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ll Reunion main activities/events start on September 29th, which will be detailed in our registration package, and available in the RUAEA June Newsletter.

Along with the activities, tour and events that this year's Reunion offers, there are many more things you can spend your time in the San Diego area. There are 244 attractions, 45 points of interest and 20 neighborhoods. Some of the well-known attractions are the San Diego Zoo, Zoo Safari Park, Lego Land, SeaWorld, Whale Watching, Seal Tour, Hop on-Hop Off Trolley Tour, Little Italy, Gaslamp Quarter plus many more for you, your family and friends to enjoy.

From our Resort Hotel, the Dana, all these sites can be easily reached by car, bus, Uber, Lyft, and cab. For a wonderful planned vacation, the Reunion is a perfect opportunity to stay at a reasonable rate resort hotel, located at a great location (Mission Bay). At the Dana, there are bicycles as well as several types of watercrafts for rent.

Within the Dana facility, you can take a short walk to enjoy Mission Bay scenic view and the Marina or a longer walk across the Highway to SeaWorld; the area also has places you can stop for lunch or dinner.

Another item to keep in mind is that our contract with the Dana offers this Reunion rate 3 days before our event and 3 days after. Yes, the pools will be open for your pleasure.

Once again, please plan your 2024 vacation to be with us at The Dana on Mission Bay. As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, hotel reservations are open. If you have a special request such as handicapped accessible room or upgrade, please do so upon registration.

In closing, I want to say RUAEA, RUPA and ARECA welcome all members, retirees, friends and family to join us for this exciting event.



The Dana On Mission Bay

GENERAL NEWS

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Four Really Good Reasons to Invest

By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



Retirement and
Investment Services

Individuals may cite different reasons for not investing, but with important long-term financial goals, such as retirement, in the balance, the reasons may not be good

enough.

Why Invest?

1. *Make Money on Your Money:* You might not have a hundred million dollars to invest, but that doesn't mean your money can't share in the same opportunities available to others. You work hard for your money; make sure your money works hard for you.
2. *Achieve Self-Determination and Independence:* When you build wealth, you may be in a better position to pursue the lifestyle you want. Your life can become one of possibilities rather than one of limitations.
3. *Leave a Legacy to Your Heirs:* The wealth you pass to the next generation can have a profound impact on your heirs, providing educational opportunities, the capital to start a business, or financial support to your grandchildren.
4. *Support Causes Important to You:* Wealth can be an important tool for impacting the world in a meaningful way. So whether your passion is the environment, the arts, or human welfare, you can use your wealth to affect positive changes in your community or around the world.

A Framework for Investing

The decision to invest is an acknowledgment that it comes with certain risks. Not all investments will do well, and some may lose money. However, without risk, there would be no opportunity to potentially earn the higher returns that can help you grow your wealth.

To manage investment risk, consider maintaining a broad diversification of your investments that reflects your personal risk tolerance, time horizon, and the nature of your financial goal. Remember, diversification is an approach to help manage investment risk. It does not eliminate the risk of loss if security prices decline.

Because investing can be complicated, consider working with a financial professional to help guide you on your wealth-building journey. You can contact me on aris.alliantcreditunion.com to schedule a time to meet. I look forward to speaking to you soon and continuing the conversation.

My team of Financial Consultants at Alliant Retirement and Investment Services (ARIS) are here to help you with your investment decisions. Contact us on aris.alliantcreditunion.com to schedule a time to meet. I look forward to speaking to you soon and continuing the conversation.

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**United Continues to Expand Global Network;
Introduces Three New International Destinations and Four New Flights**
March 7, 2024



Today United announced it is expanding its leading global route network, adding new non-stop flights between New York/Newark-Marrakesh, Morocco; Tokyo/Narita-Cebu, Philippines and Houston-Medellin, Colombia. United will also increase flying to popular destinations across the globe including Hong Kong; Seoul, South Korea and Porto, Portugal. Additionally, the airline will add four weekly flights between Los Angeles and Shanghai as the Chinese and U.S. governments recently agreed to increase flights between the two countries*.

United now has the largest and most diversified international route network among U.S. airlines, offering non-stop service to 134 international destinations across 67 countries. United offers flights to more destinations across the Atlantic and Pacific than all U.S. carriers combined.

In addition to flying to the most popular international destinations, United has been a trailblazer in introducing its customers to off-the-beaten-path locales around the globe – including flights to nine destinations that no other carriers serve from the mainland U.S., like Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Christchurch, New Zealand; Dubrovnik, Croatia and more.

“We have consistently been ahead of the curve in finding hidden gem destinations for our customers to explore and remain committed to providing the most unique slate of travel options for their adventures abroad,” said Patrick Quayle, United’s Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances, *“With our leading global network and elevated inflight experience, United has become the airline of choice for discerning customers looking for experiences they can’t have with any other carrier.”*

Tickets for United’s new Shanghai and Cebu flights are on sale now on the United app and on [United.com](https://www.united.com); Marrakesh and Medellin will be available later this year.

New York/Newark-Marrakesh, Morocco ~ Next winter, United will have the most flights to the most destinations in Africa from metro New York – and will be the only airline to directly connect the U.S. and Marrakesh – with new service from New York/Newark, launching October 24. The flight will be offered three times weekly on a Boeing 767-300ER aircraft, equipped with 46 United Polaris® business class and 22 United Premium Plus® seats to provide options for an elevated travel experience. This new service further expands United’s presence in Africa, building on the airline’s existing service to Accra, Ghana; Lagos, Nigeria; and Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa.

Tokyo/Narita-Cebu, Philippines ~ United expands its presence in the Philippines with new year-round, non-stop service from Tokyo-Narita, starting July 31. United will be the only U.S. carrier to fly to Cebu with daily flights on 737-800 aircraft, which will have convenient connections from United’s flights from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Newark-New York, and Houston to Tokyo-Narita. United is the only U.S. carrier to offer transpacific service to the Philippines with its daily flights between San Francisco and Manila, and also flies to Manila from Guam and Palau.

Houston-Medellin, Colombia ~ For the first time ever, United will fly non-stop to Medellin, Colombia with daily service from Houston on Boeing 737 aircraft, beginning October 27. This new route expands United’s presence in Colombia, complementing existing service from Houston and Newark to Bogota. In total, United will serve 52 destinations in Latin America from Houston.

United’s 2024 International Schedule ~ In addition to this new service, United will also expand flying to more destinations across the globe this year. The airline is continuing to rebuild its mainland China schedule, with four weekly flights between Shanghai-Los Angeles on a Boeing 787-9, starting August 29. Further, in late October, Shanghai-Los Angeles will increase to daily service. This service complements United’s daily service between San Francisco-Shanghai and San Francisco-Beijing. This enhanced service is enabled by the agreement between the governments of the U.S. and China to increase flights between the two countries.

United is also adding more flights to Hong Kong and Seoul, South Korea. United will launch its second daily Los Angeles-Hong Kong flight on a Boeing 787-9 aircraft on October 26, complementing its two existing daily flights to Hong Kong from San Francisco. The airline will also offer year-round, twice daily flights between San Francisco-Seoul, starting October 25. Additionally, United recently expanded its Tokyo service with a new route between Haneda and Guam, launching in May.

Across the Atlantic, United will add a second daily flight between New York/Newark-Porto, Portugal on a Boeing 757-200, starting May 23. United has more flights to Portugal than all U.S. carriers combined and is the only U.S. carrier to serve Porto.

*Flights subject to government approvals

United Airlines Names Rosalind Brewer to Board of Directors **February 28, 2024**



United Airlines Holdings, Inc. (UAL) announced today that Rosalind (Roz) Brewer is joining its Board of Directors. Brewer is an influential leader with CEO experience, repeatedly recognized by Fortune and Forbes among their “Most Powerful Women in Business.”

“Roz’s strategic acumen and visionary leadership make her the right addition to our already strong Board of Directors as we plan for the long-term success of United Airlines,” said United CEO Scott Kirby. *“Her vast leadership experience characterized by innovation and digital transformation have made a lasting impact on some of the world’s leading companies and will be an asset to United.”*

“Roz has led some of the most dynamic and well-regarded companies in the world, and I am eager for her to help United excel in our plan to grow United to become the best airline in aviation history,” said Ted Philip, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

“I am honored to join the Board of Directors at United Airlines, an iconic company known for its commitment to excellence and innovation in the aviation industry,” said Brewer. *“I look forward to collaborating with the board and leadership team as we continue to deliver unparalleled travel experiences for our customers and chart the course for our bright future.”*

Brewer most recently served as President and CEO of Walgreen’s Boots Alliance, Inc., a global leader in retail pharmacy and healthcare, where she shaped the company’s strategic direction and navigated the complexities of the healthcare landscape during the COVID-19 pandemic. While at Walgreen’s, Brewer implemented transformative initiatives focused on driving innovation, improving customer engagement, and expanding access to essential healthcare services.

