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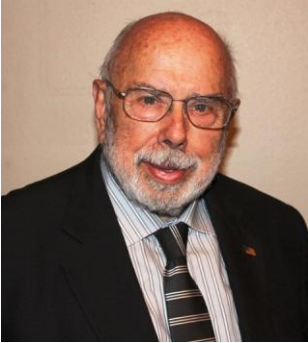
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Greetings fellow retirees! As tradition has it - the groundhog hath spoken! Welcome to six more weeks of winter. Ugh, I'm ready for summer and I know you folks living in the eastern half of the country feel the same way. On Friday morning, Punxsutawney Phil scurried out of his little marmot hole and saw his shadow. This omen indicates a long winter. This is great for some but for others the winter has already been long enough and I'm one that is looking for spring and summer.

The past year certainly had its challenges. Our Denver Office has been negatively impacted for the last six months, due to the remodeling of the Training Center. Our internet and phone service has been a problem for the local RUAEA staff and it has been difficult for our members (you) to make your needs known. That was the bad news, the good news is that the internet is operating, very slow, but it is operating and just a few days ago we got voice mail on the office phone. It's a new system and there were some major bugs that have been resolved. So – when you call and leave a message the secretaries should get it. Thanks for your patience, it's greatly appreciated.

We haven't had anymore meetings with the company, so I have nothing to report. We have been involved with the planning of an upgraded Employee Res system in Flying Together that may be released later this year. At this point it doesn't appear to be complicated and should be easy for us to transition to use it.

We are moving closer to the Cleveland, OH Convention and preparation is taking place with the local committee and RUAEA National. From the preplanning everything looks good and it should be an enjoyable event. There will be additional information coming out in the Newsletters so stay tuned, and set aside the convention dates September 18-22, 2018.

We've been having a hard time getting volunteers to fill the Director vacancies. I want to encourage all to be active within RUAEA. Take advantage of the opportunities to associate with fellow retirees and consider running for office, all organizations have a structure made up of directors, officers, leaders and etc., RUAEA is no exception. Many are involved and your volunteerism is greatly appreciated, but we need more involvement from the membership. If you are interested in running for office you can contact our Nominating Committee Chairman Hank Gosselin, Executive Vice President Jim Simon or me, Virgil Gooselaw, your President. Our contact information is in the Newsletter.

Until next month, I wish you all well and enjoy your retirement!

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

A Message regarding Elections from Past President Hank Gosselin



Hank Gosselin

Again we are at the point of selecting Candidates for our Annual Election. As you may know, we did not have an election last year due to no interest by any of our members. Without Officers and Directors, RUAEA can't exist. We must have a Board to make crucial decisions regarding finance, business decisions that affect RUAEA, interaction with the Company, dissemination of information from and about the Company, Elections; contact with Local Chapters, Conventions, Newsletter, and Membership. There are many things required to run an organization such as RUAEA to keep all of us up to date and afloat.

The positions open for 2018 are President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Directors for Midwest, Florida, Southern California, Western California, Northern California/Nevada regions.

We are in the process of evaluating the size and shape of our Board of Directors. Not only do the Elections affect this, our decreasing membership and cash flow are also factors.

Please consider running for one of the positions if you can. Yes it's a commitment, but one that can be rewarding if you work at it.

Thanks again to all the incumbents along with all who have served in the past.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA Past President

Denver Office Now Has Phone Service

DENTK renovations are proceeding. The RUAEA Denver office is still in the pod but phone service has been restored! Voicemail is also available. Members can once again call the secretary and leave a message if no one is in the office. The number is the same (303) 780-5022

United launched advance seat assignment option for Basic Economy customers



United continues to refine its Basic Economy product in order to address both customer and employee feedback, as well as make the product more competitive with other airlines. On February 2, the company rolled out new functionality that allows Basic Economy customers to purchase an advance, standard economy seat assignment up to 24 hours prior to departure. This will give Basic Economy customers, such as those traveling with small children, a simple way to ensure they sit together if they need to, while still purchasing a Basic Economy fare.

Here's how it works: Basic Economy customers will be able to access the standard economy seat map from time of purchase and up to 24 hours prior to their flight. If they wish to pre-assign their seat(s), they will be directed to pay the associated fee for the selected seat(s).

The option to purchase a seat assignment is not available within 24 hours of departure, and customers will receive their seat assignment either at check-in or at the departure gate, just as they did before.

Additional information has been sent to United's Customer Service and Customer Contact Center employees.

Basic Economy is United's fare option for its most price-sensitive customers. Along with standard economy, Economy Plus, and premium cabin options, Basic Economy gives customers more choice in their onboard experience. Since launching in April 2017, United has also seen some important operational benefits, including faster boarding times, fewer gate-checked bags, fewer flights with full overhead bins, fewer delays attributable to carry-on bags and increased customer satisfaction scores.

As a reminder, you can learn more about Basic Economy on Flying Together or at united.com/basicconomy.

New Flying Together preview launches



Nearly all United employees visit Flying Together, whether it's to read company news, book travel or access the tools and information they need to do their jobs. The site gets hundreds of millions of views every year. And now Flying Together has been completely reimagined with the users in mind.

Flying Together is an important tool for many of United's employees, so the company wants to give its employees time to familiarize themselves with the new site during a soft-launch period.

You make the new site your permanent landing page by clicking "switch to new site"; if you're not ready to commit to the switch, you can revert to the current site by visiting the same page.

United gathered extensive feedback to make sure this next generation of the intranet site gives you what you need most. The new Flying Together offers greater personalization and customization, so your homepage shows what's most relevant to you. It has more social features, like the @weareunited Twitter feed. And it's mobile-friendly, so you can easily use it on the go.

Top things to know about the new site:

- United expects to make new Flying Together permanent in the first quarter of 2018.
- The new site has the same look, feel and functionality on mobile devices as on a desktop or laptop, because United knows many of you are always on the go.
- Company departments can be found through the "[Our Airline](#)" tab. Important notifications, such as password alerts, will appear in the header.
- Your saved "Favorites" will not transfer over, the new Favorites allows you to add and organize all of your most important links in one location.
- You can import the tools you've saved on the current Flying Together or you can create a fresh list of tools.
- United has refreshed the News page.

United's planes are getting lighter



United is always looking for ways to fly its aircraft more efficiently and in a more eco-friendly way, and the company made some significant strides in 2017.

United began installing Split Scimitar winglets on 41 of its Boeing 757-200s. Winglets on this fleet type save approximately 30 gallons of fuel per flight on average.

United recently started printing Hemispheres on new paper that makes each magazine one ounce lighter. It may not sound like a lot, but that small change will save 170,000 gallons of fuel each year. That's a savings of

\$290,000 at current fuel prices. United has done a similar paper weight-reduction project on its seatback service guide.

Earlier this year, United also removed its onboard duty-free products, which is leading to fuel savings of 1.4 million gallons per year and cost savings of more than \$2.3 million.

Catering Operations adjusted provisioning of several items, including reducing the amount of orange juice on certain flights, reducing soda and juice on flights to China and Japan, and reducing the number of wine arcs for the wine tasting service. These adjustments in addition to others resulted in a savings of more than \$673,000.

All together, these changes will result in nearly 30,000 fewer metric tons of carbon dioxide released into the air each year. That's equivalent to taking 6,400 cars off the road.

United revises its emotional support animal policy



As part of United's ongoing efforts to keep its employees and customers safe and better cared for, on February 1, the company announced changes to its emotional support animal policy. Starting March 1, 2018, United will require customers traveling with an emotional support animal to provide additional documentation.

United has experienced a 75 percent year-over-year increase in customers traveling with their emotional support animals, and the number of reported incidents involving these animals has also increased. These changes align with

United's [core4 balance](#) of protecting its employees and customers, while continuing to accommodate and care for customers with disabilities.

Based on the current policy, customers who travel with emotional support animals must provide 48 hours' notice to the Accessibility Desk and a letter from a licensed medical/mental health professional.

In addition to 48 hours' notice and an enhanced letter from a mental health professional, United will require customers traveling with an emotional support animal to provide the following:

- ✓ The customer must provide confirmation that the animal has been trained to behave properly in a public setting and acknowledge responsibility for the animal's behavior.
- ✓ The customer must also complete a health and vaccination form signed by the animal's veterinarian. The veterinarian must also affirm that there is no reason to believe that the animal will pose a direct threat to the health and safety of others on the aircraft or cause a significant disruption in service.
- ✓ Customers who currently have approved documentation on file may use it for their next trip. Any additional reservations would be subject to the updated policy requirements effective March 1. Additionally, United has listened to one of its supervisor's recommendation to allow the authorization to be valid for a year once approved. United will continue to enforce this practice moving forward. The new forms will be available soon at [united.com](https://www.united.com).

United's service animal policy, which covers animals that are individually trained to perform tasks for the benefit and safety of an individual with a disability in all public facilities, will remain the same.

United does not require any documentation or advance notice from passengers who travel with service animals (other than for foreign travel if required by national law).

Providing the best possible service to all customers ~ United will continue to support customers with disabilities including those traveling with emotional support animals through its 24/7 Accessibility Desk, which has been in place to provide service and care for nine years.

United will continue to support veterans in their travel needs and make every accommodation to ensure their experience with United is as comfortable and efficient as possible.

Animals prohibited from traveling in the cabin include hedgehogs, ferrets, insects, rodents, snakes, spiders, reptiles, sugar gliders, non-household birds, exotic animals and animals not properly cleaned or carrying a foul odor. United will update this list as needed.

United is implementing these changes in an effort to better protect its employees and customers while also accommodating United's customers including veterans with disabilities. The company is dedicated to providing convenient and comfortable service to all of its customers and employees. United knows that some customers require a service or emotional support animal to assist them through their journey, and United strives to provide the best possible service to everyone traveling.

Transforming the Smithsonian's 'America by Air'



United is partnering with an aviation landmark to remake an exhibit for the next generation. With support from United and a group of other U.S. commercial airlines, the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum will transform its "America by Air" exhibit – which is one of the museum's main attractions – to better tell the incredible story of aviation history in the United States in a relevant and engaging manner.

"United is excited to partner with the Smithsonian Institution to make aviation come to life for the millions who visit the museum each year," said Community Affairs Managing Director Suzi Cabo. *"Our gift will assist in educating and inspiring aviation enthusiasts and future leaders of the industry, which aligns with United's commitment to the community."*

Construction on the new exhibit space is expected to begin this summer and will take several years to complete.

The "America by Air" exhibit features aircraft, including a Douglas DC-3 and a Ford 5-AT Tri-Motor, and artifacts such as uniforms, models and engines, and a gallery that traces the history of commercial aviation in the United States.

United and the other airlines are combining to contribute \$28 million toward the remodel.

All Smithsonian exhibits in the U.S. capital are free and open to the public. Plan a visit to the current "Air in America" exhibit before it closes for the transformation.

Torgy's Travel Tips – Important Notices



2018 has brought some new baggage and travel restrictions that all travelers, revenue and pass travelers alike, need to know. Here's the lowdown:

Smart Bags – In order to reduce the risk of fire onboard or in the cargo hold, luggage that uses lithium ion batteries to power a USB port built into the bag (to charge a phone or track the bag, for example) will not be accepted for transport, either as checked or carry-on, *if the batteries cannot be removed*. If you intend to travel with such a bag as a carry-on, once you have proved that the batteries are removable, you may be allowed to keep the batteries intact, provided that you power them off. This provision applies only to a carry-on bag. All checked bags must have the lithium ion batteries removed.

Note: Several airlines as well as many Asian airports are even stricter than UA's policy. Please be very cautious if you are even thinking of purchasing/traveling with these new-fangled bags. And don't be swayed by luggage ads claiming "TSA Approved" as, to date, neither the TSA nor FAA has endorsed any smart bag as approved.

Hologram Stickers – Sport team merchandise and other memorabilia that contain hologram stickers (like those found on the underside of baseball cap bills) can trigger security sensors in checked baggage. Put such items into your carry-on bag to avoid having your checked bag opened and searched by the TSA.

Electronic Device Screening – Additional screening of electronic devices larger than a standard cell phone has begun on international flights inbound to the US. If the device has a case or outer packaging that requires a screwdriver or special tools to remove, you have to remove such cases before you come to the airport – no assistance or tools will be available for your use at the airport.

Cuba – No *independent* (people-to-people) travel to Cuba on UA is allowed. All travelers must be part of an authorized eligible category. For touristic purposes, you must be traveling with an authorized group that falls within the scope of a General or Specific License as defined by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Dept. of Treasury. Further, US credit and debit cards do not work in Cuba. You are allowed to bring in USD cash (up to \$5000) but there is a 10% currency conversion fee. Lastly, non-US medical insurance is required but can be purchased upon arrival. See www.travel.state.gov for more info.

Airport Updates

BOS – Boston has no more UA curbside/skycap service.

CVG – Cincinnati's TSA checkpoints close promptly at 9PM, regardless if flights are delayed.

DFW – The nearest TSA pre-✓ line at Dallas/Ft Worth for UA departures is near gate E18, but UA uses gates E4-E9. Allow additional time to reach your UA gate when using this security line.

