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From The Newsletter Manager

Dear RUAEA members,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I write this message to inform you of a significant milestone in our journey together: This month marks the publication of our 600th issue of the RUAEA Newsletter!

For over 50 years, the RUAEA Newsletter has been a cherished platform for keeping our retiree community informed, connected, and inspired. It has documented our shared experiences, celebrated our achievements, and provided valuable updates on everything from company news, retiree benefits, annual Conventions/Reunions to personal stories of our members.

Each issue has been a testament to the strength of our community and the dedication of our contributors and volunteers—both past and present—who have poured their hearts into ensuring that every issue reflects the spirit of United Airlines and the bonds that unite us.

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, let us take a moment to reflect on the memories we have shared, the friendships we have forged, and the legacy we continue to build together. Your contributions—whether through articles, photos, or simply staying connected—have made this newsletter a beacon of unity and camaraderie.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to providing you with a Newsletter that informs, entertains, and connects. Your stories and experiences are what make this newsletter special, and we encourage you to continue sharing them with us.

I'm honored to be a part of this journey in the last 20 years. I want to express my appreciation to all who have been a part of this Newsletter in the last 50 years. Unfortunately, many are no longer with us but their contributions/influences are still evident in the Newsletter. The RUAEA website, ruaea.org, has archives of the Newsletter dating from 2003; it is both interesting and nostalgic to read these prior issues.

Again, thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Here's to the next 600 issues and beyond!

John



GENERAL NEWS

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Changes to printable boarding passes for SA0 and SA1 travelers



Effective June 12, 2024, employees, active retirees and eligible enrolled friends traveling on standby space-available passes domestically (SA0 and SA1) will need to use the United app to access their boarding pass. Printing boarding passes at airport kiosks will no longer be available for SA0 and SA1 passes.

Our goal is to reduce paper boarding passes, which are often out of date as soon as they're printed. Using the United app gives customers the most up-to-date information and the best experience possible.

SA0V, Regional Partner SA0X: Employee/Retiree Vacation ePass Travel & Regional Partner Personal Travel on own metal (previous reference code A*):

- ▲ Employee, retiree & their eligible accompanied pass riders traveling on a vacation ePass
- ▲ Employee's & retiree's unaccompanied spouse/domestic partner & accompanied pass riders traveling on a vacation ePass
- ▲ Unlimited extended family buddy pass riders accompanied by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner traveling on a vacation ePass (includes retiree when eligible)
- ▲ Maximum of two regular buddy pass riders per employee ID accompanied by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner traveling on a vacation ePass (includes retiree when eligible)
- ▲ Operating regional partner employees & their eligible accompanied pass riders will board equal to SA0V when traveling on their own metal, using years of service to the company to prioritize

SA1P: Employee Personal Travel (previous reference code B*)

- ▲ Employee & their eligible accompanied pass riders
- ▲ Employee's unaccompanied spouse/domestic partner & accompanied pass riders
- ▲ Unlimited extended family buddy pass riders accompanied by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner
- ▲ Maximum of two regular buddy pass riders per employee ID accompanied by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner

August Is National Make A Will Month

By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



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When was the last time you reviewed your will or estate strategy? August is National "Make a Will" Month, an excellent annual reminder to update or create

your will. A will can outline your wishes and help guide the settlement of your estate.

Has there been a birth, marriage, divorce, passing, retirement, out-of-state move, tax law change, or asset change since you last reviewed your will? If any of the above applies, it may be time to take another look.

Creating a thorough estate strategy might help families handle stress while attempting to manage the legal process after our passing. Consider this example of a challenge you may have heard about.

On paper, actor and comedian Robin Williams had his estate strategy in place. He had most of his assets in a trust, in addition to having a will. While his estate made provisions for his house and financial assets, an important aspect of his legacy was overlooked — memorabilia. This unintentional oversight resulted in his wife and children taking opposite sides in court as they both claimed ownership. This illustrates the importance of a comprehensive estate approach, covering not only financial assets but everything you own. Source: LATimes.com, March 30, 2015.

Be sure to take time this month to reflect on your own circumstances and take proactive steps to help loved ones in the event of your passing. The clarity and guidance regarding the distribution of assets will be a gift to your family members during an already challenging time.

As always, please reach out to me or my team of Financial Consultants at ARIS with any questions you have. aris.alliantcreditunion.com

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United Applies to Expand Service Between San Francisco and Washington National Airport



United Airlines today filed an application with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for a new daily roundtrip flight between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

If approved, the new route will give customers more nonstop options between DCA and SFO and provide connections from SFO to about two dozen domestic markets within the Western U.S. – as well as seven international destinations. At least nine of these destinations are without United connection options to DCA via San Francisco today. Furthermore, United’s proposed route seeks to avoid the busiest travel times at DCA, which is already one of the most congested airports in the country.

“With our hub in San Francisco, United is well positioned to serve the strong customer demand for air travel between Washington National and the Bay Area,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances at United Airlines. *“If awarded by the DOT, this new service will give customers a unique morning departure from Washington National and a unique afternoon departure from San Francisco, as well as more connectivity for both domestic and international travelers via SFO.”*

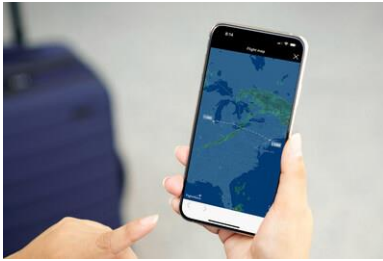
United’s proposed flight would avoid the most congested travel times at DCA and provide additional scheduling options to customers by offering for the first time a morning departure from DCA to SFO and an afternoon departure from SFO to DCA. United plans to use the Boeing MAX 8 aircraft, with 150 economy cabin seats and 166 total seats.

The Washington, D.C. region is a major center of commerce, hosting over 15 Fortune 500 companies, and is a hub for companies focused on emerging technologies, like AI and data sciences. The region is also home to the U.S. Federal Government and global institutions like the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and over 100 foreign embassies/consulates.

Like Washington, D.C., California is also a significant hub for innovation and business, and the state with the highest number of Fortune 500 companies. Its economy — the fifth largest in the world at \$3.9 trillion in 2023 — has grown by 6.1% since the year prior, highlighting the state’s robust and growing economy. San Francisco, the heart of Northern California, and its surrounding areas are home to over 30 Fortune 500 companies, including Airbnb, Apple, Alphabet, Chevron, Gap, Visa, and Wells Fargo. United provides customers a comprehensive global network in San Francisco, serving more than 60 domestic destinations and over 30 international destinations. The airline has an average of 240 daily departures from SFO and employs more than 12,000 people in the Bay Area.

As an alternate proposal to United’s additional DCA-SFO flight, United has applied for its first-ever DCA-Los Angeles (LAX) flight. The proposed LAX flight would help foster healthy competition, as three other airlines currently fly the route. The proposed flight, which would also be operated on the Boeing MAX 8 aircraft, would also provide greater flexibility and schedule choice for customers with the earliest arrival in LAX of all airlines and the latest morning departure to DCA.

United Now Texts Live Radar Maps and Uses AI to Keep Travelers Informed During Weather Delays



United now texts customers links to local, live radar maps during weather delays, as part of its industry-leading effort to give travelers as much real-time information as possible about their trip, especially if things don't go as planned. For the past few years, the airline has used dedicated teams to write and send text messages to customers that give near-instantaneous details about a given flight – everything from gate changes and boarding times to more specifics regarding aircraft swaps, crew rescheduling and weather events – and the teams now use generative artificial intelligence (gen AI) tools to assist in giving more travelers real-time updates during flight delays.

United's latest innovation – real-time radar maps – can help customers understand how inclement weather in one part of the country can impact a flight elsewhere. United is the first and only U.S. airline currently providing its customers these kinds of specific messages, and the airline is sending them with assistance from gen AI tools.

“With more people traveling this summer than ever, we wanted to give our customers an easier way to stay connected to real-time information about their flight and texting was the simplest solution,” said Jason Birnbaum, United's Chief Information Officer. *“We know customers appreciate transparency and by combining innovative technology-enabled tools with people power, we can give more people, even more in-the-moment details about their flight.”*

The release of these new innovations comes as United expects its busiest Fourth of July weekend on record with more than five million passengers flying between June 28 and July 8, up more than 7% compared to last year.

Here's how it works:

- ▲ Specialized customer service teams sit in the network operations center alongside the flight operations teams and tap gen AI to review flight data and write customer messages that tells the complete story of a flight change. These messages are sent to customers through text or email in an effort to provide more helpful and relevant information about why flight plans are changing.
- ▲ During weather events, messages will include links to local, live radar maps showing weather details across flight paths. This helps customers stay informed on weather-related delays, including showing how weather in one part of the country can impact a flight elsewhere. Plus, customers on all flights can access links to weather maps in the United app under flight status updates, and United displays radar maps in the gate area when a flight has been delayed due to weather.

