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## *RUAEA Convention San Diego October 3 - 9, 2022*

**T**he Convention Package was published in the June RUAEA Newsletter, it is also available for download on the RUAEA website (<https://ruaea.org/convention.asp>). There are many reasons to attend the annual RUAEA convention. Much has been written about the beautiful Dana resort, fun and interesting tours, hospitality get-togethers, Fiesta party and the delicious Banquet with entertainment to follow. These are good reasons but not the most important ones for the majority of the attendees. For those who spent years working for, and flying on, the friendly skies of United, the main reason is to renew and make new friendships. You don't know who will be at the convention until you attend yourself; so come and be surprised at the old friends who greet you and the new friends you meet. **For your convenience, we are including the Convention Registration Form on page 29-30 of this Newsletter.**

One of the most popular tours we are offering at the 2022 Convention is the USS Midway Museum. If you wish to see the Midway, please register and join us on Tour #1 at the convention. There you will learn about the Historical Midway. After the tour we will be having lunch on Harbor Island at Tom Ham's Light House restaurant. Tom Ham's restaurant is noted for delicious food, and scenic views of San Diego.

Some information about the Midway ~ Located in downtown San Diego, the USS Midway (Museum) was America's longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today, the interactive museum is an unforgettable adventure for the entire family as guests walk in the footsteps of the 225,000 young men who served on Midway. Visitors explore a floating city at sea; the amazing flight deck and its 29 restored aircraft, flight simulators, and are inspired in the Battle of Midway Theater, included with admission.

Admission also includes a self-guided audio tour narrated by Midway sailors in English, Mandarin, Spanish, Japanese, French and German. Visiting Midway is an once-in-a-lifetime experience in San Diego, known around the world as "Navy Town, USA." ■

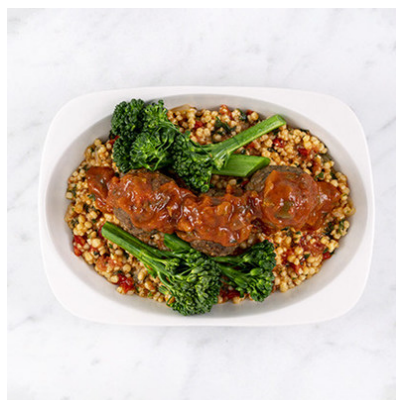


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## GENERAL NEWS

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#### **United Debuts New Plant-Based Menu Items From Impossible Foods June 15, 2022**



United Airlines is today adding two new Impossible Foods menu items on select flights and in certain airport lounges, as part of the carrier's new push to add more plant-based options to its food offerings.

As part of a new collaboration between United and Impossible

Foods, the United-exclusive Impossible™ Meatball Bowl is now available to first class customers on all domestic flights more than 800 miles in the continental U.S. The Impossible™ Sausage is available in Polaris® lounges in Chicago, Los Angeles, Newark and San Francisco.

The collaboration comes as more than half of U.S. consumers are increasing their plant-based food consumption and sales of plant-based meat continue to climb, according to a recent Nielsen report.

*"We want our food offerings to evolve and change along with people's preferences – we're proud to work with Impossible Foods and think our customers are really going to love these new options,"* said Aaron McMillan,

United Managing Director of Hospitality and Planning. *"To many travelers, the quality of food choices at the airport and in the sky are a really important part of the customer experience, so we're invested in making sure our menu items exceed their expectations. This is the first of many updates we look forward to sharing in the months ahead."*

The Impossible Meatball Bowl features three Impossible Meatballs™ Made From Plants and broccolini served on a bed of couscous and topped with an herb-infused tomato sauce. Impossible Meatballs are made with a custom mix of Impossible Beef™ Made From Plants and Impossible Sausage, seasoned with a savory home-style spice blend. Additionally, during breakfast at Chicago O'Hare, Los Angeles, Newark and San Francisco Polaris lounges, United will offer ground Impossible Sausage as an optional omelet ingredient and Impossible Sausage breakfast patties in the buffet.

*"United is all about offering the highest quality customer experience, which is something we have in common here at Impossible Foods,"* said Dan Greene, Senior Vice President of Sales at Impossible Foods. *"It's exciting to see the airline bring new options to consumers that are better tasting and better for the planet. We think United flyers are going to love having access to Impossible dishes in the air and in the lounge."*

Impossible Foods is on a mission to create delicious, nutritious meat made from plants with a far lower environmental impact compared to meat made from animals. Impossible products are designed to look, cook and taste like animal meat, delivering the crave worthy benefits of meat without many of the negative qualities. Both Impossible Meatballs and Impossible Sausage are a good source of protein and other essential nutrients, while containing 0 mg cholesterol and trans fat, and no animal hormones or antibiotics. Furthermore, they require a fraction of the land use, water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions associated with producing their animal meat counterparts, according to preliminary lifecycle analyses.

Starting this week, customers in eligible markets can pre-order the Impossible Meatball Bowl through United.com or the United mobile app.

#### **Transforming Yesterday's Emissions Into Tomorrow's Sustainable Aviation Fuel: United Announces Agreement with CO2 Utilization Company Dimensional Energy June 15, 2022**

United and United Airlines Ventures (UAV) today announced an investment in and commercial agreement with Dimensional Energy, another step forward to reach United's 100% green net zero commitment by 2050, without the use of traditional carbon offsets. Dimensional Energy's novel technology removes the need for fossil fuels, converting carbon dioxide and water into usable ingredients for the Fischer-Tropsch process – a nearly 100-year-old proven technology used to produce fuels from coal or





methane. While facilities around the world continue to use Fischer-Tropsch to produce fossil fuels, Dimensional will be one of the first to use it to produce sustainable aviation fuels (SAF).

Under the commercial agreement, United has agreed to purchase at least 300 million gallons of SAF over 20 years from Dimensional. This agreement further cements United's status as an airline industry leader in sustainability. United's SAF agreements represent the largest volume of SAF of any airline over the next 20 years, based on publicly announced agreements.

*"Sometimes you have to look to the past to solve new problems, and we recognize that decarbonizing air travel is going to require combining proven technologies, such as Fischer-Tropsch, with the latest advances in science and engineering,"* said Michael Leskinen, President of United Airlines Ventures. *"As we grow our portfolio of companies like Dimensional, we are creating opportunities to scale these early-stage technologies and achieve United's commitment carbon neutrality by 2050, without the use of traditional carbon offsets."*

Dimensional Energy was founded in Ithaca, New York, in 2016 and has spent the last six years refining its reactors and catalysts in both lab and real-world demonstrations. The company's early success led to its status as a finalist in the first Carbon Xprize, and in September 2021, global climate technology nonprofit investor Elemental Excelsior funded Dimensional as part of its 10<sup>th</sup> cohort, which led to the company's introduction to United. Dimensional has also received grants from the National Science Foundation and both the Department of Energy's ARPA-e and Solar Energy Technology Office (SETO). The company began construction on a carbon dioxide to fuels demo in Tucson, Arizona in 2021. Commissioning of the facility has already begun, and it is set to begin operation this July.

*"I am continually impressed by the team at Dimensional Energy as we scale our advanced carbon dioxide to fuels technology. On top of delivering clear environmental impact, our business model includes delivering durable benefit to local communities through creative partnerships. We envision a world run on conflict-free energy. United's support of sustainable aviation fuel made from captured emissions is an important step in the aviation industry's pursuit of carbon neutrality,"* said Dimensional Energy

Co-founder and CEO Jason Salfi.

Dimensional's technology can run on all forms of renewable energy. At the Tucson site, they are using electricity from the Arizona grid, which gets an increasing amount of power from local solar panels. Future plants are slated to use hydro-power, wind-power and rapidly maturing concentrated solar, which utilizes heat from direct sunlight.

Dimensional can also utilize carbon dioxide from a variety of sources, be it straight from industrial sites (like cement plants), from Direct Air Capture (a technology that can capture CO<sub>2</sub> from anywhere in the world), and biological processes like fermentation and biomass gasification.

Today's announcement marks UAV's fourth SAF-related technology investment, but its first the pathway of power-to-liquids: which creates SAF synthetically without the constraints of feedstock growth that is prevalent in other biofuel pathways. Launched in 2021, UAV targets startups, upcoming technologies, and sustainability concepts that will complement United's goal of net zero emissions by 2050 – without relying on traditional carbon offsets. Over the last decade, United has built a first-of-its-kind sustainability-focused ventures fund. UAV's portfolio now includes SAF producers and other technologies including carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft, and urban air mobility.

### **United Becomes First U.S. Airline to Add New Transpacific Destination Since Pandemic** **June 8, 2022**



United today announced year-round, nonstop service between San Francisco and Brisbane, becoming the first U.S. airline to add a new transpacific destination to its global network since the start of the pandemic. From Brisbane, United customers will be able to easily connect to nearly 20 other cities within Australia thanks to the airline's new partnership with Virgin Australia. United was the only carrier to maintain passenger service between Australia and the U.S. during the pandemic.

*"With United's strong history in Australia – and now with a great partner in Virgin Australia – it's the ideal time for United to expand service to Brisbane as demand for travel continues to grow,"* said Patrick Quayle, senior vice president of international network and alliances at United. *"Throughout the pandemic, we've looked for strategic ways to grow our international network, and we're proud to be the first U.S. airline to put a new dot on our route map across the Pacific."*

In addition to the new Brisbane route, United currently flies nonstop to Sydney from San Francisco and Los Ange-

les and offers nonstop flights between Melbourne and the U.S.

The launch of this route is supported by The Queensland Government's Attracting Aviation Investment Fund, which was established to help rebuild the country's international tourism industry. United's new service will support 385 local jobs and bring an estimated \$73 million into the economy. Pre-pandemic, San Francisco was the second largest mainland U.S. inbound passenger market and destination for Queensland travelers. United's hub at San Francisco provides convenient one-stop connections for more than 80 North American destinations.

*"This new service from United is a gamechanger for Queensland and we look forward to welcoming guests from across the United network to experience the sunshine, beaches and Queensland's unique outdoor lifestyle,"* said Gert-Jan de Graaff, CEO, Brisbane Airport Corporation. *"Australia is often mentioned as a bucket-list destination for North American travelers, so now is the time for customers to jump on board and see it for themselves."*

United's new Brisbane service will operate three times weekly on a 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft that includes 48 lie-flat, United Polaris® business class seats, 21 United Premium Plus® seats and 149 economy seats. All seats are equipped with seatback on-demand entertainment to help customers pass the time and relax during their travels.