EWR – Be aware of which terminal your UA flight departs from in Newark, as the check-in counters are not located on the same level in each terminal. Terminal A check-in is found on the "upper level" whereas Terminal C check-in is located on level 2.

LGA – Lots of airport construction is causing detours on roads leading to the terminals and parking lots at LaGuardia in NYC. Allow more time than normal to reach the terminal.

United Clubs (Red Carpet Clubs of yore...) - Due to construction and/or conversion of clubs to support the new Polaris lounges, be aware that locations and capacity of existing clubs are changing. So for those of you lucky enough to be a member, take significant note of the following:

SFO – There is no club at the international terminal in San Francisco. Instead, you will have to use the one on the mezzanine level in the domestic terminal, across from gate 71A (or the one way far down on Concourse F). Allow 10-15 min to walk from 71A to your departing international flight.

EWR – At Newark, there is a small "pop-up" location near gate C125 as well as the club near C74, but both have significantly limited seating until the Polaris lounge opens in mid-2018 near gate C120.

That's all the news for this time around!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Dave Voit at 507 Hunting Whip Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342-2223.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

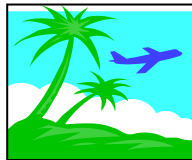
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Our chapter held its New Year meeting on January 8. We met again at the outstanding venue of the Naval Aviation Museum, Cubi Point Cafe, aboard NAS Pensacola, FL.

The attendees included **Jessie Arnold, George & Desneige Atteberry, John & Myrl Eisinger, Bill Hayden, Rich & Maureen Hurst, Ray & Mai Owens, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Harold Stofko.**

We missed **Rita Toucher**, and our President **Conrad Hamilton**. He was engaged on a long conference call that preempted his presence. In his absence, we unanimously elected him to another term, as our exalted ruler.

The monthly Charity raffle was won by **Ed Southworth**, a recent hip replacement recipient, who was very appreciative of the funds. (It may help with the Co-Pay).

Returnees to our little group was **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, plank holders at our chapter.

Remember, we meet every second Monday of each month. Easy entry to the back gate of the NAS, leads you right to the Museum. The grub is as some of us knew it years ago at the Cubi Officers Club in the Philippines. And it is inexpensive, from a special menu, and includes the Famous “Cubi Dog”, a hot dog with all the trimmings.

We meet every second Monday of each Month. Come and enjoy The Museum, if you have not attended.



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We meet every even numbered month at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. Our next meeting will be February 12th but to confirm, please call **Beverly Yeager** at [\(256\) 775-1711](tel:2567751711).

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Hello from Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Jean Kerman** (March 6th), **Patricia Burnette** (March 8th), **Pat Butkiewicz** (March 18th), and **Susan Spitz** (March 28th).

Happy Anniversary to **Barbara & Sonny Carns** (March 12th).

For our January lunch, 27 came to Famous Dave's in Peoria. They reserved the "Blue Room" for us! **Lonna Fischer** brought guests, **Don & Joan Ingve**. Don worked in DENRZ and we have asked them to become members. **Marge Hinner** and **Keith Steffen** won the 50/50.

At our Wednesday Breakfast on January 24th, we had a cake to celebrate **Sherry Muoio**'s birthday. A small recognition for being one of our 50/50 raffle ladies. Those of us in attendance enjoyed a piece of birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday to Sherry.

We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West. Our breakfast group is made up of a small group of regular attendees and we invite anyone visiting the area to join us. The dates are March 7th & 21st. The address is 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ; (623) 974-8224. Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.

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Can you believe Spring is almost here? Always look forward to that time, especially here in Arizona, as many of the desert bushes, plants, and citrus trees are in full bloom and the weather here is sunny and beautiful. It's a perfect time to take a drive to see all the beauty that is here. It's also Spring Break time, which brings a lot of visitors to our area. If you have any guests, please feel free to bring them to a Breakfast or Luncheon that we have scheduled. Also, I noticed in a recent RUAEA Newsletter article written by **Jim Simon**, Executive Vice President, that RUAEA has opened the membership up to any airline employees from our competitors as well as to those involved with any form of airline activity. We're encouraging these people to become a part of a chapter in their area. As Jim says, "*The enjoyment of meeting other people with common interests on a monthly basis has always been a positive aspect of the RUAEA connection.*"

We hope to see some new people interested in our chapter here in the Phoenix area. We meet the fourth Friday of each month for Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Our monthly luncheons are hosted by one or more of our members at a location chosen by them. Please feel free to contact our Re-United's President, **Shirley Claggett** at [\(480\) 354-7610](tel:4803547610), or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our

Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. We hope to see some new faces!

Our January 11th luncheon at RigaTony's in Tempe had 25 people attending. President **Shirley Claggett** had greetings from **Lynn Hubbard** and **Jim Fauber**, who were very active members of our chapter for many years. Our member, **Rich Vehring**, was at the luncheon and thanked members of our Chapter for their help with the December 1 Fantasy Flight, which was a success. He mentioned visiting the SFO Museum recently and recommends checking it out if we're in San Francisco at the airport, which features 25 galleries throughout the Airport terminals displaying a rotating schedule of art, history, science, and cultural exhibitions, as well as other collections dedicated to the history of commercial aviation.

The **Griffins** mentioned they will be getting tickets for the Silver Star Theater in Mesa for the Rock and Roll Oldies Matinee show which will be March 17. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30. The show will start at 1:30 p.m. The hot buffet and salad bar has lots of variety of food, plus chocolate cake for dessert.

There is a cash bar in the theater and beverages are additional. The ticket price is \$39 each. Since the tickets for groups must be finalized two weeks prior, the Griffins need to know by March 2, if you plan on attending. Please send your check, made out to **John Griffin**, for \$39 each to 759 S. 76th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208, or you can give it to them at the Cubs/Sox game. You can check out the theater and the Rhythm Cats on their website www.silverstartheatre.com. If you have any questions, please contact **JoAnn** or **John Griffin** at jjgriffual@gmail.com.

Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, recently had hip surgery in January; but was back at our Breakfast on January 26. We all were happy that the surgery was successful, and she was able to take over our meeting. She thanked all of our members for the cards and flowers she received.

Our January 26 Breakfast had 30 members present. We were happy to see many smiling faces. We found out that **Ginny Rockenhauser** is going to have foot surgery again on February 6, and **Bill Eaton** is having shoulder replacement on February 5. **Shirley Claggett** mentioned Flying Together has a new format, which we should check out. **Peg Snowdall** mentioned the prices for the breakfasts at the Black Bear are a little higher, and will have new menus at the next breakfast.

We have the following birthdays in March: **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 all of you! We have one couple celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** on March 11, 47 years for them! Congratulations Pinky & Gordy.

Calendar:

March 17 – Rock and Roll Oldies Show at the Silver Star Theater, 5247 E. Brown Rd., Mesa. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Price is \$39 each. Contact **JoAnn** or **John Griffin** at jjgriffual@gmail.com if you have any questions.

March 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, with your reservation by March 22 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

April – Annual Picnic

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We did not meet in January, as planned, after a very nice Christmas get-together in December. I was surprised, a couple of weeks ago, by a phone call from **Jack Cunningham**. He is living in Goleta, CA for many years now and lives alone since his wife **Eleanor** passed away. He would like to attend our meetings, because he was one of the original members that started it. However, due to health reasons, he is unable to drive himself. He sounded good on the phone and reminded me that he is 98 years young. Jack and I used to work at

MDW however he was there with UAL before I started with CAP. Jack was hired in 1938 and after working at various locations, retired from SBA in 1981. Our members miss not seeing Jack at our meetings, and maybe one of these times he will be able to make it.

There hasn't been any news from our members lately. The biggest news is the fires and mudslides that hit southern California. None of our members live in that area, but the traffic between northern and southern California was affected since the main highway 101 was closed in both directions. This made the alternate routes, trying to get to highway 5, very difficult and slow going.

The other bit of news is that there is a new terminal at San Luis Obispo airport. It is much bigger and modern and there is hope for more airlines to begin using it. I have heard only one problem that has affected handicapped passengers. There is a drop-off area outside the terminal, but parking is further away than it was at the old terminal. There is supposed to be an elevator to and from the parking lot and especially needed for handicapped passengers. However this elevator has not been in service since opening the new terminal and as of now I think it still is inoperative. So much for progress.

Our next meeting will be on February 21st, hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**.

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Sandy Sereno hosted the Sunbirds' January Luncheon at A. J.'s on the Green in Cathedral City. Twenty seven Sunbirds were in attendance, and no guests this month.

It was nice to see the **Rotellas** and **Edna Fanucchi** at the Luncheon, all attending for the second month in a row, after a long absence.

Patti Sica reminded the group about 2018 dues - \$10.00 (as usual), a good price for a fun group. **Mike Bailardo** was the Birthday Lunch winner, made easier as Mike was the only January Birthday in attendance. **Gay Traber** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to our only Anniversary couple, **Dick & Lois Hopkins**, 12 years on Feb. 22nd.

Our featured Desert Sunbird of the month - me! (I had difficulty in my search for a volunteer this month!)

I graduated High School in Burbank in 1952. I attended Loyola University (now Loyola-Marymount) for one year, then joined the Marine Corps for a 3 year hitch. I spent all 3 years in Southern California as a Radio-Telegraph Operator (Morse code), and was a Sergeant when discharged in 1956.

I worked a couple of odd jobs for a year, then four years with the Bank of America, leaving as an Assistant Operations Officer. I left because I had been hired by United Air Lines (Ticket Agent) at LAX.

In 1967, I was promoted to Senior Agent - the best job and the most enjoyable for me in my career with UAL. I remained in that position until 1974, when that category was discontinued. For one of those years, I did "Time Studies". I gathered statistics on anything that could be timed ... How long it took for a passenger to stand in line before he or she got to the Ticket Agent; from "Block" time to the first bag arriving in the Baggage Claiming Area, etc. I did the same studies at our chief competitors, Continental, Western, and American.

Backing up a bit - In 1964, while still working full time, I started back to school, at El Camino Junior College. Five years later (10 semesters) I got my degree; Associate in Arts. Then, transferring to Long Beach State, I continued pursuing my 4 year degree with another 5 years (10 semesters again). I finally graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from "now called" California State University, Long Beach.

I had been told that completing my education would greatly help my chances for promotion.

In October, 1975, I was advised I had been selected in a new Program - Friendship Director. It was to start in a couple months. But in early January, I was promoted to Supervisor in Passenger Service. My 10 years spent completing my education had paid off. But, long story short, I was not happy as a Supervisor, and, 6 months later, gave it up to go back to CSR, Customer Service Representative.

I transferred to Reservations in 1983. I had expressed an interest in working at the Ticket Offices and got my chance in the summer of 1984, with the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. I worked at the Beverly Hilton Ticket Office for a month - then back to Reservations - now in Apollo Services - and was on call to any Ticket Office for Vacation relief, sick calls, etc.

Then, in the Spring of 1986, Burbank opened. I thought, "This is perfect!" I lived 5 minutes away. I would finish my career not having to drive a 60 mile round trip every day. But it wasn't meant to be. Things did not go well in Burbank (whole other story some other time).

I transferred back to LAXCS in July of 1987 and finished my 28 year career December 1st. 1989, the last year in Baggage Service - a much better name than Lost & Found, don't you think?

Most of my years with UAL were happy and satisfied ones, and I sometimes wish that I had stayed longer and made it a 30+ year career. I've been retired longer than my 28 year career. But there are close to 20 of my former co-workers in the Desert Sunbirds, and we are all close, and enjoying retirement.



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly luncheon, hosted by **Judie King** on January 31 at the Chinese Buffet Restaurant.

President **Frank Dellinger** welcomed the 40 Gold Diggers and 2 guests: **Lorry Huckil**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger** and **Jerry Ward**, guest of **Sonda Sandstedt**. He thanked Judie for hosting the luncheon.

Frank introduced our new members, **Trudy & Lance Engeldinger**. Trudy gave a brief summary of her employment with United Airlines.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** announced the hosts for our February 28 luncheon, **Ed & Rose Rheam** and it will be at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que Restaurant. Our March luncheon will be at Old Town Pizza hosted by **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor**. A host is needed for the August luncheon.

Rose Rheam acknowledged the January Anniversaries: **Sherrill & Sydney Morgan** (57 years) and **Bob & Michiko Allen** (45 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for January.

Angie Dellinger reported **Charles Szekretar** is going home after a stay at a rehab center. **Charles Dinsmoor** passed away. Angie read a thank you note she received from **Ann Frank** and she hopes they will be able to join us at our luncheons. **Pat Zoboli** is recovering from hip surgery and a card was sent to her.

Stephanie Norton is working on the chapter's scrapbook and asked members that have items for the book to please send or bring them to her.

Jack Raynor reminded members who have not yet paid their dues to please pay their dues so he can finalize the Directory.

Sonda Sandstedt provided information regarding the new pass and enrolled friends travel information.

Francis Domaratius advised that you do not have to be a member of RUAEA to attend the Convention.

Ron Bertacini spoke about the 2018 Convention which is being held in Cleveland, Ohio at the Marriott Airport Hotel. The June Newsletter will have all the information for the Convention.

