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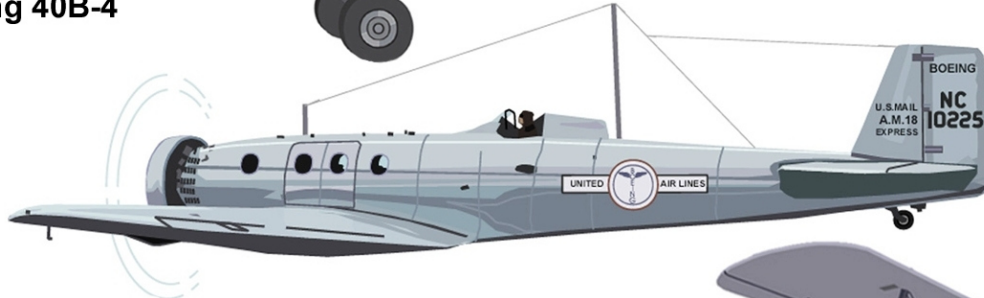
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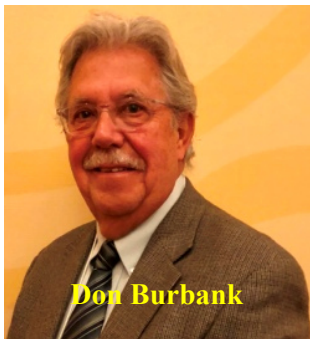
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## GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter from the President



**Don Burbank**

Hi Everyone,  
By the time you get this, the 2022 RUAEA Convention will be in full swing. I understand that some of you were not able to book your room at the RUAEA discounted rate; that's why we keep reminding everyone to book early, before the cutoff date. Our block of rooms at the discount rate was sold out about in mid August. Do plan for next year to book early, remember you can always cancel if something comes up.

Another subject I want to address was that a member wrote me a letter stating that with his newsletter, he received a letter from AAA trying to sell him insurance. The letter had his address with RUAEA in front of it. I want to assure you that it is against our policies and procedures to give out member's name, addresses, or phone numbers. We are checking to make sure that we were not hacked and hope our member was not hacked.

I hope you all are surviving the summer heat and wish you a pleasant fall.

Don Burbank  
RUAEA President



### United Invests Another \$15 Million in Electric Flying Taxi Market with Eve September 8, 2022



United today announced a \$15 million investment in Eve Air Mobility and a conditional purchase agreement for 200 four-seat electric aircraft plus 200 options, expecting the first deliveries as early as

2026. This marks another significant investment from United in flying taxis – or eVTOLs (electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing vehicle) – that have the potential to revolutionize the commuter experience in cities around the world.

Under the terms of the agreement, the companies intend to work on future projects, including studies on the development, use and application of Eve's aircraft and the urban air mobility (UAM) ecosystem.

*“United has made early investments in several cutting-edge technologies at all levels of the supply chain, staking out our position as a leader in aviation sustainability and innovation,”* said Michael Leskinen, President of United Airlines Ventures. *“Today, United is making history again, by becoming the first major airline to publicly invest in two eVTOL companies. Our agreement with Eve highlights our confidence in the urban air mobility market and serves as another important benchmark toward our goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 – without using traditional offsets. Together, we believe our suite of clean energy technologies will revolutionize air travel as we know it and serve as the catalyst for the aviation industry to move toward a sustainable future.”*

*“United's investment in Eve reinforces the trust in our products and services and strengthens our position in the North American market,”* said Andre Stein, co-CEO of Eve. *“I am confident that our UAM agnostic solutions, coupled with the global know-how we have been developing at Eve and Embraer's heritage, are the best fit for this initiative, giving United's customers a quick, economical and sustainable way to get to its hub airports and commute in dense urban environments. It is an unparalleled opportunity to work with United to advance the US UAM ecosystem, and we look forward to it.”*

United was the first major U.S. airline to create a corporate venture fund, United Airlines Ventures (UAV), designed to support the company's 100% green commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050 without the use of traditional offsets. Through UAV, United has led the industry in investments in eVTOL and electric aircraft, hydrogen fuel cell engines, and sustainable

aviation fuel. Last month, United gave a \$10 million deposit to a California-based eVTOL company for 100 aircraft.

United's investment in Eve was driven in part by confidence in the potential growth opportunities in the UAM market and Eve's unique relationship with Embraer, a trusted aircraft manufacturer with a proven track record of building and certifying aircraft over the company's 53-year history. Critically, their relationship includes access to Embraer's service centers, parts warehouses and field service technicians, paving the way for a reliable operation. Upon entry into service, United could have its entire eVTOL fleet serviced by Eve's agnostic service and support operations. Moreover, United joins the consortium led by Eve, which will simulate UAM operations in Chicago from September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Rather than relying on traditional combustion engines, eVTOL aircraft are designed to use electric motors, providing carbon-free flights and to be used as 'air taxis' in urban markets. Eve's design uses conventional fixed wings, rotors and pushers, giving it a practical and intuitive lift-plus-cruise design, which favors safety, efficiency, reliability and certifiability. With a range of 60 miles (100 km), its vehicle has the potential not only to offer a sustainable commute but also to reduce noise levels by 90 percent compared to current conventional aircraft. Eve is also creating a new air traffic management solution designed for the UAM industry to scale safely. This software is intended to perform at the same safety level as Embraer's existing air traffic management software and expected to be a strategic asset to helping the entire industry grow.

**United to Launch New Platforms for Corporate Customers to Fully Customize and Manage Business Travel Programs**  
**August 11, 2022**



United today announces a new platform that will allow corporate customers to fully customize their business travel program contracts with the airline. This could include higher status in United's loyalty programs including United Corporate Preferred, the airline's loyalty program for corporate customers; options to make working while traveling easier, including reserving more spacious seats in Economy Plus® and wi-fi access; and incentives like discounts on leisure travel for employees.

In an innovative shift from discounted airfare being the only option available during the contracting process, customers will now be able to work with a United sales

representative to choose from the airline's extensive product catalog to design a program that best fits their business travel needs. With the additional ability to customize these options down to individual flights, travelers and destinations, United is set to be the first airline to offer this level of customization in the contracting process through its new platform, United for Business Blueprint, which is scheduled to launch in late 2022.

*"The needs of our customers are changing, and it's the right time to move beyond the one-size-fits-all contracting model that has become standard across the industry,"* said Doreen Burse, senior vice president of worldwide sales for United. *"United has a best-in-class suite of benefits and services and our customers deserve the opportunity to take advantage of the offerings they value most. The voice of our customers played an essential role in how this new platform was built, and will continue to shape how it evolves in the future."*

In addition to launching United for Business Blueprint, United will begin rolling out a new website in late 2022 that will make it easier for companies who book business travel on united.com or the United app to enroll in and manage their travel program. The site will have one of the most intuitive sign-up processes in the industry. With just a few clicks, customers can register with United for Business, browse programs and enroll in an option that best meets their business travel needs. Customers will gain access to a variety of new capabilities, including the ability to easily rebook and exchange travel and view and use future flight credits. Customers will also be able to view reports on travel activity based on money spent or trips taken, with the option to filter based by date of travel, origin, destination and more. New customizable booking and payment settings will also give travel administrators more choice in the payment options and spending guidelines they set for their travelers. The site was designed with small businesses in mind but will also bring great value to larger organizations that book their business travel through united.com or the United app.

United previewed the new platforms at this year's Global Travel Business Association (GBTA) Convention in San Diego on August 14, 2022.

**It Happened to Me - The Coffee Club**  
**By Mal Malesardi**  
**Membership Manager**

From the first day I started at LGA, to the day I left, maintenance ran a coffee club. It consisted of a rented machine that would brew a pot, and keep 2 pots hot. It was run by "Big Jim", a no-nonsense get the job done, lead. Filters, coffee, and cups were delivered to the hangar. Midnights were a fairly quiet operation. Working afternoons, it became a busy operation. Pilots and



Flight Attendants on through trips, ground personnel, including Pan Am, and Air Canada were all welcome guests. Coffee was constantly brewed, pots washed and the area constantly cleaned. If not, you got the look from “Big Jim”. Then “I got it”. Over time it escalated into bringing in donuts, bagels, and Kaiser rolls. Different items on different days, along with butter and cream cheese, maybe some jelly. Milk was the hard part. One day we ran out and went to a vendor upstairs to buy a half gallon. Not at that price, no thanks. One day we had to shut down. After “Big Jim’s” retirement, I took a leading role with a few other mechanics in the operation.

The milk was a daily delivery, if it was your Friday, you brought in 2 milks. There was always someone who would forget. This was a day we could not make it through. Executive meeting, we have to go to “scrounge mode”.

First thing, milk is always hard to find on an arriving trip; always nothing or a couple. After a couple of attempts and no milk found, we had to shut down. Now, to put this in perspective, you need a clear shot from the jet way stairs to the break room to not meet any supervisors. The white plastic bag was always a dead giveaway. I scored on a trip and brought it down the stairs, got a “thumbs up” from my partner and put it in the fridge. The operation up and running, the maintenance supervisor comes in for a coffee. He asks “who sells the milk in the small containers?” “I had to stop in Queens at a small convenience store because I forgot”; like he didn’t know.



After all this hard work, there was an occasional reward. There was a tool warehouse, in Farmingdale,

NY that sold me tools at wholesale prices. One tool we used all day, every day, was an Xcelite reversible screwdriver. When we had enough money in “the bank”, I would ask \$5.00 payout for a new screwdriver. A new screwdriver always won. They would have the tips worn out and the handle melted from hydraulic fluid, so a new screwdriver was always received well. I’ve included a picture of a new screwdriver and my first screwdriver, modified of course.

A plastic tray for the money, everybody paid, and if it got busy, someone would make coffee; a great bunch of people who would always help out.

The money was always piled up and not touched. Holiday was, no money tray, free all day, including, bagels, donuts, and Kaiser rolls. A great social event and worth all the work!

## So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

### Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad:

This recipe is a fairly new recipe for me, but everyone has enjoyed the recipe when I have made it for family or an event. It has a wonderful “crunch” and each crisp ingredient adds to that delight. I believe that the secret is making the dressing a day

ahead of time to allow the flavors to blend.

