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Torgy's Travel Tips - March 2019 75th D-Day Anniversary

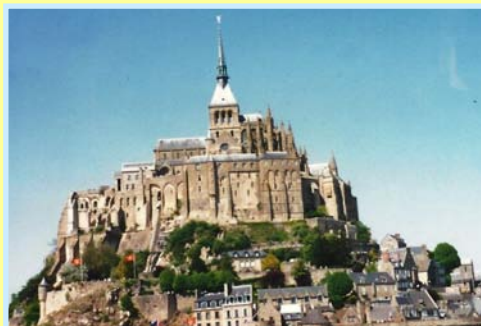


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June 6th will mark the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Invasion by Allied troops during WWII. If you have not yet made a visit to this area, you really should. You may have visited the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor or the Punchbowl cemetery nearby and come away humbled. A similar but much more magnified experience awaits those who make the pilgrimage to the D-Day beaches and memorials. You cannot help but come away a changed person, a more humble human being and one who recognizes the sacrifice of those who fight for liberty and freedom. Since the 75th anniversary will be marked by many events over several days beginning June 4th, hotels and tours are already nearly fully booked. But that should not deter you from coming either before or after the actual landing date. This entire year will be marked as a special event year for the coast of Normandy, France. So, let's take a look at how you can start planning for your own Normandy "invasion".

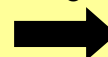


The 5 landing beaches, code named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword lie between Caen and Cherbourg. On my last trip to this area, we used a rental car and made the beautiful town of Bayeux our base. (Bayeux is the home of the nearly 1000 yr. old Bayeux Tapestry, a 230-foot-long embroidered frieze depicting the Battle of Hastings in 1066 when William the Conqueror invaded England.) From here it is only a 15 min drive to Arromanches, site of the not-to-be-missed Arromanches Museum located on the beach separating the Omaha and Gold beach landing sites. Not only will you see how the Allies built an artificial pontoon harbor with floating roadways protected by sunken ships in order to supply advancing troops but also remnants of the harbor that are still visible today. You can also walk on the cliff to the German gun battery emplacements which have been left in their natural state, to see how close they were to the landing troops.



A 30 min drive west from Arromanches brings you to Colleville-sur-Mer, the location of the Normandy American Memorial Cemetery, which overlooks Omaha Beach. This was one of the most humbling sites we visited. 9,387 US military dead are interred here. Local students in the area each "adopt" a gravesite for 1 year and are responsible for maintaining it.

Take time to read the inscription on the walls of the memorial, too. This cemetery was included in the film "Saving Private Ryan". A short distance away is another cemetery for German soldiers who fell during the invasion. It is interesting to visit both.





8 miles westward is Point du Hoc. The cliff edge above the beach looks much as it must have looked on June 6, 1944. There is a circular gun emplacement and bunkers that you can wander around.

Another 1 hour drive west will bring you to St. Mère Église, where Allied advance troops parachuted 2 days before D-Day in the dark of night. Some soldiers' parachutes were caught on the spire of the church. You might remember seeing this depicted in the movie "The Longest Day". The Airborne Museum is located at: 14 rue Eisenhower.

A short 30-minute drive further west brings you to Cherbourg (remember the movie "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg"?). This is a beautiful seaside city where ferries can take you to Portsmouth, England.

Now if you don't wish to drive but prefer to visit some of these locations from Paris as a day-trip, check out www.linkparis.com. This company offers a small group van tour (maximum 8 persons) with excellent guides at a very moderate price. You take the train, on your own, from St. Lazarre station in Paris around 7AM to Caen. They meet you at the Caen train station. After visiting the Caen Memorial and having lunch, you proceed to Arromanches. From there you visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Omaha Beach. They return you to the Caen train station in time to take the 6PM train back to Paris. You arrive in Paris before 10PM. Since this is a shared van tour, there may be stops at the British beaches and/or cemetery as well, depending on the nationalities of your co-travelers. I have heard that this company can also assist you in finding a location or gravesite for relatives of those who fought here if you notify them in advance.

Only one more thing that I would also add to a trip to Normandy: Mont St. Michel. The iconic Gothic Abbey, perched atop a tiny island, is just a 1 ½ hr. drive south from Bayeux and totally worth it. The island is connected by a causeway (no cars allowed). You must walk the 440 yds. from the parking lot. (If you wish to make this a day trip from Paris, take the high-speed train to Rennes from St. Lazarre station, which connects to a bus to the island's main gate).

The lanes on the island are cobblestone, steep and narrow but it is truly not-to-be-missed. If you wish to tour the Abbey at the top you must purchase a ticket, but everything else is freely open to walk around. I had the most delicious crepes and wine at "La Mère Poulard" overlooking the bluff down to the sea on my last visit. What a memory! Caution: Do **not** attempt to park on the causeway – the tide will wash away your car!

United currently offers non-stop flights to Paris from Chicago, Newark, San Francisco and Washington Dulles.

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I hope that you all survived the polar vortex and the flooding. One thing we can always count on is change. I believe as I get older it seems to get harder to adjust to change, so I'm working hard to get to that point and accept it.

We are starting preparation for the convention in Denver and getting volunteers to help us. The Board of Directors meetings will be coming in March, so we are preparing for those.

As far as the company goes, there are not any big things going on, which is good.

They did make some changes to the travel site and Flying Together. So a new learning curve, but it does work well once you get used to it.

One problem that seems to keep coming up is the friends and family and the charges that go with that. You have to check for the charges and pay for them or your passes get cancelled until you do. These charges were generated by the government for tax purposes and not UAL.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Update: Jet fuel tax bill passes NJ General Assembly



New Jersey bill A4392, which seeks to increase taxes on jet fuel purchased in the state, passed the New Jersey General Assembly recently by a 42-31 vote, receiving just one vote above the minimum it needed to pass.

More than 1,000 employees sent letters to their assembly members opposing the bill but, despite United's efforts, the bill now goes back to the Senate for a concurrence vote before advancing to Governor Phil Murphy for signature.

This bill illegally proposes to use jet fuel tax revenue to fund non-aviation infrastructure projects, which is a clear violation of both federal law and the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) revenue use policy.

If enacted, the law could result in a \$20 million annual cost increase for United.

United continues to stand firm in the company's opposition to the bill and will urge Governor Murphy to veto it if it reaches his desk. United will keep you informed of the process. Stay tuned to local communications and Flying Together for updates.

United demonstrates historic 'green' power unit at LAX



It's one thing to be the North American - and worldwide airline - launch customer of the groundbreaking battery-powered ITW GSE 7400 ground power unit (GPU), and it's quite another to hook the unit up to an aircraft on the ramp at LAX and demonstrate it for a group of airport and air quality officials and curious aircraft technicians.

The electric GPU passed its test with flying colors, silently providing power to a brand-new Boeing 787-10 that was on layover at LAX and borrowed for the occasion. The ITW 7400, which is the first of what United hopes will be a large fleet of the zero-emission units, is designed to power a smaller aircraft such as an Airbus or a

Boeing 737 for an entire 8-hour shift or longer. It can also provide enough electricity for a larger aircraft for shorter periods.

Before starting the electric GPU, technicians started one of the diesel GPUs that will eventually be phased out at California airports and elsewhere. While not as loud as older units, the standard GPU is loud nonetheless, even outside, and because of emissions cannot be used inside. The ITW 7400, on the other hand, can operate in a hangar, even a closed hangar.

"This is the clean, quiet future of ground power units," said United Ground Service Equipment and Facilities Director Barbara Sullivan. *"These units also promise to be much less costly to maintain and operate over the years, so the more we can add to our fleets, the better."*

United's guests included officials from the Los Angeles World Airports and the California Air Resources Board, as well as ITW and other vendors.

United adds more than 1,600 new premium seats to international, domestic and regional aircraft



United announced on February 5 the next step in the company's commitment to making more customers more comfortable by adding more than 1,600 United Polaris business class and United First seats to nearly 250 international and domestic aircraft. Additionally, United will revolutionize the regional flying experience by introducing the two-cabin, 50-seat Bombardier CRJ 550 aircraft to its fleet, offering customers on key regional routes more legroom, storage and amenities than any other 50-seat regional aircraft operating today.

The CRJ 550 aircraft will eventually replace existing single-cabin 50-seat aircraft and will bring a higher

percentage of two-cabin departures to smaller cities across our network. Additionally, the innovative aircraft will enable United to offer premium seats on more connecting flights from smaller cities to its overall global network, further strengthening United's competitive position and emphasizing its role as an industry innovator.



Attention All Golfers

***The 2019 United/Continental Retiree Golf
Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV from
May 6th to May 8th, 2019***

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

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please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST

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Wow! The first meeting of the new year has come and gone, leaving us to bask in the history of the past year. We all did our “basking”, while enjoying the good fellowship and feast. We were blessed by the return of our favorite Maryland couple, **Bill & Ann Delavan**. Bill gave us some excellent insight into his recent treatment. (Unless your Quack (Dr.) is up on the new treatments, and you do not have the opportunity to confer with them, get a new one.) Bill had a good Immuno-therapist who applies his knowledge of the latest procedure, for his recovery.

A discussion by **Norm Reinoehl**, prior to the meeting, revealed his new avocation, that of Black Powder Rifle handling, maintenance, and use, prompted me to relay my story. After cutting my right thumb off with a skill saw, I carried it in a cold wash cloth to the ER. The Dr. with both hands wrapped in gauze, encouraged me to be more careful, while disclosing that he was a Black Powder enthusiast. A tamer desire was forwarded by **Jeanne Reinoehl**, to upgrade her Baby Grand piano, to one with all the “Bells and Whistles”. Could this be a trade off to the “Black Powder” venture?

Kim Ray is busy with new grandbabies, and has sold her motorhome! **Barbara Serra** stepped through the door, just as the “Tardy Bell” rang. She started collecting dues right away, and handling the raffle later on in the meeting. **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, both docents at the Naval Museum, dropped in, to give their council. **Bill Hayden** had a special quip, about walking his dog at his home with a retired Chief Petty Officer lady. Holding the meeting together with his dog whistle, that only us humans can hear, was our leader, **Conrad Hamilton**.

Carla Burke showed up without her other half. Hope Michael is well and will attend the next meeting. **Ed Southworth** did not win the raffle this meeting, allowing the whole body to rejoice. **Rita Toucher** shed her continence on the group, although at the far end of the table and out of hearing range. **Jessie Arnold** was in that setting as well, and seemed to be enjoying her position. **John & Myrl Eisinger**, the Welcoming, Badging, and Attendance Committee of two, performed their duties in an exemplary manner. **Doug Kuykendall** was without spouse, but will be together looking for a new residence in this area. **Desneige & George Atteberry** were present, after their two-hour drive to the NAS Aviation Museum. Please come see this wonderful venue, and enjoy our engaging company, the first Monday of each month. We also discuss a lot of things United.

An agenda item to meet on the first Monday (as a change) in order to meet the Deadline for the Newsletter, will be brought up at the next meeting. Brain storm this change, please, and discuss it when we meet.

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There is no chapter report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama Chapter of RUAEA.

We meet the second Monday of even numbered months and welcome all retired United friends and families to join us for lunch at 11:30, usually at a Birmingham restaurant. For more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Azures chapter of RUAEA.

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting every other Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. The next scheduled breakfasts are 11/14, 11/28 and 12/12. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or phx22@cox.net.