Terry Greenacre has obtained a list of RUAEA members in this area. He would like to have assistance contacting and perhaps inviting them to attend one of our luncheons and joining our chapter.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the raffle conducted by **Penny Greenacre**.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Whether you chose the taco, chicken, burger, salad or tuna, we all enjoyed a great lunch at the Folsom Tap House in Folsom. This was our first time – though, I’m pretty sure not the last time that we have dined there. **Thom & Sherry Biro** with **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** arranged for this new experience for us. Lucky for us, their Mondays can be slow so we had plenty of room with a gracious manager and staff who catered to our every need. President **Bill Gibson** who could be heard, extended our thanks to the Biros and Kennys. In response to the inquiry for anniversaries, no one present claimed this month to celebrate, however, two of our members present did own up to birthdays – **Angie Dellinger** and **Bill Gibson** get to party “extra” this month. Happy Birthday to you both and any other members who have January for their special month. Bill thanked **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** for filling in for **Joe Lima** by selling the raffle tickets. The Limas were late due to an appointment. Isn’t it great that our group will jump in and do what needs to be done without even having to be asked!

President ~ **Bill Gibson** reported on a subject that came up late last year regarding the status of (your) bank accounts. We did call Mauricio Luna, manager, at the Oakland branch of the Alliant Credit Union. In our case, we had one account that we did not “touch”. Mauricio pulled up our account information and did find that it had been labeled “dormant”! We did not recall receiving any letter alerting us that this was happening! If any account has no activity (interest deposits are not considered “activity”) for several years, it becomes “inactive” and then will be “dormant” and if there is still no activity, it will be sent to the State to be held until claimed. By “activity” they are looking for deposits, withdrawals or inquiries – something to show that the account is being handled by someone. Keeping it in the active status can be as simple as calling and asking for your balance. Now, just because it will be sent to the State doesn’t mean that you lose all that money! But rather it is a way for the State to keep track of people. Sometimes a person may not have someone who is helping them with their finances/affairs, they can “forget” that they even have this account or policy. So, if you have any accounts that you just “let ride”, give a call or go into the bank and make sure that you keep all your accounts up to date. Mauricio did say that if we were interested, he would make the trip (preferably in the summer) up to attend one of our meetings and answer any questions you may have.

Vice President ~ **Joe Lima** did not have a report.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to attend this month, but his lovely wife, **Suzie**, brought his report to us. At this time we have a checking balance of \$880.08. A gentle reminder that our annual dues are due! We have kept our annual dues at \$10.00. That’s not even a dollar a month to get all this wonderful information! Please send your check for \$10.00 payable to Hangtown to **Tom Kenny**. 3481 Parleys Canyon Placerville, CA 95667.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** read a letter we received from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association thanking us for our Christmas donation.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** read a note from **Gary & Mikki Dalleski** – they both got the flu, both had complications from it and have been dealing with all that! Our best regards to you two, take it easy and get well soon!

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** encourages everyone to go to our Shutterfly account and look things over. I have done so and Thom has lots of photos posted. You can also upload photos you might want to share with our members and you can download pictures from our site as well. There is no cost to use the Shutterfly website. Once you’re a member (remember “free”) you will have access to not only our account, but to other sites as well as all the neat things they offer. I know quite a few people who have their Christmas cards printed by them and I know they will custom make things like coffee cups. Check it out!

Old Business ~ None at this meeting.

New Business ~ Hangtown Miners’ annual donations to local charities. Each year we have sent a monetary donation to 2 or more charities. We select an organization that is (usually) local and serves the needs of those living in the area. This is the time when we discuss and select which, how many and how much we will be able to give. Our membership is not quite as numerous as in past years, but we are still doing well.

Bill Gibson opened up the floor to suggestions – both for amount and to whom. Several organizations were mentioned – Wounded Warriors, Senior Legal Services, Hospice are a few. Now, your “job” is to think about this, bring any suggestions or opinions you may have to our February meeting and voice your thoughts. Our treasurer would like to have a minimum of \$500 in our account. With dues coming in (have you sent yours yet?) it will tell us just how much will be donated. We could give to two at \$200 each or 3 at \$150 each – just depends on what is decided at the next meeting, so be sure to attend.

Joe Lima is going to contact Starr Walker and invite her to come and give us an overview of the El Dorado County programs. By a show of hands, we said that we will offer to pay for her lunch. Joe also brought a copy of the Senior Times. For an annual fee of \$5.00, you will receive a printed out (newspaper like) publication that gives you a treasure of information regarding local services, programs and a variety of articles. I cruised thru the copy he gave us and it’s quite full of info.

Bill Kenney let us know that in two more years – 2020 – your current California driver’s license will not be valid to use as/for identification. If you are due to have your license renewed before then, you will be okay as your new one will have all the “extra” things on it. If you want to go in before 2020 and just get a new, updated license, there will be a \$35 charge. You can still use the license you have now, but for travel (air, ship) you will need to be sure to have your passport with you.

As you all know, one of our members is quite a character – okay, so that applies to all of you, but **Bill Dinette** often has an unusual piece to bring us. He shared with us a list of old “sayings” - phrases or words that most all of us have heard growing up but may not be used frequently these days.

Bill & I are emptying out cabinets in preparation for a remodeling project. While digging into the old VCR drawers Bill came across 3 videos from United. He took a moment to present them to **J.R. Heier**.

Rudy Blazius was responsible for transporting our food donations to the local food bank. He asked them to weigh everything – Folks, you shared 113 pounds of food in 2017! Thank you so very much.

Our February luncheon will be hosted by **John Muir** at Fernando’s Costa Del Sol Restaurant in Cameron Park.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. Winner of the donator’s prize was **Rosemary Heier**. Thanks to all who brought items for our raffle: **Gibson** – dragon fly; **Kenny** – table decorations; **Kenney** – banana bread with honey butter; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Dinette** – multi-meter; **Heier** – wine; **Lima** – basket; **Biro/Kenny** – 6 table decorations.

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We had twenty attendees for our February breakfast. **Betty Tomaino** brought cookies for **Louis Semon** as a birthday surprise. **Debbie Taylor** was back with us after a brief stint in the hospital.

Robin Muncie joined us from Orange County; we enjoyed her visit with us and for her making the drive down the Coast.

Rosario Zepeda won the 50/50 and **Debbie Taylor** won a \$25.00 gift card for lunch or dinner at the Brigantine. The gift card was from our Christmas Luncheon and we decided to hold one back to give to one of our members to enjoy after the Holidays.

The members present voted to have the current officers serve for another year. The current officers are **Betty Tomaino** (President), **Debbie Taylor** (Vice President), **Barbara Drews** (Secretary) and **Louis Semon** (Treasurer). We also extended an invitation to anyone interested in serving on the Board for the coming year 2019.

Rosalie Tripicchio is getting ready for a trip to China.

We discussed having our Spring Luncheon at the Tequila Factory again this year. The date to be announced. The possibility of having a summer luncheon was discussed and we will have more on that at a later date.

There were also some questions about the new way United is charging for enrolled friends and that we now can add two more in the middle of the year.

Calendar:

March 1 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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As we did not have a formal December meeting (we did enjoy our Christmas luncheon at Mimis' in San Mateo) we are ringing in the new year in our new, smaller meeting room (the Blue Bird Room – tweet, tweet - watch out for those 'Gaters, they can be daunting!) It is cozier, has lots of windows overlooking the Lagoon and foothills, the Fog and the Pacific Ocean just over the horizon. President **Vera Kina** welcomed everyone by wishing them a Happy New Year (hopefully you saw our message in the last RUAEA newsletter with the same greeting.) We remember our Vets and Military, and members who are no longer with us. Sadly, Mimis' Restaurant suddenly closed their doors, we will miss their good food. Vera was able to secure the Fish Market in San Mateo for future special luncheons. Special thanks to her for scurrying around and finding a fine Restaurant for us to enjoy. Luncheons for the next 3 months are:

- ✓ February 26 – Chinese Cuisine - \$10 members / \$15 guests. Please call **Dorothy Reuszer** to let her know you are coming, (650) 341-5765, so that we have enough chop sticks!
- ✓ March 26 – St. Patrick's' Gala Event – the Board will provide the Corn Beef and Cabbage, members please bring your favorite side dish. We need to plan quantities, please let us know you'll attend.
- ✓ April 23 – BYOB – Bring your own brown bag / Bingo too

Interim Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the December minutes that were approved as read. She has heard that **Marie Cavalli** will be celebrating her 104th birthday May 19th, her address will be in the next newsletter. If you know her, how fun it would be to get lots of birthday cards!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** has paid our rent for 2018 and that says we are solvent. If you haven't done so, please send in your dues for 2018 of \$15 per member. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that her hand surgery went well and is healing quickly. Our sick list is long: **Ben Vietz** is undergoing various procedures to address his recent diagnosis; **Ronnie Errichson** has fallen twice, one resulting in a broken shoulder; **Roz Clinton, Emmett & Gloria Landrum**, and **Don Reuszer** all need cheering up. Not long ago, **Donna Taiclet** fell and hit her head and is using a cane, she called Ginger to let her know that Bob has also fallen and injured his head. He was in the hospital for a while and is now in a small care facility in San Bruno. Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts.

Happy December birthday to **Linda Barrett**, no birthdays in January but a big Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan**; they are celebrating their 70th – yes, 70th wedding day! (Now how old was **Ella Mae**?) The Auditors, **Gene Walter** and **Dorothy Reuszer** will be taking names for your attendance at our February and March luncheons. Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2018 proposed trips. The San Antonio trip was lots of fun, those long horn cattle even let us sit on them.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** had nothing to report.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** distributed toys and food to Live Movers (formerly Shelter Network) thanks to those who generously contributed to the cause. There were many Bingo winners: **Ella Mae & Bob Donovan, Linda Barrett, Kathy & Pete Cooper, Judy Tondo, Helen Goodwine, Dolores Frank** just to name a few.

Avoid the Flu – there is still time to get that Flu Shot – Stay well!

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) 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.

Dues are due: \$15.00 per member

Dazzle the Board – become a member of the Board (we need help ... help)

Calendar:

February 26 – Chinese Cuisine Catered Feast (more info at January meeting), (\$10 member, \$15 guest – Call **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765 if you can't make the January meeting to let her know if you are coming.)

March 26 – Annual St. Paddy's' Corned Beef and Cabbage (Board will supply), Pot Luck (members bring side dishes)

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January was a busy month for our chapter with new leaders at the helm. Vice President **Marianne Johnson** received a quick initiation to leading our Friday morning breakfast meetings early in the month and covered for a couple of weeks while President **Bob Devlin** and wife, **Karen**, cruised to Mexico with fellow members **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and **Jack & Linda Hornfischer**. They sailed out of San Francisco and thoroughly enjoyed the warm weather and ports along the way. They returned in time for Marianne to take off for Japan with members **Hiroko & Greg Castor** as tour guides in Tokyo. Marianne will remain overseas for a couple of weeks to meet up with her son and several of his friends and visit Singapore and other cities in the Orient. Whew!

Others who have had the traveling bug recently: **George Dye** cruised in the Caribbean enjoying scuba diving and white water rafting along the way and even a jaunt through the Panama Canal; **Ken Demblewski** recently returned from Kona, Hawaii, and **Chuck Thuener** is traveling in Cambodia and Vietnam as this article is going to print. It's always fun to hear about their experiences when they return! In addition to these travels, **Chuck Clayborn** will be marrying his youngest daughter off in Florida in early February. Now that's a special event!

Irene Lloyd was bit by the nasty flu bug going around but she's thankfully recovered and is now fit as a fiddle. **Elfriede Grossmann** was in the hospital recently with pneumonia. We hope you are recovering well and we look forward to seeing you again.

Tidbits — **Jean Jenkins** is rejoicing over the birth of another great-grandbaby, little **Aria**. **Maureen Snyder**, our very own Sunshine Lady and honest to goodness wee Scottish lass, shared that her father worked on the RMS Queen Mary that is now docked in Long Beach, California. He worked at the Clyde Shipyard in Scotland. We heard that the UAL 747 flown at the Family Day event at SFO last October flew to Mississippi to be scrapped. So sad. At a recent breakfast meeting there was considerable discussion about animals on flights. Some stories shared were humorous, some interesting, some disgusting, and some tragic. All agree that the rules need to be streamlined and made clear to the airline industry and to prospective passengers/owners of pets so that all — employees, passengers, and pets, remain safe.

Thought — The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything!

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.



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Our group does not have a January meeting (we are usually recovering from the holidays) so I will make up for it by talking about our wonderful December celebration.

Our December meeting was held at the Leger Hotel in Mokelumne Hill, CA. This hotel opened in 1851, making it one of the oldest lodgings in California. It is made up of three buildings, one of which was originally the county courthouse. Our meeting was held in what was the original courtroom just above the jail.

After a brief presentation from a docent informing us about the hotel, and some of the buildings in the town, we held our meeting. Following the meeting many people wandered around the hotel and the old jail. President **Bob & Pat Scoble** had spent the previous night in a very comfortable room and had a lovely breakfast. No, they did not stay in one of the rooms where ghosts have been sighted.

President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **Ginger Dumars** offering an Invocation and Blessing for our Christmas luncheon.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** provided the Treasurer's Report. He reported that he had sent \$100.00 donations to five different local food banks. He also noted it was dues due time (dues are \$7.50 per member) and that he would happily accept members' dues that day.

