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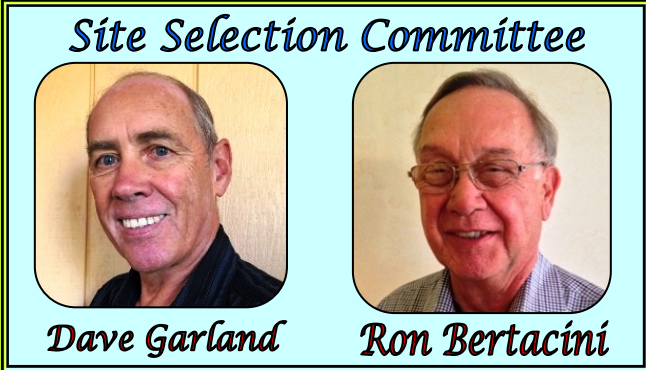
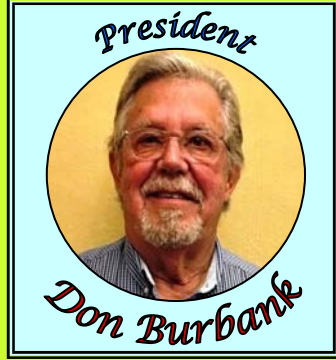
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GENERAL NEWS

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United Expands Role as Denver's Most Flown Airline: Adds 35 Flights, Six Routes, 12 Gates, New Flight Bank and Three Clubs **May 23, 2023**



United today announced plans to significantly grow its position as Denver's leading airline, adding 35 flights, six new routes, a dozen new gates and three clubs, including the largest ones in the carrier's network.

Starting this summer, United also will double the total number of early morning departures and late evening arrivals in and out of Denver, giving customers more flexibility and more options to stay away longer.

United will celebrate the expansion later today at Denver International Airport where the airline's CEO Scott Kirby and Chief Customer Officer Linda Jojo will host customers, elected officials and local partners for a tour of United's soon-to-open club spaces and a look inside a brand-new Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft, one of the planes that will fly some of the new Denver routes and one of about 700 new planes the airline expects to receive in the next decade.

"Denver is one of the fastest growing cities in the country and as the Mile High City's most flown airline, it's essential that we maintain the most modern infrastructure and fleet to support our local employees and customers and deliver a great experience," said United CEO Scott Kirby. "Our expansion in Denver will further enable us to connect our customers to destinations across the globe and revitalize our presence at the airport with modern, customer friendly offerings."

According to The American Growth Project, Denver is one of America's fastest growing cities. It not only attracts professionals who work in hybrid environments, but also has retained millennials who lived in Denver when they were younger and decided to stay or return by age 26. Both of those groups want access to more flexible travel options that include a wide range of domestic and international choices.

The airline will add new non-stops to six destinations including four not served by any other Denver airline: Dayton, OH; Greensboro, NC; Lexington, KY and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The airline's local infrastructure improvements include 12 new gates set to open in the A and B concourses by the middle of 2024. That will give United 90 total gates, the most at Denver International Airport.

This expansion is part of the carrier's nearly \$1 billion investment to further improve the customer experience in Denver – an increase in gate capacity by 30%, a new check-in lobby, new user-friendly technology at gates, a new grab-n-go club concept called United Club FlySM and the renovation and expansion of United ClubSM locations.

This summer, United will also open a new club on the A Concourse and reopen its first of two revamped clubs on the B Concourse. The B concourse United Club locations will be the largest ever. All three United Club locations will feature two full levels of club space, and an upgraded design that reflects the Colorado region.

To commemorate United's long-term commitment to the city of Denver, Mayor Michael B. Hancock has issued a proclamation naming today 'United Airlines Day.' United's presence in Denver is significant to the prosperity of the city, and today's declaration by the Mayor reiterates United as Denver's hometown airline.

"It's been an honor to work with United during my time as Mayor of Denver. Together, we've been able to extend our city's reach across the world," said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. "United's domestic and global network supports DEN's Vision 100 strategic plan to expand for 100 million passengers within the next decade, and I'm proud to see them continue to grow their network at DEN and further connect our community to more destinations."

Growing United's Network in Denver ~ As a result of the airline's United Next plan, United will expand mainline flying out of Denver to its highest levels in 20 years, while repurposing its regional fleet to fly to smaller, less-served destinations. Overall, United will offer more capacity from Denver than ever before, with over 60,000 departing seats per day.

In total, United will operate 35 new flights in 2023 out of Denver and since 2018, has added over 90 mainline departures per day.

This year, United will fly new 737 MAX aircraft non-stop to San Juan, Puerto Rico, beginning October 29, and Montego Bay, Jamaica*, beginning November 4. In addition to the new routes, United will use its new MAX aircraft to increase service to popular destinations like Miami, Austin, Boston and Atlanta. As United grows its mainline fleet, the airline will use Embraer 175 aircraft to connect Denver with Asheville, NC; Dayton, OH; Greensboro, NC and Lexington, KY, starting on September 29.

United's new morning flight bank will offer Denver customers expanded flight options to many popular destinations like Dallas/Fort Worth, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland, San Diego and Seattle. By doubling the total number of early morning departures and late evening arrivals, customers will have more flexibility and a greater ability to maximize their stays.

This summer, United will fly non-stop to more than 150 destinations from Denver, with over 450 daily departures – more than 50% more flights and destinations than the airline's nearest competitor. United is proud to be the only airline serving Hawaii non-stop from Denver, with up to five daily flights across Hawaii's four largest islands. Additionally, with 18 international destinations – more than double any other airline, and the only US carrier serving Europe and Japan – United is the go-to airline for Denver customers traveling across the United States and the world.

New Gates and Clubs ~ Last year, United began its ambitious concourse expansion, adding 20 new gates across A and B concourses. United plans to open 12 more gates by the middle of 2024, bringing United to an industry-leading 90 gates at the airport. The airline is also investing more than \$40 million to update its footprint at 55 existing Concourse B gates by incorporating modern furniture options with in-seat power and new digital signage and self-service kiosks to support customers on their journey.

This summer, United will also open two of three new United Club locations in Denver, including its largest club in the world. Each club will feature elevated design inspired by Colorado as well as modern amenities including self-scan entry gates, Agent on Demand kiosks, free high-speed Wi-Fi, among others. Once open, Denver International Airport will feature approximately 100,000 square-feet of club space across three United Club locations and United Club Fly, the airline's grab-and-go club format that debuted in 2022.

'That's the Denver in Us' Advertising Debut ~ Nearly a year after United debuted its first fully integrated national brand advertising campaign in nearly a decade, Good Leads The Way, the brand is localizing its approach to advertising starting with one of its largest hubs: Denver. 'That's the Denver in Us' is the story of an airline and a city with a shared DNA that bring out the best in each other. From taking Denver careers to new heights as the largest private employer in the city, to serving as the ideal backdrop to prepare the next generation of pilots at the world's largest training facility, Denver and United's more than 85-year history is unique and extends far beyond the arrival and departure gates.

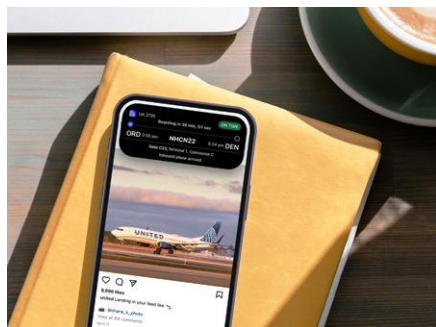
Travelers and the Denver community will see the love letter to the city on local broadcast TV, on digital kiosks in the airport and downtown as well as on billboards around the city. The advertisements also will run on streaming platforms and on United social channels in Denver.

Creating Thousands of Careers ~ United is the largest private employer in the city of Denver, with nearly 10,000 Denver-based employees and growing. In 2023, the airline plans to hire more than 2,300 people – from ramp agents and customer service representatives, to pilots, flight attendants, maintenance technicians and more.

Overall, in 2022, the airline hired 15,000 people across its network and will add another 15,000 this year – on track to add about 50,000 people by 2026. For more information about United's recruiting and hiring efforts, visit careers.united.com.

*Flight subject to government approval

United Becomes First U.S. Airline to Add Live Activities for iPhone **May 22, 2023**



United today became the first U.S. airline to support Live Activities for iPhone, giving customers real-time access to their boarding pass, gate and seat number, and countdown clock to departure time on their Lock Screen or while unlocked in the Dynamic Island, all without opening the United app.

United customers check their mobile boarding pass and flight status nearly 800,000 times each day, and this new feature makes it even easier and faster for United flyers to receive timely updates and find important flight details.

"We're seeing soaring demand for travel this summer, and Live

Activities puts all the flight information you need right at your fingertips, whether your iPhone is locked or you're doing something else like checking email, listening to music or texting friends,” said Linda Jojo, Chief Customer Officer for United. “This new feature is another way United is leveraging technology to improve our customers’ travel journey. It’s going to save passengers a lot of time, and we think they’re going to love it, especially during a busy travel season.”

Live Activities helps United customers with iPhones stay informed in real time, so they can see live flight updates, flight details and alerts right on the Lock Screen or in the Dynamic Island on iPhone 14 Pro and iPhone 14 Pro Max.

With a quick glance at the iPhone screen, customers can:

- Get details like the flight number, on-time status, inbound aircraft status, estimated departure and arrival times, and more in the Live Activity on the Lock Screen or the Dynamic Island when expanded
- Open their boarding pass directly from the Live Activity to easily scan during security check-in or while boarding their flight
- See departure and arrival gates, pre- and in-flight countdowns, and baggage carousel information right in the Dynamic Island

Support for Live Activities has started to roll out to United travelers and will be widely available by the end of May. To experience the new features, customers should verify that their iPhone is running iOS 16.1 or later and their United app is up to date.

With up to three million users interacting with the app daily, United’s mobile app is recognized for its accessibility options for the visually impaired, personalization options and improved navigation. The air carrier has consistently rolled out industry-leading app features in recent years, including:

- Agent on Demand: Only United has a virtual, on demand customer service tool that lets customers scan a QR code and video chat, text or call a customer service representative instead of waiting in line at the airport. Last year, 1.3 million customers used Agent on Demand, and in 2023, we’ve already seen 192,000 customers use the platform.
- United Map Search: Customers can easily compare and shop for flights based on departure city, budget and location type, with an interactive map feature. Available on the United app and website, this digital tool displays fares in a map view, allowing customers to simultaneously compare travel to a variety of destinations in a single search.
- Travel Ready Center: This one-stop digital assistant on [united.com](https://www.united.com) and the United app outlines any necessary travel requirements with clear guidance, helping customers prepare for their travel and breeze through the airport without stopping for manual document checks.
- Terminal Guide: Customers receive personalized day-of instructions to navigate point-to-point throughout the airport – from directing them to the most ideal airport entrance to finding their departure gate.

