wood**.

Calendar:

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

April 11 - Guest speaker will be Tom Cottrill, PDX UAL Manager

May 9 – Board meeting immediately following lunch meeting

June 13 – Rosalie & Joyce will share their Africa adventure

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We enjoyed our speaker **Ophelia M. Dames** GM UAL PHL.

We have had many recent deaths. Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Dick (Doc) Dougherty**, PHLMM, **Hal Zerboch**, PHL supervisor, **George Decker**, PHLRS, **Mike Gaydos**, PHL supervisor, **Harry Swayngin**, Sr. Lead SVC at PHL, **Mike Gale**, PHL shopkeeper and **John Chiavroli**, the lifetime partner of **Shirley Roberts**.

Art & Mary Molnar have moved to Forest Brook Preserve in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Joyce Lindenmuth has moved to Wesley Enhanced Living in Media.

See you all again on May 14th at the Clarion.



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Welcome RUAEA! We are all looking forward to a happy Spring and Summer and having beautiful flowers blooming! We hope all of you had a very happy, healthy, peaceful and loving Easter! We are trying to recover from rain, snow again, and surprising sun days appear - and then rain days again. I imagine that is our Spring time surprise! Sunshine makes all of us feel better and everything is beautiful again! I want to sing – at this point-and-time for Pit – rain, rain, go away, come back some other day! If some of you are having no rain, oops, not a song for you who are coping with drought. Hoping to hear we are all coming along well. Wishing all our RUAEA friends many beautiful days ahead. For some of us trying to recover from surgery or illness we send much love, strength, thoughts, and prayers and hope you're feeling much better each day. Believe and try to keep in our hearts positive thoughts to share in the world.

Our March 15 Luncheon at J.W. Hall's (Hopewell Twp), Pittsburgh, was a St. Patrick's Day celebration and we all had a festive time. There were 34 RUAEA members in attendance at the luncheon.

It was great to see some of the members that we haven't seen recently ~ **Russ Miller**, retired PIT Supervisor, accompanied by his daughter, Trudy and son-in-law Joe! **Elsa Schiller** and husband; and **Mary Jane Stewart** (RUAEA Secretary). It was so great to have **Joann & Bernie Juth** (Chapter Advisors) and **Treatie Karwoski** in attendance; they are looking so great! Also, **Al Ruschell & Naomi**, **Lydia Casmir**, Mgr, Pan American, **Verna Alex**, **Beverly Barwell** and her daughter **Rene**, **Vic & Joan Ference**, **Julie McConaghy**, and **Olga Karmazyn** (Treasurer), **David Beatty** (President), **Bill Redfern** (Vice-President), **Lorraine Keith** (Treasurer), **Karen Moliterno**, Retired UAL Flight Attendant and guest. **Betty & Paul Musko** (Correspondent) displayed Swarovski jewelry to raise money for an Abused Children fundraiser! Also in attendance were **Phyllis Smith**, **Rose Marie Lavelle**, **Jack & Betty Tinney**, **Fred & Liz Reidel**, **Jim & Diane Weber** (our ambassador)! So wonderful that some of the RUAEA members who attended the luncheon were escorted by a family member or friend! Looking forward to seeing our wonderful RUAEA friends again! Great times!

50/50 raffle prizes were won by **Renee Barwell**. J.W. Hall Gift Certificates were won by **Beverly Barwell** and **Dave Beatty**!

Here in Pittsburgh we are looking forward to the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The Penguins came in second in the metropolitan standings behind the Washington Capitals, and will likely play the New York Islanders next week. Let's go Pens!

Our Baseball fans (Pirates) must be watching the Pens and Steelers and, learning how to win, wow – they started off the year in first place with six wins and only one loss so far! But it is early and a long season! Let's go Bucs, Raise the Jolly Rodgers! Great games ahead to watch! Visit Pittsburgh, we will escort and take you to the ballgame! Call **Paul Musko**.