We again discussed the monthly bank service fees charged for the chapter's checking account. So far we have been unable to find a servicer for our group. The Credit Union requires legal non-profit status and the chapter feels that is too expensive to obtain for a group as small as we are.

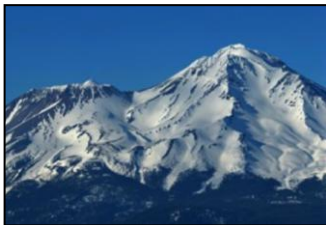
Vice President **Joe Schwirian** informed the group he would no longer be able to continue in office after February as he will be moving permanently to Hawaii. The chapter members accepted his resignation with regret, and nominated and voted **Steve Foster** to the Vice Presidency effective at our February meeting.

President Bob reminded all that now is the time to update your travel information with United to enroll other family and friends you have until December 28th.. Also, this was a change made by the company at the request of RUAEA to allow retirees to update this information twice a year, giving other family members to be eligible for reduced fare travel.

We acknowledged **Mel Oberg's** birthday and **Bob & Sandy Brooks** anniversary.

We did an ornament exchange (something new for the group, and was a lot of fun) we also kept our raffle tradition, with all going home with a "gift".

Our next meeting will be February 8th at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.



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We cannot believe the weather that the North State is experiencing! It feels like spring in January. Even the blossoms are popping out on the almond trees. We certainly don't want to get too comfortable as all of our Northern California cities are in need of rain!

Our first meeting for 2018 was held on Wednesday, January 24, at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. President **Merritt Odor** called the meeting to order and thanked **Sharon Simonton** for arranging the meeting place. We had 17 retirees and spouses in attendance and one guest.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Merritt Odor, Sharon Simonton, Billie Jorgensen** and **John Delaney** all had birthdays in January.

Merritt spoke about the dues that are due for the 2018 year. **Billie Jorgensen** led a discussion asking if any Northstater had an idea as to what charity the Northstaters could donate some money to. It was suggested the extra money could go to the United Care fund that is set up for employees and families that are devastated by disasters. Billie said that she would check into the program.

Merritt spoke about attending the convention for RUAEA in Las Vegas last September. He spoke about some of the convention tours that were offered as well as the program held where several of the benefit groups from United spoke including Travel, Medical, Credit Union and the major insurance companies. There was also a discussion at the convention concerning the program for enrolled friends. Retirees can change their enrolled

friends in mid-year. **Sharon Simonton** thanked **Klarin Odor** for attending the correspondent's meeting in her absence.

Merritt led a discussion on the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Everyone agreed to stay in their positions. Since our Vice President, **Richard Skelly**, has not been able to attend several meetings due to personal family issues, it was suggest that we choose a backup Vice President. **John Isbell** was nominated to take that slot. John agreed and everyone thanked him for stepping up to the plate.

Dick Hooning won the 50/50 raffle and **Sharon Simonton** won the lunch certificate.

Billie Jorgensen led a discussion on the place for our next meeting. It was decided to be held at Peter Chu's at the Redding Airport on Wednesday, March 28th at 11:30 AM.

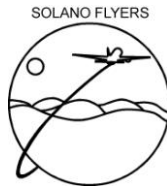
We hope everyone stays healthy and come join us if you are in the area!

Calendar:

March 28 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM. Peter Chu's Restaurant at the Redding Airport.

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Our chapter met at BJ's Brewery in Vacaville on January 10th. President **Coustantino (Deno) Poolos** brought the meeting to order.

We had a very productive meeting, the group was presented with many real and perceived problems. We prioritized the problems and by eliminating the oblivious, were able to arrive at successful solution by consensus. This excellent group performance has to be the result of their learned experience from the many continuous conflict problem solving meetings, they were privileged to attend during their productive years at United. Congratulations Flyers!

In attendance were **Frank Uhl, Louis Pell, Bill & JoAnne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert Zirrow, Stewart McCale, Allan Pochop, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Coustantiono Poolos, Jamie Schwafel, Charles Johnson, and Paul Schwafel.**

Birthday Celebrant ~ **Pad Gardner**, 50/50 Winner ~ **James Ellison.**

"Today's best labor saving device – Tomorrow" ~ Woodrow T. Wilson.

Calendar:

February 14 – Raul's Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield, CA, (707) 423-1965

March 14 - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista, CA, (707) 374-5400

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting and reminded everyone to bring all aluminum for recycle as it provides income so we don't pay dues. February breakfast was attended by 40 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Ed Moore** (DENTK), **OJ Keip** (DENMM), **Charles Hassler** (DENMM), **Ken Butcher** (DENMM), and **Marvin Berryman** (DENTK).

The flight training center cafeteria will not be ready until June. At this point parking is very far away and restrooms are outside. The cafeteria is beautiful and all equipment is new. Free coffee with an order of breakfast. The prices are comparable to Ted's. We must tell them how many will attend the breakfast before date of breakfast. We will discuss and vote in June if we are going to go back and may do a trial run.

Nancy Goodyear had eyelid surgery and is doing fine. **Dale Goodwin's** wife (DENTK) **Betty** passed away January 12th after an extended illness. Cards can be sent to Dale at 798 North 1950 East Road, Milford IL

60953. **Dick Bulin** passed away January 12th, Dick was in Denver and relocated to Tampa, Florida and retired out of TAPMM. If you want to send a card to the family, the address is 1333 44th Street, Sarasota, FL 34234, no services are planned.

Ed Sande (DENTK) passed away February 2nd. Ed was a technician and later a maintenance specialist during his career in the simulator maintenance department. He is survived by **Josephine**, his wife of 65 years. She can be reached at (720) 616-7792 or cards can be sent to 3420 Mill Vista Road, Unit 1209, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129. Ed was 88 years old.

Travel: Reservation system (Flying Together) is changing for listing and Don will let us know what changes are made.

Our next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd 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

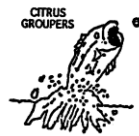
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The February Monthly Luncheon of the Citrus Groupers was held on Thursday, February 22 at the Chefs of Napoli III Restaurant on US 301, Wildwood, FL. The following were the highlights of the meeting:

- A moment of silence was observed to honor Citrus Groupers Member, **Robert "Bob" Faust** who passed away in February after a long and difficult illness. He is survived by his loving wife, **Kathleen "Kathy" Faust**, who is the Secretary of the Citrus Groupers who also worked for United in Omaha as a Ticketing Agent. Bob was a 40 year veteran of the Omaha Ramp Service. He served our country in the Navy and was buried with very moving and beautiful military honors at the Florida National Cemetery. He was a loyal and dedicated member of the Citrus Groupers. Several members attended the Memorial Mass and other services,
- Prayers were also requested for **Claus Brinnitzer**, JFKGQ, a former President of the Citrus Groupers and its current Vice-President who recently underwent open heart surgery. **Edythe "Dee" LaChance**, Claus' significant other reported that Claus was recovering nicely. Everyone looked forward to seeing Claus & Dee back to attending the Citrus Groupers meetings which they have tried to diligently always attend.
- A presentation by guest speaker, Ms. Betty Cunningham from the Medicare SHINE Program was given. SHINE means "Serving Health Insurance Needs Of Seniors". The presentation included Drug Coverage, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, Medigap Plans and Understanding Medicare. The presentation was very informative and well received and so appropriate for the age demographic of the Citrus Groupers members.
- For the Citrus Groupers "Getting To Know You" Interview program, the featured Member of the Month was **Terri Davis**, DENCS/DENTQ/SFOCS/SFORR/CLERR and a reading of her bio as written by member **Richard "Dick" Bligh**, SFOKM, EXOKU was superbly done by **Elaine Lies**. **Terri Davis** elected to pass on her bio being published in the RUAEA Newsletter for the February issue. It is **Charles Cochran's**, EXODD bio instead that will be published.

Bio of **Charles "Charlie" Cochran**, EXODD ~ Charlie was born and raised in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. He attended Salem College in Salem, West Virginia for two years. After leaving college, Charlie worked for a while in Denver and returned to the Pittsburgh area to work at a VA Research Facility there. The job was with the animals used for the research and after a few years, he found that he still missed Denver. By this time Charlie had met and married Eileen and was looking to settle in.

Encouraged by his father, Charlie & Eileen moved to Denver and while seeking employment, he interviewed with United. His position was as Flight Movement Estimator at DENDD. After some time, United moved much of that operation to Chicago. First at the airport and later to the Executive Office complex (EXODD). Charlie & Eileen transferred to the Chicago area and lived there until retirement. Once licensed,

Charlie worked as a dispatcher for most of his career as he “loved the job.” During his working years, he also was a volunteer fireman in three different suburban communities in the area, and for a while was a Paramedic as well. He retired from United Airlines in May of 2001.

Once retired after less than two years they moved to The Villages in Florida since they had been scouting the area as early as 1999. Their big passion and most time-consuming interest is in traveling in general and historical teaching concerning the ***Lewis and Clark Expedition*** of 1804-1806. They own an Itasca Motorhome (6.5 MPG) and travel up to 4 months a year. This has enabled them to volunteer at Ft. Mandan, ND and Fort Clatsop near Astoria or teaching about the Lewis and Clark trek and about Native Americans of that era.

Both Charlie & Eileen have enjoyed an active and fulfilling retirement. Both are members of the Citrus Groupers.

The March, 2018 featured “Member of the Month” interview will be that of **Julius “Joe” DiStaso**, EWRCS. Joe’s bio will be published in the April issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Joan Brandonisio, EXOPP; **Terri Davis**, DENCs/DENTQ/SFOCS/SFORR/CLERR and **Joe DiStaso**, EWRCS, presented the results of the work their Nominating Committee did to come up with the slate of candidates for the Citrus Groupers elections that were also held at the February Meeting. The only big change was that **Tita Dumagsa**, IADEx decided to step down and not seek another term as President. Her term in office ends at the March, 2018 Citrus Groupers Meeting. Grateful thanks to the Nominating Committee for their hard work and excellent job to allow for a smooth transition especially that of the office of the President.

The 2018-2019 Citrus Groupers Officers are: *President* - **Julius “Joe” DiStaso**, EWRCS; *Vice President* - **Claus Brinnitzer**, JFKGQ; *Secretary* - **Kathleen “Kathy” Faust**, OMA Ticketing; *Treasurer* - **Joan Brandonisio**, EXOPP.

Congratulations to the new President, **Joe DiStaso** and the officers of his Administration! Their term of Office starts at the March 22nd, 2018 Meeting. *Note:* In deference to the new Citrus Groupers Administration, no Meeting venues, Guest Speakers have been planned beyond February, 2018 with the exception of two “Member of the Month” interviews to be published in the RUAEA Newsletter that are already in the pipeline. The new President can then decide his own Agenda for his Administration.

February Birthdays ~ **Joan Brandonisio** (2/24), **Charlie Cochran** (2/16) and **Henry Jazwinski**, (2/17) were celebrated with a birthday cake and candle blowing.

Tita Dumagsa, IADEx, IADRR, WASSS thanked everyone for the opportunity and the honor to serve as President of the Citrus Groupers and their support and wished the new President and his new Administration the best. Meeting was then adjourned.



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Unfortunately there will be no news from Daytona this month as this correspondent didn’t attend the meeting. We’ll be back in business next month.

Calendar:

March 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

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Our January meeting was held after the RUAEA deadline, so just to report in: **Ernie Vosges** presided at his first meeting as president. We celebrated 3 birthdays – **Jim Mummah** (4th), **Diane Lewis** and **Tom Cannata** (5th). Happy 35th Anniversary wishes on January 3rd to **Jim & Pat Hernandez**!

Our February meeting was chaired by VP **Ken Michels** and began with the Pledge as always. Elaine read three very nice thank you letters from the charities we donate to at Christmas time. We welcomed our group of MCOCG guys: **Tom Deckrow, Rich Wangsness, Chirs Hess, Jim Feeney, Bob Duszynski** and **John Wiseman**! They come to at least one meeting a year and always pay their dues! Another very welcome addition to our luncheon was **Sharon Ringer**. It was wonderful to see her and we're hoping she will be able to convince **Charlie** to come soon—maybe to the picnic on April 3rd?

Our Birthday guy for this month – **Bob Duszynski** (24th)! Eat Cake, Bobby!

Our chapter collects food items for the Central Florida Children's Home every year at the February meeting. Today was no exception and as in years past, we met **Al Fields** after lunch to load up his SUV! Thanks to all who helped fill it up.

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Our upcoming luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 6. The Annual April Picnic will be held at Cypress Grove on April 3rd! Hope to see you all there.

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There were 15 members in attendance at the February luncheon: **Wally Alves, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Ric Marton, Tony & Darlene Novak, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Diane Roberts,** and **Roger Schonewise**.

Ingrid Olson and **Margie Burg** each had total knee replacement and succeeding rehab. Both are doing much better. **Ingrid & Paul Olson** also had to deal with the flu. **Jerry & Peggy Kliner** have both had health issues which keep them from attending our meetings. **Mary Moran** has moved back to Bloomington, Illinois.

