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## GENERAL NEWS

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### Are You Prepared for an Estate Tax Sunset?

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The federal estate tax threshold rose to \$25.84 million in 2023 for married couples and \$12.92 million for individuals, as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Like several TCJA provisions, the higher estate tax limit is due to sunset in 2025. Barring congressional action, the exemption amount will return to about \$6.8 million, adjusted for inflation, in 2026. Similarly, the current 40% maximum gift and estate tax rate will increase to 45% (Source: USBank.com, 2023).

For high-net worth individuals, this could influence wealth transfer strategies. Although this sunset is coming, the good news is that it's still a few years away.

And there's more good news: Your financial consultants at Alliant Retirement and Investment Services (ARIS) can help you with your estate strategy, regardless of whether Congress decides to maintain the current threshold. Now may be an excellent time to get together and start thinking about your post-2025 strategy. It was good seeing you at the RUAEA convention this year and I look forward to continuing our conversations.

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### United Raises Airline Miles for Special Olympics During National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month October 5, 2023



United is raising airline miles for Special Olympics during National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month to help athletes fly to trainings and competitions across the country and around the world.

During October, the airline's industry-leading crowd-sourcing program, Miles on a Mission, will spotlight Special Olympics and encourage loyalty program members to donate unused miles for a charitable cause. Last year, Special Olympics athletes participated in over 100,000 games, trainings and competitions.

United's long-standing partnership with Special Olympics extends beyond raising miles – the airline also sponsors Special Olympics Plane Pull® competition, local volunteer events and Special Olympics World Games. In 2019, United launched the Special Olympics Service Ambassador (SOSA) Program, where Special Olympics athletes work in airports as part-time employees, welcoming United customers and helping them find check-in kiosks, where to drop bags and how to find TSA PreCheck lines. There are currently 18 SOSAs working at United's hubs in Chicago, Houston, Denver and Washington, D.C.

*"At United, we strive to create an environment where acceptance and appreciation of everyone is the norm,"* said Helon Hammond, VP of Global Learning, People & Community Impact for United. *"We're proud to partner with Special Olympics not only to raise miles to support athletes and teams in competition, but through volunteer events and our SOSA program to empower all individuals with intellectual disabilities."*

Donated miles help support Special Olympics' travel across the globe. Since 2017, United has contributed more than \$8.5 million in travel and cash to support Special Olympics' athletes. These events foster inclusive and engaging experiences and break down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities.

*"The travel we receive through our partnership with United has allowed hundreds of athletes, coaches, and volunteers to fly to trainings and competitions around the world,"* said Mary Davis, CEO, Special Olympics. *"All athletes deserve to experience the power and joy that sports can*



bring. Together with United's partnership, we're uniquely able to introduce these experiences to more of our athletes through travel."

"I joined the United Airlines team as a Service Ambassador at the beginning of the program and I love how it lets me use my gift of communication to help others," said ORD Service Ambassador Daniel Smrokowski. "I'm proud to see how Special Olympics and United work together to provide inclusive opportunities of employment for athletes."

United has been a Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion for eight years in a row and has consistently earned a top score on the Disability Equality Index.

Some of the airline's more recent measures to improve accessibility include:

- Plans to improve the travel experience for customers who use a wheelchair, including a new digital filter on [United.com](https://www.united.com) that helps determine which aircraft can accommodate different sized chairs, and refunding the fare difference if a higher-fare flight is needed to accommodate a specific wheelchair size.
- In July, United became the first U.S. airline to add Braille to aircraft interiors, helping millions of travelers with visual disabilities to more easily navigate the cabin independently. United expects to outfit its entire mainline fleet with Braille by the end of 2026.
- The United mobile app was recently redesigned to make it easier for people with visual disabilities to use. The app offers increased color contrast, more space between graphics and reorders how information is displayed and announced to better integrate with the screen reader technologies like VoiceOver and TalkBack.
- United's Inflight Seatback Entertainment screens offer a wide range of accessible features such as closed captioning, text-to-speech controls, magnification, explore-by-touch capabilities, audio-described movies, and adjustable and high-contrast text and color correction. As part of United Next, the airline's historic growth plan, the carrier expects to take delivery of about 700 new narrow and wide-body aircraft by the end of 2032, all of which will include the latest in seatback screen entertainment options.
- Through Bridge, United's Business Resource Group for people of all abilities, employees help create a workplace environment where all can strive to achieve their maximum potential and support our commitment to being an ally for customers with disabilities.

Visit [united.com/donate](https://www.united.com/donate) today to learn more about how you can donate miles to Special Olympics and become a MileagePlus® Member for free.



## **United Orders 110 New Aircraft with Deliveries Starting in 2028 October 3, 2023**



United Airlines today announced orders for 110 more aircraft for delivery beginning in 2028, building on the early success of United Next and adding additional flexibility for its long-term fleet.

United converted previous options and purchase rights into firm orders for 50 Boeing 787-9s for delivery between 2028 through 2031, as well as 60 Airbus A321neos for delivery between 2028 and 2030. The company also secured new options for up to 50 more Boeing 787s and purchase rights for an additional 40 A321neo aircraft at the end of the decade.

"We're building a bright future at United and this order takes our already successful United Next plan into the next decade and beyond," said United CEO Scott Kirby. "Our planning and focus on the long term have helped us surge past other airlines that stood still. I'm convinced our strategy is the right one as we continue to add new, larger aircraft to take full advantage of our growing flying opportunities both internationally and domestically."

United expects to take delivery of about 800 new narrowbody and widebody aircraft between 2023 and the end of 2032.

**Larger Aircraft to More Places** ~ A key component of the United Next plan is growth in gauge, essentially flying larger planes with more available seats on the same route. Given that United currently operates out of the largest markets in the country - Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Newark/NYC, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. - upgauging also boosts overall connectivity domestically and internationally.

In 2019, United averaged 104 seats per North American departure, among the lowest in the industry. By 2027, United expects that number to jump more than 40% to over 145. United now has 180 A321neo and over 370 737 MAX aircraft on firm order through 2030, a combination that will drive the average seats per departure even higher on these larger aircraft, with even lower anticipated per-seat costs.

**Fleet Flexibility** ~ United's latest aircraft order starts at the end of the decade and can be used for fleet growth or replacement, depending on the demand and the economic climate at the time. And from a widebody perspective, the 50 incremental 787-9s that United ordered today will allow the airline to further simplify its international fleet – another benefit to customers and employees as well as an area of cost savings.

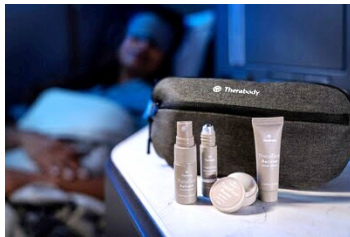
United is already the largest carrier across the Atlantic and Pacific. The airline now has 150 Boeing 787s on firm order – more than any airline in the world.

**New Customer Amenities and Lower Carbon Emissions** ~ The new aircraft in today's order will have the same customer amenities, technological innovations and fuel effi-

ciency benefits as previous United Next narrowbody and widebody orders. For narrowbodies, these include seatback screens in every seat, enough overhead room for everyone's carry-on, Bluetooth connectivity, and fast Wi-Fi. And each new widebody features United Polaris® business class, where customers get their own pod with a lie-flat seats and 16-inch seatback screens. The airline recently announced new business class amenity products and services from Therabody and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Plus, these new aircraft will continue to reduce United's per-seat carbon emissions compared to the older models they replace, in line with the airline's expectation to be net zero by 2050 by reducing GHG emissions 100% without relying on traditional carbon offsets. According to Boeing, the 787 Dreamliner contributes up to a 25% improvement in fuel efficiency and lower carbon emissions per seat compared with the airplanes it replaces and according to Airbus, the A321neo brings a 50% noise reduction and more than 20% fuel savings and CO2 reduction compared to previous generation single-aisle aircraft.

### **United Upgrades Customer Experience with New Amenities from Therabody and Saks Fifth Avenue** **October 3, 2023**



United today announced the largest upgrade to its United Polaris international business class experience in seven years, debuting new in-airport and onboard amenities from Therabody® and Saks Fifth Avenue that are designed to give customers “the best sleep in the sky.”

According to a recent survey, 83% of international travelers say catching up on sleep is important on a flight, and 61% book flights with sleep in mind. Many international travelers say that getting good sleep is more important than most aspects of the inflight experience; 66% say sleep on a flight is more important than having access to Wi-Fi, 74% say it's more important than bingeing their favorite shows and 61% say it's more important than the beverage service.

The new Therabody offerings include an onboard amenity kit that features an eye serum, face spray, hand cream and cleansing towelette exclusive to United customers, as well as access to the award-winning Therabody devices like the Lounger, Theragun and RecoveryAir JetBoots in United Polaris lounges and inflight wellness videos on the airline's Inflight Entertainment screens. And the new Saks Fifth Avenue bedding includes select items that are made with recycled plastic, aligned with United's commitment to reducing its environmental impact, and feature a new limited-edition day blanket from fashion designer Claude Kamen, who was named as one of the most influential Black designer to watch in 2023.

United is adding these new amenities as demand for international travel surges and the carrier continues to expand its role as the largest airline across both the Atlantic and Pacific. So far this year, the airline's international book-

ings are up 20% overall compared to 2022 and customers are booking premium cabin seats – United Polaris and United Premium Plus® – 30% more than last year.

*“International travel is booming and our customers have direct access to more places around the globe than any other airline – with these new amenities, now they'll also have the best experience flying there,”* said Andrew Nocella, United Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer. *“We know amenities can really elevate the overall flying experience and are confident United Polaris flyers will love the new wellness-focused offerings created with our best-in-class partners Therabody and Saks Fifth Avenue and increased focus on sourcing recycled materials.”*

#### **Therabody Products Help Passengers Arrive Refreshed**

~ United's Therabody collaboration includes wellness products across the entire travel experience – in United Polaris lounges, onboard United Polaris business class and online for United MileagePlus® members to earn miles on purchases. Onboard, customers can experience a new amenity kit that features exclusive TheraFace skincare products that are designed to help passengers feel refreshed upon landing. Tucked inside a reusable belt bag made with recycled plastic, customers will find:

- *TheraFace eye serum:* United is the only U.S. airline that offers an eye serum in its amenity kit. Crafted with ingredients like niacinamide, caffeine, hyaluronic acid, Vitamin B5 and allantoin, the serum helps reduce puffiness, enhance hydration, soothe the delicate eye area and improve the skin's barrier function.
- *TheraFace face spray:* Formulated to help soothe, hydrate and protect the skin, this spray features hyaluronic acid, Vitamin B5, calendula flower extract, aloe leaf juice and glycerin.
- *TheraFace cleansing towelette:* Wipe-off the travel day without drying the skin thanks to ingredients like Vitamin B5 and E, calendula flower extract, aloe leaf juice and glycerin.
- *TheraFace hand cream:* Avoid dreaded dry hands thanks to ingredients like niacinamide, shea butter, hyaluronic acid, sweet almond oil and Vitamin B5. Both the hand cream and face spray are available in the onboard lavatories as well.
- *The must-haves:* The kit also includes go-to amenities for arriving refreshed, including a bamboo toothbrush, toothpaste, eye mask, ear plugs, socks and a pen.

Customers can also access free wellness videos onboard from Therabody's team of experts. The videos are tailored for passengers looking to incorporate simple, effective wellness practices into their trip, like movement, breathwork and guided meditations that support relaxation and sleep.