Leading with Customer Transparency: For years, United has led the airline industry on implementing new technologies and policies across its operation to increase customer transparency, including:

- ▲ *Automatic rebooking assistance:* Instead of waiting in line to talk to an agent or search for new options, United's self-service tools automatically present travelers personalized re-booking options, bag tracking information and meal and hotel vouchers when eligible if their flight is delayed or canceled.
- ▲ *Real-time flight updates:* United is the first and only U.S. airline to give customers real-time access to their boarding pass, gate and seat number, and countdown clock to departure time directly on their phone screens, all without opening the United app.
- ▲ *Free family seating:* United is the first and only airline to offer a dynamic seat map feature that makes it easier to seat children under 12-years-old next to an adult in their party for free – even travelers in Basic Economy.
- ▲ *No change fees:* In August 2020, United got rid of change fees, offering more flexibility for travel plans, and started complimentary standby travel, becoming the only U.S. airline that lets all customers in all classes of service fly same-day standby for free.

United Teams Up with Chicago Bears to Support Special Olympics



United teamed up with the Chicago Bears today at O'Hare International Airport to support Special Olympics, Inc. ("Special Olympics"). Chicago Bears Tight End Cole Kmet worked alongside the airline's Special Olympics Service Ambassadors for the day to help drive awareness of the organization's travel

needs.

United launched the Special Olympics Service Ambassador (SOSA) Program in 2019, inviting Special Olympics athletes to work in airports as part-time employees. These employees welcome United customers, helping them locate check-in kiosks, showing them where to drop bags and also how to find TSA PreCheck lines. Beyond the lobby, SOSAs also help travelers with wayfinding, gate recovery, and assist with Agent on Demand. To-date, there are currently 18 SOSA workers at United hubs in Chicago, Houston, Denver and Washington, D.C., with further expansions to follow this year in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The airline has also sponsored Special Olympics Plane Pull® competition, supported local volunteer events and on a global level, the Special Olympics World Games.

Last year, 4,000 Special Olympics athletes, coaches, Unified partners, and staff from North America traveled across the country and around the globe for sport and educational development, athletic competitions and leadership events. United supports Special Olympics by providing travel to the organization while encouraging its loyalty program members to donate their unused miles through the airline's industry-leading crowdsourcing program, Miles on a Mission. In addition, United's role as a sponsor of Special Olympics' annual Capitol Hill Day events helped to ensure that 49 Special Olympics Programs from 47 states had the opportunity to participate in more than 300 vital meetings between athletes and lawmakers in Washington, DC. Since 2017, United has contributed more than \$8.5 million in travel miles and cash to support Special Olympics athletes.

Today's unification between United and the Bears is just the latest way the organizations have shown their support.

Chicago Bear Tight End Cole Kmet had a hard time keeping up with United SOSA Daniel Smrokowski. *"Daniel's energy was tremendous. He was moving around all day, smiling and greeting each passerby that he interacted with. It was hard trying to keep up with him! Daniel is an inspiration, I'm proud and honored to have spent the day with my new friend."*

The Chicago Bears remain proud supporters of Special Olympics of Illinois, a connection and bond that dates back decades and carries strong into today.

The Special Olympics Service Ambassadors are gearing up for United's busiest summer season ever, with 5% more customers flying the airline this June, July and August.

"I've been a part of the United Airlines team as a Service Ambassador since the Service Ambassador position was created. I'm excited to not only have support from the Chicago Bears but to also see United expand our Service Ambassador team across hubs," said Smrokowski. *"As athletes who are on teams, both ourselves as Special Olympics athletes and the Chicago Bears know the importance of collaboration and communication. We use those skills in the airport to help travelers."*

United has been a Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion for eight years in a row and has consistently earned a top score on the Disability Equality Index. According to a 2018 report by the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire, only 19.1% of people with intellectual disabilities were employed in the United States compared to 61.8% for people without a disability.

"Employing Special Olympics Service Ambassadors is truly a gift to both our United team and our customers in airports," said Omar Idris, Vice President United Airlines, Chicago O'Hare Hub. *"Through the SOSA program and business resource groups like Bridge for people of all abilities, United Airlines strives to create an inclusive and dynamic workplace environment."*

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

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

United Adds Nearly 200 Flights for Political Conventions



United today added nearly 200 new flights to make it even easier for convention attendees and political enthusiasts to travel to this summer's national political conventions. United will increase its Milwaukee flying by more than 75% for the Republican National Convention in July and will fly its largest schedule from its Chicago O'Hare hub since 2019 for the Democratic National Convention in August, including a 40% increase in flying between Chicago O'Hare and Washington Reagan.

In total, the airline will add 72 flights to and from Milwaukee in July and 118 flights to and from Chicago in August.

"These conventions are steeped in tradition and have now evolved to become a weeklong celebration of our political process," said Patrick Quayle, United's Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *"We're proud to give people even more options to visit two great cities, and participate in these historic events and make their voices heard."*

Tickets are on sale now on the United app and [United.com](https://www.united.com).

Republican National Convention Schedule ~ United is flying a 75% larger Milwaukee schedule for the Republican National Convention, enabling nearly 5,000 more people to attend the historic event. In total, United will have more than 280 flights to and from Milwaukee the week of the convention including:

- ▲ A new, nonstop flight between Milwaukee and Washington Reagan airport.
- ▲ 72 additional flights from United's hubs in Chicago O'Hare, New York/Newark, Denver, Washington Dulles and Houston.
- ▲ 20 roundtrip flights on larger aircraft.

Democratic National Convention Schedule ~ United will fly its largest Chicago O'Hare schedule since 2019 for the Democratic National Convention, with more than 530 flights per day on peak days. The schedule includes:

- ▲ 38 additional flights between Chicago O'Hare and Washington Reagan. All flights between the airports on peak convention days will be on Boeing 737 MAX 8, with United's signature interiors.
- ▲ More than 80 added flights between Chicago O'Hare and cities like Albany, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Portland, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose and Seattle.

United Launches Airline Industry's First Media Network

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Media by United Airlines

United Airlines today announced the launch of Kinective Media by United Airlines - the first media network that uses insights from travel behaviors to connect customers to personalized, real-time advertising, content, experiences and offers from leading brands.

The new technology platform gives marketers the opportunity to scale their reach across a wide range of channels including United's award-winning mobile app and inflight entertainment screens. And the airline expects its MileagePlus® members will receive additional value through more personalized and real-time offers and experiences that drive even greater loyalty.

Kinective Media is already working with brands such as Norwegian Cruise Line, Macy's, Chase United Co-Brand Credit Cards, TelevisaUnivision, IHG Hotels & Resorts, as well as agency groups like Dentsu. The focus is on premium brand relationships across key verticals such as retail, luxury goods, financial services, automotive, media brands and travel.

Kinective Media plans a formal commercial launch at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.

"We've built a first-of-its-kind, real-time, adtech-enabled traveler media network where brands have already started connecting to premium audiences at an unmatched scale," said Richard Nunn, CEO of MileagePlus. *"Unlike some commerce media platforms, United gives brands across a wide range of industries the ability to reach engaged customers throughout the entire marketing funnel – from brand consideration to conversion – in a way that's highly personalized and relevant, and we're already seeing impressive results. There has been a huge strategic shift within this high growth sector in the past five years where advertisers and brands have come together to determine how best to connect with consumers in a way that's valuable, effective and personalized."*

Kinective Media aims to enhance the travel experience while growing the trust that travelers place in United. Advertisers cannot access the personally identifiable information of United customers - instead, Kinective Media leverages the insights of U.S. customers aged 18 and over to create aggregated and anonymized audience segments that it offers to Kinective Media advertisers. All U.S. customers have the option to opt-out of Kinective Media targeted advertising at any time.

United's Mobile App and Inflight Entertainment Screens ~ Kinective Media partners can scale their content through two of United's most impactful media channels, among others: its award-winning mobile app and the growing number of inflight entertainment screens across the airline's fleet, which are among the most addressable media assets in the industry.

- ▲ The United Mobile App – United has the world's most downloaded airline mobile app, with 110+ million total downloads across IOS & Android and nearly 100 million sessions per month.
- ▲ United continually seeks to add new, industry-first features to help travelers save time and make the travel experience even easier including the ability to automatically switch from a middle seat to a window or aisle if it becomes available by choosing a seat preference in the seat map, and live personalized flight notifications with Live Activities for iPhone.
- ▲ Seatback Entertainment – United has nearly 100,000 seatback screens across its fleet, with plans to grow these numbers as the airline takes delivery of new airplanes and retrofits existing aircraft as part of its United Next plan.

There is the potential for 3.5 hours of attention per traveler, based on average flight time. United's seatback screen content – which is also available on customer's personal devices – includes free access to more than 2,800 movies and shows, as well as a new 3D moving map, personalized connecting gate information and digitized food and drink menus. The inflight content is available in more than 20 different languages.

The new United signature interiors include 16-inch HD touch screens in each United Polaris® business class seat, 13-inch screens in every first class seat and 10-inch screens in every United Economy seat.

For more information about Kinective Media by United Airlines, visit <http://kinectivemedia.com>.

So Simple From Sheryl



This recipe is the one my dad made when I was growing up. It is a favorite anyplace you take it. I have had people ask me to make it for them and they would pay me. One woman offered to pay me to make the potato salad for 150 people for her daughter's wedding reception. That was a fast No!

Potato Salad:

8 medium to large russet potatoes, unpeeled
12 eggs, use 3-4 sliced for top of potato salad
1 large onion, chopped finely
Several stalks of celery, finely chopped

Mix together mayonnaise, mustard, salt and pepper. I use enough mustard to give the mayo a nice yellow color.