Ed & Judy Clarke had a nice cruise to Cuba, until Ed fell on some uneven pavement and had to have 8 stitches over his eye and a cast on his wrist. The officials wanted him to take an ambulance to the hospital, but he refused. He just wanted to get back to the ship, where the stitches were done. Cuba is a nice place to visit, but he didn't want to stay there. After arriving home he saw a doctor and had another X-ray which showed no break to his wrist or hand. They're already planning another cruise. Can't keep a good man down.

Luncheons are held the first Friday of the month from 11:30 am to 2 pm November to May at KJ's Grill (across from Page Field), 10950 Hwy 41, Fort Myers, FL 33907.

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There were 30 Sand Dollars attending our luncheon at Speaks Clam Bar, a new restaurant in Bradenton, FL where the menu choices were all excellent.

Ginger Hyde led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was good to see more of our members who had returned from their Christmas visits up north. **Lee & Diane Hoffer** had returned from their summer home, while **Alice Parker, Doug & Sandy Horuczi** had recovered from their flu-like symptoms and were feeling human again. **Bob & Lisa Young** had returned from their travels and were planning to leave again in a few days for their son's birthday in Chicago, then to Hawaii for a few more days. **Betty Woods-White** was able to join us again as her husband has now recovered from his eye problem and is back at work. **Alice D'Souza** was absent as she also has come down with the flu that is going around everywhere. **Paul & Shelly Grossman** did not join us this time as they had tickets to a Florida Orchestra concert.

Gretchen & Dick Bulin were unable to join us because Dick had a physical therapy appointment to help the pain in his spine, and they were missed. Then, the next morning, Ginger received a message from Gretchen which was very shocking. Dick had gotten up about 6:10am and was headed to the bathroom. Gretchen heard a loud noise. When she went to check, she found Dick on the floor. He had had a massive heart attack. Dick was to be cremated but no service has been planned at this time. Anyone wishing to send Gretchen a card, her address is: **Gretchen Bulin**, 1333 44th St., Sarasota, FL 34234.

Suzan Goodson brought bottles of shaving lotion her son formulated which were handed out to all of the men in our group. Instead of using heavy shaving creams, this lotion sprays on your face, leaving the skin razor-burn free. For more information go to www.hitechshavingsystems.com. Thank you very much, Suzan.

Bill Phillip's name was pulled for the attendance drawing. He was not present so another \$5 will be added next month.

Our 50/50 winners were: 1st – **Russ & Joanne Wasser**, 2nd – **Lee & Diane Hoffer**, 3rd – **Nancy Gibbs**.

The waitress told **Ginger Hyde** that the day after they met to decide on the menu, she was at work and got a call from her boyfriend. The apartment under them had caught fire and, of course, destroyed their apartment and all of their belongings on the 2nd floor. Her boyfriend got out with only the clothes on his back, no shoes because he didn't have time to grab anything. We took up a collection and presented Tanya with \$112.

Birthday congratulations for March went to **Doug Dannebrock** (1st), **Robert "Skip" Irwin** and **Vivian Rucker** (2nd), **Nancy Gibbs** (11th), **Sandy Horuczi** (22nd) and **Ken Bauman** (28th). Congratulations also to **Bob & Kay Frye** on their anniversary on the 2nd.

It was interesting to hear about some of **Bob & Lisa Young**'s recent travels. These two certainly don't let the grass grow under their feet when it comes to travel. Their 19-day Panama Canal cruise on Holland America was a huge success, and they loved their visit to Puerto Vallarta where they had booked an all-inclusive stay at a Hyatt Ziva Hotel there. They have found on their travels that using a Hyatt credit card is one of the best options for getting rewards. They are now planning a return trip to Amsterdam, as they love the city and all of Holland, but as flying direct into AMS can be difficult they suggest flying into Brussels, Belgium instead, then taking the easy and pleasant train ride up to Amsterdam. Bob & Lisa both love all aspects of travel, and will be happy to share their expertise with any of us who might need a little help getting all the information needed when planning a trip.

Our next luncheon will be at the Linger Lodge. We welcome any visiting retirees or any who are thinking of moving to our area. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... I took a speed reading course and read "War and Peace" in twenty minutes. It involves Russia.



TAMPA BAY CHAPTER

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on February 5th with 10 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. **Lillian Sawyer** gave the Treasurer's Report, **Jan Lindstrom** read the minutes. Both were approved.

We had an open discussion regarding some of our members: **Jim Hottel** moving to ME, **Terri Breslin** has moved to OH; each to be closer to the family.

We talked about UAL news; naturally, lots of stories were told.

Our annual Picnic in April ~ Just a reminder, please let Don/Volrie know if you will be attending, volriej@gmail.com. It will be held at Anderson Park on April 2nd at 11AM (No Walk-Ins). More info will be forthcoming at next meeting.

Beverly wished everyone A Very Happy Valentine's Day!
Meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

March 5 - IHOP - 10:30AM

April 2 - Picnic at Anderson Park- 11AM

TREASURE COAST

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Our February meeting was held at Duffy's South Stuart with 24 members and one guest in attendance. President **Al Popek** led everyone in The Pledge Of Allegiance. He introduced **Fran & Gene Student's** guest, **Fran D'Amico**. Fran was down from New Jersey enjoying the winter in her Delray Beach condo. She too is a United retiree. Lucky for all of us she has decided to join our group as a member.

Also introduced was **Ray Jensen**, RUAEA Florida Region Director who drove over from Fort Meyers to be with us. He shared with us that United's on-time performance is breaking records. To increase the fleet, United is buying airplanes and refurbishing others. Everyone was happy to hear about the new "Friends" policy for retirees. The capability of changing twice a year is well received. Florida departures have increased out of all the airports. Some are seasonal. Everyone was delighted to hear about the expansion.

President Al welcomed back many members that had not been able to attend meetings in recent months. **Janet Hanley** is back on her feet after surgery and was able to make the trip.

A Toys For Tots representative phoned Al recently. He wanted to be sure everyone knew how grateful they were with our donation of 28 toys. Members had brought them to the Christmas party in December.

Our semi-annual picnic will be held March 6th at Dubois Park in Jupiter. A list was passed around for members to sign-up for their addition to the menu. Additional information will be forwarded soon.

Great jokes were shared by **Bob Langevin** and **Ray Jensen** while we awaited our meals.

After lunch, always wonderful by the way, we had our 50/50 drawing. Our new member, **Fran D'Amico**, won. There's something about beginners' luck! The Progressive was won by **Mary Kay Wetherington**. The three raffle prizes were won by **Bob Langevin**, who won a vintage Capital Airlines plane donated by **Joyce & Don Smith**, **Pattie Connell** and **Mary Kay Wetherington**. Thanks to everyone who brings items to raffle. It's a lot of fun.

February Birthdays ~ **David Damon** (17th), **Janet Hanley** (17th) and **Gene Student** (22nd). February Anniversaries ~ **David & Carolyn Lindgren** (2nd) and **James & Janet Hanley** (22nd).

Al Popek closed the meeting with a "Happy Valentines Day" to all.

Calendar:

March 6 - Picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, 12 Noon

April 3 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 P.M.

May 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 P.M.

HAWAII

HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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



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

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Ten of us met and talked and talked and ate and ate at Casa Del Matador, a short drive west of Boise. It was fun for my husband **David** and I to sit beside **David & Pam Crosby**, our newest members. They are delightful! Others joining us: **Palmer Sarnoff, Bud & Pat Peters, Lois Rodriguez**, who once again shares this personal message: "Hello from Boise, Idaho!" and **Joe & Joan Varady**, who drive the farthest to join us.

Joan shared this news: "We went to the (annual) Winter Carnival in McCall (north of Boise), and they did manage to have some beautiful sculptures, in spite of little snow this winter. It's such a shock to have practically no snow this winter up in our neck of the woods (Garden Valley). Last year we had a ton of snow and a lot of leaks. It was quite beautiful (in spite of the leaks!). Garden Valley is a small mountain community an hour from Boise, and its rivers boast all levels of white water rafting. We've done them all, but no more!"

Calendar:

We meet every other month. The next meeting is TBD, you may call number above.

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March—the month of the beginning of Spring, and you thought it would never get here—Ha! It's on the 20th, we still have chances of snow until mid-April, keep your boots handy. We push our clocks forward on the 11th, Pi day is on the 14th, look for pizza specials, The Ides of March on the 15th, (not go to the Senate wearing white), St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. They list the 23rd as Toast Day, wonder if that's like Butternut or Korb. Let's drink to bread. Not sure what's going on with the Catholic Church ... Valentine's Day was on Ash Wednesday, and Easter is on April Fool's Day. Is that new Progressive Pope leading us in a different direction? Stay tuned.

Our Skyliner's President, **Bob Kalicki**, says he is stepping down after seven enjoyable years. We thank him for his loyal and positive leadership during that time. He's moved our chapter to a new high standard. Taking his place is **Diane Webb**, the new Vice President is **Don Kramlich**. Treasurer will remain **Charlie Lewis**, with a treasurer-in-training, **Ted Jung**, our new Secretary will be **Lynn Hagele**. This will be our executive Board until the end of the year. If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like to be on the Board, please contact Diane at (630) 963-3806. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas to help us plan our events and suggest some new ones. Please consider joining us. A new slate of executive Board members will be announced at our Fall Luncheon for your vote. So if you're interested, better get your name in soon. Retiring from the Board are **Ken Thiede** and **Ginny Vlach**. We thank both for many years of faithful and excellent service to the chapter. You will be missed, but please keep in touch.

The Northside Breakfast had about two dozen attending. **Bill Bergner** came in, always nice to see him, otherwise, not much to report. The Southsiders had one dozen retirees attend. The raffle was won by **Gwen Brookins** and twice by **Perry Pahl**. I've been under the weather with the crud that's been going around. I missed a few breakfasts, so if you have something to report, please feel free to let me know. I love hearing about anniversaries, new grandbabies and love.

Because of space constraints last month, I didn't mention that the IAM1487's February Meeting was Hot Dog Day. Even though it was a freezing cold day, 83 members came in. Desserts were donated, and they were delicious. Thank you. Our March 1st meeting is a Meet and Eat. Everybody brings in a dish that will feed 10 people. Check the IAM Newsletter as to what you bring. On March 13, the IAM will have a St. Patty's day Luncheon at Peggy Kinnanes's Restaurant in Arlington Heights, we will meet at 1:00, and have separate checks.

RUPA had their January gathering at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin. The guest speaker was, Pete Bruhn, an ex-Delta pilot, showing slides and telling of his Return to Viet Nam. We had a nice group of 62 enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch and lots of flight stories. It's fun to hear what happens on the "other side" of the cockpit door. Some in attendance were **Marj & Howard Nelson**, **Steen Munter**, **LeRoy & Eva Bair**, **Chip Little**, **Bruce Cary**, planners **Jan & Walt Fink**, and ever popular, **Jim McCusker**. Helping with registration and photography were **Bob Kelly** and **Wes Lundsberg**. Also on March 13, the RUPA group will have their luncheon at Nick's Pizza and Pub in Crystal Lake. People start gathering about 1100, lunch at 1200, cost is about \$16.

Diane Webb and I were talking about pass riding, the importance of having your cell phone, if you have one, of course. It's so convenient if you do, to check the next flight out of Point A to Point B, if you can't get on your Plan A flight. Many of us are now buying a discounted ticket for our trips, something I said I'd never do, but Never say Never. If you watch the flights carefully, you can get a real good deal, like a ticket to TPA for \$47. **Georgeanne Auer** said she gets that Basic Economy fare, and it works for her. Torgy always has interesting tips on how to work the system. Flying isn't fun like it used to be, but we're not as spry and tolerant as we were either. Good travels.

Even the entertainment world is feeling the pinch of 'advanced age'. Retiring from touring are Paul Simon, Ozzy Osbourne, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Elton John is retiring after his final tour, which will last three years. (Excuse me while I chuckle. He wants to spend more time with his children, but will wait three years?). One of

my favorites, Neil Diamond, will retire, but because of Parkinson's Disease. One of the greatest showmen of our generation, I think, we wish him well. Sweet Caroline, Crackling Rosie, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show. If you didn't tap your toes to at least one of his songs, well, what can I say, just not feeling it?

Friends that flew West last month include **Millie Carl**, EXOAK, wife of **Don**, also from EXOAK; from ORDSW, **Jim McBride**, and **James Carroll**, who was on a layover. **Colette Kallianis**, mother of **Mary Dahl**, ORDDMM, **Delmar Gartner** ORDFO, **Juergen Lauer**, EXOHW, **Cynthia Boris**, EXOPW, **Charlene Bass**, CHIRR, and **Betty Freund**, EXOKF, a lovely woman I had the pleasure of working with in OPBSP. Her husband, **Howard**, and most of her seven children worked at United. Also gone from our world are Keith Jackson, Rosie the Riveter, The Temptations' Dennis Edwards, Edwin Hawkins, Bradford Dillman, John Conboy, Olivia Cole, Dorothy Malone, Billy Hancock, Hugh Masekela, and Chicago's own John Mahoney, and Channel 7 weatherman, John Coleman.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**March 14**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**March 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**March 1**), regular meeting. (**March 13**) Peggy Kinnane's, St. Patty's Day lunch, 8 N. Vail, Arlington Heights, separate checks.

