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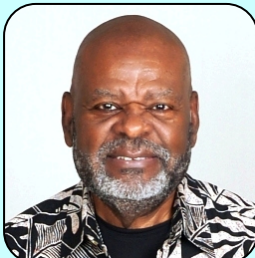
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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying being out of the pandemic.

I was at the Mile Highers luncheon on July 1<sup>st</sup> and about 25 members showed up; a good time was had by all. That brings up another topic. The convention is moving along well and after our luncheon, it is obvious that we all enjoy getting back together. So, please sign up for the convention and we can all enjoy being together with our friends. The committee has come up with great tours. The Hotel, the Dana, is beautiful and right on the bay.

I'm working hard to get a great benefits panel but it is not as easy as one would think. The company still has the employees on a no business-flying edict, but I'm in contact with them all the time.

**Hank Gosselin** and **Dave Garland** did a terrific job working with everyone to accomplish the convention. **Bill & Rosina Krefft** from our San Diego chapter also need to be thanked for their hard work on the tours.

We are looking for somebody to take over the newsletter because **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** would like to take a well-deserved break after 11 years.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you all in San Diego.

**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

## RUAEA Convention 2021

By Barbara Drews



I am thinking you have been going over the July Convention issue reading all of the exciting events we have planned. I want to you be aware of opportunities where you can meet with all your friends and party!

There will be a Hospitality Get Together on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Marina Pacific Room and another one on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. All begin at 5:30 so you can get together after your day of sightseeing and tours and talk about your day.

Beach Party ~ Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>; the time to come in your casual party attire and dancing shoes! A cash bar, entertainment and great door prizes along with great food, Wagu Beef Sliders, Mini Corn Dogs and more you can check out yourself. Just \$20.00 per person, you will definitely have a fun party to remember and memories to take home and sustain you through the difficult days. You don't want to miss this one!

Keep reading, I am not done yet; there is more to come! Saturday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Banquet! Great food plus entertainment! Your menu options are listed in the July RUAEA Newsletter. We haven't been together for such a long time and there are opportunities to get together and share special time with all your friends and colleagues.

The Dana Inn is located on Mission Bay and is surrounded by beautiful calm waters. It will give you the fun, relaxed feel of a vacation resort hotel that you have always dreamed of going to and here it is in beautiful San Diego. Come on down!

Your tour committee has been working hard to put together some tours for you. To mention a few, the Balboa Park Air & Space Museum where you will have a docent tour with information and stories and will answer any questions you many have. There is also a fun San Diego Seal Tour on a "Boat with Wheels" that will take you into the beautiful, calm waters of San Diego Bay, home of the California Sea Lion. There are more than I am listing here. You can check them out in the July RUAEA Newsletter.

September is very close and we are looking forward to seeing you in our beautiful, sunny Beach Town!

## **We're profitable again!**

**June 28, 2021**

**Scott Kirby**

United team,

In March, we were the first airline to get back to positive core cash burn. In June, we returned to positive adjusted EBITDA. And today, I'm proud to share that our business is profitable for the first time since the start of the pandemic. We expect a pre-tax earnings profit in July.

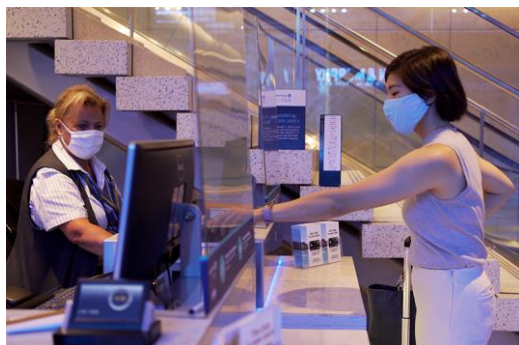
Each one of these achievements is the result of your perseverance and commitment to our customers. From the beginning, we were the only airline to see the impact of COVID-19 as a deep and long-term crisis, and that realistic approach set us up to be the industry leader.

And if you're excited about this news, tune in today as we unveil the next chapter for United Airlines - please join me, the eTeam and your colleagues at our Employee Town Hall, **live** from EWR at 1 p.m. CT.

Thank you for all that you've done and continue to do. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

## **United Club re-openings expand to line stations**

**July 1, 2021**



With summer travel coming back in full force, our Lounges and Premium Services team is working tirelessly to provide our customers the premier services and experiences they want and expect. With nearly all hub United Club locations reopened, focus now turns to bringing our line station locations back online.

Given the remarkable volumes projected for summer, approaching and exceeding 2019 volumes, we are expediting our domestic reopening plan to be completed by the end of September. Excitement is also brewing as work and construction resumes at what will be our newest United Club location, PHX (Phoenix)!. Stay tuned for more on that later this summer.

- ▲ Column A: Now Open
- ▲ Column B: Opening in July
- ▲ Column C: Opening in August
- ▲ Column D: Opening in September

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As these locations prepare to reopen, customer-facing signage will be updated to reflect opening dates.

While attention is set on reopening our domestic United Club locations first, plans are in motion to begin reopening our Polaris Lounges and international United Club locations later this year.

*"Reopening our lounges is a crucial part of welcoming our customers back to travel," said Lounges and Premium Services Managing Director Alex Dorow. "Reopening a location is the result of months of planning and coordinating. We're grateful to have such strong teams and partners throughout the network who are dedicated to providing customers with an elevated experience."*



**It's time for United Next**  
**270 new aircraft**  
**The best customer experience in the industry**  
**Overall economic impact**  
**June 29, 2021**



Today, we announced the purchase of 270 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft - the largest combined order in our company's history and the biggest by an individual carrier in the last decade. The "United Next" plan will have a transformational effect on the customer experience and is expected to increase the total number of available seats per domestic departure by almost 30%, significantly lower carbon emissions per seat and create tens of thousands of quality, unionized jobs by 2026, all efforts that will have a positive, ripple effect across the broader, U.S. economy.

When combined with the current order book, we expect to introduce more than 500 new, narrow-body aircraft: 40 in 2022, 138 in 2023 and as many as 350 in 2024 and beyond. That means in 2023 alone, our fleet will, on average, add about one new narrow-body aircraft every three days.

Our new aircraft order – 50 737 MAX 8s, 150 MAX 10s and 70 A321neos – will come with a new signature interior that includes seat-back entertainment in every seat, larger overhead bins for every passenger's carry-on bag and the industry's fastest available in-flight WiFi, as well as a bright look-and-feel with LED lighting. We expect to fly the first 737 MAX 8 with the signature interior this summer and to begin flying the 737 MAX 10 and the Airbus A321neo in early 2023.

We also intend to upgrade 100% of our mainline, narrow-body fleet to these standards by 2025, an extraordinary retrofit project that, when combined with the number of new aircraft joining the fleet, means we will deliver our state-of-the-art in-flight experience to tens of millions of customers at an unprecedented pace.

This order will also significantly boost our total number of mainline daily departures and available seats across our North American network, as well as the number of premium seats, both United **First<sup>SM</sup>** and Economy Plus<sup>®</sup>. Specifically, we expect it will have on average 53 premium seats per North American departure by 2026, an increase of about 75% over 2019, and more than any competitor in North America.

*"Our United Next vision will revolutionize the experience of flying United as we accelerate our business to meet a resurgence in air travel," said Scott. "By adding and upgrading this many aircraft so quickly with our new signature interiors, we'll combine friendly, helpful service with the best experience in the sky, all across our premier global network. At the same time, this move underscores the critical role United plays in fueling the broader U.S. economy – we expect the addition of these new aircraft will have a significant economic impact on the communities we serve in terms of job creation, traveler spending and commerce."*

We expect to create approximately 25,000 well-paying, unionized jobs as a result of adding these new aircraft and, based on a study from the Federal Aviation Administration, we expect to drive more than \$30 billion in traveler spending when flying United and contribute an estimated \$50 billion annually towards the U.S. economy by 2026.

Plus, adding these new 737 MAX and Airbus A321neo aircraft means we will replace older, smaller mainline jets and at least 200 single-class regional jets with larger aircraft, which we expect will lead to significant sustainability benefits compared to older planes: an expected 11% overall improvement in fuel efficiency and an expected 17-20% lower carbon emission per seat compared to older planes.

The best customer experience in the industry ~ Our new aircraft reflect a vastly improved customer experience standard – United's signature interior – that places a premium on the overall comfort of flying – more overall available seats in the market, more premium seats on each aircraft, as well as better entertainment, overhead storage and technology features. These standards will be applied to our retrofit plan - a nose-to-tail transformation of its mainline, narrow-body fleet - that is expected to be 66% complete by 2023 and 99% complete by the summer of 2025.

More overall available seats in the market ~ Our new narrow-body jets will help us increase our total seats per departure for North American flights by 30 seats, or almost 30%, by 2026. At the same time, we will quickly grow the number of first class and Economy Plus<sup>®</sup> seats for customers seeking an elevated experience.

Our 737 MAX 8 has 16 first class seats and 54 Economy Plus<sup>®</sup> seats – more than double the number of extra leg room seats offered by competing airlines on similar-sized aircraft. The 737 MAX 10 - the largest member of the MAX family - makes up the majority of our new order and will include 20 first class seats and 64

Economy Plus® seats and the new A321neo aircraft are expected to have a first class and Economy Plus® seat count similar to that of the 737 MAX 10.

More premium seats on each aircraft ~ By flying bigger jets with a signature interior that includes more premium seating, we will give customers more choice when selecting their onboard experience, provide MileagePlus® members more opportunity for upgrades, and position us to better meet the demand among our business customers while creating even more connectivity to its global long-haul network, helping to fuel growth to all corners of the world.

*“We’ll deliver a better, more consistent experience, with more features for more customers, faster than ever. While some airlines are reducing the number of economy seats with extra leg room, United will offer the most premium seats in North America, taking a different, more customer-friendly approach,”* said EVP and Chief Commercial Officer Andrew Nocella. *“This is United playing to our strengths - the location of our U.S. hubs means we’re uniquely positioned to focus on premium products, business travel and global flying like no other U.S. airline. Our new, signature interior creates a more consistent product across our mainline fleet - with a focus on the amenities that customers value most like seat back screens, fast WiFi and extra storage - to further set ourselves apart.”*

Better entertainment ~ Our inflight entertainment – 13-inch high-definition screens in every first class seat and 10-inch HD screens in every United Economy seat on the 737 MAX – includes free access to more than 2,800 selections including movies, TV shows and international selections, as well as audio playlists, podcasts, and games. Customers also can watch documentaries and live concerts through our exclusive collaboration with the Coda Collection. Plus, every seat on these aircraft has access to electrical power and USB charge ports and provides a seatback experience with accessibility features for people with hearing or visual disabilities.

Each new 737 MAX and A321neo will have the industry’s fastest available in-flight WiFi that lets customers stream video from online services. The aircraft also will have Bluetooth technology throughout for easy connections between wireless headphones and the seatback entertainment screens.

More overhead storage and technology features ~ Our new, significantly larger overhead bins will provide space for one carry-on bag for every person onboard, addressing several of the biggest pain points among customers and employees. We expect that the availability of these larger bins will help alleviate gate crowding and anxiety, reduce the number of gate-checked bags and decrease the time it takes to board.