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We are fortunate to be living in Arizona especially this time of the year, with sunny and warm temperatures greeting us mostly every day. We can understand why more visitors arrive every year around this time to take in the great weather we have too. We always enjoy having visitors, especially any one 55 years or older who worked at any time or retired from United or Continental Airlines, plus any visitors our members might have staying with them. If you're in the area for any of our monthly breakfasts or luncheons, please contact President **Shirley Claggett**, at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Our January 9th Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Mesa, had 23 people attending. Our member, **Orland Baldwin**, brought his sister and brother-in-law, **Willard & LaVera Beck**, to the luncheon. They live in Spokane, Washington. They have visited us before when they were in town. President **Shirley Claggett** welcomed everyone and wished us a Happy New Year. She talked about our new RUAEA President, **Don Burbank**, who is a Denver native and currently residing in Golden, Colorado. He is the RUAEA Liaison and helps retirees resolve problems they encounter with United. He is encouraging us to extend an invitation to all our friends to attend our chapter meetings and invite them to the Convention next September in Denver, Colorado. He is reaching out to the Pilots, Flight Attendants, and any other groups, to have a little bit more attention to what we are and what we stand for such as friendship and understanding. One of our members, **Harry Cloud**, mentioned he is having difficulty with his prescriptions through CVS Pharmacy. Shirley mentioned the thank-you luncheon for those involved in the Fantasy Flight was being held at the Spaghetti Factory in Chandler on January 15th. Thanks to **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** for hosting this luncheon.

Our Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 34 people attending. We had a number of first time attendees: **Sandi Fowler** and **Mark Martin** are from Chicago and living in San Tan Valley. **Darlene Foster** is also from Chicago, and living in Apache Junction, AZ. **Kris & Rosemarie Schaeffer** are from Illinois and friends of **John & Joanne Griffin**, they have been with us before. **Orland Baldwin's** sister and brother-in-law, **Willard & LaVera Beck**, were back enjoying the breakfast. The **Lubecks, Barry & Melanie**, were back with us again, having been gone for awhile. They live in Mesa. We really had a full house! **Larry Young** talked a little about his racing and hoping to be able to do it in Amsterdam later on. Dates to put on your calendar are: April 4, our annual picnic at Shirley & Ron's Park on Southern Avenue in Mesa, AZ, and the Christmas Luncheon on December 4th at Cottonwood in Sun Lakes.

The next luncheon will be held at Mt. Athos, in Florence, AZ on Monday, March 11th. **Natasha Schmidt** is making all the arrangements. The entrées choices are Gyro Deluxe or Fettuccine with Chicken, which both include a salad and dessert. The cost is \$18 per person. Checks should be made out to **Natasha Schmidt** and sent to her at 3668 W. Saratoga Court, Florence, AZ 85132. If you have any questions, please call her at (520) 510-3655. She needs your checks and your choice of entrée by March 4.

Our Re-United's group attended the matinee at the Silver Star Theater in Mesa, on February 2nd, and saw the Malt Shop Oldies performance, along with the Buffet. We all enjoyed the music and had a great time. Thanks to **John & Joanne Griffin** for setting this up.

Our annual Cubs/Sox Spring training game is Sunday, March 3rd. We always enjoy going to this game as there are a lot of fans out here in Arizona, who are either for the Chicago Cubs or the Chicago White Sox. We've been going to this revelry game as a group from Re-United's for quite a few years. Thanks to **Ron Paluch** who usually gets the tickets as this game always sells out fast.

We have the following birthdays in March for our members or their spouses: **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Bill Eaton** (3/9), **Janet Vehring** (3/10), **John Smiley** (3/14), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), and **Rita Krist** (3/20). Happy Birthday to each of you! We have one couple celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** (3/11/61). Best wishes to you both on your Anniversary!

Calendar:

March 3 – Cubs/Sox Spring Training Game in Mesa arranged by **Ron Paluch**.

March 11 – Luncheon at Mt. Athos, 444 N. Pinal Pkwy., Florence, AZ, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**, her cell phone is (520) 510-3655. Checks and choice of food are to be given to Natasha by Monday, March 4. The Restaurant's phone number is (520) 858-0735.

March 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net by March 20th, if you will be attending, as she needs to let the staff know at the restaurant how many to plan for.

April 4 – Re-United's Picnic at Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, by the Community Room.

TALL PINES

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There is no report this month from the Tall Pines chapter of RUAEA.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA

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First of all, on behalf of the Paradise members of the Northstaters, I want to thank everyone for their concern and offers of support in the Camp Fire. The Town of Paradise was devastated with over 14,000 homes and over 500 businesses lost including those in Magalia and Concow. Our President, **Merritt Odor**, was the contact point and the outpouring of generosity from the RUAEA chapters as well as headquarters was amazing. Butte County will be strong again!

President **Merritt Odor** welcomed everyone to the meeting on Wednesday, February 23. Our luncheon was held at Cheesecakes Unlimited in Redding. Merritt thanked **Vince & Kay Neidlinger** for making the reservations. We had 18 retirees and spouses plus 1 guest, Sara, the Isbell's daughter.

Merritt also thanked **Linda & John Delaney** for hosting a wonderful Christmas luncheon/party in December. The decorations were beautiful; the ham cooked by **John & Chris Isbell** and the turkey cooked by **Kay & Vincent Neidlinger** were delicious as always. Everyone brought a side dish and a great get together was had by all.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Sharon Simonton** had a birthday in January as well as **Merritt Odor, Grace Franke, Billie Jorgensen** and **John Delaney**.

Both Merritt and Billie reminded everyone that the Northstaters dues were due for this year.

Sharon Simonton volunteered some information on the Paradise members. First of all she thanked Merritt and the Northstaters for their wonderful support in offering places to stay or help with moving. Our Northern California Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**, also offered housing and kept in touch with Merritt on any needs of these members.

Charlotte Puryear was evacuated and her retirement home, Atria, was a complete loss. She is now located in Chico at Sycamore Glen and very happy to be back in Chico.

Mike & Sue Johnson evacuated in their trailer. Their home was a complete loss. Mike & Sue spent some time in Indio and also in Pleasanton. They are not sure if they are going to rebuild in Paradise but may look for some property in the surrounding areas. **Dick Hooning's** house is standing and he had a loss of a shed. Dick is now living in his house.

Ray & Jean Herrick's house is standing but in conversation with Merritt, it does not look like they will be coming back to Paradise. They are some where in the Bay Area.

Bill & Sharon Simonton's house and garage are standing. Bill lost two sheds, two tractors, all of his yard equipment and several other trailers and small tractors and his 1957 Chris Craft boat. The Model A was in the garage safe and sound. They are planning on coming back to the house to live even though they are the only house standing for several blocks. They are still living in their trailer in Corning.

Vincent Neidlinger has some airline books that he would like to donate to the Chico Air Museum and **Billie Jorgensen** volunteered to work with Vincent to get these to the museum.

The next meeting/luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 11:30 am. It was decided to go back to the Mill Creek Cafe in Los Molinos. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to set up the meeting.

Vreny Grundherr won the 50/50 raffle and **Judy Ulrich** won the lunch certificate.

Calendar:

March 27 - Wednesday at 11:30 am at Mill Creek Cafe in Los Molinos. Come join us!



CENTRAL COASTERS

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We have no scheduled meeting for January. I was informed by our President **Mike Zoldak** that he and his wife **Bridget** will be traveling to Singapore for a few weeks. I believe he has relatives there. I'll have his story next month as to his adventure.

The only other interesting thing that occurred this past month is the welcome rain that we needed so badly. Our several lakes have more water in them and it has taken quite a bit of rain to make such an improvement. But we can use more rain.

I've been watching the freezing weather in Chicago and being born and raised in Cicero, I remember the snow and cold temperatures but nothing like this. My wife is from Chicago and we cannot remember anything as severe as this and I only had one day that the schools were closed due to too much snow. Now the weather forecast is for warm temperatures in a couple of days. I noticed that air travel has been affected around Chicago and delays are many. I can still remember driving on snow streets and shoveling a parking space at MDW before going into work. I'm very happy that I don't have that problem any more.

Our next meeting will be on February 20th, hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Patti Sica hosted the Sunbirds' January Luncheon, held at the El Mirasol Cocina Mexicana in Palm Springs. Twenty six Sunbirds and one guest, **Bob Little**, **Gay Trabers'** brother, attended,. We all enjoyed the Mexican Cuisine.

Lia Schultz won \$50.00 in the 50/50 Drawing, and our President, **Mike Bailardo**, won the Birthday Lunch.

Sad news! Our Founder, and President for 25 years, **Elaine Aggson**, passed away last month. Elaine was the subject of my first "Bio" in April of 2016, here is my Bio, word for word, that I wrote at that time.

Elaine graduated from Northwestern University in June of 1952. She married **Ron Aggson**, and moved to Denver. She taught French and English at a private High School for a year. In June of 1953, she was hired by UAL as a Ticket Sales Agent at Stapleton Airport.

From 1953 to 1972, she was a TSR, OJT (on the job trainer), Passenger Station Service Instructor, and Regional Instructor (training Travel Agents).

In 1972, Elaine was promoted as the first female Passenger Service Supervisor at DENTR.

In 1974, Elaine was promoted to City Manager at Stockton, CA, where she was responsible for Airport Operations and Sales. She was promoted to Assistant to Regional Vice-President Ernie Lamarre in SEASR in 1976. In 1978 (to 1980), she was Cargo Sales & Service Manager in SEAFH.

Elaine was promoted to Customer Service Manager in LAXCS in 1980, and retired in June of 1987, 35 years from the DC-3 to the 777.

For four months after her retirement, she was on a special assignment, opening Operations at John Wayne Airport in Southern California. In 1988, Elaine moved to Palm Desert, and founded the Desert Sunbirds.

Now, in her own words: *"My 35 years from the DC3 to the 777 provided an exciting career in a dynamic industry. I was privileged to meet and work with so many fine people - both employees and customers. I also was fortunate to be the first female in each of my promotions, and feel I was able to open a door and pave the way for the many females who have since occupied management positions at every level."*

Elaine Aggson - a great leader and a wonderful friend!



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our February meeting was held on Monday, February 4 at Fuddrucker's Restaurant in Concord with 19 members and one guest in attendance.

Social hour started at 11:00. It was wonderful to see regulars **Joe & Wilma Leather**. They missed last month because Joe was recuperating from a GI issue that landed him in the ER a few days before Christmas. At noon, we ordered separately at the counter and returned to our private room to eat. **Carol Parks**, our "candy lady," gave everyone chocolate hearts for Valentine's Day.

After lunch we had our raffle. **Russ Kennedy** won the 50/50 raffle. Other raffle gifts were the usual bottles of wine. **Diane Griego** won a frog garden stake and **Cheryl Kincaid** won a glass that said "Give me Wine or Get Out of My Way." Another item was an M&M candy dispenser. All the grandmothers wanted that. I forget who won it, but someone's grandchild is going to love it!

Our president **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** had several announcements. First, he attended the Celebration of Life for **Gail Sexton**, on January 18. Gail passed away last October 28 from complications of ALS. He said it was a beautiful service with over 250 people in attendance. When asked about her obituary, Gail replied with her usual sense of humor, "She Lived. She Loved. She Traveled. She died." Arnold also announced that he had a new hearing aid and was still getting used to it. Given the number of people in our group who have hearing aids, there was no shortage of advice and tips for him.