Mark Your Calendar!

During this year's Reunion in San Diego, RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) will be offering a Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 4th:



RUPA Sponsored Golf Tournament
at the Sea 'N Air Golf Course,
North Island Naval Air Station,
located on Coronado Island, CA
October 4th, 2023

The format for the Golf Tournament will be announced at a later date. Sea 'N Air is a fun, easy course with terrific views of Point Loma and the Pacific Ocean. It is located directly next to the world famous Hotel Del Coronado.

Event Cost & Club Rentals:
Greens fees (including a golf cart):
♦ \$77 per person.
Club rental fees:
♦ \$60 for premium rental clubs.
♦ \$18 for standard rental clubs.

Date: **October 4, 2023** (Wednesday), 11:00 AM first tee time with other tee times to follow.
Bus Pickup and Bus Fees: 10:00 AM; \$20 per person for the bus ride.

To register for the event, contact Captain **John Gorczyca**, jsgorczyca@gmail.com.

Registration deadline is
September 3rd, 2023.

At Large Correspondent – Gerri Adams **Traveling Again**

After a few years of limited traveling, we made the decision that 2023 was going to be the year we begin to travel a little more extensively. We started the year with a trip to Denver primarily for the reason of attending a friend's wedding. I forgot how cold it can get out there at the end of January. But we got to see some snow and wear some winter clothes.



In February, we said it was time to cruise the Caribbean. So, we boarded the Celebrity Reflection and off we went. While on the cruise, one of the staff mentioned that this was the first time in over two years that the ship was completely sold out. We had a little more than 3000 passengers on board with us and had smooth sailing for the 7-day cruise.

During our 7-day cruise, two passengers suffered medical

emergencies. The first happened during our first day of the cruise. We pulled into the port of Nassau and the emergency vehicles were waiting for us. The passenger was taken off by stretcher and hopefully received the medical assistance they required.

The second medical emergency took place shortly after leaving St. Maarten which was our last stop before spending two days at sea while we worked our way back to Florida. We were about two hours out of St. Maarten when the captain came over the PA and told us that we were turning around and heading back to St. Maarten so that an ill passenger could be taken to a hospital to receive much needed medical attention. The crew felt it was better to get the passenger to the closest hospital and that was back in St. Maarten. After pulling back into port, the emergency vehicles took the passenger to the local hospital. Hopefully all went well for these passengers and they were able to return home most likely by air.

This was the first time we had ever experienced not one but two medical emergencies on a single cruise. It definitely started me thinking about things to consider when cruising and how to prepare for the unplanned in the future.

Then in May, we said it's time to do some international traveling again. We had not been overseas for a number of years and felt that this would be a good time to go. Based on everything I was reading about international travel it appeared that this year United is expecting to see increased loads and additional flights traveling abroad. So off we went to Amsterdam. We had not been there in many years and certainly did not recognize much.

We flew from Chicago to Amsterdam on a 787 Dreamliner. After arriving, we made our way via train into the city and then a cab to our hotel. We stayed at the Eden Hotel which is located on one of the many canal waterways in the city. We had a lovely canal view and could watch the many tour boats travel up and down daily.



While we were there, we took the walking tour of Amsterdam to Anne Frank's house, took one of the canal boat rides, visited Keukenhof Gardens where tulips were in full bloom everywhere. The tulip gardens are open from late March until mid-May which is the height of tulip season. We saw tulips in every color imaginable – they were just beautiful. Then we traveled to the Dutch countryside to Zaanse Schans to see the typical green wooden houses and real windmills. We watched wooden clogs being made and we visited a cheese farm. Yes, we also had to take a walk through the red-light district which was very crowded with locals and tourists taking it all in. Overall, we saw almost everything we wanted to see but probably could have

stayed another day or two to take in a few more attractions.

Now this summer, we will plan to visit some family and friends across the US and then this fall we are taking a Holland America cruise up the coast of New England, down the St. Lawrence to Quebec City where we plan to stay for a few days to take in that area. Doing this cruise in the fall should prove to be beautiful – hopefully we will catch the fall colors before they are gone.

What ever you plan to do or where ever you plan to visit this year, I certainly hope that your travels are safe and that you have a wonderful time.

Torgy's Travel Tips – July 2023 **The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**



Kathie Torgison

I started writing this article on May 23rd just a couple of days after returning from a 6800 mile road trip from our home on the West Coast. I had an entire outline sketched out, full of helpful hints for your next road trip seeing as how standby travel for the summer season is shaping up to be even more difficult than the last several years; but ...



breaking news of legendary performer Tina Turner's passing late on May 24th abruptly turned my emphasis around. The whole goal of our road trip was to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. So how could I now not dedicate my entire article to the museum

where she, her fellow inductees and artists, producers, engineers, and many other influencers who grew the rock and roll genre are so magnificently honored. Read along as I endeavor to share the nostalgia, joy, tears, and “good, good, good vibrations” of Rock Hall.

It took 12 years from the formation of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation in 1983 till the opening of this beautiful museum on the shores of Lake Erie in 1995. The building itself is indeed a masterful work by famed architect I. M. Pei. Viewed from a respectable distance, the main white structure resembles a record player with an arm extending over record turntable. The entry plaza is covered by 2 triangular glass facades, similar to Pei’s “Pyramid” at the Louvre in Paris. More than 10,000 people attended the opening ceremonies on September 1st, 1995, watching Yoko Ono and Little Richard cutting the ribbon. To celebrate, the next night Chuck Berry, Bob Dylan, Aretha Franklin, Bruce Springsteen, John Fogerty, Al Green, and many others headlined an outdoor concert at the Cleveland Stadium located just down the street. Rock Hall, as it is often called, welcomes over 500,000 visitors, annually.

No matter what your musical interest gravitates towards, you will find something here that will hold your



attention and you’ll probably say to yourself, “I never knew that!” We witnessed so many folks swaying or dancing while listening to audio in alcoves with headphones. The video presentations are wonderful and surprisingly frequent throughout the facility. And the display cases are the best curated that I’ve ever seen. They are designed

so that there is ample room to get close to the fantastic mementos assembled around each featured artist.

The entrance/street level has a welcome desk, a small open-concept snack bar/coffee shop with seating, a large stage for concerts and of course the ubiquitous gift shop that is usually visited on your way out. Note: The gift shop is open without requiring a ticket for admission to the exhibits, so if you forgot to buy something, you can come back later. And speaking of admission, discount tickets can be purchased from AAA, if you are member. I bought ours the day before we arrived and they were valid for 9 months. You can also purchase tickets from the venue’s website www.rockhall.com which will guarantee you a time of entry. You’ll receive a wristband when your ticket is scanned, allowing in-and-out privileges for that day. Parking is available on the street for a maximum of 2 hours, but there are parking lots that are easily accessible nearby where you can park all day. Even Cleveland Stadium next door, home of the Cleveland Browns, opens some of its lots on non-game days.

The largest and primary displays in Rock Hall are located below ground level, referred to as Floor 0 (zero). You’ll spend the majority of your time in this space. Exhibits explain how Rock and Roll evolved from gospel to blues to rhythm & blues as well as how folk and bluegrass influenced the genre. Cities such as Memphis, Detroit, London, Liverpool and Seattle are showcased to demonstrate their impact. Everything from the 50’s to



hip-hop has displays, spotlighting individual artists like Elvis, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, The Supremes, Tina Turner and on and on.

Floor 0 is also the location of the “Featured Exhibit” which changes periodically. We were thrilled to find “The Beatles: Get Back to Let it Be” was the featured exhibit during our visit. Each Beatles album cover was shown one at a time on a video screen that dissolved into a short film with excerpts of actual footage of the “lads” in the recording studio(s) and their accompanying back

and forth chatter between takes. Comfortable seating made it delightful to rest for a while and enjoy these never-before-seen snippets. The display cases held original handwritten lyrics and music from John and Paul as well as lots of personal memorabilia and clothing. Did you know that John officially changed his name/passport from John Winston Lennon to John Winston Ono Lennon after he married Yoko? His passport was right there to view along with the old piano he and Paul used when they shared a house with Peter Asher (from Peter and Gordon) and his sister Jane Asher (who became Paul’s girlfriend in 1963). Peter went on to lead Apple Records

and subsequently managed James Taylor and produced records for Taylor, Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt and Cher. See what kind of trivia you'll learn!

The 5 upper floors are each about ¼ the size of Floor 0, and house the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, films of the inductee ceremonies, the "Power of Rock Experience" (bring ear plugs), and a 3-D theater. Do not miss the fantastic half-hour documentary of American Bandstand in this theater. You won't want it to end! The top floor houses hands-on rooms/studios where you can channel your inner rock star dreams trying out all kinds of guitars, pianos and drums with accompanying music and digital instruction. You can even design a sticker with the name and logo of your own band, print it out and stick it on the wall for posterity. How cool is that? An additional 10,000 sq ft of space will be opening soon as the museum's administrative offices are relocated offsite. I can only imagine what treasures they will come up with to fill the new space.

I don't know the specific demographics of our RUAEA membership, but I would bet that it includes a good percentage of those who grew up during the hey days of rock and roll and who continue to select that special "oldies" station on the car radio or streaming service. So, before it becomes too late, consider making a trip to Cleveland and treat yourself to a full day at Rock Hall, the residence of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. As the sign there says, "Long Live Rock!"

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Re-United's chapter of RUAEA.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Springtime and the living is easy! Fish are jumping, and the water is high! What a difference a month makes. It is so nice to see full lakes and rivers in the Northstate but it is getting warmer.

Merritt Odor, our President, welcomed everyone to the luncheon/meeting which was held at Kalico Kitchen in Chico. We had 16 members and spouses in attendance. Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. None were reported.

Merritt asked if anyone had any hobbies or new activities to please share them with the group. Merritt then read a note from **Dave Garland**, our Regional Director, concerning the Reunion in San Diego. It looks like none of our members will be attending.