At the airport, Therabody's Reset Suites are scheduled to open this fall at all United Polaris lounges, starting with New York/Newark and San Francisco lounges late October and followed-by Chicago O'Hare, Houston Intercontinental, Los Angeles and Washington Dulles. It is anticipated that every lounge will offer at least one semi-private room each outfitted with Therabody wellness technology, including one

Therabody Lounger, which combines sound and vibration therapy for full body relaxation. Additional amenities available through lounge valets include the Theragun and RecoveryAir JetBoots to support circulation, lymphatic drainage and muscle recovery and aid in decreased swelling and stiffness, plus SmartGoggles to help customers feel more relaxed. The TheraFace skin and body care products are also available in the United Polaris lounge restrooms and showers. And for travelers who want to take the Therabody experience home, MileagePlus members can now earn up to six MileagePlus miles per dollar spent on Therabody purchases online at [www.united.com/therabody](http://www.united.com/therabody). This offer is available for MileagePlus members in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and select locations in Europe. (Offer varies by country and terms apply, see full terms and conditions at [www.united.com/therabody](http://www.united.com/therabody).)

**Refreshed Bedding by Saks Fifth Avenue Offers Comfort and Style** ~ Passengers can now enjoy the signature United Polaris lie-flat seats under refreshed Saks Fifth Avenue bedding that features a modern design and select items made with recycled plastic.

- Large pillow and duvet ... and an extra cool gel pillow – United Polaris is the only U.S. business class cabin that provides two pillows per person and the only airline to offer a cool gel pillow.
- Limited-edition day blanket – Featuring a pattern by fashion designer Claude Kameni and made from 100% recycled plastic, the day blanket offers additional warmth and comfort. Kameni is a self-taught, Cameroon-native designer who won a competition to design the new United Airlines x Saks Fifth Avenue day blanket, as part of Saks' designer accelerator program, The New Wave. The design reflects Claude's sharp eye for patterns and colors and Saks' fashion-forward point of view, in addition to the modern United brand experience. The limited-edition blanket will be available through early 2024.

**Elevated Food & Beverage** ~ United is in the midst of an ongoing journey to elevate the Polaris food and beverage offerings onboard. So far this year, United added more than 20 new wine, beer and liquor brands to its menu, including award-winning brands like Whispering Angel, Groth, Caymus Mer Soleil and Tito's, and will introduce additional brands later this year including JUSTIN Justification and Bell's. United also brought back customer favorites like the ice cream sundae cart in February, added an appetizer service and introduced nearly 100 new menu items across all cabins and routes. Customers can also see onboard menus in advance of their flight via the United app and website and pre-order their meal of choice.



## **United Launches Industry-leading Program to Provide Active-duty U.S. Military Pilots Conditional Job Offers September 28, 2023**



United today announced the launch of the United Military Pilot Program, an industry-leading program giving full-time, active-duty U.S. military pilots access to conditional job offers as a First Officer with the airline.

The program is unique in that it provides a secure landing place for program participants while they complete their service to the nation and work toward meeting all United hiring requirements.

Under the terms of the new program, successful candidates must first take part in an interview and then complete all required flight training and certification prior to joining the airline. An important element of United's program is that candidates don't need to hold an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP) at the time of application. Instead, they can obtain their ATP before joining United – providing flexibility for service members, including starting at United when the time is right for them and their families.

*"At United we are committed to investing in individuals who have served and are serving our country – whose military skills and background are invaluable to our airline,"* said Scott Kirby, United CEO. *"Launching this program is a win-win: our airline gets direct access to some of the best, most talented aviators in the world, and military pilots – and their families – get the time they need to plan their civilian career while still serving."*

Interested active-duty military pilots can learn more about the United Military Pilot Program and apply for the program. Current or former military pilots who already meet United's mainline hiring requirements and are less than six months from availability, or already available, or are flying in the reserve component are encouraged to apply as a First Officer today. Currently, United has over 16,000 pilots, including over 3,000 who have served or currently serve in the United States Armed Forces. United employs nearly 7,700 military veterans and 1,500 actively serving personnel across various departments and functions, including many serving in leadership and executive positions.

*"As a former military pilot, I know firsthand how challenging it can be to transition to a civilian commercial pilot, but through this new program we're providing the necessary tools, resources, and support system to ensure a direct path to the United flight deck,"* said United Captain Michael Bonner, Managing Director of Aviate and Pilot Strategy and a former U.S. Air Force and Navy pilot. *"Whether you are an active-duty pilot or approaching retirement, I encourage you to join the largest widebody fleet in the U.S."*

**Other defined paths to the United flight deck** ~ On top of the United Military Pilot Program, there are multiple paths to becoming a pilot at United depending on flight experience:



- ▲ **First Officer Hiring:** This path is for experienced pilots who meet mainline hiring requirements, who are ready to fly for United now and do not need an alternate path or program.
- ▲ **Unite Aviate Program:** United's pilot career development program designed for pilots with their Private Pilot Certificate (PPL) who are either learning to fly or are building experience with an Aviate-participating university, flight school, Part 135 operator or United Express Carrier.
- ▲ **United Aviate Academy:** United's wholly-owned flight school in Goodyear, Arizona for aspiring aviators who want to learn to fly with little to no flight experience – with the goal of at least half of the students being women or people of color.

**Unprecedented Growth** ~ As part of the carrier's ambitious United Next plan, last December, United ordered more widebody aircraft than any U.S. carrier in commercial aviation history: 100 Boeing 787 Dreamliners with options to purchase 100 more. Combined with already announced orders, the airline expects to take delivery of about 700 new aircraft by 2032.

With this historic purchase comes unprecedented growth, including adding 50,000 new team members by 2026. Hiring well-qualified and talented pilots is a priority at United. Over the last 24 months, United has hired over 4,000 new pilots and expects to hire over 10,000 pilots this decade.

### **United Improves Travel Experience For Customers Who Use Personal Wheelchairs** **September 28, 2023**



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the fare difference if a higher-fare flight is needed to accommodate a specific wheelchair size. United expects to launch these new tools early next year.

*“By offering customers an easy way to know if their personal wheelchair fits on a particular airplane, we can give them the peace of mind they deserve when they fly with us,”* said Linda Jojo, Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer for United. *“Plus, collecting this information ahead of time ensures our team can handle these special items with proper care and attention.”*

**New Flight Filter and Fare Reimbursement** ~ The new flight filter on [united.com](https://www.united.com) will enable customers to enter the unique dimensions of their personal wheelchair as part of the flight search. The search results will then prioritize flight options on aircraft with cargo hold doors large enough to accommodate the wheelchair dimensions. The size of aircraft cargo hold doors varies, so some aircraft are better able than others to handle larger motorized wheelchairs, which

must travel upright. If a customer is unable to take a preferred flight because their wheelchair will not fit through the aircraft's cargo door – and takes a United flight with a higher-fare that can accommodate their wheelchair on the same day and between the same origin and destination – the customer may seek a refund of the fare difference. Customers seeking a refund of the fare difference will need to follow United's process, including completing a short form after they've traveled. United will promptly ensure they receive the difference in fare after review.

**Airport Experience Improvement Program** ~ Later this year United will begin a six-month pilot program at George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport to explore ways to better accommodate customers in the unlikely event their wheelchair was damaged or delayed while traveling. The program will focus on the timeframe between a customer's arrival and when United returns the wheelchair or provides an appropriate loaner wheelchair if the original is damaged. United will collaborate with its Accessible Travel Advisory Board to explore several initiatives aimed at improving the airport experience during this challenging period, including providing specialized seating onsite and reimbursing the customer for transportation expenses should they choose to wait at a location other than the airport.

United entered an agreement earlier this month with the U.S. Department of Transportation to deliver these initiatives through a mutual commitment to increase accessibility and improve the travel experience for customers who require the use of a wheelchair. United carried about 150,000 wheelchairs in 2022.

United's other recent measures to improve accessibility include:

- ▲ Providing ramp agents new mobile technology that indicates when a wheelchair is on a flight to ensure they are prepared to receive and load it. The technology also inhibits ramp agents from closing out a flight until they acknowledge that they've loaded all wheelchairs.
- ▲ In August, United became the first U.S. airline to add Braille to aircraft interiors, helping millions of travelers with visual disabilities more easily navigate the cabin independently. United expects to outfit its entire mainline fleet with Braille by the end of 2026.
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body aircraft by the end of 2032, all of which will include the latest in seatback screen entertainment options.

- ▲ Through Bridge, United's Business Resource Group for people of all abilities, employees help create a workplace environment where all can strive to achieve their maximum potential and support our commitment to being an ally for customers with disabilities.

For the eighth-straight year, United was recognized as a Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion and earned a top score on the Disability Equality Index benchmarking tool, a joint initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities and Disability:IN, to advance the inclusion of people with disabilities.

### **United Names New Chief Financial Officer** **September 22, 2023**



United Airlines today announced that Michael Leskinen has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President. In his new role, he will oversee corporate finance, treasury, financial planning and analysis, tax, accounting, investor relations, procurement, internal audit, risk management and corporate strategy. Leskinen will also join the airline's Executive Team.

*"With two decades of experience on Wall Street and five years as a leading finance executive at United, Mike brings a unique understanding of the public markets combined with an in depth understanding of our airline and our industry," said United CEO Scott Kirby. "He is the best person to help us drive a culture within our finance team that's focused on moving fast, hitting our targets with no excuses, and being disciplined about capital and cost decision-making that supports our United Next plan. I know Mike will bring a strong and independent strategic perspective to the table when we're making decisions about United's future."*

Leskinen joined United in 2018 as managing director of Investor Relations and was promoted to vice president of Corporate Development and Investor Relations in 2019. In 2021, he added the title of President of United Airlines Ventures (UAV), an industry-first corporate venture capital fund that identifies and invests in opportunities to decarbonize air travel and enhance the customer travel experience. UAV has invested in carbon capture and utilization technologies, advanced biologic feedstocks including micro-algae, electric fixed-wing regional aircraft and electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft (eVTOL).

In 2020, Leskinen led the multi-divisional team that successfully raised \$6.8 billion of financing secured by the airline's MileagePlus loyalty program, an industry first giving United critical financial flexibility to manage through the pandemic. More recently, Leskinen oversaw the launch of a nearly \$200 million corporate investment fund that includes investments from UAV and other corporate and financial

sponsors to support start-ups focused on accelerating the research and production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). And through the first eight months of 2023, United was the best performing North American airline stock.

Prior to United, Leskinen was an executive director at J.P. Morgan Asset Management from 2013-2017, where he led the firm's investment efforts in aerospace, defense, and airlines. And from 2009-2013, he worked at Oppenheimer Funds focused on the aerospace sector. Leskinen received his bachelor's degree in finance from Arizona State University and his M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. Leskinen and his wife Stephanie have six children and live in the Chicago suburbs.

Earlier this year, United announced that prior CFO Gerry Laderman would remain in the role until his successor was appointed and then serve as EVP, Finance until his planned retirement September 2024.

### **United Announces New Leadership Promotions** **September 19, 2023**



United Airlines today announced two leadership promotions within its Executive team. Josh Earnest is promoted to Executive Vice President of Communications and Advertising and Terri Fariello is promoted to Executive Vice President of Government Affairs and Global Public Policy. Both will remain on United's Executive Team.

*"Over the last few years, United has enjoyed a significant competitive advantage by having our policy and communications leaders at the table for every major decision we've made, especially during the extraordinary disruption caused by the pandemic," said Scott Kirby, CEO of United. "That structure only worked because Josh and Terri are professionals at the top of their game. Their counsel and strategic insight will continue to be essential as we implement our ambitious United Next plans."*

*"Josh and Terri are an integral part of our Executive Team and have helped enable every major action we've taken as an airline these past few years," said Brett Hart, President of United. "They have each transformed and elevated the work of their teams and I know their strategic counsel will continue to make essential contributions to our success."* Josh joined United in 2018 as senior vice president and chief communications officer. He leads the airline's global communications and advertising strategies and serves as the company's chief spokesman. Before joining United, Josh spent two decades in politics and government, including as White House Press Secretary from 2014 to 2017

and as an analyst for NBC News from 2017-2018.