2 cups mayonnaise

½ cup sugar

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons vinegar

2 tablespoons finely chopped onion

½ cup dried cranberries (or you may use raisins)

1 bunch broccoli, cut into florets

1 small head cauliflower, cut into florets

1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained

½ pound bacon, cooked and crumbled

2/3 cup slivered toasted almonds

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, sugar, Parmesan cheese, vinegar, onion and cranberries.

Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Just before serving, combine broccoli, cauliflower, water chestnuts, bacon and almonds in a large bowl. Pour dressing over and toss to coat. Serves 8-10. ■

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

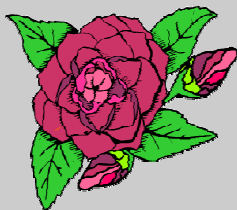
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



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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.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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Here we are into September already. Summer flew by! Soon our members will be returning to spend winter and spring in their Arizona homes. Safe travels to all and welcome back! Since I am not currently in Arizona, I'm not sure how many attended the August breakfast. I hope it was a fun time. The next breakfast will be Friday, September 23 at 9:00 am at Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. It's fun going out for breakfast so we hope to see you there. Bring a guest if you want.

If you know any retirees who would like to join us, please notify our Vice President **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email her at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) a couple of days before so she can notify the restaurant of how many are coming. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant. **Reminder:** Save the date, Wednesday, December 7 from 11am-2pm for our Christmas Luncheon. It will again be catered by Robert's Catering on his patio with a beautiful view. We are asking everyone to bring a "White Elephant gift" to exchange at the luncheon.

We celebrate the following birthdays in October: **Rosemarie Schaeffer, Jennifer Strohmaier, Bob Forsberg, Donna Pedone and Cindy Hilsabeck.** Anniversaries for October are **Bill & Pam Betz** and **Kathy & Jim Brigante.**

### Calendar:

**September 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



### TUCSON ROADRUNNER

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rpdgarlic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA



### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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There truly is no other word for hot than hot! All of Northern California is experiencing a heat wave beyond normal. Hopefully soon, temperatures will be back to a realistic number.

The Northstaters have decided to have a picnic for their next get-together. We are able to meet at Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area in Corning, CA. This park is next to the Sacramento River; very enjoyable place. We will meet on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Everyone is asked to bring his or her own lunch, drinks, chairs, and smiles. It has been a while since we have been able to have our group together where everyone is comfortable. It will be great to get together again. Stay cool everyone!

### Calendar:

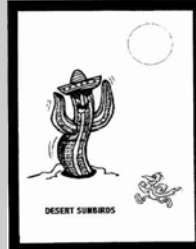
**September 28** - Wednesday, 11:30 AM Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area. If you are in the Northstate area, please join us.





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### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

Palm Springs Area  
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We had our August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at Hapy's Restaurant in Arroyo Grande with 12 attending, including 3 guests. Our President **Mike Zoldak** did not attend since **Bridget** had a family member who was quite ill in Worchester, MA. She flew there while Mike went to Ohio to visit his brother and sister. Mike is still not sure whether he will be going to MA or coming home in a week.

One of our members, **Joan Schaefer**, competed in a 10K marathon at the Dodger Stadium. She plans on going to Scotland with her daughter and compete in another marathon. She is one active lady who also appeared on Wheel of Fortune several years ago and just missed out on the big money due to a technicality.

I haven't heard any thing more from our members so it seems they are staying well. As for me and my wife, due to physical conditions, we pretty much stay at home. We have heard from several neighbors that they got infected with COVID from traveling, whether it was on the plane, or family get-togethers. One of our neighbors flew to South Dakota to attend a birthday party and observe a memorial service for her husband. All went well until she flew home and got the virus. From what I've heard about the problems the airlines are having with delays and cancellations, I'm glad I don't have to fly anymore. Lucky for me, my family prefers to visit us.

We live in a tourist area and every summer we let the visitors take over. The merchants couldn't be happier and it's impossible to enjoy the beaches. Most of the tourists come from Bakersfield or Fresno where summer temperatures stay in the 100 degrees. Our beach area remains in the high 60's or low 70's. We've noticed this past week that the beaches are not as crowded as usual since schools have started before Labor Day. So, we have only one more week of crowds before we get our town back.

Finally, if you have reached the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.



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

Our next lunch meeting is planned for October 13.



### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Happy October and happy Halloween from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on September 7, I cannot believe that three-fourths of 2022 is almost over with.

As of early September, my area continues to have a fair number of Covid cases and hospitalizations. Although the latest variant is not as deadly, it is much more contagious, and people at high risk - like us - are still getting sick enough to be hospitalized. I am sorry if I sound like a broken record over this, but I want people to be careful, no matter how tired they may be of taking precautions to stay safe. My therapy dog and I visit the local hospital every Thursday. We visit two med-surg units and about 25-33% of the rooms are Isolation due to Covid.

Our group is now holding 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 to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our September meeting, due to be held on Labor Day at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord, was canceled due to the excessive heat wave all over the West Coast. When the authorities are urging people to stay inside and drink lots of water, or go to a cooling center if they don't have air conditioning, it did not make sense for us to risk our health to go to lunch. As I write this on September 7, I am chasing down our members to see if they still want to meet on September 12 or 19.

I hope you all enjoyed last month's story about the lost sea turtle hatchlings in Miami being rescued from a hotel pool by sheriff's deputies and rerouted to the ocean with

flashlights showing the way. This month's feel good story about baby animals features Fritz the baby hippo born at the Cincinnati Zoo: The Cincinnati Zoo welcomes a baby hippo! Zoo staff discovered Bibi the hippo was pregnant around April Fool's Day. It came as a surprise because Bibi was on birth control. She gave birth to a full term calf on August 3. The calf has an older sister named Fiona, who became an international celebrity after being born six weeks premature in 2017. Fiona has been the Cincinnati Zoo's star animal ever since. Fiona only weighed 29 pounds when she was born and wasn't able to stand on her own. She now weighs 2,000 pounds.

As is usually the case, the zoo asked the public for help naming the baby. The birth gained worldwide excitement and the zoo received 90,000 name submissions from people in every state in the U.S. and more than 60 countries around the world.

It took zookeepers until August 8 to determine that the newborn was a male. The hippo team narrowed down the 90,000 possible names to Fritz or Ferguson. The zoo then conducted a poll. More than 200,000 votes were received and Fritz won with 56% of the votes cast. The hippo keepers love the name and think it's fitting since Bibi's birth control was obviously on the fritz, and it goes well with Fiona. As of August 15, Fritz still wasn't visible to the public, but zoo members have access to cameras in the outdoor habitat and can monitor the Hippo Cove live from 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Therapy animals at San Jose and San Francisco airports: Many of you already know that SJC was the first airport in the U. S. to start a therapy dog program. The South Bay airport started its program immediately after the tragedies of 9/11, when the airport's interfaith chaplain volunteer, Kathryn Liebschutz, recognized that getting people back on planes was going to be problematic — perhaps forever. Liebschutz owned a trained therapy dog named Orion, and she asked permission to bring the boxer-Great Dane mix into the airport to help alleviate travelers' anxieties. Orion was an immediate hit with passengers and employees alike, and the airport animal therapy program was born. Today, SJC has 25 active therapy dogs and two therapy cats. The dogs are certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs, a national therapy dog organization with over 15,000 teams. Meet the pets of SJC's therapy animal program at <https://www.flysanjose.com/therapy-animals>.

SFO's Wag Brigade was started in late 2013, inspired by the therapy animals at San Jose International. The animals undergo an almost year-long training program through the San Francisco SPCA to become certified therapy animals. Their only goal is to ease tensions, put smiles on faces and delight children. The menagerie includes a tutu-obsessed pig named LiLou, an assortment of large and small dogs, a cat named Duke and a 32-pound Flemish Giant rabbit named Alex who travels in a custom remote-controlled car. Meet the pets of SFO's Wag Brigade at <https://www.flysfo.com/passengers/services-amenities/wag-brigade>.

Source: East Bay Times. July 6, 2022. "Airport Ther-

apy Animals Help Ease Tension, Panic, Frustration" by Joan Morris.

**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." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! 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". 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. I can't wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). I would like to thank the East Bay Diablos members who bring coupons to our meeting; and other RUAEA members who have mailed me coupons from NJ, CO, IL and CA. Thanks to all these kind people, I was able to turn in a whopping 417 coupons to my coupon chairman this month, and that was before our Labor Day meeting was canceled!!

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

- ▲ Monday, October 3 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be determined. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, September 29.
- ▲ Monday, November 7 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be determined later. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, November 3.
- ▲ Monday, December 5 at 11:00. Zio Fraedo's, 611



Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com). RSVP deadline will be provided later.

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



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Whew! While we have a little spot of some of the best weather you can imagine – we have hoped for temperatures of 66 degrees around here. Guess you'll have to turn those two numbers up-side down as we are facing 99 degrees and higher these next few days. The East Bay is roasting with some temps reaching 113 degrees and higher. No rain in sight for this neck of the woods – facing some blackouts, water shortages and warnings out to those over 65 (that's all of us) to stay hydrated, live in a cave – and the list goes on! Weather across the country has been a challenge for everyone. This, too, will pass but kindly hurry it up so we can feel like human beings again.

**Vera Kina**, our intrepid President, keeps us in line and up to date on the goings-on with the 'Gaters. Numbers are increasing slightly at our meetings so folks are coming out after a long hibernation. The next three months are set as is the Christmas luncheon so dust off those clothes and join us for some good times. Here are our meeting dates:

- ▲ September 26 – Our annual BBQ – Tasty Ribs, salad, secret recipe of baked beans from **Barbara Underhill**, the works and plenty of napkins and dessert. \$20 per member / \$25 per guest – Don't miss out on this one!
- ▲ October 24 – BYOBL – we have a speaker, Tiffany Oren, from the Foster City Recreation Center who will bring us up to date on the events offered to all who enjoy our local activities.
- ▲ November 28 – Pot Luck Feast – singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8
- ▲ December 14 – Stay tuned for we have confirmation from The Fish Market – details will be coming so save your dimes and nickels for a delicious and fun party!