Boil eggs and potatoes. Peel potatoes after they are boiled and cooled. Cut up potatoes into chunks.

Mix mayo, mustard, salt and pepper, onions and celery together and pour over potatoes and eggs.

This recipe is for a large amount, but you can easily cut the recipe in half.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions,

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We enjoyed breakfast at the Black Bear restaurant on June 28th, with 10 people in attendance. It was a morning of laughing and telling stories about what we've done since the last breakfast. Though the group is smaller during the summer months, here in the desert we still enjoy our couple of hours together.

Our July luncheon will be held at Mimi's at 11:00AM, located at 2800 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85224. This restaurant is at Chandler Blvd. and Price Rd., near Hwy 101. We are able to order from the menu and we will be given separate checks/bills for our order. I hope you will join us on that date and enjoy our time together.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Hot is not even the appropriate word for what the Northern California cities are going thru. Ugh is the word!

We will be going to Nash's Restaurant in Chico for our luncheon/meeting on Wednesday, July 24th at 11:30 AM. Please join us for an air-conditioned luncheon/meeting with the Northstaters.

Calendar:

July 24 - Wednesday, Nash's Restaurant in Chico at 11:30 AM, 1717 Esplanade Chico, CA. If you are in the area hope to see you there.

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There is no report this month from the Central Coasters chapter of RUAEA.

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

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

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy August to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on July 7, we have just had excessive heat for over a week. Day after day of temps over 100 and it has been brutal. Everyone I know, including myself, has been hibernating and only going out for absolutely necessary errands and appointments.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We changed the time of our restaurant meetings to 11:30. We go to The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord every other month. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because

they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We are now looking at other restaurants for the other months. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting, which is a catered BBQ luncheon at a member's home; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served an hour later.

Our July meeting was held on Monday, July 1 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 13 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard**, **Nancy Boyle**, **Diane Griego**, **Tom Johnson**, **Russ & Glenda Kennedy**, **Joe & Wilma Leather** and their daughter Linda visiting from Boise, **Jack & Judi Smith**, and **Sue & Ed vonEmster**. We missed **Arnold Hansen** who was feeling under the weather. I would like to thank **Tracey Blanchard** for taking notes of our luncheon as I was not able to attend due to knee surgery on June 18.

Everyone was in a festive and patriotic mood due to the upcoming July Fourth holiday. Our president **Russ Kennedy** started the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting, we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. **Wilma Leather** and her daughter Linda won the raffle money.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards, which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com. Please hold off on mailing cards to her for a while as she is in the process of moving. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too; however, please send in coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. I don't have a count for July yet because the "Coupon Lady" delayed her pickup until the week of July 8 due to the heat wave. I will have the count for July and August in the next newsletter. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Jane LaTorra** in CO, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ, **Russ Schleske** in CA, **Richard & Nancy Schenone** in CA, **Jim Taylor** in FL, and **Gilbert Wojtal** in AZ.

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

- ▲ Monday, August 5 at 11:30. — Meeting has been cancelled.
- ▲ Monday, September 9 at 11:30. Meeting has been moved back a week due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd. in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, September 6.
- ▲ Monday, October 7 at 11:30. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 4.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Oh my goodness, summer has roared in with temps in the triple digits, unbelievable floods, hurricanes leveling cities—enough is enough already! Those of us in the lovely suburbs of the City by the Bay have become Mushrooms - in order to be comfortable, we have been kept in the dark and fed ... well OK you know what I mean! Attended a memorial service for a relative in the Sacramento Delta region on September 6. It was only 109 degrees inside the building (that was with the air-conditioning supposedly working,) and 112 degrees outside. We figured traffic would be light, not so, bumper to bumper on the way home and crazy drivers. Thankfully, a slight breeze was wafting in the area and we only had 78 degrees to contend with! We are blessed by living in a small pocket where the weatherman is rarely correct – hooray for small blessings!

Our June meeting was somewhat chaotic ... the room we usually have had been given to another group. Our usual usage of the room is from 10AM to Noon – we normally have some wiggle room and can stay later. We had a great speaker, Cassie Villar from the Adult & Aging Services of Elder and Dependent Adult Protection Agency in San Mateo County. She advised us on elder abuse and the scams that are being targeted on people in our age group. She has spoken to our group in the past and always gives us information, advice and strategies on how to avoid becoming victims of scammers. It is of the utmost importance to report any elder abuse and scams so that they can be handled by the right agencies.

President **Ginger Dahlberg** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a few moments of silence for those needing special thoughts.

Here are the next meeting and luncheon dates coming up:

- ▲ July 26 - Meeting and Lunch at the Waterfront Pizza and Mediterranean Restaurant located at 969 D Edgewater Blvd., Foster City. Edgewater Shopping Center. Google their menu, great Pizza and Kebab, Shawerma and Seafood plates. Wraps, Gyros, Falafel wraps – tasty eats and a great setting on the Lagoon. Come join us.
- ▲ August 26 - Meeting and Lunch at Ay Caray Taqueria, a small Mexican Restaurant located in the Shopping Center directly next door to the Market - Hillsdale Blvd. and Norfolk (near Dennys) as you enter Foster City. Several members recommended this restaurant. You can Google their menu. Separate checks OK.
- ▲ September 23 - Meeting and Lunch at Armadillo Willys, located in the Bridgepoint Shopping Center, Great ribs, pulled pork—check out their menu at Google. This is our “Picnic” month.

Our Treasurer, **John Garis**, has advised that our treasury has the funds to pay for the remainder of the year. We have yet to hear from the Recreational Center, if, and when there will be a change of meeting areas. Renovation of the building is supposed to start sometime during the summer.

Membership information had no birthdays or anniversaries but **Carol Slater** and **Lydia Rolfe** are on the “not feeling so good” list. Cards will be sent. We had 21 members at our shindig today.

So what have you been doing this summer? **Jerry Marsala** gave me the rundown on some of the Golden Gaters and what they have been up to. On June 15, some of the gang leaped into their older cars for a car show in Castro Valley (approximate 25 miles each way, \$4.35 cents a gallon or more, \$7 for the Bridge fare and having to drive in the slow lane!) 13 hardy car buffs bit the bullet – **Gary Chong** in his VW Convertible; a 440 Chrysler was a big hit, engine in the front, V8 with V/W engine in the rear, caused a lot of confusion (see Jerry for an explanation – I got lost somewhere along the way!) **Al Durr** had a 1941 Ford coupe with an overhead V8 and a heavy graphic paint job. Wow! **Bob Czinder (Zman)** took his 1968 fastback Mustang which looks like new, the 390 C.I. was a show stopper. On the poorer side of town, **Jerry Marsala's** 1962 Corvair with 2 surfboards atop, about 47 miles from the ocean, also 47 years too late. Just envision Jerry surfin' during the Maverick competitions in Half Moon Bay. Yicks! **Andy King** and **John Garis** were too busy to join the gang due to a high speed competition challenge elsewhere. Maybe next year? My '78 Mercedes, stick shift, 240 D is not old enough to compete with you guys – it is a good conversational piece though (it's like a tank and kids like to steal the “Peace Symbol” off the hood – beaucoup dollars to replace. Am approaching 40 thousand miles on

the beaut! Why get rid of it!)

Conundrum of the day: Have you ever wondered what happened to the Itsy Bitsy Spider who went up the water spout - what happened to him during the total eclipse of the sun?

Take care of yourselves, a 10 minute walk after dinner, tell someone you love them and miss them!

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am 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 **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hello Everyone!

Sorry to all, I'm on the late side for getting out our June minutes. It may be hard to believe, but Bill and I actually took a vacation! We drove up to Idaho to meet up with friends and then we all went to Utah – Salt Lake City in particular. If you haven't gone there, put it on you list; beautiful city and surrounding mountains – oh, yeah, and a big lake and a dried lake. Recommend taking the city tour(s).

So, now I'm home and getting all this info out to you.

As is his routine, **Rudy Blazius** extended a big "Thank You" to **Diana Bell** and **Duncan Nielsen** for hosting the June luncheon. It looked like we were going to need to cancel this month, but they jumped in and took charge. True to its reputation, June had several anniversaries: **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** (57 years); **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (55 years); **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (23 years); **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (33 years). Congratulations to you all! Turns out **Jack Fitzpatrick** also celebrates his birthday in June so an energetic Happy Birthday went his way. Rudy moved on to reports from our officers:

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** received word that **Terry Doppler** passed away. Terry was a mechanic at SFOMB/SFOOV, a foreman then manager and later in charge of several smaller Western line maintenance stations. Our condolences go out to his family.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** said that there was nothing to report from him at this time.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** wasn't able to give us an "on that day" accounting of our account because they didn't send it to him by our meeting date. Tom figures we are about \$150 ahead of where we were at this same time last year. That means we are about where we need to be to subsidize our December luncheon and even have some to donate to a local charity. We do have a good group of retirees, but, more would be welcome. If you hear of anyone who moves into the area or just someone you may know who would enjoy coming to our get-togethers, chatting and laughing with a wonderful group of retired UAL employees, let them know about us and/or invite them to come and check us out. There was supposed to be a "list" of retiree groups included in the paperwork given to all when they retire. However, it seems that the plan has been abandoned.