Under Josh's direction, United developed a more integrated approach to communications – public relations, social media, advertising, employee engagement and investor and executive communications – that helped drive awareness of the company's leadership during the pandemic as well as industry-first investments in technology, sustainability and the customer experience. The airline has seen a boost in its reputation and overall standing, recently named among Time's Most Influential Companies, Fast Company's Brands That Matter, Fortune's Most Admired Companies, Ad Age's Marketer of the Year and PRWeek's Best In-House Comms Team. Josh's team also launched the airline's first new brand campaign in a decade – Good Leads The Way - which tells the story of United's leadership in areas like customer service, diversity and sustainability, and captures the optimism fueling the airline's large ambitions.

Throughout his career, Josh has received recognition for leadership in communications, including regularly appearing on PRWeek's annual 'Power List'. His leadership extends into the community too, serving on the board of trustees at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the board of directors at the Harry S. Truman Library Institute in Missouri and most recently, the Board of Trustees at his alma mater, Rice University in Houston.

Terri joined United in 2017 as a senior vice president. Based in Washington, D.C., she leads the company's federal, state and international government engagement, including environmental affairs. Before joining United, Terri spent 16 years at Exxon Mobil most recently serving as vice president of their Washington, D.C. office, leading the company's federal and state government affairs. In her time at United, Terri has helped to open and sustain constructive lines of communications with two different Presidential Administrations as well as with state and local leaders on both sides of the aisle. Her team successfully manages geopolitical issues and domestic and international policy proposals that have the potential to impact commercial aviation. She has positioned United as a trusted partner among federal, state and international government officials, and during the pandemic, Terri and her team were instrumental in driving support for the Cares Act. More recently, her team spearheaded efforts at the federal and state levels in support of legislation to further develop sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production.

Under Terri's direction, United has set a course to be 100% green by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions 100% without relying on traditional carbon offsets and has invested in the future production of over three billion gallons of SAF – the most of any airline in the world.

Terri is regularly recognized for leadership in government relations, including being named to Washingtonian magazine's list of "Most Powerful Women", The Hill's "Top Lobbyists", a top lobbyist by The National Institute for Lobbying & Ethics and as one of the most influential people shaping policy by Washingtonian.

Her impact is also felt outside of the industry. She serves on the Board of Directors of Energy Vault, which develops and deploys utility-scale energy storage solutions designed to transform the world's approach to sustainable

energy storage. And within the greater Washington, D.C. community, Terri serves on the board of multiple organizations, including the Economic Club of Washington, the Humane Rescue Alliance (where she serves as the Chair of the Board), the Meridian International Center, Ford's Theatre, and the National Archives Foundation.

### **United Opens Two New Clubs in Denver, Including Its Largest Club in the World** **September 13, 2023**



United today announced the opening of its largest United Club at Denver International Airport. This new, 35,000 sq.-ft. club is located in the B Concourse, providing a modern take on the United Club experience with a new

feature bar offering beer flight boards to taste a seasonal rotation of premium local and craft beers. This club is the second in a series of new locations to open in Denver this summer; last month, a new 24,000 sq.-ft. United Club opened in the A Concourse, featuring a luxurious ski lodge aesthetic and thoughtful design touches inspired by the Colorado outdoors.

The air carrier will open an additional revamped club location in 2025, and once open, Denver International Airport will feature more than 100,000 sq.-ft. of United Club space – nearly the size of two football fields – across three United Club locations and United Club Fly, a unique grab-and-go concept offering enhanced food and beverage for United Club members with quick connections. With more than two-thirds of United customers connecting to other places in Denver, the new clubs are expected to accommodate more than double the number of travelers than before.

The opening of these new clubs comes on the heels of United unveiling a new club concept, United Club Fly<sup>SM</sup>, in Denver last year, that is a first-of-its-kind concept for a U.S. airline. Since opening, United Club Fly has been visited by more than 100,000 travelers who've enjoyed the elevated convenience to grab food or beverages on the way to their flight. *"The new United Club locations are designed and operated to reflect feedback from our customers and match the way their travel has evolved in recent years,"* said Alexander Dorow, United's Head of Clubs & Lounges. *"We're growing our hub in the Mile High City, and the expansion and renovation of United Club locations represents our commitment to Colorado and our customers' experience."*

**B Concourse United Club** ~ Located on the eastern side in the B Concourse near gate B44, this new club location touts 35,000 sq.-ft. across three levels and more than 600 seats, making it the largest club in United's network. The space reflects Denver's beer scene with brewery-inspired elements and a new beer tasting experience at the feature bar on the mezzanine level. At the feature bar, travelers can choose from a seasonal rotation of 10 local and craft beers on tap, with selections from Colorado breweries New Belgium, Great Divide, Denver Beer Company, Upslope,



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### **A Trip to Broadway? Why not!**

among others, to enjoy from United customized tasting boards and beer glasses. The feature bar area is distinguished by five Vestaboard displaying personalized messages and menu offerings and a custom, vibrant blue mural by visual artist Charlo Garcia Walterbach that explores the joy and discovery of new places that travel brings to life.

Inspired by Denver's urban areas, the space features details such as concrete flooring, hand-crafted decor and exposed ceilings for a sleek and modern design. Throughout the space, guests can enjoy a variety of locally-sourced furnishings and artwork, including photography, paintings, sculptures and murals that reflect the Denver community. The entryway features a sculpture inspired by the cones of the Colorado Blue Spruce. Made by Will Schlough, the piece is crafted from dozens of skateboards meant to resemble colorful pinecones. An additional statement mural by local artists, Jaime Molina and Pedro Barrios, tells the story of Denver through highly-visual, street art inspired geometric shapes.

A Concourse United Club ~ Influenced by the Colorado Rocky Mountains, travelers visiting the new club location on the western side of the A Concourse near gate A26 can experience a sense of place among locally-sourced furniture and decor that reflects Colorado's outdoor landscapes and experiences. Designed to feel like a ski lodge, two fireplace lounges, stacked wood, flannel patterned cushions and vintage ski decor make travelers feel like they're nestled deep in the woods on a Colorado retreat.

This 24,000 sq.-ft club offers two premium bars and 400 seats across two levels of club space. There's room to grab food and drinks, play a few rounds of shuffleboard in the game lounge or relax near the fireplaces.

The space features hand-crafted, custom artwork from local artists, including a sculptural installation from Colorado-based artist Amy Hoagland that uses glass rods to form a topographic-inspired piece that creates an optical illusion from different vantage points. A custom 'Come Fly With Us' mural by Denver-based multidisciplinary designer Adam Vicarel is prominently displayed in the club's game lounge, and it showcases a combination of colors and shapes that exemplify travel and the Colorado landscape. Additional local artwork includes a glass sculpture, mixed media collages, photographs and paintings inspired by Colorado nature. Both club locations include enhanced amenities, such as free high-speed Wi-Fi, self-scan entry gates for seamless club access, agent on demand kiosks for any travel planning questions and wellness rooms. Each club also serves premium culinary offerings with local flair, including oatmeal paired with Colorado honey, egg frittata inspired by the Denver omelet (ham, bell peppers, red onion, spinach and cheddar cheese), Colorado Club sandwiches and pork green chili.

This expansion is part of the carrier's nearly \$1 billion investment to further improve the customer experience in Denver. Earlier this year, United announced new non-stops to six destinations including four not served by any other Denver airline and local infrastructure improvements such as 12 new gates set to open in the A and B concourses by the middle of 2024 – giving United 90 total gates, the most at Denver International Airport.



I recently wrote about super low fares UA (and other carriers) have been offering during this less busy "shoulder season" and how we retirees can increase those savings by using the myUADiscount on top of those low fares. So, practicing what I preach, I just returned from a great 5-day NYC trip to take in some Broadway plays. And I discovered some tips along the way which I'd like to share with

you.

Newark is the closest airport to mid-town Manhattan and the easiest to navigate, in my opinion. I was delighted with the opportunity to use both Terminal A and C at Newark airport for this trip. United has exclusive control over Terminal C and just recently expanded into the gorgeous new Terminal A, adding a 15,000 sq. ft. United Club there. Using the United App provides superb updates as you proceed throughout your pre-flight check-in, directions to the correct terminal and even the closest door number to look for when being dropped off! Self-tagging instructions and bag drop directions are also included in these messages.

On this trip I decided to use Coach USA bus service for ground transportation to/from Manhattan because their pickup point is curbside at the terminal, which eliminates the hassle of dragging baggage all the way to the AirTrain and then another transfer to NJ transit. Coach USA offers drop-offs in Manhattan at NY Port Authority, Bryant Park, and Grand Central Station. They offer a senior discount and online ticketing. **Tip:** when returning to Newark, verify you are boarding the bus for Newark, **not** Stewart (the Westchester County airport). Both names sound alike and Coach USA serves both airports.



Now the purpose of this trip was to catch some Broadway plays and musicals. I researched several methods to obtain the best price, weighing the pros and cons of waiting for a last-minute discount ticket vs. scoring a confirmed seat for a likely-to-sell out performance. The best strategy is to first determine **which** event you absolutely don't want to miss, and then rank the remainder in the order of preference. Then, google: TKTS Live ([www.tdf.org](http://www.tdf.org)) which will show you all the musicals and plays that are available for discount purchase **today** at the TKTS booth in Times Square (or South Street Seaport or Lincoln Center). If you peruse this site for several consecutive days, you will get a feeling for how popular the show



you want to see appears to be. If the event pops up daily, it could mean that waiting to buy the ticket might work out well. The discounts are usually between 40% - 50%. This facility offers discounts only on same day performances.

The TKTS booth at Times Square opens at 10AM for same day matinees and at 3PM for same day evening performances. **Tip:** Avoid the long lines if you are buying play vs. musical tickets – there is a separate window for Plays Only. FYI, TKTS adds \$7 to each ticket price to benefit the Theater Development Fund.

If you don't want to chance missing the event of your dreams, you still have another option for discount ticketing: [www.goldstar.com](http://www.goldstar.com). I was able to secure tickets in advance at a 35% discount. The process was easy, I could choose my seats and received an immediate confirmation of purchase. Goldstar then emails your actual tickets 12 hours before the performance, which I simply added to my phone's Google Wallet (and took a screenshot, for safety!). At the theater they simply scanned my screen and I was in. You can also print your tickets to paper, if you have access to a printer at your hotel. Ticketmaster is a whole other animal, unfortunately. There have been so many problems and complaints with this vendor that several large Broadway theaters are ending their association with Ticketmaster in 2024. The Ticketmaster App is cumbersome, and Ticketmaster will not allow their tickets to be printed to paper. All tickets must be downloaded from their App and stored on another app, Live Nation, for later retrieval. If you end up not having a solid internet connection at the theater, you may be unable to present the ticket. A friend anticipated this problem and went to the theater box office in advance. They happily located her purchase and printed a paper ticket. Problem averted, but that's where we learned about the upcoming dissolution between Ticketmaster and other theaters.

Purchasing directly from the theater box-office is still a popular method in NYC. You avoid the excessive fees levied by 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors and you get the expertise of the theater employee who knows the best and worst seats in the house. Box offices also occasionally offer a same-day lottery ticket drawing for deeply discounted seats. The line begins about 1½ hrs before the box office opens and the winners (there are multiple winners) each can purchase 2 tickets for about \$45 each (prices vary between theaters).

