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Denver Convention 2019 Updates



The August 24, 2019 deadline for registering at the convention hotel, Doubletree By Hilton Denver-Stapleton North, is coming soon. Please register now so you don't miss out on getting the convention rate and having a great vacation. The RUAEA June Newsletter contains all the information on the hotel, tours and meetings. For your convenience, the 2019 Denver Convention Registration Form is included on page 29 and 30 of this Newsletter.

When arriving at the Denver International Airport you will have 4 options to choose from to get from the airport to the Double Tree Hotel Denver-Stapleton North; now that the hotel discontinued the shuttle service from/to the airport on April 22, 2016:

1. A-Line University of Colorado Train ~ By far the train is the best way to get to and from the airport as it is ~18 miles to the hotel and there are no worries about getting stuck in traffic, the train ride is only 23 minutes. Get off the train at the *Central Park Station*, which is stop number 4 from the airport. Call the hotel at (303) 321-6666. The hotel shuttle will be there to pick you up as the hotel is only .5 miles from the station. If you have any mobility issues, then order a wheelchair and they will take you from the airplane to baggage claim and to the train. Trains have wheelchair access and have luggage racks and overhead storage. An elevator is available to take you down to the trains. There is also a very steep escalator. Trains are located below the Westin Hotel and that is just outside of the United Terminal. Trains run every 15 minutes. The cost for the train is a discount for seniors of \$5.25 for an all day pass p/p. Once at the hotel, you can also take the hotel shuttle back to the *Central Park Station*, board the train to downtown and the 16th Street Mall on any day, for only \$3.00 for an all day pass.
2. Taxi cab for \$55+ depending on what company you use
3. Uber or Lyft will cost between \$22-\$30
4. Super Shuttle will cost about \$43 but United has a discount code to use (YUS68). This will save you about \$5.00 p/p or more

Once arrived at the hotel and you check-in, each room will get 2 free breakfast tickets for each morning. Breakfast is from 6 am to 10:30 am. Hotel shuttle will take you to the Central Park Station and anyplace within 1 mile radius from the hotel for shopping or local restaurants. RUAEA tours will have designated pickup areas.

As some of you may know, each and every year we have various items that are donated to RUAEA for either silent auction or for raffle. So if anyone has items that you wish to donate, please get in contact with **Don Burbank**, at don8585@comcast.net.

Denver Convention - Local Committee Members and Volunteers

On behalf of all RUAEA members, the Denver Convention Committee would like to thank all our great volunteers who have and continued to help with this convention. We look forward to seeing everyone in September:

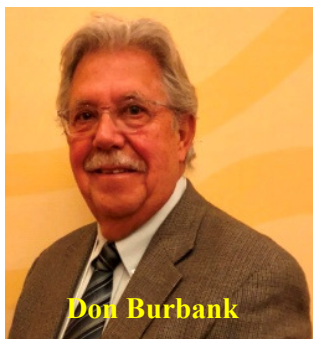
- ★ *Convention Chairs:* **Gene & Kathy Sibley**
- ★ *Registration:* **Ray Shoults, Yumi Trujillo and Virgil Gooselaw.**
- ★ *Raffles and Hospitality:* **Cleora & Rich Conner and Gary & Yumi Trujillo.**
- ★ *Publicity:* **Gene & Kathy Sibley.**
- ★ *Entertainment:* **Don & Toby Burbank.**
- ★ *Tours:* **Marianne & Kevin Zahnle.**
- ★ *Decoration:* **Martha Gooselaw, Dianne Adkins and Dayna Roberts.**



GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,
Sorry I have been out of touch for a little while as I had some medical issues. The convention is progressing very well and I am getting excited to see everyone again.

We have some new people on our board, **George Midwin**, who is our new Western Regional Director, and **Chris Johnston** who will be our new Treasurer. Francis & Veronica did a very good job explaining who they are and what they do. I thank both of them for everything they do for us.

I was able to make it to the Chicago Skyliners Spring luncheon; it was a great party and a good time. There were 156 in attendance and a great time was had by all. Thank you, **Jan Gawenda** for a lot of fun.

I will not bore you with my rambling, but I am back and I will try to keep you updated on things happening in the company. All, please remember the only way you are going to get answers is through RUAEA.

Thank you all,

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Employee Travel team wishes you an epic summer



School is out for summer, and the travel season is in full swing! That means busy airports, long lines and full flights. We all want a seamless travel experience as we make our way to family, friends and vacation destinations. Here is our summer travel checklist to help you

have a smoother trip and at the same time help out your fellow employees who are working during this busy time. Our award-winning United app is your travel tool-kit. You can check in, check flight status, view your position on the standby list; receive a mobile boarding pass and more, directly from your mobile device. Download the United app free before your next trip.

Before you decide what to wear on the plane, check out the Pass Travel Attire policy. Remind your pass riders, too. They represent you – and United – when they are pass traveling, so we expect them to follow the attire policy, whether you are traveling together or not. Explain to your pass riders how the standby process works and that they should contact you if they have questions. Keep in mind that some of our more popular destinations like Honolulu, London and other European locations are in high season and may make pass travel a challenge. In addition, there are certain countries that may have different boarding process requirements than others – like Buenos Aires, where pass travelers have to be cleared at the check-in counter. These differences in process can be stressful for pass riders who are not aware. It is always a good idea to research your destination – including its airport and travel policies, before you go.

Make your travel planning easier by using the helpful tools in employeeRES: Open Search lets you check flights with the most seat availability to or from anywhere, and you can set up Flight Watch to send you notifications with boarding totals for up to 10 flight segments of your choice.

We have 122 interline ZED agreements that increase our global reach far beyond the United network. You can purchase your interline tickets online ahead of time. Check out our other airline travel page to learn about eligibility, ticketing and more.

Expect long lines at airport security, and make sure to get there early. At the security checkpoint, be patient and cooperate with security officials.

Be kind to your fellow pass riders and to employees who are handling the summer crowds. Remember that caring is always important, whether you are at work or on your way to a vacation destination! Thank you!

Denver Office needs your help!

When members call the office, please remember that the secretaries are volunteers and not available every day. When you leave a voicemail, speak slowly and clearly and leave your name, file number, telephone number and message.

This will help us get back to you.

The office number is (303) 780-5022.

Good News of the Month



We are all aware RUAEA members deal with health issues, deaths, and family problems. Retirees are resilient, optimistic and look for the joy, the best in a situation. Not all members have a local chapter to attend where they can share memories and current good news. Your office staff receives calls from retirees about events, celebrations, and good memories. We would like to share some happiness with all of you. Therefore, when we hear from someone sharing good news/memories or a combination of both, we will put it in the *Good News of the Month*. This idea came from a telephone conversation with **Wallace Wong** and he agreed to let us share his current celebration and good memory with you all. Please share your joy with us.

Wallace Wong ~ *I was recently invited to speak when the Asian American Arts Alliance held a program in honor of my sister, Jadin Wong and the 30th anniversary of the release of the documentary, "Forbidden City". Jadin was the first headliner at the renowned San Francisco nightclub, Forbidden City. I have previously written about her, and my own work with the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, as well as my experiences with United Airlines at the SFO Maintenance Base.*

At this time, when we are so aware of D-Day and the unsung heroes of World War II, I realize I did not share one of her World War II experiences. Jadin was a volunteer entertaining U.S. troops. While she was flying to join Bob Hope in a show, her plane experienced mechanical difficulties. She was forced to parachute from the plane and was found by a farmer dangling from a tree branch. Fortunately, he contacted military personnel who rescued her and took her for medical treatment for her injuries. Jadin joined Bob Hope that evening and, despite her injuries, performed without costumes or props to a standing ovation. Although she was well known and recognized for her professional achievements, this is one event that is not well known, but makes me feel very proud of her.

Congrats to 'Her Art Here' winners



UAL is thrilled to announce the regional grand prize winners of our "Her Art Here" plane painting campaign.

Corinne Antonelli won the New York/New Jersey contest, and Tsungwei Moo is the California winner.

Both artists will have the opportunity to paint their artwork on a huge canvas: One of United's Boeing 757s. As announced in February, "Her Art Here" is an initiative United launched to find and uplift underrepresented women artists by providing them with a chance to paint one of United's aircraft and see their artwork literally take flight.

Spider-Man swings into the new safety video



United released their newest safety video, featuring everyone's favorite friendly neighborhood superhero – Spider-Man! The new video highlights United's partnership with the upcoming Spider-

Man™: Far From Home movie and introduces the superhero into United's safety instruction.

United is excited to build on the success of past safety videos with this action-packed storyline. Customers continue to say the videos are fun, engaging and, most importantly, capture their attention so they focus on important safety information.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Expecting company? Looking for something simple to prepare in advance for breakfast? I have just the recipe for you. Enjoy!

Baked Cinnamon Apple French Toast:

- 1 small loaf sliced French bread
- 2 eggs
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 large tart apples, peeled, cored and cut into thin slices
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter cut into small pieces

Lightly oil or spray with Pam a 13x9 baking dish. Arrange the bread on the bottom of the pan. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and vanilla until smooth and well blended. Pour over the bread mixture (this dish can be prepared in advance to this point. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight).

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the apple slices on top of the bread. Combine the sugar and cin-

namon and sprinkle on top of apple slices. Dot evenly with butter. Bake for 35 minutes or until the apples are soft and the custard has set. Let cool for 5-10 minutes before serving. Serve with syrup.

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 RUEA, 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 RUEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUEA. 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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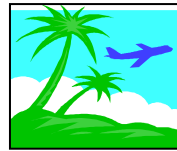
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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Something to celebrate every month, last month it was the beginning of Hurricane season; this month it is our country's birthday. Here in our area, everybody goes to the beach to watch fireworks; and if you are lucky, you can see 3 or 4 shows.

Our meeting was called to order by VP **Bill Hayden** due to a no-show by President **Conrad Hamilton**. LOL, I am sure there was a reason and we pray it is not due to health. Speaking of health, we are so proud to have **Bill Delavan** with us again this meeting, he thanked all who have been praying for him. I must say he is really looking good, but not as good as his lovely wife. Ha ha! Again, thanks for those prayers. While talking about those who are no-shows, let us not leave out late arrivals. Some of us notice that **Mike Burke** is always a little early and his wife **Carla** is arriving late each meeting. Mike explained it to us this meeting: Carla teaches Bridge, I never heard of that and I don't play but now there maybe others coming late if word gets around.

The funniest late story of them all was **Ed Southworth**. He played golf and on the way home, his phone reminded him about our meeting before he pulled into the driveway; so he just turned around after a long drive and made the meeting. Why I am telling these stories is because we are all busy (sometime doing nothing) but we do take time to have fellowship with our friends.

My wife, Mai and I arrived a little early and saw **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl** sitting at our table as if they had not left from the last meeting. Hell you know how old people are! Just trying to get a little humor out there.

Bill & Barbara Serra got the 50/50 tickets sold. It's the first time I saw Barbara win, even she was in shock.

We are so happy to see *traveling* **Kim Ray** at the meeting even though I did not get a chance to talk to her. I call her *traveling* Kim because she is always going somewhere. I think all chapters have to have someone who travels because that's what the airlines are about, "people going somewhere". Where did you go?

We are an inter-airlines group and American Airlines was represented by our friend **Rita Toucher**, who brought a friend, **Veneta Hale** as her guest.

Secretaries **John & Myrl Eisinger**, along with all our members, would like to wish you all good health and

"Happy July 4th". May God bless this country and you with good health.

Come join us, first Monday of every month at the Cubi Café, Pensacola FL NAS Museum at 11:00AM.

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Our Birmingham chapter met Monday, June 10 at the Fish Market in downtown Birmingham. In attendance were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox, Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe & Gloria Singleton** and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

We were very happy to see **Joe & Gloria Singleton** in attendance, but we are sad to know that some of our members are still having medical issues that prevent them from coming. Best wishes to **Beverly Yeager** who is recovering from recent hip surgery; she is able to walk with a cane. We also send best wishes to **Zoe Glass**.