We had so much fun sharing stories last month; we are going to continue this at every meeting. **Diane Griego** was just back from Hong Kong and Cambodia. She highly recommends taking the Ngong Ping Cable Car on Lantau Island and seeing the Giant Buddha. The cable cars have glass bottoms (yikes!) and the views of Hong Kong from the air are unbelievable. I googled this and I got the willies just looking at the pictures! She said most people got over their fear right away and just loved the ride.

Cheryl Kincaid saw a musical in San Francisco that she encouraged everyone to see. "Come from Away" is set in the week following the September 11 attacks and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. The characters in the musical are based on real Gander residents and some of the 7,000 stranded travelers they housed and fed. The play is on tour all over the U.S. and Canada until September 1, 2019. Go to <https://comefromaway.com/tickets.php?content=tixbroadway> to check the schedule and buy tickets.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem. There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7.

For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** direct at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

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

- ❖ Monday, March 4 at 11:00. – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ Monday, April 1 at 11:00. — Same as above

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you

have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** opened our first meeting of 2019 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and few moments of silence remembering our Armed Forces here and abroad. We say goodbye to 2018 with wishes of good health and good times to follow in the coming months. We are fortunate to have a lovely meeting place overlooking the Foster City Lagoon and the foothills beckoning us to our Pacific Ocean. Waves have been high and those crazy surfers have been out in force and enjoying the freezing waters! None of our members have bragged about 'catching the waves' over there. We'd rather be sitting on the beach at Waikiki sipping a Mai Tai and looking for those elusive Menehunes!

Here's what we have in store for good eats for the next 3 months, come join us and enjoy:

- ➔ February 25 – Chinese "Year of the Pig" catered luncheon, \$10 per member / \$15 per guest
- ➔ March 25 – St. Paddys' Corned Beef and Cabbage provided by the Board, members bring side dishes
- ➔ April 22 – BYOBL (Subway, McDonalds, Taco Bell, you name it, they are all around Foster City)

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for November meeting. Trying desperately to get someone to take over the job, she had one word misspelled in the report. As you know, if someone finds the error or complains, the job automatically becomes theirs. A Board member caught the error and refused to take on a second job. Rats, good try Ginger. (The error you ask? Desert turned into Dessert, a gritty subject!)

Treasurer **Art Barrett** advised that our rent is being slightly raised so please send your dues (\$15 per person) check made out to Golden Gaters' Retirees and mail it to Art at 1809 Dale Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401. Your dues help us with the rent and get your name on our roster!!

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that **Don Hughes** passed away, services will be held mid-February. Both he and Mary have been long time members of our group, our condolences go out to Mary and the family. December "birthdays" were **Norm Wood** and **Linda Barrett**. January baby **Pat Ortega** (who owned up to 37 years but no more!) November Anniversaries: **Norm & Colleen Wood**. December nuptials: **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** (71 years), Wow! Congratulations to you love birds! No January weddings – must have been waiting for Valentines' Day! **Jerry Milner**, **Carol Walter** and **Ben Vietz** need some cheering up. 27 members came with smiling faces today.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** are collecting money for our February luncheon, please call Gene Walter, (650) 856-6364, if you plan to attend (and pay at the door) so that we have plenty of chop sticks, food and fortune cookies. Our number crunchers are working on the budget and will present a report soon.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported that day trips and longer sojourns are in the hopper so save your pennies so that you can laugh a lot and enjoy some fun people whilst getting away from the rat race. (Someone else drives, feeds you, puts a chocolate on your pillow, tells weak jokes, etc., etc.)

Historian **Jim Goodwine** is compiling 57 years of accomplishments for the Gaters', we are gettin' old.

Ticket Coordinator **Hariett Kunze** distributed new toys and food to several charities during the holidays. Thanks to those for their generosity. Many Raffle, Gifts and Bingo winners – **Margaret Reelfs** won the Big Kahuna Blackout Bingo, now she can afford a trip to Reno!

Words to ponder: Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, Happy New Year to everyone! Ah, 365 days – well, minus the 23 we have already used, so, make it 342 to go! And you know, if there's anyone who can figure out the best way to fill in a day, it's a retired person! And if you gentlemen can't figure out what to do – just ask your wife, no doubt she will have plenty of suggestions!

The Hangtown Miners are now under the leadership of **Bill Dinette**. As our new President, Bill extended a big "Thank You" to **Thom Biro** for arranging our luncheon at Casa Ramos. I think we wound up with 31 folks enjoying the delicious food ... and, of course, conversation which was quite lively! Bill then greeted our 7 guests, **Ed & Lindalee Akin** brought their daughter, **Julie Bauer**, **Roy & Dawn Martin** joined the **Blaziuses**; **Thom Biro** escorted **Erma Crantan** and **Diana Bell**; **Oscar & Joyce Olivera** were invited by **Bill & Jane Gibson**. We want to welcome them all, but also add that Oscar, Joyce and Diana have joined the Hangtown Miners! As far as birthdays go, only **Bill Gibson** raised his hand. No anniversaries to report.

President ~ **Bill Dinette** brought several items of interest to share with us from the RUAEA newsletter. This is a great publication that will help keep you informed of changes in policies or programs that we, as retirees, use regularly. To join RUAEA and receive this info you can go online at www.ruaea.org and sign up. The annual dues is \$30.00. This is well worth the pennies.

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** did not have a report to share, but, as Vice President he will be handling our monthly raffle and wanted to be sure everyone had an opportunity to get their chances for a prize!

Treasurer ~ Unfortunately **Tom Kenny** was not well enough to join us today. And, Tom, as much as we all enjoy it when you are there, thank you for not sharing whatever "bug" you may have had! However, Suzanne brought Tom's report. Tom also brought up our annual gift to local charities. He said that he does not want our balance to drop below \$500. Over the years we have given funds to many different groups. One that several of our members use is the El Dorado Senior Legal Services. I am going to look thru past years and see what other charities we have chosen. Think about an organization you think would be a good one to help out. We can give more funds to fewer or a smaller amount to more groups. We will talk about this in February.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report. She did bring two spoons that were left at the December luncheon and the Wolframs claimed them! I also am looking for a host for the July luncheon. Please let me know if you can/will do that month.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** had recently sent a get well card to **Mary Voetsch** after running into **Bill Voetsch** at the store. We were delighted to see both Bill & Mary at this luncheon. Mary has been thru quite a medical ordeal, but is on the mend. So good to see you both. **Bill Gibson** reported going to the services for **Bernie Schnider**. He said it was a very nice tribute to Bernie.

Historian ~ Our new historian, **Pati Kenney**, has not had time to add anything yet, but plans to get a cart to tote the chapter books, they're heavy! Since there were (almost) no visitors to the website we had, Thom took it down before leaving the historian position.

Old Business ~ It's that time of year! Have you paid your Hangtown Miners dues yet? We elected to keep our dues at \$10 for the year. Look at all the info you get for less than a dollar a month! And, if you come to the December luncheon, you will get that \$10 back because the chapter subsidizes the cost for that luncheon! Win-Win here. Please make your check out to Hangtown Miners and send it to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667.

New Business ~ Have you ever thought, "I wonder how "So-in-So" is doing?" Well, if you're talking about a retired United mechanic then there's a good chance that (s)he may show up at the annual United Retired Mechanics get together in Minden, NV. This 3-day event is organized by **Darlene Odell** and let me tell you, she does a great job. If you want more info, let me know and I will forward it to you, or, you can contact Darlene at imthemama57@msn.com; (530) 692-0505. This fun time has grown to have over 100 mechanics and their spouses attend.

This subject is quite serious: Fraud Against My PBGC Account: I'm not sure who sent this info to Bill, but, here's what happened: "On 12/7, someone called the PBGC customer service center claiming to be me. They were able to provide sufficient info (name, address, phone, SSN, DOB. etc.), they had the PBGC change my phone number to a Miami area number and also the name of the bank where my payments are supposed to

be direct-deposited.” Goes on to say that the bank immediately started trying to get hold of him. Checking into “My PBA”, he saw the changes that had been made and changed them back but had to wait to call PBGC. This was a deliberate fraud which he was fortunate to catch quickly. PBGC is investigating.

It is important to be vigilant with your information. We were asked to tell you to please immediately do 3 things:

1. Log into your “My PBA” PBGC account online and check your profile to be sure everything is accurate, especially the bank where their money is to be deposited.
2. Set up Notifications in that account so they send you an email about any changes made to your info outside of that online account.
3. After doing those 2 things, call the PBGC and sit on hold for however long it takes, to arrange to set up a password you have to provide to them in the future before they will make any changes to your account over the phone. **Jerry Avallone** agreed that the password is very important.

Contributions ~ **Bill Gibson** shared his “adventure” to the DMV to get his real ID driver’s license. Words of experience – don’t wait to make your appointment. Take all the paperwork they say on their instruction sheet. If you want to have “Veteran” put onto your card, your DD214 won’t qualify. You have to have the plastic card from the VA, get it first.

John Muir had tickets to the American Legion Crab Feed. If you’re interested in attending – February 16 – contact John at (916) 402-0411. I believe he said they are \$40 per and if you aren’t into crab, you can ask for the ½ chicken instead. Sounds like a great fundraiser to attend! Call John.

Roy Martin also brought some brochures for the Jay Buckley’s Baseball Tours. I have one of the brochures and will have it in February if you would like to look thru it. There’s a lot of different trips/times/dates/teams. Sounds like a really fun thing to do. I don’t have a number for you to contact Roy, but I’m sure if you give Rudy a call he will hook you up with him.

Angie & Frank Dellinger volunteer at the Sacramento International Airport and when the subject of TSA pre-approval came up, Angie mentioned that you can go there to get the pre-approval. You will need to make an appointment and will be going to terminal B.

Thom Biro is still handling the ordering of our nifty Hangtown Miners shirts. There’s two styles – regular shirt and polo. If you would like to order, contact Thom.

Also, Jane will be ordering our chapter badges. I don’t know how much they are – a couple years ago they were \$6.50 – so if you want/need a new badge, please let me know sooner rather than later.

Bill Gibson moved to close the meeting – everyone seconded! Rudy grabbed his ticket box and the raffle began. The winner of the donator’s prize was **Bill Kenney**. A big “Thank You” to everyone who brought something: **Blazius** – glass bowl; **Dinette** – wine; **Kenney** – pitcher & platter; **Kenney** – UAL cowboy hat; **Dellinger** – tea & cookies; **Biro** – wine; **Akin** – eggs; **Gibson** – wind chime; **Kenny** – Dip Shit (hey, I only write what I get!); **Barton/Kozelka** – red wine; **Martin** – Brita filter; **Martin** – storage bowls; **Biro** – 7 table decorations (nice wire baskets with popcorn).

Our February luncheon/meeting will be at BJ’s Restaurant & Brewery in Folsom on February 11th. Be sure to join us for this one, since we are a non-profit organization, we will be able to receive a percentage back!

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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There is no report this month from the Redwood Empire chapter of RUAEA.
See you at the luncheon on February 21st.



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We are experiencing a cold, windy and rainy month in San Diego and it may seem quiet, however, we have several who are experiencing medical issues.

Larry Hoover is having a second procedure on his back, a rhizotomy which involves the nerves in the back and/or spinal cord. **Maria Pollack** is recovering from surgery on her elbow and is receiving therapy. **Rosalie Trippichio** is recovering from knee replacement and undergoing therapy at this time.

Louis Semon is just home from the hospital and recuperating from triple bypass surgery. This happened after a broken bone in his leg/foot area and a heart attack. It has “temporarily” curtailed his travels.