As Chief Operating Officer of Starbucks Corporation, she played a pivotal role in driving operational excellence and enhancing customer experiences. Prior to Starbucks, Brewer was President and CEO of Sam’s Club, a division of Wal-Mart Inc.

Brewer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Spelman College, and her ongoing commitment to supporting her alma mater as chair emerita underscores her belief in the transformative power of education and her dedication to empowering future generations of leaders. She continues to be actively involved in various philanthropic endeavors, supporting causes related to education, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

United Announces Daily Nonstop Flights Between Guam and Tokyo-Haneda **February 23, 2024**



United Airlines will launch daily nonstop flights between Guam and Tokyo Haneda International Airport on May 1*. Flights will operate year-round and create a more direct link between Guam and Japan’s capital, given the Haneda airport’s proximity to the city center. These new flights build on United’s 32 weekly flights between Guam and Tokyo-Narita, and tickets will go on sale tonight.

“As we grow our global network, we’re always looking for opportunities to give our customers more choice and strengthen links between countries. This route – connecting Tokyo’s most convenient airport with our unique Guam hub – accomplishes just that. I appreciate the support of the Department of Transportation in recognizing the importance of this route to our customers and stakeholders,” said Patrick Quayle, United’s Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances.

United plans to operate a 737-800 on this route, which has room for 166 customers – including 16 business class seats. The flight is scheduled to depart Guam at 19:00 local time and arrive at Haneda at 22:00 on the same day. On the return, the flight will depart Haneda at 23:55 and arrive in Guam at 04:45 the next day.

United is the largest airline in Guam, offering more than 87 weekly flights to 14 destinations. United has operated in Guam for more than 55 years and is the only airline today flying between Guam and Osaka, Fukuoka and Nagoya in Japan, as well as islands in the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Palau.

With this addition, United will operate six daily flights from Haneda, with service to New York/Newark, Washington D.C., Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and now Guam. United also operates 10 daily flights to Tokyo's Narita airport, with service to New York/Newark, Houston, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Guam, and Saipan. United offers more seats from the United States to Tokyo than any other U.S. airline.

*Subject to government approval.

**United Expands World's Largest Flight Training Center with Huge,
New Building and Room for 12 New Flight Simulators
February 22, 2024**



United today opened a new, 150,000-square-foot building at its Flight Training Center in Denver. Already the largest facility of its kind in the world, the additional building gives the airline the capability to add 12 more advanced full-motion flight simulators to the facility, six of which have already been delivered.

So far in 2024, the airline has hired more than 300 pilots after hiring more than 2,300 pilots last year. The new building at the campus adds even more training capacity for United's 16,000 pilots.

United's Flight Training Center now has eight total buildings, more than 700,000 square feet of training space, and 46 state-of-the-art full-

motion flight simulators.

These investments in people, infrastructure and technology continue to fuel the airline's United Next Plan.

United CEO Scott Kirby was joined by leaders from the Flight Training Center and Denver Mayor Mike Johnston to celebrate the opening and show off the facility.

"We're growing faster than any airline in the industry and our investments in our pilots and their training are critical to support the unprecedented number of new aircraft United will add to our fleet in the decades ahead," said Kirby. *"United pilots are the best aviators in the world and the way we recruit, hire and train directly supports that high standard of excellence."*

New Capabilities ~ Located in the Central Park neighborhood of Denver, the facility spans 23-acres and is the sole training facility for the airline's nearly 16,000 active pilots and all newly hired pilots. All United pilots complete intensive simulator training with pilot instructors and evaluators during the initial qualification process and every nine months thereafter to maintain their certifications at United's Flight Training Center in Denver.

- ▲ Currently, United's Flight Training Center has 46 full-motion flight simulators, including six in the new building, and 21 fixed training devices.
- ▲ In addition to the six already in the new building, it has space to add six more full-motion flight simulators.
- ▲ The addition of the new building allows for a total of 52 full-motion flight simulators and 34 fixed training devices at the Flight Training Center.
- ▲ The new building gives the Flight Training Center the ability to conduct more than 32,000 training events annually and train up to 860 pilots per day.
- ▲ The facility is in operation 24 hours a day for 362 days a year.

Flight Training Center's Local Impact ~ United invested more than \$145 million in the new building and it's expected to lead to more than 370 new jobs. In total, more than 1,600 of United's 10,000+ Denver-based employees work at United's Flight Training Center, representing 24 different departments in roles that include flight instructing, flight evaluating, scheduling, pilot hiring, human resources and flight standards. In 2023, more than \$44 million was spent on hotel room nights in Denver for pilots visiting the training facility, with an expectation to spend more than \$65 million in 2024.

United's Flight Training Center was originally constructed between 1966-68 as part of the Stapleton Airport complex and has served as United's main pilot training facility since then. Since 2016, United has invested \$370 million in the Flight Training Center overall.

United in Denver ~ United continues to invest in Denver. In the summer of 2023, United announced the purchase of two parcels of undeveloped land near Denver International Airport (DEN), part of which will be

used to further expand its Flight Training Center as the current Flight Training Center site does not have capacity for additional growth. United is aiming to have flight training capabilities at the Flight Training Center expansion by 2028.

As home to its fastest-growing hub, the airline has funneled nearly \$1 billion in the past few years alone to further improve the customer experience at DEN. This includes new gates, state-of-the-art United clubs, including the largest in the United network to-date, and a new check-in lobby. United hired more than 2,500 people in Denver last year and plans to hire more than 1,000 people in 2024.

United operates the most flights and carries the most passengers in the state compared to any other carrier. This summer, United will offer more than 500 daily departures from DEN, including 40 new summer flights. The airline provides service to more than 175 destinations, including 10 countries, from the Mile High City.

Careers Take Flight ~ United is the career destination of choice for pilots, offering the largest widebody fleet in North America, and the most comprehensive global network and hubs across the U.S. In 2023, United pilots, represented by the Air Line Pilots Association, International, ratified a new four-year contract.

United offers a broad range of paths to the flight deck to ensure that the best pilots can find their opportunity at United:

- ▲ First Officer hiring – For experienced pilots who meet United’s hiring requirements and are ready to fly for the airline now.
- ▲ Aviate® Program – United’s pilot career development program offering aspiring and established pilots the most direct path to a United flight deck.
- ▲ United Aviate Academy – United's wholly owned flight school designed for those with little to no flying experience.
- ▲ United Military Pilot Program – Launched in September 2023, an industry-leading program that gives full-time, active-duty U.S. military pilots access to conditional job offers as a First Officer.

United to Resume Service Between New York/Newark and Tel Aviv **February 21, 2024**



United plans to resume a daily flight from New York/Newark to Tel Aviv, the first step in restoring vital passenger and cargo service that was suspended in October.

The initial Newark-Tel Aviv flights on March 2 and 4 will stop in Munich to ensure all service providers are ready to support non-stop service to and from Newark. No Newark departures to Tel Aviv are planned for March 3 and 5. Our goal is to resume daily nonstop service to Tel Aviv beginning March 6.

United conducted a detailed safety analysis in making this decision, including close work with security experts and government officials in the United States and Israel. We also worked closely with the Air Line Pilots Association and the Association of Flight Attendants to develop the protocols to ensure they are safe and well-informed.

United will continue to monitor the situation in Tel Aviv and adjust the schedule as warranted, including changes to the resumed service from New York/Newark announced today. We’re eager to resume a second daily Tel Aviv flight from Newark as soon as May as travel demand recovers. Previous flying from San Francisco, Washington Dulles and Chicago O’Hare will be evaluated for resumption beginning in the fall.

Resumed flights are available for booking on [United.com](https://www.united.com) and on the United app, alongside service on partner airlines including Lufthansa.

United Adds New Corporate Partners to **Sustainable Flight Fund That Now Exceeds \$200 Million** **February 14, 2024**



United today announced that Aircastle (a Marubeni & Mizuho Leasing Company), Air New Zealand, Embraer, Google, HIS, Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking, Safran Corporate Ventures, and Technip Energies are now among the 22 corporate partners that make up the airline’s The United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight FundSM, a first-of-its kind effort to reduce emissions and drive production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) through investments in startups.