Shari Pitt had a question concerning cruises. We have had several members in the group that have gone on cruises and had some information to give to her.

Sharon Simonton read some interesting facts concerning the growth of United Airlines that was sent out by **Dale Harper**. Dale sends out information about United everyday and always keeps the retirees up to date.

Billie Jorgensen spoke about the Air Museum in Tucson, Arizona that she has visited. Also, it happened to be Aviation Maintenance Tech Day on May 24th. She gave a shout out to all the Maintenance technicians that were at the luncheon as well as across the United system.

Before the end of the meeting, Sharon handed a roster around for any corrections or additions to our current membership. At the next meeting she will make sure everyone has an updated copy.

Shari Pitt won the 50/50 raffle and **Linda Delaney** won the luncheon certificate.

We spoke about the next meeting/luncheon to be held Wednesday, July 26. Sharon suggested we have it at a pizza parlor in Red Bluff and volunteered to check for reservations. Everyone thought that would be a nice change of pace.

Calendar:

July 26 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Location TBD.



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It's hard to believe we are about to start another summer season. After Spring Break, our beaches are back to normal but this won't last long since summer vacation will be starting.

I've said this before, the airline news hasn't gotten any better. There is news, every day, about some passenger doing something to interfere with a flight. I read that an overweight passenger complained to UAL that the aisles were too narrow. I bet she had the same trouble in those narrow seats. She never mentioned them.

I haven't heard from any of our members so I assume no news is good news.

I just read that in 2021 there were 5,973 unruly airline passengers according to the FAA. So far in 2023 there has been 708 unruly passengers reported. They disrupt flight schedules and take no consideration what it costs other passengers. I used to be very proud of the airlines I worked for, especially during the non-jet age. Now a day, it seems to be a gamble if your flight will operate on time and without any interruptions.

There are only two things required to fly: Airspeed, and money.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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There is no Chapter Report this month from the Desert Sunbirds Chapter of RUAEA.

We try to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email sabo.thomas@yahoo.com for details.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy July to everyone from the East Bay Diablos! As I write this in early June, the San Francisco Bay Area has had a spring that is much cooler than normal. For the first time ever, my rose society had to cancel our spring rose show because we literally had no roses in bloom. We normally have roses by the end of April and all we had were the beginnings of buds. Everything is about a month late in blooming. My roses were at their peak of first bloom a couple of weeks ago and I still have roses now!

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. Going forward we will be alternating between The Old

Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and coffee included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don't take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So now we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far it has worked out well.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but virtually all our members come to our summer picnic meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's. Social hour starts at 11:00 and our meal is typically served at noon.

Our June luncheon was held on June 5th at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 17 members and 6 guests in attendance. We wore patriotic colors to celebrate this month's special program.

Our regulars in attendance were **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Joe & Margaret McGhee, Russ Schleske, Jan Soderstrom and Ed & Sue Von Emster.** We missed **Arnold Hansen, Jr.,** and **Carol Parks** who were under the weather; we hope they are feeling better now. Our guests were **Russ Schleske's** son Blair and his girlfriend Diana; Frank Llacuna and his sister Genie; and our special guest of honor Michelle McCumber of Amador Valley Quilters and Quilts of Valor and her husband Chuck. **Nancy Boyle** conducted the raffle and **Barbara Cunningham** won the money. We had a nice assortment of prizes in addition to the inevitable collection of wine—patriotic placemats and scarf, a portable pop-up lantern, and a set of fancy lotions.

We had a very special and memorable meeting on June 5th. At our meeting last November, **Rich Bouska** got up and said that, in honor of Veteran's Day later that month, he would like all veterans to stand and be recognized. Every single man stood up. (And I suspect this would be the case in many of our RUAEA chapters nationwide). That is when I decided to do something special to honor the veterans in my chapter. I am very thankful to be a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and a therapy dog handler. My DAR chapter holds a Quilt of Valor ceremony once a year, and my dog Bijou and I have been presenters at the annual Memorial Day event and Quilt of Valor ceremony in Livermore, CA. If it weren't for DAR and therapy dogs, I would never have heard of Quilts of Valor. The mission of this organization is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with healing and comforting Quilts of Valor. It was founded in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose son was deployed in Iraq. A quilter, she made her son a beautiful quilt and told him that whenever he wrapped himself in her quilt, he should feel hugged and the thanks of a grateful nation. And thus began the start of Quilts of Valor. Twenty years later, QOV has 10,000 volunteer members in 600 groups across the U.S. Their website is www.qovf.org. When you go to the website, in the upper right corner is a dog tag showing the number of quilts awarded to date. As of June 7 the number is 348, 550.

In January of this year, I approached Michelle McCumber of Amador Valley Quilters and asked her if she would be willing to have a Quilts of Valor ceremony at my RUAEA chapter. This wonderful woman, who cannot do enough for our active duty military and veterans, jumped at the chance even though it was out of her area. I then offered to nominate the nine veterans in our chapter. Long story short, six did not feel they were "touched by war" but three agreed to be nominated for the award. Quilts of Valor were awarded to Air Force veteran **Rich Bouska**, Navy veteran **Joe Leather**, and Air Force veteran **Russ Schleske** at our June meeting. Michelle McCumber began the program with a talk about the Quilt of Valor organization—the mission and history, and what goes into the making of each quilt. Michelle read a short bio of each veteran and two members held up the quilts. The quilt is first shown to the honoree, then turned around to show the audience, then folded in half and wrapped around the veteran. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Russ Kennedy** wrapped **Rich Bouska** in his quilt. Russ was awarded a QOV in 2014 aboard the USS Hornet. (He was the only one in our group who had heard of QOV.) Jan and **Tracey Blanchard** wrapped



Joe Leather in his quilt. Tracey's late husband was a Colonel in the U.S. Army. Jan and **Blair Schleske** wrapped **Russ Schleske** in his quilt. Jan and **Nancy Boyle** wrapped **Frank Llacuna** in his quilt. Nancy's late husband was a U.S. Army veteran. Frank is a Marine from Fairfield who joined our group for the day to receive his quilt. It worked out perfectly for him because he was joined by his sister who lives in Concord. Pictured from L to R: **Rich Bouska, Russ Kennedy, Joe Leather and Russ Schleske.**

The ceremony is very poignant and meaningful. Michelle asked each veteran to add a funny or light-hearted story to the end of their bio; the audiences love it:

- ▲ **Rich Bouska** told about his week in the wilderness as part of Survival School. Rich grew up on a farm; the other men in his group were city boys. Their instructor started them out with a live rabbit and left. The city boys refused to kill it, skin it, cook it and eat it; so Rich killed it, skinned it, cooked it, and ate the whole rabbit. At the end of the week, all the city boys had lost 10-15 pounds. Rich was the only one who did not lose weight!
- ▲ **Joe Leather** told about his adventures with a pair of non-regulation shoes. Joe needed a new pair of shoes but the ship did not have his size. He was given permission to have a pair of shoes made in Hong Kong. They were black, but had a gold buckle. He was constantly written up by the MPs for wearing non-regulation shoes. Once, during an Admiral inspection, Joe stood at attention wearing his gold buckle shoes. The admiral stopped in front of him, looked at his shoes, and walked on. He'd obviously been clued in on Joe's predicament.
- ▲ **Russ Schleske** told about his getaway place outside his base in Thailand. It was a one-room wooden shack built of left over wood from the base; with no running water or electricity. The shower was a 30-gallon bucket with a dipper and the toilet was a hole in the floor. He paid an outrageous rent of \$25 per month but at least it was his getaway spot on his days off.
- ▲ **Frank Llacuna** told about getting drenched sleeping in a rice paddy during a monsoon. He and his fellow Marines joked that they should have joined the Navy. They would be on the water and dry vs. being in the water!

At the end of the ceremony, **Russ Kennedy** thanked Michelle and Quilts of Valor for honoring our three veterans. We passed his hat and collected \$150 for Amador Valley Quilters, and several also made online donations.

If you know of someone who has been touched by war, go to the QOV website to learn more about this organization and to review the nomination process. I hope that some of you will consider doing this for your friends, family members, or fellow RUAEA members.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Thanks again to everyone who is helping Barbara with this project. Barb reports that, once again, she has a "trunk-ful" of cards to deliver to the school, thanks to everyone all over the country who is mailing cards to her.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". If they come in a strip, could you please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs! I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have not yet turned in the June batch of coupons but I estimate that I will end up with over 1800! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. This month I received coupons from **Jacque Ahern** in CA, **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Beverly McAlister** in CA, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Betsy Ogburn** in NJ, **Paul Pfisterer** in PA, **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

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

- ▲ Monday, July 3 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, June 29. We will be wearing patriotic colors to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.
 - ▲ Monday, August 7 at 11:00. — Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego**'s home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The cost and deadline to RSVP will be announced later. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme. If, for some reason, Diane is not able to host this event, we will meet at the Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek instead.
- Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!

GOLDEN GATERS

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Here we are, done with May – some good things did happen during the month – we have seen a huge up-surge in our local reservoirs, water levels are almost up to capacity. And ... have you seen the beautiful falls in Yosemite? They are spectacular – double-check with the Park as they may have some restrictions regarding entrance to the Park. Yosemite is one of the National Parks that you cannot afford to miss! I will not come and watch you scale Half Dome – send pictures if you do so! We also celebrated Mothers' Day – a sterling, sunny day with the kiddies making Crab (ah yes, the Dungeness crab season is here and is deeee-licious,) Shrimp Salad, garlic, cheesy-bread (Sour-dough of course!) And lovely fresh, local fruit for dessert. Lots of laughter, smiles, memories and a lovely sunset to admire.

I hope that all of you tuned into the annual TV presentation Memorial Day Concert. This is a must for all of you – the music, setting (Washington, D.C.,) co-chairs (Gary Sinise and Joe Mantegna) have been putting on this wonderful memorial for years – this year high-lighted Vietnam veterans, - a group sorely over-looked (much to our chagrin.) While not Vietnam, my God-Mothers' husband, Larry Meade, was in the Bataan Death March, survived it only to die weeks later from his ordeal. She passed away not long ago and is now buried next to Larry in the Philippines'. This is especially memorable for me as she was a wonderful mentor – she provided the gift of wanderlust and travel for me – to cherish the opportunities of visiting countries around the world, enjoying different cultures and people, new friends, and an open mind and knowing how lucky I am to have had the good health and the desire to see the wonders of the World! Lucky me! Put that program on your "to do" list for next year.