Betty Tomaino is in the hospital under going Stem Cell treatment for cancer in her blood, multiple myeloma. Stem cells were harvested out of her and then re-injected into her system, this along with chemo treatments. Betty will remain in the hospital for a couple more weeks. She will be undergoing continuing treatment as her system rebuilds and her immunity increases.

We are also sad to hear of the death of **Jim Huffman** who passed from complications of a cerebella (brain) hemorrhage. J.D. and his wife Diana worked with us for many years in SANCS. Our deepest sympathy to Diana at this very difficult time.

On the bright side we welcome a new RUAEA member, **Ray Winenger**, now residing in Arizona. He worked with us in SANCS for many years and is now among the happily retired.

Next month I hope to have news on a more positive note and that all those I have mentioned above will be able to join us for our next breakfast.

Calendar:

March 7 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our January luncheon on January 30, at Mimi's Café in Roseville, CA. President **Jim Simon** welcomed everyone and thanked our servers, Travis and Tracy for always doing a great job. He also thanked **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** for hosting this month's luncheon. We had 55 members and 3 guests and 2 new members. **Ellen Alexander** was the guest of **Judie King**; **Jerry West**, brother and guest of **Sonda Sandstedt**, and **Julie Heynman** was the guest of **Orville Harshbarger**. New members are **Jeanne Garcia** and **Lynne Zakaria**.

Jim asked **Orville Harshbarger** to say a few words about **Carolyn**, his beloved wife who passed away from congestive heart failure. He had photos of her that the members were able to view. He let us know that she cherished being part of the Sacramento Gold Diggers.

Frank Dellinger reported that our February Past President's luncheon will be held at Claim Jumper's Restaurant in Roseville.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for January. She also reported that she was able to subsidize this month's luncheon to the tune of \$220.00 ... yeah!

Sunshine Officer, **Angie Dellinger** reported that 3 sympathy cards were sent out this month, one to **Orville Harshbarger** on the passing of his wife Carolyn, one to **Margaret Eggert** on the passing of her husband **Bob Eggert** and to the family of **Marvin Becker** on his passing. She also sent a get-well card to **Judie King**. She reported that there is no information about services for **Marvin Becker** at this time.

Marji Gabert-Milam reported that there was just one anniversary for the month of January. Congratulations on 46 years of marriage to **Bob & Michiko Allen**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** acknowledged new members, **Jeanne Garcia** and **Lynne Zakaria** and asked to see her after the luncheon to have their pictures taken.

Jack Raynor, our roster keeper, sent out a current roster and asked all members to check it for accuracy and to update with their changes, if any.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** advised us that retirees would no longer enjoy parking at the maintenance base in SFO. Parking is now extended only to current maintenance employees.

Francis Domaratius advised us that directions to the Roseville Telephone Museum Tour would be included in this newsletter. He explained the parking situation around the museum. He asked that interested parties call or contact him by email to reserve a spot for the tour.

Ron Bertacini updated us on this year's convention in Denver. Plans are underway and information should be provided in the June Newsletter.

Jim asked our new members to tell us a little about themselves: **Jeanne Garcia** moved from the San Francisco Bay area, to Rocklin, CA. She knows **Skip & Theresa Knapp**. She volunteers at a non-profit in Roseville, on Wednesday evenings. She started working at UA on 7/11/1966, the same day that UA went on strike. She retired from UA in 1993.

Lynne & Fred Zakaria are from the SFO Bay Area. Lynne worked for UA in Airport Maintenance, Inflight, Customer Service, and the Red Carpet Lounge in SFO. She retired in 2002.

Jim opened up the meeting to the floor for comments: **Martha** reported that **Charles Szekretar** said to say "Hi". We will have additional information regarding **Carolyn Harshbarger** next month. Greetings to **Harold & Colleen Esola**. March luncheon will be at PF Changs in Roseville and hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**. April luncheon will be at Lincoln Chinese Restaurant and hosted by **George Taylor** and **Vickie Enriquez**. Angie reported that BJ's restaurant gives back money to the chapter if they host at their restaurant. This could benefit our treasury.

Our Co-Vice Presidents, **George Taylor** and **Vickie Enriquez** conducted this month's raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Thank you all for coming and we will see you at our next luncheon in February.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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

Our Chapter meets the second Thursday of every month in different locations. Please call our president **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 for information.

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Our first meeting of the new year saw 24 members in attendance, with **Mariane Johnson** at the head table as our new president, she did a wonderful job. Mariane thanked our past president, **Bob Devlin** for all his efforts this past year and provided him with a token of appreciation.

Irene Lloyd who has been absent for awhile due to a foot issue is scheduled for surgery, we wish her well and a quick recovery.

George Midwin is recovering from knee replacement, which is expected to be about 6-8 weeks. Just in time to resume his part time job, modeling swimwear.

Harry Willevers' wife suffered a fall and was hospitalized as a result. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and Harry.

Members sang happy birthday to **Jene Marcolina** who just turned (ya right) years old. We were happy to see both **Keith Marcolina** and her in attendance.

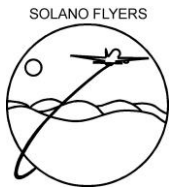
Plans have begun for our Spring luncheon, March 13th or 14th, which will be held at the Fish Market. This is a favorite site for our members and the restaurant always provides a satisfying meal, as well as private area for our chapter. As always, we will be asking members to provide raffle prizes and assistance with table decorations. In addition planning is underway for the annual summer picnic at Vasona Park. We will again have a catered BBQ, which members have always enjoyed. This will be on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 11th or 12th. Final date has yet to be confirmed by the parks department. We expect actual dates for both events to be finalized the week of February 3rd. Information will be posted to our website.

Our weekly meetings have had added entertainment provided by **Dave Garland**. His current streak of jokes have members perplexed, shrugging their shoulders, asking him to sit down, but always leave us laughing. We love you Dave.

A few members have made suggestions to move from our current weekly meeting location. One idea is to go back to the original site or to another restaurant near Saratoga Ave. and highway 85.

Although we do have a separate space at Mimi's, it is a challenge when over 30 members are in attendance. **Marian Johnson** will contact each member to get a consensus.

We meet every Friday at Mimi's Café in the El Paseo de Saratoga Shopping Center in San Jose. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. All are welcome, please come and join us.



SOLANO FLYERS

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Happy New Year to One and All! January 16th found the following Flyers at Rauls Striper Cafe in Fairfield, **Robert & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Frank Uhl, Nelson McKinley, Louis Pell, Bill & JoAnne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Allan Pochop** and new member **Jerry Munkholm**.

Chapter election was held for the few officer positions available. As the votes were counted, we found the current officials managed to maintain their prestigious positions? Perhaps, voter intimidation or blatant corruption of the chapter's voting system?

Congratulation to **Padrick Gardner**, January Birthday celebrant!

Congratulation to **Robert & Michko Allen** on their 46th wedding anniversary.

Reminder: The five and half pages of UAL Benefit Resource Center contain may-need or good to know phone numbers.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Allan Pochop**, way to go Allan.

Calendar:

February 20 - Meeting at the Red Robin Restaurant Vacaville, 186 Nut Tree Pkwy.

March 20 - Meeting at the Black Bear Restaurant, 111 Sunset Ave, Suisun City.

COLORADO

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President **Don Burbank** opened our February meeting with 35 persons attending. He reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter income so we don't pay dues.

Jim Spate was in the hospital but out and doing well.

Information will be out soon about RUAEA Convention in Denver in September.

The following persons passed away: **David Bergan**, contact is his daughter Jodie Philbin, 1424 Elmer Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233. Services were held on February 7th at Lutheran Church of Hope, 1305 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020. **Kathy Graham**, who served as Red Carpet Club Hostess, no information was given.

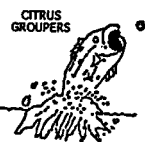
Dorsey Cooper (DENCs) has severe health problems and is in hospice. Cards may be sent to 1932 Fisher Way, Northglenn, CO 80233.

Rich Conner explained his experience getting an email about companion pass invoices. You can retrieve them online. Go into flyingtogether, then to employee services, next go to YBR (health & Insurance), click on view printed invoice. You may have to answer some security questions if you haven't been in this before.

Our 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter: **Kathy Sibley** (2x), **Paul Miller** (2x), **Toby Burbank**, **Judy Butcher**, **Don Rogers**, **Yumi Trujillo** and **Bob Duensing**.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, March 2nd at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA



THE CITRUS GROUPERS

THE VILLAGES

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Submitted by Kathy Faust.

Fourteen members met at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages for lunch and meeting. The lunch was fantastic as always. This time it was a little loud because of a large group in the next room.

Joe started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We started the meeting discussing that a few people have used their passes on United with no problems. And the rest of us have shied away making reservations and ticketing on other Airlines. Standby is getting harder, we wish it was like the good old days when retirees could make confirmed reservations. Those days are gone forever along with gum, cards, food, pillows, blankets and even over head storage. I'm not bitter just sad.

Camille Gieck, director of Operation Shoebox sent us a thank you letter for our donation. Our donation to flight 93 was returned due to how donations are being spent. I'm sure they are taking care of this.

Don't forget that our dues are due at the next meeting. Speaking of our next meeting and lunch, it will be held Thursday, February 28th, at Chefs of Napoli at 11:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Oh and yes the 50/50 was won by me - sweet.

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

SAND“DABS”

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It was a great turnout of 16 on this beautiful 80 degree spring day in Daytona. If you're thinking about warming up, come on down for the Daytona 500! The one sad note is we are missing our wonderful Treasurer **Frieda Coughlin** who passed away recently. Her spirit will be with us always.

There were no birthday celebrations or anniversaries to mention this month. Our 50/50 was won by President **Dick Coughlin**.

Dick had a few one-liner jokes for us and then finished with a UAL report discussing all the new airplanes we are getting, the new plans for premium seats and how, even with the bad weather (in the north) UAL is making progress in recovering from those delays. Dick speculated that it was because of the groundwork laid earlier by the now retired employees. We all agreed!

Calendar:

March 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

April 4 - Same as above



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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President **Ernie Vosges** opened the meeting at 2:15pm holding our Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed 32 members and recognized several guests as well. **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** brought daughter Cynthia; **Carl Fiteh, Jayne & Jack Regan** are heading north soon, so we'll see them in the fall again, and **John Wiseman** brought his daughter, Bernadette, whom many of you will remember from years past, is always happy and smiling!

And a very warm welcome to our newest member and just retired UAL employee, **Judy Kenzig**! Judy worked around the system, but finally retired from MCOCS! Yeah and congrats!

We were all happy to see **Jim Hernandez**, who went under the knife again, but is back with us.

The first report was from Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand**, who reported on our membership payments and our total \$'s in all accounts. Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** then read a very nice thank you from the Hospice Care Officer at Advent Health, for our Christmas donation.

We have several members in serious need of our prayers, well-wishes and cheery cards:

Gerry Vann has a compression fracture in her lower back and is in a lot of pain, but doing rehab now at home, 375 Apache Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881

Betty Davidson sounds great on the phone, but still rebuilding her stamina! Address: 428 Mayfair Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34759.

Jim Mummah went in for an ouchy kidney stone and ended up being diagnosed with bladder cancer. 1007 Pinehurst Court, Oviedo, FL 32765.

Elaine McGinn had some tummy issues and after CT scan, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. 2600 Bass Lake Blvd., Orlando, FL 32806.