Our 50/50 was won by **Bobby Cox**.

Birthday wishes to **Carol Wilbanks** (4/29). Happy Anniversary to **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox** and **Travis & Zoe Glass**!

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



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We have nothing to report, as we do not meet in the summer. However, we do continue to hold Breakfast meetings on a reduced schedule.

Breakfast is on the second Wednesday of the month (not every other Wednesday) at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or phx22@cox.net.



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Summer is going by fast, and we're trying to stay cool. We hope you are enjoying yourselves wherever you are, at home or traveling. Our Re-United members still in the Phoenix area are still meeting each month for Breakfast on the fourth Friday at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. It starts at 9:15 a. m. Our August Breakfast is Friday, August 23rd. It isn't that hot in the morning, so we hope more members will attend. If you have any guests, please bring them along. Most people like going out for breakfast. The food here at the Black Bear Diner is plentiful and delicious. If you plan on attending, please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know a couple of days in advance, so she can let the Manager of the Diner know how many to plan for our group. Peg's e-mail is phomfeldt@cox.net, and her phone number is (480) 396-3317. That would help a lot.

We had 17 members at our June breakfast, with Sal being our waiter, for several months now. He likes our group and vice versa.

One of our members, **Ame Esen**, recently had Breast Cancer surgery, which was a success. Her doctor told her she is cancer free, but may recommend she have some radiation treatments. We're very happy for Ame. It's always a worry when you hear that "C" word! Another one of our members, **Darlene Foster**, has Bursitis in both hips, and may have to see an Orthopedic Back Doctor. Also, **John Smiley**, is having hip surgery on July 8th. We hope everything turns out fine for all our members. We never know from day to day what any of us might be going through tomorrow or in the future.

It won't be long before the RUAEA Convention in Denver, Colorado. It starts Monday, September 23 and ends Saturday night, September 28. The hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec Street. Their amenities include parking, on-demand transportation, fitness center, and a seasonal outdoor pool. A block of rooms has been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants. Please refer to RUAEA when calling the Double Tree Central Reservation line at 1-800-222-8733. The Room Rates are \$129.00 + tax (Single/Double Occupancy); \$139.00 + tax (Triple Occupancy). This rate includes breakfast buffet for (2) per room per night. The hotel is offering the convention rate from Sunday, 9/22 to Monday, 9/30, based on availability. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. There are quite a few nice tours set up starting on Wednesday, September 25 through Saturday, September 28. Many tours fill up fast,

so register as early as you can. The deadline for hotel registration is 5:00 PM, August 24, and the deadline for registering for the convention is also on August 24th. If you register after that date, your name may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory. The Convention Registration form and check payable to: 2019 RUAEA Convention, should be mailed c/o **Shirley Claggett**, 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. All the information concerning the Convention can be found in the June 2019 issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. If you have any questions, you can Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com. We hope many plan on attending. It is always a lot of fun!

There are some good tips on Pass Travel Update from **Kirk Moore** and Torgy's Travel Tip on Prague in the July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, so check those out. This is one of the good reasons, everyone should join RUAEA and get the newsletter every month. Love reading what's happening in all the chapters, plus keeping up with wonderful information and tips we get only in the newsletter. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail or from www.ruaea.org. Send your dues of \$30 for one year to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Or, pay your dues online with credit cards (Visa, MC, Discover Card) at www.ruaea.org.

We have the following birthdays in August, **Ame Esan** (8/7), **Richard Vehring** (8/7), **Wendy Young** (8/10), **Pat Nicholaisen**, (8/11), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Larry Young** (8/22), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), and **Barbara Tremonto** (8/24). Happy Birthday to each of the August Birthdays! We have the following Wedding Anniversaries in August: **Duri & Rose Mary Arquisch** (8/6/2008), **Lyn Deneen** (8/28/2009), **JoAnne & John Gaudio** (8/11/1984), **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25/1973), **Richard & Janet Vehring** (8/28/1976), and **Larry & Wendy Young** (8/28/1966). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

August 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.



TALL PINES

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

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA



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There is no report this month from the California NorthStaters chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

July 17 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos, CA. Come Join Us!

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Our meeting was held on June 19th at the Spyglass Restaurant in Shell Beach. Those attending were **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, **Barbara Stilwell**, **John Wessel**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We missed **Joan Schaefer** and **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**. We did not conduct any business since our President was absent. Our hosts were **Bob & Marcia Stanger** who supplied very nice candy treats. **Esther Bartlett** is quite an artist. She showed us a picture she painted that will be displayed in a gallery. She also gave the women at our luncheon various scarves that can be held together with magnets. This was a very clever idea.

It was good to get **Dale Harper's** Newsletter that he will be modifying what he will be sending out. He has gotten complaints as to some of the news UAL has put out. I'm looking forward to his revised newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on August 21st, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. The place is yet to be determined.



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Carole Paquin, with assistance from **Sheryll Waiss**, hosted the Sunbirds' Luncheon in June. Our host restaurant was Papa Dan's in Palm Desert with thirty Sunbirds in attendance and no guests this month.

Congratulations to **Gil & Marianne Patterson**, who will celebrate their 44th Anniversary on August 6th.

Patti Sica told us about her just concluded 3 weeks+ vacation. She started in Fort Lauderdale with a 14 day cruise to Dublin. After seeing the sights around Dublin, including the Blarney Stone (she did not elect to kiss it), she boarded another ship to Iceland (daytime high of 33 degrees - she worked on her tan). Patti says Iceland was wonderful, including the Godafoss Waterfall.

Marji and I took a week off our "busy" lives to go to Las Vegas to see Terry Fator; it's well worth the trip! If you ever get the chance, don't miss it!

Dave Wilson won the Birthday Lunch, and **Merv Myers** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing. **Chris Noel** and **Tom Sabo** each won a bottle of wine. Lastly, **Mike Bailardo** won a "gift certificate" from our host restaurant.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our July meeting was held on Monday, July 1 at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Concord with 16 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00. Special thanks to **George Midwin**, our Regional Director, for coming to our meeting. It was so nice to meet him and we wish him much success in his new position. We missed **Joe & Wilma Leather** who were with family in Idaho. **Cheryl Kincaid** and **Jack Smith** are recuperating from surgery and we hope they can attend next month.

After lunch, **Darlene Platten** conducted the raffle. **Margaret McGhee** won the 50/50. We also had a nice

selection of wine and various chocolate items.

Upon arriving home from our meeting, I received an email from **Jo Alice Canterbury** that **Roger Ehm** passed away on June 22, two days short of his 88th birthday. **Roger & Emily Ehm** had been members for years but his declining health had prevented them from attending recently. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 10 at 2 PM at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. If you would like to send a card to Roger's wife Emily, the address is 2324 Ptarmigan Ct. #2, Walnut Creek, CA 94595-3542. Here is a link to his obituary which I found online: <https://www.lastingmemories.com/memorial/roger-henry-ehm?obituaries>.

Last month I wrote about the Wings of Freedom aviation event which is touring the country until October. **George Midwin**, who knows a heck of a lot about airplanes, advised me that my info on the Collings Foundation's B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo" was incorrect. Their Tondelayo never saw combat. The original "Tondelayo" was used in the Pacific, but not in the Doolittle raid, and crashed during the war. Also, the Doolittle raid was essentially a one way mission. 15 of the 16 aircraft crashed or ditched in the ocean. One made it to Russia. None of the aircraft have been recovered.

I hope that others in "RUAEA Land" are able to see this when it's in their area ... and take your children and grandchildren! It started in May in CA and will end in October in SC, with shows in WA, MT, WY, CO, NE, IL, IN, OH, PA, NJ, MA, NH, MD and SC. See www.collingsfoundation.org for complete info and updates on the tour because they are still adding visits.

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

- ❖ Monday, August 5 at 11:00 - Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room.
- ❖ Monday, September 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ Monday, October 7 at 11:00 — El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée and beverage.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more

info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.



GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** called the June meeting with a toot on her handy-dandy duck horn (this generally wakes everyone up.) Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag reminds us to fly the Flag on the up-and-coming 4th of July celebration. Special thanks to those who have served, and are serving, our wonderful United States of America – keeping us safe and reminding us of the many freedoms we enjoy. Many of us have had special trips to various countries: Experiencing different cultures, diverse people, tasting interesting food, but it all boils down to how fortunate we are to be living here in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. You are encouraged to attend our next meeting as we are having a guest speaker from the Foster City Police Department as well as some extra-special goodies and treats to purchase that are baked by our very own Emeril Le **Cooper** (aka **Pete**) and J. Child **Colleen Wood**.

Here's what we have planned for the next three months:

- ❖ July 22 - BYOBL. Chef & “Chefess” Extraordinaire, Pete Cooper and Colleen Wood, will supply the goodies, bring some extra moola so that you can enjoy some neat treats.
- ❖ August 26 - Pizza Party with salad fixins' and dessert – signup at the July meeting.
- ❖ September 23 - Annual Picnic catered by Armadillo Willys', tasty BBQ and the works.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for May. As no one dared to correct her, they were approved as read. (Moral: Those who correct/complain, get the job – someone please complain!) The final roster was completed and given to those in attendance – Ginger will mail the rest.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was welcomed back. She thanked everyone for their support and kindness during these sad times. We will miss Jerry, may he rest in peace. While not a member of the Golden Gaters, **Patrice Simon Gibson** recently passed away. She was a well-liked member of management at the SFO MOC. We will miss member **Marilyn Guenther** who always had a kind word to say to each and every one of

us. **Ben Vietz** is slowly walking the road to recovery – hurry and get well. Former Western Region director, **Roger Casterline**, is getting some TLC at home. We welcomed **Ardell Furuta** as a guest and tried to twist her arm into joining – she worked at the MOC years ago (“years ago” - doesn't that define us all?) On the Bride and Groom list: **Pete & Kathy Cooper** are honeymooners (45 years) compared to **Jim & Helen Goodwine** who are celebrating their 60th - we can hardly wait to see that 6 carat diamond Helen gets! No one 'fessed up to being born.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** are working on the 2nd quarterly audit.

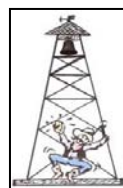
Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – the Beach Blanket Babylon dates are on a wait-list basis as the response was overwhelming. Other trips are in the offing so keep your eyes peeled for extra ordinary peregrinations in the future.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** and his wife **Helen**, are celebrating wedded bliss on a cruise.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave away the raffle winnings to **Kathy Hutt** and **Charlie Bogert**. One Bingo winner was accused of cheating (she offered to sell her bingo cards to the **Donovans**, who always seem to win, they declined graciously. He ferrets away his purloined cards in his basement, just waiting to spring them on us at the next Bingo Bash.)

I've learned that having just one person say to me “You have made my day,” makes my day ... so “Pay it forward dear ones!” and enjoy the outcome.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Greetings to each of you! Well, once again we all (31 present) were able to enjoy delicious meals – from “endless soup” to burgers or salads, sandwiches you could barely get your mouth open wide enough to take a bite! **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** arranged our luncheon at BJ's for this month – not only do we get a nice, (somewhat) separate room, good service and food, but we qualify to get in on their fundraising program and we will receive a rebate check. Sure a win-win all the way around! President **Bill Dinette** expressed our grati-

tude to them. Bill remembered the US flag this time, so we all rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Personally, I like that we have begun doing this ~ thank you, Bill, for thinking of it. So, for the “who’s having a birthday in June” question, we had only had **Jack Fitzpatrick** own up to it, however, I see that **Dolores Avallone** enjoys her special day this month as well as **Joyce Olivera**. Happy Birthday to each of you! The “who has an anniversary” query brought several hands into the air: **Cindy & Rudy Blazius** can count 52 years together; **Angie & Frank Dellinger** mark their Golden Anniversary!; **Judy & Jack Fitzpatrick** are at 18 years; **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** have 28 years and I see that **Roberta & Dan Ouchi** count to 53! Congratulations to all of you! Now, we said welcome to our four guests: The **Dellingers** brought **Kathy & Dan Duke**; **Rosemary Heier**’s sister, **Liz**, came and **Irv Wolfram** brought his friend, **Dan Hacker**.