These corporate partners make up all parts of the aviation supply chain – airlines, aircraft and engine manufacturers, fuel producers, engineering and technology experts, financiers, travel management and more – and have now committed more than \$200 million while collaborating to provide strategic expertise to help the Fund’s portfolio companies reach commercialization.

Since its inception in February 2023, the Fund remains aviation’s first and only venture fund backed by a broad limited partner base and created to identify and support startups advancing feedstock and technology development focused on increasing the supply of SAF.

The airline has included a way for everyday consumers to participate as well. Anyone using [United.com](https://www.united.com) or the United app has an option to contribute to supplement United’s investment in the UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM before check-out. Users have the choice to contribute \$1, \$3.50 or \$7.00. Continuing in the effort toward climate transparency for our customers, United also now shows an estimated carbon emissions for flights booked through [United.com](https://www.united.com) or the United app. In less than 12 months, more than 115,000 people have contributed nearly \$500,000 since February 2023.

SAF is an alternative to conventional jet fuel that, on a lifecycle basis, reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with air travel compared to conventional jet fuel alone. To date, United has invested in the future production of over five billion gallons of SAF - the most of any airline in the world.

“SAF is the best tool we have to decarbonize airplanes, but we don't have enough of it. To create the fuel supply we need for our fleet, United recognized that we would have to help build a brand-new industry from scratch – like wind and solar in previous decades,” said Andrew Chang, Managing Director of United Airlines Ventures. *“As part of our effort to build a new sustainable aviation ecosystem, we recruited a group of partners with the industry expertise to support our startups with both financial and strategic capital, to help them navigate the entire process from conception to commercialization.”*

Sustainable Flight Fund Milestones:

- ▲ Added 22 corporate partners
- ▲ Raised more than \$200 million in committed capital
- ▲ Portfolio company milestones:
 - Cenvita opens pilot plant in Houston
 - OXCCU to start construction on pilot plant in UK
 - Svante and Dimensional Energy begin utilization of CO2 captured at Lafarge Canada Cement Plant
 - EH2 opens first manufacturing plant

UAV Sustainable Flight Fund ~ The UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM is a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle designed to leverage support from cross-industry businesses in order to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel through SAF research, technology and production. The fund is comprised of more than \$200 million in investment commitments from United and corporate partners including: Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Aircastle (a Marubeni & Mizuho Leasing Company), American Express Global Business Travel, Aviation Capital Group, Boeing, Boston Consulting Group, Embraer, GE Aerospace, Google, Groupe ADP, Hawaiian Airlines, HIS, Honeywell, JetBlue Ventures, Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking, Safran Corporate Ventures, and Technip Energies, among others. For more information about the fund, please visit the United Airlines Ventures website.

Consumer Awareness and Call to Action ~ The default option for customer contributions is set at \$3.50 to illustrate the potential impact of customer action at scale: If the 152 million people who flew on United in 2022 each contributed just \$3.50 to the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund, that would be enough to design and build a SAF refinery capable of producing as much as 40 million gallons of alternative fuel annually.

United’s Commitment to Net Zero Emissions by 2050 ~ United aims to be net zero by reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets. In addition to the UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM, United has launched a SAF purchasing program called the Eco-Skies Alliance and established a venture fund – United Airlines Ventures to identify and invest in companies and technologies that can help decarbonize air travel. These strategic investments include carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft and air taxis. In May 2023, United received validation of our 2035 near-term emissions reduction target from the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) to reduce our carbon intensity 50% from a 2019 base year. In 2023, United became the first U.S. airline to show customers an estimate of each flight’s carbon footprint in their search. This year, United was the only domestic airline to receive an “A-“ leadership band score for Climate Change 2023 from CDP, formerly Carbon Disclosure Project.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

With most of the holidays behind us I am tired of chicken, turkey, ham and beef. Let's try something different.

Shrimp Alfredo:

½ cup butter
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 tablespoon chopped green onions
½ teaspoon minced garlic
9 ounces fettuccine, linguine or your favorite pasta
4 egg yolks
1 cup half and half
1 cup fresh parmesan cheese

2 teaspoons parsley

½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

In large skillet, melt butter and sauté shrimp, green onions and garlic over moderate heat for 5 minutes or until shrimp are firm and opaque. Remove pan from heat. Stir warm fettuccine into shrimp mixture.

In medium bowl, beat egg yolks, half and half and parmesan cheese. Add egg yolk mixture to shrimp mixture and cook over moderate heat until sauce thickens, about 3-4 minutes. Do not boil. Stir in parsley and salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Serves 4; this does not freeze well. Bon Appétit!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Re-United's Chapter of RUAEA.

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

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We look forward to seeing you.

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No new news today but just a reminder of our upcoming meeting/luncheon in March. We are headed for Mexican Food! We will be in Chico this time at El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant, 2201 Pillsbury Rd., Suite 124. It will be at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, March 27th. Please join us if you are in the area.

Calendar:

March 27 - El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant.

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We had a lunch/meeting at the River Grill on Wednesday, February 21st in Solvang; hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. Those in attendance were **Ken & Stella Bake**, **Joan Schaefer** (50/50 winner), **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Mike Stadnick**, **Dave & Jamie Ludwig** and **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.

Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, received some communication from **John Wessel, Kathy Shurtleff, Barbara Stilwell, and Paul Wanska**. Even though they do not attend our functions, it is great that they keep in touch. Missing was **Nina Powers** and Mayra who very seldom miss our luncheon, but this time it had to do with a scheduling problem.

Mike & Bridget Zoldak flew out of SFO; they said they went a day early and picked up their parking which they were happy they did. There is a monorail that took them from the parking lot to the terminal. The system is automatic with no operator. They did admit that things have changed and I've said that all along since I don't fly anymore.

As for us, my wife and I have spent 2 months in this Assisted Living home. There are 6 of us and caregiving is 24 hours. So far every day is the same regardless of weekends or holidays. However the owners did not let us forget our anniversary or Valentine's Day.

Over two weeks ago, I had a pace-marker installed. I feel no different and after the doctor checked me over, after having it in for a week, he said it was working perfectly.

This is our first time communicating with Philippine people. They have an interesting language that I don't understand. They told me several times what language they speak, but I never get it straight. Just once, I would like to know what they are laughing about. Again, we could not be taken better care of. I was mainly concerned for my wife's health and now I'm beginning to need help doing certain things. Lucky for us, we can feed ourselves whereas the others are bed-ridden and have to be fed. As I said before this was a new way of life for us and it has taken a little time to get used to it.

Besides being taken care of as we are, all the Philipinos (sp) speak English and have American names. Such as Mary Ann, Lucy, and Rudy, that makes communication easy.

My grandson, living here, is the only one of my grandkids that shows any interest in my past airline experiences. I have a lot of past items that I passed on to him and he is making some kind of display. I hope when he has children he will tell them all the stories I told him.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

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

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

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Happy Easter to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! It is coming very early this year on March 31. I remember some early Easters growing up in Michigan ... wearing a new spring dress, under my winter coat, and gingerly stepping through the snow in my heels. Ah, memories!

As I write this on March 7, we are several days away from changing to Daylight Savings Time; Spring forward, Fall back. Funny how an hour time change can throw our body rhythm so out of whack for a few days. Last fall the traffic announcers were reporting on the increase in accidents because drivers had to drive in the dark after the time change.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they

have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. Our other venue is now Rocco's in Walnut Creek because they also have a separate room that we can reserve.

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

Our March meeting was held on Monday, March 4 at Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria in Walnut Creek with 15 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest, **Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Carol Parks, Russ Schleske, Jack & Judi Smith** and **Jan Soderstrom**. **Tracey Blanchard** had just returned from over two months in Maui and she looked very relaxed and tanned. She gave us a progress report on Lahaina and said it will take many, many years for the town to be rebuilt. Our president **Russ Kennedy** started the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing Happy Birthday to his wife **Glenda** whose birthday was on the day of our meeting. He asked that we move back the start time of our meetings at Rocco's to 11:30 as they open at 11:00 and need time to set up and take orders. We voted to change the time. Please note that the start time of our May meeting, as noted below, now shows 11:30 vs. 11:00.

