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Hank Gosselin

The registration packet for the Reunion will be in the June Newsletter; which includes the Tours offered, Banquet Dinner Choices, Oktoberfest's party, Entertainment for both events and the complete events schedule. As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, please register for the hotel ASAP. Costs have risen slightly for food, drinks, tours and the hotel due to the rapid inflation we are all experiencing, however just slightly.

This year's tours will be detailed in the Newsletter; that will include the Bali Hai again because of its popularity, at the same price as last year. Tour of the Midway is offered again with more time for you to see the entire exhibit; last year, many complained there was not enough time. A bus tour of the city is offered with stops along the way. On the last day, a harbor tour with lunch, yes, a repeat, as there are many changes in the harbor.

Please remember there are many sites you can visit on your own when planning your vacation: SeaWorld, The Zoo, Lego Land, local beaches, coastal towns, just to mention a few.

Why are we returning to San Diego? It's a great location with very modest hotel pricing. There is no other city wishing to host a RUAFA event, which we have tried to do so, along with no volunteers. Talking of volunteers for the Reunion, we do need some to help with the Events. Please contact **Betty Tomaino** who again has volunteered to chair the event. Help will be needed at the Registration Desk, Raffle Table, Decorations, Silent Auction, Door prize distribution and tour guest checking. Yes, we do have some local repeat volunteers, that I am most thankful for; Publicity ~ **Barbara Drews**, Entertainment ~ **John Cunningham**, Raffles ~ **Peggy VanSickle**, Decorations ~ **Rosalie Tripicchio** and our Executive VP, **Ruth Morabito**. will be the Registration Chair. Our Treasurer and Registrar will be volunteering for their 8th year; respectively **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

Please join us for this wonderful event, it will be fun for all. Remember you can register, family and friends alike. We are looking forward to seeing you there, September 29th thru October 4th, with opportunity to take advantage of the low hotel rate 3 days prior and 3 days post the Reunion.



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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Don Burbank

Hi Everyone,
It has been a very busy month for me. I came down with Covid March 1st and it lasted until the 20th. I've had all my shots so be careful in large crowds.

Everything is ready for the 2023 Reunion and almost all of it is on the website. I look forward to seeing all of you

in San Diego.

I'm still working with UAL trying to solve all of life insurance problems we seem to be having right now. Some of them retired before 1995 and it is hard to find paperwork and negotiations 30 years ago.

Everybody be safe, stay healthy and don't worry about things you cannot control.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President



RUAEA welcomes RUAEA New Regional Director



Dave Garland

We are pleased to announce that **Dave Garland** has accepted the RUAEA Regional Director position for the SE meets West Region.

Dave started working at United in January 1967 in SFO and spent his entire career there. His career with United began in maintenance and he worked in several different areas; The Jet Shop, Overhaul, the Line and Terminal. Dave eventually moved into management as a Planner / Buyer for specialized tooling and he retired from United in September 2008.

Dave joined RUAEA in 2010. He served as the President of the SJ/South Bay RUAEA Chapter and as well as President of the Sacramento Gold Diggers. Dave also serves as the Reunion Site Selection Chair in addition to his position as the Director of the SE meets West region. Welcome Dave!

United Will Fly Non-Stop to 100+ International Cities This Summer to Meet Soaring Overseas Travel Demand April 6, 2023



United Airlines will fly to 114 different international cities this summer and has expanded its flying by 25% versus last year to meet the sharp increase in demand for travel outside of the U.S. The airline is already the largest carrier across both the Atlantic and Pacific and this summer's schedule includes nearly 25 new routes. According to United booking data, international bookings are already 15% higher than the same period in 2022 (*International bookings up 15% in March 2023 vs March 2022).

Highlights of the 2023 summer schedule include:

- ▲ New service to Malaga, Dubai, and Stockholm

- ✦ Additional flights to Rome, Paris, Barcelona, Berlin, Shannon, Edinburgh, and Naples
- ✦ Almost two dozen daily flights to London-Heathrow
- ✦ Service to unique places like Amman, the Azores, Palma de Mallorca and Tenerife
- ✦ Expanded service to Australia, serving Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
- ✦ 10 daily transpacific flights to Tokyo-Haneda, Tokyo-Narita and Osaka
- ✦ Twice-daily flights to Seoul, South Korea from San Francisco
- ✦ Service to Hong Kong from San Francisco

Tickets are on sale now on the airline's mobile app and on United.com.

"United will give travelers more options than ever before this summer – especially if they want to fly internationally," said Patrick Quayle, senior vice president of global network planning and alliances. *"With unprecedented demand for travel overseas, we'll have more service to popular cities while also adding new and unique destinations for customers to explore."*

New York/Newark – Dubai, UAE ~ On March 25, United launched daily service between New York/Newark and Dubai, UAE, operated on a Boeing 777-200ER aircraft. The flight is part of a historic commercial agreement between the airline and Emirates that will enhance each airline's network and give their customers easier access to hundreds of destinations within the United States and around the world. MileagePlus members traveling on United's New York/Newark-Dubai flight can earn and redeem award miles on connecting flights to nearly 75 destinations in the Emirates and flydubai networks. United is the only U.S. airline to offer non-stop flights to Dubai from the U.S. and flies to more destinations in the Middle East and India than any other U.S. airline.

New York/Newark – Malaga, Spain ~ United is adding a fifth Spanish destination to its global network with new direct flights between New York/Newark and Malaga. Starting May 31, travelers will be able to explore Spain's Mediterranean coast with three flights per week to Malaga on a Boeing 757-200. United flies to more destinations in Spain than any other U.S. airline and this summer will offer direct flights to three Spanish cities that no other U.S. airline serves: Malaga, Tenerife and Palma de Mallorca.

New York/Newark – Stockholm, Sweden ~ On May 27, United will return to Stockholm for the first time since 2019 with service from New York/Newark. United first began serving Stockholm, which locals proudly refer to as the "beauty on water", in 2005. United will reconnect customers to this culturally rich and dynamic capital city with daily flights on a Boeing 757-200.

San Francisco – Rome, Italy ~ United broadens its industry-leading European network from San Francisco with daily flights to Rome launching on May 25 on a Boeing 777-200ER. United is the only U.S. airline to offer direct flights to Europe from its hub in San Francisco, and this summer will offer non-stop flights to seven popular European cities. With flights to Rome, Milan, Venice and Naples, United continues to fly to more cities in Italy from the U.S. than any other airline in the world.

Chicago/O'Hare – Shannon, Ireland ~ Beginning May 25, United will add more seasonal flights to Shannon, Ireland with new daily flights from Chicago O'Hare – giving customers more options to explore some of the country's most scenic destinations including Limerick and Galway. United is the only U.S. carrier to offer direct flights to Shannon with its existing seasonal service from New York/Newark, and also offers direct flights to Dublin from Chicago, New York/Newark and Washington Dulles. United will fly a Boeing 757-200 on this route.

Washington Dulles – Berlin, Germany ~ United will begin capital-to-capital service between Washington, D.C. and Berlin, Germany on May 25. United will be the only carrier to offer non-stop flights between these cities with daily flights on a Boeing 767-400ER. United offers more flights to Berlin from the U.S. than any other airline, with existing year-round flights from New-ark.

Chicago/O'Hare – Barcelona, Spain ~ United continues to expand its best-in-class European network from Chicago this summer with new direct, daily flights to Barcelona on a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, starting May 25. This summer, United will fly to 14 destinations in Europe from Chicago, more than any other airline. This new flight builds on United's existing service to Barcelona from New York/Newark and Washington Dulles.

More Flights to Paris and London ~ United will have 23 daily flights to London Heathrow this summer, with the recent addition of a second daily flight between Los Angeles and London Heathrow on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. United offers more flights and more business class seats from New York and the west coast to London than any other U.S. carrier and this summer. This new flight builds upon United's recent London expansion, with additional flights from Newark, San Francisco, and Denver, as well as new flights from Boston.

United is also adding more options for travel between Washington Dulles and Paris Charles de Gaulle with a second daily flight launching June 2, operated by a Boeing 777-200ER. United currently offers year-round flights to Paris from New York/Newark, Washington Dulles, Chicago and San Francisco.

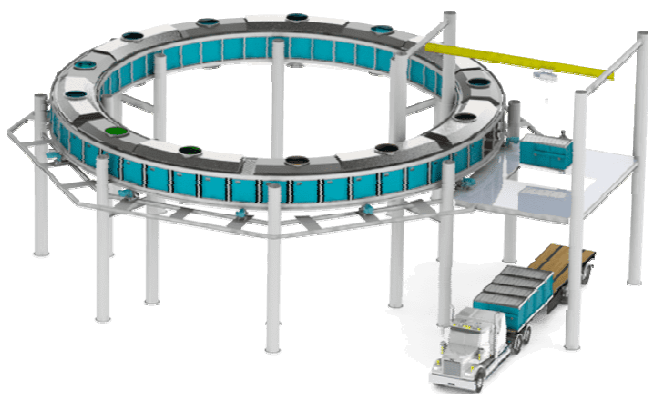
Resumption of Unique Seasonal Service and Added

Flights to Popular Destinations ~ Along with adding new flights, United will fly nine transatlantic routes it added last summer, including direct flights between New York/Newark and Nice; Denver and Munich; Boston and London Heathrow; Chicago/O'Hare and Zurich; and Chicago/O'Hare and Milan, as well as flights to four destinations not served by any other North American airline, including Amman, Jordan; Azores, Portugal; Palma de Mallorca, Spain and Tenerife, Spain. United has also added a second seasonal frequency from New York/Newark to Edinburgh, Scotland from May 25 to October 27 and from New York/Newark to Naples, Italy from June 23 to September 7.

Asia Pacific Expansion ~ This summer, United will also be the largest airline across the Pacific, serving 27 unique destinations. Excluding Mainland China and Hong Kong, United's capacity across the Pacific will exceed 2019 levels by more than 15% this summer. United recently resumed pre-pandemic service between Denver-Tokyo/Narita and San Francisco-Hong Kong, and added new service to Tokyo/Haneda from Washington Dulles and Los Angeles.