Our August Pizza party was a success – a nice turnout. It was nice to see **Dee Peters, Jan Pietryzk, Charlie Bogert, Bill & Diane Heinrich, Pat Ortega** and **Emily Turner**. Swapping stories at one table: **Jerry & Pat**

**Marsala, Gary Chong, Norm & Colleen Wood** and the roving Board Members in full force. We must have someone volunteer for the Auditors spot as **Gene Walter** is retiring. **Help!**

I took one of my to-do things out of my Bucket List – I worked 32 years and achieved 32 years of retirement at the end of April 2022. I am sure there are some of you that have reached that goal also - did we think we would? Reminder to everyone: I was dog and house sitting several weeks ago, a "job" that I enjoy doing and things went amiss. A power outage happened – PG &E sent a message to the owners who were in Carmel who then called me. All electricity was out in the afternoon and wasn't to go back on until late evening. Egads – no TV, no lights, ice box out along with stove and freezer - a veritable blackout. There I sat when the smoke alarm went off (a two story house – naturally it was upstairs) so I had to call the owners who, in turn, called a neighbor who brought his ladder (no way was I going to climb up a ladder,) had to check several alarms and found the one beeping in my bedroom. The alarms are the new-fangled ones that don't use 9 volt batteries. The kind neighbor removed smoke alarm that the owners must replace. Moral: Make sure to keep your alarms up to date. The dog and I sat out on the patio enjoying the sunset and hoped that the nocturnal raccoon would stay away as all the dogs around us bark continually while he is out rummaging around for a midnight snack!

Stay cool, dear friends, have a flash light handy – 'til next month.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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There weren't any horses tied up out front nor straw on the floor but our lunch at the El Dorado Saloon served up plenty of good "grub" for our members. Nice selection to choose from, great service, not too hard to hear Rudy when he talked – all in all, a win-win for us. **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to **Roy & Dawn Martin** for setting up our luncheon. I didn't think they would be able to be there, so I was delighted to see them in person. Of course, Rudy asked if there are any anniversaries this month – checking our roster – we send a big congratulations to **Tom & Gerry Boyle** – 58 years! For birthdays we gave Happy Birthday wishes to **Rudy Blazius** and **Duncan Nielsen**.



*President ~ Rudy Blazius*, who is always on the alert, discussed UAL Second Quarter returns as well as some schedule reductions for Q3 and Q4.

*Vice President ~ JR Heier* didn't have a "report" but he did want to say "Thank You" to **Judy Fitzpatrick** for handling the raffle for him last month.

*Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny*, who was still dealing with a lingering cough, reported that our bank account is pretty much on track for this time of the year. However, if you recall, the luncheon last month was at BJ's and they allowed it to be a fundraiser for us! Thanks to Tom's efforts, we are classified as a "non-profit" organization which allows us to do things like fundraising. We don't have the amount yet that he will be depositing from this, but it can only be a plus for us. Tom also reported that we have 40 members and all are current with their 2022 dues – thank you for following thru on that!

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* didn't have a report, but she did try to contact the company we have used for many years and who have our logo already. Jane will try again to see if they are still in business but just made some changes. **Rosemary Heier** said that she has a place she orders from for their RV group, so Jane will be in touch with her to get that info.

*Old Business ~ Tom Kenny* is still working on the tool donations to help out students who plan to attend the A & P Mechanics program at Sacramento City College but who are not able to buy all the tools and such that one needs to learn and work in this industry. You who were mechanics for UAL certainly understand that! Well, this is your opportunity to "give back" and help out the new folks who want to work in this field. As we have asked for the past few months, if you have tools that are just sitting around in your garage or shop and you'd like to have that space for a new project, please contact Tom, (530) 626-5660 or [tck46@flash.net](mailto:tck46@flash.net). Tom reports that we almost have enough tools to fill out two tool kits. We have duplicates of some tools that will be donated as well. Tom suggested that we contact other retiree groups in the area and see if their members might have tools (and tool boxes too) to donate and that would allow even more help. **Frank & Angie Dellinger** are active with the Gold Diggers Chapter and they suggested that maybe he would like to come to their next luncheon and talk to them about it. Tom is willing to come and pick up the tools from you, just decide what you want to donate (it is a tax deductible donation for your tax return!) and let him know. He's great at figuring out things like this!

Tom also threw out there that if we have items that just aren't coming in as a donation, then perhaps we could purchase said items under our charity classification. Since Tom works at True Value in Placerville, he just might be able to get some deals! Turn on the Irish charm, Tom!

Rudy said they attended that funeral for **Bill Dinette** on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Dixon National Cemetery. He reports that it was a very nice ceremony. **Linda** is doing well – adjusting to life.

*New Business ~* Okay, my friends, I don't know if this

happens to you but time just seems to go zipping past me! That being said, can you believe it? We're just days away from month number 9! It's true! I know that it's only 3+ months until our December luncheon may feel like a long time, but we need to start thinking about where we want to have our December luncheon. The past several years we have gotten together at the American Legion Hall in Placerville. We rent the hall (we have several members who are also members there) and have had really good experiences there. But, on top of the rent fee (\$200) we then hire a catering company. Sometimes they set up the tables and seating, Jane enjoys making decorations for the table centers, and the caterers handle the food prep and man the buffet table, bonus – they clean up the food and kitchen. We take care of putting away the tables, chairs and sweeping the floor. Tom figured out what our last meal, per person came to and it was about \$40 each. Our meal was delicious but perhaps it would be worth our time to look around at other options – such as meeting at a restaurant instead. If you like this idea, please make a few suggestions for where we could go – a place with a separate room, we can choose the meal and they do the rest. It may be that staying with what we already have been doing will be the best plan, but lets do some research. Bring you suggestion(s) to our next meeting.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close with this observation: *"Never leave home without a kiss, a hug and an I Love You! Then remove the dog hair from your mouth as you walk to the car!"*

Our September luncheon will be at Las Cascada in El Dorado Hills.

Thanks to all who brought donations to our raffle: **Heier** – grill seasoning; **Martin** – Tuscano wine; **Martin** – air fryer; **Kenney** – digital thermometer; **Kenney** – Bob's Red Mill Book; **Kenney** – three tiered cookie rack; **Fitzpatrick** – popcorn & liquid soap; **Blazius** – crystal dish; **Trebnik** – kitchen tools & timer; **Gibson** – dragon fly; **Barton** – jade plant/butterfly; **Kenny** – wine. It is wonderful that you take the time to find something to donate to the raffle. I admit that it can be a challenge to find just the perfect thing to bring, but, it's also fun!

Take time to pamper yourselves. Take time to have fun every day. Take time to just breathe. Take care all of you.

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By the time you receive this, I am thinking you are on the way to the Convention in San Diego or have just arrived. Your Convention Team here is looking forward to welcoming you once again in our lovely city and we con-

tinue to work to make it a great time for you.


The first stop on your arrival will be Registration and do check your packet to make sure you have tickets for all you may have signed up and paid for: Fiesta Night, the Banquet, the Midway tour, Scenic La Jolla Tour, Bali Hai Polynesian restaurant and the popular Harbor Excursion. This is time to check for any errors that may have been made when you first signed up. Also double check to make sure your entrée selection for the Banquet is correct if you plan to attend on our final night, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to recognize our two October Birthdays: **Rosario Zepeda** (10/6) and **JoAnne Iwasaki** (10/9). Happy Birthday wishes to both of them and for all the best in the coming year.

Looking forward to seeing you and hope you really have a great time at the Convention that we have planned for your enjoyment.

#### Calendar:

**November 3** – Breakfast a Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego

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The Gold Diggers met at the Lincoln Chinese Restaurant in Lincoln and were hosted by **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor**. There were twenty-five members and five guests on hand for lots of food. The guests were **Martin McKinney**, son of **Sidnee & Jack, Orville Harshbarger's** daughter Julie, and Judy a friend of **Shirley & Ed Vanderzyl**, also **Marrilee Norton** and husband **Pete Molloy**.

After getting our fill and reading our fortunes from the Fortune Cookies, President started the meeting. VP **Barbara Bertacini** was unable to attend since she was at the Clipped Wings Convention in Portland. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** filled in, the proposed October lunch at Bill's Place looked to be far too expensive and alternate plans are being developed. Ron continued with the August anniversaries, the **Engeldingers** with 47 years, the **Figueras** with 56 years, the **Jenkins** with 61 years and the **Stanmmitzs** with 66 years. Since we would not be meeting in September he had three anniversaries in that month with the **Domaratius** with 37 years, the **Nortons** with 61 years and the **Zobolis** with 34 years. Treasurer **Judie King** reported that we were still in the black. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she had been in contact with a few members that we haven't seen in some time. **Harold Mitchell** is still recovering from his cancer treatment and hopes to see us soon; **Ed Rheam** is also having chemo treatment and says **Rose** is taking good care of him; **Karl & Ruth**

**Stanmmitz** have moved to Idaho. Historian **Stephanie Norton** reported that she & Ken and family are working on the Christmas/Holiday luncheon. Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** wanted to know how many members were planning on attending the RUAEA Convention and several indicated that they were planning to be there.