President ~ Bill Dinette brought a bit of info from our Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**. Sonda thanked all who plan to attend the RUAEA convention in Denver. She also mentioned that recruiting new members to the various chapters can be somewhat a challenge, mainly because newly retired employees don’t have a resource that can tell them where there is a retiree group near them. Of course, the RUAEA Newsletter highlights many of the chapters, so all are encouraged to join RUAEA. If you learn of someone moving into the area, please invite them to join us at one of our meetings. Sonda also mentioned that when you pay your RUAEA dues, please do not put the “u” at the beginning of your employee number. While you do need to do that when accessing United’s website, it only causes chaos for RUAEA.

Vice President ~ Rudy Blazius didn’t have a report, but, being the organized person that he is, he made sure everyone who donated an item for our raffle had their ticket for a chance to win a prize. And, checked to be sure we all had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. Good deal on the tickets – 6 for just \$5.00.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny was not able to join us today, but his wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought us the information regarding our finances.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson did not have a report. I will get in touch with the 2 members we have not heard from yet and see if they just forgot, or plan to drop from our roster.

Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny reported that she sent a Get Well card to **Jack Fitzpatrick** – now Jack is doing great and was here! She also sent a condolence card to **Gerry Boyle** who lost her mother recently.

Historian ~ Pati Kenney was not able to join us, she took a tumble recently and is hurting. **Rosemary Heier** is organizing a “food train” to help Pati and Bill (who just had surgery) get through all this. Hope you’re feeling better, Pati.

New Business ~ Bill covered this in his report.

Old Business ~ A reminder that the annual get together for retired mechanics is coming up. Minden NV is the place for this event. There are usually around 100 retirees and their spouses who come to see friends and enjoy a barbecue. If you haven’t joined in at this get together, consider putting it on your calendar for 2020!

A reminder! Our July luncheon will **not** be on the second Monday. We will be getting together on Monday, July 15th at the Que Viva restaurant in Cameron Park.

Bill closed our meeting and Rudy began the raffle. Winner of the donator’s prize was **Dawn Martin**. A big “Thank You” to all who brought items: **Blazius** – candle; **Heier** – wine; **Martin** – golf bag cooler; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Dinette** – wine; **Kenny** – wine; **Gibson** – spirit orb and a big basket with a gift coupon as well as other goodies was donated by BJs!

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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On June 13, we met back at the La Gare Restaurant in downtown Santa Rosa, CA for our summer luncheon; we had 21 attending and it was hosted by **Larry Wilson** and me. We had help decorating the tables with beautiful bagged wines, with artificial flowers in each bag, used as centerpieces by **Barbara Underhill** and **Pat Ortega**. Larry & I also brought some wines and some Ghirardelli chocolates we spread along the tables. While there wasn’t a specific theme for the summer, many people wore their summer attire and a few had leis or flowers designed on their clothes! Raffle tickets were sold for the raffle of the wines and the traditional See’s truffle candies, brought by Larry and me.

We had 18 members attending and 3 guests: **Maggie & Ed Nelson**, guests of the **Hagens** and **Gigi Trevelyan**, friend of **Claire Hagen** and daughter of **Lee Trevelyan**, former member. We had some members out sick this time that were missed: **Ron Huhn**, **George Schwind** and **Joan Olsson**. We were happy to have **Roger Casterline**, who had been out ill last time, attending with his caretaker Gladys!

Barbara Underhill shared with us about the recent loss of her beloved husband **Jerry Underhill**, RER Vice-President. We learned a lot about Jerry’s personality from Barbara’s very honoring and moving tribute of him. We also learned of the recent passing of **Herb Johnson**, who had been an active member in our retiree group. Larry made some phone calls after the luncheon to **Ron Huhn** and **George Schwind**, to see how they were doing; it seems that they both greatly appreciated his concern! I had talked before the luncheon to **Jack Donahue** to see if

he was attending, and he told me that **Joan Olsson** was very ill. I plan to send out cards to them all!

The lunch menu choices were Salmon, Chicken, Pork and a Beef in wine sauce; we had a wonderful asparagus/leek soup and a butter lettuce with a great creamy light dressing. The dessert was a layered chocolate cake with whipped cream and a cherry on top! Everyone enjoyed their luncheon choices and the conversations with all the members and guests.

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting, welcoming all who came and acknowledged the loss of our dear VP **Jerry Underhill**. That is when he gave Barbara a chance to share about him.

Larry discussed the membership needed to have a qualified number to continue our luncheons at the La Gare Restaurant. They would like a minimum of 20 attending to serve a luncheon for our group; they are primarily a dinner restaurant and they have allowed us the privilege to be there because of our long time relationship. That is why many calls were made to encourage our members to come. It was discussed that we may consider having a last, year-end meeting in December. Larry and I also announced that in July this year we are moving to Missoula, Montana, therefore stepping down our positions in the group. **Barney Hagen** has agreed to take over the duties as president of the group. We are moving to join our son who took his family to live there and our daughter lives nearby in Idaho, so this will be a nice move for us, though a big change to the California weather! We will very much miss being in the group!

Barney Hagen reiterated that the dwindling membership and the below numbers needed to keep up requirements to hold future luncheons, may necessitate the interruption of future meetings until the end of year December luncheon, where we invite guests and distribute the remainder of the Charity Fund to select Sonoma County charities.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** shared that we have over \$500 in the General Fund and \$160.00 in the Charity fund. She suggested that we could use the monies in the general fund to subsidize the cost for all the members to reserve the La Gare in December for our Holiday luncheon, which could be our last meeting if conditions don't change.

I read off the birthdays and anniversaries for May and June; **Sam Orchard** won the free birthday luncheon; he & **Mickie** also celebrated a significant anniversary on June 1st. Next, Larry read some very funny Pilot jokes for us!

We finished up the meeting with the raffle of the fine wines and the See's candies; some of the kitchen staff who bought raffle tickets were also recipients of some of the prizes! We ended our time together saying goodbye and wishing we will see each other soon; but for Larry and I, as we are moving away, we will miss seeing everyone so much!

Larry Wilson encouraged all of us to contribute to the charity box on our way, as we were leaving!

Best Wishes and goodbye for now.



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Summer is moving along and once again I am a month behind in reporting our last Breakfast held in June. We meet on the first Thursday of every month and these occur after the deadline for the RUAEA newsletter.

We welcomed three new members to our group: **Martie Ambrosio**, **Galen Barr** and **Suzanne Georgi**. We look forward to seeing them at our upcoming events.

Mary Hernandez was accompanied by her daughter, Judy and Mary topped off the day by winning the 50/50!

Harvey Rubin was the winner of a Brigantine Gift Certificate given out as a token of appreciation for regular attendance at our breakfast and support of the RESANS group.

Paul & Joan Zadrozny celebrated 54 years of marriage on June 19th.

Our Birthdays were **Rosalie Tripicchio** (6/13) and **Carmen DiGregorio** (6/22).

Since our meeting was on D-Day, all of the Veterans were asked to stand and they were thanked for their service to our country.

Joanne Iwasaki and **Harvey Rubin** went to Las Vegas and saw the James Taylor show.

Helen Hutchinson and **Peter Hendricks** took a trip to England to attend a wedding and visit with family, they also went to the town where Helen was born. After returning from England they traveled to Seattle to attend another wedding. Both trips were great!

The August Birthdays: **Debbie Taylor** (8/9), **Ivan Pedersen** (8/9), **Jackie Schwartz** (8/22), **Margo Montelongo** (8/26) and **Robin Munsey** (8/27).

The featured retiree this month is **Betty Tomaino** ~ I hired on with United in April of 1966 in San Diego. I was in reservations and the Convention Desk and I also helped with Tickets-by-Mail. In October of 1971, United closed the Res Office and I relocated to LAXRR. While there, I worked Ticket-by-Mail, Convention Desk, Charters, Tour and Group Desk, Apollo Help Desk and training Travel Agents on Apollo. I then went to LAXSS as an Automation Specialist to Agencies with the Apollo system. When United chose to make Apollo an entity of its own, I chose to stay with United and became an International Concierge at LAX. In 1992, I transferred back to SANCS. I was a Customer Service Agent, working the counter and gates, Domestic Concierge for Premium Passengers. When United opened a Red Carpet Club, I was fortunate

to be selected and became a coordinator and remained there until I retired in 2003. I had a wonderful career with United and would probably still be there if it weren't for the merge.

I now volunteer 2 days a week driving the Electric Cart at San Diego Airport and I love it plus I get to see some of my former co-workers. It's been a great ride!

Everyone should have received the Convention issue of RUAEA and it is time to make your plans. The Denver team is hard at work to be sure there will be activities and good times for all who attend.

Calendar:

August 8 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our June meeting on the 26th at Buonarroti Ristorante, in Lincoln, CA. President **Jim Simon** hosted this month's luncheon. Jim welcomed everyone and thanked our servers for their excellent service. He stated that we have 40 members and 1 new member in attendance, **Bill Perkins** came from Reno and is now living in Lincoln. Jim passed out maps to Roger's Family Coffee Tour for those that did not receive by email. **Vicky Enriquez** reminded everyone to bring gifts for the raffle drawing every month.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** reported one anniversary for the month of June: Congratulations to **Angie & Frank Dellinger** on their marriage of 50 years!

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave the financial report for June, the chapter was able to subsidize part of our luncheon.

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Ken Norton**, wishing him a speedy recovery from knee surgery. She also reported on two new scams; these scams involve leaving messages on your phone advising of outstanding warrants and missed jury duty. Do not return these calls.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** – No Report.

Regional Director ~ **Sonda Sandstedt** - No Report.

Roster ~ **Jack Raynor** stated that he has new 2019 roster booklet for anyone that needs one. See him if you need one.

RUAEA Newsletter ~ **Francis Domaratius** reported they are trying some new things with the newsletter. They would like to start reporting on "good news" items. If you have good news or deeds to report, please send them in.

Ron Bertacini reported that Family Day will be the second Sunday, October 13, 2019 in San Francisco, dur-

ing Fleet Week. More details to come. **Terry Greenacre** reported the sad news of **Larry Coyle's** passing. His memorial will be held on July 14, please contact Terry for additional information. Jim reminded everyone that for monthly luncheon planning purposes, it's very critical to get your checks in by the deadline date. He was able to accommodate those that didn't get their checks in on time this month, but it's difficult for the restaurant to plan without a good number in advance.

Trudy Engledinger was our only birthday this month, so she won the birthday roll-off, "hands down". **Dave & Robin Garland** made the move up to the Sacramento area from the Bay Area. Vicky & George conducted this month's raffle.

Jim mentioned that next month's meeting will be held at The Sizzler in Auburn. Meeting was adjourned.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Hope everyone had a Happy 4th of July, enjoying barbeques with family and friends and of course fire works. The display of fireworks from Macy's was absolutely awesome! Unfortunately, we didn't go to New York but we did watch them on TV and it was outstanding!

Steve Foster wasn't available to attend our luncheon meeting, but his lovely wife, **Jacque** filled in for him by following his agenda. First things first was the Pledge of Allegiance, then Jacque thanked **Bob & Sandy Brooks** for hosting the luncheon meeting. Thank you Bob & Sandy from all of us.

We went to the Fusion Grill in Valley Springs that was a new place for me. There were 21 people in attendance. The food was great and so was the service. We had a semi private room and it worked out great because we tend to get a little loud from time to time, especially when **Don Nesja** shares his jokes with the group, which he did! Thanks Don.