March 13 - RUPA Luncheon, Nick's Pizza and Pub, 856 Pyott Rd., in Crystal Lake, 1100 socializing, lunch at 1200.

Spring Luncheon - Cotillion Restaurant, 360 Creekside Dr. Palatine. Tuesday, (**March 20**) 11:00 Cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

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Submitted by Carleen Eddy

Our very own **Dick Vee** is coming along quite well after suffering a stroke in December. He has let us know that he fully intends to rejoin us at our quarterly meetings. We certainly miss him and all the energy he puts into being our chapter secretary ... making sure this publication gets all of our local information and also organizing many other events. Get well soon, Mr. Vee. We are all pulling for you.

UA retiree members, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** took 3 of their grandchildren on a 4 day Disney Cruise, Miami to Key West, Nassau and Castaway Cay. Carleen confirms that Mickey Mouse pancakes are as good as ever and loved seeing her "bestie" Goofy.

One of our members moved a few years ago to Palm Coast area in Florida. **Joan Twing** and her husband, **Ron**, annually attend the Gasparella festival in Tampa. One of their sons was a student down there and they enjoy it now every year (they do say however "*it's getting harder to keep up with the young ones*"). Joan had some fabulous photos that she shared and it looked as if a good time was had by all.

Other members have taken full advantage of their flight benefits to escape the New England winter ~ **Irene & Bob Kimball** were in Kauai where they bumped into former BOSOO (currently OPBCM) **Sheila White O'Malley** and her husband, **John** (ORDCG). The four were able to spend a lovely couple of days catching up.

Don & Kathy Latter also escaped by going to Phoenix and St Kitts. **Lucinda & Ron Suga** welcomed in the New Year aboard the Queen Victoria.

Congrats to our friends in Philly. It was a great game.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our February luncheon was held at Hayden's restaurant in Canton, MI. **Cathy Dewey** was our hostess. Attending were **Cathy Dewey, Joan Robinson, Pat and Henri McElhone, Sue Craig, Carol Slade, Carol Shaffner, Marlene Heaney, Lynn Manzi, and Gwen Schwendenmann.** Cathy set out Valentine goody bags chock full of chocolate candy. Very festive and tasty!

Please remember those of our DTWRR family who are in need of encouragement and prayers: **Sharon Jacob, Jeff Lefleur, and Pat Hoffman's husband, Tom.**

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20 Northern Lites met for lunch and visiting on what turned out to be a respite in the bitter cold temperatures that had plagued the Northland since early December. Everyone was glad that our meeting day turned out to be a reasonably *normal* MN winter day. Little did we know, however, what was in store for us just a few days later!

Since we had missed meeting in December due to weather, it was decided to combine the birthday prizes for both December and January. But no one present had a December birthday, and **Sonja Gunderson** was the sole birthday girl in January. We made her roll the dice anyway.

Mary Brennan had a nice telephone chat with **Joe Balogh** recently. Sadly, his wife, **Mitzi** is now in a care center and he sticks pretty close to home. He could probably attend one of our lunch/meetings if someone was willing to swing by and pick him up when they come. His phone number is (952) 474-5192. Mary also noted that she had seen in the ReSans (SAN) chapter news of the February issue of the RUAEA newsletter, a mention about our old friend, **Bob Grissom** being hospitalized with renal failure. We don't have current contact info for him but maybe one of our Ramp or Maintenance folks does. Sounds like Bob might need some cheering up.

We usually give an additional tip to our waitress, Danielle, for Christmas but since we cancelled that meeting due to weather, we gave Danielle her Christmas present in January. That girl is an amazing waitress and her tattoos are pretty amazing as well!

The group was all a-twitter with the opening of a new Costco store about 3/4 mile away from our meeting place. Those of us from afar are particularly interested because out in the hinterlands where we live, most of the Big City stores and their discounted products aren't available to us without driving many miles. Since every month we do drive many miles to shoot the breeze and stay in the loop with our friends, now we can take advantage of some additional shopping! Woohoo!

The Twin Cities are proud to be hosting the Super Bowl this year and the hype has been unbelievable leading up to the big weekend. It's nice to see that the NFL and their corporate partners provide many, many activities for the MN local yokels, not just for the out-of-towners. Most of us, though, will enjoy the game in front of our home TVs with snacks and a beer. Like usual.

With the retirement (sorta) of our Intrepid Leader of the past 14 years, **Lee Storlie**, the meeting was conducted by **Jim Brennan**. He did a great job, considering the size of the shoes he had to fill. Each month hereafter, another member of the group will host the meeting, trying mightily to come up to the standards set by **Lee**. Finding the groaners to pass on to the rest of us is going to be a challenge, I think.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd), then right to Perkins.

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Due to the sub-zero temperatures in Omaha this month we did not have our monthly meeting. It did not seem to be a wise idea to have our members out driving around in this awful weather. However, we have maintained contact with one another and keep each other in our thoughts and prayers.

We received sad news this month on the loss of two of our members. **Roger Jensen** lost a very long and courageous battle with cancer on January 2nd. He had endured all available treatment options with more grace than could be imagined. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his wife **Carol** and their children. Carol's address is 12602 Ames Plaza, Apt. 101, Omaha, NE 68164. (402) 491-3079.

Also, we received word that one of our members in Florida, **Bob Faust** passed away on January 4th. Bob had worked in Omaha for many years and retired in Florida a decade ago. He had been dealing with cancer also and was placed on dialysis recently. He is survived by his wife **Kathy** and their children. Kathy's address is 2170 Jasper Way, The Villages, FL 32162-3358, (352) 259-8505.

In visiting with various members this month we learned that **Jim Schreiber** was involved in a car accident also on January 4th. He was badly bruised but luckily did not break anything. He spent several hours in the ER but was released that day. A driver going through a red light broad sided him and totaled Jim's car. His guardian angel must be exhausted.

Birthdays for the month of February: **Kenny Casebeer** (3), **Pam Ziebarth** (6), **Larry Farrell** (19), **John Mason** (24), **Myrtis Olds** (27).

The good news for the chapter is that **Judy Nekonchuk** has retired. Congratulations Judy!

If you have not already paid your dues, please do so soon. Send your money to **Ev Holly**, 6535 Cypress Drive, Omaha, NE 68136. The dues remain the same as the last twenty years, \$10 per person (\$20 per couple), in the area, \$10 per couple/person outside the immediate area.

Calendar:

March 6 - Gerta's German Restaurant, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**

April 3 - Longhorn Bar and Grill in Ft. Calhoun, NE, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

May 1 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**

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There were 12 members at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

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**, **Kathy Robinson**, **Nina Mischker** and **Ralph Mischker**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Larry Leusing**. Larry's knee replacement surgery went well and he is recuperating nicely at home. My hip replacement surgery went well and I hope to lose the walker soon.

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

2018 dues are now due. The cost remains the same - \$5.00 per person. Please mail your check to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502.

NEW JERSEY



THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's restaurant on January 31. It was opened with a flag salute by our President **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Thor Solberg**, who owned and operated the Solberg airport in New Jersey. He was a longtime pilot for United Airlines. There were many activities that used to happen there including those who flew balloons and many air attractions.

Bill Gula and **Rich Creighton** from local 914 also attended our meeting. Bill brought the original IAM charter that was given to us to form the original local 914, and it was dated back to January 1954. I'm happy to say that at age 88, I'm still here to look at it. The charter was hanging in the Polish Falcon Hall in the ironbound section of Newark where the union held its monthly meetings. It is now going to be moved to a new headquarters in Elizabeth. An announcement will be given for an open house within a few months.

John Murphy won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on February 28 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

*****As the great prophet Leroy says "*I don't mind dying, except that I don't want to be there when it happens!*"

NEW YORK



NEW YORK METROS

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We had a late lunch this month, so I'm off to a library where my nephew will email my report. Twenty Metros braved a cold, rainy, snowy day to attend. Two deaths to report: **Hal Malesardi**, age 95, and **Lee Marcus**. Though she was not a member of our group, for those who knew her, **Betty Rhodes**, JFKSW, passed away. Our prayers to her family. Keep **Ron Weick** in your prayers as well.

We have another celebrity among us, **Tony La Marca**, JFK retiree, who has taken up painting and had a great write-up with a color picture of him and his paintings in Newsday. I will follow up on him again.

50/50 winners, \$10 each, to **Evelyn Schroeder**, **John Klos** and I can't read the third name. Sorry.

January Birthdays ~ **Joe Lilly**, **Julie Carnavale**, and **Mike Schroeder**. February Birthdays ~ **Vic Carnavale**, **Jordan Levine**, **Ursula Koch**, and **Ron Feingold**.

The **Feingolds** enjoyed trip out west, including the Grand Canyon. Everyone else stayed put.

Calendar:

March 7 – Meeting at Davenport Press.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Loonies haven't met in about a year. We ask amongst ourselves "*when will we meet again?*" Unfortunately, no one is willing to take up the gauntlet and plan something for this spring, or is there? This task has been carried by the same 4-5 people over the years. How about somebody stepping forward? We have such a great time when we meet. Let's face it, we've lost a few members to illness, disability, and even death.

I'd hate to think our Osh Kosh trip was our last. If one of you is interested in planning an event, let me know. Perhaps some of us, 'old timers' can help you get started.

Meeting once a year would be fine, so we wouldn't interfere with the RUAEA convention in September. Think about it.

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All members of the Ohio Buckeyes are a "Team". This news article is an example of that because multiple people contributed to this edition. We never have a meeting in January, but that's okay. Everyone can recuperate from the holidays, and the "Flu" which has hit the Cleveland area really hard this year. It also gives me a chance to summarize the past year. And what a year it was. We had a banner year as far as our membership goes. We had a whopping 22 new members join our Chapter, for a total of 110 New Members in the past 8 years. And sadly, in the past 8 years we have had 49 members pass away.

This year we have removed a couple of restaurants from our schedule, but have replaced them with equal or better restaurants. Thanks to our non-profit status with IRS and the State of Ohio we have still managed to keep the total cost for our luncheons at a maximum of \$20 per person.

2017 was the year of replacement of Officers (2 because of illness and 1 because she would be "Flying South" for the winter), and I want to thank them for their service. The new officers are **Barbara Vauls** (Vice President), **Judy McKnight** (Secretary), and **Bernard Garrah** (Treasurer). And I must say, they are all great to work with. We are a team, and work very well together for whatever is best for our Chapter and its members.

I want to thank our other volunteers. First: The people that lead us in saying "Grace" before our meal. **Arlene Taylor** is so fantastic at it, but she is here only in the summer. However, now we also have **Sue Broderick** who has volunteered for winter. And Sue is also fantastic. Our 50/50 team: **Dave & Marie Placko**. Our photographer: **Lois Walter**. Our monthly luncheon hosts for 2017 include: **Gene & Jacki Craig**, **Tom & Helen Hockett**, **John & Carrie Kercel**, **Vince & Norma Malena**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Dave & Marie Placko**, **Jeff & Judy Spooner**, and **John & Dolly Taucher**. And our Callers (who inform members without email of deaths, and also other chapter information: **Nancy Carter**, **Tom Hassel**, **Carrie Kercel**, **Mary Lou Mack**, **Joe Moses**, **Dave Placko**, **Judy Spooner**, and **Barb Vauls**.

There is another group of members that I also want to thank for their help. They are our members who are unable, for one reason or another, to attend our luncheons/meetings. But they continue to help in our mission of keeping our members informed. Whether it be information of a member's illness, admitted into a nursing home, the death of a member, any other situation a member maybe in. They also inform us on information about United Airlines and we pass it on to all members. "We" are dedicated to keeping everyone informed.

Of course, still another group is those that are able and do attend our luncheons/meetings. For without them we would have a lot of plans with no results.

There is one more person that I really want to thank and that is my husband, **John Taucher**. John sends out all information on luncheons, deaths, illnesses, (all of the above) through email. He also uses the photographs that **Lois Walter** takes of our luncheons/meetings and prepares a slideshow with music, for all to see what a good time we have. Checkout our website above. Go to tab: "Past Meetings", pick a date, and see for yourself.

Now for an update on the 2018 RUAEA Convention scheduled for September 18 - 22, 2018. As you know, organizing and managing such an event, entails a lot of effort and the people who are a part of it deserve a lot of praise. **Bill Corbett**, RUAEA Vice President of Conventions, stated at one of our meetings at the Marriott Hotel, "*Dolly and Barb have done a stellar job.*". Another comment by **Veronica Domaratius**, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, "*Wow, we are impressed that the committee is so organized and ahead of schedule. Great Job*".

We want everyone to enjoy the Friday night "Hospitality Party", with a band that rocks, and the Saturday night "Banquet", including fabulous entertainment. We have also planned tours that highlight the CLE area. We are working hard to make this event a memorable occasion for All United Retirees who attend, and "One all Ohio Buckeyes can be proud of". The "Theme" chosen by the Cleveland Convention Committee is "CLE will Rock You". And we will!