United is the longest serving U.S. carrier in Australia, serving the country for more than 35 years with its first direct service to Sydney in 1986. The airline first began offering nonstop service to Melbourne from Los Angeles in 2014 and recently restarted its San Francisco-Melbourne service this June.

**It Happened To Me**  
**By Michael (Mal) Malesardi**  
**The Thunderstorm**

This story goes back to the summer of 1988! There was an engine change on a 737-200 at Newark Airport in New Jersey.



As part of a crew from LaGuardia, we left for Newark. The job was going well, except the clouds were building and the thunder started. First a few drops, then a few more, and the sky opened up. We ran inside but got completely soaked.

A good way to dry off was with the external power units near the terminal. Warm air at high velocity dried you off quick and was a quick warm-up in the winter. So, being under the terminal and secluded, I decided to take

my shirt off and hold it out to dry. I do not like working wet and was a couple hours away from dry clothes. After about 5 minutes, my shirt dry, I make an executive decision "Nobody is around and I only need about 8-10 minutes to dry my pants. The sun is coming out and no more rain". There I am with my pants flapping like a flag in a hurricane, when the door next to me opened and a Customer Service Agent steps out. She has a cigarette in one hand and a lighter in the other; I forgot about the "No Smoking" policy in the terminal outside designated areas. She looked at me, put the cigarette and lighter back in her pocket and went inside. I was waiting for her to say, "What's the matter with you?" I would have answered, "Other than wet, I don't think anything!"

After getting dressed and feeling quite dry, we finished up, all done. This was when our future partners, Continental, had just started to open up their 80+ gate new terminal. We went up, had a nice meal and headed back to LGA. When I got back and was asked how everything went, I said, "Great", there was no need to explain any situations, and all is good.

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**Beautiful St. Pete Beach, Florida**

As a child growing up in Cleveland, Ohio our family would usually fly to the East Coast of Florida each winter and spend a couple of weeks. Of course, I became slightly partial to the East Coast. However, in 1998 my job with United took us to the Tampa area and we fell in love with the West Coast of Florida. If you have never tried it, you should!

First of all, Tampa International Airport (TIA) is one of the easiest airports to maneuver. Early on, Aviation Authority Executive Director George Bean had a vision for a new complex centered on functionality and convenience for passengers. His goal was that folks wouldn't have to walk more than 700 feet from their car to gate.

TIA became the first major airport to have wall-to-wall carpeting. It was brown and orange and Mr. Bean was fiercely protective of it. He wouldn't allow airport



shops to sell gum as he did not want it getting stuck on people's shoes or in the beautiful carpet he installed which was to done to reduce noise and create a sense of coziness. Of course, today, there's different flooring and plenty of gum being sold at the airport.

Over the years, TIA has also undergone several renovations and expansions, however in 2018 the airport announced a billion-dollar update. But the original concepts which made it so convenient and revolutionary still put passengers at ease today.

Upon leaving Tampa International Airport if you head south on 275, come across the Howard Franklin Bridge you will arrive in the city of St. Petersburg. It's truly a lovely city, lots of things to see, plenty of nice places to eat and plenty of nice places to stay. There is everything from the Dali Museum, Chihuly Glass Museum, the newly renovated Pier, Tropicana Field (Home of the Tampa Bay Rays), Al Lang Field (home of the Tampa Bay Rowdies) and lots of restaurants and boutiques on Beach Drive to visit, just to name a few; truly a nice place to see. However, if you travel a little further south on 275, you will find yourself in beautiful St. Pete Beach. Things seem to move a little slower at the beach and life is somewhat easier, or at least it seems to be. It's not uncommon to see lots of people outside walking or running each morning, bicycle riders out for their morning rides and tourist getting a head start and heading towards the beaches.



TripAdvisor has rated St. Pete Beach a top-ranked US Beach in the USA for eight years running. Last year St. Pete Beach earned the #1 spot in the 2021 Travelers' Choice "Best of the Best Beaches" in the U.S. and #5 in the World! Millions of TripAdvisor travelers cited the soft white sand and tempting blue-green waters in their comments. Also, in 2015 The Travel Channel ranked St. Pete Beach #4 of 30 Best Family-Friendly Beaches in the world.

Former Governor Charlie Crist officially deemed St. Pete Beach the "Sunset Capital of Florida." It is truly beautiful! To top off all of these accolades, the St. Petersburg area averages 361 days of sunshine per year, and holds the Guinness World Record for the most consecutive days of sunshine — 768 days in a row!

Once you get settled in your hotel (or wherever you

select to stay) you will find that there are so many things to do. Dolphin watching, sunset dinner cruises, parasailing, fishing charters, or just soaking up the sun rays, you will find that your day flies by. There are plenty of local eating establishments on the beach but to name a few here are some great indoor and/or outdoor dining establishments; Spinners Rooftop Grille, 82 Degrees, Sea Hags, Sea Dogs and Woody's Waterfront restaurant.

While visiting the area, make sure you make it to Pass A Grill Beach to watch one of our beautiful sunsets. Best seats in the house are at the Hurricane Restaurant on the top floor or right across the street at the entrance to the beach area. As the sun sets you hear a bell being rung in the distance signaling the end of another beautiful day.

From St. Pete Beach you can travel north and visit John's Pass at Madeira Beach, or head further north to Clearwater Beach and maybe even up to Tarpon Springs. You can also travel south to beautiful Siesta Key Beach (also an award-winning beach) or shop at St. Armand's Circle. All of these locations are within an easy drive from St. Pete Beach and they all make great day trips.

One other attraction which happens every year is the St. Pete Beach Classic. The next race dates are January 13, 14 and 15, 2023. Registration is on January 13, and then on January 14 there will be a 10K and a 5K taking place. There is also a ½ marathon which takes place on January 14. It's a fun event and if you are interested in more information you can go to the St. Pete Beach Classic website for all information about the event. The event is very well attended and the weather usually cooperates.

Well, thanks for taking the time to read about my little corner of the world. Come on down and check it out.

### **The Writers's Column - The Jackalope**

**By George Midwin**

During my travels about California historical sites, I met a number of interesting people. These same people have told me stories about the local area, events that occurred and about some of the wildlife that live there. This story is about the strangest animal I've ever heard of and recently came across an example of, the Jackalope.

In the early 1800's, settlers from the East began migrating to California. These long trips required a great deal of preparation for the long journey. Although they expected to provide food for their families by fishing and hunting along their route, they also realized there may be times when this would not provide sufficient amounts. Due to the harshness of conditions, food storage was very limited, thus live animals were often brought with them. Additionally, live animals were captured during their travels. These would include animals such as squirrels and rabbits. These animals required very little to no food support from the settlers as they would forage on the grasses and berries. Since they would have no way of knowing about the conditions and especially the food sources ahead of them, they would 'stock up' when opportunities presented themselves. One of the favorite animals was the



rabbit. These were often plentiful and easy to catch in a simple trap. Additionally, the rabbits were very good eating. As the wagon trains neared California, in the area of the Nevada and Oregon area, they noticed a unique breed of tiny deer, no larger than a small dog. The children of the settlers were so excited about seeing these animals that almost all of the families would capture a few to take with them for pets when they arrived at their new homes. There may have also been an interest by some of the single settlers that others at their final destination would be interested in purchasing a small deer. In hopes of offsetting the cost of the journey, their wagon often contained a large number of these tiny deer.

Most of the travels across the country were accomplished in relatively flat land, although some places being a bit more rugged than others. However, they discovered the final leg of their journey to be all rugged. The tall mountains of the Sierra Nevada range created extreme difficulties, requiring the settlers to make even more difficult decisions. They often decided that they needed to lighten the load on their wagons, discarding some household items and eventually their animals captured along the way. Animals that were originally brought with them for the purpose of establishing a herd at their destination, were being released each day.

The animals captured along the way, including the rabbits and tiny deer, to the loud cries of the children, were also released. Thus during the last leg of their nearly eight month journey, they distributed an entirely new animal species to California. Imagine, a wagon trains numbering as much as one hundred, abandoning their animals in a desperate attempt to make it to their destination, which was so close. In later years wagon trains would discover safer routes, the need to discard household goods and animals diminished. Thus a situation developed for those previously released animals to have fewer and fewer animals with which to continue their species with. Nature, being what it is, always finds a way. Thus it was with the tiny deer and the rabbit; this cross breeding created an entirely new creature. Many decades later, this strange animal was being spotted by native inhabitants in the mountains. Indians living there for thousands of years had never seen anything like it. Fear spread as word of this creature reached tribes from all over. Miners panning for gold began seeing these as they forged during hunting trips. These reports reached entrepreneurs in San Francisco, who quickly mounted expeditions in search of this creature.

Soon, just as the word of gold reached people from around the world to descend on California, people in the state became keenly aware of what the possibilities this creature could provide. But it didn't have a name that had been attributed to it. Veterinarians called the animal "antilopes-rabit-ticus", however since it resembled a jack rabbit with small deer antlers, the name Jackalope became accepted among the population. Even as people were warned to the dangers of approaching this creature, tens of thousands of people set out in search of the Jackalope. With its speed and antlers, a Jackalope could impart considerable



harm to the unsuspecting hunter. That didn't stop top restaurants from San Francisco, seeking out the creature for its unique taste, which was reportedly to be a lot like chicken. Butcher shops hired people to provide the animal for them as more customers requested they make it available for purchase. Hunters wanted one to mount above their fireplaces. Businesses sought out taxidermists to provide one they could show customers. Museums sought one for displays. Others developed a bustling business stuffing Jackalopes to sell to souvenir hunters. Still others organized tours to take the wealthy to see first-hand the Jackalope in the wild, or for the purposes of hunting the animal themselves. Shippers were sending mounted jackalopes to Europe and beyond.

You can quickly imagine what all this attention did to this unique species, during the period of time that government programs were yet to be established. It became more and more difficult to find a Jackalope. By the end of the century the Jackalope was rarely seen. It could be that it became extinct or evolved into a creature with stealthy abilities. Perhaps it developed similar traits as that of the Big Foot or the Loch Ness Monster, due to the fact that a few sightings have occurred throughout this century. The story goes that if you do see one, you toast it with a drink. During my most recent travels, I was fortunate enough to see one mounted on the wall in a bar. I don't remember if that was before or after I toasted it.

### So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

This recipe is a recipe that my brother has made for years. It is great as it is large enough for more than one meal. The recipe can be doubled and you can freeze the leftovers. So simple and so good!

Hope you enjoy.

#### **Pepper Steak:**

Use small covered roaster.

Grease roaster.