Overall economic impact ~ In addition to creating jobs, the addition of these new aircraft to our fleet is expected to drive more than \$30 billion in traveler spending when flying United and contribute an estimated \$50 billion annually towards the U.S. economy by 2026, based on a study from the Federal Aviation Administration and United’s internal estimates:

- ▲ **Jobs & Wages:** In 2020, United paid more than \$10 billion in wages and this new aircraft order has the potential to create an additional 25,000 United jobs by 2026, with billions of dollars more in potential additional wages expected. United estimates that every new direct airline job results in about two additional indirect jobs like aircraft manufacturers, airport management and airport retail. Furthermore, United’s estimates indicate that each new direct and indirect job induces an additional five jobs, potentially creating a total wage impact of up to \$12 billion annually.
- ▲ **Visitor Spending:** Based on the FAA study, United estimates domestic air travelers spend about \$500 per trip in addition to airfare (food, lodging, recreation, gifts, entertainment, etc.). The addition of 270 new aircraft means the potential to carry tens of millions more passengers per year through 2026, which, using this metric for visitor spending, could contribute more than \$30 billion in annual consumer spending when traveling on United.
- ▲ **Taxes & Fees:** Each year, United generates about \$4 billion of direct (ticket excise, fuel, and property) and payroll taxes. United’s own internal analysis estimates that these numbers will increase as a result of purchasing these 270 new aircraft.

More Flights, New Destinations ~ Our plan to add hundreds of signature interior narrow-body aircraft to our fleet will give customers access to more modern seats and planes while reducing flights that use smaller, single-class regional jets. These new aircraft also will give customers even more options to fly between U.S. cities, including some new destinations, when they travel through our hubs. Finally, the larger mainline fleet will help accelerate our plans to expand service in partnership with local airport authorities across the United States.

Impact in EWR ~ We expect to resume our full schedule of flights out of EWR by November 2021 when the FAA slot waiver period ends. The airline is already the leading carrier from EWR - our largest global gateway - with 430 daily flights that include international destinations like JNB (Johannesburg), TLV (Tel Aviv), BOM (Mumbai) and HKG (Hong Kong).

We expect the number of EWR departures on mainline aircraft to increase from 55% in 2019 to 70% by 2026. And by the summer of 2022, we expect 100% of EWR departures to be on dual-class aircraft, including the 737 MAX and the airline's new, dual-class 50-seat CRJ-550 jet. Today's aircraft order means we can create quality, union jobs, as well as grow domestic and international capacity from EWR for years to come by replacing smaller mainline jets with larger aircraft, while at the same time driving international growth, by connecting more customers from U.S. cities to Newark/NYC for their international flights.

We are in the midst of a significant facility expansion and upgrade project at EWR. The work includes renovating an existing **United Club<sup>SM</sup>** location in Terminal C, building a completely new lounge in Terminal C that is capable of accommodating 500 travelers and will have panoramic views of Manhattan, as well as building a brand new United Club in Terminal A where United will operate from 12 new gates.

Jobs ~ Today, we support about 68,000 union jobs - 89% of our total domestic workforce.

All United employees – even part-time workers – earn more than the federal minimum wage, receive company-sponsored medical coverage, participate in company-funded retirement programs like 401(k)s and receive paid sick leave, paid vacation and flight privileges when space is available to destinations around the world. Plus, these jobs offer opportunities for career growth – about 69% of our senior leaders were internally promoted and more than 1,500 frontline employees have been promoted into management roles in the past seven years.

*“The addition of these 270 new aircraft and reduction of single-class regional jets is not only good news for customers, it is excellent news for the 12,000 current United pilots, and the 10,000 more we expect to hire before the decade is out,”* said United ALPA Chair Capt. Todd Insler. *“This is exactly what we planned for when we reached our industry-leading pandemic recovery agreement last year and kept United pilots on the property, trained and ready to take advantage of the rapid recovery in passenger demand. With the strength of our network, fleet, and pilot compensation, we are sure United will remain the destination of choice for the most highly qualified airline pilots.”*

Our new aircraft order is expected to create about 25,000 well-paying, unionized jobs by 2026, including the following at each of hubs:

- ▲ EWR: up to 5,000 jobs
- ▲ SFO: up to 4,000 jobs
- ▲ IAD: up to 3,000 jobs
- ▲ ORD: up to 3,000 jobs
- ▲ IAH: up to 3,000 jobs
- ▲ DEN: up to 3,000 jobs
- ▲ LAX: up to 1,400 jobs

We have contracts in place with the following unions and these descriptions provide an overview of each frontline group as well as salary details for each position:

Contact Center, Ramp and Customer Service Agents (represented by IAM): United employed about 28,000 agents in 2019 - 14,000 who help load each aircraft, 12,000 customer service representatives in airports and 3,000 contact center agents (including about 900 based at the airline's Houston Reservation Center and 700 at United's Chicago facility) who help customers find the best option for their travel. Most of these jobs include entry-level opportunities for people directly out of high school and college, and their combined wages and benefits in 2019 totaled more than \$90,000 at the top of their pay scale. Several of United's top leaders started out working on the ramp or in customer service, including United's current Senior Vice President of Airport Operations who started on the ramp, the airline's Vice President of San Francisco, who started as a customer service agent and United's current Managing Director of Customer Care, who started as a lead travel consultant.

Dispatchers (represented by PAFCA): United has 400 dispatchers and in 2019 their combined wages and benefits totaled more than \$200,000 at the top of their pay scale. These positions are certified by the FAA and share joint responsibility with the captain for the safe operation of every United flight. The airline has many dispatchers working in United's Network Operations Center who came from positions across the company including agents and management positions.

Flight Attendants (represented by AFA): United had about 24,000 active flight attendants in 2019 and their combined wages and benefits totaled more than \$90,000 at the top of their pay scale. With the unique ability to see the world while working, it's no surprise that flight attendant jobs are highly desired. In 2019, United had over 65,000 applicants for fewer than 1,500 flight attendant positions. New hires go through a six-week training course at United's Houston Training Center and visit one of the airline's seven training facilities every year to keep their skills fresh. Additionally, those interested in becoming a flight attendant do not require special

schooling or a college degree and are fully trained once hired. United's current Senior Vice President of Inflight Services started as a flight attendant.

Pilots (represented by ALPA): United has about 12,000 pilots - Captains of United's Boeing 787s and 777s can earn more than \$350,000. In addition, United pilots receive one of the highest 401(k) matches in the nation – 16% of base pay. United leads the industry as the only major airline to own its own flight school – the United Aviate Academy – and recently embarked on a plan to train 5,000 new pilots by 2030 with the goal of at least half of them being women and people of color. The company had previously announced that it anticipates hiring more than 10,000 pilots by 2029. All United pilots complete intensive simulator training with our pilot instructors and evaluators every nine months at United's Flight Training Center in Denver. United's current Senior Vice President of Flight Operations started as a First Officer, served as a U.S. Naval Aviator and retired as a Navy Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Technicians (represented by IBT): United had more than 9,000 technicians in 2019 and their combined wages and benefits totaled more than \$140,000 at the top of their pay scale. This frontline team includes aircraft mechanics, facilities technicians and ground equipment technicians. These are highly skilled jobs – the airline actively recruits from the military - and United provides an onramp to this career through entry-level positions. Several United airlines leaders started out as aircraft mechanics, including the airline's current Vice President for Technical Operations.

Sustainability ~ By 2026, we expect the use of aircraft in this new order alone will lower the airline's total carbon emissions per seat up to 15%. Specifically, the 737 MAX and A321neo aircraft offer better overall range and environmental performance with their new, more fuel-efficient engines and improved aerodynamics. Improvements come from new engines, lighter-weight carbon composite airframes and aerodynamic innovations like natural laminar flow that reduces drag. We have set an ambitious goal to be 100% green by reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets.

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



Fresh lemon

Welcome back. In my June column, I gave you a recipe for Dry Rub Baby-Back Pork Ribs. I told you that this month I would do another delicious Barbeque Pork Rib recipe. I believe that both recipes are equally as good, but just a different way of preparing. Wish I could do a vote as to which you enjoyed the most. Enjoy your summer and happy cooking.

#### **Barbeque Pork Ribs:**

Barbeque sauce  
Cracked pepper  
Seasoning salt  
Brown sugar

Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil as it makes your clean up so much easier. Lay heavy duty foil on the cookie sheet and place pork ribs meat side up.

Rub ribs with olive oil and seal.

I use 2 racks of ribs for four people which is too much, but one just isn't enough and they are great the next day to snack on.

Sprinkle a little seasoning salt and pepper on the ribs. Seal the foil around the ribs and bake at 225 for eight hours.

If you want them to cook more quickly, bake at 325 for 4 hours. I like to cook them slowly.

About 1½ hours before serving, open up the foil and baste with barbeque sauce and brown sugar. Squeeze lots of lemon over top. I baste several times.

The last time I leave the foil open and bake 15-20 minutes. You can turn the heat up if you want so that the barbeque sauce bakes onto the meat and the meat will be soooooo tender it will fall off the bones.

It's the easiest meal to fix because you can put it in the oven and forget about it. You can put your yams or potatoes on the lower rack and they will be done at the same time as the ribs.

Fix a green salad and dinner is served!

## 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

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For the first time in over a year our Birmingham chapter met for lunch at the Fish Market in Birmingham. In attendance were **Jim & Donna Gooch, Bobby & Jean Cox, Travis & Zoe Glass, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, David & Terissa Mendum** and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jean Cox**. And celebrating a wedding anniversary was **Travis & Zoe Glass** of 64 years!

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 11:30.

### ARIZONA

#### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Hopefully, all of our members living in the Phoenix area are staying as cool and comfortable as they can. We hope it cools down real soon and they get rain! The weather doesn't stop our Chapter members from getting together though. We had 15 members join us for breakfast on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It was good seeing **Jim & Kathy Brigante** once again, as it has been awhile since they have been able to join us. We discussed the updating of the Employee Appearance Standards and found them interesting; also, the new domestic hot meals that will be



served starting in September. **Rich Vehring** discussed some safety issues with us, particular in the case of a massive power failure. We are still in need of a President for our group, so hopefully someone will volunteer for that position soon. It isn't that hard, our group is very laid back and we are very cordial and just happy when someone tells us what's going on at United or where we are going to eat next time.

We would like to fill our calendar with places to go for lunch that will accommodate our group. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, we would love to have your suggestions. It isn't hard being a host or hostess of a luncheon, just pick a place, get a date, get a menu, and we will come! We love going to different restaurants! **Dakota Morris-Terry** has signed up to host in October and **Peg Snowdall** is hosting the Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Are you planning on going to the RUAEA Convention September 28 – October 2? It's being held at the beautiful Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego, CA. The address is 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive in Mission Bay, San Diego, CA. After being cooped up due to the Pandemic, it will be wonderful to go there and rejoin friends, and see people you worked with before retirement and have a lot of fun too! Also, remember you can invite friends or family to this event too. This will give them an opportunity to see San Diego and get it at an attractive price. The rooms are only \$124 a night; parking is free and close to your room. Rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, 2 queen beds or a king bed, plus a free breakfast is included in your room rate charge. They have two outdoor pools and two hot tubs also. Really sounds great, doesn't it? All the information about the Convention and tours were in the July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, so please sign up, OK? No password is needed to access the ruaea.org homepage. It's available online. Please call the Reservations Department at 800-345-9995 and mention being a part of "RUAEA 2021 Convention" to receive the special rate. Love to see a lot of people attend!