At our February meeting, our treasurer **Rich Bouska** proposed doing away with the treasurer position and closing our account at the bank. We only have about 15 dues paying members now and the \$10 annual dues does not allow us to make charitable donations like we used to. The money raised with raffle tickets was used to subsidize the June picnic and Christmas luncheon to about ten dollars per person. Going forward, we will not be collecting dues. The money we take in at our monthly meetings will go back to one or two members at that month's drawing. We will all pay the full price of the meals at our June picnic and Christmas luncheon. We voted to implement these changes and **Jan Soderstrom** and **Rich Bouska** won the money collected at the March meeting.

Update on Flaco the Owl in NYC ~ Many of you will probably remember Flaco the Owl who was freed from his cage at the Central Park Zoo in February 2023. He recently celebrated a year of freedom in his new territory of Central Park and Manhattan. Sadly, on February 24, Flaco struck a building on West 89th Street and did not survive. During his year of freedom, he gained a legion of fans worldwide who thrilled to see pictures of him in the trees and perching on fire escapes. Groups of New Yorkers could often be seen watching for Flaco and spotting him with binoculars. He united people in a very special way and he will be sorely missed.

More info on "Forever Chemicals" ~ In the January 2024 newsletter, I wrote about "Forever Chemicals" and the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to limit toxic PFAs in drinking water. These substances are a group of compounds that are widespread, dangerous and expensive to remove from water. They don't degrade in the environment and are linked to a broad range of health issues, including low birth weight and kidney cancer. They are in the blood of more than 98% of Americans and stay in the body years after exposure.

On February 28, 2024, the Food and Drug Administration announced that PFAS, once commonly found in a range of products, including pizza boxes and popcorn bags, are no longer being used in food packaging in the U.S. This marks a year-long campaign by the FDA to phase out PFAS in food packaging. PFAS are grease-proofing chemicals that create a barrier that prevents oils, grease and water from seeping through food packaging, keeping food dry and fresh. They may be linked to serious health problems, including cancer, birth defects and immune system suppression.

They were once unavoidable in people's day-to-day lives, being used in everything from fast-food wrappers to pet food bags. Extensive research over the last decade found that PFAS can leach into food and may be associated with serious health problems in humans, and food manufacturers gradually began to phase them out. In 2020, the FDA received commitments from the remaining food manufacturers to remove PFAS from their products voluntarily over the next few years. Per the FDA, "This completion of the voluntary market phase-out of these substances used on food packaging paper and paperboard, eliminates the primary source of dietary exposure to PFAS from authorized food contact uses."

Source: NBC News, February 28, 2024. "FDA Says Chemicals No Longer Used in Pizza Boxes and Popcorn Bags No Longer Used in Food Packaging." Berkeley Lovelace, Jr.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to

her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. Note: This is a new email for her. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022, and on March 2nd, I turned in 1358 coupons worth \$3453.40! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it were not for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Jeanine Mooney** in SC, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Marjorie Sandstrom** in OH, **Jim Taylor** in FL, **Norm Wilkinson** in IL and **Gilbert Wojtal** in AZ. I would also like to thank **Diane Griego**, **Glenda Kennedy** and **Russ Schleske** in my East Bay Diablos for bringing coupons to our meetings.

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

- ▲ Monday, April 1 at 11:00 — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, March 28.
- ▲ Monday, May 6 at 11:30. — Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Please note the later start time. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we will eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, May 2.

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

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Hi there ... your WWW checking in (that's WeatherWonderWoman if you missed last month's missile.); I have been extra busy. As you know, Mother Nature has flexed her muscles and has done a number on the Left Coast. The good news is that we are above normal for our drought situation – the snow pack in the Sierras is huge. Highway 80 was closed this past week-end – this is the major road to the Tahoe and Nevada areas. People were advised to stay home ... but did they? Nope, many decided that they knew better and became mired in the snow. The truckers were stuck for miles and the fellas that put chains on were kept very busy. With all that snow, our water supply has been replenished and our lakes, reservoirs and rivers are looking good. And crab season opened up - Hooray, lots of good eats. Here on "the Peninsula" we experienced thunder, lightning and floods and many flight delays. It has been soggy and we are looking forward to some sun.

Your WWW decided to escape to her “Little Corner of the World” – planes left on time, great weather, fun side trips (did you know that Kauai has more than 4 million acres of ... no, not sugar cane ... coffee?). One bush is only harvested once a year so enjoy that cuppa of Joe! All the papaya and fresh fish you can eat – couldn’t ask for more. Lovely to gaze up and see a gazillion stars, enjoy family and the lovely home we stayed in. It brought back many fond memories of my young-hood when I would visit my Auntie and Uncle during summer school breaks. So, don’t delay, hop on the plane and get some of that sunshine - Maui needs visitors as they rebuild. Thaw out and have a Mai Tai or two!

The Golden Gaters’ have geared up for 2024. We were lucky enough to retain our meeting place at the Recreation Center in Foster City. Renovations will begin late in the summer so we continue to enjoy our “Blue Bird” room overlooking the Lagoon and the hills that loom in the distance – the Pacific Ocean calls us and the airport is nearby. And surf’s up, so bring your surf-board and thermal suits!

Here are the dates for the next few months:

- March 25 – 10:00am short Board Meeting, 10:30am Members social time – Sponsor - John Garis – We will be going to Lazy Dog Restaurant in the Bridgepoint Shopping Center. Going to join us? Let John know if you plan to attend, (650) 218-5529.
- April 22 – 10:00am short Board Meeting, 10:30am Members social time –Sponsor Ginger Dahlberg - Lunch at Jack’s Restaurant located in San Mateo (1750 El Camino Real) located in the Borel Shopping Center, El Camino and Highway 92. Let Ginger know if you plan to come along, (650) 224-1865, as she needs to let the staff know that we will be there.
- May 20 – May 27th is a National Holiday, Memorial Day, and the Rec. Center will be closed. A vote was taken and we will meet one week earlier – so note the change and mark your calendars! Will advise what we will be doing – perhaps sandwiches from Safeway and enjoy the picnic tables outside by the Rec. Center. WWW predicts good weather!

Three lucky members blew out the birthday candles – **Vera Kina, Bill Heinrich and Ben Ramos**. The Fire Department was not called. No anniversaries ... what ... no Valentine celebrations? **Carol Slater** took over for **Barbara Underhill**’s membership duties as Barbara is working at the voting registration Center and is up to her elbows with ballots. Hope you all got out there and voted! Now all we have to do is wait for November and vote again (ahhhh, more and more TV ads for candidates.) A good turn out for our meeting; 19 members showed up and enjoyed our reinstated Raffle and “White Elephant” drawings. Big money winners were: **Diane Heinrich and Gary Chong**. Taking home some of the loot: **Ben Ramos, John Bogdanoff, Frank Minnick, Lydia Rolfe, Dee Peters and Al Durr**. Some tasty cookies and candies were on the menu! Thanks to y’all for your donations as we need to rebuild our treasury. Take care and get that extra Covid booster, RSV and flu shots — avoid getting down and out!

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am 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 **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

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One and a half down, ten and a half to go! Already? 2024 doesn’t seem to be planning to let us take it at a leisurely pace, does it? But, being a lively, energetic bunch of great folks, we eagerly embrace each and every day – and our luncheon at El Tapatio in Citrus Heights on February 14th certainly gave testimony to that feeling. This is our first time at this restaurant and I think I can speak for all of us – it was friendly, efficient and delicious! (Did you see the huge drinks here?) **Rudy Blazius**, our wonderful president, extended our “Thank You” to **Chuck & Peggy Trebnik** for arranging this meal and meeting for us. Of course, we all know that February is the “Month of Love” - and here we are right smack on Valentine’s Day! There were red hearts everywhere! So, not to be outdone, we had the added delight that today is **Pati & Bill Kenney**’s anniversary! (#33) But, there’s more! **Oscar & Joyce Olivera, Gerry & Dolores Avallone and Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** chose February for their weddings – heck, Irv & Sherrie are at number 69! You read that right! Congratulations to all of you. Birthdays found two members with candles to blow out this month – Happy Birthday to **Kevin Dinette** and **Anne Marie Sutherland**! Oh! Can’t forget our guests! Welcome to Cindy’s brother, **Ernest**

Hellewell and Diane Wilson and Jim Simon, president of the Gold Diggers. Our newest member, **Larry Papke**, brought his wife, **Re** as well – so glad you’re part of the Hangtown Miners.