Ted Gillis (Pittsburgh Ramp Service) passed recently. He had relocated to Denver, Colorado. Our deepest sympathies to Ted's family, our prayers and sympathy are with you.

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Note: In late March, I caught the 'bug' and had to visit a health clinic twice. Now that I'm better, I would like to apologize for missing the April RUAEA newsletter deadline. So here is some of our late news.

Happy Birthday to **Les Hartshorn** (4/14), **Mike Chapin** (4/19), **Mary Gilbert** (4/26), **Terry Klosky** (5/27), **Herman Emmel** (5/30) and **Carol Anderson** (5/31).

Our March meeting and luncheon was held on March 15th at the Puleon Grill on Merchants Road in Knoxville. Eighteen members attended wearing green to celebrate Saint Pat's day. **Dave Zane** won our 50/50 drawing and he donated his winnings to the chapter's treasury, thanks Dave! **Al Barkmann** shared his UAL memories and memorabilia. We also exchanged our books including audio books and magazines.

Calendar:

June 21 - Breakfast at 9:30 AM ET, Don Delfis Pancake House, 120 West End Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37934. Please call Pollie at (847) 757-5261 so that she can get a head count for the owners.



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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



This month's column is coming to you with a little help from our friends. While your correspondent battled The Virus and missed the April meeting, **Ed Liesse** took notes for her. Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** and **John Haferbecker** got the unabridged meeting minutes to this computer earlier than they were published for the chapter. Now Gay & Ed are in California and will miss the May meeting as well. Thanks to all who make writing this in absentia possible.

Only 38 Emerald City Slickers and guests made it to the April luncheon meeting at Angelo's in Burien, several fewer than usual. It's flu season.

Ken Storey opened the meeting with his monthly collection of e-mail-variety jokes and stories, attributing some to **Gay Liesse**. **Lloyd Towne** was invited to delve into his memory for another. A birthday card from the group was signed for **Kay Johnson**, who celebrated her 100th birthday March 27.

Fred & Bonnie Frey reminisced about their recent trip "down under," where they visited Australia and spent two weeks cruising around New Zealand and visiting both islands. The Freys were pleased to travel on company passes, enjoying a row to themselves in Economy Plus on the way down and Business Class coming home. It can be done!

Pearl Yamamoto, retired SEARR supervisor, didn't fare as well when she was a passenger on the February 13 Triple-7 Flight 1175 from SFO to HNL that lost an engine cowl. While passengers went through a range of emotions during the landing, flight attendants gave reassuring safety reminders, as the flight crew managed a safe landing that allowed passengers to deplane normally at the gate.

It was good to see **Ed Karr** and **Tom Lucas**, whom we don't get to meet and greet often enough.

Kathie Torgison provided information and tips on rules for "Enrolled Friends" and suggested ways to get a sneak peek at the upcoming, updated "Flying Together" format. Our valuable source of information, Kathie also explained United's position in distribution of recent tax credits and why the company does not qualify to receive additional consideration under the new federal tax laws. Yes, this kind of information is available from official sources, but it is super helpful to have Kathie right there to answer questions and decipher puzzled looks on members' faces.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** announced March birthdays and wedding anniversaries before managing door prize distribution with the help of President **Ken Storey**. **Tom Lucas** snared the 50/50 raffle prize. See? It does pay to join us now and then.

Once again recognized for their community service, **Frank Gabreluk** and his co-volunteers, known as The Cart Brigade, have been named Federal Way Citizens of the Month. Once a week, under the direction of the Federal Way Police Department, the group retrieves shopping carts that have strayed from their home bases and returns them to the proper merchants. Through the end of 2017, the team had rounded up 25,270 carts. Store managers must love them! Frank retired from United in 2003 after 35 years in Customer Service, starting at JFKCS in 1968, then moving through SEACS, JFKCS, SEASS, and back to SEACS.

The Emerald City Slickers' May luncheon meeting will be their last regular meeting until September. A summer get-together is being planned for July 10.