Calendar:

March 7 – Weymouth Country Club, hosted by **Sue Broderick**

April 4 – Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Gene & Jackie Craig**

May 2 – Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Barb Vaults**

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Only 50 folks made it to our January luncheon but it gave us more opportunity to visit with more of the group. The food was excellent and the company even better. We were delighted to welcome new member **Bob Pfeifer**. He officially retired on Sunday and joined us on Wednesday. Talk about not letting any grass grow under your feet!

Our wonderful Credit Union lady, **Jean Feely**, passed away on June 10 at the age of 93. Her husband Si, who is 99, is still living and should anyone wish to send him a card, the address is **Si Feely**, 1955 Dallas Highway NW, Salem, OR 97304-4994.

Unfortunately, our outstanding secretary, **Shirley Walker**, fell on Christmas Eve and broke her wrist which required surgical repair. Fortunately, she is healing well, recovering nicely, and plans to be with us at our February meeting.

Member **Rosalie Betschart** informed the group that UA will begin nonstop service from SFO to Zurich on June 7, 2018! An event welcomed by many. And, of course, **Cliff Blare** entertained us with a variety of jokes. Don't know how he does it, but he is always ready with several and never repeats any, providing lots of chuckles and belly laughs for all.

Anniversaries ~ **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (50 years), **Gene & Lori King** (55 years).

Birthdays: **Cliff Blare**, **Susie Clack**, **Pat Ogden**, **Johnnie Wilson**.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Ed Rommel**, Men's Birthday - **Cliff Blare**, Women's Birthday - **Susie Clack**, 50/50 - **Jack Hooper**.

Calendar:

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

February 14 – Social Happy Valentine's! Guest speaker from Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

March 14 - Social

April 11 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA

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Welcome RUAEA friends! We are all looking forward to seeing warm weather, planning vacations and traveling! If you are not able to travel, we hope you find happiness in many events or gathering with family, friends! For many of our RUAEA members, we hope you are safe and well and getting some immunity from the flu that is affecting the country. I read that the answer may be laughter, friends, and maybe a glass of wine, beer, or Frangelico Liqueur in your coffee, hot chocolate, or tea! My fav! Oops, I am wishing we were at the Bible Study gathering in the convention hotel! Hopefully, if we are not well and can't get around, we keep busy reading newsletters and whatever we enjoy the most! Happy Valentine's Day, we are also looking forward to Easter's gathering with our friends and family!

We received a call from our Chapter Vice President, **Bill Redfern**, that they are planning a breakfast meeting to schedule upcoming chapter luncheon gatherings for 2018, and found that Chapter President **David Beatty**, is golfing and enjoying 82 degrees in Sarasota, FL! (Imagine escaping Pittsburgh weather)!

Our second "to do" in this season would be our Steelers were beaten by the Patriots, (again), but it took a bad (?) call by the referees on the Steelers touchdown, that could have won the game. It was called not a touchdown, then bad decisions by offensive coach, and bad time management took over and the Steelers lost! Oh well, no Super Bowl this year, very odd though; the same play and situation occurred in the Super Bowl by Philadelphia Eagles, and the referees called it a touchdown! At least they evened it out for Pennsylvania. Wait till next year! Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles – truly excellent and exciting played games by both teams!

Our Penguins, started off the season in hockey like they are the Stanley Cup Champs, and can't be beaten, as they lost games. Had Paul (and some of us) and Pittsburgh worried. No playoffs this year, as they were in next to last place! (Wow). At this writing, they seemed to wake up, and got their game together as they moved up to 3rd place. Go Pens!

The big interest in Pittsburgh is will Amazon second headquarters be here? Or, Boston, Atlanta, Austin, Columbus, or - Not sure. As we hear, it is possible that Pittsburgh could be the city, it would be great!

Our awesome ladies, **Joann Juth** and **Treatie Karwoski** are coming along, however, they are missing RUAEA people! Especially when it is part of their life. **Joann Juth**, our Pittsburgh Chapter Advisor, fell, unfortunately, and hit her head and had stitches above her eye, however, she had the stitches taken out last week and is doing much better. I also know Treatie, our RUAEA Pittsburgh 2nd Vice-President, did fall, but is coming along much better now. Joann and Treatie are always trying to help with RUAEA! Passionate ladies! Best for all RUAEA. **Paul Musko** is looking forward to dying his Ukrainian Easter Eggs and perhaps our grandchildren will keep the tradition! Also, **Olga Karmazyn**, our Treasurer enjoys dying Ukrainian Easter eggs too!

We love all of you and believe!

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December 21st Breakfast ~ We celebrated Christmas with candy and cookies. **Marlene Scott** brought cookies and Christmas cards. We also signed 29 holiday cards to be mailed to all members that did not attend our breakfast. President **Pollie Klosky** gave all attending a present. It was a cookie cutter that is shaped like an airplane. Thanks Pollie, you are the greatest! (I made airplane pan cakes with mine.)

One Rocky Tops member, **Al Barkmann** (retired UAL in 1993 from SFOMB with 31 years of service) brought his whole family to our breakfast. Attending was his daughter, son in law, and 2 granddaughters. Al said that one other great granddaughter who was unable to attend because she is currently on the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

A good time was had by all

January 19 Luncheon and business meeting was held at the Tanasi Club House at Tellico Village, Loudon, hosted by **Terry & Pollie Klosky** and attended by 18 members. The Secretary's minutes were approved as recorded; the treasurer reported that we have \$606.76 in the bank.

Elections of officers for 2018: President - **Pollie Klosky**, Vice President - **Glynda Zane**, Secretary - **Barb Chapin**, Treasurer - **Mike Chapin**. All members voted aye to our new officers.

Our guest speaker was Smoky Mountain Service Dogs (MSD) located in Loudon, TN. They train dogs for Wounded Warriors. We voted to donate \$400.00. If any RUAEA chapter or member would like to know more about helping this group, please contact **Terry Klosky** at (219) 613-6104.

Calendar:

March 22 - Luncheon at Puleo's Grill, 113 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN. 11:30 ET, Hwy 11-75 at Merchants Dr. RSVP to **Carolyn Hartshorn**, (865) 951-1118.

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Happy Birthday, Helen! The Emerald City Slickers dedicate the February 13th meeting to **Helen Ebert** (SEAHH), who celebrates her 105th Birthday that day. Congratulations, Helen! It isn't likely that we'll have the privilege of honoring very many other members at that age.

Forty-five hungry mouths joined the Emerald City Slickers for a great Italian lunch at our first 2018 meeting on January 9 and we look forward to a repeat on February 13, anticipating the "wearin' o' the red" in honor of Valentine's Day. Yes, we'll be considering that other color for St Patrick's Day by the time you read this.

President **Ken Storey** distributed a few surplus souvenir key chains that had been offered at some station pairs in the days of the former United Shuttle service.

After the usual opening formalities, though you hardly can call **Ken Storey's** jokes "formal," **Ken Liesse** took the floor to explain the various roles of railroad personnel and who would have been filling which positions during the serious crash of Amtrak Train 501 before the holidays. He answered questions from the audience to help clear up media-published information.

Ken was a ramp serviceman at UAL for 28 years, starting out at SFO and relocating to SEA, before injury derailed his career. A lifelong rail buff (it runs in the family), Ken now drives a school bus for the Kent School District and joined our group on his lunch hour. **Ken Liesse**, son of Ed (SFOED) and Gay, is a volunteer locomotive engineer at the Pacific Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie and put in a plug for this year's schedule.

Bonnie Frey got her feet wet as our new treasurer. Her role will be played by **Judy Storey** at the February luncheon, while Bonnie & Fred (no, not Clyde) are cruising "down under." We get around paying the restaurant's bill by check, in the absence of the checkbook, by authorizing Vice President **Phyllis Bowman's** access to the chapter's account via debit card. She also is able to cover other chapter expenses, such as the chapter newsletter printing and mailing.

Former Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** returned as **Phyllis Bowman's** guest to celebrate her birthday with us and was recognized for her four years of service. We do have a way of meeting on special dates! Phyllis, who has a CPA background, reported that she had found Jackie's books in order before they were turned over to Bonnie.

Welcome to the **Torgisons!** You'd recognize Kathie's smiling face from her column, "Torgy's Travel Tips" that appears periodically in this RUAEA Newsletter. Chapter Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** recommended that everyone read the January column to plan travels for the year and cross items off their bucket lists.

In a former life, **Kathie Torgison** conducted Customer Service training. **Gary Torgison** maintained the company's computer terminals. We are delighted to have them both as official members of the Seattle Chapter.

We may soon see another new face, as **Hannelore Brabo**, formerly active with the Indy Racers, has moved to the Pacific Northwest to be with her son, following the death of her husband, **Ray**. The Brabos had formerly lived in San Jose, California, before the opening of the Indianapolis Maintenance Base and had long planned to move closer to family when the time came.

Retiree **Viola Brown** (SEAMK) passed away at the end of last year. A local newspaper has reported the January 24 death of **Christine Marie Fant** (71) of Auburn, Washington, who had served as a United flight attendant for 30 years.

Members apparently have not been reading much lately. Our book exchange table went begging in January and there was little left over to donate to the library. Maybe the literary business will pick up, now that the winter rains have taken over the skies.

Phyllis Bowman recognized January birthdays and anniversaries before she and **Ken Storey** handled the door prize drawings with **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** covering the cost of their lunches – and then some – with their 50/50 winnings.

Now we move on to March and the wearin' o' the green. Remember that everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Calendar:

March 13 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

April 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

May 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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This will be our last news article. It was agreed upon at our last gathering, the interest is no longer there since it's harder for people to get out and about. Our biggest problem is that no one wants to host.

So long and farewell!

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My thanks goes out to **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** and **Judy Dunlap** for taking over the January luncheon and covering for me. I was unable to attend because I was very ill with bronchitis and the flu. (I did get the shot.). Cathy ran the meeting and Judy made sure she had everything she needed to do a good job: microphone, door prizes, 50/50 tickets and other miscellaneous items. They did a great job and even provided me with minutes from the meeting.

I would also like to thank Uno's Restaurant for becoming a sponsor for our group. They provide us with \$50 gift certificates a month to be used as door prizes. This is very generous and we are very grateful for this gift,

Our dues went up to \$15 this year to offset the costs of postage, printing our monthly newsletter, and door prizes. Our chapter also subsidizes two annual events that are catered in different venues. This is the first increase in over 10 years. We had discussed the possibility of not charging dues to members over 80. This was

not really a well thought out plan since this is a retirement group and many of our members are over 80 and those that aren't will be there soon enough ☺.

We are now preparing for our February Valentine's Day party. Our state's logo is "Virginia is for Lovers". This will be a good party. If you would like to join us, you are welcome. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Golden Coral in Manassah, VA. Most of us arrive between 11 and 11:30. Our meeting begins at noon.

Our chapter lost three very dear members in late December and early January. **George Eary, Jr.** passed away on December 22. George retired from IADCG after he served in the Army. Condolences can be sent to **Judy**, his wife of 50 years, at 1339 Desstrier St., Ranson, WV 25438.

Victor Eiffel was the head of the IAD Credit Union. He passed away on January 21st and his funeral was a week later at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas. His niece, **Ann Feller** lives at 1823 Locksford St., Houston, TX 77008.

Kathy Marshall Courtney died suddenly at her home on January 9th. She was a beautiful and well-loved flight attendant (DCASW) for 32 years. The family of **Katherine Courtney** can be reached at 732 Middle Gate Rd., Irvington, VA 22480.

Our 50/50 was won by one of our newest members, **Larry Knaub**. Larry became \$25 richer. There were 11 door prize winners. Congratulations to all.

Linda Scriven (IADCS) came to the January luncheon. This was her first since her fall caused a broken ankle. I hear she is now doing fairly well. We hope she is back for good! **Patricia Burch** is also recovering from her second fall. We hope to see her again soon, also. Ralph and his wife, Dollie, have greatly appreciated the cards and notes they have received during Dollie's recent health issues. **Peggy Frank** (IADRR) has also been greatly appreciative of the encouragement she has received. She is in a rehab center. If you would like the addresses for any of these people, email me at the above address.

That is all the news from the Loungers. I will try to include a picture of our members in the next newsletter.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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It's always a privilege to be able to share the good news about the many ways our caring and creative Clipped Wings Chapters have combined their UAL friendships and fun while making their little corner of the world a better place.

Our Redwood Empire (RDW) Chapter is continuing that tradition with their support of the Casa Allegra Bocce Tournament in Marin County. The Tournament raises funds that enable Casa Allegra Community Services to help make a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our CW RDW Chapter shows their support of the tournament by adopting a team, volunteering their time and talents during this fun event and with financial support. RDW Chapter also is reaching out with their support of the YMCA Adaptive Aquatics Program in Sonoma County. This program makes a difference by Making a Splash and teaching children with special needs basic water safety and swimming skills while also gaining a degree of self-confidence in their own individual abilities.