President ~ Rudy Blazius was already hard at work covering all the items on his memo sheet for this meeting. Rudy sure does a great job for us. We are very fortunate to have him as our leader.

Vice President ~ Always eager to participate, but **J.R. Heier** didn’t have anything extra to contribute today.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson wanted to remind us that we still have two months not covered for hosting this year. We still need someone to step up for the months of June and October. A couple of you are “thinking” about if one of those months will work with your schedules, but I don’t have a commitment for either month yet. If you’re interested, please let me know which one you can/will cover and I’ll get your name on the list. Both are fun months for hosting – especially October!

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny, who is always on top of things, reports that our balance is healthy. As you know, we subsidize our December luncheon each year so this amount is actually pretty healthy for this time of the year. In past years, we have given several hundreds of dollars to a variety of organizations. Last month, it was suggested that we might go forward with a donation to a local charity. One that we have given to previously is the El Dorado County Legal Services. This time of the year, people are looking for help with a various legal needs from tax return help to drawing up a trust and/or will. It was suggested that we make a donation to this organization again this year. After a bit of discussion, it was decided to wait for a while, let our funds increase more and then reevaluate the donations program. After all, there is no requirement that we donate at the beginning of the year!

Dave Garland introduced **Jim Simon** and Tom said that he would like to attend one of the Gold Diggers’ meetings so he could explain our tool collection program to them and see if there isn’t a possibility that their members could have tools in their garages that they would like to see go to helping another generation of A&P mechanics. It is estimated that the value of the tools we have already donated to the Sacramento City College’s A&P Mechanics program is at least \$10,000.00 in value. We have decided to continue in this effort for one more year and then we’ll see if it is practical to stick with it or not. Helping a new generation as they move into positions that many of our members once held is just awesome and so very appreciated.

Tom reminded us that there are several members who have yet to send in their 2024 annual membership dues of \$15.00. Please be aware that if we don’t receive your dues by the end of March (as in, next month) the dues will increase to \$20.00. You don’t want to be paying more if you don’t have to so send your check made out to Hangtown Miners for \$15.00 to: **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667 right away. If you’re not sure whether or not you have paid, contact Tom (phone: 530-626-5660; email: tck46@flash.net) and he’ll let you know if you have already paid or still need to do so.

Sunshine ~ Our wonderful Sunshine Lady, **Suzanne Kenny** was not able to join us today. Suzie is recuperating from a knee operation. Wishing you well, Suzie!

Old Business ~ We covered most all of “old” above – membership dues, hosting needed. Charity, so let’s move on to “new”.

New Business ~ So, this topic is one that we mulled over and tried to figure out several years ago. It has returned! I received a call from a sweet lady, **Christine Ford** (you may have known her husband, **Ernie**). Do you remember the discussions about the \$10,000.00 insurance policy that United has for retired mechanics who have passed on. Well, Christine said that she had received a check for \$6,000.00 automatically – didn’t have to “fight” for it. But she remembered that it should have been the larger number. She has been trying to get the balance paid to no avail – so far. Cigna, the original writer for the policy is no longer the company handling this but she was given a number for New York Life. I didn’t have all the info she needed so I contacted Rudy who in turn contacted Christine and gave her what advice he could so she would get the correct amount. She called me back and I gave her the policy number, and she is pursuing further and will let me know how it goes. This policy has been a royal pain as they have changed hands and no one seems to know what is going on or who qualifies for it. If you feel like you want to, you can call and make sure you (as a retired mechanic) are on the “list” and be sure that you have the correct name down for a beneficiary. Good luck, Christine.

RUAEA ~ Dave Garland is our RUAEA Regional Director. Now, if you are not a member of RUAEA, think seriously about joining them. Their annual dues is \$30.00 for paper or online or \$35 for both paper and online– that membership will bring a very nice, informative magazine to your home once a month. It is full of pertinent information that is useful for those of us who are retired and need that point of contact regarding what is going on with UAL. There have been so many changes in insurance companies and their coverage and the merge with Continental.

RUAEA hosts an annual Convention/Reunion. This year, the Reunion will again be held at The Dana in San Diego. The dates are September 27 – October 2. Joining in with the festivities will be a lot of fun for you

and yours. RUAEA has negotiated a hotel room rate of \$135.00 per night – and there's some free breakfasts included too – contact them for all the info.

Contributions ~ I suppose this could have been under “old business” but here's a reminder! The Retired United Airlines Mechanics Reunion will be happening again this year in Minden, NV. The dates have been moved up a couple weeks – mark your calendars for September 17, 18, 19. **Rosemary Heier** and I (**Jane Gibson**) are two of the three gals organizing the event. I will be sending out another note soon and all the information to reserve a room at the Carson Valley Inn will be included. I think that I have most everyone on the mailing list, but if you don't get any of the info within the next week or two, and you're interested in coming to the event, let me know and I will get the emails off to you ASAP. When you get the info, please pass it along to someone you believe will be interested.

Roy Martin, who is quite the sports enthusiast, encouraged everyone who are '49er Faithfuls' to keep your faith – they will be back!

Rudy wound up our meeting with this little antidote: *“An elderly couple happened into a wine store. Looking for advice for a good bottle of wine, the sales gentleman tried to help out. ‘You’ll like this one! It’s made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It’s called Pino More!’”*

And with that he handed the baton over to, not JR as he had to leave for an appointment, but his lovely wife, Rosemary and she got the raffle started with **Judy Fitzpatrick** helping her out. Winner of the donator's prize was none other than **Judy Fitzpatrick**!

Thank you to all who brought items for the raffle: **Heier** – CD's; **Wolfram** – weed blaster; **Dinette** – plush bear and candy; **Blazius** – vase; **Kozelka/Barton** – white wine; **Gibson** – pot stakes; **Fitzpatrick** – Candy; **Bell/Nielsen** – St. Paddy gnome; **Kenney** – preserves; **Garland** – wine; **Simon** – wine; **Martin** – red wine & Capt. Morgan; **Kenny** – Valentine cookies.

Our March luncheon will be at 36 Handles in El Dorado Hills.

As you finish up this month –we have an extra day in February this year! - remember to savor all that is good around you. Enjoy the beautiful sunsets, the crisp air, be careful when walking outside especially if there's snow or ice, read a good book or watch your favorite TV show while you put your feet up. It's taken us quite awhile to get the time to enjoy these delightful moments of slowing down some – don't waste a minute of it!



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We had another month of cold, wet, and windy days; everyone seems to be staying home and keeping warm or out traveling in a warmer place.

Bill Kreff is still in the hospital; he is stable but still on a feeding tube and can't talk.

Peggy Van Sickle is recovering from her 5th surgery and is looking forward to going home to Iowa later this month. She will be with her daughter Jennifer.

This year, our Spring Fling may end up being the Summer Fling. Our dates and location is still being worked on.

You can count on the RUAEA Convention/Reunion and you can mark your calendars for September 27 - October 2. You can also call and make your reservations at the hotel to make sure you get a room with the rate of \$135.00/night with 2 free breakfasts and the resort fee is waived. Call the Dana Hotel Reservations and be sure to mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association. Other contact information can be found in the March issue of RUAEA magazine.

Celebrating birthdays in April ~ **Farid Zamani** (April 20) and **Suzanne Georgi** (April 27).

Are you planning to watch the Solar Eclipse on April 8? It will travel from Mazatlan, Mexico, through Texas, the Midwest, New England and Newfoundland. This will be the last total solar eclipse that we will be able to see across North America until 2044. Plan on viewing the eclipse and hope for clear skies.

The earliest record we have for a solar eclipse appears in the ancient Chinese text, “Shujing”. The eclipse occurred on October 22, 2137 B.C.E. This was during the Zhou Dynasty. More than a century later, a total eclipse on May 28, 585 B.C.E. is believed to have ended the war between the Lydians and the Medes. Greek

Historian wrote that just as the day was getting warm, it was suddenly turned into night. When the Lydians and the Medes observed the change, they ceased fighting and both were anxious to make peace.

An eclipse occurred on May 29, 1919 for a total duration of 6 minutes and 51 seconds; it was ranked as the longest. When you watch the eclipse, probably the last one we will ever see, take some notes to leave for your grand children and they will have a comparison of what you say and the views they will have in the future.

Calendar:

April 4 - Retiree breakfast, Pt Loma Cafe, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. Please email me if you will be attending as the Café needs a number of attendees for staffing purposes. We would love to have you join us.