Jack & I went to the UAL Reunion at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden. Approximately 125 people attended the big barbeque, which is always held in the RV Park. Every year more and more folks are attending and everyone has a wonderful time. We want to extend a big thank you to **Stan & Darlene O'Dell** for all the work they do to arrange for this gathering.

Our next luncheon will be held on July 11th at El Tero Restaurant in Jackson. This restaurant is in the same parking lot as Strings and we will be going to Strings on August 8th. The address for both is 11968 CA Hwy 88 in Jackson. We always meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month and all are welcome. If you would like any information about our chapter or meeting schedules, please call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 728-7641.

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We had a great turn out for our Vasona Park BBQ, over 60 people were in attendance, despite the oppressive heat, 106 degrees. We all stayed under the large covered picnic area and enjoyed a gentle breeze. There were ribs, chicken, potato salad, beans and then followed that up with a helping of desserts members brought. No one left wanting more. Former flight attendant, **Kathy Adams**, relayed stories of the days she worked charter flights for Bay Area sports teams. I'll have to publish some of them in future newsletters. **Tony Urso** took on the role to hold a Bingo, for some very nice gifts members brought in. Thanks to **Cheri Scales** who worked tirelessly to contact members and arrange for the master BBQ cook. In addition many thanks to those who helped set up and especially those who stuck around to clean up.

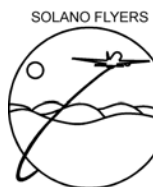
Bob & Karen Devlin are off on a cruise around the Baltic Sea. They were able to get a great rate on the cruise and took advantage of the 20% employee discount for positive space flights to ensure they didn't 'miss the boat'. We wish them a great trip.

George & Julie Midwin took a trip to Pismo, visited with an old Army buddy and toured some historical sites. On one such site, we were able to gain access to the Lompoc oil field and one well in particular is still producing oil after 67 years. That makes a total of 517 sites visited, of the 1,118 sites in California.

We were able to visit with **Alice Rostirolla** who has been busy doing some remodeling on her house. It was nice to have her at our breakfast after a long absence; it was also nice to see **Jay Cacioppo** this month. Missing was **Irene Lloyd**, we also missed **Roger Casterline**.

At our weekly meetings, President **Marianne Johnson** does a review of "This Day in History". Although some dates reviewed go way back in time, invariably our very own **Jean Jenkins**, always has a story that relates to something that was brought up. She never fails to provide some insight to an event or a person and keeps the members entertained with her relationship with history.

We meet weekly, each Friday, for breakfast, at Holders Country Inn, located at 988 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129, beginning at 0800. Please feel free to join us anytime.



SOLANO FLYERS

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June 12th found the following Flyers at The Point Restaurant in Rio Vista, for a very fine meal purchased by the Chapter. Attendees were **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**, **James Ellison**, **Jamie Schwafel**, **Paul Schwafel**, **Allan Pochop**, **Nolan & Mary Untiedt**, **Frank Uhl**, and **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**.

As VP **Allan Pochop** was a no show, the meeting was conducted by Secretary **Allan Pochop**. No important business was discovered or discussed, as the meeting went smoothly, but a few missed the yelling, screaming and nasty name calling.

Anniversary ~ **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**.

Birthday ~ **Joanne Blizzard** and **Allan Pochop**.

Calendar:

July 17 – 11:00AM, Bud's Restaurant, 100 South 1st St., Dixon, CA

August 21 - 11:00AM, Red Robin Restaurant, 186 Nut Tree Pkwy, Vacaville, CA

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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting and reminded us to bring our aluminum so we don't pay dues. 31 persons attended the breakfast. We are looking for volunteers for the convention in September. We have signup sheets and tours are all set up.

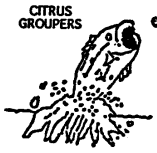
ABC Denver Channel 7 interviewed **Paul Goodyear** (**Tom Goodyear**'s son) in regards to the 787 plane (See the UAHF article in this newsletter). Three generations of the Goodyears have worked for UAL for a total of 214 years.

Our 50/50 winners were **Jim Spate**, **Tom Goodyear** (twice), **Doug Colbert**, and **Don Burbank**.

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, August 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.



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

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

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Due to the 4th of July holiday, our meeting was moved to one week later (July 11) and the meeting will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter. Have a safe and happy celebration!

Calendar:

August 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave.,
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As always, our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance; flag bearer, President **Ernie Vosges**! Several guests were welcomed: **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**' granddaughter, Tyler, member **Geneva Romine Brenton** from IND, **Jane Houston**, from MEM, and **Lori Fitak**, daughter of **Barb & Joe Fitak**. Thank you all for joining us for lunch. The anticipated information regarding our Christmas Luncheon, which will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Orlando on Tuesday, December 10th was discussed. We elected to change the date from our normal first Tuesday to the second Tuesday; because Thanksgiving is very late this year, falling on November 28. The private room at Maggiano's seats 50 guests, 5 tables of 10, so check your calendars and be ready to RSVP when the tickets go on sale!

Our Birthday folks this month included: **Mary McNeill** (7/17), **Ted LeGrand** (7/20) and **Laurie Bork** (7/22) and one special anniversary ... **Al & Joanne Mollet** celebrating 19 years of smiles and sighs on July 25th! Congrats to All!

Our "Getting to Know You" member today is **Al Mollet**. Al started his airline career with TWA back in '61 on the Ramp in ORD. He lasted there until '64 when he ran a tractor into the #3 engine on a 720 L. Stints in SAN, LAX, EWR, DEN, and finally MCO followed, and he retired from MCO as an Air Freight Lead! Sorry, I forgot to write down the year 'cause I was laughing so hard about hitting that engine!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Future Golden Corral Luncheons will be on August 6th, September 3rd and October 1st. Mark your calendar and join us – you'll be glad you did!

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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.

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

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There is no report this month from the Tampa Bay chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

August 5 – IHOP, 10:30





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Many members had plans over the 4th of July week, so it was decided to move the meeting to the 9th. News from that meeting will be in the August edition.

President **Al Popek** recently incurred a serious leg injury while gardening. Since the doctor has put him on "Stay-at-Home" with leg elevated care, he will be unable to attend the July meeting. Our best wishes go out to him and wife **Janice**.

Diane & Paul Liebisch are vacationing in Maui.

Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero are spending time in Rhode Island visiting family and friends. They attended the oldest in America, 4th of July parade and Sandy's 55th high school reunion. After returning to Florida, to rest up, they will fly back to Rhode Island for Bob's annual CHI PHI Fraternity Reunion. They also are flying to Rome this summer for a week's cruise ending in Barcelona.

Fran & Gene Student took their delightful grandson, Austin, on a fun filled vacation to visit Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole, WY. He earned his Junior Ranger Status on the trip. As a Florida boy, he had never seen snow fall, but had the experience on this trip. Fran's bucket list had included seeing the Old Faithful Geyser. She was finally able to check it off. They also were able to travel to NY and NJ to visit family and friends.

Well wishes go out to many of our members who are working hard to get off of the sick/recovery list. We hope to see you back with us very soon.

July birthdays include **Truman Barker** on the 15th and **Anne Kenda** on the 27th. Celebrating anniversaries are **Diane & Ron Brodis** on the 15th and **Fran & Gene Student** on the 20th.

Calendar:

August 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

September 3 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

October 15 - Semi-annual picnic, Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12:00 noon



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DIXIE FLYERS

On July 3, the Dixie Flyers met for lunch and a gab-fest. In attendance were **Tony & Kathleen Carringer**, and grandson, Crawford, a ramp service man for Delta Airlines. Also in attendance were **Mary Broderson, Sandy Lis, Barney Knotts, Fred Kron, Tom Wheeler, Don Shelley, Gary Tuttle, Stan Cebula**, and granddaughter, Amy. Stan won the 50/50 amounting to \$12 and donated it to the chapter charity, Ladies In Distress, a place for battered spouses.

Tom Wheeler and **Fred Kron** will celebrate birthdays on the same day, July 12, with no ages given, we wish them many more to come. Our sunshine lady, **Sybil Voss**, is still suffering with shingles in her eyes and is unable to attend the meetings.

Next luncheon will be August 7, at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia.

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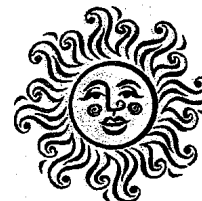
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like 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@icloud.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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BOISE GEMS

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Our August Boise Gems Meeting will be hosted by **Bud & Pat Peters** on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at the Banbury Golf Course in Eagle, ID. Members interested in attending this luncheon must call Bud & Pat at (208) 939-5857 to let them know you will be attending this luncheon. Bud & Pat need to give Banbury Golf Course a number of those attending no later than August 1, 2019.

Banbury Golf Course has reserved the shaded patio area for this luncheon, which has views of the first tee box and the 18th green overlooking the water. It will be nice to visit with each other as well as watching the golfers on this shaded patio area.

We hope everyone is having a good summer even though the weather is changing for all of us.

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August—Dog days of summer, Woof! In Chicago, we have the Air and Water Show on the 17th and 18th, always a crowd pleaser, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels, and the Royal Air Force Red Angels. Lollapalooza takes place from the 1st to the 4th, I bet you're all going downtown for that one. The Taste of Polonia, on the 30th, is always fun, you don't even have to be Polish. If you feel like traveling a little, the State Fair is in Springfield from the 8th to the 18th. The 14th is Governor's Day. We should go down and thank JP for all of those new taxes, if we can afford the gas. Some fun 'Days' this month are Girlfriends, Ice Cream Sandwich, International Beer, Grab Some Nuts, Sisters, Wiggle Your Toes, World Mosquito, Tooth Fairy, Just Because, Race your Mouse, and everybody's favorite, International Bacon Day. Wow, there are some doozies in there!

A few months ago, I talked about putting things in perspective. When I was 45 or so, and I heard about someone dying at 70, I thought, wow, how old, at least they had a good long life. Now I'm over 70, I hear about someone dying at 65, I think, wow, so young! It's kind of funny, how being old doesn't seem so old, now that I am old. I'm just happy I open my eyes in the morning, hear the bones creaking, but am still looking down at the roses, and not up at their roots! Allelujia! So glad you're all here to laugh with me, too!

Our Northside breakfast had 10 people. Many must have been on vacation. **Elena & Cesar Guerra** brought their two grandsons. Our friend **Ginny Vlach**, told me that she occasionally dog sits for her furry great granddaughter, Benji, a Maltese/Yorkie mix, who is cute, playful and absolutely adorable. One cold snowy morning, she let her out on the side of the house since her back yard was filled with snow. Benji's collar broke, and she took off toward the street. Ginny tried to coax her back in with treats, but that little white ball of fluff just kept strutting further away, having on a light robe, slippers, and not much else, she had to run after Benji for half a block. They finally connected; Ginny swooped her up and carried her home, with a few choice words to the dog! That had to be rough with cold, ice, snow and no cane, but our grandma prevailed.

The Southside breakfast had 13 retirees. Returning were **Mila Walker**, **Bill Corbett**, **Linda & Ed Ward**, **Gwen & Paris Brooks**. **Linda & Ed Ward** and **Bill Corbett** won the raffle.

About 20 men came to the ORDMM breakfast at Maxfield's. **Don Kamlich**, **Bob Palm** and **Harry Kargenian** returned from points unknown. Some traveling going on with all groups, most are buying the 20% discounted ticket. Since we virtually get on last, nobody wants to take a chance, especially if we're connecting or going on a cruise.

The IAM Lodge 1487 will have their annual picnic on August 1, at the Lodge, on Oakton Avenue. The lodge officers will be serving the group with summer delicacies such as hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, salads, and desserts. Feel free to bring any assortment of veggies, fruits, and after dinner treats for the group. Please remember to bring a wrapped item for the White Elephant's Sale. Last month, the members approved \$250 to sponsor a hole at the Lodge's Annual Golf Outing on August 15. Proceeds will be donated to the Guide Dogs of America. There will also be a Back to School Supply Drive in August. What a busy little Lodge, and all for worthy causes.