1 large round steak diced to bite size

1 onion, diced

1 green pepper diced

1 large (23.2 oz.) can tomato soup or two small cans

Put can of soup in roaster along with ¼ cup water

Add meat, onion, peppers. Add salt, pepper, garlic salt to your taste.

Put lid on and bake at 350 for 1½ hours.

Stir and leave lid off for 15 minutes. Serve over rice.

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We hope this report finds everyone doing fine and  
enjoying our summer months. Our June breakfast was  
at Mr. Zeke's, 1422 W. Warner Road, Gilbert, AZ; with  
20 of us in attendance. We had lots of fun visiting and  
sharing our summer travel plans.

A decision was made to have our next breakfast on  
July 22 at Mr. Zeke's. We also decided to find another  
location to meet each month. If you know of any retire-  
ees who would like to attend, please notify our Vice  
President **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email  
[phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) a couple of days before so she can  
notify the restaurant.

Save the date, Wednesday, December 7, 11AM-  
2PM for our Christmas Luncheon. It will be catered by  
Robert's Catering, same as last Christmas. It was on his  
patio that has a beautiful view. We are asking everyone  
to bring a "White Elephant Gift" to our Christmas  
luncheon.


We celebrated the following birthdays in August:  
**Richard Vehring, Karen Thomas, Wendy Young,  
Pat Nicholaisen, Debbie Schulte, Shirley Claggett,  
Larry Young, Rita Zarek, Barbara Tremonto, Mike  
Henrikson and Matalynne Wandel.**

August wedding anniversaries are **Pam & Gary  
Gerstung, Richard & Janet Vehring and Larry &  
Wendy Young.**

Calendar:

**July 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**August 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 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 [rpdgarlic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarlic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

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The weather in the Northstate had been delightful! About 10 degrees less than normal, however, the fire danger as always is high. Everyone in the Northstate really stays aware of fire dangers.

The Northstaters had a meeting/luncheon on Wednesday, May 25 at Vittles in Anderson, CA. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed 9 members and spouses to the luncheon. We had a great lunch and even though we were missing many of our members, we had

great conversation and sharing of ideas. Merritt thanked **Kay & Vincent Neidlinger** for making the reservations.

Merritt asked if they were any birthdays or anniversaries, **Vanessa Pratt** celebrated a birthday in June.

**Merritt & Klaren Odor** shared some information about their trip to Idaho. They were able to meet up with some friends in Idaho Falls.

**Vanessa Pratt** led a discussion of Crypto currency. She was quite enthusiastic about it and some of our members did ask some questions.

Merritt again spoke about the convention in San Diego. We hope some of our members will be able to go, being that it is really not that far to San Diego. There even was talk about taking the train.

Bill and I left for Boise, Idaho the day after the meeting. We had a wonderful trip visiting 3 sets of cousins from the Twin Falls area to the Boise area.


Bill was able to visit the gravesite of his grandparents as well as his father's. We then went to Eagle and Meridian to stay with friends. Quite a change for Bill to see as he was born and raised in the Boise area and when he left Idaho 57 year ago, there were only 66,000 people in Boise. The farmland is reducing and lots of home development going on.

A discussion took place on our next meeting/luncheon, which will be held in Chico, Wednesday, July 27. **Billie Jorgensen** volunteered to set up reservations at the Italian Cottage.

**Kay Neidlinger** won the 50/50 raffle and **Dick Hooning** won the Lunch Certificate.

Calendar:

**July 27** - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Italian Cottage in Chico. Come and Join Us!



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Half the year is gone and why time flies by so fast is hard to understand.

Since we live in a tourist and college area, the car traffic has increased and the beaches have become crowded. The college, high schools, and elementary schools are now on vacation which accounts for all the beach activity.


We had our June luncheon with 10 members in attendance. The luncheon went well and the atmosphere



at the Spyglass restaurant is always great. There was very little airline news and **Mike Zoldak** wanted to know who was going to the convention this year. The only one, who might go, is our President **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.


Our luncheon included from left to right: **Joan Schaefer, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Bridget & Mike Zoldak, Marcia & Bob Stanger**. Seated are **Nina Powers** and her care giver **Mayra Solis**.





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



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Happy August from the East Bay Diablos group! I can't believe it's already the last month of summer and that kids will be going back to school this month. I just cannot get used to this newfangled school calendar. When I taught over 50 years ago, summer vacation was from mid-June until the day after Labor Day.

I hope that you all had a memorable Fourth of July holiday. What did you do to celebrate? Did you go to a parade or a fireworks display? Or did you watch a pa-

rade on TV or the Capital Fourth celebration in Washington? Seeing the celebrations in DC and fireworks over the Charles River in Boston is on my Bucket List.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. As I write this in early July, we continue to have a surge of Covid cases and hospitalizations in my area. I actually know more people with Covid now than during the height of the the pandemic. In Contra Costa County where we meet, masks and proof of vaccination are not required in restaurants. Similarly, neighboring Alameda County no longer requires masks at indoor venues. However, both counties still recommend wearing masks, especially if you are in a vulnerable group (as we are). The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our July meeting was held at Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. We hadn't met there in three months and it was nice to be back. (Their fettuccine alfredo is one of my guilty pleasures). To celebrate the Fourth of July, we wore patriotic colors and **Barbara Cunningham** brought in red, white and blue leis for everyone.

We had 13 members in attendance. Several of our regulars were missing. **Diane Griego** was in Oregon relaxing at a friend's home in a lovely wooded setting. We also missed **Joe & Wilma Leather**. Wilma has been having hip pain and sciatica and was able to get a last minute doctor's appointment. As we all know, when you can get in to see a doctor in one or two days, you change plans to grab that appointment! **Jack & Judi Smith** could not attend either. Jack had ear and eyelid surgery and could not see to drive. We passed around a get-well card for Jack and everyone signed it.

At every meeting, we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars each and the first ticket drawn wins a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had wine and some cotton garden gloves. **Diane Griego** usually lugs nametags and raffle tickets to our meetings. With her having a well-deserved rest in a forest somewhere in Oregon, we had to improvise. We all know each other's names so that was not a problem. But how do you draw tickets with no tickets? Well, I improvised. I cut up address labels, wrote the numbers 1-20 on them, and then everyone drew a label. Ticket #1 got the money and then people went up in numerical order to choose a gift. **Russ Kennedy** collected the raffle money and did an excellent job of explaining the new system for this meeting and calling out the numbers. The **Bouskas**

winning streak continues. **Rich** won the money in May and **Georgia** won the money this month. The system worked great except that the number before mine got the last gift. Oh well ... it's also a wonderful way to use up the plethora of address labels we accumulate from every charity on earth.

As mentioned earlier, I had hand surgery April 26<sup>th</sup>. My procedure, CMC arthroplasty, and carpal tunnel surgery, are probably the two most common hand surgeries performed today. The recovery time for CMC arthroplasty is about six months and I was told my thumb won't feel "normal" for up to 12 months. I was in a huge elastic bandage splint for two weeks and then a full arm cast for two weeks. I then got a "mini cast" which still immobilizes the thumb and goes around my wrist, leaving the four fingers free to move. I started 3-4 months of twice-weekly hand therapy on May 24. I could not drive for eight weeks and **Russ & Glenda Kennedy** graciously gave me a ride to our meetings during that time. I had to wear the mini cast 24/7 until July 5. As I write this on July 7, I can have the cast off up to 50% during the day, and can use both hands to type, until the thumb starts to ache. As my thumb continues to get better, I'll be able to write longer articles for the newsletter.

If you read historical fiction, you may have noticed that many books are being written about World War II. I am thinking that a lot of documents from that period are being declassified now. Here are a few that I've read recently and really enjoyed. The Long Flight Home by Alan Hlad is about the British Pigeon Service. Churchill's Secret Messenger, also by Alan Hlad, is about the spies England parachuted into France to gain intelligence from the Resistance fighters.

For animal lovers, I just finished West With Giraffes, about two men who transported two giraffes cross country from New York City to the San Diego Zoo in 1938. I have been fascinated by giraffes for years and I just loved every minute I spent reading this book.

For mystery lovers, the latest book in Donna Andrews' Meg Langslow series, Round up the Usual Peacocks, has just been released. Another new release is Portrait of an Unknown Woman, the latest book in Daniel Silva's Gabriel Allon spy thriller series.

**Barbara Cunningham** is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes.

**Jan Soderstrom** is collecting coupons for the char-

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can't wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). I would like to thank **Tracey Blanchard, Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks, Noelle Sakamoto, Barbara Cunningham** and **Margaret McGhee** who bring coupons to our monthly meetings. I would also like to thank **Carol Hulsebos** and **Sheryl Schubert** who have seen my request in the newsletter and have mailed me coupons. The lady in charge of my DAR chapter's coupon project reports that as of May, she has sent in 13,300 coupons totaling \$34,200.

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

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Please join us! Please note the date change for our July meeting.

- ▲ Monday, August 1 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [dianagriego@aol.com](mailto:dianagriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, July 28.
- ▲ Monday, September 5 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be voted on at the August meeting. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [dianagriego@aol.com](mailto:dianagriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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



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Did you have a good 4<sup>th</sup> of July? A little bit of fog, illegal fireworks galore and kudos go out to our intrepid President **Vera Kina**. She put on her “chefess” hat and whipped up a dandy Hot Dog and all the fixins’ for lunch. We had 17 members enjoy camaraderie and good eats. We have an amended Board who will hold forth monthly meetings: President – **Vera Kina**, Secretary/Membership/Travel – **Ginger Dahlberg**, Treasurer – **Peter Cooper**, Auditors – **Gene Walter**, **Kathy Cooper** and **Barbara Underhill**, Historian – **Carol Slater**, and Ticket Coordinator – **Kathy Cooper**.

Here it is, 2½ years of doing nothing. I remember, many moons ago, taking my little family of 5 to Washington, D.C. to revel in the festivities of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Dresses were worn, suits and ties – we were really decked out. Remember watching the stewardess carve the Prime Rib, slather the horseradish on it, the hot fudge sundae and chocolate chip cookies right out of the oven? Our adventure began. Well ... it rained on the 4<sup>th</sup> so the fireworks were postponed to the 5<sup>th</sup>. We went to Mount Vernon, listened to the Fife and Drum Band play as George and Martha rode up in their horse drawn carriage.

Fast forward to last month – my “little” immediate family is now 12 from the Left Coast, 2 from Texas and 2 from Michigan. Most flying – jeans, tennis shoes, masks and a free soft drink and cookie – times they have

a-changed! Unwrapped my soggy tuna sandwich and dined in style. All flights were on time, even arrived early and had to wait for a gate.