The tooling project (we're in our third year, I believe) is still producing positive results. Of course, we don't have the volume of tools being donated like we did in the beginning, but Tom has reached out to connect with other local retiree groups and explained our project, encouraged garage "clean outs" (often applauded by the wives) and we keep plugging along. Tom is in contact with **Jim Simon** and **Francis Domaratius** of the Gold Diggers and we're hoping that some rollaway may be donated as well as some coveralls! Remember, if you're out for a walk, spot a garage sale, slow down and check out what they have available. And estate sales can yield some real treasures!

Tom and **Julie Bauer (Akin)** have been talking about the possibility of donations coming from Ed's shop (remember that amazing place! He is going to talk to the director of the A & P Mechanic program and see if he would drive up to Placerville and maybe there might be some parts or something that the Akins would be willing to donate to their program for the students to work on in their classes.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have an actual "report", but, I did get a call from one of our members, **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale**, who had a question about whether or not we, as UAL retirees, get a special discount on our luggage when traveling. While they were on a trip, they were charged for their luggage. We had this same discussion a few years ago. What it boils down to is ... if you are traveling on your passes, your luggage should not be charged. However, if your arrangements were made by a third party, the cost for them is already included in the total you're quoted and not refundable.

One of the “rubs” is that, as retirees, we don’t seem to be getting much if any help with problems when they arise. Persistence seems to be the key to answers, but it sure can be frustrating along the way. Don’t give up.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn’t have anything to report but after the meeting she learned that **Pat Guinn** had fallen and was very “banged up”; they are trying to determine why she fell. Then we learned that **Anne Marie Sutherland** had also fallen, broke her right shoulder and messed up her left ankle. Both of these ladies are still recovering and we send our best wishes and prayers for speedy recovery.

New Business ~ No new business was brought to the table.

Old Business ~ So, Rudy asked me about the Retired United Airlines Mechanics Reunion. **Rosemary Heier, Sue Hohl** and **Jane Gibson** are organizing this reunion again for 2024. The reunion is held in Minden, NV and will be over September 17, 18, 19 with the barbecue on Wednesday the 19th. I will be sending out another reminder soon. If you don’t get an email about it from me, let me know and I will be sure you get the info. If you haven’t been to Minden for this reunion, think about coming this year. Last year we had 93 people there, lots of food, lots of talking and laughing – in other words – Fun!

Rudy closed our meeting with this little question from an 8 year old:

An 8 year old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, “Grampa, what is a couple sex?” The Grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she’s old enough to know to ask the question, then she’s old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities of intercourse. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the Grandfather asked her, “Why did you ask this question, Honey?” The little girl replied, “Grandma says that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs.”

Okay! With that JR took over, drew the donator’s ticket and **Linda Dinette** had the magic number!

Our hosts provided very patriotic table center pieces that were part of our raffle – bonus, they will be perfect for other national holidays – like the 4th of July which is coming up soon. Thanks to everyone who brought items for our raffle: **Heier** – candy; **Blazius** - vase or candle holder; **Dinette** – drinking glasses set; **Kenny** – outdoor mosquito candle; **Kenney** – wine wood serving tray; **Dellinger** – plant; **Kozelka/Barton** – garden flower; **Bell/Nielsen** – kitchen towels; **Gibson** – solar light; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Trebnik** – something wonderful, but I can’t read it!

That wraps it all up for June. We will be meeting at BJ’s in Folsom for our July luncheon. Kerry & Ann made the arrangements for us and this will be a fundraiser for our group. 20% of food and soft beverages sales will be donated back to the Hangtown Miners. So, bring your appetites and enjoy yourselves at BJ’s.

I hope that you heralded in the First Day of Summer on June 20th and are enjoying all this sunshine. Don’t forget to use a good sun blocker though. If you are taking a trip, be safe. If you’re opting to do a “stay-cation” enjoy yourselves here. Whatever you plan, plan good, positive activities!



RESANS

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There was no breakfast this month due to the 4th of July Holiday. We will be meeting next Thursday, on the 11th of July. That means next month I should have a lot of news to report.

Our RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA Reunion will be here before you know it, September 27 – October 2 and we always have such a great time at the DANA on Mission Bay. The cutoff date for Hotel Registration is August 27th. The deadline for Reunion Registration is Sept 15th. As I write this, I am reminded that I have not yet paid so I will do that right after I send this news out !

In last month’s report, I mentioned a new book released by one of our own, **John Kennedy**, “Death Harvest: Maui”. I have read it and highly recommend it for a great read! It will awake your sense of adventure and satisfy your need for something exciting to read with a real twist you will not soon forget!

Speaking of adventure and satisfying your curiosity, I recently had a very interesting talk with **Ann Medve** about the Chili Cook-off in which she participated not only in San Diego but it in other locations in California, Nevada, Baja and Guadalajara. I am copying this with Ann’s permission and I am sure you will find it interesting.

*"The first year I cooked in the OB (Ocean Beach) cook-off was, I think, 1980. I cooked in this event for many years after. **Bill Lindsay** and his girlfriend, Alma were regulars helping me along with many other friends and family. We never won First Prize but several times we won the People's Choice Award. Several times we won the best booth award and **Lucky Langsett** designed my logo with the name Airline Anny's Fan Jet Chili.*

I continued to participate for the next 15 years. My team won the Airlines of the World Chili Cook-off every time we participated which led us to the World's Chili Cook-off Championship three times. I finally gave up. It was a lot of work, a lot of fun, fun times but it was time to move on."

Aloha nui loa and thank you to Ann for letting me share with you.

Calendar:

August 1 – Breakfast at Pt Loma Café. 10:00 AM; must RSVP for Café staffing purposes. I am the contact for this. You are welcome to join us.

September 5 – Breakfast at Pt Loma Café. 10:00 AM.

September 27 – October 2 – RUAEA Reunion/Convention

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers met at Café del Lago in Granite Bay for a very nice lunch and meeting. We had 23 members and two guests in attendance. **Sherrie & Irv Wolfram** brought Sherrie's brother Earl and their granddaughter Molly to our luncheon. After enjoying our lunch and much conversation, President **Jim Simon** began the meeting greeting our two guests and thanking **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements with the restaurant. Jim also thanked the members for donations for our raffle several jars of homemade preserves were donated by **Vicky Enriquez**.

Jim continued with officer reports. VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that July lunch-meeting will be at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported on two anniversaries for June, the **Dellingers, Angie & Frank** with 55 years and the **Winsteds, Rose & Hank** with 63 years. Ron also reported for Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** who unfortunately was unable to attend due to a mishap at home ... Angie had sent a Mass card for the remembrance of the passing of **Len Haubl**. Services for Len will be on July 11th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lincoln. There will be a Rosary at 10:30 with Mass at 11:00 followed by a reception at the main lodge in Sun City Lincoln at 965 Orchard Creek Lane. Treasurer **Robin Garland** was off on a cruise so our Associate Treasurer **Francis Domaratius** reported the chapter is solvent. Historian **Francis Domaratius** reported that the chapter's history is continuing. Regional Director **Dave Garland** is also on a cruise with Robin so **Ron Bertacini** gave an update on the RUAEA Reunion ... bookings are moving along and that our room commitment to the hotel had been made and that our VP Convention **Hank Gosselin** was able to increase the room block but at a higher rate. The increase is an additional \$25.00 per night with will have all of the same amenities. Hank was very successful as the hotel initially wanted an additional \$100 per night ... so if you are planning to attend and have not made hotel reservation you should do so ASAP.

Jim then asked if there were any comments from the members. **Francis Domaratius** offered an amusing story about a road trip with a young grandson. While traveling through Arizona, they picked up a Navajo radio station on the car radio where they heard people speaking Navajo. The moral of the story was to be careful of what you say or what young ears hear. The parents had been emphatic about the son learning bad language or habit ... something was said on the radio that sounded that way and the child let the grandparents know people didn't say those things at home. Since we are all retired and many of us like to cruise, **Ron Bertacini** brought up something that their son had sent on to them. Apparently Norwegian cruise line is offering a special cruise next February out of Miami with many stops in the Caribbean. It is advertised as the Nude Cruise, just the bare necessities. Bringing your own towels is recommended. This must be aimed at the much younger generation.

There was only one birthday for the month of June, **Trudy Engeldinger** who went home with few extra dollars. We finished our event with our monthly raffle and a round of applause for our very efficient servers.



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There is no report this month from the San Joaquiners Chapter of RUAEA.

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Our annual summer picnic was a huge success. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance on a bright, sunny, yet bit windy day. Everyone enjoyed the food cooked by members who helped out at the grill, serving tables and food preparation. An absolutely beautiful cake was brought by **Jean Jenkins**, graciously providing the dessert. The feast included Tri-tip, chicken, beans, potato salad, green salad, corn on the cob, bread, watermelon, assorted fruits, water and soft drinks. Everyone got plenty to eat and take home as well. With snacks available before the lunch, somehow everyone was able to dive into the dessert. This was our first time at doing it ourselves and with the help of a number of members, assisting, it was a fine event. The individual cost was reasonable and the chapter made a little money for our depleted treasury.

The monthly July meeting saw just ten people attending on a very nice day. Perhaps folks were out preparing for the Fourth of July events, or the massive heat wave expected later in the week. **Jay Cacioppo**, brought photos of the picnic to share with the group; thanks, Jay!