We have the following birthdays in August: **Ame Esan, Richard Vehring, Wendy Young, Pat Nicholaisen, Shirley Claggett, Larry Young, Rita Zarek, and Barbara Tremonto.** Have a great Birthday! The following couples have their Wedding Anniversaries in August too: **JoAnne & John Gaudioso, Pam & Gary Gerstung, Richard & Janet Vehring, and Larry & Wendy Young.** Congratulations to all the couples!

#### Calendar:

**August 27** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact VP **Peg Snowdall**, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservations by Wednesday, August 25, or call her at (480) 396-3317, so she can notify the Manager how many to expect from our group.

**September 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

**September 28 – October 2** – RUAEA Convention at Dana on Mission Bay in Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

**October 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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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

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We are back! Yes, the Northstaters were able to gather together for a meeting on July 1. Despite the heat, fires, etc. we were able to join together for a great luncheon/meeting. We had planned to meet at a park in Anderson, CA but the weather did not cooperate with the heat. Secretary **Sharon Simonton** was able to find a restaurant in Anderson called Vittles. Everyone came with smiles on their faces and masks in their pockets.

President **Merritt Odor** opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. We had 15 members and spouses in attendance. Merritt made a special welcome to **John & Pat Zoboli** who came from Reno, NV to join us. Merritt gave a little report on one of our members, **Hal Burdick**, who passed away in February of 2021. He will be truly missed. He was one of our original members. A card was passed around for everyone to sign for his wife, **Phyllis**, who is now residing in a retirement home in Redding.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Linda Delaney** will be celebrating a birthday in July and **Merritt & Klaren Odor** celebrated an anniversary in June. Merritt led a discussion on dues for 2021. It was decided that no membership dues will be taken in 2021 and the group does want to continue to have our luncheons/ meetings.

**John Zoboli** spoke about the engine failure that one of the United planes experienced a couple of months ago. He spoke about farming out maintenance work to other vendors. It seems that very little maintenance work is being done by United Airlines directly. Merritt spoke about maintenance work that was begging to be farmed out overseas even when he was working in 2002.

**Pat & John Zoboli** spoke about the RUAEA Convention that will be held in San Diego, CA in September. This was the convention that was supposed to be held in 2020, but due to COVID 19, it was postponed until 2021. The convention group is setting up lots of tours and things to do in San Diego.

**Sharon Simonton** shared a letter that she and her husband, **Bill**, received from Merritt on October, 2007, inviting them to join a meeting regarding forming a group for the Retired United Airlines Employees/Greater Chico Area Meeting. A big laugh was had by all because Merritt is still President after 14 years and the group is still together. Thank you to Merritt.

Sharon passed out a current roster and wanted everyone to make any corrections on addresses, etc. She will send out the corrected roster to every member. A discussion took place on where the next meeting/luncheon was to be held. A couple of ideas came forward. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** will check on a place in Los Molinos and **Sharon Simonton** will check on a place in Chico. **Linda Delaney** won the 50/50 raffle and **Klaren Odor** won the Lunch Certificate.

#### Calendar:

**September 15** – Next meeting at 11:30 AM. The place is TBD.



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The Central Coasters held their first meeting after postponing all meetings due to the virus attack. Our President **Mike Zoldak** informed everyone that we could meet on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Spyglass Restaurant in Pismo Beach. In attendance was **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Nina Powers, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Ken & Stella Bake, and Joan Schaefer**. For one reason or another, **Bob & Marcia, John Wessel, Kathy Shurtleff, and Al & Marilyn Rybar** were unable to attend. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend any further meetings that are planned and it will be fun catching up.

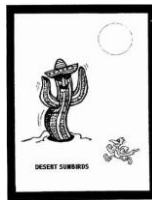


In the latest **Dale Harper's** newsletter, that he sends out to the retirees, I was surprised to read that the United Airlines General Office near ORD is closing down. I wasn't working for UAL at the time it was moved from MDW, but I was able to look inside the old offices before it was moved. After joining UAL, I attended classes for supervisors that lasted a week in the new building in 1963. I got to meet several employees that I would be in contact with back at SFOMB.

I finally found a way to plan my day, no more decision making!

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Well, the Sunbirds are still in a lockdown, as is everyone else, so we'll go with another joke this month.

Family Dinner Party ~ My wife hosted a dinner party for both sides of our entire family and everyone was encouraged to bring all their children as well.

During dinner, my four-year-old niece stared at me sitting across from her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, patted my hair in place, but nothing stopped her from staring at me. I tried my best to just ignore her, but finally it was too much for me, so I finally asked her "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior, and the table went quiet waiting for her response. My little niece said, "I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish!"



## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos group. I hope you had a nice Fourth of July celebrating the birth of our nation. Did you go to a parade? Watch fireworks? Wear something patriotic? Make a dessert with Cool Whip or white frosting, blueberries and strawberries? To me, it is also a day to reflect on the history leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I've done some genealogy and have found three ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War. How I would love to travel back in time and talk to them and learn about their experience firsthand. What prompted them to take up arms and fight the British, the largest and best equipped army in the world? How did their families survive without them to run the family farm? If you've seen the play '1776,' you see that the Declaration was a miracle in and of itself. It happened only because our forefathers came together and reached a compromise. When I saw this play for the first time, and the Liberty Bell tolled as the signers stepped forward one by one to add their name, I was in tears. Every Fourth of July, I relive the play and say a silent prayer of thanks for my ancestors who gave me the freedom we have today.

California officially opened up on June 15, and it's wonderful to see people getting together with friends and family again. And the best news of all, East Bay Diablos met in person on June 28, the first time since March 2020! I can't begin to tell you how excited we all were to see each other again. We normally meet the first Monday of the month, but we waited to celebrate until after California opened up. Our June meeting is a picnic, a long standing tradition we all love. As usual, **Diane Griego** hosted us at her lovely home in Concord. We had 28 in attendance and she has the perfect setup for hosting a crowd. We had a long table set up to eat together and she also has a covered patio with a lot of comfy furniture. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** were the cashiers and **Joe Leather** handled the raffle money. We had a delicious catered lunch from Back 40 BBQ that I look forward to all year—chicken and ribs, green salad, potato salad and baked beans. Dessert was ice cream and cake. **Cheryl Kincaid** revived her flight attendant skills to cut the cake and serve the ice cream. After lunch we held the raffle. Members were asked to bring an extra nice gift and we named it the Super Duper Reunion Raffle. **Jan Soderstrom** won the money. I can't remember all the gifts, but a few come to mind. Quite a few bottles of nice wine, a bottle of single malt whisky, a garden stake with a blown glass ball on top and decadent chocolates.



We did not meet on our “normal” July date of July 5 but hope to resume meeting on the first Monday of the month in August at a local restaurant.

More turtle news: There is nothing more exciting to scientists and environmentalists than to discover a new species or to save one from extinction. Years ago, I remember how the world cheered when the California Condor was saved from extinction.

Last month I told you about a lone female Giant Tortoise found on Fernandina Island in 2019. Scientists were stunned because they thought the Fernandina Giant Tortoise species was extinct. The restoration of this species now depends on this one female, now named Fernanda. In September, scientists will launch urgent expeditions to Fernandina Island to find a mate for Fernanda and hopefully save this species from extinction. I hope that Fernanda’s story will be as successful as Diego’s which follows.

A similar story happened with the Galapagos Giant Tortoise, native to the uninhabited island of Espanola. Around 50 years ago, there were only two males and 12 females of Diego’s species alive on Española, and they were too spread out to reproduce. In the mid-1960s Galápagos National Park set up a breeding program on Santa Cruz Island. Diego was brought in from the San Diego Zoo to join the program. The national park believes he was taken from Espanola about 1933 by a scientific expedition. He weighs about 175 pounds, is nearly 35 inches long and five feet tall if he stretches his legs and neck. The prolific Diego is credited with almost single-handedly saving his once-threatened species. Diego fathered an estimated 800 offspring and park rangers believe he is the patriarch of at least 40% of the current Giant Galapagos Tortoise population of 2000.

Last year, at age 100, after decades of breeding in captivity, Diego was retired from the breeding program and returned to his native Espanola Island. Talk about a well deserved retirement! He was joined by 25 other tortoises that had also been in the breeding program for decades. To read the entire article and see a picture of Diego, go to <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jun/16/diego-the-tortoise-father-to-hundreds-and-saviour-of-his-species-finally-retires>.

China’s Wandering Elephants: In March 2020, a herd of 15 endangered Asian elephants left their home in a nature reserve in southwest China and began wandering north toward some unknown destination. Their trek of 300 miles, the longest recorded elephant migration in China’s history, has captivated the world. China’s roughly 300 wild elephants enjoy the highest level of protected status, on a par with the country’s unofficial mascot, the panda bear. As of June, the family of elephants—six adult females, three adult males, and six juveniles—is lingering on the outskirts of Kunming, a city of more than eight million people. In recent months, as they’ve drawn closer to the city, they’ve encroached on human settlements, raiding crops, wandering down streets, and searching for food in small towns. They’ve broken into kitchens and popped into a nursing home. Some reportedly may have gotten drunk on fermented grain. Emergency workers, vehicles and drones have been deployed to monitor the elephants’ movements and protect local residents.

Elephant experts are trying to predetermine a route for the elephants, and then scatter food with a strong aroma, such as corn, pineapples, and bananas along the route. At the same time, they are blocking roads leading to towns and cities, essentially giving the elephants the only choice of taking the road set by us.

In late May, food bait started to work. After preparing more than four tons of food, the team managed to entice the elephants to make a slight turn south. Currently, the herd is strolling back and forth within the boundary of Yuxi, a city bordering Kunming to the south. However, food baiting is seen as just a short term solution.

The best long term solution would be to create a new national elephant park close to Kunming, where the group is now. There are many nature reserves in the province of Yunnan and many of them have the potential to become these elephants’ temporary and then permanent habitat. Experts also stress the importance of building ecological corridors connecting the existing four elephant nature reserves in Yunnan, which would allow elephants to migrate easily and safely.

If you Google “China’s elephants” you will find some hilarious and heartwarming pictures and videos of their trek across China.

Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/this-elephant-herd-isnt-where-it-belongs-the-big-city-outskirts?loggedin=true>

<https://news.yahoo.com/chinas-wandering-elephants-move-again-073052556.html>

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

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Aha! Someone found the light switch, turned it on, and now we can see the faint light at the end of the tunnel. ur “on the ball” President, **Vera Kina**, has heard from the William Walker Recreation Center that we will be able to hold our August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting in the Blue Bird room, as we had mentioned last month, at 11:00am – 2:00pm. So ... it is full steam ahead. We will celebrate with our “Winner, winner Chicken Dinner.” Put on your shoes and bring a big fork as we will have a cake to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries that we have had to put on hold these past 15 months. Let me know if any of you celebrated a 90<sup>th</sup> or so event so that I can acknowledge your feat! One of my goals was to have been retired as many years as I worked (32) – 2022 will do it - so now off to the next goals.

Meetings will resume as usual (unless we hear otherwise.):

- ▲ August 23 – Chicken and fixins’ - \$8 per 2021 member / \$10 per guest. We must hear from you by August 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. When you get the invitation, please call Ginger at the above number or email me. An invitation will be sent to you soon and you need to respond – one way or the other. Masks are suggested – those not having the vaccine shots must wear masks.
- September 27 – Annual Picnic – plans to be announced shortly. Ribs and such. Then buzz on down to the RUAEA Convention in San Diego starting on September 28.
- ▲ October 25 - Pot Luck – bring your goodies for all to enjoy. More info to come.
- ▲ November 22 – TBA

Save December 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas Luncheon. We have been in contact with The Fish Market in San Mateo and they have asked us to stay in touch with the manager as plans for December have not been finalized. We check monthly and hope that all will be OK. Will let you all know.