Into Knoxville, TN, 4 car loads of various apparel and eager travelers to start our sojourn to the famous Dollywood and Pigeon Forge. Thank goodness for air conditioning as the temperature was only 100 degrees and humidly equally up there – the Texans were the only ones used to such heat!

We did everything – the highlight was the Dollywood Stampede – the show included a delicious meal (soup, chicken, biscuits, corn on the cob, drinks and an apple turnover – sure beat the tuna delight sandwich!) The arena is huge and was sold out – the service was incredible, food was hot and the show was fabulous. Our almost 2-year old was the hit of the show - kiddies were invited into the arena to capture a chicken that had been turned loose – what a hoot! He received an ovation from the audience as he raced after the elusive chicken!

White water rafting and a memorable Moonshine tasting. Fun fact: You can’t buy liquor on Sundays but ... you can buy all the Moonshine you want (guaranteed to eat the enamel off your teeth). Gotta go – you’ll have fun - take money!

Off to Nashville for two days and the Grand Old Opry – we caravanned through the beautiful Smokey Mountains – one of the rental cars, in the fast lane, had a tire fly off, it crossed 3 lanes – it was a miracle that no one hit the wheel and that the family in the car fortunately had a grassy median to get onto. Wonder why gray hair appears?

What 3 of us thought was a cold turned out to be a positive Covid test, we had been masking and isolating all along – all got back home and are all in the land-of-the-living. All of us had been vaccinated and boosted – but the cough still persists as well as afternoon naps. Don’t know what the moral is of all of this. are not out of the woods yet. It’s not fun being a hermit!

Future Meetings: (July we meet in the Lagoon Room)

- ▲ July 25 – BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
- ▲ August 22 – Pizza and fixin’s – \$10 per person
- ▲ September 26 – Annual BBQ – Ribs, tater salad, beans – napkins supplied!!

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.







## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

Jane Gibson

Secretary

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June! The month that takes us to the middle of the year and, as I'm writing this, it's the middle of the month! Perhaps June is such a beautiful month because it is reminding us to slow down just a bit; step back and relax; enjoy the world around us and breathe, just breathe. As you all know, we are so fortunate to dine at really good restaurants. We weren't disappointed with our experience at The Breakroom this month. **Doe Pope** made arrangements to use their separate room – always a good thing as our group (30 of us today) can get just a touch “loud”! Hey, when good friends get together, the chatter and laughter, it can be a bit “enthusiastic”! What a combination - delicious food, great people, and incredible weather – yup, life is good! Our president **Rudy Blazius** extended our “Thank You” to Doe and went on to ask about birthdays – Happy Birthday to **Jack Fitzpatrick**. Now, when it comes to anniversaries, June is “bustin’ out all over” and these couples chose June to tied the knot: **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** celebrate 31 years; **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** have 21; **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** can count 55 years together; **Angie & Frank Dellinger** are looking at 53, and **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** have 56! Congratulations to all of you! We enjoyed having **Chris Delfino** with us – Chris came with **Gina Kenworthy** – Welcome, Chris.

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius** covered a few items in and both are in the “New” and “Old” Business sections.

*Vice President ~* **J.R. Heier** is always at the ready and runs our monthly raffle with great enthusiasm. After checking to be sure those who brought items for the raffle received their donator's ticket, he made sure that everyone bought their raffle tickets. Seems that **Rosemary** needed to remind him that they didn't have theirs yet! Our monthly raffle is a lot of fun and at 6 tickets for \$5; you have a pretty good chance to win something. The monies it brings in goes to subsidize our December Holiday Luncheon and we also donate funds to local charities each year.

*Treasurer ~* **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today – he is doing quite well after having back surgery last month. He reports that our checking balance is doing well for this time of the year. And our roster is pretty much caught up! Some of you are still on our list, but if we don't receive your dues for 2022 by the end of the month, you will be dropped – now, that doesn't mean you can't continue as a Hangtown Miner, we will just put you back on the roster after we receive your dues. Tom says we are “on track” with our balance compared

to previous years.

Tom has been diligently working with Sacramento City College's A&P Mechanics program. You'll remember from past minutes that we are coordinating with them to help our their students with tools. So, if you still have some of your tools that you used while working at UAL, and perhaps you don't need things like sheet metal sheers any longer, we have a great place for you to donate them and help out the next group of mechanics ... and it's tax deductible too! Of course some tools kind of “cross over” jobs – like a hammer can be used on so many other things in daily life, but, a ball peen hammer and/or a soft hammer are needed for planes! If you have any of these treasures you want to donate, please consider this program. Tom is willing to help with “pricing” (they are used so it's a bit different) and he is willing to store items until they get down to the college. Also, if you know of anyone else who may like to be a part of this program, give them the information so they too can clean out their garage - oh, and if you want to get rid of a tool chest/roll away, they need those too! Questions? Contact Tom, Rudy or JR.

*Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson** didn't have a report but she brought the rosters again, with a couple additions. Once I get the program to do what I want, I will be sending it out to all. I know I keep saying this, but, really, I will!

*Sunshine ~* **Suzie Kenny** is looking great! She also had surgery last month, so it's extra great that she was able to join us today. She hasn't sent out any cards lately, so all of you must be doing well – right? Remember, if you should have anything that you are dealing with, you always have a person to chat with in Suzie.

*Historian ~* **Roy & Dawn Martin** are keeping our records up dated for us. Not always easy to keep track of our Miners!

*Old Business ~* Rudy shared that there were 167 people who were able to come to the Celebration of Life for our friend, **Bill Dinette**. Several of our group were there to honor Bill and let me tell you, there were some really great stories and memories shared that day. Linda, you and Bill made quite a life together and we all are so fortunate to have been a part of those times. Rudy shared that Linda extends a big “Thank You” to all who were able to come. One of our member, **Carleene Hyde** came from Maryland and former members, **Joe & Lynda Lima** came down from Oregon. I'm sure there were many others who came from throughout the United States who wanted to be a part of this wonderful man's celebration. You may remember a co-worker named **Mike Mayers** – well, Mike is still working for UAL! Been there for 59 years!

Last month we put out a request for someone to handle the August luncheon. **Dawn & Roy Martin** said

they will handle that for us. Roy said that they have a conflict with it being on the second Wednesday, so mark your calendars that the **August Luncheon will be on the Second Monday!** Oh, and Angie, I asked about the willingness to drive a bit to “the other side of the hill”, and pretty much all hands were raised!

*New Business* ~ Rudy wanted to let us know that two more of your co-workers have passed away: **Jim Ryder** and **Jim Bradford**. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

**Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** will be hosting our next luncheon. Kerry has set it up with BJ's to treat our luncheon as a fundraiser! This is wonderful as we will receive a 20% rebate for our entire total. So, be sure to come, bring a friend + if you want it all adds up in the end!

So, there you are! Rudy brought our meeting to a close with this little quip: *“I got myself a Senior's GPS, not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there!”*

JR took the reins in hand; **Dawn Martin** won the \$20 for the donator's prize. A huge “Thank You” to all who brought items for the raffle: **Garland** – wine; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Kenney** – corkscrew with towel; **Kozelka** – wine; **Martin** – wine; **Martin** – knives; **Blazius** – Frosted serving dish; **Akin** – eggs; **Kenny** – candy; **Doe Pope**; dish towels; **Dale Pope** – bath plaque; **Wolfram** – garden décor; **Gibson** – watering can; **Heier** – coffee cup/cookies.

Don't forget to get July's luncheon at B.J's on your calendar (second Wednesday) and print out the flier (if you didn't pick one up at today's luncheon) to bring to the restaurant that day.

Also, remember that June 21<sup>st</sup> is the first day of Summer – enjoy each day, stay out of trouble, keep smiling/laughing and see you soon!

As you make your plans for the San Diego Convention, I would like to impress on you the importance of attending the Benefit Presentation. It will be held on Friday, October 7. There will be representatives from United Airlines Benefit Departments and also Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt and Kaiser Permanente. The representatives will also be available after the presentation to talk with members individually and answer their questions. You will notice that there are no tours scheduled for that day so plan to attend the Benefits meeting from 10AM – 12PM and the Benefits Breakout Session from 12:30 to 3:00 or TBD. There is a Fiesta Party in the evening with a Special Raffle Drawing. For more Convention information and to learn about RUAEA, check the website at <http://www.ruaea.org>.

The July Birthdays were missed due to my absence but we still wish them the best year ever: **Peter Hendricks, Rosina Krefft, Joan Zadrozny, Kayce Ward** and **Mary Hernandez**. August Birthdays ~ **Galen Barr, Debbie Taylor, Jackie Schwartz, Ivan Pedersen, Robin Munsey**. All the best and hope your year is the best ever!

This vision of San Diego is a poem by Sam S. Porter. It is undated and still in use today as our official/unofficial poem ...

*Where the spring comes in the summer,  
the summer comes in the fall,  
the fall comes in the wintertime,  
and winter don't come at all.*

#### Calendar:

**August 4** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego

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



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I am sorry I was unable to write for the July RUAEA Newsletter. Just a couple of days before the report was due, I ended up in ER with a bad case of Vertigo. I never had it before and didn't know what it was. It took a few days to get over but I am fine and hope to never get it again. We welcome a new RUAEA member, **Margaret Comstock**; and we thank her for her membership and look forward to seeing her at our future activities and the monthly breakfast.

The Gold Diggers met at Sizzler's in Auburn on June 29<sup>th</sup> with 23 members in attendance. After a nice lunch, President **Dave Garland** began the meeting with officer reports. Vice President **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the July lunch/meeting will be at the Oak Leaf Café in Granite Bay. They specialize in breakfast and lunch with an extensive menu. We will have a private room and you can order off the menu and pay your own tab. We will just need a head count a few days before

the lunch. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that there are two anniversaries in June, **Angie & Frank Dellinger** with 53 years and **Rose & Hank Wikstad** with 61 years. Treasurer **Judie King** reported that she had a little problem with the bank; she had received a notice that they were going to apply a service charge to the account. As she said, 'With her hair on fire' she went to the bank and asked about the service charge and when they would not budge, told them she wanted all the money and would close the account. When told she couldn't do that she said okay give me all but a dollar and with that they got some higher up to handle the matter. The bottom line is we still have the account and there will be no service charge. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** had nothing to report which is always good news. Historian **Stephanie** also had nothing to report as did our Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor**. Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** hoped to see us all in San Diego for the RUAEA convention in early October.

**Ken Norton** thanks everyone for their cards and well wishes during his time in the hospital. Ken related that his hip bone which had been redone some years ago went out when he got out of his chair and all but passed out from the pain. It was off to the hospital and surgery to repair the issue. Then it was several weeks in rehab where he tested positive for Covid but then a couple of days later was negative. He was in rehab for thirty some days, says it was worse than being in prison and the food left a lot to be desired. We are all very happy to see Ken back and he is really happy to be back.