Dave then brought us up to date on some trivia. Birthdays on this date: 1875 Jesse James famous outlaw, 1880 Queen Mother Wilhelmina Netherlands (1890-1948), 1889 A Provost Idell father of modern volleyball, 1899 Paul Garber helped establish Air & Space Museum in Washington DC, 1903 Arthur Godfrey radio, TV host, 1903 Sir Bernard Lovell England, radio astronomer, founded Jodrell Bank, 1905 Dore Schary producer/writer/director (Act 1, Boys Town, Big City), 1914 Richard Basehart Zanesville OH, actor (Voyage to Bottom of Sea), 1928 James Coburn Laurel NE, actor (Our Man Flint, Magnificent Seven), 1930 Dudley "Big Tiny" Little, Jr. pianist (Lawrence Welk Show), 1931 Dan Rather news anchor, 1935 Eldridge Cleaver Black Panther turned Republican, 1935 Frank Robinson baseball player/manager (MVP 1961-NL 1966-AL), 1945 Itzhak Perlman Tel Aviv Israel, violinist/polio victim, 1945 Leonid I Popov cosmonaut (Soyuz 35, 40, T-7), 1949 Richard Gere Philadelphia PA, actor (Breathless, Cotton Club)

Deaths which occurred on August 31: 1057 Leofric husband of Lady Godiva, dies, 1688 John Bunyan preacher/novelist/author of Pilgrim's Progress, dies. Bunyan an English Puritan clergyman and writer John Bunyan was 69. Imprisoned several times between 1660 and 1672, Bunyan used these periods of isolation to pen his two literary masterpieces, Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners (1666) and Pilgrim's Progress (1678), 1888 Mary Ann Nicholls a 42-year-old prostitute, was found stabbed to death in London, 1<sup>st</sup> of at least five murders by Jack the Ripper. 1964 Rocky Marciano former heavyweight champ, dies in a plane crash. On August 31, 1969 (the day before his 46<sup>th</sup> birthday), Marciano was a passenger in a small private plane, a Cessna 172 heading to Des Moines, Iowa. It was night and bad weather had set in. The pilot, Glenn Belz, had 231 total hours of flying time, 35 of them at night, and had no instrument rating. Belz tried to land the plane at a small airfield outside Newton, Iowa but the aircraft hit a tree two miles short of the runway. Flying with Marciano in the back seat was Frankie Farrell, 28, the oldest son of organized crime figure Lew Farrell. Marciano, Belz and Farrell were killed on impact, 1997 Princess Diana In the early hours of 31 August 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, died from the injuries she sustained in a car crash in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel in Paris, France. Dodi Fayed, Diana's partner, and Henri Paul, the driver of the Mercedes-Benz W140 S-Class, were pronounced dead at the scene.


On this day in History: 1887 Thomas A. Edison patents Kinetoscope, (produces moving pictures), 1894 Phillies Billy Hamilton steals 7 bases, 1895 1<sup>st</sup> pro football game (QB John Brallier paid \$10 & won 12-0), 1919 Communist Labor Party of America formed in Chicago, 1934

1<sup>st</sup> football All-Star game - Bears tie collegians 0-0 in Chicago, 1941 Great Gildersleeve, a spin-off of Fibber McGee & Molly debuts on NBC, 1955 1<sup>st</sup> microwave TV station operated (Lufkin, TX, 1955 1<sup>st</sup> sun-powered automobile demonstrated, Chicago, IL. The first solar car invented was a tiny 15-inch vehicle created by William G. Cobb of General Motors. Called the Sunmobile, Cobb showcased the first solar car at the Chicago Powerama convention on August 31, 1955. The solar car was made up 12 selenium photovoltaic cells and a small Pooley electric motor turning a pulley which in turn rotated the rear wheel shaft. The first solar car in history was obviously too small to drive, 1962 Trinidad & Tobago gain independence from Britain, 1971 Dave Scott becomes 1<sup>st</sup> person to drive a car on the Moon, 1978 Symbionese Liberation Army founders William & Emily Harris plead guilty to 1974 kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 1986 Aeromexico jet & a Piper PA-28-181 Cherokee collided and crashed into the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos, killing all 64 on the DC-9, all three on the Piper and an additional 15 on the ground. Eight on the ground also sustained minor injuries.

There are three attendees with birthdays in August: **Sonda Sandstedt, Ken Norton and Jim Simon.** Ken won the birthday roll off and collected a few extra dollars.

We finished with our monthly raffle with many nice donated prizes.

We are now booked at the Sizzler in Auburn for Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>. As in the past we will just need a head count prior to the event and everyone will order their own meals and pay separately. We will be sending a reminder in early October.



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The weather is changing and very soon we will start enjoying cooler temperatures. I'm not sure if anyone else is happy about that but I sure am when it's hot and we have had many hot days.


In last month's Newsletter, I wrote about many of our Chapter members having lunch together and then going to SRT to attend the play Sh Boom. Well, we did it and we had a wonderful time together. We want to extend a great big thank you to our chapter president **Steve Foster** and his lovely wife, **Jacque** for planning this event and making it happen!

While we were having lunch at the Peppery in Sonora, Steve held a short meeting and thanked us all for coming. He mentioned that there were several members with health problems who could not attend. We want to send get well wishes to each and every one of them and we hope to see them at our next luncheon meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Steve also mentioned that he is resigning as our Chapter President at the end of 2022. **Bob Scoble**, our Chapter

Vice President, volunteered to move up to the position of our Chapter President. Steve, many thanks from all of us for all your hard work over the past three years **and** a big "Thank You" to **Bob Scoble** for volunteering to take over as our President

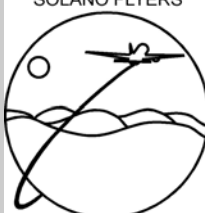
Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of every month. If anyone is interested in any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210. He will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of retirees.



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Due to the Labor Day Holiday, it was decided to hold our meeting the following week, Monday, September 12. This is after the deadline to submit to the RUAEA Newsletter so I will report on the September meeting next month.

Everyone remembers our dear friends, **Keith & Ann Olthof**, who moved to Ripon, in the Central Valley. Last month I received a call from Ann, with some sad news, that Keith had passed away. We all recall his bright smile and pleasant personality and a real joy to have at our meetings. A funeral was held in Ripon on August 24<sup>th</sup>, with myself, **Bill Reichard, Karen & Bob Devlin and Hiroko & Greg Caster**, attending. It was a very nice celebration of life, which saw many of their friends in attendance.



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The following members attended the luncheon at Black Bear Restaurant in Suisun City: **Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Frank Uhl, Eugene Boyce, Richard Cox, Allan Pochop, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Rudy Arsaga, and Diosnel & Luci Perez.**

This month, we have no anniversaries, no birthdays, and no news. **Pad Gardner** won the 50/50 drawing, and also an Anheuser-Busch Beer Mug donated by **Richard Cox.**

Our next meeting on September 21 will be at Our Town Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St. in Fairfield.

*When the person tells you that it cannot be done, do not let him interrupt you while you are doing it ~ Chinese Proverb.*

## COLORADO



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25 members attended our luncheon on September 1<sup>st</sup>, including four from UAL Historical Foundation.  
Our next lunch will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Ted's Place.

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at [wopahofl@comcast.net](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net) or **Rich Capozzi** at [rcapozzi@rocketmail.com](mailto:rcapozzi@rocketmail.com).



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Another hot day in Orlando – surprise! 22 Real McCoys gathered at Denny's for food and fellowship. It was great to see **Stan & Barb Halterman**, **Maureen Sterinsky**, and **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, whom we haven't seen in awhile! **Bob Alonso**, long time ramp retire, stopped in just to chat a bit!

President **Al Fields** reminded everyone that our date for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (?) November Picnic has been changed to November 8<sup>th</sup> at Orchard Grove Park on Holden Ave.

Elaine reported that the Christmas Party Luncheon will be held December 6<sup>th</sup> and Maggiano's has the contract.

Birthdays celebrated in September included **Angel Montalvo**, **Charlotte LeGrand**, **Barbara Halterman** and **Geneva Brenton**. **Tom & Peg Cannata** had their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in September!



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Our chapter is taking the summer off and we won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.



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

Due to some continued concerns about the number of Covid cases in our area, the Sand Dollars have decided to delay their monthly luncheons for a short while. For information about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our September meeting isn't until the 12<sup>th</sup> which is after the deadline to submit a report to the Newsletter so we'll catch up on chapter activities next month. We are planning to have our Fall Picnic on October 3 at Anderson Park, Tarpon Springs, Shelter #4. Setup starts at 10:30, Luncheon at 11AM.



I have been without a computer for 3 weeks, lightning took out the Wi-Fi ... and I'm just getting used to Windows 11.

Calendar:

**October 3** – Fall Picnic

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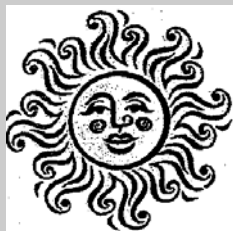
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRUEA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRUEA@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](mailto:annmedve@icloud.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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October—one of the prettiest and most colorful months that we have. All those trees are definitely in full fall foliage, if not waning and already on the ground waiting to be raked. October seems to be a favorite month for many, along with May. Octo is eight in Latin, but just like September, when the new Gregorian calendar was made, October became the 10<sup>th</sup> month. Guess what, November is the same, it means nine, but it turned out to be the eleventh after the new calendar. By now, you know what happened to December, that word in Latin means ten ... I won't have to explain this next month, you smart people.

The flowers of the month are the marigold and the cosmos. The marigold is a colorful flower, yellow and gold. It symbolizes despair and grief over a loved one. That doesn't sound very cheerful for such a pretty flower. For many cultures, it's those neon-bright orange and yellow hues that represent the sun rays that guide their dearly departed. It also represents the beauty and warmth of the rising sun, and the power to resurrect. Well, that's more encouraging.

The cosmos are a symbol of order, peace and serenity. Spanish mission priests in Mexico grew them in their gardens, and gave it this name because of its evenly placed petals. It's a very dainty and lovely daisy-like flower, coming in many different colors, including pink, orange,

red and yellow, white and maroon. Some can reach six feet tall. The October gems are the opal and the pink tourmaline, both beautiful and colorful stones. The opal symbolizes faithfulness and confidence. The word comes from the Greek *opallios*, meaning, 'to see change in color'. I'm sure you've seen an opal and know that it's true. Tourmaline comes from the word, *toramalli* which translates to 'mixed colors' in Sinhalese, from Sri Lanka. Egyptian legend says that the tourmaline received its colors as it passed through a rainbow on its way up from the earth's core. Isn't that beautiful?

October is National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month, also ADHD Awareness, Bullying Prevention, Domestic Violence Awareness and Health Literacy Month. Maybe a little more attention to these worthwhile causes would help some of the troubled people out in the world. It's so sad that we can't always see the problems until it's too late. We'll all have to be more aware. Others are Black Cat Awareness, Adopt a Dog, Penguin Awareness, Breast Cancer, (time for a mammogram?) Caramel, Polish-American, Pizza, Seafood, and Halloween Safety Month.