Have not heard from many of you with news in your lives – found out (via devious means) that **Janina Pietrzak** has been celebrating her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday – Happy Birthday, dear friend! She has traveled with us on many an occasion – always a delight. Full of fun and a ready smile. She spent a month or so at the beach every year in Waikiki, swimming in the water for an hour every day. Me? Sitting in the “House Without a Key” watching the sun set, Mai Tai in hand and looking for the green light! Ah, those were the days!

We are over half-way through the year – one of the best blessings is that we have been able to get both Covid shots, have not had the flu (knock on wood,) and have not had a cold for all these months – moral? Guess I’ll keep that mask on when I go out with lots of people around. Take care, plan to come out and join us in August and remember – “Hydrate, don’t fall!” See you soon ...

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.



## HANGTOWN MINERS

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What’s not to love about June? The weather is (usually) mild and Mother Nature blesses us with flowers everywhere - we won’t dwell on the pollen that comes with all that beauty! **Bill & Pati Kenney** made arrangements for us to dine at BJ’s in Folsom. It was great to see and visit with the 26 members who were able to come to the luncheon. As usual, BJ’s’ food was delicious – everyone seemed to be quite satisfied with their choices.

I don’t know if any of you get to celebrate a birthday in June, if you do, Happy Birthday! I do know that we have several anniversaries this month! **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** have 54 years; **Frank & Angie Dellinger** are

counting to 52; **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** are looking at 20 years; **Tom & Suzie Kenny** mark the big 30; and **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** can count 55! Wishing all of you a Happy Anniversary and many more!

**Tom Kenny**, our wonderful treasurer, tell us that our checking account is good and we have a few annual dues still to be deposited. We have only 3 members who we have not received dues from yet! Make your \$10 check out to Hangtown Miners and mail it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. There's only a couple day left in June and if we don't receive it by Thursday, we will be taking you off our roster. We do not want to do that! So, please, pop it in the mail today. (if you're late, don't worry, we will happily put you back in it)

While we didn't have a "formal" meeting, our president, **Bill Dinette**, took a few moments to greet all of us and, brought up the subject of our raffle. As you all know, the raffle is our main source of revenue. The monies it brings in helps to pay for our December luncheon and enables us to donate to a charity (or two/three) at the beginning of the new year. We have learned that some restaurants may not allow us to have the raffle, even though we have our official non-profit status (thank you, **Tom Kenny**). If we will be going to one with that restriction, we will, of course, respect their policies. Bill asked for a show of hands from everyone present to determine if resuming the raffle is agreeable to all – I would say that just about all hands were raised in support! So, keep your eye out/open for that special little something that you think others will like ... nothing "expensive" but still of good quality! Rudy, you'll need to dig the raffle equipment out of that closet it's been hiding in for the past year and a half!

I am delighted to let you know that our July luncheon has been booked! **Tom & Suzie Kenny** have us going to the Beef 'n Brew on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. While we will be choosing from a "special menu" and can pay individually, the restaurant does want a head count so they can be sure to have enough seating and servers. Please, let **Tom** and/or **Suzanne Kenny** know you plan to attend by Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact info is: [tck46@flash.net](mailto:tck46@flash.net); (530) 626-5660. Don't forget!

Personally, I am so tickled that we are finally able to do things that we have long loved. Our monthly luncheons are all that much better since we were not able to do so for so long. I guess the old saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" has real roots. Life is good, stay safe and see you in a few weeks!



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We are hoping that we can get together for a monthly breakfast in August but we may not have a lot of notice; everyone is on standby. We do have some birthdays to celebrate: **Galen Barr** (8/6), **Debbie Taylor** (8/9), **Ivan Pedersen** (8/9), **Jackie Schwartz** (8/22), and **Robin Munsey** (8/27).

In the meantime, we are working hard to make our Convention a real success and a great time for all. It's been so long since we have all been together; there are some fun activities planed to bring everyone together. Check out our Beach Party taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup> with entertainment, door prizes and good things to eat!

This month I am taking you to the Historic Waterfront adventure at the San Diego Maritime Museum. Established in 1948, it has one of the largest collections of historic sea vessels in the United States. Four of these vessels are on the distinguished National Register. The PCF 816 Swift Boat, 1914 Pilot boat, the 1898 steam ferry boat Berkeley and the world's oldest active sailing ship, the Star of India.

Bay tours are available on the PCF 816 Swift Boat and the San Diego Harbor Pilot Boat.

There are two submarines, the Soviet B-39 Submarine and the USS Dolphin. Two steam powered boats, the Steam Yacht Medea and the Steam Ferry Berkeley. The McMullen Library and Research Archives are located aboard along with exhibits including the Age of Sail, Age of Steam and nautical art displays.

The Sailing Ships are the Californian and is the official tall ship of the State of California. HMS Surprise was seen in the Russell Crowe movie "Master and Commander". San Salvador and the Star of India, an iron bark built in 1863; they are available to board and explore and some even take passengers out for Harbor cruises!

After my retirement from United, I was a volunteer at the Museum and was on the sail crew of the California. There is so much interesting history here even if you are not a nautical person; you will have a feeling of being transported back in time to the excitement of the age of sail, steam and even modern day submarines.

As you complete your walks on the decks of the historic steps, you can walk down Harbor Drive to the Cruise Terminal for some coffee and then continue on down to the dock where you will see and may also tour the USS Midway. I will talk about her in the September issue just before you come to visit.

Looking forward to seeing you September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup> in San Diego!

Calendar:

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

**SACRAMENTO  
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The Sacramento Gold Diggers had their June meeting at Sizzler's in Auburn; there were 24 members in attendance as we try to get back to normal.

President **Dave Garland** brought the meeting to order and enlightened us with historical events for June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave also covered the recent United's order for new planes. Dave advised us that the luncheon/meetings for the rest of the year is set for with the exception of December at which **George & Vicky Taylor/Enriquez** offered to host.

Our group is still looking for a Secretary and Vice President. Also **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** announced that they are retiring from their RUAEA Newsletter positions and are looking for replacements ... anyone interested please contact them. This is their eleventh year of producing an outstanding Newsletter for the RUAEA membership.

After lots of social conversation, a nice meal and short meeting, we enjoyed a raffle with a couple of lucky winners of a bottle of wine and **Francis Domaratius** being the big winner of a 50/50 drawing.

July's meeting will be at the Lincoln Chinese Restaurant on July 28 and hosted by **Orville Harshbarger**. August meeting will be on August 25 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. No meeting in September due to the RUAEA Convention.

P.S. **Barbara Bertacini** volunteered to be Vice President and **Ron Bertacini** volunteered to be Secretary.



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

We would like to extend an invitation to all retirees to attend our luncheon meetings. If you would like information about our Chapter, the San Joaquiners, please contact our President **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210. We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love for you to join us

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We finally met in person for the first time in over a year. There were 19 people in attendance at Holders for our brunch. The 1000-1200 time seemed to be well received by the group. You can have breakfast or lunch and traffic is not an issue. We will continue in person meetings at Holders on the first Monday of the month. At some point we can discuss having additional meetings, but for now it will be once a month.



We also continued our Zoom meetings and held two during the month. With participation dropping for Zoom meetings, we will no longer continue with these. Thanks to all who dialed in during these trying times to keep the chapter going.

During our last Zoom meeting, we were pleasantly surprised when **Roger Casterline** dialed in. With aid of a caretaker, he was able to use his phone camera and give us a brief history of his career at United. It was so great to hear from him and perhaps maybe, we'll be able to see him at one of our meetings at Holders.

**Tony Urso** gave us all a scare, when he was taken to the hospital. Despite a series of diagnostic tests, doctors were unable to pinpoint just what caused his issue. He is doing fine now, but only drives a short distance, making it difficult to attend in person meetings.

Discussion came up as to how **Albert & Elfriede Grossman** were doing. Tony received a call from them and reported they were doing OK.

Birthdays for the month: **Gerry Delisle; Jay Cacioppo; Lloyd & Claire Eber; Don & Dot Boyer; Chuck Clayborn and Sheryl Michelson.**

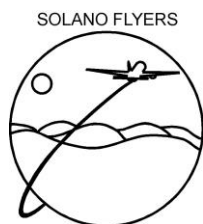
Anniversaries: **Chuck & Sheryl Clayborn.**

It is with deep sympathy that we report the passing of our long time member and chapter historian, **Vern Snyder**. He fought a difficult battle with health issues and seemed as if he would be on a path for recovery; however things changed quickly and on June 7<sup>th</sup>, while at Good Samaritan hospital, surrounded by family, he passed away. Vern was a Capitol Airline employee, transferring to San Francisco after the merger. He was given the nick name, The Professor, for his daily routine of solving a crossword puzzle in record time. He will be dearly missed.

COVID has certainly created much difficulty and as a result our plans have changed. Instead of holding our annual catered picnic at Vasona, we are looking at holding a "bring your own" picnic in September.

**Cherri Scales** is making arrangements for our annual Christmas function to be held at the Shriners hall. It will be a catered event, without the prize bidding, but we may have a bake sale to help raise some funding for next year.

All RUAEA members are welcome to attend our meetings, held on the first Monday of each month. We meet at 1000, at Holders Country Inn, 998 De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129.



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Solano Flyers find our attendance to our monthly meeting with very few members ... we have quite a few names in the address book, but very few make the meetings, we realize that it is summer plus freedom of movement so many are traveling. There are a dedicated few that make the meetings, but we need to increase our attendance to ensure that the Chapter continues. One day a month, social time with UAL friends; so please put it on your schedule.

Our meeting on June 16 finds the following at Bud's Restaurant in Dixon, CA. **Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Robert Richie, Stewart McCale, Allan Pochop, Luci & Diosnel Perez, and Richard Cox.**

As we were few, they placed our small group in the general seating; we decided to forgo a meeting; just had lunch as a group and departed.

Next meeting is July 21, 11am at Your Town Café, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield. Attendance incentive: The chapter will pay the meal.

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On July 1<sup>st</sup>, we met for lunch at Ted's Place with 27 members in attendance. Don is talking to Denise about going back to Saturday breakfast or some liked the lunch time.

We are going back to the raffle. United pass department doesn't have a phone now, all is email.

The convention plans are going well for San Diego, CA; September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at the Dana on Mission Bay resort. Make your reservations and know you will enjoy. Included with the hotel are parking, breakfast, Bayside Pool and Spa.

Virgil will let us know about our next meeting. We enjoyed seeing all our friends again.

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## FLORIDA

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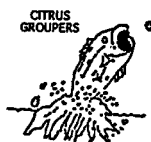
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

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July 7<sup>th</sup> wasn't a very nice day, with Hurricane Elsa churning its way toward the Keys and gloomy rainy skies here, but 14 folks braved the weather to gather and catch up at the Golden Corral on East Colonial Drive.

President **Ernie Vosges** raised the flag for our pledge and wished all a Happy Belated 4<sup>th</sup>!