Calendar:

May 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

June-August – No regular/formal meetings

July 10 – A summer event is planned

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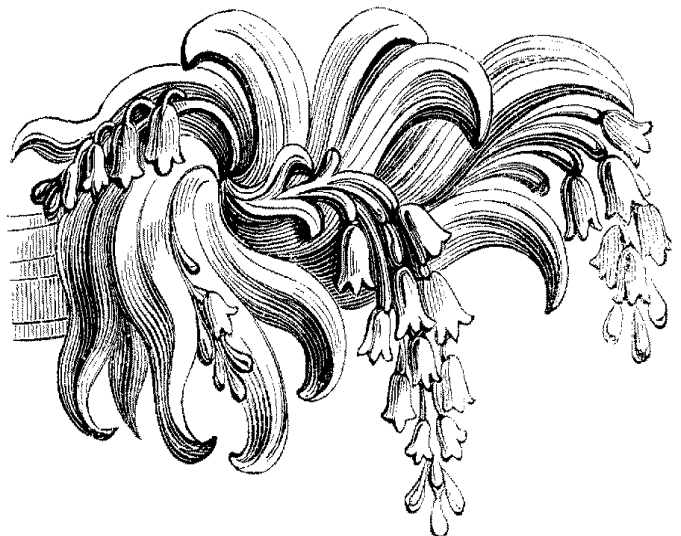
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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.



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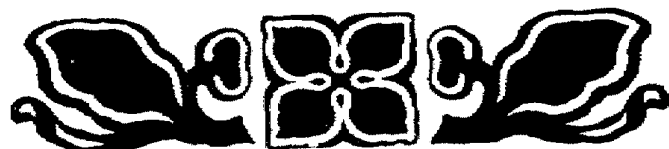
What is Mother Nature doing? Is the weather so unpredictable everywhere or has this erratic climate been reserved for the Metro area? We had 65 degrees yesterday and predicted snow for tomorrow. I keep both long sleeved and short sleeved blouses handy. It is spring though and I am so anxious to slip on my flip flops and put my plants back outside.

We had a beautiful day for our March Luncheon. We had many things to celebrate. St. Patrick's Day is a given, of course. The tables were decorated with green tablecloths and gold coins. The door prizes were Irish themed and most of our members were attired in the requisite greenery (Those who were not in green paid the price of the traditional pinch.) National Potato Day also fell on the day of our meeting, so **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** brought a bag of potato chips for each attendee. Another celebration was in the form of a baby shower for our cashier, Whitney, at the Golden Corral. She was both surprised and appreciative.

I had a lovely surprise in March when my cousin called and told me to go to www.missingmoney.com because he saw my name on the list. I went to the site, filled out the proper paper work and was told that I would receive a check in about 8 weeks. I had no idea where this money was coming from, nor how much money I was to receive. When the check for \$1,400 arrived I was shocked. How could I have left money in an IRA & forgotten about it? I don't know, but I did. 98 cents of this money was from UAL stock! I would prefer to just forget how much I paid for that stock and just celebrate my 98 cent windfall. Go to this site and check to see if you or someone you know is on the list.

Cathy is currently busy putting together our 2018 membership directory. **Janet Klinger Nichols** volunteered to proofread the material and is doing an excellent and most valuable job. I can't thank either of them enough for tackling this time-consuming project.

Cathy will also be filling in for me at the April luncheon. I will be in Gatlinburg, TN at a Regional Bridge Tournament. Wish me and my fabulous team luck.