There was only one birthday in June and **Trudy Engeldinger** was the lucky recipient of a little extra cash.

Dave then filled us in with some celebs birthdays on June 29. In 1858, George Washington Goethals an engineer who helped build the Panama Canal, 1861 William James Mayo co-founder of the Mayo Clinic, 1901 Nelson Eddy singer and actor, 1919 Slim Pickens actor in many westerns, 1936 David Jenkins US figure skater with Olympic gold in 1960, 1936 Harmon Killebrew baseball player with the Minnesota Twins and 1949 Dan Dierdorf NFL football player and sportscaster. Two celebs died on this date in history, 1967 Jayne Mansfield was killed in auto accident at 34, and Bob Crane of Hogan's Heroes was murdered at 59.

Then on this day in history, 1613 Shakespeare's Globe Theater burns down, 1767 the British pass the Townshend Revenue Act taxing the Americans, 1863 General Lee concentrates forces near Gettysburg, PA, 1916 a Boeing aircraft flies for the first time, 1927 first flight from the mainland to Hawaii, 1939 the Dixie Clipper makes the first commercial flight from US to Europe, 1956 President Eisenhower signs the Federal Interstate Highway Act, 1962 first flight of the Vickers VC-10 long range jetliner, 1964 first draft of the Star

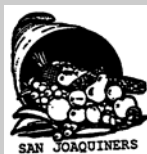
Trek pilot released, 1967 Israel removes barricade and Jerusalem is reunified.

Lastly, Dave had some headlines that make one wonder:

- ☺ Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash
- ☺ Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- ☺ Panda Mating Fails Veterinarian Takes Over
- ☺ Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- ☺ War Dims Hope for Peace
- ☺ If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

We finished with the raffle.

Our next lunch/meeting will be at Oak Leaf Café in Granite Bay on Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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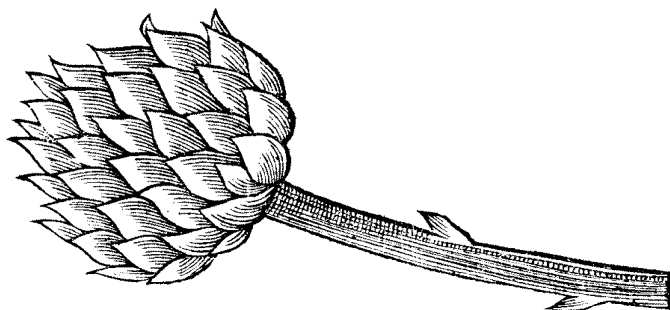
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Hello to everyone from the San Joaquiners Chapter! We are still active and meeting every month at different locations which keeps us all on our toes. Our last meeting was held at the Chinese restaurant in Valley Springs with 14 people in attendance and we all enjoyed the Chinese food buffet. It is the best and my favorite place!


Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have lunch in Sonora and then go to the theater in Sonora (SRT) to see the play ShBoom. Several of us have already signed up to attend; this will be a fun afternoon and we are excited about it. A big "Thank You" to Steve & Jacque for planning this fun event.

We have had a few members who are not feeling well and have not been able to attend our meetings. We want to send them "get well wishes" so they can come back and join us again.

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







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Finally, after an excessively long a period, we were able to hold our annual picnic in Vasona Park on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a spectacular day in a great setting. We had 35 people in attendance that enjoyed a wonderful BBQ of ribs, chicken, beans, salad, watermelon and a huge array of desserts. No one left with an empty stomach, maybe some did with a bellyache, as there was more than enough food to go around.

Thanks to all who came early and helped with the decorations and getting the site prepared. As it was Flag Day, we had a number of flags hanging and Red, White and Blue all around. Also big thanks to **Cheri Scales** who organized the ticket sales and followed up with attendees, as well as getting our caterer to again do the BBQ. People brought items for our raffle, which helped bring some needed dollars into our treasury. Although we had planned a Bingo game, the spinner cage was misplaced, so it had to be canceled, if anyone knows of its whereabouts, let Chuck know.

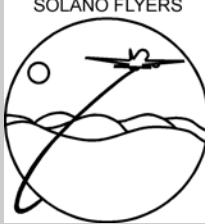
It's nice to have **Dave & Robin Garland** in attendance as well as some members we have not seen in sometime. Thanks to all who came out. We are planning to have another function, which for sure will be in December, but maybe another ones sooner.

Speaking of **Chuck Clayborn**, our great president, he continues to do an outstanding job, despite all that is going on in his world. However, there will come a time, when he packs his bags for Arizona and we will need to find someone to take his place. Please consider accepting a position to ensure our chapter can continue. **Hiroko Caster** has agreed to take over the position of treasurer, after **Cheri Scales** felt someone new should assume the task. Thanks Hiroko for stepping up and thank you Cheri for the many years of holding that office. I will continue in the role of secretary. **Maureen Snyder** will resume the duties as sunshine lady after a long absence. We need to have a couple folks help planning events. As you know, it takes some effort to arrange for events and the more that can help, the easier the task will be.

Consider attending the RUAEA convention in October, see the June 2022 RUAEA Newsletter for details and sign up forms, this convention package is also available for download at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org).

We did not hold a meeting in July due to the July 4<sup>th</sup>

holiday, but are planning to meet at Holders August 1<sup>st</sup>. Come join us from 1000-1200, for breakfast of lunch and see some old friends.



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I wasn't able to attend our luncheon but received report from Larry that 13 members attended our luncheon at the Point Restaurant in Rio Vista on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Two visitors joined us, **Craig Butler** (SFOOW) and **Ron Holt** (Jet shop). I wish I could have been there since it's been years since I have seen "Bootstrap Butler", he was a reserve at Travis in the engine shop, he got his UAL nickname for riding the engine up/down on the DC-10 engine.

**Joanne Blizzard** celebrated her birthday and she won the 50/50 drawing.

#### Calendar:

**July 20** – The Hide-A-Way Lounge, 1080 Orange Drive, Vacaville.


### COLORADO



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

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President Al began our meeting, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance. A smaller group, no doubt, because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Also in attendance: **Tom Cannata, Ted & Char LeGrand, Joe & Barb Fitak, Ted LeGrand III, Bonnie Cook, Tom Crawford, Karen Bossman, Al & Joanne Mollet, Dick & Cathy Benson, Mack Chandler, Al & Lois Fields**, and yours truly, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**. Officers gave their reports and the 50/50 was collected. There was discussion on having another picnic in late fall and the date for the Annual Christmas Luncheon was chosen, so mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Details when the weather cools off! Whew ...

Both Ted and Ted III are having birthdays this month – sure hope, for Charlotte’s sake, they like the same cake! Happy Anniversary to **Al & Joanne Mollet** – Al, Joanne will let you take her to any restaurant you want to!

Our “Getting to Know You” guy this month is **Tom Crawford**. Tom joined CO in 1996, in TPARR’s 1<sup>st</sup> class. Six months later, he was at the top of the seniority list with 50 new hires coming in! In ’98, Tom transferred to IAH as a Lead in CS, where he stayed until February 2001, when he again moved ... this time to MCO. Smart Guy! Tom got even smarter when he accepted an early buyout in March 16, 2021; and joined the Real McCoys soon after! Yay for us!



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

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



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

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



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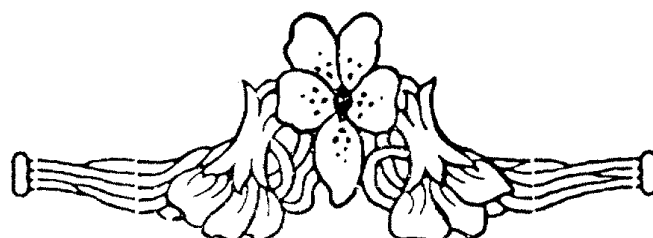
**Jon Wilkinson** reported that **Bob Lindstrom** (who is a Viet Nam “Wounded Warrior”) is battling cancer. It would be very nice to have all of his fiends and fellow co-workers and UAL retirees to send him a note of encouragement. He deserves it! **Robert Lindstrom**, 587 Waterford Circle W., Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.

#### Calendar:

**August 1** – IHOP, 10:30

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

**October 3** – Fall Picnic



## IDAHO



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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 your email address to [annmedve@icloud.com](mailto:annmedve@icloud.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.



### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems celebrated a return to our luncheon meetings with a meeting at Joe Momma's Breakfast Eatery on June 29. The following members were in attendance, **Joe Sweeley** and **Pam Ortali**, **David & Carol Adams**, **Louise Duvall**, **Joe & Joan Varady**, **Pat Peters**, **Shirley Perkins**, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, **Denny Snyder**, and **Lois Rodriguez**.

**Joe Sweeley** and **Pam Ortali** have done a lot of travel since Covid. In March, they went to Las Vegas for a bowling tour, then 32 days in California visiting family and friends (Hi **Bill Gibson** (UAL)). They did 5 days of camping near Riggins, Idaho, as well as another 5 days camping near Cascade, Idaho. In July, they are going back to Las Vegas for the Inter-Airline Bowling Tournament. **Pat Peters** took a road trip to California to visit old friends. She could not believe the traffic and price of gas in CA! Pat is now planning to do another trip to Montana in the near future. **Joe & Joan Varady** love their new location in Meridian as it is so convenient to everything! They are looking forward to their grandson's wedding in Danville, CA.

**Louise Duvall** is enjoying all her grandchildren and her time remodeling her son's cabin in Lowman. **David & Carol Adams** are doing a lot of camping in their motor home. They are planning a trip to Kansas City this fall as well as doing a train trip from DEN to SMF and then to SEA. **Shirley & Rick Dempsey** have been seeing friends and family. Rick's oldest brother and sister-in-law visited with them in July.

## ILLINOIS



### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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August—Dog Day Afternoons. That's what we always called it but maybe you just called it, hot! Dog Days of Summer are from July 3 to August 11, catch them while you can! Augustus Caesar named this month after himself. Why not, July was named after Julius. Auggie wasn't going to take second fiddle to



Juli. Ah, those rulers were really regal, weren't they? He was under the astrological sign of Leo, the Lion. They're pretty spectacular; just ask them, ha ha ha. Leo's are passionate, vivacious and theatrical. They are born leaders and very protective of their family and friends. I like Leo's, they can be your best friend, very kind and loyal. They like to be in charge, fine, let them, they're very good at it! The Flowers of the month are the gladiolus and the pretty little red Poppy, a sign of remembrance, hence why the VFW sell poppies on Memorial Day. The beautiful olive green peridot is one of the gems of August. The spinel, comes in a variety of colors with a white horizontal strip, but mostly a bright red. It's traditionally given as a 22nd wedding anniversary gift. The sardonyx is a combination of quartzes, sard and onyx. It has bands of brown, red, orange and white layers of onyx. It's associated with courage, happiness and good communications, bringing stability to marriage and partnerships. I hope you like hearing the origins of history, flowers and gems, etc. I find it fascinating. It tells me where things originated, even 3,000 year ago.