United will also have an expanded schedule between Australia and the U.S. this summer, including non-stop routes to Australia's three largest cities – Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Plus, the airline's recently launched codeshare partnership with Virgin Australia also allows travelers to make easy connections to more than 20 additional cities within Australia.

**United Announces \$15 Million Investment in
Carbon Capture Company Svante
March 29, 2023**



United today announced its \$15 million investment in carbon capture technology company Svante, who provides materials and technology as part of the value chain that has the potential to convert CO₂ removed from the atmosphere and from industrial emission sources into sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). This is the latest announced investment from the new UAV Sustainable

Flight FundSM, a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle that is designed to leverage support from cross-industry businesses in order to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel through SAF research, technology and production.

The airline aims to be 100% green by reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets. To date, United has invested in the future production of over three billion gallons of SAF - the most of any airline in the world.

“Carbon capture technology has the potential to be a critical solution in the fight to stop climate change and has the added benefit of helping us scale the production of SAF,” said United CEO Scott Kirby. *“And at United we’re building on that approach by investing in both companies that can capture CO₂ and others that can turn it into fuel. There’s no question that this carbon utilization is in its infancy today, but as a leader in sustainable flying we must help build the foundation to deploy this technology of the future as expediently as possible. This is truly a global imperative, and United’s investment in Svante reflects our dedication to making sustainable travel a reality.”*

This investment was made as part of Svante's Series E financing round and will fund and support Svante's commercial-scale filter manufacturing facility in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Svante is working with world-leading organizations, including Dimensional Energy, a carbon utilization – CO₂ to jet fuel – company that United Airlines Ventures invested in last year.

“We are pleased to have the support of United Airlines as one of our world-class investors,” said Claude Letourneau, Svante's President & CEO. *“The airline industry has a huge opportunity to make a big impact on global decarbonization – battling climate change through the transition to sustainable aviation fuels and other innovative technologies that will help the world achieve net zero. Their investment in companies like ours will aid in accelerating the commercialization of carbon capture and removal technology.”*

Svante is a leader in second generation solid sorbent-based carbon capture and removal. The company's scalable, eco-friendly, and commercially available carbon capture and removal technology employs structured absorbent beds, known as filters. These filters can capture 95% of CO₂ emissions from industrial sites as well as CO₂ that's already in the air. Once the CO₂ is captured, it is concentrated and can be used in the creation of SAF or other products. It can also be safely transported and stored underground.

Svante's manufacturing facility is anticipated to produce enough filter modules to capture millions of tons of carbon dioxide per year across hundreds of large-scale carbon capture facilities.

“It’s great to see United’s commitment to building an ecosystem for carbon dioxide (CO₂) to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) manifest through this significant investment in Svante,” said Jason Salfi, Dimensional Energy’s CEO. “The teams at Svante and Dimensional Energy are working together to design integrated systems for captured CO₂ to SAF today. There is enough CO₂ in the atmosphere and in industrial process emissions to provide all of the carbon necessary for the fuels and products people use every day now and into the future. Svante provides the first step toward a circular carbon economy.”

SAF is an alternative to conventional jet fuel that, on a lifecycle basis, reduces GHG emissions associated with air travel compared to conventional jet fuel alone. SAF is made from used cooking oil and agricultural waste, and, in the future, could be made from other feedstocks, including household trash, forest waste, or compressed CO₂, the end product of Svante’s carbon capture process.

From the Sea to the Sky: United Invests \$5 Million in Algae-based Fuel Producer Viridos
March 13, 2023



United wants to turn microalgae into SAF through the first new investment of its recently announced UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM since its launch: Algae Bio-fuel company Viridos.

This \$5 million investment will support the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) made from algae, an abundant and scalable resource that can be grown and harvested without impacting the food supply chain.

Viridos specializes in the bioengineering of microalgae and its proprietary technology accelerates the amount of oil that can be produced from microalgae. This algae oil could then be used to scale the future production of SAF.

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emissions associated with air travel compared to conventional jet fuel alone. SAF is made from used cooking oil and agricultural waste, and, in the future, could be made from other feedstocks, including household trash, forest waste, or algae. To date, United has invested in the future production of over three billion gallons of SAF - the most of any airline in the world.

“SAF is proven, scalable, and the best tool we have to reduce our carbon emissions from flying, but we face a significant shortage of available feedstock,” said United Airlines Ventures President Mike Leskinen. “As the global aviation leader in SAF production investment United remains committed to reaching net zero carbon emissions, without relying on traditional carbon offsets, by 2050. Viridos’ algae-based biofuel technology has the potential to help solve our supply problem without the need for farmland or other agricultural resources and marks our inaugural investment in our new cross-industry UAV Sustainable Flight Fund.”

Viridos, a biofuel company focused on decarbonizing industries, is leading the bioengineering of microalgae and has already achieved seven times the oil productivity compared to typical wild-type algae. This creates an opportunity for potentially scalable and more sustainable production of algae oil, that could later be used to produce SAF. Based on current estimates, SAF created by Viridos’ algae oil is expected to have a 70% reduced carbon footprint on a lifecycle basis when compared to traditional jet fuel.

Viridos’ bioengineering technology combines several important and unique attributes contributing to better scalability and sustainability compared with traditional jet fuel production:

Surface area oil productivities of Viridos algae far exceed any traditional oil crop, achieving high algae oil output on comparatively small areas.

Viridos algae are grown in vessels containing seawater. This allows contained deployment in hot and dry locations without taxing scarce freshwater and arable land resources, while eliminating runoff.

- Viridos algae have extremely high oil contents facilitating downstream processing to algae oil.
- Viridos algae oil is a quality plant oil allowing existing bio-refineries to process the oil with high yield.

“By establishing production sites to grow Viridos-engineered microalgae in saltwater, we are creating the foundation for a biofuel future that moves away from fossil fuels without competing for precious resources such as fresh water and arable land. We are excited to have the support from United Airlines. Together we can build the ecosystem needed to bring algae biofuels to the market,” said Oliver Fetzer, Viridos Chief Executive Officer.

Torgy's Travel Tips – May 2023
Enrolled Friends: Eligible Benefits & Costs



Kathie Torgison

Aren't we lucky as UA retirees to invite two friends to share our pass rider benefits? You all know that twice each year we have the privilege of naming people to be included on our pass rider list. It can be the same person every renewal period, or we may change the eligibility to someone new. Many retirees name their children or grandchil-

dren, and others choose non-family members. Benefits include NRSA space-available travel (with or without us traveling along), 2 free checked bags as well as confirmed travel using the *myUAdiscount* option. When our enrolled friends travel NRSA on the same flights with us, their boarding priority matches ours, SA0V (vacation pass) or SA1R (personal pass). If they travel without us, their boarding priority falls to SA3V or SA4P depending on whether they are using our vacation or personal passes. If they utilize the 20% confirmed ticket reduction available through *myUAdiscount*, the traveler retains all the benefits of a full revenue passenger, including Mileage Plus accumulation and compensation for denied boarding or delay related reasons in addition to 2 free checked bags. Quite a nice deal, all around!

Using the *myUAdiscount* currently does not have any tax implications for you as the sponsor, unlike NRSA travel which does require you to reimburse the company on a quarterly basis for the imputed income amount your enrolled friend traveled during that time period. These invoices are mailed to you every quarter your enrolled friend has traveled NRSA. UA pays the IRS the imputed income value for you in advance and then mails you an invoice. You must mail a check to UA upon receipt of this invoice. You will also receive a W-2 form at year's end showing the amount you have "earned" in the eyes of the IRS. This benefit usage must be reported as income when filing your taxes.

Listing for flights and/or purchasing a confirmed ticket through *myUAdiscount* for an enrolled friend can be handled two ways. You can handle everything yourself, or you can allow *them* access to FlyingTogether with their own log-on, so they can book their own trips. To provide them their own access you must first update your profile on ft.ual.com. After logging on, click Travel>empRes>My Profile>Manage Profile>Traveler Profile. Then, scroll down to Permissions and click the blue down arrow under Status. Here you authorize your traveler to use your passes and create a password for

them. Remember, once they have their own access, they are able to book as many trips as they want, and you will not know about it until you receive an invoice from UA requesting payment for the imputed income from these trips. To see in advance the imputed income for a particular flight, simply begin a listing for the enrolled friend, but do not complete the booking. You will see the cost of the service charge and taxes (if any) as well as the imputed income amount. As long as you do not complete the listing, no ticket will issue.

Here is another helpful hint. In June and December, we can change names of our enrolled friends. To keep the names the same don't do anything and they will roll over till the next open enrollment period 6 months later. You should always *remove* an unwanted name before attempting to add a new name. This is imperative if you already have the maximum number of friends allowed. The system can only contain 2 names. After logging into ft.ual.com go to Travel>Manage Pass Riders and click the blue + plus sign. Follow the instructions carefully to ensure you are adding an Enrolled Friend vs. a Dependent. You may also find it quicker to update your enrolled friends if you already show them in your Traveler Profile as indicated in the paragraph above. (Note: You may *add* an enrolled friend at any time during the year, provided you do not need to delete an old one to make space for the new one.) The Help Hub on the ft.ual.com website is a good place to ask for further clarification of any of this info.

And lastly, the company anticipates this summer season will again be tough for NRSA travel, just as it was last year. New destinations this year include Newark to Dubai, Malaga and Stockholm, Chicago to Barcelona and Shannon (Ireland), and San Francisco to Rome. Twice daily flights Wash Dulles to Paris and Los Angeles to London are also coming up. Seasonal flights returning this year include Newark to Nice, Tenerife (Canary Islands), Palma de Mallorca and Ponta Delgada, Azores and Chicago to Milan. Please advise your enrolled friends to expect full flights, have back-up plans and pack patience! Their behavior at the airport as well as in-flight reflects on you. For those who think standby travel is problem-free, perhaps use the *myUAdiscount* option instead. Happy traveling!