Many birthdays in July; **Karen Behle; Charles Lootens; Nancy Austin; Merle Sweet; Dave Garland; Murry Kreiten; Bob Mattscheck and Lou Marcolina.**

Anniversaries for July; **Cleve & Donna Stafford.**

Room nights for the reunion in San Diego have been met and additional room nights added. If you are intending to go, please submit your registration and make hotel reservations. Additional room nights above those already added could come with an increase in room cost.

Senior Safari days continue through the summer on the last Thursday of each month. The entry and parking is free if you arrive before 10AM. Come take a stroll through the Kelly Park Zoo and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the shade of the park.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 5th, 1000am, at The Bill of Fare restaurant on Saratoga Ave., just off highway 280 West bound. All are welcome to join us.

SOLANO FLYERS



SOLANO FLYERS

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The Solano Flyers met on June 18 at Mel's Diner in Vacaville. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson, Eileen & Pad Gardner, Frank Uhl, Rudy Arsaga, Allan Pochop, Bob Ritchie, Billy & Joanne Blizzard**, and **Stuart McCale** and his son Stuart.

Birthday ~ Joanne Blizzard and Allan Pochop.

Winner of the 50/50 was **Rudy Arsaga**. Donated prizes: Food Processor was won by **Frank Uhl** and the Electric Hot Plate was won by **Bob Ritchie**.

Next month, we'll meet on July 16 at Hide-A-Way, 1080 Orange Drive, Vacaville. We also mentioned to everyone that the annual United Mechanic's Reunion will be held in Minden, NV, September 17 – 20; RUAEA Reunion will be held in San Diego, September 27 to October 2.

Here's a poem:

I Dig

You Dig.

We Dig.

They Dig

Everybody Dig.

Not a very good poem, but it is pretty deep.

COLORADO

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President **Paul Goodyear** opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag. Make sure your email is correct, check with **Virgil Gooselaw** or send it to him so you get RUAEA information.

The RUAEA Reunion is coming up in September (September 27 – October 2). All convention rate rooms are sold out.

New member **Bob Batman** will be working with Mel and Virgil. We welcome all new members.

We are still working on when to have our picnic.

Ray & Helen Shoultz celebrated their 67th anniversary.

Laura Coats brought gifts for everyone. Thank you, Laura!

Check the RUAEA newsletter for information on boarding pass.

The 50/50 winners were **Paul Goodyear**, **Bob Batman** (2x), **Rich Conner** (2x) and **Jack Montgomery** (2x).

Our next meeting will be August 1st at 11:00AM at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

FLORIDA

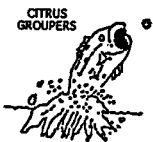
THE CITRUS GROUPERS

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net.

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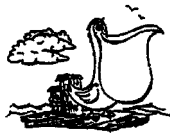
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There is no report this month from the Orlando Real McCoys chapter of RUAEA.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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We are taking the summer off, our next meeting will be held on October 4th at our usual venue LYNQ restaurant here in Ft Myers.

We wish everyone a great summer.



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We had 8 people at our July 1st meeting.

Jean Linehan celebrates her 84 birthday in July.

We wish **Frank Kacer** better health, he wasn't able to attend our meeting due to a medical procedure today; we miss him & Helen. Hope to see you next month.

Jon talked about UAL planes and what is going on with UAL.

We lost one of our older dear members, she died in May, **Lillian Sawyer** (99 yrs old), wife of **Robert M. Sawyer**. She was very helpful with the Chapter, when she used to attend.

We wished everyone A Happy 4th of July.

We are enjoying our Chapter's social get together.

Calendar:

August 5 – IHOP, 10:30 AM

TREASURE COAST

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Happy 4th! Our June meeting was cancelled the day before we were supposed to meet. I found out that I was exposed to Covid from my neighbors who were on a cruise. I was with them for almost a half a day as they told me about the cruise and I gave them their mail. I don't know how it happened but I never caught it from them as all four of them had it bad for almost a week.

Our meeting was changed to July 2nd, and we meet with 13 members in attendance.. We started off with the Pledge Of Allegiance and discussed the new boarding process at United without the paper boarding pass. It seems like a cell phone is a must now. After a few cocktails and a great lunch, the 50/50 was won by **Diane Liebisch**. Congratulations, Diane.!

With most of us doing summer traveling, we finally settled on a date of our next meeting which will be held on Monday, September 23, 12 Noon once again at Carmines in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

July Birthdays ~ **Anne Kenda** (7/27). Happy Birthday!

July Anniversaries ~ **Diane & Ron Brodis** (7/15) and **Fran & Gene Student** 7/20. Congratulations!

August Birthdays ~ **Al Popek** (8/1) and **Jim Hanley** (8/15). Happy Birthday!

August Anniversaries ~ None.

Hope to see everyone in September. Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday!

Any member system wide visiting South Florida and interested in visiting with us, please contact me at ualpbi@att.net.

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There is no report this month from the Boise Gems Chapter of RUAEA.

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August—What does that word mean? It means ‘respected’ and ‘impressive.’ Are you an August baby? Are you impressive? Astrologically, you’re either a Leo or a Virgo. It was named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor and means consecrated or venerable. You sound pretty impressive already. People born in the eighth month are strong, highly confident, hard working and independent people. The poppy symbolizes regeneration; the month is all about new beginnings. Rewrite your life story the way you want it. It’s not too late, do things you were too cautious to try before, live a little, strike out, be wild, surprise your friends. Make them scratch their heads and say, ‘What happened to her? She was always so quiet, meek and mild.’ Well, ‘It’s my last go around, I have more time behind me, I’m going to make more fun in my short future.’ I bet they’ll smile, and maybe try it themselves. Be a leader, change your ‘slowing-down’ life. The gems are the peridot, spinel and the sardonyx. The beautiful green peridot is the most famous, and expensive. It’s found in the hardened lava that carried it from deep within the earth’s mantle, or from meteorites. There’s a little history for you if you’re an Auggie baby. Happy Birthday!

The August moon is often called the Sturgeon moon. Native American tribes found it easier to catch that fish in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain during this month. It’s also the first Super moon of the year, it’s bigger and brighter, and will appear August 19, don’t forget to look up and maybe see the Pleiades meteor showers a week earlier. Years ago, I took my cousin on a Planetarium boat out in Lake Michigan, and we saw the showers far from the city lights. What a spectacular viewing. Go out after sunset on the 12th, and before sunrise on the 13th, it’s so much fun trying to guess what direction the shooting meteors will come from.

I asked my wife what women really want. She said, ‘a tent of lovers’. Or perhaps it was “attentive lovers”, I wasn’t really listening.

The Northside breakfast was attended by 10 people. **Marsha Sealock-Weber, Charlie Lewis, Lynn Hagele, Kathy Cufar, Jerry Tipperreiter, Dona Nefczyk, Ginny Vlach, Jan Gawenda, Elena Guerra,** and the man of the hour, **Cesar Guerra**, who turned 88. Yes, we sang to him. Forward or backward, he’s 88. Many more!

The ORDMM mechanics had 14, **Paul Skrudland, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, Ron Geibel, Frank Ranier, Rich Protsman, Jim Vitte, LB Neal, Boris Spitz, Cas Paprocki, Walt Chornomaz, Don Kramlich,** and a few we haven’t seen in awhile, **Fred Seibert, John Kovacik, Don Matker,** and a newbie, **Dan Solomon,** welcome!

The ORDMM supervisors group is getting smaller as we speak, **Bart & Sue Kendall, Stan Chmieliwicz, Bob Smietanski** and **Tom Abraham.**

The IAM 1487 meeting had over 80 people, it was a Pizza Day. Next meeting is Thursday, August 1, the annual Fun Fair. The local lodge executives will cook hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, with all the extra trimmings. Bring in your White Elephant items to sell for \$.50. No returns. The proceeds go to the Union’s coffers, consider bringing in any wrapped items you don’t need anymore. They will also have the fast paced horse races and bucket toss. If you can think of any other games to play, let **Dave Roderick** know.

Sign in hardware store, ‘If it’s in stock, we have it.

The Skyliners Luncheon will be held at the Belvedere restaurant on Devon and Rohlwing Roads in Elk Grove at 11:00, on Tuesday, September 10. The Alpine Thunder will be entertaining us. It's a fun group that performed for us a few years ago, just in time to celebrate Oktoberfest. They are a fun-filled German band wearing German garb and playing German songs, yodeling, using cowbells and alphorns. You can dance along if you'd like. The invitations have gone out, but I want you to hear it from me, just in case you haven't received it by now.

Some angry guy with road rage just yelled to me out of his window, 'I'm going to make your life a living hell'. I yelled back, 'Thanks, but I'm not looking for a relationship right now.'

The RUPA lunch was held at Nick's Pizza and Pub last month. There were about 40 flyboys attending. Captain **Jim Bono**, the ORD Chief Pilot, was our speaker. He talked mostly about what's happening at the ORD domicile, a little bit about the flying and the company in general. Not too much mentioned about Boeing, everybody's concern. With the record traveling over the July 4th holiday, it doesn't look like many are too worried. That's good for us. Just wish they'd fix it, one of the best airplane companies around, now that the DC8 and DC10 are gone. What great trips we had on those two planes.

Good news from Lahaina, people will be able to start rebuilding on their property. As you remember, a fire from downed power lines ruined much of that city last August. At least 115 people were killed and it leveled the historic town. As far as I know one of our employees was killed that day.