June brings us to Fathers' Day and those neat fellas who have helped us through thick and thin – lavish love and attention on them as they deserve kudos for their kindness, thoughtfulness, help and lots of laughs! June also has brought us the desire to get out of the house and get traveling – yes, Covid is here to stay (get those booster shots, shingles, flu and pneumonia shots,) but your local restaurants are wanting to have you come visit and enjoy the many splendors they have to offer. Any teenagers needing jobs for the summer? - check out your local restaurants. Yes, money may be an issue, but it looks really good on one's resume and the experience is invaluable. Being able to interact with people is a great skill! A little manual labor is good for everyone!— makes you humble! The first day of summer is also one of Junes' perks. We are seeing some nice weather, some fog, but it usually burns off around noon and The City has a lot to offer (bring money to buy that sweat-shirt as it can be cold!) Mosey on down to Carmel and Monterey – a terrific aquarium and some great seafood. The 17 mile drive is lovely and you might even see Clint Eastwood (you can drop lots of money in his restaurant.)

No news as to the status of our meeting facility here in Foster City - other than it will be renovated and our plans are still for meetings at the AFL/CIO Union Hall in Burlingame in 2024. We will keep you updated on progress of that change.

After our meeting in May, President **Vera Kina** closed the meeting and we enjoyed a nice luncheon at BJ's Restaurant. We will have our June 26th meeting and enjoy lunch at Bellinis' Italian Restaurant in Foster City. Please call Vera at (650) 574-7760 and let her know if you will be joining us – they have Lamb Shanks that are

lovely! - but we need to let them know how many want to order those. Guests will pay for their luncheon. Check out their menu – good eats! We plan on Sandwiches for our July 24th meeting – more info to come – and August 28th – maybe a visit from Colonel Sanders!

Happy Birthday to **Lydia Rolfe** and **Al Durr** – they blew out many candles (too many to count!) The Fire Department was not called out – maybe next year? **Gene & Carol Walter** (needing your special prayers and thoughts) are celebrating their 59 years of marriage. Congrats to all. We had 21 attendees – love to see more so come on down and see us. Stay well!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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May – the beautiful Spring month we set a day aside to (especially) honor our Mothers and another day we take to give special honor and thanks for those men and women who fought for our country's freedom – and freedom for citizens of other countries. For those who are fortunate to still have their Moms here to celebrate with, we love to take time to be sure they know they are loved and are still a strong part of our lives. For those who we have lost, we speak their names with love and share the memories we have of them. Our soldiers who we have laid to rest, we do the same – share our memories and pass along to the next generation(s) their stories. To be able to have these two events happen in just a single month gives us opportunities to spend time with our families and friends – something we all embrace for sure.

Now, having our May luncheon at Casa Los Abuelos gave us the chance to indulge in one of our favorite cuisines – Mexican Food! And let me tell you, they have great food! We are able to use their “banquet room” which means we don't have to “curb” our chatter and laughter – something this group does plenty of and when we have 34 Miners in one space – well, just use your imagination! **Rudy Blazius** said “Thank You” to **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** as well as **Bill & Jane Gibson** for putting this together for us. **Doe Pope** was originally scheduled to host this month but was not able to do it right now. See Sunshine!

Anniversaries didn't draw anyone to claim but my records show that **David & Debbie VanWart** celebrate this month! Congratulations to you two. The call for birthdays did get some response – both **Lindalee** and her daughter, **Julie** get to party this month! Happy Birthday to you two and anyone else who has one this month.

We do have two guests here today; **Cindy Blazius'** brother, **Ernie Helliewell** and his friend, **Diane Wilson**. They just bought a house in El Dorado Hills! Welcome!

President ~ Rudy brought a couple items – continue reading!

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** says he didn't have any words of wisdom to share today! Maybe next month.

Treasurer ~ Our terrific treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, reports that our checking is coming right along. Our membership is nice and tidy at 39 who have paid their dues. There are a couple still out, but they have until the end of June to send in their dues before they will be dropped from our membership list. Of course, if anyone wishes to be part of our (fabulous) Hangtown Miners, they just need to contact us and we will get you onto our roster. Also, if you come across anyone who has retired from UAL, let them know that we “exist” and encourage them to come to one of our luncheons/meetings. Tom and Jane are putting our heads together (hopefully we won't get headaches!) and trying to update our by-laws. Over the past year+ we have made some changes that we want to be sure are in the paperwork.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a report, but she does have a friend who has a pomelo tree that has lots of fruit on it. I brought in a few to share with those who wanted to give them a try. And try them they did! Duncan sliced one open and cut it into pieces which were tried by many. I did not need to take any leftover fruit home.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reported that she has attempted to find out how **Doe Pope** is doing. Doe has been in the hospital. At that time we hadn't heard, but I am relieved to tell you that Doe is doing much better, recuperating and impatient to get home! We're thinking of you, Doe, keep doing what the doctors say!

New Business ~ **Julie Bauer** wanted to share some information regarding the RUPA (Retired United Airline Pilots Association). **John Gorczyca** is the president of the local RUPA chapter. They welcome UAL retirees.

Their monthly meetings are the first Monday of each month; the Goldwingers will be gathering for their luncheon June 5th at the Folsom Cliff House. They will have Tim Pinkney as a guest speaker. Tim is a NASA Solar System Ambassador and will give a presentation on the Artemis Program. The Artemis program is the program that will be sending the next generation of astronauts to the moon and back. Sounds interesting!

Think about how many times you have walked across a UAL jet bridge/jet way? Their addition sure made life much easier for our passengers. Well, United, with 1,000 bridges across our system, 468 of which United owns, you can only imagine the work involved with keeping these updated and in working condition. Facilities manager, **Dick Cloud**, works tirelessly to be sure that our passengers have the best experience while boarding our planes. Over the years, they have made sure the bridges are more comfortable by adding heating and air conditioning units, LED lighting, touch screen operation and cameras. Like all things, the lifespan of a jet bridge is anywhere from 20-25 years. *“Some we have been able to keep in operation for 40 years and are due to be replaced.”* Dick says, *“A totally new jet bridge can run around \$638,000, but my team and I can complete a total refurbishment of an old jet bridge for around \$400,000. Multiply those savings many times over, and suffice to say, it’s a significant amount.”* While not all of them can be refurbished, they were made with better quality materials and it should take 6 – 8 weeks for the work. Kudos to Dick Cloud and his team for all their efforts!

On another note ... You have chosen to live in a beautiful area in this state – El Dorado County. Rudy is sharing with us some information to keep you and your home safe: The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has a free chipping program, senior/vet/low income program, and (coming soon) hazard tree removal program. Check it out on their website <https://www.edcfiresafe.org/>. Also ... New rave El Dorado County Sheriff’s Emergency Alerts system has been updated (no longer Code Red). Take the time to update your information: <https://ready.eso.org/>. We all want to be as safe and secure in our surroundings, and preparedness is essential.

Old Business ~ **Tom Kenny** reminds us that we are still looking for and eagerly accepting tools/tool boxes which will be passed along to the students at the Sacramento City College A&P Program (**Bill Gibson** is an alumni of this program). We were able to fill out the “must have tool list” for three students who are now in the program. We intend/hope to do this again for the next school year. I’m sure you who were UAL mechanics can remember how excited you were when you finally had your own tool box (often a red Craftsman) and put all those expensive tools into it. It may have taken years to accumulate all the hardware you needed and used daily, but now that you are not working on airplanes any longer, those treasures are just sitting around in your garage or shed gathering dust or rust. Dig those tools out; dust them off and bring them to our monthly meeting and Tom will be sure they go to the next generation of aircraft mechanics. Added bonus, your donation is tax deductible! Win – Win all the way around for everyone! We want to thank **Chuck Trebnik** for donating a tool box with tools in it!

Don’t forget that there will be two important get togethers coming up: RUAEA will host their annual convention at The Dana in San Diego September 29 – October 4. RUAEA will be joining forces with RUPA and Continental’s retiree group ARECA. I forwarded a note from **Dave Garland** a couple days ago urging you to get your reservations made right away as there’s only a certain number of rooms reserved for this convention.

And, don’t forget the Annual Retired United Mechanics Reunion in October; October 3, 4, 5 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden NV. Both of these will be a lot of fun so don’t miss out!

As has become Rudy’s regular closing comments, he had these funnies to share: Signs!

- ☺ On Another plumber’s truck: “Don’t sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.”
- ☺ At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee: “Invite us to your next blowout.”
- ☺ On an Electrician’s truck: “Let us remove your shorts.”
- ☺ In a Non-smoking area: “If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.”
- ☺ On a Maternity Room door: “Push. Push. Push.
- ☺ At a Car Dealership: “The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.”
- ☺ Outside a Muffler Shop: “No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.”

With that, Rudy brought our meeting to a close, handed the “baton” over to JR and our raffle began. **Cindy Blazius** won the donator’s prize. Thanks to to all who brought items to raffle off: **Heier** – wine; **Bell/Nielsen** – Grateful Heart plaque; **Dinette** – winter garden; **Blazius** – salt & pepper set with small bowl; **Kenny** – table decorations; **Gibson** – candy; **Martin** – flash light/ his/hers watches/6 pack cooler; **McClain** – wine/2 shirts/books; **Kenney** – candle and spa set; **Akin** – plant; **Kozelka/Barton** – jade plant; **Delfino** - wine/hard cider.

Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick will be hosting our next luncheon at La Cascada in El Dorado Hills.

Enjoy yourselves, stay happy and safe ...



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We had our annual Spring Fling on May 12th. We usually have the lunch in April but we decided to move it as we decided it was too close to our Christmas Lunch in December. We only have the two events and so we spread it out.

The Tequila Factory presents a Mexican Buffet that provides enough variety everyone can indulge on all the many choices available. There were thirty seven attending and many we haven't seen for a long time. We had a great time catching up with all the news and travels that everyone shared with us. **Paul & Joan Zadrozny** celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary!

We still have a few members going on cruises; coming up is **Louis Semon's** cruise to Antartica, **Betty Tomaino** cruising the Caribbean and **Suzanne Georgi** visiting family and going on a River Cruise in Germany. I know I may miss someone but this is hard to keep track of where everyone is going; it's just so exciting that they are able to take advantage of their retiree benefits.