It has been decided that **this** Golden Corral will be our future luncheon site. Our private room was booked by **Al Fields**, with Ernie's blessing and thanks! Following are the dates: **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

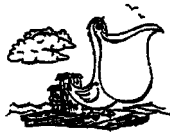
After our treasurer's report, which was a bit grim, we dove right into a conversation about the "it'll be here before you know it" so, let's plan a Christmas Luncheon for December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021! Concerns were raised about the lack of memberships and attendance at the meetings since we returned from the year + of pandemic living. The McCoys present were all hopeful that come September/October, the snowbirds will return and those doctoring will save those first Tuesdays for us! And a party would certainly be a great way to send 2021 packing, Ho! Elaine will call to get the details for a return to Maggiano's Little Italy at Pointe Orlando and report back next month.

Birthday Balloons this month to **Ted LeGrand III** today, July 7<sup>th</sup> and **Ted LeGrand II** on July 20<sup>th</sup>! **Laurie Bork** will be celebrating on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Way to go!

As I often do, please remember those needing prayers for healing, comfort, strength, discernment, and patience. Hugs to all!

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

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The Sand Dollars won't be meeting until October, but anyone looking for information on our group may contact **Ginger Hyde** at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.

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We did not have a meeting in July.

With sad hearts, we will miss **William (Bill) Linehan**. He passed away on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bill retired from TIA in 1998. He was our chapter photographer, but gave it up quite a few years ago. He had a stroke during Covid and was in an Assisted Living facility for over a year and half. He had another stroke over 2 weeks ago. Our prayers are with his wife **Jean** and the family.

To our Florida Chapters: Stay safe - Hurricane Season has arrived.

### **Calendar:**

**August 2** - IHOP - 10:30

**September 13** – IHOP, we'll be discussing the October 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

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

## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

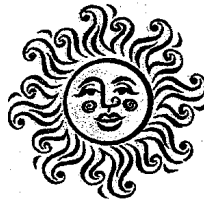
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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

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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Our first meeting of the Boise Gems since the pandemic started many moons ago! We are a small group and it was nice to see **Dave & Carol Adams, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, Shirley Perkins, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey, finally!**

We met for lunch at Ling and Louies Restaurant in Meridian on June 22. Two other couples did not attend as they had made previous arrangements for traveling.

Comments from our participants:

**Dave & Carol Adams:** During the time off they have been camping. In September they will be traveling to Missouri. Dave & Carol have volunteered to host our August 10 meeting; location, time, and date TBD. Members will be notified when this information is available. Thank you Dave & Carol for hosting the August 10 meeting.

**Shirley Perkins:** Long 15 months but we are doing fine. Missing Charles but know he went gently.

**Rick & Shirley Dempsey:** Yes it has been a long 15 months and we are looking forward to traveling once again. We've never been at home for this length of time in our 42 years as we love to travel and see the world. Looking forward to our August 10 meeting! We were sorry to hear **Bud & Pat Peters** were unable to attend the luncheon as Bud is not feeling well at this time. Bud, hurry and get well, we miss you and Pat.



## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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August—Supposedly the Dog Days of Summer—In that case, I'll take a fluffy white girl doggie that sits in my lap and licks my hands, Poodle, Bichon, or Maltese. May and June were so dry, then it rained and tornadoed like crazy the last 10 days of June. The Weatherman, God, is keeping us on our toes, wet or dry, as long as we don't blow away. Are you keeping up with the UAL news? Our beloved old EXO has been sold; don't know to whom, yet. I remember moving in that day, December 8, 1961, gosh, almost 60 years ago. Many came from MDW, some decided to leave. There was a Southside Bus for a while, eventually, the bus de-bussed, some quit, others started to drive. We had to open all of our boxes, put everything away, once we found our desks. Our department was close to the canteen; that was convenient, not so the ladies room. Everyone looked lost, a fun day, week actually. We got to meet all new people, a real United kind of day. Oh, and the cafeteria, wow, big, lots of good food, lovely scenery outside, the pond, trees. Never worked anywhere like this before. Even an escalator, like downtown at Fields's. How classy, like I went to heaven. The three original buildings were sold, the North, the South, and the Training Center/Hotel, with 45 acres. The new building in the Northwest corner on Dempster and Busse is not sold, that's our Computer IT building. We'll soon find out who made the purchase of this great site, with many of our memories. I wish them luck and fun. Will be eager to see what they do with it, keep it as is, or tear it down and start all over again. I think a bunch of us would come to see that. On the other hand, it would be too heart breaking to watch. Does the name **Willy Jordan** ring a bell? He was the Office Manager, office on the first floor. We had a pond next to the cafeteria, people would go out, feed the ducks crackers and other delectables. Willy got a sign, put it on the grass, 'Don't feed the ducks. Signed, Willy Jordan'. By the next morning, somebody designed a similar sign, put it next to Willy's. It said, 'Don't feed Willy Jordan. Signed, the Ducks'. That went around the building pretty quickly, had lots of laughs over that for a long time, look, I still remember it! Wonder how many of you witnessed the 'Willy Sign-Gate'.

So, on with the present and future, August gemstone is peridot, calms anger by giving renewal to all things, also protects you from nightmares. The flower is gladiolus, or if you'd rather, the poppy. Poppies signify pleasure, consolation or wealth; gladiolus signify infatuation and a heart being pierced with love! Wow, lucky August people. Cute dates to observe, Clown Week, 1 thru 7, Month of Picnics, Pirates, Eye Exams, golf, peaches, and Admit you're Happy. Then we have special Days, Sisters, Grab some Nuts, Watermelon, Oyster, Fresh Breath, Hangover, Cat, Aviation, Spumoni, Frankenstein, Eat Outside, and Just Because Day. Let's not forget the Perseid Meteor Shower, 12-14, if you're not where there are lights, you'll enjoy these. Saw them years ago on a boat, on the Lake, it was captivating. There is so much to learn from the skies, stars and moon. Now there's speculation that there really are space ships and creatures from outer space. Someday we'll find out if our neighbors are from Uranus, or, if they just act like it.

Anyone going to Rome soon? They've opened up the Colosseum's underground so we can walk in the lower level, just like the gladiators and wild animals did. It has never been opened to the public in its 2,000 year history. How exciting to be able to see that, sorry ladies, Russell Crowe won't be there.

One small anniversary or sorts, the 12<sup>th</sup> in the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beatles last concert in Chicago at the International Amphitheatre, it was at Halsted and 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets. I was there with my two sisters, Sue and Jean, plus 9,000 other screaming fans. Yes, quite a night, maybe some of you were there, too. That was the third time we saw them, days when we sent in money for tickets and waited for weeks to get them back, and see where we were sitting. No such thing as Ticketmaster, back in the day. I think the tickets were around \$8.00, 12<sup>th</sup> row. Add a couple hundred to that price today for any concert.

Speaking of Chicago, how do you like the City Council agreeing to change the name of Lake Shore Drive? You're going to have to get really large envelopes to get in the whole name, Jean Baptiste Point DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Might be easier to ask your friends to move. Well, since I'm not very PC, I'll stick with LSD. Plus, I don't know anybody that lives there.

Our Northside breakfast had a good showing, **Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, Dennis Zachara, Jerry Tipperreiter, Toni VanKampen, Ginny Vlach, Marge Stamm**, and your truly, eight in all. It was the morning after the Mainliner trip to Shipshewana, some were tired and still shopping in their sleep. They'll be

back this month. The Southside breakfast had **Barb Wesemann, Bill Corbett, Sylvester Gant, Gwen Brookins**, and yours truly. We're back! Next month even more will come. Our ORDMM mechanic's group included **Jim Kraft, Pierre Lupori, Pat & LB Neal, Carol & Vic Liltz**, 'long time no see people', **Ron Pryor, Don Matker, Dick Hansen, Frank Wenig**, and yours truly. The ORDMM Management people included **Tom Abraham, Glenn Hill, Stan Chmieliwicz, Bob Smietanski** and his 'newcomer' wife, **Jean**, plus, 'long time no see people, **Ann Pepper, Jackie Anderson**, and yours truly. The IAM LL 1487, had their July lunch with 61 people. They still have openings for their Lake Geneva trip on September 28, check with **Karen Carney** if you're interested. It was so great to see people coming back to all of our meetings. Welcome home! I hope and pray our world stays healthy so we can continue our normal lives pre-2020. Most of the conversations at the get-togethers centered on our health, doctor appointments, family situations, UAL of course, missing our friends, and eager to start traveling again. **Toni VanKampen** already went to Oklahoma, Indiana and Minnesota.

Views in the News—Marv Albert, sport announcer, has retired at 80, very colorful character. I received a call from **Ruth Opitz'** sister, **Helen**, she said Ruth is doing very well, and will be celebrating her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday August 2. If you'd like to send her a card for this auspicious occasion, she's still at Cedar Lake Assisted Living, 777 Church Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. **Harold Ogle** turned 100 earlier this year; we hope you both have many more happy and healthy ones. Congratulations to you all, I'm sure there are many out there that I don't know about. I used to think 90 was a milestone, now you people are surpassing that! How wonderful, it's good clean living, travel and a little wine. Not whine, wine! I'd also like to do a shout-out to a few people that I heard from. They're all alive and well, saying hi to you all. **Ellie Teresinski**, wife of **Jack**, **Rose Nesser**, wife of **Tom**, **Eileen Starkey**, wife of **Jack**, **Sandy Ekvall**, wife of **Bob (Bunky)**, **John Wade**, **Sophie Wajda**, **Muriel Bergsma**, **Marlene Anderson**, **Susan McMahon**, and thanks to **John Kozlik**, for supplying me with magazines that bring back lovely memories of the past. I'm so lucky to have such a nice group of friends.

I'd like to thank all of the Skyliner members who responded to my letter about having a luncheon this year. The results were pretty unanimous to wait for a Christmas luncheon. If all stays the same, no more outbreaks of the Covid-19 or the new Delta Variant, we will meet in December. Most didn't care about the higher cost, as long as the meal was good and we had entertainment. All of your calls and emails were so kind and well thought out, they were a joy to receive. Thank you again to all of you wonderful members. It certainly helped us decide what you wanted. Let's hope for a good healthy four months. Ah, one other quick thank you, to all of you who enjoyed my 727 story in last month's issue. I had so much fun writing that, it's amazing how many more people added to it, like the man who fueled that plane. Or the men who put it in place back in the 90's, or helped it across Lake Shore Drive, wonderful stories.

Time for driving lessons. When you look at your steering wheel, on the left side, there is a black thingamajig that sticks out horizontally, oh, about 3-4 inches. It's called a turn signal lever. When you're turning left, you push that lever down, a little green light goes on your dashboard, showing a left arrow. If you're making a right turn, push that lever up, and you'll see a little green arrow pointing right. You should do this about a half a block or more before you turn. You just alerted people ahead and behind you that you intend to turn, or maybe you're going to pull into another lane of traffic on a street/highway. Don't forget to look in your rear view mirror first to see if there are cars in that other lane. Amazing, what a cute little black cylindrical stick can do. I know it's not anybody's business where you're going, but it could save you an accident, and somebody's life. Another quick tip is, on an expressway, we usually have three lanes. The speed limit normally is 60 mph on a highway. The far right lane is for drivers doing the limit or less, 60. The middle lane is for people liking to drive maybe 70 mph. The far left lane is for drivers with a need for speed. Ignore them, stay away from them, and please, don't drive 60 or less in that lane. You don't belong there, you will get them angry, could even cause an accident, they will eventually pass you and give you half of a peace sign. You know they pick on elderly drivers.