I think the most asked question that day was, 'How's the banyan tree?' It's at least 150 years old, so much of it was charred in the fire. One third of the tree had to be trimmed to remove the sections that were destroyed. But in the last few months, fresh green leaves have been sprouting and giving hope to all that their beautiful tree is coming back to life. There was also a 250 year old Ulu bread fruit tree that is seeing a lot of recovery, one sprout at a time. The citizens feel if the tree is coming back, there is hope that their quaint little town will come back, too. Most of us have been there and enjoyed the beauty of Lahaina, Maui. Front Street took the brunt of the fire, so those charming shops are gone. They will rebuild, Hawaiians are strong, like McArthur said, 'I shall return', so will they, and us, they are opened again.

Our Traveling Princess, **Toni VanKampen**, has just returned from Kentucky for a family reunion. Then her mother-in-law passed away in Minnesota, so she and her husband took care of settling family matters. Now she's packing to take a month trip to Australia, a beautiful country, so much to see and admire, and they speak English! If you're still lucky to be traveling, please let me know, I'd love to tell our readers about your adventures and maybe add some funny mishaps along the way. The crazy things that happened to us on trips are always the silly stories that we pass on to our friends.

While I was at a breakfast in Elk Grove, I wondered how our old 'Home' was doing. Promised myself last year I wouldn't go back to Algonquin and Linneman Roads again, but force of habit and melancholy steered my car that way. Well, 1200 is still an empty field hidden by a tall plastic royal blue fence. Not much going on there, just emptiness and memories of good people, lots of laughs and growing up. However, on the corner of Linneman and Dempster, there are many construction trucks, diggers and tractors. That's where they said the Comed building would be built to handle the electronics for the new company's Data Center. Then, turning right onto Algonquin Road, our old Rez Center at 1205, the building is still there, empty, but with grass about two feet tall. Whoever was there just packed up and left. I'm surprised the cities of Elk Grove or Mt. Prospect don't make them keep up the landscaping. I still don't know what city that property is in, 60 years ago, it was called, unincorporated Elk Grove. Then a few years ago, Mt. Prospect said it was theirs. Guess I shouldn't care.

We are the era of the Wizard of Oz and Gone with the Wind. Two big movies of 1939, both spectacular and nominated for many Academy Awards. 'Wind' ran away with most of the awards, except the song went to 'Oz'. But we remember the red sparkly shoes of Dorothy. Well, her hometown of Grand Rapids, Minnesota remembers them also. They are raising money to purchase the footwear after it was stolen from a local museum, then later turned over to an auction company. The town is soliciting donations to bring the slippers back after the auction company takes them on an international tour, before offering them up to prospective buyers in December. It's thought they could sell for \$1 million, or even as much as \$10 million. As an executive of the auction house said, 'Once they're gone, all the money in the world can't buy them back.' Remember the first time we saw that movie? Oh my, a scarecrow, a tin man, a lion, flying monkeys, the wicked witch of the East, Glinda, Judy and her 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'? Did you know the head of MGM wanted to take that song out of the movie? What a nut he was! A few years ago, I found some red sparkly gym shoes, I'm the hit of any party, doctor's appointment, or just walking down the street. Everybody wants those shoes. Women want to know what size they are (like I'd tell them). Even guys make comments on them. Time for a new pair, I can't lose my glitter.

In case you missed the Newsletter article last month, United will no longer use paper tickets for your SA0 and SA1 passes. You don't have to use the kiosks either. It will be done from your smart phone at the gate. After a thorough explanation about that, they still didn't explain about us little people that don't have a computer or smart phone. (If they did, I didn't see it). So I checked with my NRSA guru, **Anita Ware**, lovely woman, she told me the answer. It is all now online, but people may call the employee pass line at 866-FLY-EPAS, to make their listing online. They charge \$25 to create a new listing for you. They may waive the fee for the non-computer user, you'll have to ask. Once you get to the airport, you'll go to the counter and get your BP to get through security. The charge is only to make a new listing. If you're changing a listing, the charge is waived. Now you know everything you could possibly want to know about listing and our PNR's. Me too!

Happy Labor Day, Monday, September 2. We worked for the best airline for many years. And it's still there; I'd like to think we had something to do about that!

We had way too many of our co-workers leave us, **Vic Rose**, **Joe Puglisi**, EXOKF, and **Joe Saladino**, EXOKA, **Keith Kelly** and **Donald Waterman**, ORDFO, **Jeff Goldsworthy** EXOTD manager, **Bruce Fulton**, ORDFF, **Ed Mullins**, ORDCG, and his wife, **Eleanor**, on the next day.

Other notable people from our past, songwriter Mark James, (Suspicious Minds), Buzz Cason (Everlasting Love), Sports men, Chet Walker, (basketball, Bulls), Jerry West (Basketball LAX Lakers Hall of Famer), the one and only, Hall of Famer Willie Mays, (SFO Giants), Orlando Cepeda, (SFO Giants), newscaster Howard Fineman, NBC, actors Tony LoBianco, (French Connection), Ron Simons (27 Dresses), Bill Cobbs (the Bodyguard), Martin Mull (Mary Mary, Roseanne), Taylor Wily, (Hawaii 50), Producer, Jon Landau (Titanic), Philanthropist Ann Lurie (cofounder of Ann & Robert Lurie Foundation, Lurie Children's Hospital).

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**August 8**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**August 1**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

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

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00, 1575 Edgewood Drv, Algonquin, 11:00 A.M. (**September 10**).

Skyliners Fall Luncheon, Belvedere, 11:00, 1170 W Devon Ave, Elk Grove, (**September 10**)

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **August 13** at Emmy's
- **September 10** at Emmy's
- **October 8** at Emmy's

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

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NEBRASKA



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

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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

The next event will be a holiday luncheon in November. All retirees and guests are welcome.

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our Luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Mary Chandler** at honolulumary06@yahoo.com or **Arlene McCroy** at apolloguy@aol.com for information about the next get together Luncheon.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 9 members plus one guest, Kathy's, at our June 10th meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Len Haubl passed away on May 28th. Len had been the manager of Base Training at the MOC for years. His office and the training department were on the second floor in the Engine Shop over the Metal Spray area. At his retirement, Len and his wife, **LaVerne**, moved to Lincoln, CA and joined the Sacramento Gold Diggers. His memorial will be on July 11th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lincoln, with a lunch following. John and I will also be attending.

The October meeting has been rescheduled from Monday to Tuesday. As Kathy, the Black Bear Manager, pointed out, Monday is a day off for most because of Columbus – or Indigenous Peoples – Day and they get really busy. We are happy to accommodate that request.

Barbara & Larry Leusing have graciously offered to host the August 12 meeting at their cabin at Lake Tahoe. As noted, water, iced tea, hot tea and coffee will be provided; if you wish other libations, BYOB.

The sole June birthday is **June Roe**. The 50/50 was won by the birthday girl herself, **June Roe**.

NEW JERSEY

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Submitted by President Frank Warzocha

We only had a total of 16 retirees show up on this 94 degree day; perhaps that was the reason for a low turnout. **Marty Etler** won the 50/50 and our next luncheon will take place on July 31 at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains. Hopefully, next month's meeting will have a better turnout.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Due to Covid, I couldn't attend our luncheon but heard only 9 people came.

Celebrating July anniversaries are **MaryAnn & Joe Lilly** (42 years), **Helena & Lester Darmstad** (44 years) and **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth** (29 years).

Happy Birthday to **Janet Vancleemput, Richard Holdsworth, Desmond Brennan, Nick Manfredo, Bob Cardenas** and our President **Ed Pozzi**.

Old phrases, do you remember these? Heavens to Betsy, Gee Willikers, Holly Moley. Or name calling: Knucklehead, Nincompoop.

I hope you all had a safe and fun July 4th. See you August 7th.

Calendar:

August 7 – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press.

OHIO

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I know that it's been a long time since we have submitted a chapter report for the RUAEA Newsletter. The sickness and death of our secretary is one reason.

But life is not normal like it used to be. The number of members attending our luncheons is about half (or less) of what it was just 6 years ago. I spoke about it a couple months ago. We used to have about 65 to 75 in attendance. And at one of our picnics at the Chalet we had 116 people. Now, we are lucky if we have 30. Yep! The Covid hit. But that was just the start. Earlier this year (in April), I made the announcement of 5 deaths so far in 2024. FYI: That used to be the count for an entire year. From the beginning of the year 2010 to the present day we have now had a total of 98 deaths. Then add those with health issues. The result being our luncheon attendance has dropped dramatically.

Our members love going to a different quality restaurant every month for lunch. They receive a lot of information on various subjects, i.e. news on United. All while they enjoy the good food, service, everything is "great". The prices are kept around \$20 to \$22, and that includes everything, like dessert and gratuity. Only one place is \$25, but the menu has "Sirloin Steak, and "Baby Back Ribs", and "Tilapia" (Cajun Style), and includes salad, rolls, side dish, dessert, beverage, and gratuity. They are open just for us. Also, every year Santa comes to our Christmas Party with gifts for those attending.

Most important: When we get updates on members' illness or deaths: When a member notifies me of a member's illness, (with permission, I announce it at our next meeting, and we have cards for everyone to sign and we U.S. Mail it to them. The recipients have said that it brightened their day.)