Another helpful hint concerns which day of week and/or time of day is the most likely to sell out first. According to NYC statistics, Thursday evening is the most popular for New Yorkers, followed by Tuesday evening! Friday and Saturday evenings rank 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively, and in last place is Wednesday, for both evening and matinee performances. Remember this when you are arranging your trip.

I would also encourage you to visit the new Museum of Broadway, located at 145 W. 45<sup>th</sup> St., just a block off west of Broadway and 7<sup>th</sup>. The museum has been open just shy of 1 year and has garnered rave reviews – and rightly so! How

fun to see close-up the actual sets and costumes from current day back to the 1920's. Wonder how the cheetahs run in the Lion King? Want to sit at the counter of Doc's drugstore from West Side Story? How do



makeup artists make wigs look real? How do they manage scenery backstage? What is a "Tony" and how did it get its name? You'll learn a whole lot more than just this during your visit. This women-owned venture is such a delight and you can save it for rainy day, like the one I endured when NYC flooded September 29<sup>th</sup>! Senior discount tickets are available during weekdays, too. Allow at least 2 hours to enjoy this wonderful, new museum.

Lastly, if you forgot to buy a T-Shirt or memento from a play, stop by the Theater Circle shop at 268 W. 44<sup>th</sup> St., open daily from 10AM – 1030PM. Remember, there is no sales tax on clothing or food in NYC!

P.S. Broadway Week 2024 runs January 12<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup> and again from September 7<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are 2 for 1 and go on sale the month preceding. Keep your eye on: [nyctix.com](http://nyctix.com) for details.■

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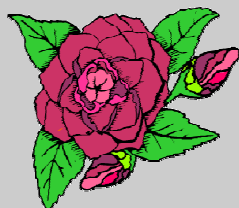
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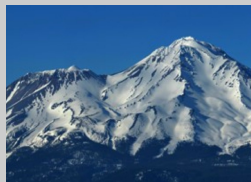
We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at [rpdgarglic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarglic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA

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It was a beautiful day for a picnic and Northstaters did just that. The Woodson Bridge area of Tehama County Park is located next to the Sacramento River! We had a cool breeze and lots of conversation in our annual outing in September. Everyone brought their own lunch and drinks and we had such a nice time with conversations.

**Merritt Odor**, our President, held a short meeting. There were 13 members and spouses in attendance. Merritt thanked **Sharon Simonton** for making the reservations at the park.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Klaren Odor** and **Carl Franke** celebrated birthdays in September and **Carl & Grace Franke** celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Sharon announced that **Charlotte Puryear** will be having her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in October. Sharon passed around a card so everyone could sign with their well wishes.

Merritt shared some stories from the Newsletter. **Shari Pitt** shared some interesting information about passports and Sharon spoke about her and Bill's last travel adventures. It was truly a beautiful day in the park.

A discussion took place for our next luncheon to be held in November. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, it was decided to postpone the next luncheon until Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be our annual Christmas get-together. We will be back in Chico and Sharon volunteered to make a reservation at the Kalico Restaurant in Chico. We will be having our gift exchange and **Bille Jorgensen's** story will be told as a fun way to exchange gifts. The gift limit will be \$20.00 and each person will be bringing a generic gift.

**Klaren Odor** won the 50/50 raffle and **Grace Franke** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

### Calendar:

**December 6** – Wednesday, 11:00 AM. Kalico Restaurant in Chico, CA. Any retirees that may be traveling in the area are welcome.





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Another quiet month for our chapter! We're living on the West Coast, as are a few of our members, and now that Labor Day is gone so are most of the tourists. That means we have our uncluttered beaches back again. However, we live in a college town, "Cal Poly", and school will start soon. New students are given a WOW week, commonly known as "Week of Welcome". They are shown around and so our beaches will be used again. Our daughter attended Cal Poly back in the 1980's and our granddaughter pretended, on a toy phone, that she was talking to her. When she got a "not there" pretend answer; she was told our daughter was at the Library or the Beach. We didn't know until she graduated that the Library was a Bar that the students used. Lucky for us, she graduated in 4 years.

I received an E-mail from our President **Mike Zoldak**. He and his wife **Bridget** visited their family in Ohio a few weeks ago. They stayed in a small town near Youngstown. Mike was invited to ride along in a police car. One of their stops was a drive-in restaurant where they ordered coffee and I think donuts. As you might have guessed, they didn't pay for any of it.

*"Why didn't the flight attendant let me change my seat when I sat next to a crying baby? They won't do it if the baby's yours."*



### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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There is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds chapter of RUAEA.

We try to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sabo.thomas@yahoo.com) for details.

Happy November to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on October 7, we are once again in the midst of a three day heat wave with temps in the mid 90s. Hopefully, this is indeed the last heat wave of our summer/fall season. When I lived in Michigan, we used to say if you don't like today's weather, just wait a day or two because it will be completely different. Well it's the same for the SF Bay Area too, especially the East Bay! Today it was 96, tomorrow is forecasted to be 86, and Monday is showing 69 degrees.

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. We alternate 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 beverage 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 September meeting was changed from September 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday. We met at the Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We missed **Joe & Wilma Leather** who both came down with Covid. Wilma was just at the end of eight weeks in a cast due to a broken foot, and boom! Felled by that nasty bug.

Our October meeting was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 12 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia**





**Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather. Russ Schleske, and Jan Soderstrom.** It was so wonderful to see **Joe & Wilma Leather** again. They are both over Covid and Wilma is minus her cast so all is good with them. Our president **Russ Kennedy** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tracey Blanchard** conducted the raffle and **Joe Leather** won the money.

Last month I told you about the four marvelous historic WWII ships on the SF Bay. I have now put visiting these four ships on my Bucket List. In August, I went on a three-hour cruise on the USS Potomac with my DAR chapter. If you live in the SF Bay, or are visiting, I encourage you to visit this national treasure (and the others too). And better yet, bring your children and grandchildren. In talking to neighborhood children, they do not study civics and history the way we did in elementary, junior and senior high. We also grew up with hearing our parents and grandparents talking about WWII and how it affected them firsthand. Today's students see WWII as a chapter in a history book. Tomorrow, October 8, I am going to a Pancake Breakfast aboard the USS Red Oak Victory, another one of the Bay Area historic treasures in Richmond. We will have a ship tour, breakfast, and then watch the Fleet Week Air Show from the ship's deck. I last saw the Blue Angels during Fleet Week when I worked in SFORR at Fisherman's Wharf. They passed over our building and I will never forget it. I swear they were about ten feet over the building and we all ducked, thinking they were going to fly right into the building! Knowing that UAL is a sponsor of Fleet Week will bring back a lot of memories for me.

**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 [barbjc1943@gmail.com](mailto:barbjc1943@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. Note: This is a new email for her. 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.

**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, 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 been turning in coupons since May 2022, and on October 7, I turned in my highest monthly count to date, 2197 coupons. Wow! From now through May 2024, I'll be turning in coupons at my DAR meeting the first Saturday of the month. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. Everyone is telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. This month I received coupons from **Ken & Muriel Bergsma** in IL, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Beverly Mcalister** in CA, **Arlene McCroy** in NV, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Maureen Neidle** in IL, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Jim Taylor** in FL, and **Mary Kay Wojtal** in AZ. **Tracey Blanchard, Tom Johnson, Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks, Margaret McGhee and Russ Schleske** faithfully bring coupons to the East Bay Diablos meetings every month as well. Thank you all!

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

- ▲ Monday, November 6 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** by Friday, November 3rd
- ▲ Monday, December 4 at 11:00 — Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com). Menu choices, cost and RSVP deadline will be provided later.

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





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Here we are basking in Autumn. The Government did not close down so Mother Nature gave us a wonderful start to October. By the time you read this ... you will have missed some great adventures so save your pennies for next year and join us for some fun activities.

Fleet Week (our thanks to Senator Dianne Feinstein, who recently passed away, for setting up this event – may she Rest in Peace) gives us the terrific Blue Angels and their air show. The Parade of Ships, sailing under the sparkling Golden Gate, brought those handsome young men and women sailors who played basketball with the local kids and a free tour of the USS America – their huge, sleek nuclear ship. What a treat! Normal weather is fog (last year was so foggy and cold!) but, this year, we loved the 80 – 95 degree weather and the clear blue skies. The Blue Angels put on their wonderful show – we watched their practices and the super show they put on for us local air enthusiasts. (Go ahead ... admit it that you did look up and smile!)

Dust off you surf board and wet suits as the waves on the coast have been daunting. If that's not your favorite pastime, you can enjoy The Pumpkin Festival in Half Moon Bay. The contest for the largest pumpkin (a fruit, not a veggie) winner last year was from Anoka, Minnesota – he was hoping to win the \$30,000 this year! Can you imagine hauling that 2560 pound piece of fruit to California?

Restaurants and small local shops have so much to offer – amazing donuts, sushi, dim sum, a huge array of pasta dishes, Thai treats, China Town, the Ferry Building with a large offering of tasty treats. You name it ... you can find your favorite food here. You can hop on the Hop-on-Hop off double-decker bus and see The City – and know why, when we travel, we leave our hearts in San Fran ... cisco (ah, Tony we miss you!)

**Vera Kina** opened our monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those who have passed away. Special thanks to our first responders and those who keep us safe. We had a lovely clear day and enjoyed our annual BBQ. Kudos to Vera for getting those tasty ribs, and **Barbara Underhill** for brewing up her famous baked beans, **Carol Slater** for the corn bread and **Colleen Wood** for those delicious homemade cookies. Other goodies were provided from members – **John Garis**, **Al Durr** and his guest, **Linda** (home grown squash,) **Jerry Marsala**, just to name a few. **Frank Minnick** blew out many candles on his birthday and **Bill**

& **Diane Heinrich** celebrated their 51 years of marriage.

So here we are, awake, and enjoying our good weather. Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

- ▲ October 23 - Pizza and Salad, and an ice cream treat, BYOB (that is a beverage not beer!)
- ▲ November 27 - \*\*\*Surprise\*\*\* Sly Vera won't divulge even a small clue!
- ▲ December 6 – BJs' Restaurant in Bridgepoint Center in San Mateo is confirmed at 11:30am, separate checks, members and guests pay their own bill. Drag out those Christmas sweaters. Let Vera know if you plan on attending so that she can advise BJ's how many will attend.

We had 17 hearty members show up: Those above in bold print, as well as **Bob Donovan**, **Pat Ortega**, **Charlie Bogert**, **Lydia Rolfe**, **Gary Chong**, and **Marian Bruns** (who reminded us about the invitation to attend the RAFA meeting on October 31 at 11:30am here at the Rec. Center.) Get your shots – most drug stores have the Covid, Flu and RSV medications. Stay hydrated and smile!

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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What? The 6<sup>th</sup>? That isn't our "usual" luncheon day – well, you're exactly right – it was necessary to move our luncheon up one week, but just for this month. Our hosts, **JR & Rosemary Heier** and **Bill & Pati Kenney**, needed the change as the next week was out. They arranged with the El Dorado Saloon in Silver Springs to provide our meals. Of course, we all had delicious lunches which were topped off with homemade cookies and homemade beer nuts (Thank You, Ladies) and, knowing our group's love for snacking on those little candy bars, they had plenty of those treats on each table. **Rudy Blazius** expressed our thanks to them. The only guest this month was **Kevin Dinette**, but Kevin, Linda's son, is more of a "one of the family" so we don't really consider him a "guest" now! Birthdays – we all have them, we all love that we get to have them, and this month members **Diana Bell**, **Bill Kenney**, **Tom Kenny**, **Judy Fitzpatrick**, **Gina Kenworthy**, **Robin Garland** and **Bob Ames** all get "cake



with candles"! Happy Birthday to all of you! No anniversaries this month. Rudy also asked if anyone hired on with UAL in September – that, too, is a no.