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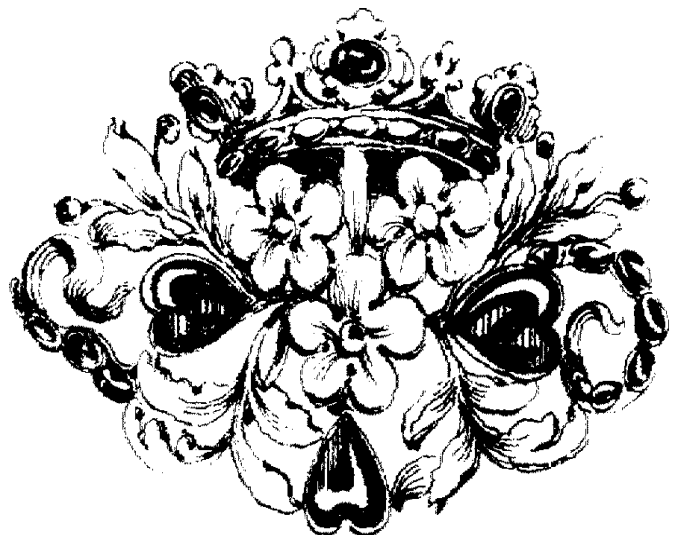
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Clipped Wings members are always enjoying seeing and celebrating with our airline friends in very special ways. An example of this for over 20 years has been the Celebration of Friendship Luncheon which enables us to keep continuing our special camaraderie with our airline buddies in the DCA area. This has become a traditional not-to-be-missed springtime event with lots of smiles, laughs and hugs enjoyed by both non-members and Clipped Wingers.

Our DCA Chapter members have very kind hearts as demonstrated by their generous support of local philanthropies. They are involved with Special Olympics Area 17 which covers rural Virginia counties who are very grateful for their support. With their donations of pajamas and books they reach out to children in need who are served by the Pajama Program. Their endeavors also include donating to Marian Homes, Inc. which is a non-profit organization that buys houses and remodels them to be used to provide group homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

We're very proud of this impressive chapter which has been "in business" since 1952. So the next time you hear some bad news coming out of Washington, DC; think of our CW DCA Chapter and remember this Good News as well! If you're a current or former United/CO Inflight Crew Member and would like to be a part of a fun and giving organization let us know via our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We have 29 chapters located throughout the USA and would love to have you join us.



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

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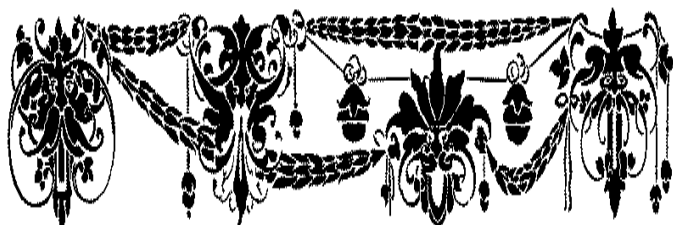
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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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

Dick Hayes, 4746 E. Harvard Ave., Fresno, CA 93703

Thanks to all for the hard work you put into make the newsletter. It is so interesting and informative.

I retired early at 55, after putting 32 years with UAL. I worked in MIA, TPA, DCA, DSM, DEN, FAT and even Visalia, CA, 2 flights a day with no control tower! We had to chase rabbits off of the runway. My last station was SNA (John Wayne Airport). Fresno closed after 50 years and I was too young to retire, so I left my family for a year and retired at SNA. I was able to commute on weekends.

I worked all the ground positions, load planning,

ticket counter, gates, Lost and Found and ramp. We used to switch jobs and uniforms every week. But after computers came in, we had to bid a specific job by our seniority.

Working for United was a great job and I miss a lot of the close ties the employees enjoyed.

My last station as I mentioned was SNA. The employees there gave a great retirement party for me and another employee. It was much appreciated because I was only there for 10 months!

Our local Fresno United Chapter was called the "Brazen Raisins". We met for ten meetings for years and had a great time. Unfortunately due to people moving, passing away or just getting too old to attend, we finally had to dissolve our chapter. About 3-4 couples now meet occasionally for lunch but no formal meetings.

After retiring, I got a job right away with DHL Airways. I was there for 10 years. Now at 78, I still work part time.