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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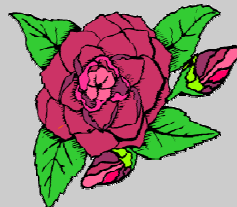
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LOCAL NEWS

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We meet every three months for lunch at various restaurants in Birmingham and invite all retired United employees and their families to join us. For more information, you may call me at the above phone number.

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PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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Happy Spring to everyone! Hope everyone is doing great. You can contact me if you have something our members would like to know for the next newsletter.

Next Breakfast is scheduled for May 26, at 9AM, same place, Black Bear Diner, 1890 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. If you plan to attend please contact **Dakota Morris-Terry** a few days in advance. Text her at (602) 920-7785 or email her at dctdmt03@cox.net. Thank you!

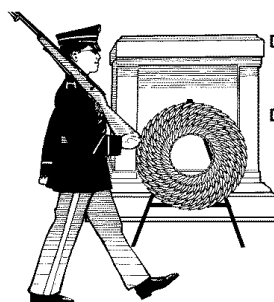
May Birthdays ~ **Bill Betz, John Griffin, JoAnne Griffin and Kathy Brigante.**

May Anniversaries ~ **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser and Matalynne & Herb Wandel.**

Until next issue, stay healthy, safe and happy!

Calendar:

May 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.



Memories of Valor



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Rain and snow are continuing to plummet the Northern California area. We certainly needed this wet weather but it is time to switch to spring. The daffodils are trying to peek their little yellow heads up telling us spring is coming!

Merritt Odor, our President, welcomed everyone to the luncheon/meeting, which was held at Vittles in Anderson. We had 15 members and spouses in attendance. Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Vincent Neidlinger** will be celebrating his 80th birthday two days after our meeting and his wife, **Kay**, brought in a beautiful birthday treat to share. **Bill Simonton** will be celebrating his birthday in April. Merritt spoke about the convention for 2023 and 2024. He encouraged our membership to participate because it is so close to us in San Diego. He also spoke about the RUAEA Newsletter and the great articles that are included such as United's history as well as great Travel

Tips and articles from individual groups across the country. **Katie Innocenti** spoke about the online newsletter that United has. You can sign into the site by entering the following (www.FT.ual.com). The website has several good articles as well as updates on United's performance, health insurance and travel information.

Merritt spoke about **Dale Harper** and his daily bulletin. Dale has been writing this daily information for as long as Merritt has been retired which has been 20 years. **Shari Pitt** spoke about the hiring of new flight attendants for United. United will be hiring over 4000 new flight attendants in 2023.


On a personal note, Paradise and the outlying areas are continuing to grow. Paradise now has over 2700 new building permits issued and 1700 new homes built. New businesses are moving in as well as a sewer system and Alert system. The roads are still torn up but PG&E is continuing to hold to their promise of all electrical underground for the entire town. There is still a lot of discussion on the need for an emergency hospital in town.

I cannot believe it has almost been five years since the Camp fire and our hearts continue to go out to the people in other states who are losing everything to tornados and floods. Blessings to everyone and stay safe!

Carl Franke won the 50/50 raffle and **Shari Pitt** won the luncheon certificate. Our next luncheon will be held in Chico at Kalico Kitchen in Chico on Wednesday, May 24th at 11:30 AM. **Sharon Simonton** will be setting up the reservation.

Calendar:

May 24 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Kalico Kitchen in Chico.



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This has been an interesting month. For those of us living on the West Coast, we have been wishing and praying for rain since we have been in a drought situation for years. Our reservoirs have been losing water and we even had to ration outside watering. Now that has all changed. We have had so much rain and wind that some of our reservoirs had to release water because they are over flowing. Several of our roads were blocked off due to flooding. As for where I live, we are


on a hill so we had no damage, but the water flowing down our street had white caps. We were lucky that we could leave and enter our community. I believe this all goes back to the old saying — “Be careful what you wish for! You might just get it!”

I haven’t heard from any of our members, except our President **Mike Zoldak** got a new computer so now he will be texting me with any news he gets.

It has been interesting watching the airline news and I’m more than glad that I don’t have to fly anywhere. I don’t know where passengers get the idea they can behave like they do. I can remember, back in the 50’s, when passengers were well dressed and they respected the flight crews. On more than one flight I was on, the Captain would leave the cockpit with the co-pilot, and walk down the aisle greeting the passengers. There was no door leading to the cockpit, maybe just a curtain.

I am so glad I saw this newspaper ad advertising an airline school in Kansas City when I did back in 1948. They taught all classes such as, ticket counter agents, reservation agents, and communication operators. After finishing the class, they also were able to place us in airlines at various stations. This was back in 1948 when the airlines were beginning to build up after the war.

This happened to me which is another reason I don’t fly anymore: “You don’t really know the meaning of embarrassment until your hip replacement sets off a metal detector at the airport.”




DESERT SUNBIRDS
Palm Springs Area
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The Sunbirds flocked to Century Park in Cathedral City on April 12 for a picnic hosted by **Tom Sabo**. We tried something new whereby everyone brought their own lunch with the host providing cutlery, plates, etc., drinks and dessert.

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

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Happy May and Memorial Day to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this in early April, three religions - Christianity, Islam and Judaism - are sharing a holy period. Christianity is in Easter week, Islam is in the middle of Ramadan, and Judaism is in the first days of Passover. This happens only about three times per century. This last happened in 1990, 33 years ago. In addition, Zen Buddhism celebrates Buddha’s birthday on April 8.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. Going forward we will be alternating between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and coffee included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don’t take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So, we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far, it has worked out well.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but virtually all our members come to our June meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo’s. Social hour starts at 11:00 and our meal is typically served at noon.

Our April luncheon was held on April 3rd at The Old Spaghetti Factory with 13 members in attendance. Our regulars in attendance were **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Tom Johnson, Joe & Wilma Leather, Joe & Margaret McGhee, Carol Parks, Russ Schleske**

and **Jan Soderstrom**. **Tracey Blanchard** was sporting a gorgeous tan after spending three months in Hawaii. This was **Barb Cunningham**'s first meeting since losing her husband **Tom** in February and we welcomed her back with open arms and lots of hugs. We missed **Diane Griego**, **Arnold Hansen, Jr.**, and **Glenda & Russ Kennedy** who were all under the weather. We hope they are soon feeling better and will be able to come to our May meeting. **Joe Leather** conducted the raffle and **Tom Johnson** won the money.

Visa Rewards ~ I received a nice email from **Muriel Bergsma** ORDFO who told me she checked the Visa Rewards points in her account, and all it took was a call to the toll free number to have several hundred dollars transferred to her savings account. For those of you who don't have a computer, or are afraid to redeem your points online, a call to 855 831-0153 is all it takes. Thank you, Muriel, for letting me know how easy it was to redeem your points by phone.

Another escaped bird story ~ Now it's the Oakland Zoo's turn. During the massive storm that hit the Bay Area on Tuesday, March 21, a huge tree fell on the aviary and ripped open the mesh enclosure, allowing six exotic birds to escape. The most famous resident was Oliver, an endangered African hooded vulture. Five other exotic birds, including two pied crows and three superb starlings, escaped the aviary. Zookeepers took nonstop shifts to retrieve all six birds, who stayed nearby. As of Thursday, March 23, Zoo officials had recovered the three superb starlings who had not strayed far. All the starlings, a small and brightly colored bird native to eastern Africa, flew back into the habitat on their own. On Friday zoo staff recovered Oliver the vulture, after observing it in nearby trees for several days. On Saturday an Oakland resident living a few miles from the Zoo spotted Deauville, one of the last two missing birds, a Pied Crow. Zookeepers headed over and were able to lure him inside this kind resident's home, where he was safely caught and brought back to the Zoo. You can watch the heartwarming video of Deauville going inside the home at https://twitter.com/oakzoo/status/1639814242810601477?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1639814242810601477%7Ctwgr%5Ed2f592ac8d1623e9b186bb5f3ce131362b7973dd%7Ctwcon%5Esl_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fabc7news.com%2Foakland-zoo-birds-aviary-storm-recovery%2F13017330%2F. Diego the pied crow is the only bird not yet recovered. Zoo officials are still hoping to recover him.

Lifesaving Lamborghini ~ For all of you car enthusiasts, here is another reason to love this super fast car. I found this article online just before Christmas last year and just realized I never put it in our newsletter. It's never too late for a heartwarming story, right? This

Lamborghini Huracan was a 2017 gift to police from the luxury carmaker. It has a top speed of 190 mph and the capacity to go from 0-62 mph in 3.2 seconds. It was assigned to the highway patrol in Bologna, northern Italy, for use in both normal police operations and the urgent transport of blood and organs. Another Huracan is operated by the highway patrol in Rome, and a 2000 Lamborghini Gallardo once used by police is now in a museum. On December 20, 2022, Italian police used this specially adapted Lamborghini super car to deliver two kidneys to donor patients hundreds of miles apart. The organs were driven from Padua in Italy's northeast to hospitals in Modena and then Rome. "Traveling on the motorway to deliver the most beautiful Christmas present: life", police said in a statement posted on social media, alongside a picture of a medical cool box in the specially built compartment at the front of the Huracan. Police said they hoped the two patients and their families "will have a happier and more peaceful Christmas". Here is the link to the article with pictures of the car and the special compartment for the donated organs. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/lamborghini-supercar-delivers-kidneys-donor-patients-italy-police/>. Source: CBS News, December 20, 2022. "Italian Police Use Lamborghini Supercar to Deliver Kidneys to Donor Patients Hundreds of Miles Apart."