Some of the funnier and bizarre days, hopefully to bring a smile to your face and interest to your lives are, Day of Older Persons (That's us physically), Walk Your Dog, Black Cat, Peanuts the Cartoon, Blessing of the Animals, Pasta, Taco, Noodle, Pierogi, Salmon, Nut, Candy Corn, Orange Wine, Kick Butt, General Pulaski, Mother-in-Law, No Bra Day (yay), Be Bald and Be Free, Sweetest Day, Cranky Co-worker (ever have one of those?), Champagne, Magic, Beggars Night, Frankenstein Friday, Visit a Cemetery, and my favorite, Halloween!

The moon this month is the Hunter's moon, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, named for the hunters who began collecting and storing food for the long and cold months ahead. The 26<sup>th</sup> is Howl at the Moon Day. Put up your Halloween lights early, avoid the rush, cold and wind. Home Depot was selling spooky skeletons and ghosts in July. Now that is rushing the season.

The Northside breakfast had 11 people, who found the Golden Brunch very well. The attendees were **GINNY VLACH, Dave Dunham, Vicky Heuer, Nancy Kaye, Virginia Kondratos, Joan Teister, Jerry Tipperreiter, Pam Boydstun, Charlie Lewis, Marsha Sealock-Weber** and me. Even though we had good food, the service and help could've been better. We are moving to Rose Garden restaurant, in Elk Grove. They've had a reputation for over 50 years of being an excellent restaurant in the Northwest suburbs. They will be moving within a few months just down the block to the old Sweet Baby Ray's restaurant on Higgins Road, even bigger and have better parking. Bear with us folks; this is a work in progress. I don't like changing restaurants, but sometimes it's necessary. Let's just hope this is our last move. Hope more can attend this location.

As long as we're talking about eateries, I might as well confirm that the Southside Breakfast is being canceled. Years ago, we had many attendees every month, around

20-25. With deaths, moves, health issues and a myriad of other reasons, we're down to about 3-4 steady people. If you'd still like to get together, please do, **Bill Corbett, Barb Wesemann, Gwen Brookins, and Sylvester Gant**, talk to each other, keep it going. It was a great group of United people. Life events change so many plans and dreams.

The ORD mechanics met at Maxfields in Schaumburg with 13 retirees. **Frank Wenig** was kind to bring **Jim Kraft, also Fred Seibert, Paul Skrudland, Pierre Lupori, Boris Spitz, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki, Frank Ranier, Bill Durr, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm**, and me. Jim had his final surgery on his ankle, he hopes. Conversation was about some traveling, fixing up the house, but mostly remembrances of the mechanics that have passed in the last few months, **Carl Meizner, Mike Festa, John Conforti, Dave Perkins, John Kozlik**, all good guys, they'll be missed.

The IAM meeting had 82 members. Everyone brought either a side salad, an entrée, or a dessert. No one went home hungry. **Bob Chance** received a citation from the president, **Dave Roderick**, for completing 50 years in the IAM union. Congrats! The dues for 2023 will be \$15 for each member. Thursday, December 1 is the date of the Union Christmas Party at the Seville, on Barrington Road, in Streamwood. The cost is \$20 for fish, chicken and beef. If you want a filet, the cost is \$25. Guests will be \$30, or \$35. Because of Covid, Dave is waiving the rule of attending five meetings in a year for a lower lunch cost. For the same reason, the lunch is going up \$5, and the proposed dues is only going up \$5. Give a little, take a little. Pick up an envelope at the next IAM meeting to list your table attendees, choice of meal, and your money.

The Skyliners Club will have their Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6, at the Avalon, our host for years, always a beautiful party. All the details are not complete now, but mark your calendar, and save the date. I will keep you updated in this column next month, but an invitation will be going out very soon.

It's time to bid adieu to the place where at least 50% of us started our careers, with United Air Lines, 1200 E. Algonquin Road. The other half came here for training, lunch, visit friends, an interview, or even a meeting with personnel. Yikes! The last time I drove by and took pictures, the South building was gone. The North building was a shell and almost gone. The Training Center and Hotel are still standing. There were mounds of earth everywhere, couldn't figure out where they got it from, or what they were going to do with it, but the demolishers knew. I was watching a large steel ball smash into the last of the North building, a man came out of a trailer and said, 'Can I help you?' I said, 'No sir, I just want to get a few pictures of the buildings that I started working in 35 years ago, before you knock them down. I'm leaving.' He waited then turned around. Did he think I was going to put it back together? What a sad sight for any of us, after all of this time. I put some pictures on Face Book, I had many responses, it was so nice to know I wasn't the only one that

was sad to see our youth being obliterated. Let's be honest, we grew up there, we met life long friends, even our spouses, we went on trips together, we were in each others weddings, we had children that played together, we've lost them to illness, went to their funerals. But some are still with us. We transferred to ORD or other cities, still kept in touch with them, but made friends with a whole new group of great UAL'ers. Life continued. I can remember our first office was on the second floor, before they added on the third section. President **Pat Patterson** used to walk passed our section on his way to the Daily Briefing room. He waved to everybody, he even knew our names, he smiled all the time. By doing that, he taught us to be proud of our jobs, our bosses and our lives. Patterson used to send baby blankets to our home when we had a baby. He sent flowers for a death in the family. He even sent out personalized Christmas cards, signed from he and his wife. Everybody smiled to each other, just like Patterson, we eventually knew their names, too. Mr. Patterson showed us the joy of work in a family atmosphere. He told his family we weren't his employees, we were his family. This was a life-time job, hardly anybody quit. Remember the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinners? A few days in San Francisco, all expenses paid, what a thrill, saw so many old friends from day one, plus a gift, my gold watch!

Can't talk about EXO without mentioning the ducks! We all have a story about the ducks, especially **Willy Jordan**! Ha, what fun!

When they outgrew the South building, they had to build a four story North building, for computer and technical jobs. Our Operations Planning Base (OPB) had routing, flights ops, dispatch, weather and flight attendant scheduling in there, my how we grew. The computer center was in the basement; always remember that long walk down the tunnel to get my paperwork. That's gone to the new building on the Northwest corner of the property, not part of the sale. The pool, everybody loved the covered pool, the Training Center and the Hotel, lots of property there. There were about 30,000 employees at the beginning; I read there were over 85,000 now. Wouldn't you love to know how many worked there in a 60 year period? All the subsequent presidents can thank Mr. Patterson for the foresight and perception to build this great airline. They walked into a gold mine. I think at least 90% can thank United for their life, education, friends, and of course, travel to wonderful cities and countries everywhere. Not all our lives there were perfect, of course not, we've all traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved. I still think we were lucky to be there and benefit from Our Little Corner of the World. So I got a little sentimental, I'm allowed, we all are. We had the Golden Years, probably didn't even realize it at the time, but we sure do now. I'll miss driving down Algonquin Road and not seeing my 'home' and what it symbolized for all of us. 'So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, good night, I hate to go and leave this pretty sight. So long, farewell, au revoir, auf wiedersehen. Goodbye.'

Our friends that flew West last month include, **Frank**

**Wozniak**, husband of **Anna Wozniak**, ORDCS, on 3/22/22, **Margaret 'Peggy' Anderson**, ORDCS, **Matt Dempsey**, CHICU and Alliant CU. Others that are gone include actors, Anne Heche, Olivia Newton John (Grease), Virginia Patton (It's a Wonderful Life), Joe E. Tata and Denise Dowse (Beverly Hills 90210), Robyn Griggs (Another World), Roger Mosley (Magnum PI), Richard Roat (Friends and Seinfeld), Designers, Issaye Miyake, Hanae Mori, world leader, Mikail Gorbachev, song writers, Jerry Allison (Peggy Sue), Lamont Dozier (You Can't Hurry Love), Dean Laird, WW2 flying ace (101), news anchor, Uma Pemmaraju, CNN's Bernard Shaw, Genevieve Buck, my aunt, and Chicago Tribune Fashion Editor and Queen Elizabeth the Second, one of the most admired and revered persons in the world. Long live the Queen.

Life isn't about surviving the storm, but learning to dance in the rain.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00 A.M. 111 E. Higgins Rd, Elk Grove (**October 13**). Second Thursday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**October 20**). Third Thursday


Southside Breakfast - Canceled permanently

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Union Hall, 501 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines (**October 6**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.

IAM Christmas Party - December 1, The Seville

Skyliners Luncheon - December 6, The Avalon

### INDIANA

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The Indy Racers chapter meeting was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Rich Carey**, **Frank Ingegno**, and **Frank & Rita Prins**. We discussed plans for the annual chapter picnic. **Rich Carey** offered to host the event at his house. Our annual picnic will be at **Rich Carey's** house on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- **October 11** at Emmy's
- **November 8** at Emmy's
- **December 13**, Annual Christmas Luncheon, TBD

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### MASSACHUSETTS


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

#### Calendar:

Our first luncheon in two plus years will be in October.


### MICHIGAN

	<p><b><u>GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES</u></b> Gwen Dyc-Schwendenmann (248) 667-9258 <a href="mailto:bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net">bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net</a></p>
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DTWRR employee, **Don Burrill**, passed away recently. He started with United in CLECS and worked in CLERR. We have no further information.

Thought for the month: *"Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of our life."* ~ Mark Twain

### MINNESOTA

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Last year in August, 24 of us met at Perkins Restaurant in Forest Lake, remember? What a difference a year makes! Now the "old guard" is down to just a few attending each month and the "young'uns" are keeping the meet-

ings going. However, I don't think a single one of them have joined RUAEA. Don't know that for a fact, though ...

Rumor has it that **Lee Storlie** will be leaving his new home in Ames, IA (where he is the local rock star) to visit the Twin Cities for a couple of days. If all goes as planned, he will attend the October 12<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting at Lucky's 13. This is a change from September, so we shall see.