The Chicago Skyliner's held their annual summer Hawaiian luncheon at Chandler's for 156 retirees and friends. The Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers entertained with beautiful scantily clothed girls and Island music. Some of our members even danced, **Toni VanKampen**, and **Penny Treptow**, did the hula. **Don Burbank**, president of RUAEA, who came in special for our luncheon, also

danced the hula. **Renee & Gary (Ernie) Jakus**, ORDCG, made everyone laugh with their exhibition of New Zealand fuzzy balls flying through the air, and gyrating to the music. They all were great sports and made us all howl with laughter. Then the Hawaiian Wedding Song played, and many members danced. It was a beautiful sight, so moving. We all have memories of our trips to the Islands, sun-filled days and those lovely star-filled nights. Many thanks to Don, and his wife, Toby, for coming to our little party. They must have enjoyed themselves because they asked when the next ones were. What a compliment! By the way, our Septemberfest luncheon will be September 10, at the Cotillion in Palatine, one of our favorite places, along with an authentic German oompah band. Remember they sell their delicious homemade bread!

I've heard from some of our old friends that have moved away, **Bob & Carol Faust**, **Jack Schramm**, **Ed Hughes**, **Rich Bulanda**, **Boris Spitz**, **Jim McCusker**, and **Georgeanne Auer**. They all said Hi, and wanted you to know they're still kicking and enjoying their new cities in AZ, NV, CO, and FL. Sadly, I must report that two of our ORDMM men are moving away, **Dave Stoves** is permanently moving to Florida, and **John 'Ski' Witkowski** is going to live closer to his daughter in North Carolina, we'll sure miss those witty one-liners from both guys.

The RUPA lunch was at Nick's Pizza and Pub in Crystal Lake, with over 45 people in attendance. **Herb Hunter** was the speaker. You probably know him as being the announcer for the Air and Water Show. He also is a retired UAL pilot. Herb talked about his history with the Show since 1988, how he started by being a participant, then singing the National Anthem, to eventually being the official announcer. Herb also explained behind-the-scenes FAA/political ramifications with it and Chicago. He was charming and funny, everyone enjoyed his presentation. The next RUPA lunch will be at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin, on September 10.

Our fellow UAL'ers that flew West last month include **Jerry Westfield**, ORDFO, **Cathy Matteson**, **Pat Kneuppel**, ORDCS/DENCS, **Fred & Sue Wingfield's** daughter, **Kara**, and **Gary Mills**, ORDCS/MCOOZ, **Karen Coffin**, and **Jerry Meierkort's** wife, **Madeline**, CHIRR, **Dale Jacobson Sr.**, EXOTD, **Jimmy Woodard**, OPBFO. Also gone from this world are Russ Ewing (WMAQ), Max Wright (ALF), Franco Zeffirelli, Gloria Vanderbilt, Judith Krantz, Dave Bartholomew, Beth Chapman, Lee Iacocca, Arte Johnson, Chris Cline, and Joao Gilberto. May tail winds and blue skies follow you always.

Retirement is great; you don't have to set an alarm.

Calendar:

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

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

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**August 1**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

September 10 - Skyliner's Fall Lunch - The Cotillion, 360 S. Creekside Dr., Palatine, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

December 3 - Skyliner's Christmas Lunch - The Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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INDY RACERS

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Our June meeting was held at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill on Tuesday, June 11. In attendance were **Hannelore Brabo**; **Mario Bregante**; **Bob Duty**; **Frank Ingegno**; **Chris Johnston**; **Ed Loftus**; **Frank & Rita Prinz**; **Dimple Rihel**; **Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony Theiss**; and **Tony Urbanovic**. The business discussed was final details of the summer party. The date will be Tuesday, July 9. The party will be at Charles Theiss' home, 10630 Thorny Ridge Trace, Fishers, Indiana, 46037. The party will start at 1130 and end approximately 1400 (2:00pm). The party is earlier than the normal meeting allowing people to avoid rush hour traffic.

Chris Johnston announced he is leaving the Indy Racers Correspondent position. This is because he will become the Treasurer for the national RUAEA organization. **Frank Ingegno** will assume correspondent duties beginning September, 2019.

As I reflect on my involvement with the Indy Racers, I am appreciative of the membership we have had, the people that held positions on the board, and most appreciative of those responsible for starting the Indy Racers.

My involvement with RUAEA began when **Ray Brabo** asked if I would chair the first organizational meeting. As a result of that meeting, I was asked to be president of the group. Because of my early involvement I consider myself a founding member.

Ray Brabo is a founding member. Ray had the original idea to form a RUAEA chapter. Without Ray's idea, there may not have been an Indiana chapter.

Hannelore Brabo is a founding member. Serving as the group's first secretary, Hannelore sent out letters, and made telephone contacts to United Retirees to advise them of the organizational meeting.

I would like to thank **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** for the work they put into founding the Indy Racers, and the support Ray & Hannelore have provided over the years.

The Indy Racers normally meet at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill located at 7508 Beechwood Center Road, suite 300, Avon, IN, 46123. The phone for Emmy's is (317) 272-7200. The only exceptions to the normal meeting place, unless voted by the group, are the summer party, and the Christmas Luncheon, which will be at Maggiano's Little Italy located in The Fashion Mall, 3550 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46240. The normal meeting day is the second Tuesday of each month March through December. We do not meet in January or February. The meeting agenda is lunch 1130-1230, business meeting at 1230-1315 (1:15pm) ending with social time 1315 (1:15pm) to meeting end at 1400 (2:00pm)

Our meeting schedule for 2019 will be:

- ❖ Tuesday August 13 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday September 10 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday October 8 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday November 12 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday December 10, the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy.

If anyone is traveling and will be in Indianapolis on a meeting day, we invite you to join us. Call **Chris Johnston**, (317) 694-4406 for more information.

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

We are at the beginning stages of planning an August get together. Stay tuned!

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Since our July luncheon on July 11th, hosted by **Joan Benoit** and **Carol Shaffner** at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, is held after the deadline of the Newsletter, it will be reported in a future date.

We had a great time at George's Senate for our June luncheon, hosted by **Gwen Dyc**. Attending were myself,

Camille Wade, **Marguerite Venn**, **Joni O'Brien** and her mom, **Helen**, **Joan Robinson** and **Glen & Frida Turner** (friends of Camille and Gwen). The waiter and waitress were so enthralled with Helen that she was 104. Both of them said they knew no one over 100 years old and they ended up taking a picture with her. Helen is just amazing!

Joan Robinson is moving to Florida in the coming weeks and **Barb Miller** is moving to Ohio in August. We will certainly miss both of them. Hope they can make it to one more luncheon before then.

Patty Gates and **Cathy Dewey** are both home and recuperating.

Camille Wade had surgery recently and is now home and doing well.

Thought for the month: *Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you.*

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Once again, my thanks to Secretary **Mary Brennan** for taking notes, while we were off on our annual quest for **big** fish at Lake of the Woods, straddling the US - Canadian border.

27 Lites and 2 guests met for lunch, conversation and a few laughs. **Lee Storlie** brought **Bill Walker**, a 39-year MSP retiree from the Continental side of the equation. Every one of us is happy to welcome fellow retirees; after all we're all in the same boat. Might as well make some new friends! **Arlene Kelley** brought her friend, **Sherry McClain**. Both of their husbands were fishing about 45 miles south of the **Glattlys** on Lake of the Woods.

Mary Brennan's daughter, Susan, is once again doing the "Ride Across Minnesota", a 5-day bikeathon fundraiser for MS July 22-27. This year, the bikers begin and end at Willmar in the SW part of the state, covering four towns and about 300 miles. About 800 folks ride in teams, camping out in parks in the host towns. Each team has a dollar goal and Susan's team, the "Prairie Pedalers", hopes to raise \$3,000 for MS awareness. Our group matched last year's donation of \$100 again this year.

Rosemary Soltis conducted the meeting that day. She travels almost as much as the **Delvauxs**, so she told about some of her trips. She recently met up with **Bob Daniels**, former sales rep from decades ago, now retired from a successful local travel agency and tour operation. Back in the day, UAL carried many of the major league baseball teams and they were billeted at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis where we had a ticket of-

fice. Gene Autry and his CA Angels team were particularly remembered.

Everyone was glad to see **Dave Wiley** again and particularly happy to see him looking and feeling so well. His buttons were popping when he told about his first great-grandson, only 2 months old and already a veteran of two Twins games.

Arlene & Joe Kelley received a subscription to Ancestry.com for Christmas last and she related how many wonderful facts she had uncovered about her family. Others in our group have also used it and being able to view and copy images of actual documents (census records, birth/death/marriage certificates, and land records) is particularly fascinating.

There was a good UAL turnout at the memorial service for **Al & Mary Killian's** son, Dan. From all accounts, if you hadn't known him, you missed out on knowing a great guy, taken from the world too soon.

The Queen of Sass, **Nel Brawner**, is mourning the loss of her old (& I mean old) red, stick-shift Saturn. She'd dearly love to find another exactly like it, but they don't make the durned things anymore, so I don't know what she's going to do. Maybe she can find a newer one with fewer miles on it. With all the computerized bells and whistles on the new cars nowadays, I'm not sure that wouldn't be the best way for her to go ...

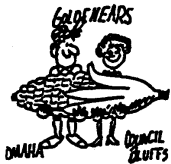
After two really hot days (truly!) in Canada, a front came through and the rest of the week of fishing was cool and breezy. Lots of walleye, smallmouth bass, northern pike and one muskie were caught, too much food eaten and beers drunk. Another great trip to Lake of the Woods!

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

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Twenty nine retirees gathered at the Elmwood Tower hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk** for our May luncheon. The food and facilities are always a treat. We were so happy to see some folks we haven't seen in quite a while: **Larry Nollette**, **Hilde Schwan**, **Elaine Schreiber**, **Lorraine Stanfield**, **Peggy & Kenny Casebeer**, **Kathy Janus** and **Elaine Carlson** were all in attendance. It was great to see all of you. We also had some guests: **Patty Shook** brought her friend Beth. **Tony Sortino** brought

his sister in law **Kathleen Davy**, Kathleen lives in Florida but was in town visiting family and friends.

The winners of the 50/50 were **Kathleen Davy** and **Dick Weak**, each received \$18. Kathleen returned her winnings to the chapter. Thank you Kathleen!

June birthdays ~ **Jim Sophir** (14), **Rita Purkapile** (16), and **Jim Braden** (29).

What a beautiful day for a picnic; twenty one of us gathered at The Train Depot in Blair, hosted by **Betsy & Bill Anderson** and **Sharon & Dick Loftus**. The facility is perfect; we had indoor seating for the picnic and outdoor tables, as well, in a beautiful park. Betsy also arranged for a speaker from Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, Chris Casey, to give us detailed information about their services. If you have care needs you should look into their agency for help no matter where you live. We didn't have a 50/50 but did give away several flower decorations.

I learned that **Larry Nollette** is now home and doing better. He is able to walk now with some soreness but not the intense pain he had previously, he will have assistance of home health care for a few weeks. He had a bone scan while in rehab and is currently waiting for the results. We wish you the best of results from that Larry.

I visited **Mel Harrison** recently. She is doing very well. She is as perky as ever; she reports more difficulty with her vision, but otherwise has no complaints.

Denny Pierson spent a week in the hospital with pneumonia; he is back home and recovering. We hope all has resolved Denny.

I checked in with the **Bradens**; **Dorothy** says, "*Jim is doing great and I'm mean as ever.*" Jim has finished his treatments and is getting along real well. He has difficulty with feeling in his extremities and his sense of taste but otherwise no complaints.