July Birthdays: **Peter Wronetzki** (7/6), **Rosina Krefft** (7/12), **Joan Zadrozny** (7/20), **Kayce Ward** (7/21) and **Mary Hernandez** (7/22).

You should have received your June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter by now and don't wait too long to sign up for the Reunion. September will be here before you know it; last year, we had some retirees check in late and missed out on the discount rooms at the Dana. We only have so many reserved so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. The tours have limited space also.

This year the "Retired United Airlines Reunion" is sponsored by RUAEA, RUPA, Clipped Wings and ARECA; September 29th - October 4th at the Dana on Mission Bay. Yes, the Dana again this year. It is so popular and they have extended their convention rates to us for another year. The parking fee of \$30.00 and the Resort fee of \$32.00 have been waived and breakfast for two included per night stay. Check your June RUAEA Newsletter for more info.

Calendar:

July 6 - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394 . If your travels find you in San Diego, we would love to have you join us. I do need to obtain a head count for the cafe staffing so just send me an email.

September 29 - October 4 - Retiree Reunion (Convention) at the Dana Inn. We will be celebrating 48 years!

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Thirty-one Gold Diggers met for lunch at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville on the last day of May. It was great to see some folks who had not been able to attend for a while due to various reasons. There was **Else & Dennis Carr** who had been away for some time to look after grandchildren and other things. Rumor had it that they had moved to Las Vegas but they had only gone to Vegas for the Convention in 2017 but did not move there. It was also good to see **Laverne & Len Haubl** as well as **Sidnee & Jack McKinney**. The restaurant had some special lunch promotions and it appeared that everyone was pleased with their choices. Our server, Lexi was outstanding handling a bunch of seniors.

President **Jim Simon** provided some observations, courtesy of **Dave Garland**. You may not know this ... many inanimate things have a gender.

1. Ziploc bags are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
2. Copiers are Female, because once turned off ... it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
3. A Tire is Male, because it goes bald, and it's often over inflated.

4. A Hot Air Balloon is Male, because to get it to go anywhere you have to light a fire under it and of course, there's the hot air part.
5. Sponges are Female, because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.
6. A Web Page is Female, because it's always getting hit on.
7. A Subway is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick up people.
8. An Hourglass is Female, because over time the weight shifts to the bottom.
9. A Hammer is Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.
10. A Remote Control is Female, Ha! You thought it'd be male, didn't you? But consider this: It gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying!

After lunch, we had a short meeting. Since we recently observed Memorial Day and our group has lost three long time members within the last few months; Jim asked for few moments of silence to honor their memory ... **Sonda Sandstedt, Judie King and Ken Norton.**

Jim then thanked the **Bertacinis** for making the arrangement for the lunch.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the June lunch/meeting will be hosted by **Jim Simon** at the Wise Villa Winery in Lincoln on Wednesday, June 28th.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** said his records indicated that there were no anniversaries in the month of June. Ron also mentioned that the room booking for the Reunion in San Diego are doing quite well ... in fact the room commitment by RUAEA had to be increased and was approved. So if you are at all thinking of attending you should make you hotel reservation as soon as you can. If your plans change you can always cancel up to three days before the Reunion with no penalty.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** had copies of the current roster and passed them to the attendees. Robin also reported that we are still solvent and that our monthly raffles are bringing in some extra revenue.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Angie Dellinger**, said she had sent a card to the Norton family with the passing of Ken just a short while ago. The family will be having a memorial probably in early August. We will pass on any detail as they become available. There was a memorial for **Judie King** with several members attending at the Elks Club in Nevada City.

Historian **Francis Domaratus** passed around a book of pictures of the members and took pictures of those not in the book. Since taking on the position, Francis has acquired the books, etc. from **Stephanie Norton** who was the past Historian. Regional Director **Dave Garland** added his comments regarding the RUAEA Reunion this fall in San Diego, also emphasizing to make your hotel reservation soon as the room/nights are filling up.

There was only one birthday for May, **George Taylor** and even though he was the only one he still had to roll the dice to get his extra dollars.

Jim asked for any comments or information from the attendees. The only comment was from **Vicky Enriquez** asking if any had some passes as she and **George** are planning a trip to Japan to see a grandson and would like to take two of his siblings along.

Jim ended the meeting with a brief history lesson with the following ... 1889 - Big Ben rings out over the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London, England for the first time. 1962 - Adolph Eichmann, a Nazi SS officer was executed for extermination of the Jewish population under the direction of Adolph Hitler. 1977 - The Trans Alaska oil pipeline was completed.

We finished off the event with our monthly raffle which members donated nice items and the proceeds help our group's financial situation.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Today is Thursday, June 8th, and the San Joaquiners are meeting for our monthly luncheon in Oakdale. We usually have approximately 15 people attending. It's always fun to get together to have lunch and have a short meeting.

We always meet on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. If you have any questions about our Chapter, please contact our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you information about our group of friendly people. We would be happy to meet you.

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Now that the weather has permitted outdoor activities, members toured the Hakone Gardens early in May, which was a very nice day. Another outing in May saw members at the annual Safari Days at Kelly Park in San Jose. A great way to spend a few hours and getting some exercise walking around the Zoo. We also sat around at the café after our walk and enjoyed talking. Safari days are planned each month by the city of San Jose, free parking and entry between 0900-1000.

Our June meeting saw 20 members in attendance and again we were welcomed to use the indoor seating area. It was great to see so many people and everyone having a good time. Hopefully, now that the weather is not an issue, we can continue to have many members at our meetings. The food and service is great and friendship is even better. There was a surprise appearance by **Dave & Robin Garland** who received a warm welcome. They made a special trip so they could be with us.

Chuck is working on other outings for the summer, so consider participating. They are scheduled to be easy access, close by, free or a reasonable expense and places you typically haven't seen or been to in awhile. If you know of any places that the group may be interested in, let Chuck know.

Barbara Brown was the only birthday this month. Among others celebrating their anniversaries was our leader **Chuck Clayborn**.

Next month I will report on our long delayed picnic at Vasona Park.

See you at our next gathering on Monday, August 7th at the Bill of Fare beginning at 1000. Bring a joke, we can all use a good laugh!

SOLANO FLYERS



SOLANO FLYERS

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The Officers who attended this month's meeting are President **Larry Jackson** and Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard**. A total of 6 members were in attendance.

50/50 Drawing ~ \$1 / ticket, or \$6 for \$5. You keep one half and deposit the other separated tickets in the ticket roller. The 50/50 was won by **Lucy Perez**.

Larry Jackson celebrated his birthday this month.

Our next meeting will be on June 21 at Black Bear Diner in Suisun.

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DENVER

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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag; Don just celebrated his 78th birthday. The 2023 Reunion is all set up; register for the Reunion; come and enjoy.

Lew Mericle retired after 51 years with UAL; his retirement party was held on June 2nd.

50/50 winners: **Gene Sibley**, **Yumi Trujillo** (2x), **Michael Malesardi** and **Rich Conner**.

Please have prayers for **Walt Hansen** and **Jim Spate**.

Our next meeting will be held on July 6th at Ted's Place in Commerce City; come and enjoy the fellowship with fellow retirees and families. Hope to see you all there!

FLORIDA

THE CITRUS GROUPEERS

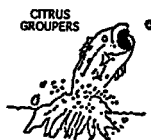
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

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Our D-Day luncheon was celebrated by 17 folks, who all stood for the Pledge and a reminder of the lives lost on the beaches of Normandy that day. We remember.

The Chapter found out quite by accident (right after the newsletter deadline) that we lost two members of our MCO retirees, suddenly and unexpectedly. FB United Departures reported that **George Hirsch**, MCOCS retiree, passed away on April 21, 2023. The article said, "*Loving husband to the late Susan Remler-Hirsch*". We reached out every which way and finally found out that Sue had passed away on March 8th. Please keep George and Sue in your prayers. RIP to the Hirsches.

This mystery brought up a discussion about knowing what to do and who to call in an emergency. Bravo to the Ohio Buckeyes for having a similar conversation at their last meeting!

Our Birthday folks for June included: **Rich Llewellyn** and **Peg Cannata** (11th), **Joanne Mollet** (13th), and our special Flag Day Baby, **Ernie Vosges** (14th)! Congrats to all!

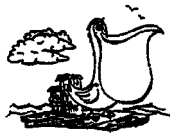
Wedding Anniversary cakes will be baked for **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, celebrating 42 years on June 5th and for **Barbara & Joe Fitak**, celebrating 62 years on June 24th ... Wow!

Our "Getting to Know You" guy this month is **Angel Montalvo**! Angel was born in Manhattan and joined the Marine Corp in 1958. From there, he moved to SFO and began his UAL career in 1966 at SFOCG. At the same time, he worked for the police department in Palo Alto! Whew! From SFO to SMF to SFO to MCO, where he retired at 62 years old. My notes mention Reno in 1970, but can't remember why?!

Our July luncheon will be held at Denny's on July 11th due to the 4th of July holiday! Happy Fireworks!

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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There is not much exciting things going on here in South West Florida. We had very small attendance as we go into the summer months.

We take the summer off and our next luncheon will be held on October 6 at our normal location, LYNQs.

Have a great summer.

Calendar:

October 6 – Luncheon

THE SAND DOLLARS

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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our June 5th meeting had 10 people in attendance. We opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There are no Birthdays or Anniversaries this month. We Congratulated Noemi on becoming a great-grandmother, a girl!

We discussed UAL news and cruise trips. We are a very social group.

Happy Father's Day to all!

We adjourned the meeting and food was served.

Calendar:

July 3 – IHOP - 10:30

August 7 – IHOP - 10:30

TREASURE COAST

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

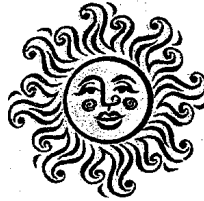
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Rick & Shirley Dempsey just returned from their three-week vacation in Vancouver and the beautiful State of Alaska. Now back to business, Rick and Joe are working on a luncheon later in June or after the July 4th holiday. Members will be notified when Rick and Joe decide on the location, date and time.

The Boise Gems wish all Fathers a very Happy Father's Day on June 18.