Sad news ... we said goodbye to our dear friend and colleague, **Lyle Gunderson** in August. He had almost died in 2019-20 and we were soooo glad to see him beat that and get along very well, considering all he went through. But it caught up with him again and took him on his last flight. Condolences may be sent to **Sonja** & the family at 137 U.S. Highway 63, Baldwin, WI 54002.

And another Mr. Nice Guy passed on after a battle with cancer. **Jim Brennan**, husband of **Mary**, left on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll all remember him fondly as that short guy who made Mary smile while beating her at cribbage. Condolences to the family may be sent to 988 Horizon St., Vadnais Heights, MN 55127.


**Fred & Rita Stang** were planning to attend Lyle's memorial service, but Fred was hit by a minor stroke that weekend. Thankfully, so far he's only had some vision issues as a result. It's time to get our prayer chains going again.

**Jim Simon** called recently and we had a nice long conversation. All in all, he's doing well but suffering in the extreme heat that's hit the Sacramento valley where he lives. The power grids just can't handle the need for everyone to use their A/C round the clock. Makes one wonder how the dickens they're going to keep thousands more electric vehicles powered in the coming years. I keep telling Jim that WI must be looking pretty good to him sometimes, eh?

That's it for now, Folks. See you next month!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

### NEBRASKA

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A small group of us met at the Legends Grill on September 5<sup>th</sup>; the food is always good as is the company. We were happy to welcome a new retiree, **Bob Liefer**. Bob worked for United in Omaha from 1968 to 1974. He showed amazing memory, remembering all the people who



worked at United during that time. We had a great time reminiscing about all the people and things that happened.

The weather is finally becoming nice and not so hot, here in Nebraska with the mornings cool, the daytime reasonably hot and then cooling off again in the evenings; about as much as you could ask for.

#### Calendar:

**October 4** - Meeting at Legends Patio Grill, 6901 Pacific Street, Omaha; 11:30AM. Hope to see more retirees there.

### NEVADA

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

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever someone sets one up. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to hear from you.

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There were 13 members and 3 guests at our July 11 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. The guests were **Kathy Robinson**'s sister and brother-in-law, **Carol & Jim Bell**, and Kathy's friend Marti. The Bells were celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our lunch on September 12 will be at Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant, 8195 S. Virginia St. in South Reno. We will get individual checks – please **no large** (\$100) bills. Please check to see if the tip is included. The lunch menu has about 12 items on it.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for contacting Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant and making the reservations for us. **Kathy Robinson** is our Treasurer; she invites anyone that is interested, to contact her if they want to see our banking paperwork.

**Pat Zoboli** has talked with the Peppermill about our

December luncheon. Information will be covered at our September meeting.

The August birthdays were **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**. The 50/50 winner was **June Roe** (again!).

Our next meeting will be on September 12 at 11:00 am at Murietta's. See you there.

### NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters meeting was held on Wednesday, August 31. We started with a flag salute led by Chapter President **Frank Warzocha**.


There was a brief moment of silence for a long lost member **John Murphy** of EWR airfreight. We do have definite information that he had passed away on October 30, 2021. Also, **Bernhard Schmidt** passed away on February 17, 2022; **Jim Schmidt** as he was called, was in reservations. Both of these people were longtime members of the Garden Staters. There is no use saying they will be missed because they will.

While a few more of our retirees are now returning to the meetings, there were plenty of discussions of everything, and all of it not about United and its airplanes.

**Cletus Moon** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on September 28 at the Stagecoach Restaurant in Scotch Plains at 12:15 p.m; everyone should try to make it.

From the great Prophet Leroy: *"I don't mind dying except I don't want to be there when it happens!"*

### 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.



**NEW YORK METROS**  
Ed Pozzi  
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### Report submitted by John Klos

We had another small gathering of members, with only 14 in attendance. VP **Jim Richardson** opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

We started the meeting with some unpleasant news: **Diane Pozzi**, wife of our President **Ed Pozzi**, fell at home and was taken to the hospital for treatment of head injuries; and **George Riggi**, who's having extensive surgery on his foot. **Mike Schroder** is making progress with his newly installed pacemaker; his wife says he should be ready for the next meeting. **Donna Feingold** told us she goes in for surgery for a knee replacement soon; we wish her all the best with the surgery.

There were many topics covered at both tables; sale of houses, vacation spots, happenings at home, some war stories, and the beat goes on.

Some birthdays were announced, but not having any list, we will have to make them up next month.

### Calendar:

**October 5** – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.

## OHIO



**OHIO BUCKEYES**  
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It's 2022, and **yes**, again, for more than 12 years, we had our annual August picnic at The Chalet in Cleveland's Metroparks, located in Strongsville. I have to tell you this: "**if**" we did not rent the "Chalet" for our Annual Picnic in August, I do believe our members would hunt me down and "beat me".

A few years back, in the month after our picnic, I said: "*We are not sure that you like our August picnic held at the Chalet, so we thought that we would ...*" And that was as far as I got, because at that point a few guys jumped up yelling "No – No – No!", and those seated yelled the same. Well, the other officers joined me in laughing. Then we said "*Don't worry, we already paid for next year at the Chalet*".

Yes, we do like to have fun. The chapter always provides fried chicken, a few side dishes, coffee and water. The members in attendance bring a side dish or dessert. There is always an array of all kinds of salads, potato salad, baked beans, Jell-O, cakes, cookies, and variety of other dishes.

A prayer was read, asking God to assist for all members with medical, or other personal issues, or facing some other rather serious problem. After which "Grace" was said by all.

It was a very nice day and we had a nice turnout of 56 people in attendance. In years prior, our lowest in attendance was 92. The thing that is hitting us so hard is our age, plus the fact that lately so many members have moved into assistant living, nursing homes, or are passing away.

Our 50/50 raffle was managed by **B. Garrah** and **J. Kercel**. Our winners: #1- **P. Fiste**, #2- **G. Oncu**, and #3- **T. Duta**. They always do a great job. We thanked them for this. Member **D. Schueler** brought 5 family members to join in on the fun.

The members also thanked the hosts, **J. & D. Taucher** for organizing and hosting the picnic; also, everyone that had helped in any way was also thanked.

Our members that were present with August Birthdays were: **S. Bennett**, **T. Duta**, **T. Hassel**, **R. Pivik**, and **S. Rak**.

Our August Anniversaries: **G. & N. Oncu** (50 yrs.) and **S. & L. Rak** (50 yrs.).

Upcoming Luncheons were announced:

- ▲ October 5<sup>th</sup> –Simond's Restaurant. \*New\*, hosted by **J. & J. Spooner**.
- ▲ November 2<sup>nd</sup> –Diamond Event Center, Brunswick' hosted by **D. & J. Taucher**.
- ▲ December 7<sup>th</sup> –Williams On-the-Lake, Christmas party, hosted by **G. & N. Oncu**.

\*Note: All luncheons are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.

## OREGON



**OREGON DEW-ER'S**  
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Our Colwood luncheons have resumed! We continue to have quite a decent turn out, certainly not as large as we had before but still plenty of folks to socialize with! I cannot wait to catch up with everyone!

I am sad to report the passing of **Jack Hooper** on 8/12/22 in Vancouver, WA. He and Nancy had been residing in an assisted living facility. The family has decided on a private ceremony.

I have not yet been able to attend the luncheons but do plan to be there in September. Once I'm at the meetings I may be able to report more about our members, in the meantime I will continue with a bit of humor and a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ The older I get, the more I have in common with computers. We both start out with lots of memory and drive, then we become outdated, crash unexpectedly, and eventually have to have our parts

replaced!

- ☺ English is the only language where you drive in parkways and park in driveways. It is also the only language where you recite in a play and play in a recital.
- ☺ Your fingers have fingertips, but your toes don't have toetips. Yet you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.
- ☺ Jail and prison are synonyms, but jailer and prisoner are antonyms.
- ☺ When you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo.
- ☺ A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. It almost seems like they are hybrids.
- ☺ I'm not self-medicating with chocolate. The lady at the shop wrote me a prescription. Well, she called it a receipt. Whatever.
- ☺ There should be a margarita truck that drives around playing mariachi music in the evenings and we can run out with our money like an ice cream truck, but you know with margaritas!
- ☺ My house is not messy, it is an obstacle course designed to keep me fit!
- ☺ My brain is like the Bermuda triangle. Information goes in and then it's never found again.
- ☺ Adulthood is saying "But after this week things will slow down a bit", over and over until you die.
- ☺ I've reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.
- ☺ At night I like to turn my air conditioner down to "comfortable enough for arctic penguins to habitat in your home" temperature.
- ☺ I stay a bit overweight because it wouldn't be fair to all the skinny people if I was attractive, intelligent, funny and thin. It's a public service really.
- ☺ What if they close grocery stores and we have to hunt for our food? I don't even know where Little Debbie lives?
- ☺ I don't pretend to be something I am not. Except normal. I have pretended to be normal a few times.
- ☺ My Superpower is getting tired without doing anything!
- ☺ They say we learn from our mistakes ... That's why I'm making as many as possible. I'll soon be a genius!
- ☺ If younger folks think they are smarter than the previous generation ... 50 years ago the owner's manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.
- ☺ Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter. 10 men and 1 woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they de-

cided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall. They weren't able to choose that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech all the men started clapping ...

- ☺ I explained to my husband that I do not have too many books. They all fit in one box. He said I must stop calling our home a box.
- ☺ I just posted a photo of my clean house online and it was flagged & removed as "Fake News".
- ☺ Tablets were replaced by scrolls. Scrolls were replaced by books. Now we scroll through books on tablets.
- ☺ In the 60's I was riding my bike and fell off and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media back then.
- ☺ Today I'm doing nothing because I started doing it yesterday and I wasn't finished, and I am no quitter!
- ☺ If liars' pants really did catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun.
- ☺ Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years. Dogs run and they live for 15 years. Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years. Lesson learned.
- ☺ It's never too late to be what you want to be. Unless you want to be younger ... then you're screwed.
- ☺ I keep the cat box in the guest bedroom. It really cuts down on company overstaying their welcome.
- ☺ I'm not saying it's really hot, but I was sweating so much I hydroplaned off the toilet seat and landed in the bathtub.
- ☺ 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 month ...
- ☺ I spend so much time looking for my cell phone it's starting to feel like a hobby.
- ☺ Be thankful it's not snowing ... Imagine shoveling snow in this heat!
- ☺ So, Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says, "Is this whisky?" Elmer responds, "Yeth but not a whiskey as wobbling a bank!!"
- ☺ If by "picking up hotties at the club" you mean going to Costco for rotisserie chicken then yeah, I am.
- ☺ She danced like no one was watching ... but they were watching, and she looked like she'd had 12 shots of Jack and walked into a spider web.
- ☺ Do you ever just forget to hide your expressions for a minute and then you're like whoa, I did not mean to make that face out loud!