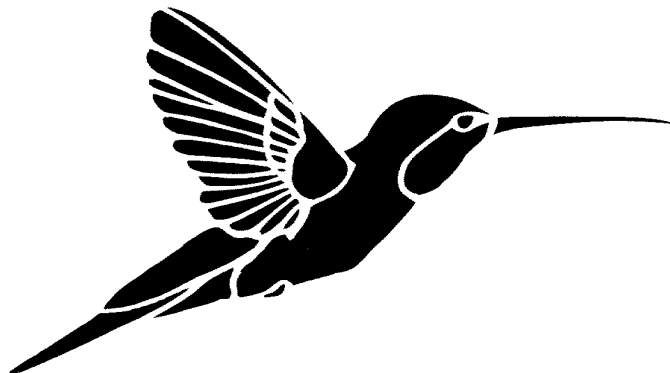
July birthdays ~ **Dick Loftus** (3), **Sharon Loftus** (3), **Harry Hanson** (11), **Jan Cornish** (15), **Elaine Carlson** (15), **Tom Langan** (15), **Betsy Anderson** (19), and **Elaine Schreiber** (19).

Our next meeting on July 9th at the Pizza Ranch will be reported later.

Calendar:

August 6 - TBD

September 3 - TBD



NEVADA

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The Silverliners held their regular luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill with 29 members and guest in attendance. One guest was **Jeannie Rolland's** daughter **Laura Marshall**. The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance; after the Pledge we introduced **Ruth Morabito**, RUAEA Arizona/Mountain Director. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** made a few announcements pertaining to Pass Travel and Enrolled Friends. He also reminded the membership about the upcoming convention September 23 - 28 in Denver, after that we all sat down and had our lunch served. After lunch, Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** gave the membership the financial report for our Chapter which was well received. Jeannie also mentioned that the August Luncheon will be \$10.00 per member instead of \$20.00 per member. This was being done to try to attract a better turnout during the summer meeting. Jeannie discussed the issue with Giuseppe's about our informing them of the number of attendees and that the number given to them on the Monday prior to our Luncheon is it; she also mentioned that next meeting will be a surprise menu created by the Chef at Giuseppe's. **Don Rutkowski** thanked **Jeannie Rolland** and **Eleanor Vasko** for their efforts to arrange the seating, the menu and sweet treats for this and every luncheon, their efforts pay off nicely.

Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Members May/June Birthdays and Anniversaries. Eleanor mentioned that her husband Mike was in attendance after his surgery. Eleanor also mentioned that our member **Madeline Meierkort** was at home and being cared for by her husband **Jerry**. Madeline has stage 4 lung cancer and all our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family. **Ron Ptak** was in attendance after getting over some medical issues, it was good to see him. Our past Secretary **Christine Earl's** husband **Woody** suffered a heart attack last month while playing golf; he will need a heart valve repair. He also is home under Christine's care.

Ruth Morabito addressed the membership about her duties and responsibilities as a RUAEA Director. She was very active at the meeting taking questions and introducing herself to all members. It was very important to the membership to have our RUAEA Director come to visit us. This was the first Director we had at our meeting in over 7 years that I have been a member. Ruth had a very positive attitude and promised to be back and participate with us.

Just before closing the luncheon, we had our 50/50 drawing for \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00 plus we also raffled off many wrapped items placed on the gift table by the membership. **Don Rutkowski** also mentioned that he and his wife **Georgia** volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities here in Las Vegas and collect the pop top tabs on soda, beer and other drink cans for the charity. We ask that you save them and bring them in to a meeting or send them to us so we can turn them in to help support RMHC. The Luncheon / Meeting was closed and the Board members wished everyone to be safe driving home and Happy Flag Day tomorrow. The next Luncheon will be on August 8, 2019.

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



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 12 members at our June meeting at The Black Bear Diner, including **Donna & Bill Perkins** who recently moved to Roseville, it was nice to see them again. John and I attended the NorthStaters meeting in Chico at the end of May, it was nice to see everyone but disheartening to hear about the lingering effects of the Camp fire that destroyed Paradise. Some of the members will stay in the area and others have left. We also attended the Maintenance gathering in Minden on June 19th and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the not-too-hot sunny day.

The September meeting will be at Murieta's Mexican Restaurant at 8195 So. Virginia St. by the old pink Scolari's building. It will be on Wednesday, September 11. The restaurant will issue individual checks but, like Black Bear Diner, there will be other patrons so it may take a few minutes to check out. Please be sure to add a tip. There is a Special Lunch Menu that has prices ranging from \$7.99 to \$10.49 that include one main entrée item (taco, enchilada, etc) with rice and beans then add about \$2.99 for non-alcoholic beverages. We will also get chips and salsa when we sit down. We will be using a raised area that seats about 25 so please RSVP if you plan to attend. Please send an email to **Barbara Leusing** to RSVP no later than September 8 at lvlbjl@gmail.com. You can leave a message at the Reno house at (775) 852-

4935 but email is better.

Patrice Simon passed away in early June, many who worked at the MOC knew her.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Larry Reid** and **June Roe**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Norm Borchers**.

Our next meeting will be July 8 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

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Our Garden Staters' meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. After a lot of talking, our lunch was served.

Marty Etler, who is a member of Fairlawn New Jersey Rotary, reported that they had sponsored a career day at the Memorial School in Fairlawn for eighth and ninth graders. He also said that United Airlines employees were star performers at this exposition. With the help of **Frank Kokoszka**, we brought in two active pilots, and two in-flight personnel, with many giveaways. One of the pilots was a female who is head of 757 pilots at Newark. We got great feedback from the school and everyone was most pleased at United's presentation. I can tell you that the United spirit is alive and well.

Also, **Frank Kokoszka** talked about employees who are selling their passes, however, these people eventually got caught, and now they're out of a job. Can anyone tell me that all that was worth it?

Ed Marucci won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on July 31, at Snuffy's restaurant in White Plains at 12 PM.

**** From the great prophet Leroy *"There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group, there is less competition there"*.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS



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June 6th, the Buffalo Chips met for lunch at the Gate House Grill, Williamsville, NY, one of the restaurants on

the United Club list. They agreed to allow us to select from the menu with individual checks, made it an easy day. We had guest from Richmond, VA; former Buffalo employee **Michael O'Meara** and wife **Fay**. They knew most of the other 19 people at the lunch so everyone had a great time reminiscing. They moved around the system a bit with a stop in Seattle where Mike was an Operations Planner and worked with my son, Jerry Jr. Faye worked in SEARR with my daughter Diane before she moved to the airport and up thru the ranks, retiring about 6 years ago as the GM. I missed Mike and Faye in both Buffalo, they moved on before I arrived and I had moved on before they arrived in Seattle. Mike recently retired from the fixed base operator in Richmond, where his UA experience helped considerably as they were a marked target for diversions for UA and others at Washington's two airports.

The past couple of months have been hard on our membership, losing two of our regular attendees. **Noreen Andrews**, widow of **Joe Andrews**, BUFSS. When we started the chapter, I was new on the computer and needed a mailing list and Noreen stepped in and printed all the labels on her church system. We provided the labels. This continued for about 4 years, without her help we might not have made it this far. Noreen loved meeting with the group and for a lengthy period of time was on dialysis and oxygen. One volunteer or another would help her get to meetings after she stopped driving. The second, **Roger Townsend**, retired aircraft mechanic. Roger went thru the rich and thin years in Buffalo, moving from mechanic to janitor and finally back to mechanic before he retired. He rarely missed a retiree meeting. After retiring Roger and several American and US Air mechanics spent hundreds of hours restoring to flying condition a PBY flying boat. It presently resides in the Canadian Forces collection of WWII planes at the airport in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. They have an extensive collection of British, Canadian and US aircraft, many of which pass through US Customs Buffalo every spring and fall, on their way to or from air shows in various parts of the Northeast. Noreen & Roger will be sorely missed.

Our next meeting is planned at a new restaurant, "The Oak Stave" in East Amherst, NY on September 10 or 11, the exact date is to be determined about a month before the date.

NEW YORK METROS

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As July 4th is upon us, I'm sure many of our members are traveling, so our turnout was only twenty-two Metros.

Happy birthday to **Kitty McSweeney**, **Nick Manfredi** and **Ed Pozzi**.

Happy anniversary to **Joseph & Maryanne Lilly** and **Paul & Lillian Cohen**.

50/50 winners: **Donna Feingold** (1st), **Ed Pozzi** (2nd) and **Harold Koch** (3rd).

August 7th will be our picnic at Wantagh State Park. We have lots of great volunteers to bring food, ice, desserts, etc. The cost to members will be \$10 for hamburgers, hot dogs and salad. The cost for guests is \$15. I hope to see lots of you there.

Since no one wants my job, I am going to start a new policy. Each table will be responsible for info for the newsletter. It will be called "Chatter That Doesn't Matter." Hopefully it will be more interesting than I!

Happy 4th (my mom's birthday). Enjoy!

Calendar:

August 7 – Annual Picnic at Wantagh State Park

OHIO



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Well summer is almost here, but the weather in Ohio has been pretty chilly for the most part. Our luncheon in June was at Rose Hill restaurant in Medina, OH. They really put on a good lunch for us. This is the last time for our lunch here as the restaurant is closing. We give a big "Thank You" for all the wonderful meals and service. Grace was said by **Dolly Taucher**. We had 64 members and guests attending. We gave big "Thank you" to our hosts **John & Carrie Kercel**. After lunch, President **Dolly Taucher** held our meeting. This year's RUAEA National Convention is in Denver, starting September 23rd thru September 28th. If you want to see more information, go to RUAEA's website, www.ruaea.org for all of the news. And speaking of websites, we have updated ours, www.ualohiobuckeyes.org, so go to it and see all the news and slide shows of our luncheons.

We welcomed our guests for the day, **Ron & Pam Bartter** who were guests of **Bernie Kazimer**. And thanks to **Dave & Sharon Simpson**, our other guest was **Dolly Bellovics**. We are very happy to say that all 3 guests did apply for membership. I guess that they enjoyed themselves so much that after the luncheon they decided to join our chapter. We welcomed back 3 of our "snowbirds", **Ed Allen** and also **John & Jean Hughes**. Although, they probably thought it would be warmer here than it was.

We held our 50/50 drawing with our first winner being **Steve Pytel**. And then he drew the next ticket and lo and behold he drew his wife's number, **Cathy Pytel**.

June Birthdays (attending) included **Richard Mullen**, **Dave Simpson**, and **Judy Spooner**.

All June Anniversaries: **Ralph & Donna Bruggeman** (29 years), **Dick & Jean Foster** (66 years), **John & Angie Gaultier** (66 years), **Tom & Marty Hassel** (43 years), **Tom & Peg Heidecker** (51 years), **Tom & Helen Hockett** (27 years), **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (61 years), **Dick & Jane McPheter** (12 years), **Don & Pearl Park** (59 years), **Ted & Jean Richardson** (55 years), and **Frank & Barb Wachs** (25 years).

Calendar:

August 7 - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville. Free to members. Non-members must pay \$5.00. See more details on our website. "Our Buckeyes Newsletter for the rest of 2019 will be distributed at the picnic."

OREGON

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At the June's meeting, we were delighted to have 55 members and 1 guest join us. **Patty Cox Hollosy's** daughter, Kerri, was visiting from New Orleans and able to join her mom at another of our great gatherings. It's always good to see her when she's here visiting! Terry reminded us that this year's convention will be in Denver, CO, September 23-28 and that registration can be completed online as well as by mail. She encouraged all to consider attending. Unfortunately, most members indicated that they would not be able to. We have had some recent hot weather and all were reminded to be sure to stay hydrated!

We also continued our previous conversation regarding our member's volunteer experiences: Terry publically acknowledged and thanked member **Dennis Cline** for being our volunteer chauffeur, bringing folks to and from the parking lot in a golf cart. **Jeri Blodgett** and her husband, **Len**, are guides to disembarking passengers of cruise ships who wish to see the sites in beautiful Astoria, Oregon; Jeri also volunteers at her church preparing/serving food at various functions. **Bob Pfeiffer** is on the board of Parents of Murdered Children. **Sarah Blare** volunteers at her church serving meals to the homeless. **Pat & Patsy Ogden** are volunteers with The Assistance League of Greater Portland, there are 180 members, all volunteers. Some of their many programs include Operation School Bell providing clothes for needy children, Assault Survivor Kits are provided, Life Story Scrap Books are provided for those in foster care. This national

organization also has a thrift shop and a consignment shop. The volunteers in Portland are made up of about 1/3 counselors, 1/3 teachers and nurses and 1/3 general public. The Portland League clothed about 1400 children last year.