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Thanks again to everyone who is helping Barbara with this project. Barb reports that, once again, she has a "trunk-ful" of cards to deliver to the school, thanks to everyone all over the country who is mailing cards to her.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp,

you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". If they come in a strip, could you please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs! I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. On April 1st, I turned in 1458 coupons to my coupon chairperson. This is due to **Tom Johnson, Tracey Blanchard, Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks, Margaret McGhee and Russell Schleske** in my local RUAEA chapter. Every month more and more members from all over the country are sending coupons: **Sheryl Schubert and Sue Sealey** in CO, **Marcella Kern and Betty Ogburn** in NJ, the **Lockharts** in NY, **Edmay Apana** in HI, **Barbara Sakely** in IL, **Paul Pfisterer** in PA, **Rosalie Betschart** in OR; and **Barrie Hooley, Jim Taylor and Julia Montalvo** in FL. Thank you all!

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

- ▲ Monday, May 1 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, April 27. Because Memorial Day falls in May, we will be wearing patriotic colors..
- ▲ Monday, June 5 at 11:00 - Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, June 1. Our June meeting is usually a catered BBQ picnic at the home of **Diane Griego** in Concord. However, at this time we are not sure of the availability of Diane's home for our picnic, so we are tentatively planning to meet at the restaurant instead. More details to follow closer to the date.

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





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Got Milk? (chocolate, that is) - Three cheers for those of you who have great-grand kids, kudos to Mrs. See, and hope you saw Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail; and that those wonderful chocolate bunnies were in abundance. Those three gave us the excuse to visit the Sees' candy store – how can you resist going in (and getting a sample,) inhaling all that choc – a – lat smell. Those 2 and 5 year olds make Easter lots of fun. It is a challenge making sure that all the eggs have been found – always good for a laugh when one is still missing! Talk about a sugar-high!

We are finally seeing some calmer weather – spring has sprung along with all the trees blooming and letting us know that allergy season is going to be a lulu around here. Wind and rain has been on the menu for the last few weeks. The snow pack is huge and the skiing is terrific and our drought has been deemed over with. Friends have a home in Truckee and had a visiting Momma Bear and her two cubs deciding that they wanted to visit – they managed to get inside the home, ate some food, mainly mayonnaise (must have been Best Foods) and took a nap in the master bedroom. The house was a mess and now has fool proof locks on the doors. Goldilocks must have been on vacation.

President **Vera Kina** and Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** welcomed 15 members at the meeting as **Ginger Dahlberg** managed to catch old-monia (as compared to pneumonia) and spent 3 days in the local lock-up – where it was impossible to get any sleep. She and the Pope are comparing notes as to who got the better care (he won!) He has the Pope-Mobile, Ginger has the Gin-Mobile!

The local grocery store provided Reuben/Corned Beef sandwiches along with Smokey Turkey sandwiches to celebrate St. Paddy's day. Our raffle had some winners: **Dee Peters** and **Carol Slater** each won enough money to buy two gallons of gas. **Frank Minnick, Barbara Underhill, Gene Walter** and **Al Durr** could only buy one dozen eggs with their winnings! Thanks to **Charlie Bogert** for regaling the members with his stories while working at the EWR airport.

We bid a fond farewell to **Peter** (our terrific Treasurer) & **Kathy Cooper** who are moving to Arizona to be closer to their son. Peter has done a great job keeping us solvent and we will truly miss both he and his

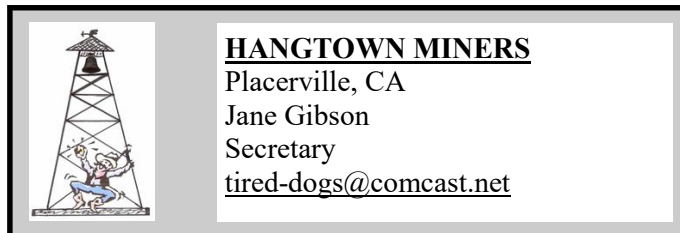
wife. Thanks Peter – we certainly appreciate the time and energy you spent keeping the books in order. We will also miss those tasty breads and cakes you provided at our meetings – a man of many talents. Thanks also to **Barbara Underhill** for taking the minutes of the meeting.

Here are dates for our coming meetings:

- April 24 – Meeting and off to Joy Chinese Restaurant in Foster City for lunch. Come join us!
- May 22 - TBA
- June 26 - TBA – maybe a surprise – who knows? Lamont Cranston does!

The Travel business is slowly picking up. 2 and 3 day trips are in the offing along with some short day trips being planned. Let Ginger know if you have some suggestions where you would like to visit.

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.



Well, it would seem that most everyone was sure happy to be out of their houses and no snow around us as we gathered at the Break Room this month. Rudy jumped right in and said “Thank You” to **Roy & Dawn Martin** for hosting. I believe we had 26 members in attendance. A few more were planning to be there, however, Mother Nature decided to toss some more of that “white, cold, fluffy” stuff around and consequently, at least four members couldn’t get out to the street! We missed you but glad you’re safe.

Okay, so we have a lively group having birthdays this month – **Dawn Martin, Cindy Blazius** and **JR Heier** will all be blowing out candles this month – Happy Birthday to you and to any other members who will have a birthday this month. And we are sending Happy Anniversary to **Dave & Robin Garland**, and, to **Ann Barton & Kerry Kozelka**. Celebrate with enthusiasm!

Now, the subject of “guests” ... upon asking for guests, Rudy noted that both **Chris Delfino** and **Ann Marie Sutherland** join us so often that they’re really regulars! This is true! So, as we did with **Roy & Dawn**

Martin, Chris & Ann Marie have joined the Hangtown Miners and are now, officially, members of our chapter. Welcome to you both!

President ~ Rudy Blazius shared a couple things which are covered in other parts of the minutes. We did inquire how **Linda Dinette** is doing. Rudy said she is doing well, adjusting still, of course, glad her son, Kevin, lives at the house and she’s amazed at all the snow – there is a creek on the property and when all this melts, well, all of you “look out for flooding”!

Vice President ~ I think JR Heier is enjoying this VP position! He does a great job with our raffle and even though he didn’t have anything to share today – he’s always up on things.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny is always on top of things – but – today he was one of our members who could not come because of the snow. He did, however, send me the bank info which shows we are cruising right along – in the right direction, thank you very much. Tom has a couple annual dues and the raffle money from February still to add to that number.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson did not have any new news to share this month.

Sunshine ~ Well, it makes sense that our wonderful Sunshine lady, **Suzanne Kenny**, was not at our meeting – she was stuck at home along with Tom! Maybe “stuck” isn’t the right word, but you know what I mean! Hoping that all of you are well, if not, please let Suzanne know; she’d love to hear good things too!

Old Business ~ Annual membership dues are due! We only have three members from whom we have not yet received 2023 dues. If you are one of them, keep in mind, you will not be “dropped” from our membership – unless we don’t hear from you by the end on June. But, if you don’t get your check in to **Tom Kenny** by the end of this month (March) then your dues will increase to \$20.00. Please make out a check for \$15.00 to Hangtown Miners and send it to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667. A “Thank You” to **Carleene Hyde** who sent not only her dues for this year but for next as well and then added on extra to go to a cause we support.

New Business ~ We have learned that Tom Cunningham suffered a couple strokes and passed away; we send our best wishes to his wife, **Barbara**, and their family. Rudy also shared that Barbara has sent out a request for new and old (even used) Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use whatever (all) he gets because his students make gift cards from them which are sold at a school fundraiser that supports special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special need students. If you have cards you would like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunning-

ham43@gmail.com. What a great way to share those cards that you can't/won't use again.

Ready? Our new member, Ann Marie, is participating in a fundraiser to "Stop Soldier Suicide". This is tax deductible. She has set a personal goal of \$2,000.00, and is walking with the dog, Roxy, all the time! **Jane Gibson** made a motion that the Hangtown Miners donate \$200 to this fundraiser. Both **Dawn Martin** and **Duncan Nielsen** seconded the motion at the same time! Motion passed. **Tom Kenny** will send a check to them. Also, we kind of "passed the hat" around and \$150 was collected for Ann Marie to put with the donations she has already collected. You all rock! Thank you!

All righty, I believe I have covered everything in my minutes. **Diana Bell** and **Duncan Nielsen** will be hosting our April luncheon at the Forester in Camino. Always a favorite!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close, handed the gavel over to JR and we all grabbed our tickets. You folks bring such nice and interesting items for our raffle – a big "Thank You" is yours. The winner of our donor's prize was **Pati Kenney**. Items for the raffle are: **Bell/Nielsen** – toffee truffles; **Trebnik** – silver serving dish & sauce server; **Fitzpatrick** – assorted chocolates; **Martin** – electric wok and the table decorations; **Heier** – 2 boxes of cookies; **Blazius** – wine; **Gibson** – champagne & retro radio show CDs; **Pati** – candies & haircut set; **Dellinger** – friends cup; **Doe Pope** – green table topper; **Dale Pope** – 5-way flashlight.

We are all adjusting to the time change – Spring Forward (ugh) – and it precedes the First Day of Spring which is on Monday, March 20th. So stay safe and keep your flashlights handy in case the power goes off – ours just did and I am so grateful I didn't lose these minutes!



There were twenty five at Breakfast this morning and everyone was so glad to be out in the sunshine and warm air. We are tired of the cold and rain!

Peggy Van Sickle joined us after suffering through a broken, shattered elbow that has caused her a lot of pain; she looked good and we were all so glad to see her.

Donna Capps is still recovering from her fall, broken ribs and a serious head wound but she is much better and hopes to be with us soon.

We have May Birthdays: **Nancy Brock** celebrating

90 years! Also celebrating birthdays in May are **Barbara Drews, Robert Taylor** and **Ed Taylor**.

Following is a Great True Short Story ~ The Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp – A Beautiful story. I know many of you may already know this story, but it is worth repeating and remembering all of the things that happen in our lives that we should be thankful for and Eddie is a good example of that.

An Old Man and a Bucket of Shrimp ~ A true story, a wonderful story. You will be glad that you read it, especially those who know Key Biscayne, Florida.



It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean.

Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the Pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts ... and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky, a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you".