- ☺ The only reason I'm fat is because a skinny body could not possible store all this personality.
- ☺ Legend says: When you can't sleep at night, it's because you're awake in someone else's dream. So if everyone could stop dreaming about me, that'd be great.
- ☺ If you're giving me directions, I work in left and rights ... don't start with west and east. I'm not a pirate or a sea captain ... I'm just an idiot that's lost.
- ☺ Mom – Grandma – Great Grandma ... I just keep getting better.
- ☺ Man on the news just said what's gonna keep us safe is common sense ... I'm really gonna miss a lot of you all ...
- ☺ I assume I burn at least 1,000 calories every time I put a fitted sheet on a bed by myself.
- ☺ Some people need to have a reason to enjoy a bottle of wine. Truthfully, you only need to have a mouth.
- ☺ Reading will not solve your problems. But then again, neither will housework.
- ☺ And then alcohol said, "Put that on Facebook, it's hilarious." But alcohol was wrong. Very wrong.
- ☺ I personally think it's time to take the warning labels off everything and let stupidity work itself out of the gene pool!
- ☺ Shoutout to all the people who forget where they put their coffee ... while they're holding it. Mornings are hard. We will get through this.
- ☺ Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
- ☺ Apparently, I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.
- ☺ Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.
- ☺ I may look like I'm resting, but in my head I'm very busy ...
- ☺ Vegetables are very important on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.
- ☺ To get to my coffee faster in the morning, I am setting up a slip and slide from my bedroom to the kitchen.
- ☺ So you mean to tell me a stress ball is not for throwing at people who stress you out?
- ☺ I just found my favorite Japanese word: kuchisabishii – When you're not hungry, but you eat because your mouth is lonely.
- ☺ I'm a coffeeholic on the road to recovery. Just kidding, I'm on the road to the coffee shop.
- ☺ My family is temperamental: half temper, half mental
- ☺ My grandkid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff. Me: Like what? My grandkid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension. Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother. My grandkid: What older brother? Me: Exactly
- ☺ I fully intend to read all the books I've purchased

- and am on schedule to do it by my 592<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
- ☺ So, apparently ... RSVP'ing back to a wedding invitation "maybe next time" is not the correct response.
- ☺ Coffee: A liquid hug for your brain.
- ☺ My mind is exceptionally quiet ... I'm suspicious that I'm up to something I don't want myself to know about.
- ☺ Diet Tip: If you think you're hungry you might just be thirsty. Drink a pitcher of margaritas and see how you feel.
- ☺ I have a smart phone, a smart TV, a smart fridge ... I'm essentially the dumbest thing in the house.
- ☺ At this point, I don't know if coffee is a hobby or a survival instinct.
- ☺ I'm tired of people complaining about \$7 beers, \$10 parking and a \$20 cover charge. Don't like the prices, stop coming to my house.
- ☺ I'm a Quilting Grandma. Just like a normal Grandma except much cooler!
- ☺ Grandson: I watched a guy do 50 pushups. Can you do that grandpa? Me: Of course! Not to brag but I could probably watch someone do 100 pushups.
- ☺ Charcuterie is French for "I'd like a sandwich, but I don't have any bread."
- ☺ Two mysterious people live in my house. Somebody and Nobody. Somebody did it and nobody knows who.
- ☺ Being an adult just means you don't get rewarded anymore when you eat all your food. My grandson ate two chicken fingers and got rewarded with ice cream. I ate 5 and my mom said, "I thought you were on a diet?"
- ☺ I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12 while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.
- ☺ I got a part-time job as a store greeter. But apparently, "you again?" is not the greeting they had in mind.
- ☺ Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike.
- ☺ I leave my house a mess so when my friends visit, they go home feeling way better about their housekeeping skills. I'm just that good of a friend.
- ☺ The cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." By the time I realized she meant the debit card, it was too late.

#### Calendar:


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

**October 13**

**November 10**



## PENNSYLVANIA



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Great news, our luncheon will resume October 10 at Lemans restaurant Essington, Pennsylvania. It's been four months and it will be good to see all our old friends. We are glad to report that **Tom Andalonis** is doing very well. We hope to see him soon at our luncheons.

Our birthdays for September: **Kathy Edwards, Mike Fitzgerald, Lou Meyer, Concetta Morski, Frank Powers, and Jerry Snyder.**

October Birthdays: **Steve King, Judy Melvin, Donald Shadwell, and Walter Sollberger.**

Happy Birthday to all!

Till next month. Hope all stay well!



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Our chapter met at our usual restaurant, J. W. Halls. There was a little confusion on what room we were supposed to be in and the preordered menu however; we all enjoyed seeing each other.

We missed some of the regulars and hope they will be able to join us at our holiday luncheon in December, the date is to be determined.

**Liz Griffith** shared a picture of her in the late 1960's working at the Capital Airlines Space Control located in Washington D. C. Each reservation office had a "long line rider", with an open phone line, reporting seats sold to Space Control. Liz is the lovely blonde-haired person in the dark sweater. She was a Space Controller.

**Mary Jane Stewart** won the 50/50. We are sad to report chapter member **Victor (Vic) Ference** passed away August 30, 2022; Vic was an Air Force veteran and a 36 year employee of United Airlines as a ramp serviceman.

*August Birthdays ~ Pat Wagner and Sandy Burns.*

*September Birthdays ~ Olga Karmazyn, Gerry McDonough and Diane Weber.*

*September Anniversaries ~ Jack & Betty Tinney.*

## TENNESSEE




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

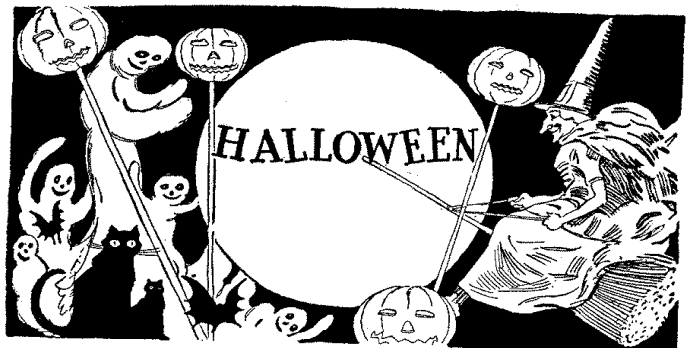
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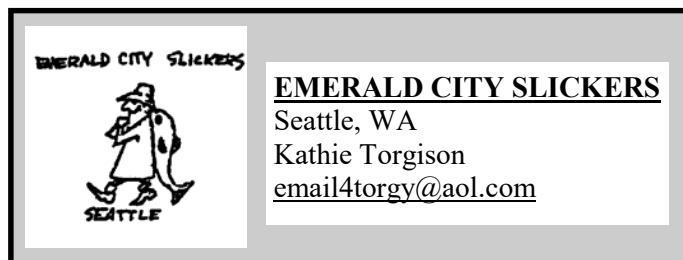


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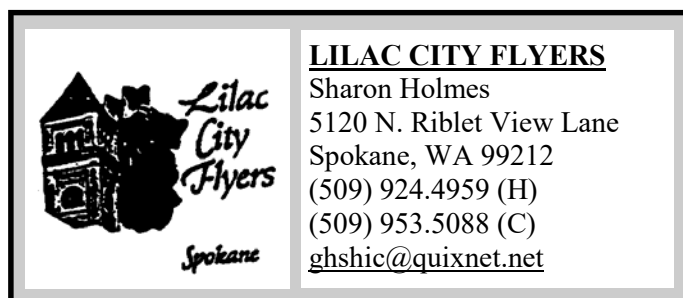
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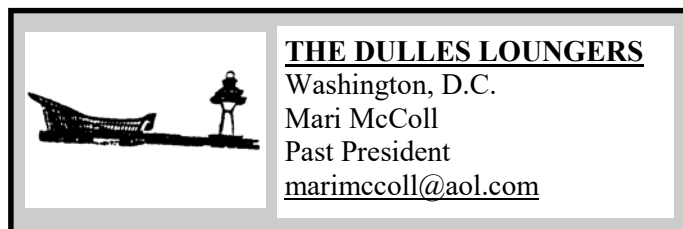


There is no report this month from the Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA.



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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.



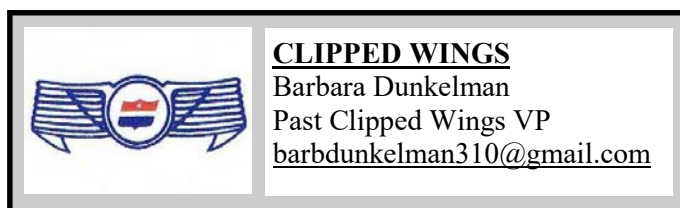
A "Board" Meeting was held on September 7 ~ **Mari McColl, Kerrie Schneider, Judy Dunlap and Carl Alford** were present. The purpose of this meeting was to welcome **Carl Alford** as our new President of the Dulles Loungers. We explained to him his duties and responsibilities and Mari (with a happy smile) turned over to him all of the paperwork, door prizes, party decorations and all memorabilia belonging to the chapter. Many ideas for our upcoming year were discussed and our new President Carl had many fresh new and good ones for the near future. With Carl's approval, and a yes vote from the others, we decided that we would, once again, support the "Toys For Tots" at our November gathering. There were so many other thoughts and suggestions regarding charity opportunities to support during the year. We are all excited about our luncheon in September and our future years with Carl guiding the direction of the Dulles Loungers.