We have only one death to report this month. Four days after our meeting, long time member **Jane Futrell** passed on after battling Multiple Myeloma for a few years. We also have some infirmities to report: **Carl Gruenberg** was diagnosed with cellulites, and is now in a rehabilitation center where the medical staff is working to reduce the swelling and infection. Carl said he would like to receive cards or have visitors rather than phone calls, because it is difficult for him to hear over the phone that is in his room. You can send get-well card to him at Marquis Mt. Tabor, 6040 SE Belmont Street, Portland, OR 97215. **Sue Lovenstein** had knee surgery on May 21st. **Anita Donaldson** had knee surgery week before last, she is doing well now and having physical therapy. **Alice Pankrantz** had lung surgery, and it is now difficult for her to talk. **Jane Futrell**, who has multiple myeloma, is not doing well, and hasn't been well for some months. (Sadly, Jane passed away on June 16, 2019—on Father's Day. Her funeral was on Friday, June 21, 2019)

But we also have some good news: **Susie Clack** had two broken vertebrae from a recent fall, but she is doing much better now, and hopes to be at our meeting next month. The remodel of the first of 2 bathrooms is now underway at the **Tom & Terry Hotchkin's** home. Terry is delighted, Tom not so much!

We are having another beautiful day here in Portland.

This month's quote from our President was from Ann Landers: *"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At age 40, we don't care what they think of us. At age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all."*

Anniversaries: **Ray & Sherry Reed** (54 years)

Birthdays: **Dorothy McDowell** (73) and **Jerry Knott** (79).

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Anna Miller**; *Men's Birthday* - **Jerry Knott**; *Women's Birthday* - **Dorothy McDowell**; *50/50* - **Nancy Hooper**.

Calendar:

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

August 14 - Guest speaker from Dogs for Veterans

September 11 - Social gathering

OUR CLUB

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There is no report this month from the OUR Club chapter of RUAEA.

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**THE
INDEPENDENTS**

June 10th was our last meeting until fall. We had an indoor picnic at the Clarion Hotel in Essington. Seventeen persons enjoyed the good food and friendship. We played a table game of a fun gambling game, the most you could lose was \$2.25. No big winners or losers. Just fun! See you October 14th. Enjoy the summer and sign up for the UAL convention.

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I hope by now the rain has eased up. Honestly, we will all turn to rust if it keeps up. I hope everyone had a Happy Independence Day. Time is flying by.

June Birthdays ~ **Verna Alex** (6/7), **Jean Wolfe** (6/20), **Phyllis Smith** (6/22), and **Jim Weber** (6/24).

June Anniversaries ~ **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (6/2), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (6/18), and **Dave & Gwen Detwiller** (6/22).

Well, the Fire Chief **Bill Chicots** responded to Olga's "What ever happened to?" Bill informed us **John Grossi** lives in the Brookline section of Pittsburgh at 711 Linda Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. The last time they saw him he was in a wheelchair and on oxygen.

Bill himself went for shoulder surgery on April 17th and is still recovering. He enjoys his granddaughter Hal-lie Jane who turned 2 on May 5th. They are expecting another grandchild on the beginning of the year. Johanna is still working for Westinghouse in Cranberry Twp. Bill is still in the wholesale parts at Shults Ford in Wexford. Bill is also still the Fire Chief at Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. and says it will probably be his last year for doing that since it is a young man's job. Bill's address is 2419 Rochester Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. His cell number is (412) 352-7375.

Condolences go out to **Cathy Cavallo**, Madsen's family, on her sudden and unexpected passing, her beloved twins along with her son and daughter will surely miss her. Cathy, at one time was quite active in our activities. May she rest in peace.

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

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

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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With no meetings during the summer months, the Emerald City Slickers looked forward to their third "annual" picnic/barbecue July 9, which will be history by the time you read this. Once again, the chapter thanks **Kathi Skarbo**, close friend of **Ken & Judy Storey**, for hosting the group at her spacious, super-welcoming lake-front home in Burien.

When regular meetings of the Seattle chapter resume at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien in September, the group will continue to be led by Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison** (be sure to catch her long article on visiting Prague, one of UAL's new destinations, in the July issue of this magazine). Both are frequent travelers, and sharing the job gives each of them the ability to miss a meeting without undue hardship to the chapter.

Phyllis Bowman officially continues as vice president and membership chair while recuperating away-from-home from a broken hip. Her duties are capably covered, at least temporarily, by **John Haferbecker**, our go-to Jack-of-all-trades.

The treasurer's position is filled by **Bonnie Frey**, with **Noreen Krawczyk** backing her up as assistant treasurer. Noreen handles communications and reservations between the chapter and the meeting location. Special thanks go to **Dolores Steger**, the volunteer who takes telephone reservations before meetings.

Virginia Dice beams sunshine; **Gay Liesse** writes these newsletter columns, and **Vicki Shumaker** publishes the chapter newsletter.

Months ago, May to be exact, **Ken Storey** was profiled with information taken from a recurring column in Contrails, the chapter newsletter published before meet-

ings, titled "Member Highlight." Several of our retirees have been noted, but we may never catch up with all of them. We left Ken telling of the many jobs he had at United during his tenure as a mechanic – from props to jets. While claiming that the 727 was the easiest plane to work on, Ken felt that the 747 was the hardest, simply because of its sheer size. His experience with the early 707s was set aside when he joined UAL, which was flying DC-6s, DC-7s and Convair 340s at the time, all prop planes with the influx of jet planes on the horizon. It sounds as if Ken, during his career, worked on just about every variety of airline aircraft being flown at one time or another. Ken also was active in the IAM, acting as committee secretary, and serving the Mainliner Club as president and volunteering on Club activities such as Easter egg hunts and other seasonal activities. Other IAM members volunteering in Mainliner Club functions, some of them now deceased, included **Joy Heritage**, **Guy Lamond**, **Ernie Nelson**, **Don Ross**, and **Ed Rouso**. Flight Kitchen employees **Bruno Good** and **Joe Steger** helped the Easter effort with hard-boiling eggs to be hunted. Good times remembered.

Also known for his piano-playing and coaching an 18-girl "red-stitch" fast-pitch softball team, Ken lost his first wife and a daughter to illness but is survived by two daughters. He found a helpmate when he married Judy in 1983. A retired school teacher, Judy is an integral part of the Emerald City Slickers.

As retirees of United Airlines age, we find ourselves more and more sharing memories of those who have left our ranks, whether or not they were official members of RUAEA or the Emerald City Slickers. We've become careful readers of newspaper obituaries to be sure we don't miss mention of any retiree who might have been in Seattle on the job beside you. While it is sad to learn of these losses, it is gratifying to note that many retirees live well into their 80s and beyond, enjoying life to the fullest.

The late **Jack Mitchell** "loved aviation and flight. He took flying lessons as soon as he could and made his first solo flight on his 16th birthday." Jack worked as a customer service agent for UAL for 36 years at SeaTac Airport and continued his interests in flight while working for Kenmore Air and volunteering at the Museum of Flight. If that weren't enough to fill his retirement hours, at the age of 60, Jack graduated from community college with a paralegal degree and worked several years at a legal firm.

Following high school, **John Urback** joined the US Air Force, where he received training as an aircraft mechanic, which stood him good stead during his subsequent years as a mechanic at United Air Lines, mostly on the graveyard shift. John retired in 1987 and pursued a wealth of activities, interests and second jobs, both during his United career and after. John passed away in June.

Keep cool during the rest of summer, while you're making plans for the RUAEA convention in September.

Calendar:

August – No regularly meeting

September 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

October 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

November 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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What a great time we had at our June luncheon at Barrel Oak Winery. We had over 50 in attendance. Many members brought guests. **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** brought their 9-year-old grandson, Daniel. I brought my grown granddaughter, **Mari Taylor**, and my 5-year-old great granddaughter, Audrey. **Faye & Mike O'Meara** brought their beautiful dog. The BBQ pork and chicken were catered by Glory Days Grille along with the coleslaw. The rest of the feast was pot luck, and scrumptious. **Marie Libby's** husband has a summer birthday, so she brought the birthday cake for all of the summer birthday celebrants. **Cathy Gilbert Silva** announced the names of the birthday girls and boys and then **Kate Connelly** and **Sandee Eggleston** sang a special song to them. It went like this: "*I know a birthday song. It isn't very long. Hey!*"

Bob O'Roark had his usual United memorabilia table set up and was even more fantastic than last years.

Keith Meurlin caught us up to date with the comings and goings at IAD (Washington Dulles). UAL has 260 flights a day leaving/landing there. Two-thirds of the IAD passengers are on United flights. Keith encouraged us to get the PreÖ/Global Entry from TSA now. Going through Customs/Passport Control is expected to take 4 or 5 more hours this summer. Global Entry reduces the time spent in lines considerably.

Kate Connelly won the \$87.50 50/50. 25 other door prizes were given away as well, including 12 bottles of Barrel Oak wines. A great time was had by all—as usual.

I promised a United career story for this edition. The flight attendant in this story has asked to remain anonymous. The story itself, though, must be told. It was the summer of 1965 and JFK had just become the first base to be an All-jet fleet. A big celebration was planned. There would be many speeches to be made and a party afterwards. A flight attendant was asked to represent Inflight with a speech. She wrote her speech which she practiced over and over, even reviewed it with her supervisor who had asked her to use airline jargon whenever possible. She had been in many plays and considered herself to be a good public speaker. She felt very confident as she walked out onto the stage until her eyes met with those of Pat Patterson's. He was the very well-loved CEO and President of UAL at the time. Suddenly she felt terror as she realized that she could not remember her speech. With all of her experience on the stage, she gathered her wits and blurted out the first thing that came to mind: "*Ladies and Gentlemen, the girls of NY have the equipment and know how to use it.*" The crowd burst into laughter. She quietly backed off the stage. She did not get fired, but she was never again asked to speak in public. She retired after 38 years.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

You know the old saying, "*Careful what you wish for*" ... summer is here and it is hot! After that amazing winter with the Polar Vortex and -60° temperatures (for the mid west), I am not saying anything about how hot it is now that temps are in the high 80's and 90's. Only if we can just get the rain to slow down a bit so things can dry out - life would be wonderful.

Our SEA Chapter will be busy in August helping one of their charities. They will be assisting at the Alpha Supported Living Services Bike Bash. Their help is much appreciated so that the parents will be able to have some

free time while their children with special abilities enjoy this fun day.

Just a little thought for those retirees who like to do some boating and love to travel but not worry about 'stand-by'. Now, I realize that this has very little to do with Clipped Wings but I thought you would find it interesting. Have you heard of "The Great Loop"? No, not the one in Chicago, this is a boating trip that requires a little bit of a bigger boat than your standard runabout.

You can start just about any where in the "Loop" but here is sample of a route: Starting in the Spring, travel up the East coast of Florida, along the coast stopping at any of the many marinas along the way; go along the Carolinas to Virginia, Maryland and New York; take a left turn up the Hudson, following the canals into Lake Ontario. Then you can go through the Great Lakes down Lake Michigan into the Illinois River out the Mississippi River, into the Gulf; following the Gulf states to the panhandle of Florida and then south along the West coast of Florida and thru the "Keys" and back to your start.

It should take about a year but wow what an adventure. You can "Google" the "The Great Loop" and learn more about this wild adventure. You will find many other "Loopers" along the way to share your boating experience. Maybe family members can "fly" to meet you at one of your ports.