Spring Fling – To be announced.

September 27 - October 2 - Retired United Airlines Employees Reunion.

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The Gold Diggers gathered at Lucille's BBQ in Rocklin for their annual Past President's luncheon. There were 20 members and a special guest, **Tom Kenny**, from the Placerville Hangtown Miners. Five of the chapter's Past Presidents were in attendance, **Frank Dellinger, Francis Domaratius, Dave Garland, Ron Bertacini** and **Jim Simon**. After a great lunch President **Jim Simon** kicked off the meeting with a "Thank You" to our wonderful server, Kianna. Jim introduced **Tom Kenny** who shared information about a program that the Hangtown Miners have undertaken. They are working with a group that are collecting tools for donation to the Sacramento City College Aeronautical Program at McClellan Park, previously known as McClellan AFB.

Since a lot of our retired mechanics have tools they really no longer need, this is a great way to pass them on to a worthwhile program. Donations may also be tax deductible since the organization is a 501 C3 charity. Tom said anyone interested can contact him with more details as to specific tools needed and how to go about donating.

Jim continued with officer reports. VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that next month's lunch will be at Denny's in Roseville near the junction of Sunrise and Douglas. We are also set for April and July. Open months are May, June, August and October if anyone is interested in volunteering to host at their favorite place. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported no anniversaries this month but was later corrected that the **Raynors, Marge** and **Jack** celebrated 60 years. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported the chapter is solvent and that anyone who had not paid their annual dues, she would be glad to collect after the meeting. Robin also mentioned that if anyone was in need of a name badge, see her after the meeting, new badges are about \$10.00. Our Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** gladly reported that she had nothing to report. Historian **Francis Domaratius** reported that the chapter's history is continuing. **Robin Garland** also reported that we currently have 35 members. Regional Director **Dave Garland** had nothing new to report other than the plans for the Fall Convention/Reunion are getting close to being finalized.

Jim shared some history for the 28th of February: Nylon is invented by Wallace Carothers (chemist) at the DuPont Experiment Station in Wilmington, Delaware; 1948 Bernadette Peters is born; 1986 Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme is assassinated – case has never been solved; 1991 The first Gulf War ends; 2009 Paul Harvey, broadcaster died; 2013 Pope Benedict XVI resigns.

Ron Bertacini shared the highlights of recent email he received. The news was about the 1%. Of course most of what we hear about the 1% is about the wealthy. This was different ... 99% of the people born between 1930 and 1946, which is a lot of us ... have already passed away ... so we are the 1%. People born in this 16 years span are the smallest group born since 1900 ... we saw the coming out of the Great Depression, a World War, ration books for everything from gas to shoes, we saved tin foil, oils and fats, tin cans and newspapers. Milk was delivered in bottles. Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers. We were the last generation

without television just radio using our imagination. There was one telephone in the house and in many cases it was shared on a party line with others. We had typewriters with ribbons and carbon paper. "Internet" and "Google" were words that did not exist. Even when television did come to us there were only 3 channels only in black and white and they would sign off at midnight. There were no Interstate Highways and you went downtown to shop. Polio was still acrippler ... and much more. So if you have reached the age of 77 or more you have outlived 99% of all the other people in the world who were born in that special 16 year time span. **You are a** 1%'er so enjoy every day that comes along.



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

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Our March meeting was well attended with 21 people in attendance. We had several guest joining us; **Sue Kinnerer; Karen Behle; Sharon Sousado and Lisa Donaldson**. So nice to see Lisa after so long. She brought word about her parents **Tony & Sally Urso**, who are doing well. We all miss Tony & Sally.

Birthday wishes went out to a number of members; **Irene Lloyd; Rosie Reichard; Sally Urso; Mary Lou Rodgers; Hiroko Caster; and Jean Jenkins!**

Dave & Robin Garland celebrate their wedding anniversary this month, congrats guys!

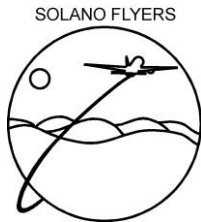
Chuck Clayborn discussed his search for a new cave in Arizona and is getting closer to making a selection. Although this is good news for him, it does not bode well for us, as we will need to find someone to take over his role. Until then, we will be joined at our

meetings with his wife, who just retired!

Chuck mentioned that things are in place for our summer picnic at Vasona, on June 12th. We plan to have a nice spread for all to enjoy. We will have reserved the nice covered area, close to the restrooms and easy access. Although we have not settled on the cost just yet, as it will depend upon how many people sign up, we do want to keep it as low as possible.

Just a reminder about the RUAEA Reunion (September 27 – October 2) at the Dana Hotel in San Diego. If you think you may attend, I suggest you make your hotel reservations now. This way you are assured you will receive the RUAEA rate. If your plans should change, you can always cancel 48 hours before your arrival.

See you all at our next meeting at the Bill of Fare restaurant on Saratoga Ave., just off highway 280 in San Jose, the first Monday of the month beginning at 1000.



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The Solano Flyers met on February 20th at the Hide-a-Way Restaurant/Lounge in Vacaville. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Bob Ritche**, **Stewart McCale Sr./Jr.**, **Rudy Arsaga**, **Eugene Boyce**, **Gerald Williams**, **Chauncey Baine**, **Allan Pochop**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **Frank Uhl**, and **Diosnel & Luci Perez**.

Company Anniversary was celebrated by **Bob Ritche**.

Birthday ~ **Chauncey Baine**.

50/50 Drawing Winner ~ **Pad Gardner**.

Stewart McCale donated a coffee maker, which was won by **Allan Pochop**.

Our next meeting will be on **March 19**, at Bud's Restaurant in Dixon.

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Paul Goodyear brought the meeting together with the pledge to the flag. We welcome new members. We had 26 folks attending today's luncheon.

RUAEA Membership Dues are due when there is a red notice on the Newsletter back cover next to your mailing address. There will be two notices on your Newsletter.

If you plan on going to the Annual Reunion in September, be advised to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. When the hotel runs out of rooms at the special Reunion rate, you will have to pay the full going rate. You can cancel these reservations two days prior to Reunion.

RUPA (Retired United Airlines Pilot Association) is planning on hosting a golf tournament during the Reunion. Further details will be forthcoming.

United has broken ground for the new training facility in Denver with six new simulators and a door training mockup for flight crews.

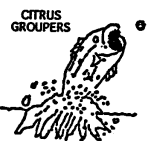
We are still planning to have a picnic this summer; we are currently evaluating a site that's convenient to everyone.

Thank you **Martha Gooselaw** for providing sweets for today's luncheon.

50/50 winners: **Gene Sibley**, **Paul Goodyear**, **Karen Rewolinski**, **Theresa Odell** (2x). **Chuck Cowan** was the winner of a candle that Karen Rewolinski donated.

A reminder that our monthly luncheon time has changed from 11:30 to 11:00; it is the first Thursday of each month at Ted's Place in Commerce City; the next meeting will be April 4th. Bring a friend and enjoy the companionship of other UAL retirees.

FLORIDA



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

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Our meeting at Denny's was opened at 1300 with the Pledge of Allegiance and we got right to it! After missing several meetings, **Julia Montalvo** joined us for lunch, along with hubby, **Angel**! Yeah! Linda brought 2 guests, her cousins from upstate NY - nice ladies!

Treasurer Linda reported that we have 22 paid members to date. As voted last month, she sent our donations to Russell House and to the VA Administration-Sunshine Network for Recreation Therapy.

We received a very nice thank you from the VA, which Secretary Elaine read to the 19 members present. I checked in with **Ernie Vosges & Cheryl** and Ernie is improving and will be at the picnic! **Diane Lewis**? Same report!

David Houck, retired MCOCS in 2003 says, "Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise", he'll be at the picnic.

The April 2nd Picnic will be held at Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Ave., Orlando, FL 32839 as in past years! It's a perfect location and the pavilion is great for us! Pres Al and his staff will begin cooking at noon and we will plan to eat at 12:30PM. So, bring your favorite dish (but not **All** desserts!) to share. Those at the meeting chose their dishes, so we will have the following:

Al & Lois – all the paper products, burgers, dogs and buns and Lois' famous deviled eggs

Ted III - soft drinks and water

Linda A. – Condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish and mayo)

Connie. – Crying said she'd bring the onions (sliced and diced too)

Elaine - Lettuce and tomatoes

Patti - Baked Beans

Tom C - Peg's Famous Brownies

No Birthdays in March, but a 59th Anniversary Celebration for **Al & Lois Fields**! Huge congrats to you both!