August month observances are, National Dog, Family Fun, Get Ready for Kindergarten, Eye Exam, Goat Cheese, Panini, Hair Loss, Golf, Crayon Collection, Romance Awareness, Peace, and for us, Wellness and Spinal Muscular Atrophy Month. August 21 to 27 is Be Kind to Humankind Week. The Cute Dates of August are, August 3 is Grab Some Nuts Day, if you're one, better hide. The 4<sup>th</sup> is Chocolate Chip, the 5<sup>th</sup> is Beer Day and Work Like a Dog (forget it, we're retired), the 6<sup>th</sup> is Wiggle Your Toes, the 7<sup>th</sup> is Sisters Day, say Hi to her, even if you know you're the best one, the 8<sup>th</sup> is International Cat, the 10<sup>th</sup> is Lazy, S'Mores and Lion Day. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Son and Daughter, the 12<sup>th</sup> is Kool-Aid, Vinyl Record, and Elephant Day. It's also when the fabulous Perseid Meteor Showers show off. The 13<sup>th</sup> is Left Handers, and Middle Child, the 14<sup>th</sup>, Creamsicle and V-J Day, the 15<sup>th</sup> Relaxation, the 18<sup>th</sup>, Serendipity, the 19<sup>th</sup>, Aviation and Potato Day, the 20<sup>th</sup>, Honey Bee Awareness, gotta save the bees, they're necessary for universal pollination; just for us on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Senior Citizens, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Be an Angel and Tooth Fairy, the 25<sup>th</sup> Banana Split, the 26<sup>th</sup>, Dog and Toilet Paper, (oh nooo, we have to save TP again?) The 30<sup>th</sup>, Frankenstein and Marshmallow day, I think they're two months early!

August 16, 1977, the day Elvis died, only 42 years old. That is sad, such a talent and he passed so young. Many of my girlfriends were heartbroken for weeks, some still are. I was never a huge fan, but he sure could sing and gyrate, at the same time. They just made a movie about Elvis with Tom Hanks, as his manager, the 'Colonel', it came out this week for the anniversary of his death. Would you like to hear a story about Elvis? Good, I'm gonna tell ya! Back in the early '70's, Jan

McFadden, Georgeanne Auer, her cousin Francis, and I went to Vegas for a few days. They were big fans, so we got reservations to see Elvis at the Hilton. We stood in a line a mile-long, weaving in and out of the casino. If you remember, we got gussied up back then, nice clothes, heels, etc. Fran had his best suit on. Now people go in with shorts and a T-shirt. Ugh, the glamour is gone. So we got to the maitre'd, Fran gave him money, we got seats up front by the right of the stage. Not bad, they brought us our three-drink minimum right away, with lots of ice, of course. The show was about to begin, the lights went down, the maitre'd came to Fran, and whispered, 'Bring your drinks, follow me'. We looked at each other, and thought, what? These seats are great, we forgot all about the \$20 Fran gave the host. So all four of us grabbed our drinks, purses etc, and walked up to a nice elevated curved white booth. We were all full of questions; Fran said to us, 'Quiet, this is Colonel Parker's private booth!' Holy cow, for \$20 bucks, we got the best seats in the house. The people in the next booths maybe thought we were famous Hollywood types. Elvis put on quite a show; he was wonderful. He made me a fan! Great memories from 50 years ago that will never go away, even with dementia! Thanks again, Fran! Maybe he met Elvis in heaven a few years ago, Fran can tell him this story, and they can both laugh! The King probably has a lot of wild stories to tell Fran, who is probably still blushing.

The future just ain't what it used to be.

The Northside breakfast had a whopping 14 people, **Marge Stamm, Margaret Longo, Virginia Kondraros, Marci & George Haupt, Dave Dunham, Elena & Cesar Guerra, Linda Addante, Jerry Tipperreiter, Vicki Heuer, Kathy Cufar, Marsha Sealock-Weber, and Jan Gawenda.** Conversations included future travel plans, our Skyliners Luau Luncheon, doctor appointments, the weather, and coming up events, the RUAEA convention in SAN this October. Last year's was a lot of fun; I hope you're thinking of attending. The price is right, the scenery is beautiful!

The Southside breakfast had four attendees, **Gwen Brookins, Barb Wesemann, Sylvester Gant,** and his granddaughter, Genesis. They talked over the good-old-days, their trips, and all the fun that goes with them, including getting bumped and traveling with little children.

The older I get, the better I was.

The ORDMM group had 15 mechanics and me. **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Vic Liltz, LB Neal, Don Kramlich, Boris Spitz, Bill Durr, Rich Protsman, Bob Zeier, Frank Ranier, Paul Skrudlund, Jim Kraft, Walt Chornomaz, and Bob Hardin,** who is back from Florida. **Jim Kraft** was able to attend, in a wheel chair, thanks to **Bill Durr**, who picked him up from his Oak Brook rehab facility and brought him to

Schaumburg, and back. Thanks Bill, so kind of you. It meant the world to Jim to be with his friends. He has since been sent home waiting for his next surgery.

While at Maxfields, a group of young boys came in, maybe about 11-13, probably having breakfast before football practice. They had their equipment backpacks with them. For their age, they were well behaved. They sat with us in the small private room. We couldn't help but giggle a little. On one side were teens, on the other side, were all us 'mature' folks. They could look at us and say, is that us in 70 years? And we said, that was us 70 years ago, did we look that stupid? Boy, they have no clue what they will go through! Ha!

The ORDMM foremen had four men, two women, **Glenn Hill, Tom Abraham, Stan Chmieliwicz, Sue & Bart Kendall** and me. The IAM Lodge meeting was on July 7, there were 82 in attendance. The members brought their own lunch. After the meeting, they played a few games of bingo, what a great addition to the meetings! Members brought food for the Schaumburg and Hanover Park Food Pantries, along with sending each group \$150. Next month, the meal will be a picnic of brats, hot dogs and burgers, compliments of the Union. Members are encouraged to bring desserts, if so inclined. The president, Dave Roderick always thanks the volunteers who set up the tables with food etc, and then takes them down. Can always use more/different people to help out.

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt ... Herbert Hoover.

For some good happenings! **Joan Teister's** son, **Keith**, has been made Captain for United. Congratulations! **Toni VanKampen** had a family reunion for 51 people in Maine. They have a get together every two years. I can hardly wait to see where they go in 2024. In 2020, they met on a Caribbean Island. From the pictures she sent, they are a fun-loving family. Toni is my Tech Support Guru. She sends out all those breakfast notices every month, all the Mainliner events, I tell her what I'd like on the Luncheon invitations and programs, and she makes them up. Toni also updates our [chicago-skyliners.org](http://chicago-skyliners.org) website. Last month at our Hawaiian luau, when our photographer canceled, she came and took all the beautiful pictures. I hope you saw them. She reminds me of events, just in case I forgot, just so many things. Above all, she makes me look good. I owe her a lot, so a big "Thank You" to Toni.

Our co-workers that Flew West last month are, **Barb Sheehan**, ORDHN/ORDCS, **John Homer Anderson** and **David Patterson**, ORDFO, **Mary Dolan** and **Uzman Razvi**, and **Bill Churchill**, EXOKF, **Jesus Austria** ORDCG, **Carl Meinzer** ORDMM, **Debbie Thomas** and **Ron Victorine**, ORDCS. I have to make a correction to last month's deceased list. I had a typo to one of the names, I listed **Rick Gustafson** as passing

away. It really was **Eric Gustafson** that died. My deepest apologies to the families of both men. There probably is a Rick out there, good news, he's still here, but poor Eric isn't, my sympathy. **Marsha Sealock-Weber** brought this to my attention, thank you. Also gone from our world, Jim Ryan, former Illinois Attorney General, actors Mary Mara (Dexter), Maureen Arthur (How to Succeed in Business), Philip Baker Hall (Seinfeld), Joe Turkel (The Shining), Directors John Cherry (Ernest movies), Robert Katz (Gettysburg), composer James Rado (Hair), Hal Bynum (Lucille), Mark Shields (PBS News Hour), Sonny Barger (Hell's Angels), Robert Vlasic, (Pickle Man), Bernie Stolar (Mattel/Barbie Man), George Weyerhaeuser (Lumber Man), Robert McFarlane (NSA Advisor).

I must also give my heart-felt sympathies to the people of Highland Park and Uvalde, TX, and so many other cities across the country affected by these mass shootings. Being a woman of words, I don't have any more for these tragedies spreading through our country and world. I know we're all hoping and praying this would stop. We're so broken hearted about losing innocent children, family and friends, but still building anger for the assassins, fear, and no one is able to stop it. Peace to us all.

#### Calendar:


Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 9:00 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**August 11**). Second Thursday of the month.

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**August 18**). Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Union Hall, 501 W. Oakton St. Des Plaines (**August 4**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.

### INDIANA

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I was away during our June meeting and was unable to attend. I have no chapter news to report.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us

out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.


Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **July 12** at Emmy's
- **August 9** at Emmy's
- **September 13** - Indy Racers Chapter picnic at Avon Town Hall Park
- **October 11** at Emmy's

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

### Calendar:

Wear your masks, think safety and stay healthy!

### MICHIGAN

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It was so nice to get together for our second retiree luncheon of the year held on June 10. **Camille Wade** hosted the fun event. Attending were **Pam Shamey**, **Barb Miller**, **Marguerite Venn**, **Gwen Dyc**, **Mary Bosch**, **Margaret O'Connell**, **Camille Wade**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Gloria Alexander** and **Marlene Heaney**. **Barb Miller** was visiting from Columbus, Ohio and **Mary Bosch** now lives in Curtice, Ohio. It was so nice of the gals to come in for our luncheon. A surprise

"drop-in" to say "Hi" but couldn't stay was **Melanie Bout-Frakes**. Hope you gals will be visiting us again soon. Our July luncheon will be held on Thursday the 14 at 11:30 at the Olive Garden in the Novi Town Center. The address is 43300 Crescent Blvd, Novi, MI if you would like to join us. RSVP to Gwen at (248) 667-9258 (Home).