Anybody else remember this song, I can't get it out of my mind ... Many bands from the 40's recorded it, but the most famous was from the Andrew Sisters, in 1945. Remember them? Of course you do!

*'As I was walkin' down the street, Down the street, down the street, I met somebody who was mighty sweet, Mighty fair to see. I asked her, would she like to have a talk,*

*Have a talk, make some talk, All the fellows standin' on the walk, Wishin' they were me:*

*Mama, Mama let me dress up tonight, Dress up tonight, dress up tonight,*

*I've got a secret, gonna 'fess up tonight.*

*Gonna dance by the light of the moon. Gonna dance with a dolly with a hole in her stockin',*

*While our knees keep a knockin' and our toes keep a rockin'.*

*Dance with a dolly with a hole in her stockin', Dance by the light of the moon'.*

My mom used to sing this to me all the time when she put on my socks. She'd sing, then we'd laugh! Good memories, got me dressed, and out of the house. Now I sing it to my cat.

With all the rain we had in June, I remembered a song my grandpa and I sang together:

*'It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring.*

*He hit his head, upon the bed, and can't get up in the morning.'*

It's good to have nice childhood memories, isn't it? Makes you forget some of the pooppy ones.

Our friends that flew West last month are: Pat Lynch, father of **Dan Lynch**, both from ORDCG, **Charlene Roberts**, wife of **John**, EXOKF. Also gone are actors Ned Beatty, Stuart Damon (General Hospital), Frank Bonner (WKRP), John Gabriel, (Ryans Hope), Fritzzy Fritzshall (Concentration Camp Survivor), directors Richard Donner (Superman), and Robert Downey Sr., Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, all of the souls lost in the Surfside building collapse, and their grieving families. What a sad, tragic event, God, please comfort all the affected.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**August 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**August 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**August 19**) Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**August 5**) 11:00 A.M.

RUPA Lunch, Nick's Pizza, 856 Pyott Rd, Crystal Lake, (**July 13**) 11:00 A.M.

**September 28 – October 2** – RUAEA convention in SAN.

### INDIANA



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The Indy Racers June chapter meeting was held June 8<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Allan & Sharron Miller** and **Ron Bretherick**.

We finalized planning for our July chapter picnic. The picnic date is July 13<sup>th</sup> at Avon Town Hall Park. For the event the chapter has rented one of their shelters. Members attending were asked to bring a dish to share and the chapter will provide burgers and drinks.

We also discussed the RUAEA convention in September. I've forwarded to all members a copy of the RUAEA newsletter having the convention information. I'm hoping there will be interest in attending.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join our chapter. 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 for 2021.

- August 10 at Emmy's
- September 14 at Emmy's
- October 12 at Emmy's
- November 9 at Emmy's

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Greetings to all!

It seems we were all waiting for summer in New England and now that it's here, some are having second thoughts. As I write this, it is over 90°F, and tomorrow expected to be over 100°F. But the real killer is when the humidity is high, which it is, one tends to almost melt. It's officially called a heat wave if we have three more such days in a row. Right now it's a second heat wave already, and I'm sure more to come. Oh well!

**Bill Vanderwal**, our treasurer, said if COVID-19 problems were getting better, he suggested we could actually hold two lunches later this year, the first in over a year. He sent all an email asking for input, but got very little response.

I've tried contacting several Nor'Easters this week, but only got one and friends from other airlines. Hopefully they are all on vacation!

*August birthdays* ~ **Judy Kearney, Irene Kimball, Michael Provenzano, Mabel Reyes, and William Vanderwal.**

*August anniversaries* ~ **Bob & Judith Austin** (62 years), **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** (38) and **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (52).

Calendar:

Meeting canceled until ?

## MICHIGAN



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This has been a difficult couple of months for the United DTWRR family. We have lost several family members of our retirees. We also have retirees and family members who have health issues. Please keep all of them in positive thoughts and especially prayer.

**Vi Thomas'** husband **Ted** passed away on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Vi worked in the front office at DTWRR in Dearborn, MI. Cards can be sent to **Vi Thomas**, 19223 Cascade Drive, Brownstown, MI 48193.

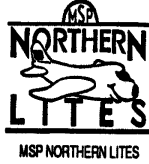
**Joni O'Brien's** mother and **Marguerite Venn's** mother-in-law, **Helen Venn** passed away on June 30. Helen was a frequent guest at our luncheons. To quote a friend "She was such a sweet, good natured person and always had a smile on her face". She was 106 years young! Joni worked in DTWRR and DTWCS. Marguerite worked in DTWRR. Cards may be sent to **Joanna O'Brien**, 464 Red Cedar, Blvd, Williamston, MI 48895. **Tom & Marguerite Venn**, 14118 Rockland, Redford, MI 48239.

Thought for the month: *"So share your life with me while we are together so we can create that which will bring joy to others. When this life is over, let the meaning of our lives be found not on a list of accomplishments, but in the hearts and souls of the people with whom we shared our fragile existence."* ~ Unknown

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No gathering of the Lites again in June due to lack of a place to meet and general ongoing reluctance to get out and about, I guess. Some of the members from the northern part of the group continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at Peggy Sue's Cafe in Willow River, MN for breakfast and the best caramel pecan rolls this side of heaven.

**Breaking News:** Save Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for a lunch gathering at Forest Lake, site to be determined. RSVP to either **Mary Brennan** at (651) 324-1918 or **Connie** (phone above). This came up at press time, so details are sketchy!

**Mary Brennan's** daughter, **Susan Hooker**, is once again doing the "Ride Across Minnesota", a 5-day, 300-mile bike-a-thon fundraiser for MS. Anyone wanting to contribute privately may send a check made out to the Multiple Sclerosis Society to Susan at 1332 Watson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116.

This year, the Lites are celebrating another MSP employee's retirement, **Mark Juberien**, who retired at the end of May. He & his wife, **Pat** have been our go-to sources for much of the local company news at MSP for many years. But we welcome them with open arms to join us if we can ever get 'er done again!

Well, he did it; left us high and dry. I'm talking about **Lee Storlie**, past president of our group, who sold his home, picked up his belongings and shuffled off to Iowa. Yeah, Iowa! It's hard to believe that he'd actually do that to us, but he did. New address (in case anybody wants to contact the traitor): 2200 Hamilton Drive #703, Ames, IA 50014. Landline - (515) 357-5240, cell - (952) 237-9894.

I talked to **Nel Brawner** recently; she's doing some doctoring over at the University of MN now because of her long-standing issue with Paget's Disease, a rare skin cancer. (Trust our gal, Nel, to have something rare ...) I found out that it hasn't taken away her sass, though. She's muddling along and is grateful for her niece, Eva, who helps her with transportation to doc appointments, etc.

I have regular contact with **Gordy & Lou Olson**, **Arlene & Joe Kelley**, **Mary & Jim Brennan**, **Nel Brawner**, **Jim Simon** and occasional contact with **Al & Mary Kilian**. All seem to be doing as well as can be expected. Now if I could just get the rest of you knuckleheads to keep me updated!

## NEBRASKA

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

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The State of Nevada is in the final stages of fully opening up to all. We are getting closer to where we were prior to the March 2020 shut down. We see increase in traffic on our freeways and as usual for Las Vegas, the



automobile accidents are occurring on a regular basis again. The Casinos are getting filled to the max mostly with people from California because the State is still under strict requirements. On Sundays and Mondays, there is a traffic backup of 16 miles plus leaving Nevada on I-15. All these little things add up to a return to normal for the Las Vegas valley area.

The Board Members will meet sometime in late August to go over our Luncheon Plans with Giuseppe's manager Vince. At that time, we will review the menu, cost and any other item related to the Luncheon. I will send out a letter at that time informing all members of the information we have. By October 14, the dust and uncertainty should be under control or non-existent. By then everyone should be vaccinated and fully protected from the COVID Virus.

I do have another sad item to mention, it seems like another month goes by and another member passes on. I want to report the passing of long-time member and past Silverliners Vice President **George Fox**. George passed away at home with his Lady Friend by his side on June 8, 2021 at 11:30am which ironically was George's 89 Birthday.

I know that some members have been getting together during the pandemic for lunch or breakfast from time to time but I have not received any information on those get-togethers so I am unable to report on them or pass on information.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The next confirmed Luncheon is planned for October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 10 members at our June meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

The dates for our future gatherings on the second Monday of the month are: **July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11** and **November 8**. The starting time has been adjusted to 11:00 am. At this time, these meetings will all be at Black Bear Diner. We will not be doing a different site for our September meeting.

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

The following contribution is from **Larry & Barbara Leusing**:

Our Trip Across the United States, April 4 to May 14, 2021

Neither of us had ever driven across the United States. Since we were not ready to fly anywhere, we thought this might be a good time to do a road trip. We would visit places we had never been to and return to places we wanted to visit again. We gave ourselves six weeks. We left on Easter Sunday. Here are the highlights:

We live in Reno, Nevada. Our first stop was Tonopah, NV for the night. We left early the next day for Enterprise, Utah hoping to find the site of the Mountain Meadows Massacre in Southern Utah. It took a while, but we did find it. It is a monument to the 120 members of the Baker-Fancher wagon train, mostly from Arkansas, that were massacred. The massacre was perpetrated by Mormon settlers belonging to the Utah Territorial Militia (the Nauvoo Legion) with Paiute Native Americans during September 7 – 11, 1854.

The next day was a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park, home of the "hoodoos". It was very, very cold and windy. Next, on to Capitol Reef National Park and Natural Bridges National Monument. Next, Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico for one night each. On our way to Carlsbad Caverns we stopped in Roswell, NM and visited the International UFO Museum & Research Center,

We went through Amarillo, TX on to Oklahoma City. We stopped at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site on our way to visit the National Memorial Museum of the bombing of the Federal Building on April 19, 1995 in Oklahoma City. We then headed to Hot Springs and Little Rock, AR. We booked a tour of the Little Rock Central High School where, in 1957, nine black students (the Little Rock 9) were to integrate the white high school. It was another excellent tour run by the National Park Service. On to Vicksburg, MS to the

Vicksburg National Military Park and the Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum. We also visited several antebellum homes in Vicksburg and Natchez.

We stopped in Selma, AL to see the Edmund Pettus Bridge where Bloody Sunday took place on March 7, 1965. We traveled on to Montgomery, AL to Stone Mountain, via the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Stone Mountain is a rock relief carving of three Confederate leaders - Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

On to Charleston, SC. We took the tour to Fort Sumter run by the National Park Service and visited Fort Moultrie. We stopped by the Sheldon Church ruins. Built between 1745 and 1755, the first service was in 1757. It was designed to imitate a Greek temple. It was burned three times, the last time by General Sherman's troops in 1865. Only the walls and four columns still stand.

Our next stop was Raleigh, NC mainly to visit a relative and friends. We did go to the North Carolina Museum of Art to view an exhibition of the "Golden Mummies of Egypt". There was a screen above several of the mummies showing x-rays of the skeleton, broken bones and even some flesh. It was a great exhibition.

Our next stop was at Colonial Williamsburg, the last colonial city in the US. Many of the buildings have been restored or rebuilt on the original foundations.