When the situation is more serious, like a death, then our communications system is activated, and an email is sent to everyone with the members' address so that cards may be sent. For those without email, our "callers" are notified and they go into action. If a member has passed away, we get out the info on the funeral (dates & times of all info) so that our members are able to pay their last respects. On the bright side, we are still having our monthly luncheons.

At our luncheons our members mingle for an hour before lunch is served. Not only do we say "Grace" before our meal is served, but we pray for our fellow members in their time of need. It's that personal touch. We care about each other. "a lot". Occasionally I hear them say "We are like another family", "Our United Family".

We wish everyone, in the Chapters and RUAEA, "Health and Happiness"!

"May God Bless you all!"

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Due to some significant health issues, I have resigned as President. Thank you, **Paul Russell**, for stepping up and serving as our President once again. I will continue to cover the newsletter and the group will keep me filled in on important information.

Unfortunately, we have a couple of deaths to report. We were informed that **Leroy Houchin** passed away on 3/12/2024 from complications of dementia. No further information is known.

We also learned of the death of **Dan Jones**. Dan was a mechanic with UAL for 38 years. He passed away on 6/2/24 from complications from an auto accident on April 24th. He had a slow brain bleed that was not caught soon enough to save his life. If you wish to send a card or condolences to his wife Judy her mailing address is: 16982 Kara Lane, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations you're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins." A nurse then tells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse goes up the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" The others ask. "I work for 7Up!"
- ☺ You would be amazed at the velocity of a can of cocoa powder that jumps from the top cupboard, loses its lid on the way down, and dusts half of the kitchen. Just saying
- ☺ You don't have to be crazy to be my friend. I will train you!
- ☺ Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are there.
- ☺ Never underestimate an old woman with a nursing degree!
- ☺ They really put a Discman with the Anti-Skip System in a museum already. I don't think I've ever felt older in my life!
- ☺ My friend got a degree in Egyptology but cannot get a job. So, he's paying more money to get a PhD, so he can work teaching other people Egyptology. In his case, college is literally a pyramid scheme.
- ☺ A distracted person who studies science of animal feces could be said to have scat-turd thoughts. (groan!)
- ☺ Picture a wooden schooner somewhere near Barbados, its deck loaded with crates of glass bake ware (pie plates, casseroles, lasagna pans, measuring cups, soufflé bowls, etc.) Pyrex of the Caribbean.
- ☺ Now for a little play on words: A big Moron and a little Moron were walking across the bridge. The big one fell off, but the other was a little Moron!
- ☺ I saw a bear making beer. I asked, "What's up?" He said, "I'm bruin".
- ☺ i before e, except when your foreign neighbor Keith received eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird!
- ☺ Whenever the cashier at the grocery store asks me if I would like the milk in a bag I always reply, "No, just leave it in the carton!" So much fun to watch the expressions on their face!
- ☺ The Pun Master: Just finished reading a book about frogs – found it ribbiting!
- ☺ If you hear me say, "I put it in a really safe place," just know that you will never see it again.
- ☺ Someone just gave me half a peace sign. Weird.
- ☺ Do not eat aluminum, or you'll sheet metal.
- ☺ Don't ever let anyone tell you that fairytales are not real. I wake up every morning to drink a potion made from magic beans that brings me back to life!
- ☺ It's said that every piece of chocolate you eat shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the math. Seems I should have died in 1542.

- ☺ Mashed potatoes are really just Irish guacamole!
 - ☺ Elevator music is bad on so many levels.
 - ☺ Overheard in a grocery store: “Grandma, where did you grow up?” “I grew up in a little town called Oakley, Idaho.” “Where did grampa grow up?” “He didn’t”.
 - ☺ I really don’t mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.
 - ☺ Large sign in front of a Saloon: “Husband Daycare Center”, “Need time to relax? Need time to yourself? Want to go shopping?” Leave your husband with us! We’ll look after him for you! You only pay for his drinks!
 - ☺ I asked my wife what women really want. She said, “A tent of leftovers”, or perhaps it was attentive lovers – I was not really listening.
 - ☺ If you can’t get anyone to sing with you – then you’ll have to “duet” yourself. (another groan)
 - ☺ Overheard at an all you can eat buffet: Wife - “Honey, that’s the 4th time you have gone back to the buffet. Aren’t you embarrassed? Husband - “No. I keep telling them it’s for you.”
 - ☺ I saw a man standing on just one leg at the ATM. Confused, I asked him what he was doing. He said, “I am just checking my balance ...”
 - ☺ Sometimes when you cry, nobody sees your tears ... sometimes when you’re hurt nobody sees your pain ... sometimes when you’re sad nobody sees your sorrow ... **but fart just one time!**
 - ☺ I hate it when I’m talking to myself and suddenly realize I wasn’t listening and have to start all over.
 - ☺ I’m getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn’t make it.
 - ☺ When you’re dead, you don’t know you’re dead. All of the pain is felt by others. The same thing happens when you’re stupid.
 - ☺ Not all who wander are lost . Some are just looking for coffee!
- Until next month!

Calendar:

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

August 8

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Hello from Philly!

We are currently in a heat wave but it is still better than the bad weather around the country. We’re not having hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, or fires. So I feel very lucky to be in a safer area of the country.

We weren’t able to attend our last luncheon in June. We’re looking forward to our next get together in October. It’s always good to catch up with our friends.

Our July Birthdays ~ **William Carroll, Edward Hesley, Adele Sherman and Bert Zastera.** Happy Birthday to all!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe

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Gene Testa (formerly PITFF, PITCS) was recently inducted into the Beaver County (PA) Musicians Hall of Fame; Gene joins local legends such as Henry Mancini, Donnie Iris, B.E. Taylor and many other local musicians. Gene is known for playing in many local bands but is best known for his many times he plays at various senior living centers to serenade the residents.

Paul & Betty Musko celebrate their 60th anniversary in July.

It is with great sadness that the PIT Stoppers announce the passing of **Treatie Karwoski** on July 4, 2024. The family received visitors Monday, July 8, 2024, from 2 - 4PM at the Spratt Funeral Home, 1901 7th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA. 15010. Treatie worked many years at United in both PIT & SFO and was active in RUAEA. She most recently resided at St. Barnabas Beaver Meadows, Room 107, 5130 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

July Birthdays ~ Bill Chicots, Gwen Detwiler, and Paul Musko.

July Anniversaries ~ Paul & Betty Musko and Karen & Steve Moliterno.

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

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

WASHINGTON

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We will report on our summer picnic, scheduled for July 9, at **Kathi Skarbo's** home in Burien; in next month's report.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.

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For those of you who read my chapter reports, I apologize for my absence. It has been a rough time for me and my family. I was in bed sick for 10 weeks in May and June. First, I had a serious case of bronchitis which led into pneumonia. Before being completely over the pneumonia, I somehow contracted a flu called Human Meta Pneumo Virus (HMPV).

The Virus ran its course long enough to collide with the scheduled date of my back surgery. My orthopedic doctor was apprised of my health along the way. I went to the hospital on the planned date knowing that the anesthesiologist had the last say on whether or not surgery would take place. Surgery did take place and I am on the mend.

As I write this, however, my husband is in bed with COVID.

I have been writing for the RUAEA Newsletter for over 20 years. Lately, it is becoming more and more difficult to keep up. I am so sorry. My chapter and my readers deserve more than I am capable of promising for now, so I am going to turn this honor over to someone else as soon as a replacement can be found. Thank you all for your support and thank you for keeping up with the Dulles Loungers.

There are no meetings in July or August but September will be met with great enthusiasm. Our officers, **Carl Alford**, **Judy Dunlap** and **Kerrie Schneider**, are already planning a full year of monthly meetings and luncheons. Many of them will have guest speakers on subjects that will be interesting and useful. Many of our people have great vacations and great trips planned. Hopefully, they will share this joy with you in September.

Our final gathering of the year (June) was met with a great luncheon party at a restaurant which we have not partied in before, Logan's Roadhouse in Manassas, VA, was found by Kerrie who recommended it to our chapter for our end-of-the-year gala. It was accepted and turned out to be the perfect spot for us to celebrate our past year. We had sit down dinners from the menus. Fortunately, Judy had budgeted our treasury well enough to not only provide for our annual charities, but also so that the chapter could pay for this entire event.

Gifts were given to most of our volunteers. Each received a nice bottle of wine and a giant "Thank You" and applause. This was followed by prizes; the most wonderful prize was a gift from **Alice Feng** who runs the IAD Mainliner club: a large framed photo of a member of United's bygone fleet; it was won by **Carl Alford**. The 50/50 was won by **Judy Dunlap**.

The party went overtime, as everyone was having such a great time. Finally, the joy ended and our officers were once again set with the responsibility of settling the bill and gathering their own (and chapter's) belongings.

You will hear from us again soon. Take care and stay healthy!

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AI (Artificial Intelligence) is a branch of computer science where machines and computers simulate human intelligence. It has become increasingly significant in the travel and tourism industry! AI can analyze a traveler's search history, help with booking inquiries, itinerary changes, and with virtual assistants can answer questions. Robots are infiltrating customer services in the travel industry, avoiding the need for human agents. I am sure most of us feel uprooted with all of this and a bit overwhelmed.