*President ~ Rudy Blazius* is sure a good guy and a good leader for the Hangtown Miners. We appreciate you, Rudy! Rudy was notified that UAL mechanic, **Jim Barker**, has passed away. We send our condolences to his family.

Did you know that AARP members can receive substantial discounts in a number of stores? Places like Kohl's or Pep Boys or Walgreen's; Ross Dress for Less stores, Michaels. If you're a member, look into those money saving possibilities.

Also, you don't have to live here in this beautiful county to have heard about Apple Hill and all it has to offer. Our member, **Chris Delfino**, is a family member and active in the Edio Winery as well as Henrietta Hard Ciders. Chris says Apple Hill is up and running! During the harvest season, businesses are open Thursdays thru Mondays. If you plan to go, the mornings are probably a better time. Keep reading to see more info Rudy brought to us this month.

*Vice President ~ JR Heier* is always at the ready – you just have to ask! And when "asked" he didn't have anything to contribute today.

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* was trying desperately to get down all that was said ... this group has so much fun and loves to visit with one another which can make it a challenge when I'm trying to hear – but that's okay, I get most of the important things – I hope! However, I did take a look around the room to see who was actually wearing their name tags; realized that very few people were! So, I asked if they want me to get the info to order name tags for those who need/want them. Didn't really get much of a definitive response, so will follow up on that next month.

*Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny*, one of the best bookkeepers there could ever be, and we're so glad that he is ours. Tom reports that our bank balance is great. Tom also updated us on how the tool collecting for the A&P Mechanic Program at Sacramento City College is going; I think the answer would be "in spurts". Member, **June McClain**, has donated quite a number of tools to the program. **Roger Sloan** has sold his airplane and doesn't need all those tools any longer, so, he will be bringing a bunch of tools with him when he comes up to the Retired Mechanics Reunion in Minden beginning of October. Hopefully, Tom will be able to fill out more on the tool list for more than one deserving mechanic. Not surprisingly, there are always "gaps" in the list. **Rudy Blazius** motioned that we donate \$300.00 to purchase what is needed to complete the tool list(s). **Duncan Nielsen** seconded. Motion passed. Because we qualify as a non-profit organization, Tom is able to give those who donate tools a tax deductible receipt for their tax returns.

*Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny* is always there for all of us – whether you have good news or not-so-good news.

**Doe Pope** has been dealing with some breathing problems for a few months now. Doe's son (also a member), **Dale Pope**, came by Suzanne's house this morning to let her know that Doe is doing better, but still not able to join us – something she really wants to do! He also brought a dozen+ eggs for our raffle. Thank you Dale and we look forward to seeing you soon, Doe.

*New Business ~* Okay, a couple items we need to bring up for our members: New Officers! Yup, it is time to nominate our officers for 2024. Doesn't seem at all possible we are near the end of the year. So, at our October meeting we will be nominating officers for 2024. I don't know which (if any) of our present officers wish to continue manning their post(s), but all our jobs need to be voted on each year. Your opinion is important and valued. We do need to hear from you to know what you think! So, if you have a member you would like to see in a certain job, come to the October meeting – October 11<sup>th</sup> – and nominate who you wish to have hold a position. But, be sure that said member wants to hold that position! No, "I'll get you back" moments, please. If you can't attend the October meeting, contact me and let me know what you're suggesting. I can/will present it on the 11<sup>th</sup> for you. After the official nominations in October you will have a month to think about who has been nominated and if there's any concerns or changes, again, let me know. We will vote on the candidates at our November meeting.

As I take a deep breath and write the words, "Christmas is Coming", that means that our December luncheon is also on the horizon. We cannot wait until the last minute to make our arrangements for our "special", end of the year luncheon. We need to act sooner than later to nail down a place for our luncheon. That said, do you have a suggestion? A favorite place? As you know, our monthly luncheons are at a local restaurant – which we all enjoy. We can order what we want from the menu. In December we like to "bump it up a notch", have a served meal that is the same for all. We have enjoyed fresh cooked turkey, tri tip, ham, fresh veggies, salads, desserts. Our space is jazzed up just a bit more – for that holiday feel. Last year we were at the Smith House in a separate room. In years past we have rented the American Veterans Hall and hired a caterer, did the set up and decorating ourselves. The cost is pretty much the same with either plan. Remember, the December luncheon is subsidized by the chapter. That means that all the monies we raise during the year, we apply to pay a generous part of the total bill. Give us your input. We want everyone to be involved.

*Old Business ~* Nothing we need to cover here.

*Contributions ~* **Chris Delfino** shared with all of us that he just welcomed his 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild – a boy ~ Congrats, Chris!

Thanks to **Duncan Nielsen** for the unique gold coins he brought to share with everyone – from UAL days. He suggested taking them to the Mechanics Reunion at Minden and rubbing them while you're playing in the casino!

Rudy shared these great funnies with us:

- ☺ In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
- ☺ At the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, you will be de-lighted."
- ☺ In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."
- ☺ In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."
- ☺ At a Propane Filling Station: "Thank Heaven for little grills."
- ☺ In a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."
- ☺ And the best one for last ... Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution – this truck is full of Political Promises."

After all this, Rudy called the meeting to a close, gave JR the baton and he promptly began our raffle.

Winner of the donator's prize was **Peggy Trebnik**. Thanks to everyone for bringing great items: **Trebnik** – gift wrap pack; **Kenney** – popcorn package; **Blazius** – glass dish; **Diana & Duncan** – seasonal dishcloths; **Pope** – flat of eggs; **Garland** – Almond Roca; **Kerry & Ann** – champagne; **Kenny** – wine/water decanter; **Biro** – wine; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Heier** – box with pen/paper; **Gibson** – decorative "vase"; **Delfino** – Fuji apples, juice, white wine. Okay, I bet you're wondering where you will be going for our next luncheon. I'm happy to tell you that **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** have arranged with The Forester Pub & Grill in Camino to have this get together. All the information is below, read it over, contact them either by email or phone (you can leave a message) to let them know that you will be coming.

Take care of yourselves, my Friends, stay healthy and happy!



The 2023 Reunion is now a memory; we had 230 attendees. This included about 40 pilots from RUPA and several members of ARECA (Continental Retirees).

Everyone raved about the wonderful time they were having and the weather was perfect! Of course, we ordered it that way just for our annual event.

Unfortunately, myself and **Peggy Van Sickle** were unable to attend due to illness and I fell very left out. I missed seeing so many friends that I see only at the Reunion. I am sure Peggy will agree with me on that. I haven't been in contact with anyone as they have been so busy

having a good time; so I will catch up on any news and report it in the next month's newsletter.

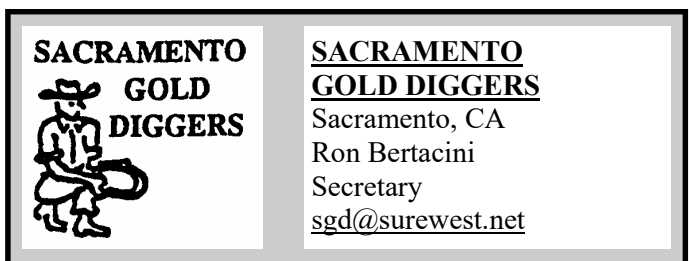
For now we will celebrate three November Birthdays ~ **John Cunningham** on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Bill Krefft** on the 16<sup>th</sup> and **Greg Krok** on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The RE-SANS Annual Christmas Luncheon will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside. We will be participating in Toys for Tots with a gift or gift card.

#### Calendar:

**November 2** - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394.

**December 7** – Christmas Luncheon at Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside.



The Gold Diggers did not meet in September due to the RUEA Reunion in San Diego. The Gold Diggers were well represented with eleven members attending. It was another great gathering at the Dana on Mission Bay. This is an outstanding venue. This year the folks from RUPA and ARECA joined in on the festivities along with members of RAFA and Clipped Wings.

For Barbara and I, this was our 25<sup>th</sup> convention/reunion; the first being in 1997 in Phoenix. The attendance was much bigger then with almost 1200 in attendance. The highlight was a presentation by Captain **Al Haynes** relating the events on United Flight 232 that crashed landed in Sioux City, Iowa in July of 1989. Captain Haynes was in command of the flight that eventful day. It was a presentation we will never forget. He complimented everyone that helped on that flight, his fellow pilots, flight attendants, air traffic controllers and emergency folks on the ground and at the local hospitals ... that were able to save so many lives.

All the convention/reunions we have been to have been special and we have found memories of each. They helped us see 'old friends' and meet many new friends. In San Diego, we met our newest friend and fellow Mid-westerner, **Kenneth Ausherman**, from Minneapolis, Kansas. Although Barbara and I live in Northern California, we have the Mid-West in our background. Barbara was born in Forty Riley, Kansas and I in Omaha, Nebraska. Most of Barbara's mother's family were from Kansas ... so we had a nice connection.



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The San Joaquiners met for our monthly luncheon at the House of Beef in Oakdale on September 14. President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:30. There were only 9 people in attendance; the smallest group ever.

Bob talked about our bank account and again the new signers have to go to the bank to get the signature card updated. Once we have access to the account again, Bob will restart our monthly financial report.

We have a new member who joined our group at the luncheon, **Richard Sylvester**, and he retired from SFOMB. Welcome Richard!

Several members plan to attend the UA Mechanics Annual Reunion in Carson Valley; Bob plans to attend the RUAEA Annual Reunion in San Diego. We wish everyone safe journeys and a good time.

As always, **Don Nesja** had a few jokes to share while we waited for lunch to be served.

We celebrated 2 birthdays, **JoAnn Nesja** and **Chris Fountain**. Happy Birthday! We also have one September Anniversary, **Bob & Pat Scoble** celebrated 51 years.

We had a 50/50 drawing and **Rosie Walls** won the big prize of \$10.00. Rosie donated her winnings back to the chapter.

**Pat Scoble** asked the members to start thinking about a Christmas luncheon location and if they can or will attend. It would be great if we could hear from everyone as to a preferred location before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep in mind that our group has gotten fairly small and most restaurants are requiring a non-refundable deposit.

**Bob Scoble** held a very short meeting in order to allow the checking account volunteers time to get to the bank and home before dark.

Our next luncheon will be held in Valley Springs at my favorite Chinese restaurant on October 12. "Good Friends". Hope to see all of you (and more) there. Please try to reach out to Bob via text message or phone if possible if you plan to attend.

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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Joining the 13 members for our monthly meeting this October, was someone we had not seen in quite awhile, **Alice Rostirolla**; it's great to have her in attendance. Discussion was held surrounding a field trip to the Computer Museum, **Chuck Clayborn** is working on a date. The Christmas get together is set for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Please jot this date down, or set it on your phone. Chuck has worked very hard trying to find a place that would accommodate us, at a cost that would be acceptable to all members. After an exhaustive search, he came up with BJ's Brewhouse in Cupertino. The final cost has yet to be established, as the menu is still being set, but should be right around \$40 per person. More details on that at a later date, we hope everyone can attend.

The final Senior Safari is Thursday, October 26. If you have not been to this before, consider joining in. It is free parking and entrance, if you arrive between 0900 and 1000. Bring a lunch or purchase for the small café after the walk.