We all bowed our heads as **Stan Halterman** prayerfully asked God's blessings and healing for all of these members and their families. Please everyone, remember these folks especially and cover all of us in prayers everyday.

The April Picnic date of April 2nd was confirmed and the location again will be Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Ave, MCO 328391. We will eat promptly at noon!

Just one Birthday Guy this month ... Drum Roll ... **Al Mollet** on February 18th! Eat Cake!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. except in April for our Annual Picnic at Cypress Grove Park.

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The regular monthly meeting was held at KJ's Steak House in Fort Myers on February 1. As usual, there was much laughter and lively conversation. Attending were **Dick & Phyllis Allen, Lynna Baker, Rosemary Blake, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Joanne Halt, Ray Jensen, Linda Kitsmiller, Nancy Kopp, Stella McCaffrey, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Pat Schneider,** and **Roger Schonewise**. We welcomed a new member, **Mary Burns**, who worked in Newark until she retired 1 year ago.

The 50/50 raffle was a huge success, **Ray Jensen** was happy to win \$34. Other prizes included 7 bottles of wine, a large tin of cookies, and chocolates.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of the month, October through May, 11:30 am to 2 pm. at KJ's Steak House. In May, we have a special steak fry to end the season.

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The first get-together of the Sand Dollars in 2019 was at the Olive Garden in Bradenton, where we had a good turnout of twenty-three people. After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** announced the sad news that **Russ Wasser** had passed away on December 19, 2018, six days after our Christmas Luncheon which he attended. Before becoming a UA pilot, Russ had been a fighter pilot for the USAF based in West Germany, flying F-100 and F-105 supersonic fighters, and survived an emergency ejection over Libya due to engine failure. He retired from United in 1996, moving with his wife, **Joanne**, to Lakewood Ranch, FL in 1998. He will be interred on February 18, 2019, at Sarasota National Cemetery. Our sincere condolences go to Joanne and all their family.

Ginger Hyde's other announcements were: **Nancy Gibbs** has recently lost her brother, in August of last year, and she is now in rehab for a back problem caused when she was assisting in the clean-out of some of his possessions. We send her our condolences on the loss of her brother. **Diane Hoffer** brought a card which we all signed, wishing her a speedy recovery from her injury. We were very glad to have **Gretchen Bulin** back with us as we missed her last month. **Norma Malena** is having six weeks of physical therapy, and **Maria Santangelo** has bronchitis. **Betty Woods-White** continues to have health issues. We were happy to welcome back to Florida **Lee & Diane Hoffer**, and **Skip & Cindy Irwin**. **Bob & Lisa Young** are (no surprise here) off on another trip, this time to Hawaii. This is one rare couple who always travel stand-by – it's probably true to say that they have never been in a situation where they needed to buy a 20% discount ticket.

Ginger Hyde noted that our next meeting falls on February 14th, which is Valentine's Day. She asked whether we would prefer to change the date, but all agreed that we would "love" to get together on that day with our special friends, the Sand Dollars. So, our next meeting date stands as February 14, at MacAllister on Main Street, Lakewood Ranch.

The name pulled for the Attendance Drawing was **Bob Young** but as he was not present his winnings will be returned to the pot. The 50/50 winners were: 1st - **Michael & Ginger Hyde**, 2nd - **Gretchen Bulin**, 3rd - **Vivian & Harvey Rucker**.

March birthdays: **Skip Irwin** (2nd); **Vivian Rucker** (2nd); **Nancy Gibbs** (11th); **Sandy Horuczi** (22nd); and **Ken Bauman** (28th). **Vince & Norma Malena** will celebrate their 52nd Anniversary on the 23rd.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, and we welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, February 4, at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

No Birthday or Anniversaries, but we wished everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day. **Helen Kacer** made goodies, which she handed out to our members. Thank you Helen - sure we will enjoy.

Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. Our donations will be sent to Shriner's Children's Hospital and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Cards were sent to **Noemi Guzman**'s husband, wishing him well. We heard that Ethel is doing well after her hip replacement.

We talked about upcoming Picnic and UAL, Chicago with their cold snap.

Our meeting was short but we had many laughs and enjoyment of each other's company.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

Calendar:

March 4 - IHOP - 10:30

April 1 - Spring Picnic - Anderson Park, 11:00 AM. More info to come

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Twenty members attended our January 12th luncheon meeting at Duffy's South Stuart. President **Al Popek** wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year and led us in The Pledge Of Allegiance. He welcomed **Carolyn Lindgren** onto the board as our new Treasurer and all of us joined in, in thanking **Diane Liebisch** for her 18 years in the position. He stated that the annual Christmas Holiday Party was a great success with a wonderful turnout of 29 members and one guest.

Barbara Dodenhoff and **Sharon Kirk** shared their awesome trip to Dubai. They said it was their trip of a lifetime and recommend it to everyone! The area is so safe that they even went out in the evenings. Although Dubai is extremely expensive, they enjoyed their experience at a shopping mall while awaiting a flight. They window shopped at numerous jewelry stores and awed at the plentiful diamonds and gold. They had wonderful weather and had a great time cruising the Suez Canal. Although not talked into riding camels, they did take an adventure riding horses.

Pattie Connell and **Tom Odom** recently took a cruise on the Celebrity Edge. Unfortunately, they were not impressed. The new ship evidently is catering to millennial. Everything was automated and the ship has no library, trivia and bingo games. The cabins are smaller and there is no crow's nest. Items in the gift shops were far more expensive as well. Many passengers they talked with were also disappointed. Evidently, many cruise ships are now charging for room service. We'll have to be more aware of changes before booking now.

Dave & Carolyn Lindgren were very busy over the holidays entertaining a house full of family and friends on many different occasions.

Jim Morehead did a lot of traveling in December. He visited Brussels and Madrid and put many, many miles on his vehicle traveling the United States. He became very familiar with I-80 thru the Midwest.

50/50 in January was won by **Diane Brodis**. The Progressive was awarded to **Sandy Ruggiero**. The raffle prize went to **Diane Liebisch**.

Al & Janice Popek celebrated their wedding anniversary on January 28th.

Our February luncheon meeting was held on February 5th with 15 members and 2 guests in attendance. **Sandy Ruggerio** and **Bob Langevin** brought **Annette & Arthur Pontes**, their friends visiting from Rhode Island. Sandy and Annette have been friends since childhood.

President **Al Popek** led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Since many members will be unable to attend the picnic in March, it was decided to move it to April this year. A list was passed around for everyone to sign up and choose what item they would like to bring.

Everyone got a laugh out of the great jokes and stories **Bob Langevin** shared. We also greatly appreciate the e-mails he sends out. Bob will soon be moving a little further north from his present address having purchased a home in Palm City's Evergreen community.

We love getting together each month and hearing about member's travels and medical advice. We always pick up on invaluable information from each other that can come in handy.

Jim Morehead returned recently from Buenos Aires. Closer to home he went to the annual Winter Dance Party in Des Moines, Iowa where they celebrate great performers from the 50's and 60's. It is held in February.

David & Carolyn Lindgren will be taking a trip to Dublin and Iceland and cruising on a Celebrity ship as well in April.

Michael & Maureen Carragher haven't been able to travel to Florida in sometime due to illness. He recently phoned to bring Al up to date.

50/50 was won by **Janice Popek** and the Progressive by **Fran Student**. **Jim Morehead** won the Valentine centerpiece.

February birthdays include **Pattie Connell** on the 4th, **David Damon** and **Janet Hanley** on the 17th, and **Gene Student** on the 22nd. February anniversaries include **David & Carolyn Lindgren** on the 2nd, and **James & Janet Hanley** on the 22nd. March birthdays include **Bob Langevin** on the 16th and **Jim Morehead** on the 27th.

It is with sadness that we report the death of **Donald Smith**, husband of **Joyce Smith**, who passed away in January. We have received a Thank You note from Joyce for the remembrance we sent, our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

Calendar:

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

April 2 - Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12 Noon

May 7 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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The Dixie Flyers met on February 6th with only 12 members present. **Sybil Voss** who normally drives me, was unable to drive due to shingles in one eye. She advised me to get the shingles shot. We thank Sybil for being our sunshine lady. Her birthday is February 15. The Flyers signed a card for her provided by **Barbara Russy**.

Fred Cron held the 50/50 amounting to \$22, won by **Gary Tuttle** who donated his \$11 to the Ladies in Distress. A patron in the restaurant overheard the Flyers discussing the donation and gave the Flyers another \$40. It was a good day for everyone.

Richard Thompson had ear surgery recently and still attended the meeting. **Judy Elk** attended and announced that there will be a memorial service for **Bill Elk**, our former president at the American Legion Post in Fayetteville on February 9.

Hopefully, “Zot” Shelley will host another Atlanta/Tampa reunion in April. **Ron Heider** is now in an assisted living facility in Stockbridge, Georgia and the VA assists with \$2100 a month for veterans.

Next meeting will be March 6, Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia.

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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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

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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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There have been officer changes to our Boise Gems Group. As of January 1, 2019, **Dave & Carol Adams** are no longer the President and Secretary of the Boise Gems. We thank them for their dedicated service for the past 5 years. Since so many of our members travel frequently, our group has decided to have the President's position managed by three Boise Gems UAL Retirees:

1. **Rick Dempsey**, 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle, ID 83616, (208) 939-1713.
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3. **Joe Varady**, P. O. Box 363, Garden Valley, ID 83622

Shirley Dempsey is the Chapter Secretary, 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle, ID 83616

Our first luncheon meeting of 2019 will be hosted by **Dave & Pam Crosby** at Rudy's Pub and Grill, 3035 W. McMillan Rd., Meridian, at 12:30 p.m. Members attending the luncheon need to RSVP to Dave and Pam either by email mgracer@gmail.com or Dave's cell phone (720) 339-1983 by Monday, February 18.

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March—Well, if you're reading this, you must've survived the worst winter in a century. One day was 40, then it was 37 below, with a 52 below wind chill, two days later, it was 46 above. Holy cow, that's like 100-degree difference in a week, heck, a few days. No wonder people are coughing and sneezing. Nevertheless, I have a feeling most of us retirees stayed in our little homes and kept bundled up in a cocoon. If you have an animal, even better, their fur coats sure are great in this weather, when they're sitting on your lap or legs. The freezing snow and pavements couldn't have been kind to their little paws. There was a cute picture on Facebook the 2nd of February. It was of a groundhog holding a sign, saying, "I'm a rodent, not a meteorologist". I sure hope that the groundhog is right; and spring is just around the corner. Although, all things considered, the winter hasn't been **that** bad. This month, besides St. Paddy and St. Joseph's days, we have the Ides of March, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, If Pets had Thumbs Day on the 3rd, and on the 10th, the ever popular, Let's Move our Clocks Forward Day, and lose an hour of sleep. We only have to wait until November 3rd to move them back again. How does that work, is one day 23 hours and the other 25 hours? Such difficult questions!

The Chicago Skyliners is planning a fantabulous Spring Fling on March 19th at The Belvedere, in Elk Grove, on Devon and Rohlwing Roads. The energetic and fantablous Bango Buddies Dixieland Trio will entertain us after a sumptuous lunch. The cost is \$22. Invitations have been sent; please get your reservation in before March 13th to **Ted Jung**, our co-treasurer. All particulars are on the invitation. This one is not to be missed, new year, new ideas, and new people.