The Denver Chapter had an Interline Luncheon at the Air Force Academy. About 26 of them went to the Eisenhower Golf Course Club to enjoy a day of camaraderie. They must be getting ready for the RUAEA convention road trips.

Enjoy the rest of your summer whether you stay home or travel this wide world visiting exciting new or old places.

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

Wishing you all blue skies!



NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **June 2019**:

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OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

- Spouse – **Carr, Dolores M. (Dee)**, on 6/9/2019, wife of Charles R. Carr, DENMM, 11446 E. Arkansas Ave., Aurora, CO 80012
- Retiree – **Fedorco, Richard J.**, on 7/2/2019, EWRFF, husband of Joyce Fedorco, 43 Lakeview Dr., Marlboro, NJ 07746
- Spouse – **Meierkort, Madeline F.**, on 6/18/2019, wife of Francis G. (Jerry) Meierkort, CHIRR, 2476 Cedar Meadows St., Henderson, NV 89052
- Retiree – **Mills, Gary F.**, on 2/26/2019, MCOOZ, husband of Judith A. Mills, 12547 Canela Court, Orlando, FL 32837
- Retiree – **Stogsdill, Hubert I. (Hugh)**, on 6/20/2019, DENCG, husband of Carol Stogsdill, 13350 Fairplay St., Brighton, CO 80601
- Retiree – **Wayne, Alan B.**, on 6/29/2019, LAXGR, husband of Gail Wayne, 80351 Oak Tree, La Quinta, CA 92253■

Letters & Notes



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

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

Joan Aaronson, Bernard Bringe, Larry Berryhill, Jean Cali, Christina Daley, Lynn Family, Charlotte Flagg, Sean Foley, Jean Grieb, Larry Hoover, Mary Keenan, Eddy Lara, Bernice Lee, Janet Lockhart, Melvin Manrose, Doris Nakanishi, Joan Pumbo, Don Park, Lois Pitman, Rogelio Ramos, Brendalynn Riley, Thad Rogers, Charles Schults, Teddy Smith, June Stevens, Ilene Swan, Kiji Takeuchi, Irma Kay Weber, Mary Kay Wojtal.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118

Sounds corny for me to be saying this often, but time certainly does fly by. Being retired since March of 2001, it is hard to believe I am hitting the big 81 this month. I still like to hike in the Sierras. (Well, er, maybe "walk" is a better word.) One of my passions is photography.

My wife, Charlotte continues to battle RA, and is somewhat limited, but does her best on the good days.

One last comment on health, I see my doctor every 4-6 months. We keep on top of things like cholesterol,

blood pressure and glucose. I am surprised that so few retirees even know their critical numbers, I understand. I like to keep in mind that it is not just our hair and fingernails that have no nerve endings. We do need professionals to keep an eye on what we can not see or feel.

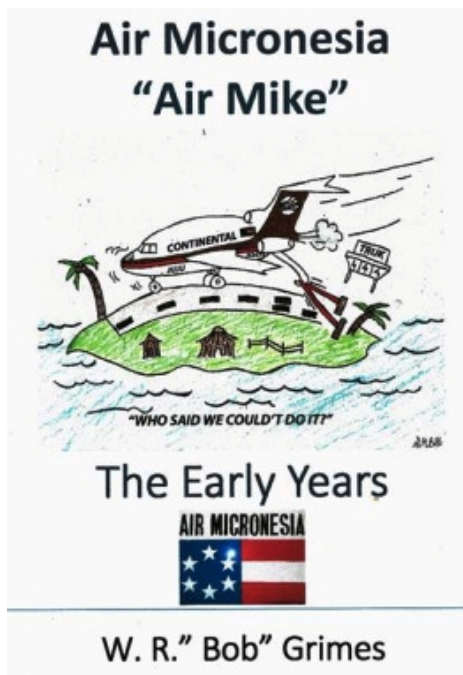
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Thank you all for your hard work on our newsletter!

I look forward to it every month and so enjoy reading about what is new with our UA Retirees and updates on Pass Travel!

Thank you so much.

Bill Grimes, 325 Kennebeck Ave. S., Kent, WA 98030



Air Micronesia (Air Mike) the Early Years is a story about the people of Continental Airlines, Air Micronesia and Micronesia who started a very unique airline operation to the islands of Micronesia, Guam, Okinawa and Hawaii in 1968. The airline was the vision of Robert F. Six, the founder of Continental Airlines.

There were many who said it could not be done with the promises made to serve the islands with jet aircraft, employ and train the local people, build hotels and develop an economy based on tourism for all of the islands. This is a story of those who made it happen under some very difficult conditions and includes many special personal experiences of those people. We have included as many pictures as possible to share the unique type of airline operation as well as the people who made it all work. This book is the result of the efforts of many of the Air Mike family and my thanks and appreciation to all. Air Micronesia recently celebrated its 50th year of operation and is currently operated under the flag of United Airlines with modern runways, terminals and aircraft but with the Air Mike spirit.

The book version is a larger size 8"x 10" and 275 pages with lots of pictures. It is now available on Amazon.com - Air Mike.

Marie Kocovar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596

I haven't flown as a SA for several years, finding it stressful and just traveling as a regular passenger. Several years ago, I joined the Chase/United Explorer card and find I can travel on my miles awards. So I have gotten spoiled.

In December, my sister, Nancy (Carletti CHIRR/SSFORR) Nelson suffered a severe heart attack. She was hospitalized in San Luis Obispo and I used my miles for a confirmed flight there to see her. She passed in January 2019.

I had arranged to meet some family members in TPA to take a cruise to Belize. It is a pleasure to cruise out of Port of Tampa, so easy and not like FL or MIA. The weather was great and it felt good to be able to relax on the ship.

In August, I will fly to TVC to visit an uncle and cousins. It has been many years since I was in TVC, where I grew up.

I am enjoying my retirement in the sunshine state. I have lived here since 2005, but retired in 2002. Time sure has a way of zipping by. Thanks to all of you for publishing our monthly newsletter.

Beatrice McCarthy, 147 Hibiscus Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Thanks for the reminder. I need lots of reminders these days.

It is a pleasure to read the newsletter each month. I have excellent health even though I hit 90 years old last January.

I have done a lot of traveling by air and sea and plan to host my family on a cruise over the Christmas holiday. (I did hang up my scuba gear though), sailing I still do.

I am looking forward to the convention in my alma mater (DENTK) with 10 years in DCA and 30 in DEN. I hit 40 years with UAL and they were all enjoyable.

Keep up the good work with the newsletter. I look forward to it each month.

Mary Ann Pumphrey, 67 Birch St., Capon Bridge, WV 26711

I wrote a letter in April advising my change of address. After not receiving the newsletter for two months, I picked up the phone and called. It was my lucky day! Our own Virgil Gooselaw answered. After explaining my problem, he promised to send the missing newsletters which have been received.

Thank you for following through. I am most appreciative.

Gerri Teyssier, 855 Muirlands Dr., La Jolla, CA 92037

Thanks Veronica and your staff for the great work on the RUAEA Newsletter.

I enjoyed the June issue; the Denver photos were especially interesting as my husband's Dad was superintendent constructing the Red Rocks Amphitheatre. In 2014 his sister and my husband donated all their "old Photos" on the building of the project to the City of Denver/Mountain Parks. We enjoy going to Denver! We appreciate all you do.

Notes

Diane Lewis

I enjoy the updates regarding travel even though I am somewhat challenged with a limp in left foot.

Audrey Alexander

I have always been a United lover and wish I never had to retire. I am currently working as a Pharmacy Tech at Methodist Hospital. 16years retired from UAL. This newsletter is always informative and I look forward to reading each month all the news.

Robert Shaw

I am just travelling and golfing around the world. Life is great.

Galen Barr

Travel.

Mike Mercurio

I am enjoying retirement and keeping in touch with people I worked with at UA.

Gary Wahl

I am retired and still nervous about my travel and Enrolled Friends, as well.

Anne Elferdink

I retired in 2018. I miss my flying partners.

Lisa Hurst Woodbury

I newly retired in 2019.

Julie Scott

I will always be loyal to United. ■

Important Phone Numbers



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United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

United Employee Service Center

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

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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

Employee Travel Center

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

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Aetna 1-800-334-0110

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

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

Social Security Administration

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

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(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)
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2019 Denver Convention Registration Form

Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is 5:00 PM August 24th, 2019

The deadline for Convention Registration is August 24th, 2019

(Please Print Clearly)

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

Instructions:

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

Date – 2019		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable ***Fee Required for each Attendee***					\$15.00	\$
Fri., Sept. 27	Denver Meet and Greet				\$18.00	\$
Banquet						
Sat., Sept. 28	Atlantic Salmon				\$49.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 28	Grilled Chicken				\$44.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 28	Sliced London Broil				\$46.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from Page C-12 =						\$
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check						\$

Make Check Payable to: 2019 RUAEA Convention

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2019 RUAEA Convention,**
c/o Shirley Claggett 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198

Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com

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Tour Registration

Date – 2019	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Sept. 25	Georgetown Loop Rail	1	\$55.00				
Wed., Sept. 25	Gateway to Gold Casino Excursion	2	\$70.00				
Wed., Sept. 25	Denver/City Tour	3	\$70.00				
Thurs., Sept 26	Rocky Mountain National Park	4	\$80.00				
Thur., Sept. 26	Colorado Springs/Garden of the Gods/Air Force Academy	5	\$70.00				
Sat., Sept. 28	Scenic Views/Old West History/Coors Brewery	6	\$55.00				
Sat., Sept. 28	Denver City/Parks	7	\$55.00				
Sat., Sept. 28	United Flight Training Center	8	\$20.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on Page C-11)							
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION							

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The deadline for registering for the convention is August 24th, 2019 so if you register after that date, your name may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory.

Make a copy of your registration and bring with you to the convention.

Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.

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**"Preserving the Past,
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Paul Goodyear has worked as an Aircraft Technician for United Airlines at Denver International Airport for nearly 35 years, inspecting planes daily to ensure they are safe to fly. While some mechanics joke that there is "Oil in their Blood", the Goodyear family might as well have Jet Fuel in theirs. *"I got into this because it's my family heritage"*, Paul said, after finishing his inspection of a landing gear. That's when Paul's father, **Thomas Goodyear**, stepped out from behind one of the 787's massive engines. *"Come on, Papa"*, Paul said to his dad. **Tom Goodyear** spent 40 years working at United as a Zone Controller, responsible for Ramp Operations. *"I'm only 84"*, Tom said.

A few days before this past Father's Day, Paul walked around the United hangar with his dad, showing-off a new Boeing 787 Dreamliner and all its new Bells and Whistles. *"They can do so much more up here than when I was working"*, Tom said, sitting in the cockpit of the new airplane.

Showing-off new and impressive airplanes runs in the family. *"This is my father"*, Tom said, pointing to an old black & white photo, *"this is me in his arms and we're looking at a DC-3 in Chicago."*

The photo was taken in the 1930s at Midway Airport. Tom's father, **Merl Goodyear**, spent an additional three decades working for United as a Chief Mechanic. *"He started in 1928, 91 years ago with United"*, Paul explained about his Grandfather. Those three Generations have worked a combined 105 years, all for one airline.

"Every year since 1928 there has been a Goodyear family member working for United Airlines", Paul said.

So will there be a fourth Generation? Paul has a 17-year-old son. I would love to have him continue on, but his son is currently leaning towards becoming a Diesel Mechanic. *"Millennials"*, Paul joked.

Paul is now the only Goodyear still employed by the airline. He said, *"I'll be spending Father's Day here at the airport, it's very fitting for me to be where my Father & Grandfather were on Father's Day"*.

From the June 14, 2019 Denver Channel 7 interview.

The Goodyear family at United - in years. Merl (40), Tom (40), Paul (34), Karen (Paul's wife) (40), Mike Bruchs (son-in-law) (40), Amy (Goodyear) Bruchs (20). Total Goodyear family years at United = 214.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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