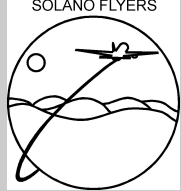
Many members celebrated birthdays in October and we wish all a very Happy Birthday. There's no anniversaries this month.

The reunion in San Diego is great. I wish you could all attend next year, as it will be in the same location. Dates will be Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, October 2. The weather in San Diego is always nice all day and night. The room rate will remain the same, so when you consider no resort fee, no parking fee and breakfast included, you will be hard pressed to find a better deal at \$135 a night. Set this as your vacation place for next year.

We had more non RUAEA UAL retirees joining us this year and it's been nice talking to those who belong to other organizations, but we are all one. The attendance number has increased from last year and is expected to increase next year. There is so much to do and see in San Diego, or just lounge by the pool or ocean. Tour prices have been based upon having a bus transport members, however the costs are just over \$1,000 to charter a bus. This makes it a challenge to find reasonable priced tours, which when the bus costs are added, are still reasonable. New tours for next year are being looked at now, as well as other options.







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

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A beautiful fall morning – for us that means a mid 80's day! Yay! 6 of us were found sitting outside prior to lunch enjoying the blessed sunshine! Denny's was soliciting donation for their "No Kid Goes Hungry" fundraiser and many of us donated in hopes of winning some nice gift baskets. President Al opened the meeting after lunch with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report and we are solvent ... Good News!

Our November 7<sup>th</sup> picnic at Cypress Grove Park from 1130AM – 3PM was the first topic of conversation on the agenda. Everyone volunteered to bring sides to accompany the burgers and dogs, being cooked by **Al Fields** and **Monte Clark**, volunteered by **Patti Clark**!

Next up – the Christmas Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Members will each pay \$32.00 and non-members \$51.00 each. It is a wonderful holiday event and we usually pack the private room at Maggiano's Italian Kitchen on International Drive. Table decorations by Connie & Elaine and photographs by the Christmas Tree by Elaine. It's so nice to dress up for this Christmas Event! Make plans to attend and RSVP (with money!) by November 20. Actually, just bring cash or check to the picnic, makes it so easy, right! Mark your calendars and look for that fancy dress!

MCOCS retiree, **Danny Brennan**, passed away suddenly on September 23. Services on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Condolences can be sent to 374 Sauvignon Way, Groveland, FL. 34736.

**Diane Lewis** is making an amazing recovery from surgery on September 12<sup>th</sup> and plans to be back home by October 6-7<sup>th</sup>! The wonderful powers of prayer.

Real McCoy member, **Bobby Catton**, joined the famous Paulie's Push, a walk begun 3 years ago by a now retired F/A. Bobby shared his story, lots of photos w/ Paulie, decals and lapel pins too! Said it was an emotional journey, especially hearing Paulie speak. Check out the website, [RememberMeRoseGarden.org](http://RememberMeRoseGarden.org). This 13 acre site was donated by the Families of the Heroes of Flight 93 as a living memorial to honor their loved ones. All donations are still being accepted! We Will Never Forget ...

Birthdays: **Angel Montalvo** (9/2), **Charlotte LeGrand** (9/17), **Barb Fitak** (9/23), **Al Fields** (10/17), **Joe Fitak** (10/22), **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (10/24), **Connie Lenard** and **Mack Chandler** (10/25), **Cheryl Vosges** (10/26), and **Lois Fields** (10/30) ... Oh, those cold northern winters ☺

Anniversaries: **Maureen & Mike** (57 on 8/27), **Tom & Peg Cannata** (56 on 9/10).



### **SW PELICANS DROP-INS**

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We had our first meeting for this year on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. We had 14 members in attendance and a good time was had by all.

I was talking to the one of our members who is active in the local Pilot group how they were doing with membership. He indicated that they are having the same issue as we are and that is of course attracting new members. I suggested that perhaps we should join forces and hold joint meetings (luncheon). He indicated that he would bring that up in their next meeting to see if they would be interested. That meeting is at the beginning of November and he will back to me.

#### Calendar:

**Novemeber 3** – Luncheon at LYNQ restaurant in Ft. Myers



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Our October meeting was supposed to be our Fall Picnic. Six of our members could not attend. Our acting President Jon decided to meet at IHOP. So we did and had 7 members attending.

We are glad to have Helen & Frank back with us – Helen has been battling heart problems and Frank was having knee problems.

We discussed UAL news. Edith celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed our Christmas Luncheon and will set a date at the November meeting.

Food was served and everyone enjoyed themselves.

#### Calendar:

**November 6** - IHOP - 10:30

**December Luncheon** - TBA



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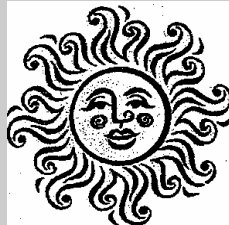


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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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



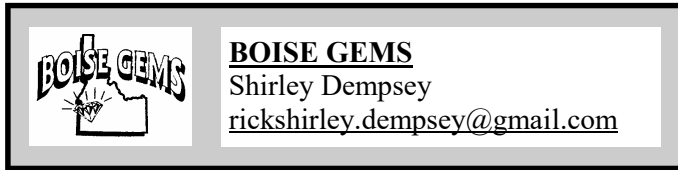
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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again .. lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send

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## IDAHO



Thank you to all the people working on the Reunion. The location was excellent and The Dana on Mission Bay accommodations were wonderful. Tour 3 ~ Bali Hai Polynesian was very entertaining and the meal delicious. The Oktoberfest was another great time for us. The beer and food made for an entertaining evening.

Mission Bay was gorgeous while getting our 10,000 steps completed!

We are checking a location for our next chapter meeting. Members will be notified of a location, date and time ... hopefully before Halloween.

## ILLINOIS



November—hope you have enough batteries for all of your clocks, fire alarms and watches to change them on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Remember, it's Spring forward, Fall backward. You don't want to be late for church next week or dinner at the kids house or did you invite them to your home? Who is buying the turkey this month? Have the sales started? What's cheap any more? \$.99 a lb?, \$.59? I've never bought a turkey, or fixed one. Lord willing, I won't have to at my tender age. That's what family, restaurants and friends are for. Pumpkin pie, now that's something I can do. I used to buy the pumpkins, clean them out, cut them up, then cook them and sieve them in a colander. I baked and served them, everybody said they were good, I hope so. Never saw anybody being sick. Ah, youth, energy and ambition. When you were young, did you think Tom Turkey would defrost overnight? Did you leave the innards in while it cooked? I think we all did something silly with Tom. My sister decided to cook dinner for her friends while at the U of I. Yep, she left the gizzards in, they laughed, I think she got over it. She's quite a little cook now.

November has so much history of our country. Did the pilgrims of Plymouth really have dinner with the Indi-

ans? There are so many different stories now, some so much different than the original. I always thought they put up with each other for a while, maybe even fought, then somebody said to the Wampanoag people in 1621, 'Hey, let's do lunch'. Actually, the Pilgrims were enjoying their harvest dinner of geese, turkey and ducks. Then about 90 Wampanoag's made a surprise appearance at the settlements' gate, kind of unnerving the 50 colonists. Nevertheless, over the next few days, the two groups socialized without incident. They brought venison, fowl, fish, vegetables and beer to the meal. There weren't many buildings then, so most sat outside on the ground. The men fired guns, ran races, and drank liquor, of course, just like now. The women had to clean up and put away things. Nothings changed in hundred, no, thousands of years, has it? They struggled with the two languages, trying to understand each other. It was a rather disorderly but friendly affair, and it sealed a treaty between the two groups that lasted until King Phillip's War in 1675, in which hundreds of colonists and thousands of Native Americans lost their lives. See, even then the rulers were starting trouble between peaceful peoples. But the colonists continued to celebrate a few days of Thanksgiving, days of prayer to God, for blessings of friendship, good harvests, military victory or the end of a drought. In 1798, the U.S. Congress proclaimed a national Thanksgiving declaration to the states, some didn't like the government involvement to a religious observance. But in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Sarah Josepha Hale campaigned for a national holiday to promote unity. She won the support of President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 and he proclaimed Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> to be a holiday. Then in 1942, Franklin D. Roosevelt, changed it to the fourth Thursday, to extend the start of Christmas shopping. FDR helped retail sales and capitalism. Thank you! Not sure where Black Friday came in there, but shopping won out. Yay! Now you know, the rest of the story.

The gem of November is the topaz, usually a golden color, with the alternate stone, the sunny yellow citrine. Topaz means fire or heat in Sanskrit. Citrine means lemon color or yellow from the French citrin and Latin citrus. The flower is the beautiful and full blossomed Chrysanthemum, having so many beautiful fall colors. The second flower is the peony, also very full and lovely. It says the peony is the Queen of flowers, and comes in many colors. Their fragrance is hypnotic, but watch for the little gnats in them.

The Northside Breakfast held at the Rose Garden had 16 retirees, **Jerry Tipperreiter, Sandy Piowarczyk, Lynn Hagele, Marge Stamm, Margaret Longo, Kathy Curfa, Toni & Darryl Van Kampen, Dona Nefczyk, Dave Dunham, Janet Higdon, Marsha Seabrook-Weber, Charlie Lewis, Marlene Koerner**, whom we haven't seen in awhile, **Cynthia Kurkowski** from ORDSW, who is a first timer, and me.

The 13 ORDDMM mechanics that met at Maxfield's include **LB Neal, Don Kramlich, Ron Geibel, Rich**



**Protsman, Dick Hoppel, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Boris Spitz, Fred Seibert, Walt Chornomaz, Bill Durr, John Kovacik, and Harry Karginian.**

The ORDMM foremen had a very small group, guess the others had doctor's appointments, (where else do we go)? **Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Stan Chmielwicz,** and me.

The IAM 1487 met at the union hall on September 5, 70 people came and brought their own lunch, they complimented their chef. They played two games of Bingo, and talked about the Christmas luncheon at the Seville, on December 7. The cost this year is \$30. Your envelopes with the members names and food choices must be in at the November 2 meeting. That lunch is a Surprise, compliments of the Union, but we are asked to bring sides and desserts. **Dave Roderick** will send out his monthly recap with what you should bring. Membership dues are required by 12/31/23; otherwise a \$5 penalty will be added.

The RUPA Lunch for September was held at the Golf Club of Illinois. There were 53 members and their guests enjoying a delightful lunch and a very interesting speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Yantis, who is a 9/11 survivor. Ryan was working in the Pentagon on that fateful day. He told of the thoughts of patriotism, courage and leadership that went through their minds during the attack. Ryan has written a book, 'Midwest Memories', with nine other survivors. He brought some in with him, and signed the copies. The November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Nick's Pizza in Crystal Lake. We'll have 787 Captain, Jim Guibault, who will discuss his F-14 Tomcat Pilot experiences.

I had calls from a few of our friends, **Joan Teister**, who moved to Tennessee, **Mike Rundle**, from Florida, **Mike Obert**, **Nancy Naranjo** from California, **John Witkowski**, from North Carolina, and **Rich Bulanda** from Phoenix. They're all fine, survived hurricanes, floods, heat and various aging ailments, and wish everybody a pleasant Thanksgiving.

Have you fallen lately? That seems to be the worst thing we seniors can do. Every time I go to the doctor, the first thing they ask is, 'Have you fallen in the last three months'? Even if you feel ok at the moment, some awful problem can raise its ugly head even a month later. Be careful, get an x-ray. Well, you're in good company, even 89 year old Sophia Loren fell last month and broke her hip and femur. No one is spared.