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July—Hot Summer! Another Holiday, the **big** one! The founding document was approved on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress, and announced the separation of 13 North American British colonies from Great Britain. On August 2, 1776, an 'engrossed' version was signed at the Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Not everybody signed it that day, but eventually 56 of them did. I'm not sure how true this is, but on July 3, Thomas Jefferson said to John Adams, 'Oh no, is that thing due tomorrow?' I read it on Facebook, it must be true! Do these three day holidays confuse you? Realizing we are retired, no set schedule for the most part, but the days

fly by so quickly, then they throw in an extra day with no banks, no mail delivery, no doctor appointment opportunities, grandchildren over to play with, (a good thing), just enough of a change that gets many confused. Then there are only four days left in the week before Saturday's activities. Sounds like I'm complaining, doesn't it? Sorry, I try to schedule my life, but something gets in the way. Almost like being 18 again, and having to re-evaluate my week!

July is named after Julius Caesar, it being his birth month. It's usually the warmest month of the year up here, but the coldest in the southern hemisphere. I always thought August was the warmest, but it is summer, either one. Fall is right around the corner. 'Dog Days' are considered to begin in early July up until September. The birthstone is the ruby, which symbolizes contentment. The birth flowers are the larkspur and the water lily. July is National Hot Dog and Ice Cream, Picnic, Blueberry and Watermelon Month, perfect month for all. It's also Unlucky Month for Weddings, now you tell me! Crazy Days of Summer include, Cherry Pit Spitting on the 1st, Compliment your Mirror on the 3rd, Independence Day on the 4th, in case you forgot, (protect your dog and cats ears from the fireworks), Chocolate Day on the 7th (not in the sun), it's also Father-Daughter take a Walk Day, isn't that nice?, Different colored Eyes on the 12th (Heterochromia), Embrace your Geekness and Oxymoron day is on the 13th, (kind of ironic), Bastille Day on the 14th - Remember Madame LaFarge and how she knitted while heads of royalty flew off the guillotine? Tapioca and Gummy Worm Day on the 15th, Daiquiri and Raspberry Cake Day on the 19th, Ice Cream Soda and Lollipop Days are on the 20th, Tequila and Amelia Earhart Day on the 24th, her birthday. Don't you wonder what ever happened to her and Fred Noonan on their way to Howland Island in 1939? I've read so many articles and seen so many TV shows speculating what occurred on that fateful day? It fascinates me, was it the instruments or map that were off, and then they ran out of gas? Were they shot down, taken to an island and died there? Another one of those Mysteries-of-Life that I'll have answered when I get to History Class 1, in Heaven. The Titanic and JFK will be de-mysteried that day too. Anyway, back to my Days, All or Nothing and Aunt and Uncle on the 26th, Take your Pants and Houseplants for a Walk on the 27th, (all together?) We end July with Mutt's, Avocado and Watermelon Day. Choose a few and enjoy!

The All-Star Game will be held on July 11 in SEA. Any guesses who will play? I hope a few from my Cubbies team.

I talked to a few of our friends recently, **Sophie Wajda**, who is now in Virginia, closer to family. She called to tell me her sister, **Annmarie Libreri**, from the Narrow body kitchen, passed away. Always sad to lose a sibling, your first friend. **George Schreiner**, manager of Stores (ORDJL), has moved to a suburb of Rockford, to be closer to his children. He asked if the Stores people get together for lunch anywhere in the area, he'd like to join you. Well, Store-people, do you break bread any time during the month? Let me know, or I'll give you his number and you can let him know; sounds like he misses his group. In May, **Deanna & Dick Hoppel** (ORDMM) celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations, may you have many more together! They also moved to get away from the 'big house' responsibility. Lots of moving going on. I just called **Marge Caliendo**, good news, she's alive and well, able to take nourishment. She was very happy to hear from a few of her co-workers, thanks folks! Sure, she's aching and having difficulties, but we all are, heck we're in the same boat, and it sprang a small leak. Persevere people, it could be worse!

The Northside breakfast met at the last breakfast at the old Rose Garden restaurant. Those attending were **Ginny Vlach, Charley Lewis, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, Elena & Cesar Guerra, Jerry Tipperreiter, Toni VanKampen** and **Jan Gawenda**. The June breakfast was canceled because the new Rose Garden was still being remodeled. July 13 is the next breakfast at 800 E. Higgins Road. Hope to have a good group.

Fourteen ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfield's, **Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Fred Seibert, LB Neal, Paul Skrudland, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki, Ron Geibel, Dick Hoppel, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich** and Me.

The ORDMM Foremen met at Elly's in Elk Grove. Present were **Stan Chmieliwicz, Tom Abraham, Glenn Hill, Sue & Bart Kendall, Bob Smietanski, Jackie Anderson** and Me.

The May IAM 1487 lunch was a Brown Bag and Bingo Afternoon, with 6 people. The July 6 meeting is a Pizza Day. You have to sign up before the meeting, choose your flavor and give \$5.00 to **Mary Alice Parker**. Her email address is 1487secretaryretirees@gmail.com, but you better hurry. It's also 'Christmas in July' day, please bring in non-perishable items to the meeting, or give a monetary donation for the less fortunate. **Dave Roderick** says, thank you for your generosity.

The RUPA lunch was held at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin with 59 people. First time luncheon attendees were **Norm Ballack Jr., Paul & Mecha Dow, Alex Hawkes, Mark Sancya, Joe Sherman, Adam Varrassi**, who was a guest of **Larry Sanford**. Others included **Jim Bono**, ORD Chief Pilot, **Bob Oliver**, from

American, guest of **Jack Mumaw, Carl Eberle, Mike & Diane Webb, Howard & Marj Nelson, Jim Highea, Wayne Wasluiak, Tom Wedel** and two **Dave Harris**'s. One used to drive Formula 2000 race cars for a hobby and the other owns and flies a British Tiger Moth biplane ... a classic. **Walt Fink** was the speaker telling of his adventures from 1962-66 when he was a 'Utilities Squadron One' pilot on Pearl Harbor. He would instigate pseudo-problems on battle ships and submarines, so the ships could try to correct the problems, in other words, he'd test battle problems or emergencies, something like UAL did at ORD before, seeing how we'd do in a crash or some mishap on the field. He flew all types of Navy airplanes. So, he was a trouble maker! Interesting to see what our Boys in Blue did before they flew our jets. The next luncheon is at Nick's in Crystal Lake, on July 11th.

Fellow employees that flew West last month are **Dru Donnelly-Carl, Rebecca Vitava, and Diane Wokurka**, ORDCS, **Sandra Wills**, EXOKF, **Annamarie Libreri**, ORDHN, **Duane Bucksath**, ORDFO, **Nickinche Robinson**, CHIRR Rate Desk, **Verne Smith**, EXO Passenger Refunds/VISA, **Kay O'Connell**, EXO Marketing/Legal/HR and **Martha Snell**, ORDMK.

Also gone from our world are actors, Jacklyn Zeman (General Hospital), Ray Stephenson (Thor), John Beasley (Rudy), Ed Ames (Daniel Boone, and Ames Brothers singer, best known for throwing a tomahawk in the groin of a wooden board outline of a cowboy on Carson's show), Barry Newman (Petrocelli), Pat Cooper (Fighting Back) and a comedian, singers, Rolf Harris (Tie me Kangaroo Down, Sport), Astrid Gilberto (The Girl from Ipanema), the one and only, Tina Turner (What's Love Got to do With it?) sports, Jim Brown, Hall of Fame CLE Browns, Vida Blue, three time World Series champion, Roger Craig, baseball player and manager, songwriter, Cynthia Weil (You've Lost that Lovin' Feeling).

Story time, are you ready? A month ago, I visited my Ear, Nose and Throat doctor, he cleaned the wax out of my ears. The left ear had more wax than the right, so he had to do some scraping and cleaning. There was a little blood, but I didn't cry. The next day, there was still pain, didn't want to be a baby, but thought of a possible infection. I called and talked to his assistant. I told her what was happening. She said, 'It's probably nothing, too early to tell if it's infected. Just keep an eye on the ear, and let's see what develops.' I giggled, she said, 'Why are you laughing?' I said, 'Well, keeping an eye on my ear might be a little difficult.' She raised her voice and said, 'I didn't mean it **literally**!' Whoa lady, get a little humor in your life, holy cow, having a bad day? I laughed more ... Next time I see the doctor, I'll mention it, he'll laugh, too. What a sourpuss.

You have every right to your opinion, and I have every right to ignore you.

Calendar:

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

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**July 6**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**July 11**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Rd, Crystal Lake, (**July 11**)

INDIANA



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Our most recent chapter meeting was attended by **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank Ingegno** and **Alan Miller**. Because of schedule conflicts, we were forced to cancel our May outing to the Indianapolis Indians Baseball game. Our next outing will be our annual picnic in September.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

➤ **June 13** at Emmy's

- **July 11** at Emmy's
- **August 8** at Emmy's

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

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May 19 was the date that seven former DTWRR employees got together at the Rusty Bucket for a great lunch. Attending were **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Patty Gates**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Mary Kay Edoff** and **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann**. It was great seeing old friends once again.

We are looking for anyone to host a future luncheon. Contact **Marlene Heaney** for particulars at mbheaney@hotmail.com.

Thought for the month: *"Show respect even to people who don't deserve it: not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours."* ~ Dave Willis

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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Nineteen of us gathered at the Golden Corral on June 6 to enjoy a great lunch and conversation. A few people are experiencing some health issues. We hope those are resolved very soon and you are back on your feet. The winners of the 50/50 were **Carol Lippencott** and **Sharon Farrell**; each received \$13.

The weather here where we are has been very dry and now it's very hot. We wish for rain but understand we should be careful what we wish for since so many of you have had a lot more rain than you wanted.

Our next meeting will be a week later than usual due to the holiday. We will meet July 11, again at the Golden Corral at 11:30 am.

Take care everyone!

NEVADA

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

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



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 8 members at our May 8 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. **Larry & Barbara Leusing** missed our April meeting; they traveled to India and on to Bhutan. In Bhutan, they visited a very famous monastery. Barbara talked about the beautiful interiors of the temples they visited. Picture taking was not allowed.

Two of our members have experienced accidents recently that required hospitalizations. **Larry Reid** fell and broke his hip and **Linda Borchers** fell very badly and needed neck and back surgery. Both are doing better and have started on their personal journey of physical therapy. Everyone in attendance today signed the get well cards Pat brought in.