My wife and I are in good health and the good Lord has blessed us.

I hope everyone has a great year.

We hope to make it to the next convention.

Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Drive, Valrico, FL 33596

It's that time of the year again when I say thank you to the RUAEA staff and hello to my friends on the West Coast. It's been one hell of a year. The first thing I do, when I get my newsletter, is read what is happening in Palm Springs, LAX and San Diego. I keep telling Kennedy, if we move back to California, we have to move to Palm Springs to be close to **Carole Pacquin**. Hope that's OK, Carole.

My daughter, Apryle, was married in August on the beach in Myrtle Beach, SC. In early September, those of us in Florida experienced the effects of a dangerous hurricane! We only had to pick up debris; no damage to house, pool screen and roof. Thank God! The 21st of September, I was admitted into the hospital for a sigmoidectomy but had complications that I am just recovering from which included two weeks untreated E-coli. Enough said! I'm still here even though at times I thought I was dying.

Now we are looking forward to 2018. In April we're attending my 60th high school reunion in New Jersey and from there leaving for Wales to visit friends we met 32 years ago on a cruise. We are flying United and paying full fare; can't take a chance because of specific plans. Praying for an upgrade! May 9th we'll attend my granddaughter Chayce's graduation from Georgia State University in Atlanta. She works full time for Apple so it took her a little longer for that degree in Managerial Science. My grandson graduates in August from Perimeter College in Atlanta. I am active again

with GFWC Tampa Woman's Club and my church.

Kennedy is well and for that I am very thankful. He took very good care of me during my illness.

We are still missing you California. Our door is always open and our hotel in Valrico is very cheap! It's free!

Until next year blessings to all!

Armando Molina, 1056 Grand Ave., Apt. 204, South San Francisco, CA 94080

I hope that everyone, employees and retirees, have a beautiful 2018 at United Airlines.

I was in a car accident in El Salvador; a very bad accident. If I continue living it is because God had mercy with me. I had a broken collar bone; as consequence my whole body stopped functioning. I had surgery not only on the shoulder but on my stomach to get the intestines functioning.

I have gone to therapy, to see if it is possible to recover some vital movements of my right arm.

My wife of more than 43 years passed away in March 2015; so I am living alone making it very difficult.

Notes

Jayne Donahue-Regan

I like reading about other co-workers that retired from other stations. Also event notifications.

Janice Gilligan

I was hired as an RSSR at CHIRR on 6/23/1986. My last day of work as a Project Manager - HR at WHQHR will be on 4/13/2018. Upon retirement, I will be splitting my time between Mount Prospect, IL and New Smyrna Beach, FL. I am looking forward to joining RUAEA!

Joan Krolak

Thank you for all you do.

Sandy Moore

Still semi-retired, worked for TSA for 11 years and now own a real estate/property management company.

Still miss the smell of jet fuel and the friendships established over the years.

Maria Pollack

I do appreciate being able to join something like RUAEA. We are all lucky to have this medium to communicate on important matters, so thank you.

Robert Gray

United means travel. Took the last 747 to Europe in first class. Great! We fly 2-5 times per year. RUAEA means information and discounts.

Carol Logan

We have recently sold our condo, took a trip around South America and Antarctica. Next on our bucket list ... buy an RV and travel the US and Canada.

Carol Bullington

Thanks for keeping us up to date on changes to travel policies. Torgy's Travel Tips provide excellent information. Thank you to all the volunteers!

And thank you United, for revising the emotional support animal policy! At ORD we saw a man with a goat boarding a flight to DCA!

Donald Ingham

Recently retired from UA.

Glenn Hill

Linda, the love of my life for almost 52 years passed away 3/8/2018. ■

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



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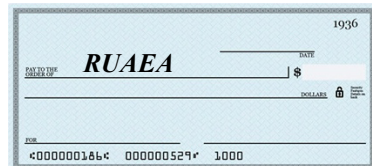
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