In trying to understand the promise and pitfalls of this technology, I listened to *The McKinsey Podcast* "What AI means for travel – now and in the future". Then I read an article entitled "Travel Agents versus AI:

Convenience” on suretravel.co.za to combat my worry for travel agents and their future. The PS to this dilemma is that smart travel agents are using AI tools to add value to their overall service and for the consumer; it is a winning combination! Adjusting to all this technology is a slow but necessary process. Frequently, my dad’s favorite quote comes to mind “*There is nothing permanent except change!*”



Clipped Wings® is a 501(c) (3) with 28 chapters composed of current, former and retired United, United Express, and Continental flight attendants. We are always interested in starting new chapters and new members, so if you are interested in “continuing the connection” please contact us via our website at unitedclippedwingsinc.org, Facebook Clipped Wings ® Chat Corner, or our Instagram at [clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual). Our main philanthropy, of which we are so proud, is Special Olympic Parent Grants.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **June 2024**:

Alan Durr, Burlingame, CA
Mae Howard, Centennial, CO
Sharon Kaczay, The Villages, FL
Linda Kauhane, Aiea, HI
John Kennedy, Lahaina, HI
Roxine Lukens, Las Vegas, NV
William Ortega, Destrehan, LA
Julio Parrilla, Jersey City, NJ
Sharlet Pitt, Chico, CA
Eduardo Rodriguez, Houston, TX
John Smiley, Gilbert, AZ
Patricia Weakland, Aurora, CO
Charles Whitney, Lake Forest Park, WA

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **June 2024**:

Frankie Armstead, William Chicots, John Florent, Mary Florent, S. N. Gasque, Linda Kauhane, Maria Lesiak, Ira G. Lowe, William McBride, Bob Meier, Paula S. Moody, Barbara M. Schrekinge, Edmond Soliday, Frankie A. Tschirhart, Herbert C. Wilbanks, Bill Witt, Paul F. Zadrozny.

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, 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.

Retiree – **Abbas, Mitchell R.**, on 11/30/2022, PITMM, husband of Doris J. Abbas, father of Robert Abbas and Sheryl (William) Leitsch, 590 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 15301

Retiree – **Mullins Jr., Edward P.**, on 6/29/2024, ORDF, husband of Eleanor B. Mullins (deceased on 6/30/2024), 436 Winthrop Ave., Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Spouse – **Mullins, Eleanor B.** (nee **Waite**), on 6/30/2024, wife of Edward P. Mullins Jr., ORDF (deceased) 436 Winthrop Ave., Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Retiree – **Karwoski, Patricia A. (Treatie)**, on 7/4/2024, PITCS, Treatie resided at 900 3rd Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010 and then later at Beaver Meadows, PA 15009 until her passing.

Retiree – **Rose, Victor M.**, on 6/4/2024, WHQKF, fond uncle of Marie (the late Paul) Swanson, Ginny (Tom) Callaghan, Frank Rose, Tish Rose, Joe (Traci) Rose, Kathy (Charlie) Schreck, Michael (Joy) Donatucci and Sam (Cyndi) Donatucci, 1622 Clayton Ct., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Retiree – **Saladino, Joseph L.**, on 6/6/2024, WHQKA, husband of Antoinette “Toni” Saladino, 2224N Brighton Pl., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Retiree – **Steele, Nancy L.**, on date (DOD unknown), IADLL, 11402 Orchard Green Ct., Reston, VA 20190

Retiree – **Whitmore, Donald G. (Don)**, on 4/21/2024, ORDFO, husband of Mary Whitmore, PO Box 277, Rogers City, MI 49779

Letters & Notes



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

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

Ted Beth, George Haupt, Eddy Lara, Janet Lockhart, Melvin Melrose, Jim Micallef, Nedra Morgan, Alice Roe, Connie Staton, and Sheila White.

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.)

Larry Hoover, 1411 Bobwhite Ct., Davidsville, PA 15928

Thanks to everyone for the work you do for the informative newsletter. I enjoyed meeting some of you at last year's reunion in San Diego. I am unable to attend this year.

I retired in October 2003 from SANCS, and still keep very busy with volunteer work in the retirement village where I live, at my church, and as a consultant on the airport authority airline committee at our local airport in Johnstown, PA. JST, where we have SkyWest United Express service to ORD and IAD. The Flight 93 National Memorial is just a short drive from JST.

I started my United career in NYCRR, then DTWRR, LANTR/CS, followed by PIT Apollo Services, and then Staff Rep positions at EXOPQ, EXOTI, EXOSS, EXOTL and COVIA, before ORDCS and SANCS.

I am looking forward to what may be my last international trip, taking 3 family members to Iceland in November, hopefully seeing the northern lights.

Health issues are making travel more difficult, but I have been blessed by being able to visit 42 countries and all 50 states.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay healthy.

JoAnn Walker, 1334 Laurenwood Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80120

Having retired nearly 22 years ago, I rarely see names I recognize but I still feel very much a part of the United family.

The RUAEA newsletter keeps me connected and updated!

Thanks to all who make it possible; you are appreciated.

Arthur Jefferson, 1116 N Old Canton Rd., Canton, MS 39046

I am doing well, each day God wakes me up and I have a plan for that day.

I am gardening, cutting my grass, and a little hunting.

I plan to see all in San Diego at the Reunion.

Take care.

Ray Klapatauskas, 163410 Sorrel Ln., Wausau, WI 54403

Another year has rolled around.

The past year was eventful. In August, I had my left knee replaced. In January, we were getting ready to go to Florida for three months when I had a heart attack. They put in a stent in the widow maker vein and then had to do a heart catheter 5 days later. I was having trouble with my breathing.

Things are now getting better; I am back to walking and have started playing golf again

Gerry Schneider, 12891 W. 74th Dr., Arvada, CO 80005

Thank you for your many years of good information, news of other members, funny stories and a lot of stories about the good and bad of working for an airline.

Rich and I celebrated 65 years of marriage with 3 daughters, 7 grand children and 7 great grand children, last January.

We are in pretty good health but have had some set backs in the past 2 years, but so far, so good. Thanks to God and blessings to all!

Notes

Sharon Ouimet

I ran into Barbara Bertacini's husband and he invited me to join. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. I retired in 2021 and am now working part-time at the Post Office as a letter carrier. I have been based in Houston, Las Vegas, San Francisco and lastly, Chicago. I retired while living in Chicago and moved to Chico, California to start my retirement.

Susan Stone

After 8 years of being a caregiver for my parents, sadly they have passed away.

I hope to begin traveling again at some point in the future. It will take a bit of relearning the ins and outs of pass traveling. Hopefully, I can find the info needed. Always of fan of RUAEA for travel tips and new information! Thank you!

Barbara M. Schrekinger

After retiring from UAL in 2004 we moved to Fort Collins, CO where I worked another 10 years at Colorado State University. Since then, I've spent my time working at a number of organizations volunteering my time. In fact, next week I'm starting to volunteer at another one, the Aspen Club in Fort Collins, which provides senior activities and health programs for adults along the Colorado Front Range. Retirement is great!

Sharon Kaczay

I just learned about RUAEA from another retiree.

Donald R. Nellans

I was the past RUAEA Regional Director and I resigned due to serious health issues. I retired from UAL 2002 with 35 years of service. Health is now better.

Darlene Marsiglia

I love United and my wonderful work experiences there in Chicago.

I want to receive your newsletter again and attend local chapter if it is still active.

William Chicots

I can't believe it's 10 years since I walked out the door on January 5, 2014, I have not been back to the airport since. My wife is planning to retire in 2025. I am still in good health and very active in my volunteer fire company, serving as Chief for the 8th year, I plan on stepping back once we take delivery of three new pieces of fire apparatus and the firefighters are trained to operate them.

John Kennedy

I'm living the dream in Maui

Paula S. Moody

Hi from hot Sarasota, FL. Thanks for all you do in getting the newsletter out. Love reading it and catching up with many old friends.

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Lockheed developed an entirely new plane using the latest technology while Douglas used technology from its DC-8 to save money. Lockheed's problem was that the L1011 cost much more than the DC-10, leading American Airlines to order the DC-10 rather than the TriStar. Despite losing out to Douglas with American, orders for the TriStar were placed by Trans World Airlines (TWA) and Eastern Airlines. The L1011 made its maiden flight on November 16, 1970, and entered service with Eastern Air Lines in April 1972. Ultimately, the DC-10 won the battle, and Lockheed stopped building the L1011 Tristars in 1984 after manufacturing 250 aircraft.

After a long history going back to 1927, Pan American World Airways (PanAm) began to struggle financially in the 1970's due to a rise in the price of oil. PanAm thought it could ride out the storm by modernizing its fleet. In 1980, Pan Am began taking delivery of 12 Lockheed TriStars.

This proved challenging as the new airliner increased the airline's training and maintenance costs. By the mid-1980's, PanAm needed to raise cash to offset some of its debts and began selling its slots at Narita International Airport (NRT) in Tokyo, Japan.

United Airlines was interested and made a deal that included several DC-10 and L1011 aircraft. The sale was completed in February 1986, giving United the Tokyo airport slots plus six Lockheed L-1011 TriStars and PanAm's Pacific fleet of Boeing 747SPs.

By 1986 United Airlines was flying to 13 destinations in Asia from its Narita hub.

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