The lone May birthday is being celebrated by **Bonnie Royle**. The 50/50 winner was **Lynda Klemm**. Cookies in honor of Mother's Day were enjoyed by all. John and I will travel to Puerto Vallarta next week for our annual Mexican vacation. Time for some serious sun! We hope winter will be over by the time we get back.

Our next meeting will be on June 12 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Our meeting was opened as usual by a flag salute led by our President **Frank Warzocha**. Fortunately, there were no passings last month; however, we did learn that **Vince Ferry**, a longtime member of the Garden Staters has gone into assisted living; we all hope the best for him.

There were plenty of discussions around the table about UAL and its growth; the number of passengers that are flying are unbelievable. I wonder who carries more in a day, the New York subway system or United Airlines. Still there are over 400 trips a day out of Newark. Would any of us recognize the airline anymore?

The 50/50 was won by **Bill McCay**, commonly known as "good guy Bill".

Our next meeting will be on June 28 at the Stagecoach Restaurant in Scotch Plains, at 12 PM, and I dearly hope to see all of you there. There's nothing better than spending time with old friends.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains."*

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We started our lunch with the Pledge to Allegiance lead by **Ed Pozzi**. He announced that on August 2 we would be having our "Indoor Picnic" at the Davenport Press.

Our 50/50 winners were **Bobbie Lee**, **Robert Cardenas** and **Ed Pozzi**.

Celebrating June birthdays are **LeeAnn Ricci**, **Alice Brennan**, and **Harold Koch**.

Happy Anniversary to **Maureen & Len Pascale**, **Julie & Vic Carnevale**, **Bernadette & William Halagarda**, and **Alice & Desmond Brennan**.

As I'm writing this report, our sky is now brownish from the wild fires in Canada. We now know what the West Coast has gone thru.

See you July 5 at Davenport Press.

OHIO

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On June 7th, we had our luncheon at one of our favorite places, Diamond Event Center in Brunswick. The food was great, and so was the service, and we had discussed a couple important issues which we will be adjusting too.

We wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

Remember all the wars that we fought to make this Our United States of America.

May God Bless everyone and keep our U.S. Safe.

Calendar:

Our calendar is full for the rest of 2023. We'll be working on 2024.

July 5 – Shale Creek Golf Club

August 2 – Picnic at The Chalet in MetroParks

September 6 – Creekside Restaurant

October 4 – Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge

November 1 – Shale Creek Golf Club

December 6 – Diamond Event Center

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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I did not make it to our May meeting/luncheon but heard that, once again, the food was great and the conversations wonderful. I hope more can join us soon.

It is with deep, deep sadness that I report the death of **Kathy Russell**, wife of **Paul Russell**. After a life-long battle with cystic fibrosis, **Kathryn (Kathy) Russell** died on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Mt. Hood Medical Center. She was 79 years old and one of the oldest people in the US with CF. She will be remembered for her friendly personality and happy smile. A memorial service will be held at a later time, TBA. Cards can be sent to her husband, **Paul Russell**, at: 4646 NE Division St., Gresham, OR 97030-4628. She definitely was a very special lady and will be missed by many, especially Paul. Rest in Peace Dear Kathy

No more news for this month so enjoy a bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ A new study shows that buying supplies for a hobby prolongs your life ... looks like I'm going to be immortal!
- ☺ A day without reading is like ... Just kidding. I have no idea.
- ☺ A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"
- ☺ Sorry that I haven't gotten much done today. I spent most of it in the Produce Department trying to open the stupid plastic bag.
- ☺ I envy people that grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk. Getting sour and chunky.
- ☺ Everyone needs a friend who they probably should not be allowed to sit next to at a serious function.
- ☺ (Now for a pun. Sorry in advance!) My sister wanted to marry a postman but our parents didn't letter.
- ☺ Being an adult is so weird. I'm just unsupervised all the time. Very unsafe.
- ☺ I haven't really lost my mind ... half of it just wandered off, and the other half went looking for it.
- ☺ Started to go to the gym this morning. Couldn't find my membership card. A new one is \$10. A donut and coffee were \$3. Guess who saved \$7!
- ☺ It's better to grow old with a sense of humor than to grow old with no sense at all.
- ☺ Dear naps, I'm sorry I was a jerk to you as a kid.
- ☺ Do UK websites use biscuits instead of cookies?
- ☺ Finally! My winter fat is gone ... now I have spring rolls.
- ☺ I love talking to myself. She gets me.
- ☺ Sometimes my brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then it's never found, again.
- ☺ In ancient times, cats were worshipped as Gods. They have not forgotten.
- ☺ For the younger generation that might be reading this. If you think you are smarter than our generation ... 50 years ago the owner's manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery. Just sayin'
- ☺ Why buy it for \$7 when you can make it yourself with \$92 of craft supplies.
- ☺ Sometimes, I forget how to spell a word so I change the whole sentence to avoid using it.
- ☺ A new study links drinking more coffee to a longer lifespan. Awesome. Another way I'm going to be immortal.
- ☺ I need another timeout. Send me to the beach and don't let me come back until my attitude changes. 🤔
- ☺ There is nothing like a little tomato soup to soothe the soul. Especially if it's cold. Over ice. With a celery stalk. And vodka.
- ☺ I saw 6/6/66, 7/7/77, 8/8/88, 9/9/99, 10/10/10, 11/11/11, 12/12/12, and 2/2/22 ... boy I'm old!
- ☺ Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
- ☺ If at first you don't succeed, try drinking a glass of wine. You'll be amazed at how much less you care.
- ☺ I buy so many things online that they have proposed building a conveyor belt straight from their factory to my front door.
- ☺ It doesn't matter if I'm short or tall, if I have skinny legs or my hips are wide. It only matters who I am

inside. Blue eyes, brown eyes, black or green ... what makes me beautiful cannot be seen. When you look at me don't judge me by my parts. The more beautiful thing about me is my heart.

- ☺ I have deduced that life is just a series of obstacles preventing you from reading your book.
- ☺ Out of all my body parts, my eyeballs are in the best shape, because I roll them like 342 times a day.
- ☺ Hard to believe that I once had a phone attached to a wall. When it rang, I had to go into the room and pick up the receiver without knowing who was calling. Amazing I'm still alive.
- ☺ Remember when you used to sneak out of the house to go to parties? Now I'm sneaking out of parties to go home!
- ☺ (Another!) I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.
- ☺ Cleaning the house with everyone home is like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos.
- ☺ Best Bumper Sticker ever, seen on a senior's car: "I am speeding because I have to get there before I forget where I am going!"

Calendar:

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

July 13 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

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Hi from Philly,

Our luncheon on June 12th is after the deadline to the July Newsletter so we will report on this next month.

We have a list of Birthdays for the following months:

July ~ William Carroll, Edward Hesley, Adele Sherman, and Burt Zastera.

August ~ Everett Bell, Marge Egges, Joe Proletto, Jim Rupert, Joe Rose, Dave Voit, and Karen Paraninfo.

Unfortunately, we're sending news of the passing of **Dee Burrs** (former Stewardess, Sales Person, and Customer Service agent in Philadelphia) and **Clement Thompson** who also worked in Philadelphia as a Lead Ramp Technician for over 35 years. They will be sadly missed.

This will be our last meeting until October. Here's hoping that all our friends at UAL Retirees will have a good and safe summer.

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

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual picnic on July 25th at 12 Noon. We will again gather at the lakeside home of **Kathi Skarbo**, who graciously has allowed us once again to enjoy her gorgeous backyard on Lake Burien. Her address is 1611 SW 152nd Street, Burien, WA. Please park on 152nd St. where we will have signs with the UA logo. There are only a few spots in her driveway for those with wheelchairs. The cost will be \$10 per person payable at the picnic.

In order to be sure we have the correct amount of picnic food, please RSVP no later than July 18th to Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** at (360) 459-8048. Please leave your name, phone number and how many in your party on her answering machine. Bonnie is quite busy at the moment as husband **Fred Frey** recently broke his arm in 3 places while on their family vacation. Fred is anxious to get back on the golf course, driving his new golf cart. It will be good to see Fred & Bonnie at the picnic.

P.S. Please bring your own beverage if you desire something other than lemonade or water.



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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I was not at the May luncheon but I was told that it was fun and different. Where we usually sit, was set up for a group of 200 children and we were seated on the opposite side of the restaurant. All reports are that they were well behaved. No child was seen at the salad bar but the children could be found lined up three deep at the dessert bar.

The meeting was well attended; members are really looking forward to our June end-of-the-year party. For the second year in a row, it will be held at the Bungalow Lakehouse in Sterling, VA. The food will be served as a buffet with options that will make everyone happy. The venue is lovely and the staff is wonderful. This will be our last gathering until September. I hope I will have many vacations to tell you about then.

Dutch Schneider was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. He then gave it back to the chapter. Thank you, Dutch.

The Dulles Loungers meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month except July and August. We will meet again, fresh from our travels and adventures, in September. If you would like to join us, you are very welcome. We meet at 11:30 at the Golden Corral in Manassas.

The sad news from our IADSW Domicile is the death of our flying partner **Jean Dodge King**. Condolences can be sent to her husband **Kirt** at 44860 Audubon Square #419 in Ashburn, VA.

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The first day of summer is Wednesday, June 21. This is also known as the Summer Solstice and it is the longest day of the year. It is called this because we will have the longest period of daylight and the shortest night of the year. This occurs twice yearly, once in each of the two hemispheres. For centuries, this has been a time of celebrations and festivals all around the world. Wherever your journeys this summer season may take you, plan your trip carefully, pack lightly and take the time to bask in the warmth and light of the sun.

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- Retiree – **Gerstel, Gabriel J.**, on DOD not known, SFOOV, husband of Adella Gerstel (deceased), 1817 Castro Dr., San Jose, CA95130
- Retiree – **Librerie, Annamarie T.**, on 5/25/2023, ORDHN, 2310 W Berteau Ave., Chicago, IL 60618. No additional information concerning the deceased.
- Retiree – **Norton, Ken W.**, on 5/8/2023, SJCOC, husband of Stephanie Norton, 17518 Long Branch Ct., Penn Valley, CA 95946
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- Retiree – **Walczak, Virginia “Ginny”**, on 1/11/2023, WHQAX, loving sister of Shirley (Dick) Wolfe, 14719 Hollow Tree Road, Orlando Park, IL 60482
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Letters & Notes



Hi Members,

I'm the person who edits the letters/notes you send for the Newsletter. Your letters 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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O'Brien, Don O'Malley, Hertha Orszula, Robert Rominski, Herbert Rosskamp, Harvey Samson, and Joan Spilotro.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Robert Aherns, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

I will be 99 years old this year in July. I worked for United from 1946-1982 and retired at the age of 60. I still enjoy the sunrises over the Eastern Hills and the sunset over the Pacific Ocean.