Enjoy this beautiful summer and remember these thoughts for the month: *"Kindness is a gift that everyone can afford to give."*

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.


### MINNESOTA

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There is no report this month from the Northern Lites chapter of RUAEA.

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

### NEBRASKA

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Only ten of us gathered the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for our luncheon at the Legends Grill; however, the food was delicious, the service exceptional and the conversation outstanding. The small group allowed for a collective conversation. We hope to see many more of you at our next meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are sorry to say that two of our members passed away this last month. **Hank Marquardt** and **Stan Longmeier**, both passed away in June; our sympathies to their families.

Much discussion involved the turmoil of all airlines related to delayed and cancelled flights. **Rita Purkapile**



just returned from Costa Rica and experienced all of those issues.

Calendar:

**August 2** - Meeting at Legends Patio Grill, 6901 Pacific Street, Omaha. Hope to see you there.

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There is really not much to report from the Silverliners. There are no meetings/luncheons planned for the near future, no one has stepped forward to set one up. The Silverliners are still in need of a President, Treasurer and a Secretary since the response to fill these positions has not generated any interest. So, the Silverliners at this time are in limbo about our next move to keep this RUAEA Chapter together.


**Jeannie Rolland** and **Don Rutkowski** are still working on as Treasurer and Secretary in the back ground on a limited involvement until someone replaces them but that does not seem to be anytime soon. Our Vice President **Mary Chandler** cannot do it all alone and we still have long time member **Eleanor Vasko** as Sunshine Lady.

**Don Rutkowski** has in the past few months tried contacting UAL Retirees in the Las Vegas area and asking for them if they would be interested in joining the Silverliners. The lack of response from those contacted indicates that the interest in joining a group and getting involved is not what people want in this day and age. The time of friendship and camaraderie seems lost at this time. All we can do is hang on and hope for a brighter future for our members of the Silverliners.

Members Birthdays for July ~ **John Cernava** and **Zenta Berghofer**. There were no July anniversaries.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever one can be set up as we try and get through the dwindling membership and interest. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.





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There were 12 members at our June 13 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. It was nice to see everyone.

June birthdays are being celebrated by **Larry Reid** and **June Roe**. The 50/50 winner was new member **Teresa Rhine**.

Our next meeting will be on July 11 at 11:30 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

NEW JERSEY



**THE GARDEN STATERS**  
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The Garden Staters met on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains. The meeting was opened by president **Frank Warzocha**.

**Frank Kokaska** reported on the accidents that are happening at Newark. Last week they had two planes that backed into each other and created pretty severe damage.

Our 50/50 was won by **Greg Whitman**.

Our next meeting will be on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Stagecoach Inn. Let's make every effort to be there.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"With all the things we say and do, is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build fellowship? Will it be beneficial to all?"*



## NEW YORK



### **BUFFALO CHIPS**

#### BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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



#### NEW YORK METROS

Ed Pozzi  
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President **Ed Pozzi** opened meeting with the Pledge Of Allegiance. We welcomed two new members, **Bob & Ellen Wagner**. Lunch was served with half barbecue and half-traditional; burgers, wings, hot dogs, French fries as well as broiled salmon or chicken Francese, soup or salad, and dessert.

The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award was mentioned and we congratulated **Jose Falcone** upon his receiving the award for 50 years as an aviation mechanic. Well done Jose!

The 50/50 was split by **Joe Lilly**, **Joyce Smith** and **Lee Lack**. Overall, 21 guests enjoyed the lunch, especially the ribs.

This report was compiled by **Ed Pozzi** and **John Klos**.

#### Calendar:

**August 3** – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.

## OHIO



#### OHIO BUCKEYES

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There is no report this month from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter of RUAEA.

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

#### Calendar:

We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

**August 3** – Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville

## OREGON



#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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I have some **great** news! Our Colwood luncheons have resumed! But we had to switch to Thursdays. All except August will be on the second Thursday. There was a conflict so in August we will meet on the first Thursday, 8/4. I have had such an amazing outpouring from across the country appreciating the humor I have supplied that I will continue adding a few for as long as there is space in the newsletter. Enjoy!

- ☺ Someone said “30 years ago”, and my mind went “Ah yes! The 1970’s”, but they meant 1992, and now I need to lie down.
- ☺ A couple of kids asked me what it was like when I was growing up ... so I took their phones, turned off their WiFi, gave them some popsicles and a bike, and told them to stay outside until the street lights come on. Nothing like experiencing the real thing!
- ☺ For my summer diet, I start with a nice big salad bowl, then fill it with ice cream!
- ☺ I have an amazing superpower – I can melt ice cubes by staring at them ... it takes me quite a long time, but it does work!
- ☺ I have seen 5/5/55, 6/6/66, 7/7/77, 8/8/88, 9/9/99, 10/10/10, 11/11/11, 12/12/12 and now 2/22/22 ... darn, I’m old.
- ☺ Ok, so naked running ... apparently this means running without GPS, music and any other tech. I sure wish I knew this an hour ago!
- ☺ It’s another hot day out there so I just took off all of my clothes and opened all the windows. I feel so much better now, but the other people on the bus don’t seem to be so pleased?
- ☺ The black eyed peas can sing us a tune but the chick peas can only hummus one (pardon my pun!)

#### Calendar:

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

## PENNSYLVANIA



**THE INDEPENDENTS**

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Hello to all! I will be the new correspondent for The Independents chapter, my name is **Gail Bradley**.


The summer is finally here; it has been a hard year for our group. We've had sickness and continuing deaths. Sadly, we will miss **Catherine Ferraro**; we are also sorry to report that we also lost **Joyce Lindenmuth** (our former chapter correspondent to the RUAEA newsletter).

I'm also sorry to report the passing of **Bernard (Bernie) McNamee**. Bernie along with **Jim Fanto**, **Al Edwards** and **Frank Eggles**, started our organization. All will surely be missed.

Our meetings are on the second Monday of April, May, June, October, November and December.

Hopefully we'll have better news next month for you.

Hope all of you have a wonderful summer; please stay healthy, happy and safe.



**Pittsburgh PIT-STOPPERS**

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### *Submitted by Mary Jane Stewart*

The next PIT Stoppers luncheon will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at JW Halls Restaurant in Aliquippa, PA. Social hour begins at 11:30AM with lunch served at 12:30PM. If you are not on our current mailing list and would like to attend, please contact our Secretary, **Julie McConaghy** at (412) 997- 0588. We would love to have you join us.

Julie's grandson, Nate Rush, has just graduated from W & J, Summa Cumme Laude and will be pursuing his Law Degree soon. Nate is the grandson of the late **Ray McConaghy**. Many of us enjoyed working with Ray at the Pittsburgh Airport.

Hopefully, we can have some Pit-Stoppers join us in San Diego for the annual convention October 3-9.

It's a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

**Treatie Karwoski** recently had her nieces Alice and Lisa from Newtown, PA visit her and tried to get as many fun things in as possible. Alice will be accompanying Treatie to the convention in San Diego in October.

*June Birthdays ~ Verna Alex, Jean Wolf and Jim Weber. July Birthdays ~ Bill Chicots, Gwen Detwiler and Paul Musko.*

*June Anniversary ~ Dave & Gwen Detwiler. July Anniversary ~ Paul & Betty Musko.*

## TENNESSEE




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TENNESSEE**

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

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

## UTAH




**SALT LAKE RETIREES**

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

## WASHINGTON



**EMERALD CITY SLICKERS**

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It's been a whole year since we last met "in person" and that's what makes the opportunity on July 12, 2022



for our annual picnic so special. Since the deadline for this August article is actually before the picnic I can only summarize from our RSVP list that the response is robust and at least 35 members plan on attending. As mentioned previously, we are still planning on a holiday party in December.

**Norma Miller** related that **Jim Sundmark** passed on June 17<sup>th</sup> after a fall in his apartment a week earlier. Jim started with Capital Airlines in New York, and worked in HNL and SEA, eventually retiring in 1985. Jim was a wonderful volunteer on the Retiree Travel Desk, helping many, many retirees check flight loads and make or change listings. Remember those days! Jim was a very pleasant, smart and positive guy and a real pleasure to know, Norma commented. He will be greatly missed.

Want to travel to the International Space Station but you're not a millionaire? Well, I've got the event for you. It's called "The Infinite", located in Tacoma. Until September 5<sup>th</sup>, you can "become an astronaut in the first collective immersive experience that transports you into space". It is a virtual reality experience, where you don Oculus headgear and become an avatar while walking inside and outside of the ISS as it orbits the earth. My husband I went last week and it will blow your socks off! This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> experience with virtual reality, the first being at the VW assembly plant in Dresden, Germany 3 yrs ago. In Tacoma, you walk into (and out of) the space station while watching and listening to the astronauts explaining what they are working on. You look down and see earth below you, easily identifying continents and countries. You cannot see the bodies of other visitors but you see their outline as an avatar as you move around. If you attend with someone, both of your avatars will shimmer in gold while all others are blue. You can talk to each other and most people speak quietly. I recommend that you hold hands if you come with someone. It is an amazing experience and can be quite humbling. "The Infinite" has played in Houston and may possibly be moving on to San Francisco this fall.




**LILAC CITY FLYERS**  
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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area

and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.



**THE DULLES LOUNGERS**  
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The summer has arrived in full force. Here on the East Coast, we are sweltering in 90+ degrees with high humidity. We were blessed with a lot of rain in the beginning and mid part of June. Now we are just trying to adjust to it. Fortunately, many community swimming pools and ocean beaches are only a 4 hour drive away. Water sports are a part of everyday life here as well. Tubing on the Shenandoah River and kayaking on the Potomac are very popular pastimes. The Chesapeake Bay is a wonderful place for water skiing and famous for sailing. And ... having grown up without air conditioning, I try to never take that luxury for granted.



May was our last scheduled luncheon of the year but our end-of-the-year party was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Many of our members were already vacationing out-of-town and could not attend, but it was still a great success with almost 50 of us there to celebrate. The venue was The Bungalow Lakehouse in Cascades, (Sterling) VA. It is a beautiful place with many options for dining. Our event was held in the main dining room which was very cozy and elegant. There was a lovely buffet of a variety of hors d'oeuvres. There was something there for everyone. No one went away hungry; beverages were ordered at and delivered to the table. **Kerrie Schneider** said the blessing before we ate. It was a beautiful prayer which was very meaningful to our group of retired airliners.

After our group adjourned, many of our group continued to socialize on the screened-in terrace on the lake. The view there was beautiful and all amenities of the restaurant were available. At this restaurant, there is

also a Cigar Bar, a huge bar and restaurant room and several other rooms for private parties.