Sad news for anybody who has enjoyed the view of Chicago from the 95<sup>th</sup> or 96<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hancock Building, namely, the Signature Room. The management left a note on the elevator and sent emails to their employees on September 28, that the restaurant was officially closed. The letter cited 'economic issues' as a reason for the permanent closing. What a shock to Chicagoans and out-of-towners who have been visiting there for everything from seeing the view, lunch, dinner, or even weddings since 1993. One couple had a wedding scheduled two days later, I'm not sure what they did, but many customers were angry since they prepaid their later events for months

in advance. Getting that money back may be a problem. It was also noted that management had an issue with the buildings' owner, 360 Chicago, regarding their lease agreement. Now the 132 employees are suing the restaurant for breaking the law by not paying what they owe them, plus not giving them 60 days notice of closing or mass layoff. Interesting we'll see what develops. I spent many happy hours there, very impressive for friends to see and enjoy.

**Toni Van Kampen**, our Tech Guru, has run in a few Chicago 5K races, but last month she participated again in the ORD Plane Pull for Special Olympics. It was man and woman against a 48-ton UAL 737 plane for part of the Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. Teams of 20 competed by trying to pull the plane 12 feet in the shortest amount of time. Toni said it was a lot of fun, she met many people, all with the same goal of helping the Special Olympics. She is a woman of many facets, interests and knowledge. Remember, she was on Jeopardy this year and did very well. And she's all ours!

A few people have asked about our migrant people in Chicago. I have some numbers from today, October 7, listed by WGNTV, the total that arrived in town so far is over 17,000, that have come on 367 buses. City shelters are housing 9,872, the Chicago Police have 2,396 in their various stations, ORD has 828 (plus 465 from 9/27) in a shuttle bus center at Terminal 1 (that's us), they're keeping them behind a curtain with cardboard box beds, cots, and food, and they share airport bathrooms. A private firm monitors their movements. Eventually, they will be moved to city shelters with warm tents. These people had arrived to Chicago on planes. Midway is housing 28. They can walk two miles to a police station for clothes or services. Governor Pritzger has offered millions of dollars for other cities in Illinois to take in more migrants. Some have declined the offer.

Time for a story: Imagine this, EXO circa 1963, I attended one of those great Mainliner parties at a nice restaurant. Sitting listening to the band, a good looking man that worked in one of the accounting departments on the first floor, stopped, asked if I'd like a drink. 'Sure', I said. We chatted for a few minutes, then he asked if I'd like to dance. Of course! Talked some more, he asked if I'd like another drink, sure, he was very funny and a great conversationalist. We had another dance; he leaned over and said, 'Your perfume is very enticing, what is it?' I said, 'It's My Sin, by Lanvin'. He held me closer, whispered in my ear, 'Darling, let's make it ours'. Huh? Being a good Catholic girl from the suburbs, I giggled, thought, what the hell does that mean? And, darling? Oh boy, I'd better get out of here. I did. Took my drink, too.

Our fellow co-workers who flew West last month are **Rosemary Schamain**, ORDHN/CHIRR, **Jim Dougill**, ORDCG, **E.E. 'Woody' Woods**, ORDFO, **Andy Avila**, ORDCS/LAXCS, **Marti Nutter**, **Barbara Lee Lenzke**, and **Donn Schaeffer**, all from ORDSW. Also from our world, Jimmy Stergios, Jimmy's restaurant, Des Plaines,

Sports great Hall of Famer, Brooks Robinson, football MVP, our own, Dick Butkus from the Bears, baseball Tim Wakefield, Actors, Michael Gambon (Harry Potter), David McCallum (NCIS/Man from Uncle), Billy Miller (The Young and the Restless/General Hospital), Singers Terry Kirkman (The Association), Larry Chance (The Earls), Prudence McIntyre (Patience and Prudence), Katherine Anderson (Marvelettes), politician, Diane Feinstein (California Senator),.

Drop life's useless baggage. You'll feel lighter.

#### Calendar:


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

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**November 2**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**November 16**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M. 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake (**November 14**).

### INDIANA



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We had our most recent chapter meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Allan Miller, and Frank Ingegno**. We welcomed **Ralph Barnett** as a new member.

Our annual picnic had to be canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Our next event will be our Christmas luncheon and we started discussions regarding that event.

Regarding member projects ~ My Cessna 150 restoration is coming along. I've been spending a lot of time removing paint and corrosion from the exterior and priming. After some fuel system and engine repairs, I ran the engine in August for the first time since 2006. It started right up but full power is 300 RPM lower than required on the TSDS; more work needs to be done on the engine. I still need to check the Mag Timing and carb fuel mixture. It has the correct propeller installed. This is definitely a retirement project. If I were still working, I'd never have the time for this restoration. I do enjoy the work so it's rewarding when I see progress being made.

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 visi-


tors. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- **November 8**, Picnic at Washington Township Park
- **December 12**, Christmas Luncheon
- **January 9, 2024** at Emmy's

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Welcome to Fall 2023 edition. Enjoy all of Autumn's splendor.

Thought for the month: *"I find the biggest trouble with having nothing to do is you can't tell when you are done."* ~ Unknown

### NEBRASKA



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

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There is no report this month from the Silver Liners chapter of RUAEA.

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Arlene McCroy** at [apolloguy@aol.com](mailto:apolloguy@aol.com) for information about the next luncheon.



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There were 12 members at our September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant. Also present were 2 guests of **Kathy Robinson**, **Margaret Scholl** and **Irene Bravos**. They have both attended meetings before and it was nice to see them again.

The meeting started with a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost 22 years ago in the World Trade Center attack. It was a horrible day and all of us can still remember where we were and the effects on us all.

**Pat Zoboli** reached out to **Donna Reid** to see how she is doing. We have not yet received word of any planned memorials for **Larry**.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for contacting Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant and making reservations for our meeting this month. They were ready for us and did provide separate checks with tip included. As always, everyone enjoyed their lunch.

**Pat Zoboli** has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon date with the Peppermill for Monday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at 12:00 p.m. Menus will be distributed at our October meeting, with selections and pre-payment due at our November meeting.

The September birthdays are **John Roe** and **John Zoboli**. No 50/50 was done this month due to our public setting.

Our next meeting will be on October 9 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. See you there.

## NEW JERSEY



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What started out to be day we look forward to once a month to mingle and talk about old times with our retired coworkers turned out to be a day of sadness; we were informed that **Frank Kokoszka** had passed away in his sleep. Frank just retired earlier this year after working 54 years with United; his positions were the kitchen and ramp service mostly at EWR and also at JFK. It'll certainly be a loss for us as we depended on Frank for the latest updates on United's largest hub which is EWR. He was a kind and gentle person and a friend to all, may he rest in peace.

We had 13 attending our luncheon which was on the low side compared to other months. **Rose Schultz** won the 50/50.

Our next luncheon will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>; our veterans can wear their caps in honor of Veterans Day which is in November shortly after our luncheon.

From Marty's Stroll Down Memory Lane: September 11, 2001 was just another day in my regular routine of getting up in the morning at 8 AM; dressing and getting set to make my breakfast. At the kitchen table was my radio tuned in to WQXR, with my breakfast before me and a hot cup of coffee. As always, the crossword puzzle from *The Record* was close at hand. As the classical music droned on, there was a sudden interruption, and a bulletin came on saying that an airplane has crashed into one of the trade centers twin towers in New York City. My thoughts went back to 1945 when a B-25 Air Force bomber crashed into the Empire State building on the 79<sup>th</sup> floor.

I can only have guessed that this was the same type of accident with another small plane. As more reports started to come in, I now turned on the TV, something which I never do until I watch at the news at night. It was plain to see this disaster unfolding. As a newly elected councilman in Fairlawn, I was urged to join our re-created "civilian emergency response team", as best described, that emergency management went from being a mom-and-pop operation, to a more professional operation run by professionals and staffed by volunteers. Our training in emergency preparation was in all cases to render aid, but not become part of the problem.

I was soon called to help staff Fairlawn's newly established headquarters in the basement of our City Hall. Dur-




ing the afternoon, calls were coming in but the activity seemed to me quite slow. A TV was set up so we could keep abreast of all the catastrophe that was unfolding.

Towards nightfall, the frantic calls from relatives started coming in, asking “have you heard from”, “can I leave a message”, “is there any news of”, “I’m trying to find”. The best that we could do was to assure those folks that if and when we hear of any survivors they would immediately be informed. None of us could realize the chaos that was going on by the Hudson River between Manhattan and New Jersey.

Finally about midnight, we were told to go home and get some sleep and return in the morning. I got to my car and decided to drive down to our two commuter parking lots. There I found our police trying to help relatives find your loved ones’ cars, so that they can leave messages onto the windshield when they returned. Now I understood the enormity of what had happened, anger raged within me, if only I could retaliate to those who did this, I would do so with a vengeance. In the end, four of our residents died at the twin towers.

Along with the other towns in Bergen County, Fairlawn sent two ambulances to assemble at Liberty State Park in Jersey City to be used as necessary. We also sent a command fire truck from company 2, that was used by the New York City Fire Department. Afterwards, on reflection, the only word that I can think of was “proud”; the way our first responders worked, and myself being a part of them. This comes from a poem that I have read some time ago: “As Americans, you can write us down in history with your bitter twisted lies, you might grind us into the very dirt, still like the dust we shall rise.”

## NEW YORK

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

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



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Ed Pozzi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. With only 12 members in attendance, we decided to forgo the 50/50 drawing.

It was nice to see **Frank Farrara** after several months of absence.


Happy Birthday to **Angie Paris, Rudolf Wolf, Marilyn Holdsworth, Kathryn Richardson** and **Ray Forester**.

Celebrating anniversaries this month are **Roberta & Nick Manfredo** (70 years), **Diane & Barry Carlson** (64 years), **Peter & Geraldine Korsch** (66 years) and **Rosemarie & Donald Arnoni** (58 years).

Next meeting is scheduled for November 1 at The Davenport Press.

Reminder: Make your reservations for our Christmas Party on December 6.

## OHIO

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On October 4, we had our luncheon at Mahle’s Restaurant, one of our favorite places. We had 41 members in attendance. After we said “Grace”, the wonderful meal was served; followed by the 50 / 50 drawing. We had 3 very happy winners. Yes!, We thanked **Bernie G.** and **John K.** for conducting the drawing.

We announced the passing of **Reta Hammer** on May 25, 2023. I can’t begin to tell you what a wonderful person she was. One of our regulars in attendance at our monthly luncheons.

This is for our Chapter (the Ohio Buckeyes members), we did not receive the information until now. We want to get this information right away so that we may pass on the information to our members, and they may attend the funeral. As we have mentioned before, \*about “ICE”, which as you know stands for “In Case of Emergency”. \*\*Please give a family member or friend the phone number of the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter’s officers, so that they may call us to let us know “whatever” (sick, injured, hospital, or death). The reason we say this is simple, we care about all members. And we would like to have that information in case we lose contact with you.

\*Important\* ~ We Thanked our members **Gene & Jacki “C.”** for hosting this luncheon.

*October Anniversaries* ~ **\*\*Members\*\*** should have received an anniversary e-card in their email.

*October Birthdays* ~ To Those in attendance: “We sang the **song**! **\*\*Members\*\*** should have received a birthday e-card in their email. In the cards it will have different Hollywood stars will be singing an appropriate song to the recipients.

We know that life is getting very difficult in all different ways, but we want all our members to know that they are not forgotten. And the same goes for **all** United Airlines retirees. You are **not alone**!

Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas!

“May God Bless One & All, and Keep You Safe!”

Calendar:

**November 1** - Shale Creek Golf Club

**December 6** - Diamond Event Center

**OREGON**



Our September meeting was another gala affair. Good food, fantastic conversations and lots of laughs.