In a few short minutes, the bucket is empty, but Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along The Pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away; and old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like a 'funny old duck', as my Dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's

just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant, maybe even a lot of nonsense.

Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad, they'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker, he was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day, their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive. Every day across America millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait ... and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull. And he never stopped saying, "Thank you". That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude. Reference: (Max Lucado, "In The Eye of the Storm", pp 221, 225-226).

PS: Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was a race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know an-

other story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom.


As you can see, it is a great story that many don't know. You've got to be careful with old guys, you just never know what they have done during their lifetime. P.S. And the road into Key Biscayne is the "Rickenbacker Causeway".

Calendar:

Spring/Summer Lunch - Time and location to be announced sometime in May.

June 1 - Breakfast 10:00AM, Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. Joins us if you will be in the area.

September 29 - October 4 - Retiree Reunion (Convention)

<p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</p> 	<p><u>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</u> Sacramento, CA Ron Bertacini Secretary sgd@surewest.net</p>
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The March lunch/meeting for the Gold Diggers was at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on Wednesday, March 29th. We had 18 members and three guests; Juliana, Daniel and year old Barrett Helms. It was great to meet **Jim Simon's** previous neighbors and now close 'family' members. He has 'adopted' them and they have 'adopted' him. Pictured is Juliana, Daniel, Barrett and Jim. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that we are set for the April lunch/meeting at the Golden Koi Buffet in Roseville. The lunch will be on Wednesday, April 26th

at 11:00AM and hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger**. They will need a head count for the restaurant by Monday April 24th; you can let them know via email at ualemp2737@aol.com or call (916) 789-2549 or (916) 741-8446. We are also covered for May and December but are looking for someone to host June, July, August and October. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** advised that there were only two anniversaries in March, **Robin & Dave Garland** with 23 years and **Shirley & Ed Vanderzyl** with 58 years.

appears to be great interest and our room block could fill-up fast. The hotel may let us increase our room block but not if we wait until it is close to the cut-off date. It is wise to make a reservation as they can always be cancelled if plans change.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that there were a few problems with the bank and that she and **Francis Domaratius** opened a new account and now all should be good. Robin also reported that the chapter is solvent.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she



Picture (Standing L to R): **Francis Domaratius, Veronica Domaratius, Louise Auerbach, Lyle Auerbach, Ron Bertacini, Frank Dellinger, Jim Simon, Barrett Helms, Juliana Helms, Daniel Helms, Dave Garland, Robin Garland, Pat Guinn, Marge Raynor, Jack Raynor**. Seated (L to R): **Angie Dellinger, Laverne Haubl and Len Haubl**.

Ron also talked about the RUAEA Executive Board meeting in San Diego on March 2: The President of RUPA, **Don Wolfe** was also in attendance. The meeting was to finalize plans for the annual Reunion at the Dana on Mission Bay September 29 to October 4. This will be a joint Reunion with RUPA and ARECA (Continental retirees). Both of these organizations are eager to help make this a great reunion and offering assistance in helping where needed. During the meeting, **Don Wolfe** presented a flyer that RUPA developed and has the approval with the help of ALPA to post in Flight Operations to encourage new members. Our President, **Don Burbank** asked if we could come up with a flyer as well as he has received permission from the company to post such a flyer in station lunchrooms and ready rooms. With the help of **Francis Domaratius** we have come up with a flyer that the Exec. Board has approved and is in the process of being printed. Ron suggested that if any members are interested in attending the Reunion they should make hotel reservations soon. There

had sent a card to **Ken Norton**. She also mentioned that she had received new news regarding Ken as he had had a couple of hospital stays in the last few weeks. According to his daughter Marrilee, Ken is having congestive heart failure and now is experiencing kidney failure. The family is looking into hospice for Ken. If you would like to contact Ken you need to go through Marrilee and she will make arrangements. Marilee's phone # is (858) 525-1964. Text is best, but can call if needed. Or email her at Marrileeandboys@yahoo.com. You can also send cards to Ken at 17518 Long Branch Court, Penn Valley, CA 95946.

Historian **Francis Domaratius** had nothing new to report. Roster Chair **Jack Raynor** reported that it was decided that our Treasurer **Robin Garland** will take over the roster. Regional Director **Dave Garland** passed out some new brochures for RUAEA. It seems most of the Gold Diggers are members of RUAEA. There were no birthdays in March, so no roll-off.

Jim had some info about March 29th in history: 1918 Sam Walton was born, the founder of Walmart and Sam's Club, he died April 5, 1992. In 1943 we began rationing of meat, cheese, butter and cooking oil. In 1951 the Rosenbergs were found guilty of conspiracy to commit espionage and were executed on June 19, 1953. 1971 Charles Manson and three of his followers received the death penalty. In 1973 the last of the US

troops leave Viet-Nam ending the US involvement in the conflict. In 1996 the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 10,000 for the first time, closing at 10,006.78.


Jim thanked our server Melissa for her great service. We wrapped up the lunch/meeting with our usual raffle of some very nice donations.



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Hello again, we are the San Joaquiners chapter of RUAEA. We are a small group of retirees who meet once a month on the second Thursday of the month at various locations which are selected by the host for that month.

If anyone is interested in information about our Chapter, please contact our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of UAL Retirees.



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Twelve members braved the cold and windy morning to join us at our April meeting. Thankfully, the manager at Bill of Fare provided the interior room for us, which was warm and inviting. Those in attendance were **Albert Grossman, Maureen Snyder, George Midwin, Hiroko & Greg Caster, Bob Mattscheck, Ben & Cheri Scales, Bill & Rosie Reichard, Marianne Johnson** and our fearless leader, **Chuck Clayborn**. **Julie Midwin** who could not make the meeting, provided a very nice Easter basket for members, which included hand painted eggs and a tiny chicken.

Birthdays for this month: **Maureen Snyder, Darlene Ikeyo, and Mary Kalpin.**

Anniversary celebrations: **Ben & Cheri Scales, Jay & Charlotte Cacioppo, Bob & Karen Devlin, and Leon & Katrina Manou.**

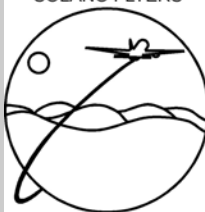
Chuck highlighted the June 14th picnic, which we have committed to at least 50 people to be in attendance.

A flyer was sent out to all members so you can send in your reservation to Hiroko. Without having held raffles during the past years, our treasury is not sufficient enough to help augment the cost for the BBQ. As you know, everything has gone up significantly, but when you consider what the caterer provides us, not just quality, but quantity and the cost to reserve the facility; it is a good value for the money. The weather should be very nice and as always the food will be great. We are reviewing the possibility of holding a raffle to help fund our treasury, more on that later.

With the weather improving, Chuck has been gathering places for us as a group to visit. This has been awhile since we have held an organized field trip.

Just a reminder, if you are thinking of attending our RUAEA reunion in San Diego, I encourage you to make reservations now, if things should change, you can cancel up to a few days before. See the April RUAEA newsletter for hotel contacts.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Bill of Fare restaurant, at 1069 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, about 1 mile South of highway 280. All are welcome to join us.



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The Officers who served the Solano Chapters consist of President **Larry Jackson**, Vice President **Allan Pochop**, Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard**, Master at Arms **Allan Pochop**, Secretary **Allan Pochop** and Sunshine Person **Dorothy Robinson.**

7 members attended this month's meeting.

50/50 Drawing ~ \$1 / ticket, or \$6 for \$5. You keep one half and deposit the other separated tickets in the ticket roller. The 50/50 is won by **Rich Cox.**

Birthdays ~ None this month

Anniversaries ~ **Blizzards** (57 years).

Our next meeting will be on April 19, in Vacaville.



COLORADO



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We had our April luncheon with a good attendance. **Don Burbank** talked about the convention which is now called a Reunion; there will be more information in the May and June Newsletters. He also mentioned this is the third reunion in San Diego. San Diego has been selected again because they give us a good deal and a beautiful resort and lots to do.


Ray was being a really good lead and has been married 66 years to Helen.

Virgil Gooselaw is scheduled to have surgery on April 7th, our thoughts are with his family.

Yumi Trujillo had a birthday. **Walt & Virginia Hansen** have been married for 60 years, they celebrated their wedding Anniversary in March.

Our next meeting will be held on May 4th at Ted's Place in Commerce City; come and enjoy the fellowship with fellow retirees and families.

FLORIDA



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


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



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Our last meeting on March 10th had a very light turnout of only 9 members. Our next luncheon is April 14 at LYNQs restaurant in South Ft. Myers. Since it's only several days after Easter, we also expect a low turnout. Please check out our luncheon schedule below. All luncheons are held at LYNQ Restaurant, Summerland Rd., Ft. Myers, 11:30AM.

Calendar:

April 14 – Luncheon

May 13 – Luncheon



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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our April 3rd meeting, which was our Spring Picnic, was held at Anderson Park. We started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 12 people in attendance for our Spring Picnic. We held a very short meeting, then we all enjoyed the Picnic and socializing.

April Birthdays ~ **Diane Taggart**.

We learned about **Peggy Manuel**, she is home with a helper around the clock. We all signed a card and **Noemi Guzman** will take it to her.

We talked about UAL; members' upcoming trips; generally we just enjoyed the good food and company of fellow retirees. We held our 50/50 drawing.