We always remember our UAL family who are in need of our prayers, those we know about and those we don't. Let us lift them up in prayers of comfort and healing. And hope that we will see them again soon.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

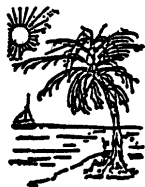
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Our monthly luncheon was held on the 2nd of February at our normal venue at LYNQ restaurant. We had a nice turnout of 12 folks. We welcomed back several members who, because of illness, could not make previous luncheons. It was good to see them, their illness was quite serious and we were all pleased with their recovery.



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Birthdays ~ **Jon Wilkinson** celebrated his 90th birthday on March 10. Happy 90th, Jon! **Helen Kacer** (March 25), and **Frank Kacer** (March 31).

We had a nice social meeting. We always had an April Picnic but with so few members, we decided to have our regular meeting at IHOP. We may try for our Picnic in the Fall.

We wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and A Happy Easter! It's been a busy March month. Since Easter is on the 31st of March, we all agreed that our next meeting will be on April 8th.

Everyone enjoyed the food.

Calendar:

April 8 - IHOP - 10:30.

May 6 - IHOP - 10:30.

TREASURE COAST

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Our March meeting at Carmines restaurant had 13 members in attendance. We started the meeting with the Pledge Of Allegiance. Our table was decorated for St Pat's Day since we are all Irish on March 17th.



It's been quite awhile since some of us saw each other so there was lots of catching up to be done. Unfortunately, three members who were planning to attend are on the sick list. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them at our next meeting. In addition, **Sharon Kirk** is out in the Caribbean relaxing on a 10-day cruise.

Pictured from Left to Right: **Jim Moorehead, Gene & Fran Student, Janet & Jim Hanley, Diane Brodis, Dave and Carolyn Lindgren, Al Popek, Diane and Paul Liebisch,**

Barbara Gilbert, and Dave Damon.

After a great meal and cocktails for lunch, we all shared our travels either with United or cruising. The 50/50 was won this month by **Diane Liebisch**, good for you Diane!

Catching up on Birthdays and Anniversaries in January, there was none.

February Birthdays ~ **Pattie Connell** (2/4), **Dave Damon** (2/17), **Janet Hanley** (2/17), and **Gene Student** (2/22).

February Anniversaries ~ **Carolyn & Dave Lindgren** (2/2), **Janet & Jim Hanley** (2/22).

March Birthdays ~ **Jim Moorehead** (3/27).

April Birthdays ~ **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff** (4/28), and **Carolyn Lindgren** (4/28).

Congratulations to all!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 12 noon. Four days after the start of our hurricane season. Yikes, here we go again. The location will be announced.

Wishing everyone good health and safe travels; many cheers to all system wide! Hope everyone had a nice Easter and Best Wishes to our United Family who celebrate Passover. Please note that this will be my last newsletter as I won the big lottery, oh forget that, April Fools. (Got ya) 😊

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The Boise Gems did not have a meeting this past month. We wish every one a Happy 🍀 St. Patrick's Day!

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April—Is it spring, or is Mother Nature fooling with us again? Our poor jonquils and tulips are so confused; I think they're seeking psychiatric help. I even saw a few patches of green grass. First it's 30 degrees, then under zero, then 40-50-70, and higher! All in all, the winter hasn't been that awful. A full week of below zero temperatures, winds and snow led us to 60's and 70's in February/March. East, West and Southern coasts haven't been that lucky. I say, take what we can get, we usually have terrible winters. My snowman came in a large IKEA box of water, two pieces of charcoal, a carrot, a scarf, top hat, two thin sticks, and instructions, How to Build a Snowman. I'll have to keep it a few weeks, I can remember a few April snow storms in the past. Hold onto your hats and boots.

April comes from the Latin word, *Aperire*, which means, 'to open'. Maybe because April opened the buds of leaves and flowers. Sounds about right. April was sacred to the goddess Venus. Her equivalent Greek goddess is named Aphrodite, or the Etruscan name, Apru. Important holidays include April Fools Day, to play pranks and tell jokes, a good way to celebrate the beginning of Spring. Tax Day, the 15th. If you put the two words together, THE and IRS, it spells THEIRS. LOL ... April 25 is take your sons and daughters to work. For us, we'll take them to our Bingo Game. Arbor Day is April 27, celebrated in Highland Park and Morton Arboretum with festivities. There will be a partial eclipse of the sun on April 8 near Plainfield, around 2:00 PM, that's not far, maybe we'll see it, with protective glasses.

Our Northside breakfast at the Rose Garden had 11 members, **Ginny Vlach, Cesar & Elena Guerra, Darryl & Toni VanKampen, Jerry Tipperreiter, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, Lynn Hagele, Donna Nefczyk and Jan Gawenda.**

The ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfields, **Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Walk Chornomaz, Bill Durr, Hank Kargenian, Jim Vitte, Don Kramlich, Paul Skrudland, Frank Ranier, Ron Geibel, Bud Lowe, LB Neal, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki, Boris Spitz and Bob Palm.**

ORDMM foreman had a small group, **Stan Chmielewicz, Tom Abraham, Bart & Sue Kendall.**

IAM Lodge 1487 in Des Plaines had 70 retirees. They had a Meet-N-Eat lunch. Thanks to all who brought entrées, side salads, and desserts for the members. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers that help each month with setting up the tables, the food and beverages, then the fun of 'rearranging' the tables afterward, a thankless job. April 4 is the next meeting, with a 'Brown Bag' lunch (bring your own) and two Bingo games. The May 2 meeting will be a Cinco de Mayo lunch. Sign up with **Mary Alice Parker** for \$6.00 at the next meeting, or her address is in the Union Handout. The results were listed for any changes to the Union Constitution. Members were encouraged to submit their names for the 2024-2025 Board positions. Next year's officers are **Dave Roderick**, President, **Grace Spilotro-Razny**, Vice President, **Sue Adams**, Treasurer and **Mary Alice Parker**, Secretary.

I talked to an old friend the other day, **Linda Cilona**, from EXOAN, accounting, she had a very serious car accident in front of Meijer's in Rolling Meadows. A car drove into her lane, which pushed her into a phone pole. Her car was totaled; her right hand is in severe pain. She's in a rehab facility in Park Ridge, not knowing when she'll be able to leave. Her cell number is (224) 875-2372, if you'd like to bring a little smile to her face.

Ya just never know when tragedy will strike, do ya? You just go on in life, minding your own business, and boom, something nasty crosses your path. Those falls and accidents can put us in danger every day.

At Navy Pier, there's a new exhibit, Flyover, lets you see Chicago from a whole new perspective. You sit and fly in, over, under, around the city's most epic places. The immersive journey shares Chicago's story through stunning visuals and authentic cultural connections, culminating in an epic-nine minute flying journey through the city's most iconic and remarkable places. I saw a sneak preview, it was spellbinding and you might have to hold on to your seat. The pictures were taken from a drone, flying in between buildings and all our beautiful landmarks. This is all done with the music of our city in the background. Adult tickets are \$24.95, children under 13, are \$14.95. The building is across from the Chicago Children's Museum, with parking available next door. The kids would love the show and the museum. Anytime you go to any of our museums, don't forget to ask for a United discount. Remember those old ID cards we got years ago, bring them with. United sponsors so many exhibits at the Aquarium, Planetarium, MSI and the Field, never hurts to ask. There is information in Flying Together, check it out.

United is the only airline to offer non-stop flights to Marrakech, Morocco and Cebu, Philippines, and will fly non-stop to Medellin, Columbia for the first time in its history. We will also increase flying to Portugal, Hong Kong, and South Korea. Flights are from NYC, HOU, Tokyo. United offers flights to more destinations across the Atlantic and Pacific than all US carriers combined. We offer non-stop service to 134 international destinations across 67 countries. Tickets are available for Shanghai and Cebu now, with the others available in July and October. Our little airline has grown. I guess that little purchase of Pan Am's Pacific routes wasn't such a bad idea after all in 1985. In 1991, UAL became the owner of Pan Am's lucrative London Heathrow slots. Stephen Wolf was our President then, the rest is history.

Just heard UA will be not hiring pilots for a few more months because of a delay in receiving the Boeing aircraft they ordered last year. They ordered 43 - 737 Max 8, and 34 Max 9, but expect only 37 and 19 of them this year. It also contracted deliveries of 80 Max 10's in 2024, but will receive none of them this year. The plane hasn't been certified by the FAA and is years behind schedule.