If you are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member and would like more information about our fun and caring organization you may contact us through our website: www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. Maybe you would like to join some of our other members from our 29 chapters located around the USA who will be working together in SEA in July for the support of our National Philanthropic cause, the Special Olympics Summer 2018 Games. We hope to be welcoming you aboard in the very near future!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **January 2018**:

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OBITUARIES

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- 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

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

Obituaries

- Spouse - **Ballash, Howard W.**, on 7/11/2017, husband of Betty Jane Ballash, LAXOO, 4360 Old Stage Rd., Center Point, OR 97502
- Retiree - **Barkus, Josephine C.**, on 12/30/2017, DENRR, dear friend of Kathy & Robert Fleming and Family, 12105 E. Nevada Pl., Aurora, CO 80012
- Retiree - **Bulin, Richard J.**, on 1/12/2018, TPAMM, husband of Gretchen Bulin, 1333 44th St, Sarasota, FL 34234
- Retiree - **Carl, Mildred (Millie)**, on 1/16/2018, WHQAK, wife of Donald R. Carl, WHQAK, 136 W. Glen Lake Ave., Roselle, IL 60172
- Retiree - **Freund, Betty M.**, on 1/10/2018, EXOKF, wife of Howard J. Freund (Deceased), 7348 Meadowshire Ln., Crystal Lake, IL 60012
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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw
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(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions

Roni Adams, 2012 N. 24th St, Boise, ID 83702

The RUAEA red label reminding me of owed dues is appreciated because I lose track of time more easily nowadays. I believe that's acceptable for an 86 yr. old.

2017 has been a medical year for me. It began in May with a crushed foot. It took June and July to recover enough to use a walking cane. In mid-August I needed eye surgery in my right eye. Healing took until October; then, surgery in my left eye in mid-October. This one seems to be healing slower but I'm thankful for no complications.

I hated missing the RUAEA Convention in LAS. My husband and I were married in LAS at St. James Catholic Church while we were both working for United Airlines. Chic had worked for Challenger Air Lines as dispatcher in LAS before working for United in SLC. He still had good friends living in Vegas. One of those friends was best man at our wedding. They had served together in the Air Force during the Korean War. Chic had already served in the Navy. He joined right after his High School graduation. He served on a Destroyer, the USS Stribbling, in the Atlantic. When he came home to SLC he took classes at Westminster College and got a part time job with United Air Lines. He took flying lessons and got his private license. He joined the Air Force Reserve at Hill Air Force Base because he wanted to get a commercial flying license. Right after he got his commercial, the Korean War broke out and he went to Korea with his squadron. When he returned home to SLC, United Air Lines hired him back. He worked 36 years for United Airlines before taking an early retirement. We met when I was flying for United and domiciled in SLC. This was in the 1950s when we were called Stewardesses and we had to be single in order to fly. We met at the airport when I was waiting at the gate to board my plane, a DC6, scheduled for CHI. Chic asked me to have dinner with him when I returned from CHI. We were married a year later, and because Stewardesses had to remain single to fly, I transferred to United's Reservations in SLC to continue working for United. Ten years after marriage, we had our first beautiful daughter, Celin, and two years after that, another gorgeous little girl, Cordi. When our Cordi was 21 years old, she was killed in an auto accident, riding as passenger. Her son, Andrew, was only 5 months old. After graduating from Valparaiso University in Indiana, Andrew joined the military and is now working as a cryptologist for Military Intelligence, presently based in Germany.

In 2002 my Chic was diagnosed with bone cancer and given one year to live. I took care of him at home, using my nurse's training and help from the Hospice nurses. Chic and I did a lot of reminiscing during this time about our travels and about our daughters and our grandson. Then after 53 wonderful years of marriage, he had to leave me in 2008.

Judy Bird, 480 SW Victoria Ct, Gresham, OR 97080

December 23, 1993 PDXHH closed its doors forever, one of the first flight kitchens to be sold to Dobbs Catering. Twenty four years later, still like yesterday! Some were fortunate to retire, but a handful of us, not so!

As for me, I was waiting for that glorious age of 55. Most of us had the years already, but not the retirement age. The exodus began.

I went to SEAAH for 5 months, and then it's sold. What next? I went to SFOMK and cleaned planes. I must say, quite an adventure from making beautiful fruit plates and doing the Red Carpet Service.

My dearest friend, Juanita went to Miami, which is another story. You see, PDXHH was a special group like no other kitchen. We were family and our children grew up together with picnics, barbeques birthday and etc.

I might include that our management was the tops! They always cared for us on a business level as well as on a personal level. Thank you, **Syd Gilchrist**; you were one in a million. Unfortunately many of my close friends and co-workers are now gone. Still the few of us that are left still stay in touch.

United is not the same airline anymore, but I will say, thanks United for lasting friendships.

Dobbs is now gone; also Gate Gourmet.

Linda Keim, 1202 Periwinkle Ln., Fruita, CO 81521

Well, another year is behind us and we are always asking where it all goes.

Ron will be retired for 30 years in May, even he can't believe it. Although he wouldn't trade all those years out of the workforce for anything. He will be 85 this year and is still doing pretty well.

We moved to our 4th "retirement" home in May and really love it here. It is an age restricted community, really quiet and our HOA takes care of all outside maintenance. That is one of the reasons we left the Denver area, besides the traffic, smog, high taxes and living under the flight path of small airplanes.

I am pretty sure this will be the last move. It was pretty challenging trying to build a new house over the telephone. But we got it done and we are quite happy with the end result.

After we got settled, we went to our favorite place on the Oregon coast, Canon Beach to recharge our batteries. We flew on Delta through SLC to PDX. It was interesting trying another carrier and I am sorry to report their first class service was not any better than UAL. It is really too bad how air travel has become more of a hassle than a pleasure. Oh, for the "good old days" of air travel. We probably won't be flying anymore; it will be more short driving trips for us.

The Colorado National Monument is 12 minutes from our door, with its beautiful red rock formations. They are just the ticket when we need a break from life.

Again, thanks to all of you for your hard work. We really need to have someone keeping us informed, especially with the technology some of us seniors are still trying to master.

Here's to a great 2018.

Elsie Kaenel, 1N561 Argyle St., Lombard, IL 60148

I have been retired from UAL since April 1, 1987 and enjoying every day of it. I am doing some traveling and spending the summer in Eagle Run, Wisconsin.

Thank you United for my great life!

Frank Leo, 948 Johnson Pl., Union, NJ 07083

I'm sending you my yearly membership dues for 2018. In addition to my membership dues in my check amount, I added a donation to the Newsletter postal fund. I hope it helps those who work hard to put together a fun and informative monthly newsletter.

I want to give a well overdue "Thank You" to all who were involved making the 2017 RUAEA Las Vegas Convention an absolutely exciting experience for me, and my companion Ginny Bufanio, who also thanks you.

I enjoy very much being a member of the "Retired United Airlines Employees Association". Everyone I've met at these conventions over the past few years are wonderful and friendly people. I have a special shout out to all those who work very hard putting these conventions together, they deserve a lot of credit and a big thank for all their efforts, and hard work, to make these conventions successful ones.

Thank you, for having me as a member of the "Retired United Airlines Employees Association". I really enjoy the new friendships that arrived out from these conventions, and thank you for making the conventions pleasurable experiences.

Josephine Sanders, 113 Oyster Catcher Ct., Daytona, Beach, FL 32119

I have been retired since November 1, 2006. I will always have great memories of my United Family.

I now enjoy my days with my Carnival Family. My husband and I are dance instructors and cruise constantly. We enjoy bring dance to many destinations.

Patricia Schultz, 1234 Griggs Rd, Rockford, IL 61108

It is that time again to renew the best newsletter published in the US. I think it is better than the New York Times!

Thanks for all the work you do for the United updates, Travel Tips and social information.

Elizabeth Winchester, 555 Ashland St, Hoffman Estates IL 60169

It is time to pay my dues. I can't believe how the time goes by so fast.

I would like to thank all of the good people that do such a wonderful job letting us know what is going on.

I like to read it all but I hardly know anyone now. I don't know what has happened to all the people I once knew. I guess we all have gotten older. I can't believe how old I am now.

We had a pretty bad year, my husband broke his leg. He fell on the cement with his head and as a result, he has dementia now.

I am the full time caregiver. It is hard but that is life, what can you do. I take good care of him.

I wish all of you a good New Year.

Notes

Edward Fleming

I have a new address this year.

Linda Rice

I enjoyed being with the UA family at the convention in LAS. After 42 years, retirement is nice, but I miss my co-workers and the travel industry.

Gordon Mckinzie

I had so much fun writing my first book, *Fatal Ascent*; that I am starting a second novel, *No Fault Found*, which is very airline-oriented.

I enjoy reading about the exploits of our members - the Newsletter is a great way to keep in touch!

Jess Rocha

I've been actively enjoying life the past 20 years. I'm looking forward for another 20 years of active retirement in beautiful California.

Thanks to God, I am healthy and fit.

I'm looking forward to rejoin Retirees group.

Claudia Jones-Dave Schoenberg

Retired from UAL.

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The above info is for my domestic partner, who was a UAL employee for 36½ years. Claudia died of lymphoma on 11/15/2015 after fighting cancer for 9 years. I retain flight benefits as surviving domestic partner and seek to join as such. The membership should be in my name, of course.

Thomas Adams

Between my wife and myself, we enjoyed the arrival of our 40th grandchild, including great-grandchildren. #41 is coming in two weeks and #42 in March.

Yes, family is wonderful including my United Family!

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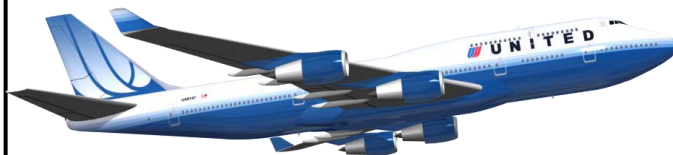
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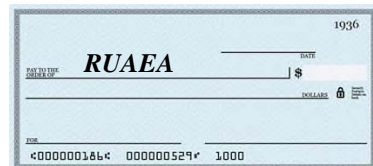
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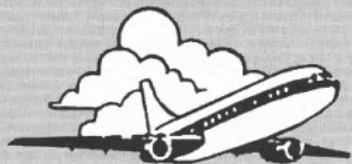
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THE WHOLE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Milt Jines

Milton "Milt" Jines was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (The Pelican State) in 1934 and peacefully passed away November 17, 2017 in San Mateo, CA. He will be missed by a great many people. He wrote the "Skyclopedia" - "The Air Traveler's Guide to the Whole United States of America".

If you ever wondered how the pilot on your flight's P.A. system knew so much about the area below ... chances are he was reading from the Skyclopedia. This 307 page (plus a 49 page Index!) book required many hours of research.

In Milt's words: The Skyclopedia is intended for the serious skyway flight-seer who prefers getting some real-life stimulus from looking out the airplane windows ... it contains thousands of little factual tidbits of Geographical, Geological, Historical and Statistical information - and a goodly amount of just plain Inconsequentialia. - The Skyclopedia was issued in loose-leaf form for several reasons. It was certainly cheaper and also I didn't want to induce any hernias. You can carry the pages of the areas you need ... and leave the rest behind.

The following excerpts have been selected at random.

Tombstone, Arizona: "The town too tough to die." Tombstone is without a doubt the west's most remembered old mining camp, thanks to Hollywood and Tee-Veland's immortalization of the key figures of the famous gun battle (ambush?) at OK Corral which really happened.

Newspaperman John Clum came here from Tucson in 1880 to establish a newspaper in this "rough and ready" town. He decided every tombstone needed an Epitaph so that's the name the paper got. Folks here still sit down to breakfast and read their own Epitaphs.

Rayne, Louisiana (Pop. 1,611): Located approximately 15 miles west of Lafayette in rice-growing country. This is the "frog capital" of the world. Remember that frog you dissected in Biology-1? It probably came from Rayne where they have frog "farms" which ship to gourmet restaurants, biological supply houses, aquariums and schools. Every September a festive "Frog Festival" is held to honor the critters. "Rivet".

St. Helens (Mount) Washington: Beautiful symmetrical and snow-capped cone towering 9,677 feet tall. That was prior to Sunday, May 18, 1980. On that day, at exactly 8:32 A.M. (PDT) Mount St. Helens suddenly dropped from 5th to 30th among Washington mountains in height (to 8377 feet). The volcanic explosion, the first in the continental U.S. since 1914 (California's Lassen Peak), and the largest in recorded history in the lower 48 states, leveled every tree in a 150-square-mile region north of the peak, killing 62 people and a multitude of wild animals, and blew 1.3 billion cubic yards of debris more than 11 miles into the atmosphere.

Long Island, New York: So named because it is; 125 miles east from New York City, to Montauk Point State Park (Montauk is Indian for observation point). It covers 1,723 square miles and four counties: Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, Nassau and Suffolk. The first two are constituent parts of the Big Apple, so when a New Yorker refers to Long Island he is talking about Nassau and Suffolk, mostly bedroom communities for commuters. Don Rickles the "great" insulting (obnoxious) comic was born on Long Island. Yeah, right, who cares.

Cozad, Nebraska (Pop. 4,455): Located on the North Bank of the Platte River about halfway between North Platte and Kearney, this is the home town of Marvin Berryman of Denver. The town was named for its founder John J. Cozad (1830-1906), a professional gambler (from the age of 12!) and a land/town developer.

Self-promotion by the writer of this column. I gave Milt this info. when he asked what was "unusual" about Cozad.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from "Skyclopedia" by Milt Jines - Copyrighted 1988 ... "Yeah right!"

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