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Calendar:

May 1 – IHOP - 10:30

June 5 – IHOP - 10:30

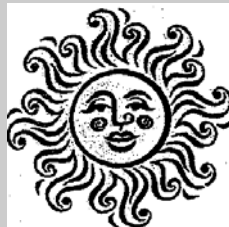


HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

IDAHO



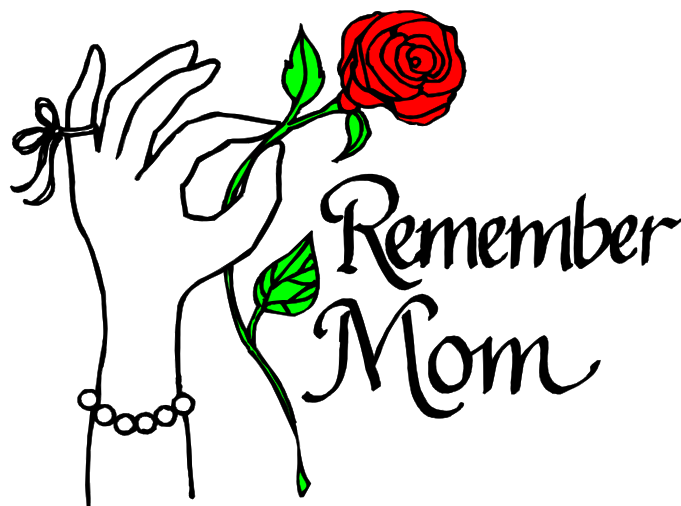
BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems wish everyone a wonderful Happy Easter!

Our April luncheon meeting will be at Ling and Louie's Restaurant in Meridian.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Happy Spring!



ILLINOIS



May—month of sun, fresh air, flowers in abundance, little trickles of rain to bring more flowers and plant crops. Yes, it's time for all of that again, my pretty little May. Thank God! We lived through another winter. But in all honesty, it wasn't that bad of a winter, here in Illinois. Some of the country wasn't so lucky. Snow in Los Angeles and San Francisco, terrible rain storms in California, tornadoes in the South. My, my, my, something is going in. My grandmother always said, 'God is mad when he gives us bad weather.' Well, he must be furious with some areas of the world. Whew! Have you been good? Is it you? I've tried to be good, but trouble seems to follow me. My friend, **Lillian Mallstrom** always says, 'Jan, you could stay in your house for weeks, and still get in trouble'. She's right! Don't blame me for all of those killer tornadoes; nobody deserves death and destruction like that! Besides, I was off that day!

May is named after the Latin, Maius, Maia's Month. The Greek name, Maia comes from a root meaning, mother, nurse, and midwife. So all in all, it's a kind, pleasant name. The proverb, April showers bring May flowers, dates back to the 1500's. May 4th is associated to Star Wars. May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, the Fifth of May. It's a day that the Mexicans celebrate their victory over the French in Puebla, Mexico. Mexican Americans celebrate with parades and parties, Americans simply use it as an excuse for a party, lots of tequila and Mexican cuisine. They can't let the Irish be the only ones that celebrate and over indulge. I thought it was the day they sank a boat load of salad dressing, Sinko de Mayo. Also in May are Mother's Day, 12th, Memorial Day, 29th, (thank you veterans who sacrificed their lives for us. Buy a VFW poppy), Daytona 500, Indy 500, the Kentucky Derby and all of the fancy chapeaux the ladies wear, Better Hearing and Speech Month (what?) Clean Air, Family Reunion, Food Drive for Homeless Pets, Arthritis Awareness, Egg Month (when they lower the price to \$2.00 a dozen), High Blood Pressure, Pet Cancer, Strawberry and Save your Tooth Month. Be true to your teeth and they won't be false to you.

Some cute days are Hug your Cat, Mother Goose, May Day, Lumpy Rug, Wild Koala, Respect of Chickens (did you know there are more chickens in the world

than people?), Let's Grow Plants, Moscato and Mimosa Day, Frog Jumping, Stars and Stripes Forever, on the 14th, Turtle and Taffy Days, Morse Code (- - - - -), ...), Polka, Otter and Parrot Day, and Cookie Monster's Birthday.

The Northside breakfast had **Vicky Heuer, Dave Dunham, Virginia Kondraros, Toni Van Kampen, Jerry Tipperreiter, Joan Teister**, and newbie, **Judy Reid**, welcome to our little breakfast group, return to us. Not too many, bad weather.

The ORD mechanics breakfast had 15 people, **Dick Hoppel, Fred Seibert, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Bill Durr, Walt Chornomaz, Cas Paprocki, Ron Geibel, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich, LB Neal**, welcome back **John Kovacik, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian** and **Jan Gawenda**.

The ORD Maintenance Foremen included **Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, Sue & Bart Kendall, Jackie Anderson, Tom Abraham**, me, and really-long-time-no-see, **Ann Pepper**. Welcome back, it's been a very hard year for you, but we're so glad to see your smiling face again!

The IAM 1487 had a good crowd of about 85 at their Hot Dog and Brat Day. Members brought side dishes and desserts. Lunch was delicious. **Bette Ashcraft** was presented with an award and pin for her 45 years with the IAMAW. **Dave Roderick** distributed watches to members who had not yet received theirs due to a shortage of watches. Their next meeting will be May 4, when they will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican lunch. Ole!

The Retired United Pilots Association met at Nick's in March with 35 people. An interesting duo was retired pilot **Ed Bristow**, who brought his son, **Steve**, who is still flying. Also attending were newbies, **Cliff Potts, Frank Harper** and **Terry Conroy**, who is a recent retiree. It was good to see **Steen Munter, Phil Pignataro**, and **Ken Voelker**, whom have been absent for a few meetings. Old faithfuls include **George Haupt, Bob Helfferich, Jim Trosky, Clark Eberle, Howard & Marj Nelson, Walt & Jan Fink**, and **Dick Kuhn**. The next lunch meeting will be May 9, at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin.

On a happy note, **Diana & Norm Wilkinson** celebrated 70 years of marriage in April. They must have married in grade school, they both look wonderful and are still in love. Congratulations! And the same goes for so many of you that have celebrated lots of years together. Ain't love grand?

Stay well, active and keep smiling!

You may have seen on the news in February, that there were homeless people living at ORD. One of the stations did a story that one homeless man was taking the ORD subway to the airport, and sleeping in the front part of the airport, before the TSA's, or next to the bag-

gage claim. Sleeping in the streets of Chicago, was getting too crowded and dangerous. Well, within a few days, he had others join him, all with their sleeping supplies, food and blankets. Employees trying to get the subway to return home, or get to work, had to walk over or around them. This was in all the terminals, not just United's, but it does cause concern for their health and safety. One passenger described it as a 'Dystopian homeless encampment overtaking O'Hare Airport'. After many complaints, the city said they sent the letters to their security team. Haymarket Square, a non-profit that helps with homeless at ORD and downtown, said the numbers are increasing every year. It used to be hundreds, now it's in the thousands. Since first reported, there is an increase of police at the subway entrance. Almost all of the homeless have disappeared. Now anyone coming to the airport after 10:00 p.m., must show an ID, if they are traveling or are employees. Be careful if you're leaving on a flight or coming in from one after about 9:00 p.m.

One more item about traveling, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency is 'proposing' that all passengers on international flights provide, a U.S. address, two phone numbers, and an email address. Anyone that does not or cannot comply, would be denied boarding. They basically do this now, but want to make sure each passenger is traveling with valid authentic travel documents. Big word, proposing.

I have a story for you, a true story, ready? Last June, I received a call or email from someone, I wish I could remember who, told me that **Marge Caliendo**, from Revenue Accounting had died on March 4, 2022. I was shocked and so sad, I've known her since the 60's when we moved to 1200 Algonquin Rd. We still saw each other at the Southside breakfast. So, I sent out emails, put it in the United Departures in Facebook, told the secretary in DEN to show her deceased in the RUAEA records. Even told **Dale Harper** to put it in the UAL Daily Newsletter. I received many responses from friends saying what a lovely woman she was, so kind, sat next to her, traveled with her, etc. It was uplifting to know so many liked and remembered her. About three weeks ago, I received a voicemail on my phone, I couldn't understand it too well, but the voice was very familiar, so I played it again. A woman said, 'Hi Jan, it's **Marge Caliendo**, I haven't heard from you in a long time, how are you? I've been a little under the weather, I fell a few times, had therapy, hospitalized, but I'm much better. Give me a call sometime, would love to catch up'. What? She's alive? Oh my God, my heart was racing. I had to talk to somebody, called **Gwen Brookins**. I said, 'Gwen, remember **Marge Caliendo**?' She said 'Sure, you told me she died, why?' I said that I just got a call from the grave, Marge just called me. She gasped and screamed at the same time. She asked,

'What did she say? Where has she been?' I explained that I wanted to talk to her first before I called Marge. I was in shock! I wondered if I should tell her my major mistake in announcing her death. Gwen said, 'Well, yes, she's wondering why you haven't called and might bump into a friend who would tell her.' So, I called Marge, she was so happy to hear my voice, me too! So she told me of her health issues and staying home, difficulty walking, therapy, etc. We chatted about our illnesses and the world. She asked if I was still writing for the Newsletter. I said yes, and I wondered if she was still getting it. She explained that she had a few deaths in the family, plus her illnesses, that her nephew in Schaumburg was handling all of her finances and mail. It was all too much for her, so he'd come by every so often and work with her, and deliver the mail. There were no Newsletters, she wondered why, so she was able to get the phone number of the man in DEN who handled the subscriptions. Her membership was expired, in fact he said, 'I thought you were dead'. Oh yeah, she was expired all right. So he renewed her subscription and she was good for another year. Marge said, 'I wonder where he got the idea that I was dead'. I took in a deep breath and said, Marge, you better sit down. I started in with my major faux pas, my message from 'somebody', and told it all. She gasped and screamed at the same time. She said, 'who told you that?' Again, I don't remember that was nine months ago, I get mail from people every day about deaths, and then advise other employees. Poor lady was in shock. I told her, 'Marge, if it's any consolation, many people wrote and said what a nice lady you were, so kind and considerate, and they were very sad to hear this news.' That made her feel a little better, it's always nice to hear compliments about yourself. I told her I'd correct this awful announcement to everyone but she had to promise to stay alive until this issue was sent out. Then I'd have to make a death announcement all over again. So, our call ended on a high note, she was still talking to me, I told her I would call more often, now that I had her number again, I erased it since I didn't think she was around. I should ask for her nephew's number, just in case. What an idiot I am. At least I know this sweet lady on the south side is still walking the earth. Long live Marge! In the words of Mark Twain, 'The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated.' I'd still like to know who told me of Marge's demise. If you're brave enough, tell me! I won't hit you. Maybe it was another Marge. Oops...