We celebrated the summer birthdays with a beautiful cake from Costco and two trays of chocolate brownie muffins (1 with nuts and 1 without.) The muffins were baked and donated by The Great Harvest Bakery in Herndon, VA. The Great Harvest also donated a basket full of breads and other goodies for us to put into our silent auction. The Mainliner Club donated 4 posters of United airplanes to be included in the Silent Auction.



I presented gifts and words of gratitude to our various and valued volunteers. One gift that each of the volunteers received was a koozie (A bottle or can holder) with 3 of UAL's logos on them along with The Dulles Loungers and each person's name. They all received something else (personal to them) as well. Two of our members/volunteers were not able to attend: Gunn has taken a full month to visit her friends and family in Germany. Jon, our photographer, was attending a funeral. Both were missed. Gifts were presented to **Cheryl Macdonald, Bob O'Roark, Ruth Blackwell, Mary Beth Collins**, and past President **Linda Scriven**. **Kerrie Schneider** was also acknowledged for her nu-



merous hours spent doing the local newsletter and keeping Judy and me in line. Kerrie received a fabulous basket which I purchased from the Great Harvest Bakery. It contained her koozie, an assortment of cookies and bread, a set of coasters, dipping oil and a dipping & grating plate. Our treasurer, **Judy Dunlap**, received an identical basket but was not there to receive it. Judy had a knee replacement a few weeks before this party and was supposed to come directly afterwards. She had a scare at PT that day though. They thought she had a blood clot and detained her for tests. The test showed

that she did not have a clot but did have a nasty infection and put her immediately on antibiotics. I took her basket to her later in the day. She was in some pain, but handling it bravely. She loved her basket!

After I made my presentation, Kerrie took the floor and made a speech which was very interesting and at points, very humorous. She reminded everyone of the origin of our chapter. The chapter was founded by the late beloved **David Cox**. Before he past away, David asked **Linda Scriven, Kerrie Schneider** and me to keep the chapter going, which we have done with the help of our many active members. After catching everyone up on the history of the Dulles Loungers, Kerrie presented me with a beautiful card signed by all of the members and a gift card which I will enjoy spending. She had some sweet parting words for me as well which I will always cherish. This was my last act as President; I will, however, continue writing this article for the RUAEA Newsletter.

I introduced our new President, **Carl Alford**. He was quite surprised as he had not yet said that he would do it. He asked when the election had been. I told him it had been the night before. I asked that everyone who had voted for Carl to please raise their hands. All hands went up. By way of an acceptance speech, he thanked



everyone for saving him a lot of money on his campaign. Carl is a new member, and doesn't yet know what to make of us. He will make a great President. He is smart, kind and friendly. He is very pleasant and always has a smile on his face.

**Benita Bell** was also absent from the gathering. She was in the hospital from a failing kidney. She has since been moved to a nursing home and seems to be improving. **Dutch Schneider** was unable to attend because of burns on his feet. Dutch had gone outside, barefoot, to get the mail. He came back in with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns on his soles. This is a cautionary tale.

I look forward to reading the next newsletter and hear about the activities of my fellow retirees.

### NATIONAL



#### CLIPPED WINGS

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Dear RUAEA,

I hope this monthly Clipped Wings report finds you all relaxed, happy and enjoying the nice warm sunshine of summer. It has been so hot for most of us, so stay cool and hydrated.

Everyone is getting so excited about our Clipped Wings Convention in Portland, August 31 - September 3. A few of the highlights of this Convention that has been in the planning for four years are:

- ▲ Our beautiful Welcome Reception
- ▲ Opening Breakfast which celebrates Flight Attendants over the last 92 years!
- ▲ The Fun Night where you visit waterfalls and Historic Mysteries
- ▲ The final banquet, which is always so bitter-sweet to say goodbye to your new and old friends

I hope all Clipped Wings members do try to attend as you will have a terrific time.

I will close this month newsletter with a thought: *"You'll have true happiness when you live to give, not to get."* ~ Noa Shaw, Guideposts. This really sums up what our Convention is all about!

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org). We are a fun group even when we are apart and Zooming.■



## NEW MEMBERS

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

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

Ballinger, Edward D., CHIDD, 412 W. Wing St., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Esan, Ame, LAXRR, 546 C St., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Waiters, Lawrence, OAKUM, 3018 Monticello Ave., Oakland, CA 94619■



## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

Richard A. Ackley, Audrey Alexander, Edward D. Ballinger, Judy Barnett, William Chicots, Robert L. Collins, Patricia Conrad, Robert E. Duffey, Kathleen Edwards, Ame Esan, Charlotte J. Flagg, John D. Fleck, S. N. Gasque, Janice Gawenda, Dennis Gilbert, Charlie R. Hafner, Jay M. Hartough, William J. Hindman, Diane L. Hrdlicka, Irene A. Jarmulski, Linda Kelley, Raymond Klapatauskas, Dorothy Lawton, Frederick H. Lohr, Ira G. Lowe, Clarence Lowery, Melvin L. Manrose, Stella M. McCaffrey, Marjorie L. McCall, Dawn Murphy, Terence A. Murphy, Charles J. O'Brien, Mary E. Rybarczyk, Richard Sanchez, Bernard V. Sanford, Charles W. Schutz, Boris M. Spitz, June M. Tanaka, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Dennis J. Wong, Paul F. Zadrozny, Harold E. Zook.■

THANK YOU!



## OBITUARIES

***Obit Notice Policy:*** Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**. The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

Spouse – **Booth, David K.**, on 6/3/2022, LAXHH, husband of Jenny C. Booth, SNAOZ, 27945 Redondela, Apt. 200, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Retiree – **Churchill, William E.**, date of death unknown, WHQKR, husband of Marie M. Churchill (deceased), 1000 Beverley Dr., Wheeling, IL 60090

Retiree – **Fowler, Patrick B.**, date of death unknown, HNLMM, husband of Bessie Fowler (deceased), 3228 Mooheau Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816

Retiree – **Rider, James I.**, on 5/17/2022, SFOSF, husband of Laura Rider, 1790 Sageland Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

Spouse – **Sinard, Don**, on 5/16/2022, husband of Minnie A. Sinard, ORDCS/OGGOZ, 2927 Kahale St., Kihei, HI 96753

Retiree – **Tasse, Therese M.**, on 2/27/2022, LAXJL, mother of son Alain Rasse, 27705 Via Granados Circle, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Retiree – **Victorine, Ronald J.**, on 7/5/2022, ORDCS, husband of Noreen K. Victorine, 2756 Granite Court, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 ■



## 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:

Ruth Andresen, Nellie Brawner, Joanne Cote-Carlsen, Lucy Chatelain, Patricia Conrad, Charlotte Flagg, Dennis Gilbert, Eddy Lara, Kay Klapatauskas, G. A. Mahler, Melvin Manrose, John McPhee, Charles O'Brien, Connie Staton, June Tanaka, Frank Uhl.

### 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.)*

#### **Diane Hrdlicka, 10608 Lakeshore Dr., Anderson Is., WA 98303**

Wow, I am in my 19<sup>th</sup> year of retirement. How quickly the years have passed.

Thanks for all the hard work you do to keep us updated on UAL news.

#### **Richard Sanchez, 2285 Montarossa Ct., Livermore, CA 94550**

I really enjoy hearing from everyone across the system. Being informed of what is going on is really great.

I have been retired for 21 years this past February. The four some I play golf with are all retirees from UAL. We talk about aches and pains, and how it was the "the good old days".

Keep up the great job you do keeping us informed. Thank you very much.

## Notes

### **Boris M. Spitz**

Just moved back "home" to Illinois from 8+ years in Arizona to be closer to family; moving is a **lot** of work but we are doing it. Also saw many ORDMM friends.

### **Paul F. Zadrozny**

Thank you all at the RUAEA top echelon for your support and keeping us together.

See you at the Convention.

### **Jacob E. Martin**

I still enjoy seeing the latest news about United Airlines and especially enjoyed seeing the article on Denver's UALTK in July. My first visit to TK in Denver was in 1978 for training as a DC-8 Flight Engineer. And I hope to visit TK again as the construction plans are completed.

### **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**

Looking forward to this year's Convention in SAN and seeing old friends!

### **Audrey Alexander**

United is a wonderful company, it has been the best.

### **Rajashree S. Ambegacker**

First of all, I would like to thank all volunteers for doing such a good job of helping UAL retirees with all the information regarding happenings with United. Hopefully, difficult time will pass soon and everything will be on the right track.

During the pandemic, we spend most of the months in St. Pete in FL. Our son has a beautiful home right on the water way. We enjoyed his boat, watched the dolphins swim by, and made some new friends.

We were back to Darien, IL last month. Health wise, one thing or another keeps on happening to us, but somehow we managed it. We are trying to keep the positive attitude as much as we can.

I wish you all retirees good health and enjoy the life as best as you can.

### **Robert E. Gray**

I lost track of time with the move from Hayward to Georgia. I left New Jersey to work for United. I lived in California for 57 years and now moved to Georgia to be near my wife's son and his family. ■



# The Contact Column



**Updated 11/2021**

### **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**

### **PBGC - for all retiree pension questions**

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

### **Social Security Administration**

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

### **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

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### **Medicare Hotline** 1-800-633-4227

### **CVS/Caremark (Pharmacy)**

1-844-635-3401

### **VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time)** 1-800-877-7195

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**2022 San Diego Convention Registration Form**  
**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is September 1, 2022\***  
**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is September 26, 2022\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number			Department Retired From:		
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)	
Street Address:					
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:	
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)	
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 4 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
<b>Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes)</b> <b>Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____</b> <b>Enter email address:</b>					

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.
5. **No credit cards** can be accepted for payment of convention events in advance or at the Convention.

Date – 2022		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>					<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$</b>
	Fiesta Night				\$25.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
	Salmon Piccata				\$55.00	\$
	Roast Pork Loin				\$55.00	\$
	Vegetarian Option				\$55.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						<b>\$</b>

**Make Check Payable to: 2022 RUAEA Convention**  
Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2022 RUAEA Convention,**  
**c/o Shirley Claggett, 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198**  
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**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is September 26, 2022\***

**Tour Registration**

Date – 2022	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Oct. 5	Midway – Tom Ham’s	1	89.00				
Thurs., Oct. 6	Scenic La Jolla	2	79.00				
Thurs., Oct. 6	Bali Hai Polynesian Night	3	99.00				
Sat., Oct, 8	Harbor Excursion	4	79.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-9</b> )							
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September 19, 2022**

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