Our next luncheon will be at the Golden Corral (9/14).

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and this pattern will continue through the year. By the time you read this article, we will be preparing for our luncheon on October 22. We meet every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. It will be festive, as are most of our gatherings.

Now I would like to tell you a little bit about our new President, **Carl Alford**. I will include a picture of him next month so that you too can see how handsome our new "guy" is and his pleasant smile will tell you much about his demeanor. Carl officially retired on September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year under United's VSL 3 program. He joined the DL's in January of 2021. Carl began working for UAL while still in college. He worked on the ramp in Philadelphia while he was deciding on his future career. After finishing at Williams College in Massachusetts, he began his career with United in PHLCS. From CS he transferred into the sales office and worked his way up the ranks. In 1992, he transferred into IADRR where he spent the next 14 years. His next, and last assignment, was at IADCS. Carl came to the Dulles Loungers with much experience and many tales to tell. He is such a welcome addition to our chapter.

## NATIONAL



Dear RUAEA,

I am officially done with my duty as Clipped Wings Vice President, a new slate of officers was installed at the 54<sup>th</sup> Portland Convention. It was a great Convention, as the Portland Chapter went way out in planning this one. 104 Clipped Wings members attended. The new officers are:

- ▲ *President - Peggy Griffith*
- ▲ *Vice President - Kathy Denker*
- ▲ *Secretary - Sandy Hahn*
- ▲ *Treasurer - Roxine Lukens*

We voted to change the office of Editor not to be on the Executive Board. Also, the Quarterly magazine is now called Clipped Wings Flyer.

It was my first Convention I had attended and I was truly blown away; what wonderful women I met who I now call my friends. Thank you for allowing me to be your Vice President for the last 2 years.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org). We are a fun group even when we are apart and Zooming.■



## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2022**:

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Gooch, Donna, TPAOZ, 14 W. Lakeshore Dr., Homewood, AL 35209  
Huddlestun, Donna, LASCs, 50 Aura De Blanco St., Unit 10104, Henderson, NV 89074  
Reif, Nancy, 13030 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Ct., Palos Heights, IL 60463  
Trebnik, Charles, SFOLE, 6900 Almond Ave., Spc 118, Orangevale, CA 95662  
Watkins, Tom, DENCS, 115 Garden Hill, San Antonio, TX 78260■



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## OBITUARIES

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

***Correction:*** In the September issue, **Marge G. Caliendo** was inadvertently listed as deceased, due to a clerical error. Marge is alive and well; we apologize for the error.

- Spouse – **Alfonso, Carman**, on 7/29/2022, husband of Juliana P. Alfonso, DENRR, 3116 S. Emporia Ct., Denver, CO 80231
- Spouse – **Dietel, Mary**, on 8/18/2022, wife of Burton Dietel, DENMM, 3379 Mill Vista Rd., Unit 4410, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
- Retiree – **House, Shirley A.**, on 3/20/2022, SFOSW, wife of Bill Williams, 1633 Calle Santiago, Pleasanton, CA 94566
- Retiree – **Hoyer, Ed**, on 8/20/2022, DENMM, husband of June Cvelbar, 5775 S. Jamaica Way, Englewood, CO 80111
- Retiree – **Kellogg, Gary B.**, on 7/11/22, LAXOO, husband of Delia Kellogg, 3368 Corning St., Newbury Park, CA 91320
- Spouse – **Rollins, Geraldine**, date of death unknown, wife of Reuben Rollins (deceased), 407 Oliver Ct., Pinole, CA 94564
- Retiree – **Stogsdill, Hubert I.**, on 6/17/2019, DENCg, husband of Carol A. Stogsdill, DENSW, 15664 Xenia Way, Thornton, CO 80602
- Spouse – **Wozniak, Francis B.**, on 3/8/2022, husband of Anna Wozniak, ORDCS, 10 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL 60439■

## 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:**

Eleazar Alarcon, Charlene Anderson, Barbara Jean Andrews, Ted Beth, Steven Borbely, Carol Estus, Vic Ference, Donald Fusina, Paul Gilson, Thomas Hunter, T.N. King, Marlene Koerner, Joe Leather, Ron Miller, Al Morales, Jr., Sharyn Norton, Joyce Pfeiffer, Floyd Rose, Robert Reed, Dorothy Reynolds, Jim Simon, Diana Thal, Gerry Troppe, Eleanor Walsh, Doris Williams.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

#### **Shirley Claggett, 1007 S. 262<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Des Moines, WA 98198**

Hello everyone, hope all is well.

Life is like a walk in the woods, you never know what you may see, smile and keep smiling, touching, hearing and tasting everything along the way.

#### **Tanya Haubein, 209 Route A, Lockwood, MO 65682**

Thanks for the reminder. I had gotten behind on a few things as my mother just passed away.

Hope all is well.

Thanks for all you do to keep us current.



#### **Ruth Marston, 425 Maggie Cir., Flint, TX 75762**

Another year is coming to an end.

I have been retired for 27 years. I haven't flown in the last 2 years. That was when I became a Texan. My oldest son lives in Palestine, TX, about a 45 minute drive from me. My daughter, **Patti Meyer**, a former UAL Rampie and I live together. We are active in our church.

My family has grown; I now have 13 grand kids, 27 greats and 2 great greats.

I am blessed with good health and mind. God is good!

#### **Anna Wozniak, 10 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL 60439**

I love the Newsletter and always look forward to it every month.

My most treasured memory of working for United was meeting my husband, Frank. The story was, "*This is what we do to irritate passengers, we marry them!*" We had 27 wonderful years together, traveling the world and we enjoyed every minute of it.

## Notes

#### **Daniel F. Mooney**

Boy, wait until the last minute ... We have had many things going on here but not much traveling. In the past year we have lost six family members and two friends. Dan lost his youngest son and his eldest sister to Covid-19 and Jeannine lost her only sister with heart problems. That's unfortunately just a start. We went to Tennessee to Pigeon Forge (where Dollywood is at) and had a good time. We traveled to Alabama to see grandkids and great-grandkids then on to Florida. That's been our travels. We are both in good health especially for our ages. It's been twenty-four years since my retirement from SFOOV and I have enjoyed most of it. I still keep in touch with some of the guys I worked with and sometimes miss the people I worked with.

#### **Robert Perkinson**

I was just thinking it would be great if there was a way to see who all the members are because there might be plenty of folks I haven't seen or heard from in a long time that are members and we could get in touch again. Just an idea but maybe this is available already?

**RUAEA Response:** *We have the membership database but due to the privacy and security concerns, we can't publish them. See President's Letter on Page 2.*

#### **Donna Huddleston**

I took advantage of the VSL-B offered last year and will be officially retired as of September 1, 2022. I'm looking to meet others and gain travel tips.



### Ingrid Vincent

Thank you for all the timely information you include in the newsletter. This year is my 20<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, it does not seem possible; however, these are the best years.

### Joseph E. Pero

I retired on February 28, 2001 from OPBSK. There is not much news here in the first state DE. It's been a hot, humid summer and my wife and I look forward to the cooler weather for fall.

I can't believe what's happening in Arlington Heights, IL, our previous residence. Eros restaurant and now Elly's are both closed. I used to visit Elly's, always on Sunday mornings after mass at St. Edna's. Boy, things continue to change. I was reading about Frontier Days in AH, relocated to the property vacated by Eros and the entire shopping mall.

But life does go on. Our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live in Chicago where there are still numerous restaurants to go to. I miss living there, but can't beat the cost of living in Delaware. Thanks!

### Nancy Reif

My official retirement date is August 31, 2022. After over 30 years, I'm ready to retire.

### Patricia A. Nicholaisen

It is the life line to UAL. Much has changed since 1993 when I retired. Very few computer people belong. I was in the computer division except for the last 5 years, when I was able to get back to United.

### Patricia A. Laria

Thank you for keeping us updated on all the changes that UA makes to our benefits.

### Bobby Bean

My effective retirement date is September 1, 2022. I am busy preparing for a new chapter. I am currently a member of RAFA.

### Esther Cohen

I have just moved to the Tucson area and would love to connect with other United Airline retirees.

### Svein A. Seljeseth

I retired from United on April 30, 2002. I'll be 79 in September. I moved to Sequim, Washington, about 50 miles, as the crow flies, N/W of Seattle. I live on five acres with my wife, two horses, two dogs, three cats and a bunny rabbit. We don't travel anymore, as my wife is not able to, but we keep quite busy with our animals and our property. Life is good.

Greetings to everyone that I worked with, both at SFO and DEN! Thank you for the Newsletter, I very

much enjoy it. I forget on which date the dues is due. It was much easier when it came due on my birthday. Greetings and best wishes to all!

### Jeane M. McCloskey

I still live in Sun City, Huntley. It's a great community where I lived for 19 years. I love my neighbors and I'm close to everything including my parish, St. Mary's, and still near cornfields ... though it is getting built up more. My husband has Alzheimer's now, but we are muddling along.

### Joseph C. Scanlon

I love being retired for 22 years. Best move ever. I loved all my time at UA.

It's good having RUEA keeping me informed about different stations I have worked at. I would like to get the Newsletter both ways.

### Gary J. Froschi

I miss the job but not the work. Everyday was an experience. Pushing through the 80's and keeping interestingly busy every day. Something active every day, the only problem is that time passes too fast.

### Charles Trebnik


Keeping up with retired helpful information and old age benefits.■

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*The Vintage UNITED logo sign above is gloriously lit in its Original Incarnation  
(Photo by Joe Lammerman)*

United Airlines has finished reinstalling an Iconic Brand Symbol on the United hangar at O'Hare International Airport at the newly-constructed Ground Equipment Storage and Maintenance facility overlooking the runway network at O'Hare. For decades, the familiar red-logo sign was a hugely visible symbol of Chicago-based United's rich heritage to millions of passengers flying into and out of O'Hare, and to the carrier's tens of thousands of employees. It was easily visible by day and brightly lit at night.

Its removal was necessary because that hangar had to be torn down to make way for a new runway at O'Hare. Since that time, United employees have been painstakingly restoring each of the letters that spell out "United" on the sign.

*by Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired.*

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