Leaving Williamsburg, we headed West. We stopped in Pittsburgh, PA. We did a tour at the Bayernhof Music Museum, with over 150 different music machines of all sizes. Then it was on to Chicago. We did a Lake and River Architecture Tour explaining the various building in the skyline and on the Chicago River. We visited Millennium Park, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Institute of Chicago where we had tickets to view a Claude Monet exhibition. We next traveled to Oak Park, IL to take a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio. Near his house, there are at least 40 houses that he designed and built.

Leaving Oak Park, we traveled through Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming, visiting several sights. Our final stop was Salt Lake City where we visited the capital building, a botanical garden and friends.

We drove 9,187 miles; a total of 196.52 hours in the car and drove through 22 states.

## NEW JERSEY

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Breaking News ~ Our Garden Staters held a meeting at our new place called the Stagecoach Inn, also in Scotch plains. It was good to see all again.

**Terry Schultz** who has been an ardent member of our chapter, fell and broke a femur his leg. He is now hospitalized and I don't have to say it but we all wish him the best.

**Rich Chriton** and **Bill Gula** from the Union gave us an update as to what is happening now at Newark, as it starts to make its climb out of the Covid 19. Apparently United feels strong enough to have ordered 240 new aircraft, and that's a lot of flying power for anyone.

Some old faces that appeared were **George Whitman**, **Marty Etler**, **Al D'Amico** and **Len Becker**. **Bill Steinbeck** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on July 28 at 12 PM at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains.

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hello everyone! We hope that you enjoyed your 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. We celebrated our Independence Day a few days later on July 7<sup>th</sup>. We had booked a luncheon cruise of Lake Erie on the Nautica Queen (a cruise ship which runs tours of our Lake Erie shores throughout the summer). A big "Thank You" to **George & Nancy** for hosting this event for us. Yes, "Thunder Storms" were scheduled for the day of the cruise. But we had sun with a very beautiful 85 degree. Lake Erie was calm and our luncheon was great. "Oldies" music was playing in the background and we all had a beautiful afternoon. At least for our cruise time. We cruised the lake shore from 12 noon, eating a wonderful lunch, paused at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for a while, then back at the dock by 2pm. The Thunder Storms even waited until we got home, and then they hit at about 3:30pm.

Next month on our schedule is our annual August picnic. We are going back to the beautiful Chalet in our MetroParks. There is a great area outside with covered picnic benches. We do not have to worry about the weather because the building can accommodate all 100+ members. At the time of the writing of this article we already have 57 people signed up and there is still 4 weeks to go.

It feels so good to get back to normal. We hope that everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Have fun and stay safe.

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Now that governors' Brown and Inslee have lifted COVID restrictions, we are permitted to meet in person again, as long as folks are fully vaccinated. We expect to hear any day that Colwood Grill will be opening. By the time you receive this newsletter, I expect that we will have a date set for our first gathering. We just don't have that information available yet, and the newsletter article is due.

Unfortunately, with that good news comes some not so good news. With great sadness I need to let you know that, due to my spouse's health issues, I will no longer be able to attend the meetings. Consequently, I will no longer be able to serve as president, or to continue being the newsletter correspondent. So, the first order of business for the group will be to find someone willing to serve as president and someone else to take on the newsletter. Please consider filling one of these roles! (We also need a Vice President!)

In the meantime, another dose of humor, with a little bit of philosophy thrown in, to help lighten your mood while we wait a little longer. Enjoy!

- ☺ Dear Arizona, Thank you for the free trial. We are not interested in your weather at this time. Please cancel our subscription.
- ☺ I would call my fashion style: "Clothes that still fit."
- ☺ Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly, next week will be "How to use indicators at the roundabouts!"
- ☺ I feel like I should clean the house so I'm going to my sewing room to play until the feeling passes!
- ☺ How to fold a fitted sheet. Step 1: Stop caring about folding fitted sheets. No one cares. Step 2: Roll it into a ball and chuck it into a closet. Follow me for more life hacks.
- ☺ You know you're getting old when the "younger generation" starts showing up on the cover of AARP magazine.
- ☺ As you get older you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs ... instead of getting upset I just thought, "wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."
- ☺ We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling the rest of me. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.
- ☺ Getting old sucks big time. I just threw my back out because the toaster startled me.
- ☺ If your husband leaves his clothes on the floor, it means he doesn't want them. It's OK to throw them in the trash. I'll be back next month with more marriage tips and advice.
- ☺ Apparently, it's only appropriate to say "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.
- ☺ Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate and look what happened to them.
- ☺ If only we could live in a world where mosquitoes sucked out my fat instead of my blood.
- ☺ You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.
- ☺ When my husband tells me he's "looked everywhere" for something, all that really tells me is that it's not on his body or directly in front of his face.
- ☺ I see people my age out there climbing mountains and zip lining and here I am feeling good about myself because I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.
- ☺ A wise man once told his wife ... nothing, because he was a very wise man.
- ☺ You say drunk and disorderly. I say spirited and spontaneous.
- ☺ Dear Karma, I have a list of people you missed.
- ☺ If anyone finds my motivation wandering around, could you please send it home? I have tons to do.
- ☺ "Just cleared out some space in the freezer" sounds so much for productive than "I just polished off another pint of ice cream."
- ☺ Don't stress about your eyesight failing as you get older. It's nature's way of protecting you from shock as you walk past the mirror.



- ☺ My mind still thinks I'm 25. My body thinks my mind is an idiot.
- ☺ Maybe if we underpaid politicians and overpaid teachers, there would be smarter people and less stupid laws.
- ☺ Every woman's dream is that a man will take her in his arms, throw her into bed ... and clean the whole house while she sleeps.
- ☺ Husband and I went grocery shopping with masks, got home, took off masks, brought home wrong husband. Stay alert people!
- ☺ Women are told that we catch more flies with honey ... but I can catch plenty with your hollowed out carcass, so this can go either way.
- ☺ Friends don't tell friends that 1980 was 41 years ago.
- ☺ Doctor talking over patient in surgery: "We have to relieve the pressure on his skull. So, I'm going to go in and take out about two dozen passwords."
- ☺ Customer in front of bakery display: "What do you have with no fat and no sugar?" Clerk's response: "Napkins"
- ☺ Recipes are like dating sites. They never quite turn out like the photo!
- ☺ I went to an aerobics class the other day. I stretched, bounced about, fell over a few times, it was agony ... by the time I'd actually got my leotard on the class was over.
- ☺ The truth is still the truth, even if no one believes it. A lie is still a lie even if everyone believes it.
- ☺ I've lost my mind, so if you see it wandering around, just wave Hi and pass on by, poor little thing needs a break, bless its heart.
- ☺ Free Marriage Tip: Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she is mowing the lawn.
- ☺ I've started to do Cross-Fit ... I cross my fingers and hope that my pants fit.
- ☺ When a Cougar gets so old that she needs a hearing aid, she becomes a Def Leppard.
- ☺ Don't get all weird about getting older! Our age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying us!
- ☺ 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.
- ☺ My horoscope says I will meet the man of my dreams today. Not sure how my husband will take the news but I'm pretty darn excited!
- ☺ I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there!
- ☺ The secret to a happy life is to drink coffee and avoid talking to morons.
- ☺ Not to brag or anything, but I do not need alcohol to make bad decisions, trip over nothing, say inappropriate things, or wake up with puffy eyes.
- ☺ Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them? Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.
- ☺ My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner ... so I took the battery out of the smoke alarm!
- ☺ I'm taking the wine box back and filing a complaint. It said once opened it would last 6 weeks, but there was none left after 3 hours!
- ☺ The bad news is, I accidentally took the wrong medication today. The good news is, I am now protected from heartworms and fleas for the next three months.

Remember: Also highly contagious is – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

#### Calendar:

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

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#### *Submitted by Treatie Karwoski*

**Francis “Frank” C. Wise, Jr.**, 88 passed away on March 19, 2021. The youngest of three children, he was born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 27, 1932 to Francis C. Wise, Sr. and M. Victoria (Pleasant) Wise. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Nellie V. and Margaret M. Frank had a happy childhood and was proud of his Pittsburgh heritage. He enlisted in the Marines, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Frank married the love of his life, **Mary Jane Torisky** on June 11, 1955. During their 66 years of marriage, Frank and Jane raised five children: Judith Hagan (John), Mary Lee Dominick (Darrel), Barbara Montesano (Tulio), Cathleen McManus (Michael) and Francis Wise (Christelle) and being blessed with 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In 1957 and for 37 years, Frank was employed by as a Customer Service Representative with United Airlines, working at their Pittsburgh station. In 1979, he transferred to the UAL station in West Palm Beach, FL. Upon his retirement from UAL, Frank was employed by the Diocese of Palm Beach as the Sacristan at St. Ignatius Cathedral, working closely with the clergy and staff.

He and Jane loved living in Florida. Their home was the go-to vacation destination for their large family and many friends. They loved to travel and experienced numerous amazing adventures all over the world.

Frank cherished family celebrations and traditions. His happiest times were spent with his family. He was always interested in the lives of his children and grandchildren and especially enjoyed his kids’ many practical jokes. Frank loved baking goodies for his grandchildren, always timing his deliveries so the cookies were still warm when the kids got home from school. He could often be found crafting wooden projects or tinkering in his garage.

Frank had a heart of gold and was generous with his time. Throughout his life, he was actively involved with various community service organizations. While living in Pennsylvania, he volunteered with the Boy Scouts and served as President of the Treehaven Swim Club. Upon moving to Florida, he became heavily involved with the Knights of Columbus, rising to the level of Fourth Degree Grand Knight. He was an active parishioner at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic church.

Sadly, we have lost a loving husband, father, grandfather and beloved friend to many. Frank will be greatly missed.

*July Birthdays ~ Bill Chicots, Gwen Detwiler and Paul Musko.*

*July Anniversaries ~ Paul & Betty Musko.*

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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

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### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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Hey Everyone, long time no see!

I have some good news and one sad thing to tell you. We lost another one of our members on June 15<sup>th</sup>: **Lila B. Maughan** passed away due to natural causes. She was 100 years old. I was unaware of her passing until **Judy Turgeon** mentioned that she saw it in the Deseret News. I have been out of town for a week and unfortunately her service and viewing were yesterday. I apologize to those of you who would have liked to attend.

Now for the good news: Now that times have grown to be much safer, we have decided to celebrate once again by holding our annual BBQ in our gracious hosts' backyard. **Frank & Susan** have volunteered again to host, and **Mike** will again cater his delicious food. All you have to bring is your smiling faces, and everything else will be provided. All I need is your RSVP by August 5<sup>th</sup> for Mike to do his magic. Please reply to this mail, or call or text me at (801) 231-0587 or [pappys72@hotmail.com](mailto:pappys72@hotmail.com). BBQ on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, **Frank & Susan Christenson's** yard, 378 East 8220 South Sandy, Utah.

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As the State of Washington has successfully negotiated the closures due to COVID-19, theaters, sports arenas, restaurants, beaches and most other public spaces reopened as scheduled at the beginning of July. The state's vaccination rate was over 70% for those eligible, and we're pleased to be extending that protection to younger residents. Masks still are recommended in public and most medical facilities do require them.

That means, of course, that the Emerald City Slickers are gearing up for our first social gathering since March 2020. Thanks to **Ken & Judy Storey** for once again arranging a chapter picnic, scheduled for August 10, the second Tuesday and our normal meeting date, in Burien at the lovely lakeside home of their friend, **Kathi Skarbo**. We'll gather at noon with a catered barbecue lunch served at 12:30.