Our Northside breakfast had 23 people in attendance. We saw **Daryl Van Kampen** with **Toni**, thanks for bringing him along. People are traveling again, **Lynn Hagele** went to LAS, and I think she came back. **Joan & Joe Teister** went to Panama City, FL, to visit family. **Jerry Tipperreiter**, **Pam**, and the Teisters celebrated Pam's birthday at Mader's in MKE.

The Southside breakfast was in the middle of our cold snap. Only three people braved the elements, **Gwen Brookins**, **Bill Corbett** and **Bob Pearson**. Their fortitude was better than the Post Office; we didn't have mail for two days.

The RUPA lunch was at the beautiful Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin. Some of the 58 notables there were, **Eva & LeRoy Bair**, **George Bracke**, **Bruce Carey**, **Jan & Walt Fink**, **Marj & Howard Nelson**, **Bob Kelly**, **Dick Murdock**, and **Gene Stepanovich**. The speaker was WWII Marine veteran, Jack Taylor, who narrated and brought slides of his presentation, 'Dogfights over Hollywood', and the story behind the making of some of the best flying films on the early silver screen. The next luncheon will be at Nick's Pizza and Pub, in Crystal Lake, on Pyott and Virginia Roads, at 11:00, on March 12. The cost is \$20 P/P, payable at the door.

At our ORDMM breakfasts, there were 15 with the mechanics, and 11 with the foremen. **Sue & Bob Palm** went to South Padre Island in Texas. A few others went to the hospital for shoulder surgery and a burst appendix. These old guys sure know how to have excitement, don't they? We welcomed back **John Witkowski**, who is now available on Friday mornings, our gain, Ace's loss. I heard they are building another hangar at ORD on the East side of the Service Center. Since the city knocked down our other hangar, we had to do something. If United keeps buying airplanes, we need room to fix them.

The IAM 1487 Luncheon had about 85 people attend, celebrating with a Chinese menu, for the Lunar New Year of the Pig, which includes 1923, 1935, 1947, and 1959. Thanks to all that brought Sweet Table donations and the folks that helped serve and clean up, **Jane Whitecotton**, **Carole Robbins**, **Diane Gallogly**, **Barb Arensdale**, plus **Mary Alice** and **Larry Parker**. At the March 7th meeting, lunch will be a Meet-n-Eat. There will also be a luncheon at Peggy Kinnane's Restaurant in Arlington Heights on March 12. May will be a Cinco de Mayo lunch, you can sign up for that in March and April. Si and Ole!

I heard from many of our friends who have left Chicago, **Carol & Bob Faust** in DEN, who keep busy with Senior clubs in their area. They run the Bingo game, also the margarita and beer bars. In the summer, they are also Park Ranger tour guides, and do hiking, with snow shoeing in the winter. I was exhausted just listening to

her list of activities. God bless them, they are having fun and said hello to everybody. Also heard from **Paul Weatherford, Connie & Rich Glattly**, (Loonies), **Hazel Kasper**, **Arlene Montalbano**, **Jim Francis**, **Rose Nesser**, **Win Webster's** wife, **Jean**, **Boris Spitz** and **Rich Bulanda**. It is so nice to hear from old friends who let me know they are doing well and can still type or dial a phone. Don't laugh; one of my girlfriends still has a mustard colored, dial phone on her kitchen wall, and it works!

We have one new member **Darlene Motyka**, ORDCS. Good news from **Juanita Schrecongost**, who fell August, 2017, in her back yard. She finally left the rehab after being there over a year. She was home in time to celebrate her 91st birthday in February. Welcome home, old friend, keep smiling, life is looking up! Thank you to Juanita's daughter **Louise Fencil**, who kept everything straight for her mom. Not an easy job, as many of you know.

Our fellow Friends who flew West last month are, **Cynthia Phillips Seegraves**, ORDSW, **Dolores Blakney**, ORDMK, **Donna Hefley**, ORDCS, mother of **Travis**, ORDCS, **Joe Clark**, ORDJL, **James Kenny**, EXOES/ORDEX, **Jack Conway**, father to **Tim & Joe**, all from ORDCG, **Mario Kohler-Rausch**, EXOKF, **Eva Sindberg**, wife of **Ole**, ORDFO, and from ORDMM, **Arlene Connors**, wife of **John**, **Ray Svoboda**, and another 'good guy', foreman, **Pete Nichols**. Pete battled lung cancer for two years, he was coming along very well, but then he contracted pneumonia, and couldn't beat it. Also gone from our world, Michel LeGrand, Boo (the cutest dog in the country), Kaye Ballard, James Ingram, Julie Adams, Frank Robinson, Kristoff St. John, and the one and only, Carol Channing, Farewell, Dolly, what a talented lady.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**March 13**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**March 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**March 7**), First Thursday of the month.

March 12 - RUPA Lunch—Nick's Pizza and Pub, 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake, Tuesday, 11:00.

March 19 - Skyliners Lunch—Belvedere Banquets, 1170 W Devon Ave, Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch. Please note the restaurant is the Belvedere.

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We take January and February off due to the uncertainty of the weather. We are sad to announce the deaths of two of our members:

- ❖ Member **Jack Conway** passed away from a stroke after Thanksgiving.
- ❖ Member **Wanda Bryce** passed away from a stroke incurred after Christmas.

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Nothing to report from the NorEasters this month, except trying to keep warm!

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Our February luncheon was at Bar Louie at the Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on Thursday, February 7. In attendance were **Sue Smith, Vi Thomas, Barbara Miller, Joan Robinson, Carol Shaffner, Camille Wade, Marlene Heaney, Gwen Dyc** and our hosts, **Patti Gates** and **Pam Shamey** and her sister, Karen. The cupcakes were a nice treat. Thanks ladies for hosting.

Jeen Kobb, Marie Cook's daughter, and I recently visited **Sharon Jacob** and her daughter, Lisa. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch and chatted about old times and friends. A small photo album of photos of gatherings, luncheons, and parties of days gone by brought back memories and many smiles. Sharon would love to hear from old friends. Her address is 5700 Watertower Place, Clarkston, MI 48346.

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Maxine Raymond**. She died November 2, 2018 but we were not informed until mid January. We all loved her upbeat personality and infectious laugh. Maxine worked in DTWRR for many years starting in October of 1957 in the Book building in downtown Detroit.

We also learned of the death of **Bonnie Lewis** on January 14, 2019. We have no further details.

Take notice of the date and time change for our March luncheon. It will be held on **Wednesday, March 6** at **12 Noon** at Mama Mia's Italian Restaurant located at 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Contact **Camille Wade** to RSVP at (313) 561-4939. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

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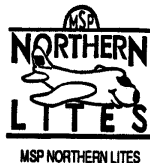
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January brought 16 Lites together for lunch and visiting. We missed some of our regulars, **Janet Meyer** and **Nel Brawner**, due to their being on the "sick" list; Janet had had shoulder surgery a couple of weeks prior and was following the doc's orders to take it easy and do her PT. Nel was making daily treks for treatment from her home in Birchwood, WI clear over to near Eau Claire, a 70-80 mile drive each way. **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** decided not to make the trip over from WI because he wasn't feeling up to it that day. **Gordy & Lou Olson** didn't make it that day, either, but I can't remember why. (Hey, I'm old, what can I say?)

Gene & Kookie Delvaux, our champion cruisers, described their cruise to Hawaii taken over the Christmas period. Got us all hyped up to do the same one of these days! **Mary & Jim Brennan** are planning their annual getaway to Kona but will cut their stay a bit shorter than usual this year. A granddaughter's wedding is more important than an additional week in the breezes of Hawaii!

Lee Storlie finally had his actual birthday in January so he was able to roll the dice for the prize. Every month, he tries to get us to believe that he had a birthday that month. If he was to be believed, he'd be about 162 years old by now ...

Our usual raffle take has elevated our treasury quite a bit and we're not spending it (unlike some governments that we know) so the assembled group made an executive decision and voted to give out the complete raffle money each month in \$10 prizes plus the birthday prize. If it comes to the point where we feel the need to change that and put a portion of it in the treasury, that can easily be reversed.

Since some had missed out on our usual Christmas gathering because of bad weather, there were a couple of additional items raffled off which were donated by members. **Joe & Arlene Kelley** brought in a big bag of Joe's homemade peanut brittle and **Tom & Judy Cafilisch** brought a beautiful wooden bowl that Tom had handcrafted. **Wayne Cole, Jo Ayres, Tom Cafilisch** and **Jim Brennan** all won \$10 prizes.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

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The Christmas luncheon at Anthony's Steakhouse was wonderful as usual, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**. It is such a special event each year. We really need to thank Ev & Shirley for keeping this tradition going. We had 48 retirees present. We had reservations for a few more but due to illness and a snow storm a few days before, it was not possible for a few people to attend. We were entertained, as usual, with our Christmas Bingo, also a long-standing tradition, emceed by **Tony Sortino**. He takes a little flack when it takes too long for some to get their bingo, but it's all fun and in the Christmas spirit.

I just talked with **Van VanHouten**. He is an amazing person and is at home, doing very well. His family did some modifications to his house and he has some in home help for several hours a day. He sounded really good on the phone and as always is bright and upbeat. If you would like to send a Christmas card his address is 16 Gunn Ave. Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 323-6736. A phone call would be welcome also.

I also talked to **Dorothy Braden** checking up on **Jim**. She says he is doing really well. He only has one more chemo treatment to go. He has some minor side effects but generally is tolerating them well. He will likely undergo radiation treatment in the future also. Cards or letters to them can be sent to 406 Clayton St. Macedonia, IA 51549, (712) 308-2431.

I went to see **Mel Harrison** last week for her birthday. She looks marvelous and we had a good visit. She had received many cards and gifts and was very appreciative.

They each wished everyone a very happy holiday and a happy new year!

January Birthdays ~ **Sharon Farrell** (2), **Carol Jensen** (4), **Joy Whisinnand** (4), **Stella Mason** (5), **Frank Sesto** (9), **Jackie Sortino** (17), **Jim Schreiber** (20), **Charlie Cheloha** (24), **Carol Cheloha** (25), **Melvina Brazys** (25), **Amy Meyer** (29), **Dick Weak** (31)

Happy Birthday to each of you, and a wish for good health in the coming year!

2nd Report: Well, winter has definitely arrived in Nebraska. Up until now, things had been pretty mild but that has changed to "seasonal temperatures and moisture." Actually, we have not had it too bad so far. Even so 23 stalwart retirees attended the luncheon on January 8th at the Farmhouse Café. We are always happy to see visitors join us. **Rob Payton** was home for the day and joined mom and dad Payton for the lunch.

I hope none of you have encountered that nasty virus that is circulating around, creating havoc in those who were unlucky. It seems to be especially nasty.

Bill Boner underwent heart valve replacement and triple bypass on January 7. I talked with his wife **Sharon** recently and she told me he is going to be transferred to Hillcrest Rehab Center to regain some strength. The address there is 1702 Hillcrest Drive, Bellevue, NE 68005. Cards would be appreciated. Keep Bill in your thoughts and prayers.

I visited with **Van VanHouten** which is always a pleasure. He has intermittent inhome care now and thinks he really could do it himself but is ok with the help. If someone comes to give him a ride he does get out on rare occasions; he walks with a cane. He is an absolute marvel.