Friends who flew West last month include, **Hank Gryzbowski** and **Dan Desmond**, ORDMM, **Anthony D'Ugo**, ORDMK, **Jack Maloney**, **CC Davis**, and **Anthony Comella**, from ORDCG, **Grace Hospedales**, ORDGQ/ORDOO, mother of **Tracy** and **Darcie**, both from ORDCS, **Gary Schlais**, ORDDD/CHIDD, **Marc**

Niedzwiecki, ORDCS, and **Marlene Anderson**'s husband **Marvin**. Marlene worked in the ORD kitchen, then the EXO cafeteria after the kitchens closed. She's very active in the Skyliners Club and the IAM 1487. (Plus, she's one of the sweetest persons I've ever had the pleasure of knowing). Also gone from our world are, actors, Robert Blake, (Baretta), Lance Reddick, (John Wick), Paul Grant, (Return of the Jedi), Chaim Topol, (Fiddler on the Roof), Judy Farrell, (M*A*S*H), author, John Jakes, (North and South), sports figures, Joe Pepitone, (Cubs and NY Yankees), Willis Reed, Hall of Fame basketball player (NY Knicks), screen writer, Norman Steinberg, (Blazing Saddles), Coslough Johnson, (Laugh In, Sonny and Cher), and Mark Russell, political satirist and comedian.

Let's continue to pray for the victims of the terrible weather system- wide, and the innocent casualties of violence. It's so sad to pray for people that are suffering, in America, from so many tragedies.

We all know at least 2-3 people that have difficulties with many debilitating problems, mentally, physically, and financially. You know who your friends are, call them, visit them, send a card, anything to brighten their day. We're at an age, the future is shorter than what's in the rear view mirror. You'll be glad you did.

May all your surrealisms come true.

Calendar:


Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 111 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove (**May 11**). Second Thursday of the month (they will be moving the end of May to their new location. We'll advise you).

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**May 4**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

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

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 A.M., 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin, (**May 9**)

INDIANA

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Our March chapter meeting was held as usual. Members discussed a possible outing to an Indianapolis Indians baseball game. No other business was discussed.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for

new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.


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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **May 9** at Emmy's
- **June 13** at Emmy's
- **July 11** at Emmy's

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


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There is no report this month from the Great Lakes Escapees chapter of RUAEA.



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

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

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever one is organized by a member. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; he will be glad to hear from you.



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There were 8 members at our March 13 Luncheon at the Black Bear Diner. It was between storms but after a week of heavy snowfall in the Sierra and south towards Carson City, some of our members were unable to make it. This will be the last year of the Reno Air Races. They will be moved elsewhere due to rising insurance costs because the Reno-Stead Air Field is being surrounded by more and more houses as time goes by. If you have ever enjoyed the races, this year is the year to go one last time.

Overheating lithium batteries are causing flight disruptions. The ANKER model #A1366 is the newest problem. If you have one, stop using it. These batteries are fire risks.

A March birthday was celebrated by **Norm Borchers**, who was unable to attend due to weather. The Chapter provided St. Patrick's Day cookies as a treat. The 50/50 winner was won by **Kathy Robinson**.

NEW JERSEY



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The Garden Staters' meeting was opened with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Warzocha**, and a moment of silence was held for EWR stewardess **Suzanne Tanner**; she was a longtime member of our Garden Staters. There were plenty of discussions about old times, followed up by **Frank Kokaska** giving us an update on the negotiations between the company and the union, it seems that they have come to an agreement, which is always good news.

The 50/50 was won by the ever-popular **Diane Johnson**.

Our next the meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Stagecoach in Scotch Plains.

As the great prophet Leroy says: *"Never employ an electrician who doesn't have eyebrows"*.

NEW YORK



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There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips chapter of RUAEA. Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.

OREGON



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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It was an overcast day for our April lunch at The Davenport Press Restaurant. President **Ed Pozzi** led the 14 of us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a sad note, **Rudy Wolf**'s wife passed away in February; our condolence to Rudy and family. **George Riggi** is still recuperating from surgery and is hoping to make our May gathering.

Happy Birthday to **George Riggi, Susan McElynn, Donald Smith, Mario Lagasi, Suzanne Lagasi, and Mary Ann Lilly.**

Anniversary wishes to **Joyce & Donald Smith.**

Our 50/50 winners were **Ed Pozzi, Emma Milazzo, and John Klos.**

Anyone visiting Long Island, you're invited to join us on May 3 at The Davenport Press Restaurant.

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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In December of 2022, we sent out our schedules to all members for all of 2023 with the exception of 2 months (October & November); now we have those 2 set up. In addition, believe it or not, we have even started on 2024, looking for new restaurants; and we are getting good ones. The food & service is excellent. Like "Simon's". We were there for the first time just last year. On April 5th, 2023 we went there again. At the end of lunch, everyone was asking if we could go there again. Yes, it was a real winner.

Our attendance is low, compared to what it was just 6 years ago. Actually, we are down by about 50% (deaths and illnesses). But we do have 2 new members. Go figure that one.

Calendar:

May 3 - Ruma's, \$24

June 7 - Diamond Event, \$19

July 5 - Shale Creek, \$20



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Carl Gruenberg, retired PDXCG, passed away March 15; he was at home in hospice care and his family was with him. He was 86 years old. If you wish to send a card to **Lois** and the Family her address is 222 NE 166th Ave., Portland OR 97230-6261.

Louise Robillard let us know that she got a call from **Patty Rich Rodgers'** son, Mike, advising her that Patty passed away the morning of 4/6. She had been in Hospice at Summerplace Assisted Living. She would have turned 100 in November. She was a Customer Service Agent and retired from PDXCS. At this time there is no info if there will be a service.

No more news for this month so enjoy a bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ Instead of the John, I call my bathroom the "Jim". That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!
- ☺ My jeans say "No more Easter goodies!" But my leggings are like "We got you Girl!"
- ☺ I got kicked out of the Wal-Mart break room today ... They asked me what I was doing there ... I said "I'm on break. What do you think?" ... They said "but you don't work here". I told them, "I just went through the self-checkout, so clearly I do."
- ☺ Really, I'm not old. I just can't remember stuff because my brain is full!
- ☺ Spilling coffee is the adult version of losing your balloon.
- ☺ You call it coffee. I call it my emotional support beverage.
- ☺ Bikini season is just around the corner. Unfortunately, so is the Taco Truck.
- ☺ You can walk around Wal-Mart eating grapes and nobody will bother you. But as soon as you pop open a beer ... here comes security.
- ☺ My daughter: "Mom, what's like to have the greatest daughter in the world?" Me: "I don't know dear ... you'll have to ask grandma."
- ☺ I was lonely until I glued a coffee cup onto my car. Now everybody waves at me!
- ☺ You know you're getting old when it feels like the morning after ... but there was no night before!
- ☺ No one warns you how often you'll whisper "righty tighty, lefty loosey" to yourself as an

adult.

- ☺ Sometimes, the amount of self-control it takes to not say what's on my mind is so exhausting that I need a nap afterwards.
- ☺ I decided to reward myself with a well-earned cup of coffee after a long, hard week. Then I realized it was Tuesday morning.
- ☺ My body is just a filter. Coffee goes in, sarcasm comes out.
- ☺ If your eyes hurt after you drink coffee, you need to take the spoon out of the cup!
- ☺ Reading is important. It's how people install new software into their brains.
- ☺ Hormel Foods made their first batch of Spam in 1937. With everyone out shopping and hoarding food, they have announced they will be making their second batch later this week ...
- ☺ A day may come when I get enough sleep and don't need coffee. But it is not this day.
- ☺ Optimist: Someone who figures out that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's a cha-cha.
- ☺ Everyday hundreds of lonely bottles of wine gather dust at your local wine shops. Act now. Adopt a Rescue Wine.
- ☺ I'm still tired from yesterday's tired. Today isn't looking so good, and I've already used up tomorrow's tired.
- ☺ It's not easy being a mother these days ... Texting in all caps just doesn't have the same impact as good old fashioned yelling!
- ☺ Is it okay to pull the bag of wine out of the box & stab a straw in it like it's a giant adult Capri Sun? Asking for a friend.
- ☺ I wouldn't say that coffee solves all my problems. But I am fairly confident it stops me from creating some new ones.
- ☺ I never make the same sewing mistake twice. I make it five or six times just to be sure.
- ☺ Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married. Dad: Wonderful. Do you have a girl in mind? Boy: Yes ... Grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too ... and she's the best cook & story teller in the world! Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there. Boy: What problem? Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother! Boy: Why not? You married mine.

Calendar:

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

April 13 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

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The PIT Stoppers will hold a spring luncheon on Wednesday, April 19th at J.W. Halls, 2284 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Cocktails (cash bar) 11:30AM, Luncheon 12:00PM. Retirees from out of town are welcome to come and socialize.

It is very sad to report that **Jim Weber** passed away March 22, 2023. Jim was very active in the association. Jim was an avid golfer and enjoyed cooking with his specialty being chili.

April Birthdays ~ **Dave Detwiler** and **Mary Solomon**.


TENNESSEE

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

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

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There is no report this month from the Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA.



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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.


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Clipped Wings is grateful to be a participant in this important RUAEA publication. Our UA family is an integral part of our lives no matter what area of United we worked in. I am sure we all have been at a gathering and once you find an “airline person”, the bonding is instantaneous and special. We share funny airline related stories, travel information and most of all the love of aviation. Recently, a member of RUAEA contacted me after reading my article and asked for my assistance in finding an F/A friend she had concerns about. We were able to help her and made a new friend in the process. This shows that together RUAEA and Clipped Wings are “making a difference” and share an important mutual support.