Unfortunately, I need to report that **Harold Miller's** (Retired PDXMM) wife **Anna**, passed on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. She had been in a care facility, battling dementia. There will be no service. Cards may be sent to Harold at 30251 S. Stuwe Rd., Canby, OR 97013-8529.

And now for a little humor, with a touch of philosophy thrown in, to help your day pass with a little more fun:

- ☺ A Pessimist sees a dark tunnel, an Optimist sees light at the end of the tunnel, a Realist sees a freight train, the Train driver sees 3 idiots standing on the track.
- ☺ Morning forecast: Slight exhausted with 100% chance of needing coffee. Scattered sarcastic comments through the afternoon.
- ☺ Some people wake up and feel like a million bucks. Me? I usually wake up feeling like “Insufficient Funds”.
- ☺ Instructor: Welcome to salsa class! Who’s ready to learn how to dance? Me, hiding a bag of tortilla chips: There’s been a misunderstanding ...
- ☺ I had the rudest, slowest, nastiest cashier today. I guess it’s my own fault for using the self-check lane.
- ☺ Instead of a sign that says, “Do not Disturb”, I need once that says, “Already disturbed, proceed with caution.”

- ☺ Every time a bird craps on my car, I eat a plate of wings on the front porch to show them what I’m capable of.
- ☺ I got a new dog. I named him “5 miles” so I can tell people I walk 5 miles every day!
- ☺ Diet Tip: Eat food off of other people’s plates. Those are their calories. They do not count.
- ☺ There are 2 things certain in my life: 1) I am going to make coffee, 2) I am going to drink that coffee.
- ☺ My best excuse ever: “No officer, I have not been drinking. I was trying to avoid all the potholes.”
- ☺ At the store was an X on the floor by the register for me to stand on. I’ve seen way too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that trap!
- ☺ I don’t always diet and exercise ... but when I do, I expect the results to be instant, dramatic & spectacular.
- ☺ Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red) ... I can’t see you anymore ... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again! Trainer: It was a sit up. You did 1 sit up!
- ☺ We are all brave in our own way. For example, I am not afraid of raw cookie dough.
- ☺ What if they had to close grocery stores and we had to hunt for our food? I don’t even know where Little Debbie lives.
- ☺ Life advice: Never ask a woman who is eating ice cream straight from the carton how she is doing.
- ☺ If someone from Ziploc could contact literally anyone in the cereal business, that would be great!
- ☺ With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it is only a matter of time until there is a country song where the guy’s truck leaves him.
- ☺ If you see me smiling, it is because I am thinking of doing something evil or naughty. If you see me chuckling by myself, it is because I have already done it.
- ☺ Sometimes memories sneak out of my eyes and roll down my cheeks.
- ☺ Triscuits are what I imagine the inside of a scarecrow tastes like.
- ☺ Never go to bed angry. Stay up and plot your revenge.
- ☺ My brain said “crunches” but my stomach auto-corrected it to “cupcakes”.
- ☺ Pun of the day: What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack? The Best of Thymes, the Worst of Thymes ... I’ll see myself out.

Calendar:

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


**November 9** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Not too much has happened with the Pittsburgh group over the summer. **Bill Chicots** and current Ramp Service Lead **Jon Baldassare** got together at the Lemieux Sports Complex to take in Pittsburgh Penguins training camp practice. With NFL and NHL season starting, it only means one thing; winter is right around the corner. Western Pennsylvania foliage has started to turn out the beautiful colors of Fall.

*August Birthdays ~ Pat Wagner and Sandy Burns.*


*September Birthdays ~ Olga Karmazin, Gerry McDonough and Diane Weber.*

*September Anniversaries ~ Jack & Betty Tinney.*

*October Birthdays ~ Doris Abbas, Joan Ference and Bernie Juth.*

*October Anniversaries ~ Bill & Johnna Chicots.*

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


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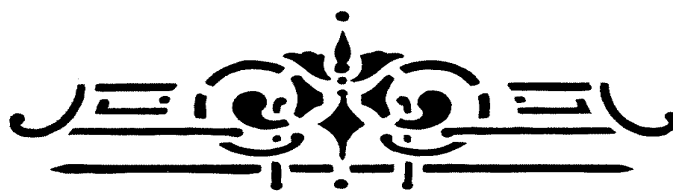
There is no report this month from the Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA.

Our next gathering is planned for December 12<sup>th</sup> if we can secure a reservation at our usual venue: Angelo's in Burien. This will be our holiday party and more information will be in a Contrails email, which will be sent by **Dave Jones** available later this year. Speaking of emails ... be sure to check your Spam folder occasionally, as apparently **Dave Jones'** Contrails group email address was processed (by some recipient's computers) as junk and went into Spam.




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






## WASHINGTON, D.C.



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Most of us became an employee of UAL because we enjoy travel and are enamored with airplanes and anything to do with the **jet age**!

If you find yourself looking to take a trip down the aviation industry's "heyday memory lane", head to the TWA Hotel located at JFK Airport Terminal 5. Discover the iconic TWA Flight Center, a 512 guestroom hotel, Paris Cafe, rooftop infinity pool and an observation deck with runway views. The New York Historical Society has curated an exhibit which showcases authentic artifacts, interactive displays and personal narratives about the era of aviation we witnessed first hand.

The masterpiece of this amazing complex is the "Connie" cocktail lounge. They have converted a 1958 Lockheed Constellation into a 1960's inspired bar! So if you are using an ID 90 on AA, Jet Blue, Delta, Lufthansa or 70 other carriers and traveling through JFK, take some time to experience our "glamorous past". You can contact the hotel at [twahotel.com](http://twahotel.com) and an email to them can get you an airline discount for a hotel reservation.

Even though it isn't United Airlines memorabilia, this experience will awaken the "awe" and "rekindle" your fascination with the airline industry that we choose to make into a "career"!■

  
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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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*Welcome*

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*Thank you*

## OBITUARIES

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Graham, Patrick M.**, Date Of Dead Unknown, SFOLM/DENMM, husband of Marlene L. Graham, 17946 E. Joven Ct., Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Retiree – **McGill, Luella K.**, on 12/24/2022, SANTL, sister of 5 Siblings, 28 H Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910 - 4920

Retiree – **Spate, James C.**, on 9/23/2023, DENMM, husband of Ginger Spate, 6360 Mountain View Dr., Parker, CO 80134 ■



## Letters & Notes



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

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

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### WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

**David Keefer, 622 Melville Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301**

I have been retired from United for 22 years (and retired from the labor force for 6 years).

We are still frequent travelers, averaging about 70,000 air miles per year. The travel benefits are what kept me at United for 36 years and I am not willing to give them up yet.

**Ruth Marston, 425 Maggie Cir., Flint, TX 75762**

It seems like just yesterday that I last paid my dues. I have been in Flint, Texas for three years in October.

The lower altitude helps with my breathing. I never expected to still be here at 92. My health is very good, after surgery on the aortic heart valve and a pace maker, which keep me going. Be happy and stay safe.

### **Words of Wisdom:**

- It is amazing how much good one can do, if you don't care who gets the credit.
- Character is the sum total of the choices we have made.
- It is what we learn after we think we know it all that counts.
- The biggest room in the world is room for improvement.

### **Notes**

### **Georgiana Green**

I'm rejoining RUAEA.

### **Graxiela Kaden**

I did VSL and I stopped working after 28 years of working at UA.

### **Billy E. Blizzard**

I am living the good life and thanking God for every day. I'm not looking for anything from United; so far they have not let me down.

### **Matthew Gauss**

We continue to enjoy traveling the world, loads and resources permitting, and appreciate our benefits and all the opportunities United provided and continues to provide for us. We look forward to receiving the Newsletter every month and appreciate your role in representing the interests of us retirees. Keep up the good work.

### **Joyce F. Spivey**

I flew with United at the best of times. I am so very proud of my 34 years with the company; I only wish I could have stayed longer. Thank you for all you do to keep those special days and time alive!

### **Sheila Price**

I am now widowed. My late husband, **Jay Philip Price**, died on October 4, 2022. I have relocated from California to Georgia to live with my daughter and her family.

### **James B. Morehead**

I will be at the convention on October 2-4. I am a RUPA and RUAEA member.■

# The Contact Column



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### **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

### **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729, [esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

### **United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

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

### **Employee Travel Center**

- ♦ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ♦ Submit questions using Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com>
- ♦ Search "Employee Travel Inquiry"
- ♦ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant from any Travel page on Flying Together

### **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

*\*Do not use for pass travel questions\**

### **Insurance Questions-see number on back of your insurance card**

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*Conclusion ~The Holiday from Hell*  
*By Lt. Col. USMC Ret. James "Chris" Klinedinst*  
*Slightly edited by Marvin Berryman*

**B**oth towers had been struck by planes. It was clear that this was not a random accident as we originally thought. Eventually we heard that the Pentagon had also been struck by a commercial plane and was in flames. There also was news of a plane going down near Pittsburgh. Then the astounding, almost unbelievable, report that the second tower had collapsed. The word spread that NFCU, and perhaps the base, would close soon. Kim wanted to go back to the waterfront to have another look, but I convinced her that traffic could be a problem, and Gabriel had to be picked up at day-school by 11:45. We made it on time, but traffic was fierce, with emergency vehicles screaming toward Manhattan and an endless parade of autos trying to get onto the two major Long Island expressways, many apparently coming out of the city.

Memories of the next two days are a blur. Paul was never sure of getting home, charged with preparing for the arrival of a battle group from Norfolk and assisting in establishing a command post near the NYC docks.

A hospital ship and an LST (the latter canceled later) were scheduled to berth in Manhattan. Meanwhile, virtually all bridges, tunnels and subways out of Manhattan were closed. Ferry services were nil. Even the Throgsneck Bridge from the Bronx to Long Island was iffy, limited to emergency vehicles and essential workers, like Paul.

Roadblocks and ID checks were in force. E-mails and phone calls were both difficult due to overloads and equipment failures in lower Manhattan. Internet connections were sometimes impossible for those few days.

Luckily, I was successful in communicating with my British friends. Eventually they canceled their trip, as airports were still closed and British Air could guarantee nothing.

By Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, I "escaped", driving 90 miles north to the tip of Long Island during a driving rainstorm. I then took the car ferry from Port Orient to New London, Connecticut. After a late lunch in Mystic Seaport, I pressed on and arrived at the Newport.

And here I sit, still at wits end, trying to get past the inexplicable massacre of innocents and the devastation visited upon our nation by envious terrorists, hiding behind the false title of "freedom fighters" and the religious veil of Islam, which they obviously disregard. These murderers simply cannot stand the successes of our culture, our values, and the freedoms we enjoy.

We will all miss those lost this past week. Our thoughts and prayers also must be for the families and friends they left behind. Meanwhile, we must saddle up and prepare to move out, as we have done for the last two hundred plus years. *Chris Klinedinst*

*Lieutenant Colonel James Christopher Klinedinst, USMC Ret., passed away in Bellingham, Washington on February 10, 2011. Chris was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the USMC in 1952. His career in the Marines included overseas tours in Korea ('53-'54), Haiti ('60-'63), Okinawa ('64-'65) and Vietnam ('70-'71) and a stint with the Defense Nuclear Agency.*

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Standing (L to R): Dan Petrovich, Ron Bertacini, Don Wolfe, Rosalie Tripicchio, George Cox, Hank Gosselin, and Richard Conner.



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Standing (L to R): Sue Peterson, Gary Peterson and Robert Wehler  
Sitting (L to R): Liz Gilmer, Carol Danielson, Donna Capps and Ellen Riley