I am told that we will have a surprise visitor at our next luncheon. The clues are that he is a recent past president of the RUAEA (Retired United Airlines Employees Association) organization and a past employee in Omaha in the 60's. It's reported that he worked in food service. His dad also worked there. His wife is a retired United employee and is active in the Clipped Wings organization. They currently reside in Roseville, California. Come see who it is.

Our next meeting will be February 5 at the Farmhouse Café will be covered in our next report. As stated in the previous newsletter we will be using this space in the near future. It is convenient for both sides of the river

and they have a room that we can use. Just order off the menu and everyone handle their own payment. This is easy for everyone.

February Birthdays ~ **Casey Casebeer** (3), **Pam Ziebarth** (6), **Larry Farrell** (19), **John Mason** (24), **Myrtis Olds** (27)

I am told that some of you have not yet paid your dues for 2019. Please do so as soon as possible. That is how we afford the necessities to keep this organization going. Send \$10 each for in-the-area and \$10 per couple outside-the-metro-area. Send to **Ev Holly**, 6535 Cypress Drive, Omaha, NE 68137

Calendar:

March 5

April 2

May 7

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held no meeting in January but the Board Members held a meeting at **Eleanor & Mike Vasko's** home. They discussed the declining membership rolls and tried to come up with something that would increase the Membership numbers or keep them where they are. We had a brain storming time and covered a lot of Silverliners business.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on April 11, 2019. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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ROUNDUP

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Happy New Year to everyone!

There were 15 members at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner. It was nice to see Helaine again. She is still doing a lot of traveling. The meeting dates for 2019 are: February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September (to be announced), October 8, November 13, and December 4. The November meeting will be on a Wednesday since Veteran's Day is on Monday, November 11. Our Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 4 at Tamarack Junction.

The SFO Maintenance Gathering held each year in Minden, NV will be June 18-21, 2019 at the Carson Valley Inn.

The Food Bank of Northern Nevada sent a very nice thank you card to the group for their December donation.

January birthdays were celebrated by **Mary Withers**, **Duncan Scaife**, and **Kathy Robinson**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**. **Dottie Robbins** and **Barbara Leusing** were the winners of the wine.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on Monday, February 12 at the Black Bear Diner. See you there!

2019 dues are now payable. The cost remains the same - \$5.00 P/P. Please mail the checks to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr.. Reno, NV 89502.

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In anticipating the inclement weather which was supposed to last 3 to 4 days and the temperature being the coldest in years, with some icing on the roads and high winds; President **Frank Warzocha**, after conferring with **John Deily** and **Marty Etler**, cancelled this month's meeting to be safe. He called Snuffy's to reschedule the menu for Wednesday, February 27.

Stay safe and warm and a reminder of the next meeting will be sent to all.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

A reminder to all that we only meet 4 times a year, March, June, September and December. Everyone is welcome and can receive information or make reservations by calling or email at the above address.

NEW YORK METROS

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We dwindled down to a group of 22 Metros and guest Mario, grandson of **Ed & Diane Pozzi**. So far we have been spared any snow to speak of, but like so much of the country, experienced a lot of severe cold. There are two deaths to report, **Laura O'Connell** (LGACS) and **Don Smith** (JFKFF), husband of **Joyce**. Prayers and condolences to their families.

John & Mary Greene visited their daughter and son-in-law in California at their winery. Mary had a bad experience upon their return, suffering severe knee pain, which resulted in a temporary emergency knee replacement. She will need further surgery to replace her knee. She is in lots of pain, so keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Mario Laguso had a tale to tell. A client where he works at Starbucks gave him two tickets to Barclay Center for a Nets/Knicks game. They were second row seats and included VIP treatment, free drinks and lunch. He learned "customer service" from the best, couldn't you say? Something is coming up for the New York Yankees too.

There were lots of domestic trips by members, some still sunning in Florida and Hawaii.

50/50 was won by **Kathy Richardson**, **Marge Hansen** and **George Riggi**, in that order.

January birthdays were **Jane Kraus**, **Mike Schroeder** and **Joe Lilly**. February happy birthdays to **Jordon Levine**, **Vic Carnevale**, **Ken Kleinhaut**, **Evelyn Schroeder**, **Ursula Koch** and **Ron Feingold**.

Happy anniversary wishes to **Dom & Gerry Rizzo** and **Arthur & Claire Wilsdorf**.

Best wishes to all.

Calendar:

March 6 - Meeting at Davenport Press.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our summary of 2018. Traditionally, we Ohio Buckeyes do not have a meeting in January. We never know what the weather will be like. Just a few years ago people were jogging in our Metroparks wearing shorts. This January of 2019 we shoveled snow. Over a foot of that white stuff fell in just 1 day and temps dropped below zero. Therefore, we spend the month by just hibernating and regrouping. Yes, some deserters go south.

January 1st of 2010, **Dolly Taucher** became president. The very first thing that was done was the filing for tax exemption status with IRS and the State of Ohio. We do not pay sales tax which saves 8% on expenses included monthly luncheons, newsletter printing, office supplies and other taxable purchases. As an example of the savings we have experienced, in 2009 our luncheons had hit the \$20 per person for salad, rolls, meal, dessert, beverage, and gratuity. Not until last year (2018) did we exceed the \$20, and that was for only 2 months. Our average cost for lunch was only \$17.55 in 2018. We do not increase the cost. Our income comes mainly from "Dues" and "50/50".

In 2009 we had a total of 217 members. Since then a total of 54 members have passed away, and some of their spouses did not renew their membership. Also, some members moved, while others have serious health issues. But our membership count has stabilized because in the past 9 years we have added 115 new members. Our count for 2018 is a total of 220 members. We have never raised our membership dues. In fact, at our 2016 Christmas party we announced our "Christmas Present" for all members was that we were not collecting dues for 2017.

We go to restaurants with good food, service, and reasonable prices. Every year we have 2 special events:

1. August is our Annual Picnic. The usual attendance ranges from 90 to 114 with many coming from other states. In 2011 we did a huge upgrade to another location. Now we rent the entire "Chalet" and grounds located in Strongsville. We have the facility from 9am to 5pm. Members cost to attend is a "dish" for 8 to 10 people. We provide the chicken, coffee, bottled water, and just to make sure we do not run out of side dishes, we also include some potato salad, coleslaw, etc.
2. December is our "Christmas Party". The attendance ranges from 72 to 83. It is held at the Diamond Event Center where everything is great. We also raffle off "Christmas \$ envelopes" with at least half of the attendees being winners. Every year we have had a special guest. He wears "RED", has a white beard, but not a little round belly, and he is Not chubby and plump. But he is a United Retiree who puts a smile on everyone's face. We are hoping SantaPy will have time to stop in again this year.
3. Once-in-awhile we throw in a third event. July 11th, 2019 we will be entertained by "Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin" (better known as Damion Fontaine and Scott Brotherton). Yes, they performed at the Saturday night Banquet of the 2018 RUAEA Convention, and everyone loved it. Also, we occasionally go on a luncheon cruise of our lakefront on the Nautica Queen.

We believe people enjoy what we have to offer: i.e. variety of good restaurants, keeping members informed on anything about United, and members (with their permission).

We U.S. Mail our "Newsletter" at least twice a year. We also have a communication system consisting of emails and Callers for notifying all members of important information. Whether it be an illness or death of a member, or changes in our schedule. Then of course, the members that "Host" a luncheon by choosing a place, menu, and price. Other positions include "Photographer", "50/50 Raffle". Last but not least, our dedicated "Officers".

Our members that are unable to attend any event because of illness or nursing home, still participate by reporting the information (illness, death, United, etc.) so that we may pass it on to all members.

I have to say that they all rise to the occasion and do a great job. We want to thank each and every one of them for their dedication.

I cannot emphasize enough the “We” - The Ohio Buckeyes operate as a “Team”.
We work together and pray together. God Bless and take care!

Calendar:

April 3 - Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Jacki & Gene Craig**

May 1 - Sale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Barbara Vauls**

June 5 - Rose Hill Restaurant, hosted by **John & Carrie Kerchel**

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We are off to a good start this year with another great meeting. We had 49 join us for our January luncheon, including visitor **Karen Talton**. There was some great food, lots of laughter, and wonderful conversations. It's always so good to see the group and hear the animated, and usually humorous, conversations going on throughout the room. And, we ended the meeting on a high note as member **Cliff Blare** regaled us with several hilarious jokes. As usual, it was an enjoyable afternoon. Be sure to join us for our March meeting to enjoy a guest speaker from AARP!

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **Roger Tuckett**, retired PDXCS passed away on December 23, 2018 in Vancouver, Washington.

However, we also celebrated some good news: **Cliff Blare** continues to improve after hip replacement surgery. **Kathy Russell**, with a new treatment, is enjoying better health. **Jerri Blodgett** has a new car (that she lets Len drive occasionally). **Dennis Scheuerell** said that he was glad to be at the meeting.

A few updates: **Eugene Corbett**, retired PDXCS, had a stroke two years ago and is now living at Porthaven Healthcare at 5330 NE Prescott St., Portland, OR. **Barbara Heidegger** is now living at Sunset Care, 3015 SE 146th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98683, if anyone wishes to send her a card. **Jane Futrell** is still experiencing health issues and would love to receive cards.

This month's quote from our President was attributed to American League baseball player Satchel Paige (1906-1982): *"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you was?"*

Anniversaries: **Carol & Bruce DeFord** (51 years).

Birthdays: **Susie Clack, Pat Ogden, Johni Wilson, Bob Pfeiffer** and **Cliff Blare**.

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Susie Clack**, *Men's Birthday* - **Cliff Blare**, *Women's Birthday* - **Susie Clack**, *50/50* - **Bob Pfeiffer**.

Calendar:

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

February 13 – An early Valentine's Day social and Chinese New Year

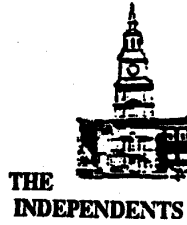
March 13 – Guest speaker from AARP

April 10

PENNSYLVANIA

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There is no chapter report this month from the Independents Chapter of RUAEA.

See you all in April for our next meeting, April 8th, 2019. Say healthy and happy! Let us know if there is any change to report.

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA.

TENNESSEE

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

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

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Seattle's February Luncheon cancelled by weather.

At this writing, after "shutting down" for a couple snow days, Seattle is basking in bright sunshine, though the remnants of snow on roofs and roads remind us that worse weather is predicted for the next several days and could possibly force cancellation of our February meeting. Keep your boots and mittens handy and your fingers crossed.

Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the January 8 meeting of the RUAEA Seattle chapter with the usual formalities, welcoming members to a New Year of luncheon meetings, while Co-President **Kathie Torgison** prepared her introduction to the new eRes system before lunch at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien, not far from SeaTac.

Kathie used her computer to demonstrate the procedures to follow in listing for flights, along with available options. She included helpful tips and answered questions from the floor. On February 19, Kathie will lead a small class at the Kent Public Library, where registered members can follow along and practice “hands-on” with their own laptops.

As always, we were delighted to have **Chuck & Sharon Cole** with us as fairly new members. As our RUAEA Regional Director, Chuck directed attention to the RUAEA.org web site, reminding members of the information provided there. He also distributed RUAEA brochures, which include a membership application form, and suggested that we not only read them ourselves but that we offer them to prospective new members.

In his remarks, Chuck praised our group for having such a large and active RUAEA chapter. We enjoy having “national bigwigs” in our midst and welcome snowbirds when they move north. RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin, Carol Lucarelli, Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, among others, rejoin us each year when pleasant Seattle breezes become more attractive than Arizona super sun.