Clipped Wings continues to grow and we look forward to welcoming any former, retired, or current UA/CO and United Express F/A. Please go to our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We wish everyone a Happy Easter and “Chag Pesach sameach” (Happy Passover).■

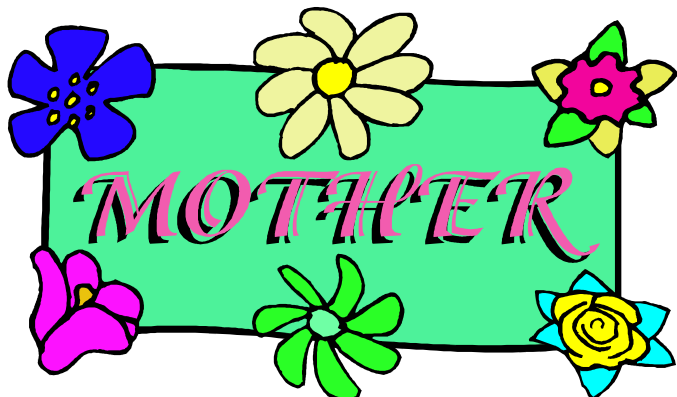




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NEW MEMBERS

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

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Correction:

We made an error in the December 2022 Newsletter, Obituary section, we listed the passing of **James C. Dillon** as having resided at 333 Broadway, Apt. D23C, New York, NY 10031. The street address should have been "**3333 Broadway, Apt. D23C**". We apologize for the error.

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Retiree - **Fasone, Margaret G.**, on 2/21/2023, HDQFR, mother of Jeff Fasone, Memory Care home in Cary, IL, 1005 Silver Lake Rd., Cary IL 60013

Retiree - **Hoffman, Henry R.**, on 12/6/2022, OPBCM, father of Jean Marie Hoffmann and Robert (Carrie) Hoffmann, 969 Mesa Drive, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Retiree - **Hospedales, Grace R. nee Miller**, on 3/28/2023, ORDGQ, wife of Elvon Hospedales, 1933 Williamsburg Dr., Streamwood, IL 60107

Spouse - **Johnson, Bettye**, on 3/21/2023, WHQAI, wife of R. Lee Johnson, (deceased), 6125 S Kilkenny Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Retiree - **Kaschalk, John F.**, on 11/30/2022, LAXPV, husband of Margaret Kaschalk, 3984 Blairwood Dr., Moorpark, CA 93021

Retiree - **Richards, Robert E.**, on 12/4/2022, CMHOZ, husband of Carol Richards, 7149 Wellington Ct., Dublin, OH 43016

Retiree - **Tanner, Suzanne DuBois**, on 2/26/2023, wife of Bill Tanner, 60 Woodcliff Lake Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458

Retiree - **Vriens, Ronald E.**, on 11/22/2022, PDXMM, husband of Laura Vriens, 18101 SE 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98683■



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:

Barbara Abernathy, Tom Barnes, Tracy Blanchard, Amelia Briones, Margaret Buske, Gayle Vanacora-Charley, Leslie Doughty, Joe Fitak, Kathryn Flynn, William Gibson, Elizabeth Griffiths, Shelley Hofman, Gloria Jordan, Hazel Kaspari, Norma Kopel, Janet Lutus, Ben Matsumoto, Leslie McAllister, Karen McNerney, James Meade, Mary Ann Monson, Gloria Odendhal, Jim Ogden, Janet Schmidt, Kerrie Schneider, Don Watts, John Whittaker, Fred Wise.

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.)

Carl Hanson, 6291 Bahia Del Mar Cir., Apt. 404, St. Petersburg, FL 33715

Thanks for the reminder. Although I don't recognize many names any more, I still enjoy reading about airline news and station activities.

I am 83, retired for 26 years and still enjoying the good life here in St Pete, FL with my wonderful wife.

Thanks to you and your team for all the work you do in preparing the monthly newsletter.

Kate King, 152 Calado Ave., Campbell, CA 95008

Thanks for the great job you do in bringing back precious memories of flying the "Friendly Skies".

You also keep us updated with news of United and other airline happenings.

Virginia Monaco, 646 Tucson View Dr., Elgin, IL 60124

Thank you once again for your friendly reminder. It is always a pleasure to receive the monthly newsletter informing us of all our former airline friends and their travels. I appreciate all your efforts in bringing us up to date with the latest in the travel policies and local stories. Thanks for keeping the RUAEA Newsletter thriving.

Dennis Scheuerell, 1744 4th Ave., West Linn, OR 97068

Here is a little extra money with my renewal for a hard copy. I want to sit in my easy chair in front of a very large window and watch the world go as I read my RUAEA Newsletter at my leisure.

I had 43 years of working for Capital and United Airlines, at 4 different airports. I also spent 2 years in the Army. Now after 20 years of retirement, life is still good.

Kathleen Towns, 19619 Edgebrook Ln., Tinley Park, IL 60487

As of May 1st, I will have been retired from CHIRR for 25 years. I have had the pleasure of working with many wonderful people and have many great memories.

Many thanks to all the people who put our Newsletter together.

Notes

Rachel Barren

RUAEA is a way for me to stay connected to United Airlines updates pertaining to retirees and periodically connecting with former employees.

Sharon L. Simonton

It's great to read about everyone in the RUAEA Newsletter!

Dawn Murphy

Thank you for all your hard work. It's the way for me to keep with what is happening with United. Sending dues a little early with a small amount of extra.

Rick Wright

We are enjoying life here in SE Florida, getting acquainted with a wide range of individuals, both fellow retirees and friends met over the 21+ years since retire-

ment. Traveled extensively pre-COVID and hope to resume travel - still lots of places to see and explore.

Ken Krydynski

I do a lot of traveling along with my wife. If we see a good opportunity we take advantage of it.

I see RUAEA as a way to keep in touch with former coworkers indirectly and to keep myself updated as to what is happening with United.

Terri Crowell

I will be marrying Tom Laney in April so I'm updating my address.

Joan P. Lane

I love reading about friends, co-workers, and everything else in the RUAEA Newsletter. I'm living in Sacramento and do enjoy life here. So far, I stay healthy and really busy. I do miss my sweet **Jerry Lane**, who passed away in 2014 of Alzheimer's.

Sharon Castner

Thank you all for the work that you do in bringing this newsletter to us. It is very much appreciated.

Matalynne Wandel

I worked in CHIRR starting June 9, 1986 and retired from WHQRA in January 2003. United was my entire life for 30 years. I don't know what I would have done without UAL

William E. Anderson

I've been retired since 2001 and I'm loving it! I lost count of the number of trips to the Hawaiian Islands we've taken; also several trips to other countries, so our travel benefits have been greatly appreciated. Although it's unusual to get First Class any longer, we have truly enjoyed our past travel adventures.

Irene A. Jarmulski

Thank you to all RUAEA volunteers who keep us up to date. **Jan Gawenda** keeps me smiling with her anecdotes! Happy and Healthy 2023 to all!

Alfred J. Scaletta

Sandy & I are now both enjoying retirement and the 17 grandkids. The 8 youngest provide lots of school and community sporting events throughout the year. We hope to return to the Friendly Skies and make our first visit to Ireland. RUAEA provides a link to many ORD employees we worked with during our years with United.■



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The Acorn Days

Amazing History of US Aviation - Part 2

Decades before “geeks” and “nerds” altered the world; young pioneers changed the world not with “brick and mortar” but with wood, bailing wire, canvas, and later aluminum. ~ Ray Lahr

Text by **Denham S. Scott** - Reprinted from NAAR (North American Aviation Retirees Bulletin) - Summer 2001

Glenn Martin's mother, **Minta** and two men ran the factory when Glenn was risking his neck and gadding about the country. One of these was 22-year old **Donald Douglas** who was the whole of his engineering department and the other was a Santa Monica boy named **Larry Bell** who ran the shop.

The third circus ring was a flying school. It had a land plane operation in Griffith Park and later at Bennett Farm in Inglewood; and a hydroplane operation at a place that's now part of the Watts District. A stunt flyer named **Floyd Smith** ran it. One of his first pupils was **Eric Springer**, who later became an instructor and then Martin's test pilot, still later the test pilot for the early **Douglas Company**, and then a Division Manager.

Between **Eric** and **Floyd**, they taught a rich young man named **Bill Boeing** to fly. Having mastered the art; Boeing bought a Martin biplane, hired **Ross Stem**, **Glenn Martin's** personal mechanic, and shipped the airplane to Seattle. Later, when it crashed into the lake and Boeing set about to repair it, he ordered some spare parts from Martin in Los Angeles.

Martin, remembering the proselytizing incident with **Ross Stem**, decided to take his sweet time and let Boeing stew. **Bill Boeing** said, “To Hell with him”, and told **Ross Stern** to get busy and build one of their own. Boeing had a friend named **Westerfelt** and they decided to form a company and build two airplanes. These two BW airplanes bore a remarkable resemblance to the Martin airplane which, in turn, had been copied from **Glenn Curtiss**. There seems to be a moral about customer relations and product support mixed up in this episode.

During WWI, a bunch of sharpies from Wall Street in New York got control of the **Wright Company** in Dayton and the **Martin Company** in Los Angeles. They merged the two companies into the **Wright-Martin Company**. They sent a young man named **Chance Vought** to be their Chief Engineer. **Donald Douglas** lost no time in quitting and went to work for the **U.S. Signal Corp.**

The **Wright-Martin Company** started building obsolete Standard biplanes and Hispano-Suiza engines, with the latter under a license agreement with the French Government. **Martin** told them what they could do with them, and took off for Cleveland, taking **Larry Bell** and **Eric Springer** with him. Having the backing of a baseball mogul to build a new factory, he was soon joined by **Donald Douglas** who went to work and came up with the design of the Martin Bomber. It came out too late to see service in WWI, but showed its superiority when General **Billy Mitchell** made everyone mad at him by sinking the captured German battle-fleet. The deathblow to the allegedly Dreadnaught Osfriesland was delivered by the Douglas designed Martin Bomber.■

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