The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations may be made with Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** and are due by August 1. If you've resumed traveling and plan to be in the Seattle area then, please consider our

event as part of your itinerary. If you're fully vaccinated, masks are recommended but not required. It will be great for us to greet each other after more than a year of social distancing.

RUAEA chapter officers continuing for the coming year, though nothing but the picnic has been officially scheduled as of this writing, include Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathy Torgison**. **John Haferbecker** is acting secretary and membership secretary, while **Dave Jones** has been added in the newly created position of Membership Database Manager, formerly coordinated by Contrails Editor **Vicki Shumaker** and the late **Phyllis Bowman**, Vice President.

**Bonnie Frey** serves as treasurer and is assisted by **Noreen Krawczyk**, who keeps track of reservations for regular restaurant meetings, which have yet to resume but which surely will come under discussion at the August picnic. **Virginia Dice** is our Sunshine Lady, and **Gay Liesse** serves as correspondent to the RUAEA National Newsletter. Special thanks go to non-member **Vicki Shumaker** for her work on Contrails, our chapter newsletter.

Also from our local chapter are **Hank Gosselin**, national vice president of conventions and Northwest Regional Director **Chuck Cole**.

We salute all those who keep our chapter wings in the air.

Long-time member **Kay Johnson** celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in March. Kay retired from SEACS and relocated to southern California a few years ago to be close to her daughter. Congratulations, Kay.

**John Haferbecker** included a list of chapter deaths in the latest Contrails, which has been published infrequently since early 2020. The following may not have been covered in previous columns and may have come to light only recently.

**Debbie Batchelor** (SEARR) died in April at the age of 68. At one point in her career, Debbie served as the IAM Union committee member from Reservations. **Aundre Clinton** (SEARR) passed away in Texas. Additional information is not currently available.

After working in Ramp Service for 32 years and retiring in 1998, **Leonard (Lenny) Newman** died last January at the age of 81. Originally from Eau Clair, Wisconsin, Lenny served in the U.S. Army in Germany, ending his military career at Ft. Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis/McChord), south of Seattle.

Having survived a completely unusual heat wave that broke all records, the Puget Sound area is enjoying more normal weather patterns, though – believe-it-or-not – a little rain would be appreciated now, in early July. No doubt, we'll be looking for more sunshine after posting that remark.

The calendar shows no special holidays in August, so we'll be content with ...

Happy Summer!

#### Calendar:

**August 10** – Tuesday, Chapter Picnic/Barbecue



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

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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



## NATIONAL



### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

I want to wish you all a very happy Fourth of July. It is such wonderful news to hear that more and more people are able to celebrate, see families, and attend gatherings that have not taken place in over a year! More and more people are getting vaccinated so that allows people to be safe and resume their pre Covid life! What a happy time, but please remember to practice good hand washing and wearing your masks around those that are vulnerable or have not received the vaccine.

The Executive Board did not meet in June so I have nothing new to report.

Many Chapters are starting to meet in person, which is so exciting to see. If you have any information you want to share, please feel free to contact me so I can spread your successes.

Just a reminder, if you do any online shopping, please remember to sign up for Amazon Smile. It costs you nothing, is easy to use, and can be easily shared with friends and families. The step by step directions are below.

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Check for charitable organizations
3. Search Clipped Wings
4. Select Clipped Wings, La Quinta, CA Inc. 1963
5. Very important: You will see a long list of Clipped Wings chapters listed (including another La Quinta listing), but in order for the funds to go into our National Philanthropy Acccount, you must select "Clipped Wings, La Quinta, CA Inc. 1963"
6. Pass along to friends and family so they can help our cause.

There was another Zoom Party June 29. If you have not attended any, they are fun and a great way to meet more members, and catch up with familiar ones. Watch for the next Zoom date in July.

If you know any former of 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

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# OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Retiree – **Albert, John R.**, on 5/11/2021, SFOPD, wife's name (unknown and was listed as deceased), 300 Promenade Blvd. #1101, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Retiree – **Berkhan, Eugene (Gene) E.**, on 6/7/2021, EWRSS, husband of Suzette and father of Elizabeth Berkhan, 321 Cottonwood Ln., Boca Raton, FL 33487

Spouse – **Ems, Marcia**, on 4/9/2021, wife of Richard W. Ems, PHLFH, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square, PA, 19073

Retiree – **Green, Billy K.**, on 5/24/2021, SFOMP, husband of Betty P. Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472

Retiree – **Holt, Joanne**, on 3/24/2021, LAXSW, notification came from Joanne' niece with no additional information

Retiree – **Kina, Walter B.**, on 4/25/2021, SFOMB, husband of Vera M. Kina, 203 Emerald Bay Ln., Foster City, CA 94404

Retiree – **Jacob, Sharon L.**, on 5/16/2021, DTWRR, wife of Roderick Jacob (deceased), 411 Coledale Dr., White Lake, MI 48386

Retiree – **Lynch, Patrick R.**, on 6/26/2021, ORDCG, husband of Mary F. (Meneghan) Lynch (deceased), and his longtime companion Bettye Henry, 217 Dunridge Circle, East Dundee, IL 60118

Retiree - **Miller, Chris J.**, in early June, DENMM, husband of Lola F. Miller, 6800 Leetsdale Dr. Apt 102, Denver, CO 80224  
Spouse – **Roberts, Charlene Marie**, on 6/9/2021, wife of John D. Roberts, EXOKF, P.O. Box 528, Three Lakes, WI 54562  
Retiree – **Wittman, Rosalie “Lee” (Coburn)**, on 5/26/2021, LAXSW, aunt of Michelle Dunn, 301 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Apt. A, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Bernadette Boyce, Carol Colacicco, Sondra Conner, Shirley Elrod, Donald Fusina, Lynne Grotz, James Hartley, Tanya DuVall-Haubein, Shelley Hofmann, Marlene Koerner, Eddy Lara, Rafael Madrigal, Hale, McPhee, John Regenye, Maria Santangelo, Charles Schutz, Joan Tremblay, Eddy Dent-Whitaker.

### **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.)*

#### **Vic & Joan Ference, 133 Convair Dr., Moon Township, PA 15108**

Sorry to be late; we were busy celebrating 65 years of marriage. We went to several parties in our honor and received congrats from most states in the United States.

We have a guardian angel-caretaker who is with us 5 days a week. 3 of our sons in PA are our caretakers on Saturday and Sunday.

We will both be 88 this year, and enjoy every day, especially the warm days out on our Lanai.

#### **Diane Hrdlicka, 10608 Lakeshore Dr., Anderson Is, WA 98303**

A big thank you to all of you for all the hard work and dedicated hours you spend trying to keep us up to date on UAL information.

I hope my payment isn't late. I wish you would go back to the renewal date on our birthday month, a lot easier to remember.

**Ed Moran, 101 Kenley Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573**

I guess I did not notice my dues were due until I noticed my membership will expire if I do not renew. Thank you for the notice.

Thanks to every one of you who publish the newsletter. It is always a pleasure to read.

I want to say hello to all my old friends from ORDJL, BHMCS, MOBCS, ONTCS, LASCS, and DENCS.

**Nedra Morgan, 23045 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos, CA 95033**

I am sorry to be late again. I keep getting slower and more tired out. I am still unpacking from the fire evacuation of last year and the preparation in CA Mountains for the next one.

Thanks for all your efforts to keep the updates coming.

Everyone stays safe.

**Lois Pitman, 12215 SW Davies Rd., Beaverton, OR 97008**

Thanks for your extreme dedication.

I am a retiree's widow without computer knowledge, so I depend on the newsletter to keep me informed. Your help is much appreciated.

Here's hoping 2021 will allow us to be more social, running our own errands and grocery shopping.

My daughter, a retired nurse who lives 5 blocks from me has insisted on running my errands and shopping this past year.

**Notes**

**Rosa Acosta**

I loved working with United. United is my extended family. Now that I am retired, I miss the excitement of every day.

**Jeane McCloskey**

I am finally enjoying retirement from UA in June 2002 and a secondary job from Serta Mattress in April 2020. My health is good. I have many friends in Sun City and Huntley, IL.

**Michael O'Meara**

I am retired from Airport Operations Supervisor-Capital Region Airport Commission RIC VA.

**Maria Wisniewski**

I am recently retired and eager to connect with old friends.

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# Important Phone Numbers



*Updated 6/2021*

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

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Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
\$25 fee to create new booking

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## 2021 San Diego Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

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

### **Instructions:**

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

Date – 2021		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>					<b>\$15.00</b>	\$
Friday, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hospitality Party				\$20.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Saturday, Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Salmon Piccata				\$50.00	\$
Saturday, Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roast Pork Loin				\$50.00	\$
Saturday, Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vegetarian Option				\$50.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2021 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2021 RUAEA Convention,**

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**Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com**

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### Tour Registration

Date – 2021	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed. Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Balboa Park Air & Space	1	68.00				
Wed. Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Trolley City Tour	2	34.00				
Wed. Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	La Jolla & San Diego	3	34.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Balboa Park Air & Space	4	68.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon Cruise	5	82.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego City Lights	6	28.00				
Sat. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	San Diego Seal Tour	7	62.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-9</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE CONVENTION DIRECTORY YOU MUST REGISTER BY  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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



## United Airlines Historical Foundation

"Preserving the Past,  
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**I**t all began on a cold wintry day when the temperature was 30 degrees "down under". W. P. Hoare, Superintendent of United's Cheyenne Base received a telegram from the Army Air Forces Materiel Command stating that two Boeing Flying Fortresses were about to be sent to Cheyenne for modification. "Could United handle the work?"



Cheyenne Base

The Air Forces explained that these planes were to be used on a photographic mission and needed camera installations plus additional fuel tanks for long-range flying. War plants were still flooded with the terrific blast of work set-off by Pearl Harbor and couldn't do the job quickly enough. The Materiel Command turned to the well-equipped airline.

United complied by telephone and soon the planes arrived. Almost simultaneously came two civilian representatives from the Army and an engineer from the Boeing Company at Seattle. The Air Force brought huge cameras and the Boeing engineer brought data on how much additional fuel load the Fortresses could hold.



Photo of a B-17 used to photograph Japan

No blueprints were forwarded for this first job. Three holes, each approximately 14 inches in diameter had to be cut in the bottom of each plane's nose. Three "weighty Cameras" were to be mounted so that the lenses would fit perfectly into the holes.

Noses of the planes were held by "manpower" while mechanics cut the necessary holes. Makeshift mounts and supports were built to hold the cameras firmly in position.

With the installation of modified Douglas DC-3 wing-tanks, these fuel tanks were installed on built-in cradles within the fuselages and the Fuel Loads and Cruising Range of the bombers was increased substantially. It was all

done without Designs or Specifications.

Work on these two planes was accomplished in 30 days by 30 men, directed by Don Stombaugh, then United's Foreman in charge of the Sheet Metal Shop, and later Assistant Superintendent of the Modification Center.

The Company had to move its own planes out of the main hangar.

It apparently was worth all the effort, because it was later learned that one of the planes had been used to take the First Aerial Photographs of Wartime Japan.

**From a 1944 article on United History, sent to Tom Goodyear by Mike Blasco - UAL Retiree.**

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.*

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**October 1st, 2021**

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**Cash Bar - Entertainment**

**Wonderful Door Prizes**

**Wear Your Summer Casuals  
Come Join The Party!**

**\*\* \$20 Per Person \*\***

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Mini Corn Dogs  
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