Past President **Dave Jones** sent an update on Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**’s recovery and rehab from a fall after he discovered that her location wasn’t far from his home. He had spoken with Phyllis by phone and planned to visit her soon. Though still confined to her room at the time, Phyllis sounded like her old self and continued exercising with her walker.

Acting as membership secretary during **Phyllis Bowman**’s recovery, **John Haferbecker** reminded attendees that 2019 chapter dues were due before the end of the month. Receipt of *Contrails*, the chapter newsletter, will be discontinued for anyone whose dues had not been received by the end of January. The newsletter, whether received electronically or delivered by the USPS, is invaluable for keeping up with activities of the Emerald City Slickers – and especially for getting information on “what’s for lunch.”

Dolores Steger was thanked and complimented by **Richard Devereux**, who pointed out Dolores’ unflagging dedication to accepting telephone reservations and accurately recording 35-45 entrée choices before each meeting. That information is forwarded to Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, who then relays the totals and last minute changes to the restaurant. A fair amount of counting goes into keeping track, when we are offered 5 menu choices!

Members signed a special birthday card to be sent to **Helen Ebert**, a longtime member now living in Ellensburg. A brief biography was presented in *Contrails* – a paraphrased version of **John Haferbecker**’s article follows:

“On February 13th **Helen Ebert** celebrates her 106th birthday at her current home in Ellensburg. She was born in Portland, OR in 1913, one of four children born to parents who had immigrated from Sweden. She had two brothers and a sister, who lived to be 100 years old. Helen was married to **Wesley Ebert**, who had been in management in the Flight Kitchen. He passed away 11 years ago at the age of 96. Helen is noted for being a skilled seamstress and for having been active as a Cub Scout den mother, a Campfire Girl leader, teaching in Vacation Bible and Sunday Schools while finding time to be an artist. According to her daughter, Janice, she’s still the same sweet, gentle and giving person she’s always been. Janice and her husband Bruce live nearby. Happy Birthday, Helen!”

Fred Frey, with **Ken Storey**’s help, called the magic numbers for door prize winners, who came forward to select a treat from the display table. As usual, the first winner – **Syd Reynolds** this time – wins a free lunch. **Noreen Krawczyk** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Glancing at our most recent edition of *Contrails*, we’re reminded of the wonderful job by our non-UAL editor **Vicki Shumaker** and volunteers from the chapter, most notably **John Haferbecker**. Those who receive the copies electronically and reading them online or printing out their own copies reap the benefit of back page humor with clever and colorful cartoons. That page is reserved for postal addresses on mailed copies.

We commiserate with fellow retirees in other parts of the country, where severe winter weather conditions have played havoc with normal routines. We’re about to join you (it’s February 7), as the storm watch has just progressed to storm warning in spite of that earlier report of brilliant sun and blue skies. Brrr!

Calendar:

March 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

April 9 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

May 14 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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I am so sorry that there was no article for the Dulles Loungers in February. My computer was hacked and although I wrote an article, it was not delivered. It was a most frustrating occurrence and one that had never happened to me before. My husband and I were in Florida visiting our youngest daughter and my iPad started having problems. WiFi was working but Email was not. I thought I could send things (like my article) but as it turned out they were not being delivered. Someone had tried to send a few hundred spam emails from my account and AOL had shut the account down; however, the notice did not come to my iPad or phone so was not discovered until I got home.

In my last article I did write that December would be my last luncheon as President. I have been an officer of this chapter for over 12 years and President for three. It was time to pass the torch. I do leave the group in very good hands as Vice President **Cathy Gilbert Silva** has been my right hand for these three years. **Judy Dunlap** has been our treasurer for over four years and will be right there with Cathy. Of course I will stay active with the chapter but I will have more time now to relax and enjoy the meetings. I will continue to write the monthly article for the Newsletter as well.

The December luncheon was, as usual, one of the most fun of the year. **Angela Knight**, an opera singer of some renown and a former United employee (Red Carpet room) led us in singing Christmas carols. She and **Kerrie Schneider** (also an excellent singer and choir member) have been bringing song books to this luncheon and encouraging our participation for three years. *The Twelve Days of Christmas* is the most fun of all.

Marie Libby donated two beautiful Christmas Afghans she had made. We raffled them off and used the proceeds to give our wonderful servers an extra Christmas bonus. Each of our members went home with a candy cane and some home made cookies. Also our creative **Cathy Gilbert Silva** made "Minion" Christmas ornaments and gave one to each member.

I was in Florida while Cathy ran the January meeting. As I said, the group was in good hands. Everyone reported that they enjoyed the meeting and that it was well attended.

The weather here in Virginia (Washington, DC Metro area) has been rather strange. We had snow in October (rare) and then a rather temperate weather pattern until mid January. We had more rain than usual, in fact breaking the annual rainfall record by several inches. In late January, the rain stopped, the snow began and the weather turned frigid, reaching minus six degrees when the polar vortex roared through. (Yes, you folks in the Midwest, we know that's not so cold to you but here it's quite rare.) Then as quickly as the cold arrived, it was gone. By February 3rd it felt like the beginning of spring. Goodness, I hope it sticks around.

Our luncheons are the second Wednesday of every month. They are always held at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. We are happy to see old friends and always welcome new ones!

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Hello RUAEA,

Well, we survived the Polar Vortex that swept through the Chicago Area, aka Chi-beria along with the rest of the Midwest and East ... phew! **Now**, we are looking forward to wonderfully warm spring weather. I hope it comes soon!

Recently, our BWI Chapter held their annual Pajama Party. Wearing PJ's to a meeting sounds like a fun way to spend the day. They have this party to benefit one of their philanthropies, The Pajama Program (www.pajamaprogram.org). This is a nationwide non-profit which distributes new pajamas and story books to children living in shelters, foster care and homes that are unstable. BWI gathers and sorts a lot of PJ's and books then sends them off so they can be distributed by the program.

The DEN Chapter helped out Special Olympics with the Regional Skating Program at the South Suburban Ice Arena in Littleton, in February. What a fun way to spend the day, volunteering with Hospitality and passing out Awards. They do not have to know how to skate, just dress warm and have a great time and we all know how to have a great time.

One of my first Clipped Wings events that I attended but did not participate in was before I was even given a training date to start "stew school" back in the very early 1970's. It was at the Denver University Ice Arena before the University Hockey game started. The Denver "Playboy Bunnies" played against the "United Stewardesses" a game of Ice Hockey Broom Ball. Clipped Wings sponsored this exciting match-up for one of their Charities. I just don't see that happening again but those were the days.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We are a fun group!

Wishing you all blue skies!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **January 2019**:

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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.

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Retiree – **Schirtz, Robert**, on 7/9/2018, LAXHH, husband of Patricia Schirtz, 1113 Village 1, Camarillo, CA 93012

Retiree – **Seegraves, Cynthia P.**, on 4/20/2018, ORDSW, wife of James M. Seegraves, 9420 Pebble Glen Ave., Tampa, FL 33647

Retiree – **Svoboda, Raymond**, on 1/18/2019, ORDMM, husband of Corinne Svoboda, 1660 N. La Salle St., #2801, Chicago, IL 60614

Spouse – **White, Doris J.**, on 10/2/2018, wife of Harold E. White, DCAMM, 6541 Franconia Rd., Springfield, VA 22150

Retiree – **Wilkerson, Ronald W.**, on 12/23/2018, TPAOZ, husband of Willie N. Wilkerson, 23315 Granite Pl., Land O'Lakes, FL 34639

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:

Verna Alex, Dianne Calderwood, Ruth Conrad, Teena Davis, Joseph Donnelly, Richard Edwards, Joan Gaydos, Jesse Hicks, William Kinson, Richard Libby, Ben Matsumoto, Patricia Schultz, Gayle Swanson, Eva Torres, Nancy Weilmuenster, Doris Williams.

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.)

Leonard Blodgett, 765 Florence Ave., Astoria, OR 97103

I retired in 2001 shortly after 911, with 42 years of service in PDX only.

My wife, Jerry, and I retired in Astoria, OR at the mouth of the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. We both enjoy volunteering as cruise hosts for cruise ships visiting our port.

I also volunteer as a trolley driver on our historic 106 year old trolley that commutes 3½ miles down and back on our scenic Columbia River Front, for the price of 1 dollar.

I love the newsletter and miss all my fellow employees and IAMAW Dist. 141 members.

Diane Webb, 1809 Howdy Lane, Darien, IL 60561



This is a picture of **John Koehl** who was honored January 15, 2019 for his years of service to Chicago Skyliners at a Skyliner Presidents' Luncheon. He was presented with a baseball cap and a framed picture of a United 747. John stepped down from Skyliners leadership at the end of 2018.

John worked for United from 1950-1988. As you know, John served many years with RUAEA in leadership positions beginning in 1988.

Notes

Kay Collier

I still commute between ORD and PHX and travel a lot. I am interested in keeping up on UAL news and retirees. The ORD RAFA chapter is no longer active.

Maxine Dixon

You guys do a great job. Thank you for all the information.

Dewayne Harrold

It's been years since I let my membership lapse, due to health reasons. It is good to be back and I'm looking forward to a long relationship once again with RUAEA.

Kerry Kozelka

I retired in 2012 from SFOCS and moved to the Sierra foothills on an abandoned mine, smack on the Mother Lode near Placerville and Coloma. Our retired UA group, the Hangtown Miners, is the best bunch of people around. I am glad to be joining RUAEA, who always try to get important information out to all of us.

Jerrold Marsala

I'm trying to figure out the new flight booking system. What more can they do to us retired people to keep us off their planes?

Sandra Salata

Just a quick note to let you know that my husband passed away on September 16, 2017.

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, esc@united.com (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729, ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Aetna 1-800-334-0110

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

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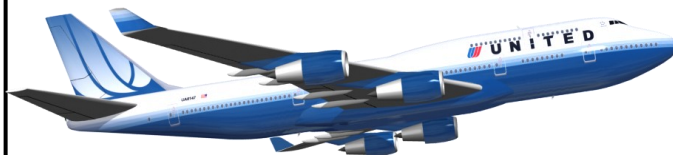
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UALers' Participation in Evacuation Tests.

"We are extremely grateful to all the United employees, retired employees and members of their respective families who have taken part so willingly in this important series of tests. By their volunteer participation, at some risk of personal injury, they have made a real and vital contribution to the entire air transportation industry." President William Keck.

That statement was given following a series of DC-8 emergency evacuation tests at Chicago on April 9, 1964. He was speaking not only of the 337 Chicago members who participated that day, but also of the several hundred San Francisco personnel who took part in the earlier demonstrations.

C.M. Mason, Senior Vice President-Personnel stated - *"804 employees, retired employees and some family members have taken part in various emergency evacuation demonstrations". "To assure a considerable degree of realism and thus make the tests more meaningful, none of these people were told exactly what would happen or what they would be expected to do." They were simply told they would participate in a simulated airplane trip, during which certain safety features would be evaluated."*

In the Chicago tests, representatives of the CAB, FAA, ALPA, Flight Safety Foundation, other airlines and the news media were invited. Four evacuations from a DC-8 were conducted in a hangar at O'Hare.

The two groups taking part approximated a total "mix" that were found on a typical United flight. Approximately 20% of each group represented adults 65 or older, children under 12 and handicapped persons. (Two dolls represented infants in arms). The adults in the remainder of the group were about 45% men and 35% women.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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