Shirley Elrod, 125 Harper St., Louisville, CO 80027

To all of the hard working people who get the RUAEA Newsletter out to all of us retirees, a great **big** "Thank you"!

It has been a while since I have been able to travel, and was not that familiar with how to navigate all the changes that have been made to the Flying Together website. Thanks to several back issues of the Newsletter (I keep every issue), I was able to get a flight booked using the myUALdiscount program.

I keep hoping to get to a Denver Mile Highers meeting soon and meet some of you good people that keep the Newsletter and RUAEA going.

Thank you! You are all very much appreciated.

Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

At 96, I have an observation: I truly miss the 45 years of daily challenges at SFOSH and yes, even the camaraderie of the 20 mile commute with a car full of fellow carpoolers from Palo Alto, CA.

It all started June 5, 1944 on my 17th birthday, with me driving my 1932 Studebaker, being hired and then starting on Pat's fleet of the DC 3's.

There was an interruption of 1½ years with the Army Air Corps in Germany, but that was only part of the whole adventure.

It ended on my 62 birthday.

Best wishes to all, including all our wonderful volunteers.

Deborah Runyeon, 122 Fulton St., Redwood City, CA 94062

I would like to pass along the following:

1. In a recent issue, there was an article about the work that goes into the newsletter. I was quite impressed and appreciate those who put all that time into it!
2. I have been a member of RUAEA for many years but always skimmed the newsletter, mostly for names of people I might know. Then my husband (who never worked for United) started reading the articles and would reference some of them. After that, I started reading the newsletter more thoroughly and have to say that several of you are great writers and offer quite interesting articles.
3. Finally, I have a suggestion/request: I would like to know in what department people worked when their names are mentioned in the chapter reports. For instance, "Betty Boop, SW". I have been retired since 1999 and sometimes wonder if it is that "Betty Boop" I knew or someone else. As a retired Flight Attendant, I would be more inclined to attend a meeting if I knew that others with whom I have more in common are part of the group.

Also, I read that chapter memberships are declining; this maybe would spark more interest.

Notes

Gerri Adams

Reconnecting With Friends ~ As you remember back over your career with United or with Continental airlines you will probably recall some bosses that you worked for who were just great and you would go above and beyond for these special people. I consider myself very fortunate as I have worked for several incredible people.

One of these individuals is a person I worked for in the early 70's. I had begun my career with United in the Cleveland Reservations office. Then my husband and I made the decision to move south and get out of the snow. We wanted to live where we could enjoy the nice weather, beaches and sunshine.

I accepted a job in the MIAOZ Station Operation office working as the station secretary. Much to my dismay, I was only there for a few months when the station manager announced that he was going to retire and that United was reorganizing and we were now going to be MIASZ – Sales and Station Operations. A new person would be coming in and change was about to happen.

Named to the position of Sales and Station Manager was a gentleman by the name of **Michael K. Smith**. He was a young, up and coming player who had spent time at EXO and if my memory is correct, spent some time in the Dayton sales office. Prior to becoming the MIASZ Manager; he worked in the Miami Sales office where he was responsible for not only Miami sales but also all of Latin America Sales.

After combining sales and station operations I was one of the secretaries in the office and worked closely with Michael on the station operations side. During my time working for and with Michael, he permitted me to learn and to get as involved in the business as I desired. He had an incredible amount of trust in me and permitted me to handle the entire budget for the station, our monthly reporting to the region, assisted with hiring when we established a United Airlines ramp and represented him to our regional director when questions arose regarding our spending or profitability. He was always there behind me but he trusted me enough to allow me to represent him to the regional office on specific issues.

Then in 1979, I moved on from the Miami office and Michael and I really were not often in contact. United reorganized the sales organization again and eventually closed the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach sales offices; Michael elected to take a furlough from United, moved to Indianapolis and opened his own travel agency, which I am confident he was very successful at.

Our paths never really crossed again until one day after I retired, I said that I wanted to contact him and thank him for all of the opportunities he provided to me and to tell him how that experience paid many dividends in my career. So, I took to the internet and tried several addresses that I found for him and after many attempts and returned letters I finally found him and we reconnected in 2020. We spoke a few times, exchanged pictures, caught up on our families and said we should get together sometime in the future especially since one of his sons and family was moving to my general area.

Well life happens, I got busy, Michael and his wife had new twin grandsons and time once more got away from me. So, the other day I sent him a message catching up again. But for some reason I started to search the internet again regarding Michael and much to my dismay and surprise, **Michael K. Smith** had passed away on October 27, 2021, leaving a very large void in the lives of his family members.

I am so very grateful that I pursued finding him and catching up when we did. We know that no one is perfect, but Michael was a great boss, an excellent mentor, and a good friend. He had sent me pictures of his 5 beautiful grown children and his two newest grandsons. He was so proud of them all.

So, the reason for my writing this article is really to say that if there is someone in your life or career that you need to thank for whatever the reason – do it. Don't delay. We do not know what tomorrow brings and it is so easy to say I'll do it tomorrow. Don't fall into that trap. Do it now before it's too late. They would love to hear from you

Clerman Carr

I worked at several locations: SFO, EUG, DEN, EXO and WHQ.

Judith Dowel

OMG! Another milestone - 20yrs of retirement this month, I am in total disbelief.

I, like everyone else, miss my co-workers camaraderie and exciting travel experience, however, I am downright elated to actually enjoy a snow day; kicking back in front of the fireplace, having adult beverage, watching TV news report on chaos at the airport, usually skiers complaining about snow while trying to reach the peak destinations, LOL

Thanks for the memories and lifelong friendships and to RUAEA for connecting the dots.

Richard Diez

I worked at several locations: SFO, EUG, DEN, EXO and WHQ.

Ann E. Medve

I'm 85 now! My UA friend of 65 years (we met at stewardess school in Cheyenne 1958) retired from UA and Princess Cruises. We've been exploring the world on Princess cruises for many years and of course have the wonderful benefit of UA getting us to the ports of embark and disembarkation points gratis. I've been a widow for nearly seven years and am so very grateful for the beautiful 15 years Dick and I had together. Hawaii, the Big Island, is home now. It's been 21 years since leaving San Diego. Now and then I return to visit friends and family. I am truly blessed with my United family; 35 years on the job and retired 30 years. Oh my!

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The Acorn Days - Amazing History of US Aviation - Part 4

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(Continued from last Month)

The Engineering Group rented a small shop in Hollywood and built the Northrop designed Lockheed Vega. It was sensational with its clean lines and high performance. In May 1927, Lindberg flew to Paris and triggered a bedlam where everyone was trying to fly everywhere. Before the first Vega was built, William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the Hearst newspaper chain, bought it and entered it in the "Dole Race" from the Mainland to Honolulu, which was scheduled for 12 August 1927. In June 1927, my brother Gordon left the Douglas Company to become Jack Northrop's assistant at Lockheed. He also managed to get himself hired as the navigator on the "Golden Eagle", the name chosen by Mr. Hearst for the Vega which hopefully would be the first airplane to span the Pacific. The race was a disaster! Ten lives were lost. The Golden Eagle and its crew, including my brother, vanished off the face of the earth. With its only airplane lost under mysterious circumstances, a black cloud hung heavily over the little shop in Hollywood. However, Captain George H. Wilkins, later to become Sir Hubert Wilkins, took the Number Two airplane and made a successful polar flight from Nome, Alaska to Spitzbergen, Norway. After that a string of successful flights were to put the name of Lockheed very much in the forefront of aviation. At Lockheed, Jack Northrop replaced the lost Gordon Scott with Jerry Vultee. In 1928, Jack quit the Lockheed Company to start a new company in Glendale called Avion. Jerry Vultee then moved up to become Chief Engineer at Lockheed. He hired Dick van Hake from the Douglas Company to be his assistant. A young man named Cliff Garrett joined the Lockheed Company as the driver of their pick-up truck. I went to work at Lockheed shortly after the Golden Eagle was lost. I became the 26th Lockheed employee. The Vegas were made almost entirely of wood and I became a "half-assed carpenter", generally known as a "Wood Butcher".

In 1929, Jerry Vultee quit the Lockheed Company to start the Airplane Development Company, which became the Vultee Aircraft Company, a division of E.L. Cord, the automobile manufacturer. He later merged with Reuben Fleets Consolidated Aircraft Company to become Convair. When Vultee left Lockheed, Dick van Hake became the Chief Engineer.

In the meantime, Glenn Martin closed his Cleveland plant and moved to Baltimore. His production man, Larry Bell, moved to Buffalo to found the Bell Aircraft Company, Carl Squier left Martin to tie in with the Detroit Aircraft Company which had acquired the Lockheed Aircraft Company and seven others. They hoped to become the "General Motors of the aircraft business"! They appointed Carl Squier as General Manager of the Lockheed plant, which moved to Burbank in 1928.

At this time, General Motors had acquired North American Aviation, which consisted of several aircraft companies in the East. Ernie Breech, formerly with Bendix but now with General Motors, hired Dutch Kindelberger away from Douglas to head up the aircraft manufacturing units. Dutch took Lee Atwood and Stan Smithson with him. The companies involved were Fokker Aircraft, Pitcairn Aviation (later Eastern Airlines), Sperry Gyroscope and Berliner-Joyce. Kindelberger merged Fokker and Berliner-Joyce into a single company and moved the entire operation to Inglewood, California.

Thus, "a handful of young men" played roles which profoundly affected all of our lives and the lives of millions of other Americans. They changed Southern California from a wasteland with a few orange groves, apricot and avocado orchards and the celluloid industry of Hollywood to a highly sophisticated industrial complex with millions of prosperous inhabitants. This technological explosion had some very humble and human beginnings. The "ACORNS" took root in some strange places: A Church, a Cannery, a Barbershop, but from them mighty "OAKS" have indeed come to fruition. ■

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