If you've been out of touch or off the planet, you might have missed that Tom Skilling from WGN, channel 9, has retired from being the head weatherman after 45 years. There were recap videos from years ago, parties, farewell speeches, hour-long shows in honor of the man. He certainly deserved all the kudos, Tom had so much knowledge of the skies, clouds, wind, atmosphere, had cute little arrows, digital signs, you learned a lot from his broadcasts. He used to come to our UAL Weather department in our OPB Control Center. Everybody came over to talk with him. I'm not sure he came to learn or to teach. One of the listeners said, 'Tom's Farewell Tour makes Cher's Tour like a blip on the map.' The Streets and Sanitation named a snowplow after him, Skilling It.' Great Guy, he took the United Dreamliner on his trip to Hawaii in March, they showered him with gifts, applause, speeches, and wishes of a good long life. Bill Murray said, 'I don't think we're going to have weather anymore, there's no reason to look out the window.' We'll miss him, but he's going to stick around and do some feature stories for WGN.

I suppose you've heard that three airlines have raised the prices on checked bags. United went up to \$40, for your second bag. As employees, we're still not charged, even if you take the 20% discount fare. But they are watching the size of the bag also. The best joke is a few airlines want to weigh the passenger so they can add your weight and the bags weight for fines, apparently. Good thing we've slowed down on our flying. But stay thin, just in case.

Our friends that have flown West include **Herman Rottweiler**, ORDHN/ORDHH, **Tom Paul** and **John McPherson**, ORDCG/ Air Freight, **Robert Mathews** ORDGQ, father of **Scott Matthews**, ORDCG, **Sheryl Acoba Gaynor**, EXOCU/Alliant CU (daughter of **Tony Acoba**), **Connie Boucher**, ORDSW, **Connie Boucher**, **Vern Jobst** and **David Westlake**, **Joe Catlow**, ORDFO/DENFO, **Ed Dufford**, another great guy and excellent mechanic, ORDMM.

The Streets and Sanitation named a snowplow gone from our world, Mac Senise, 33 year old son of Gary, ('Forrest Gump', does Steve Lawrence), Tony Ganios, (Porkys), Iris Apfel, fashion icon, Chris Mortensen (sports reporter ESPN), Randy Sparks (New Christy Minstrels), singer Steve Lawrence, and the one and only, Richard Lewis, very funny comedian and actor.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a small package.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**April 11**), second Thursday of the month.

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**April 18**). Third Thursday.
RUPA Lunch - Illinois Golf Club, 11:00 A.M., 1575 Edgewood Dr, Algonquin, (Speakers, Ken Voelker, Scott Joseph & Greg Hammes), (**May 14**).

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Our February meeting was held on February 13th. Those in attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank Ingegno** and **Ron Bretherick**; it was a small turnout. A possible May picnic was mentioned and will be discussed at the March and April meetings. No other business was discussed.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **April 9** at Emmy's
- **May 14** at Emmy's
- **June 11** at Emmy's

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

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

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our Luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Mary Chandler** at honolulmary06@yahoo.com or **Arlene McCroy** at apolloguy@aol.com for information about the next get together Luncheon.



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

Another reminder: The October meeting has been rescheduled from Monday to Tuesday. As Kathy, the Black Bear Manager, pointed out, Monday is a day off for most because of Columbus – or Indigenous Peoples – Day and they get really busy. We are happy to accommodate that request.

We received a thank you letter from the Northern Nevada Food Bank for the chapter's \$100 donation in December.

Plans are progressing for the RUAEA 2024 Reunion at the Dana Resort Hotel in San Diego from September 27 to October 2. John and I plan to attend and hope others do too.

Bill Perkins advised us that **Donna** had had a stroke and was in the hospital, soon to move to a rehab facility for a while. I brought a card for everyone to sign.

The February birthdays are **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 was won by lucky, once again, **Linda Borchers**, who also won in January. Heart shaped cookies were provided by the chapter.

Our next meeting will be on March 11 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

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The above picture shows the Garden Staters members who are also veterans.

From my memories: Victoria falls ~ On our second trip to South Africa, we flew from JFK in New York to Amsterdam in Holland, then to Kinsasha and Leopoldville, which was the Belgian Congo, but is now called Zaire. The airport at Leopoldville, was constructed of teakwood, however because of a lack of care you could see how deteriorated this beautiful building had become. It seems they had plenty of money for inspectors and soldiers running around with guns, but no money to keep this building in good repair.

We were then on our way to Johannesburg, South Africa and meeting our friends. It was just another happy occasion. We soon made plans to visit the Victoria falls in Rhodesia, now called Zimbabwe. We took a bus starting from Johannesburg and headed North to the South African transvall cities of Pretoria and Petersburg to the border town of Messina and then on to Bulawayo. Anyone who had any ideas that they would be seeing Tarzan holding onto Jane and swinging through the jungle on hanging vines, would be sadly disappointed. To me all this land looked like we were rolling through the lush green fields of Lancaster County in Pennsylvania.

We arrived in Bulawayo, and spent about two hours walking around. It seemed to me that the place was stuck somewhere in the 1920's. Nonetheless, it was still very interesting to see what they were selling. I then had to go to the railroad station and buy a ticket for an overnight sleeper on the train that would take us directly to Victoria falls. When the train arrived, it looked like something out of Agatha Christie's Orient express. Violet and I took our bags to our assigned car, and as I slid the door back, there were two very young girls on the opposite side of us. I said, I think you made a mistake, they of course replied no this is where we're supposed to be. Anyway who am I to argue! As the train pulled away, about an hour into the trip; the conductor comes around to check the tickets so I explained to him that there are two extra girls in this compartment, so he says what the hell are you complaining about?

A little while later he came and took those two girls away and put them in another compartment. Violet, always the one to rise to the occasion, says Gee Marty we were all getting along so well. Actually we did meet up with them again on our second night at the hotel, and we all had an interesting dinner together at the Victoria Falls hotel. They are truly one of the world's greatest wonders. The cataract is more than a mile wide and has a drop to the bottom over 350 feet, more than twice the size of Niagara.

The first thing that you hear as you approach the falls is a gigantic roar, and a spray of mist that looks like a huge rain cloud. The mighty rivers that feed the Zambezi River that flows over the falls, like the Kabompa, the Luena, and the Bungo-Lungue are mighty rivers in themselves, so you can imagine the amount of water that is flowing over those falls.

The tour guide said, in flood tide which occurs in September, about 540,000,000 gallons of water flows over those falls every minute. I always compare that to the Croton reservoir that feeds the city of New York. It has a capacity of about 500,000,000 gallons. If you can imagine it would take just one minute to fill up that giant water reservoir. When you come to think of it, it is mind boggling.

The natives call this “the smoke that thunders”, and I think that says it all. We spent another five days and made our return trip to Johannesburg. Alas there were no incidents to report, but we spent a lot of time talking about our experiences with our friends but most of all the memories that still linger to this day are strong as ever.

NEW YORK

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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

We welcomed back our president **Ed Pozzi**. Due to heart by-pass surgery, he missed our February luncheon. Like most heart patients, he is supposed to be on a strict diet.

Emma Milazzo has returned home after an extended stay in the hospital. We're hoping to see her in April.

The 50/50 winners were **Mario Lagasi**, **Ron Feingold**, and **Joe Lilly**.

Celebrating March Anniversaries are **Kathy & Anthony Statuto** (34 years) and **Gail & Harvey Block** (55 years).

Happy Birthday to **Joyce O'Donnell**, **Joe Falcon**, **John Green**, **Cassie Manelski**, **Patrick Hannon**, **Patricia Harben**, **Len Pascale**, **Kathy Statuto**, **Diane Talcochino**, **Susan Fleming**, **Lester Darmstadt**, and **Anthony Statuto**.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Calendar:

April 3 – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press.

OHIO

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

Calendar:

April - No Luncheon

May 1 - Mahle's

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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No news again this month. We just enjoy gathering once a month and catching up with other folks. Lots of laughter, and great food. What more could anyone want!

And now for a little humor, with a touch of philosophy thrown in, to help your day pass with a little more fun:

- ☺ Why dabble in the stock market? You can lose your money at the casino just as easily, and the drinks are free.
- ☺ If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to see it, a Chihuahua 500 miles away will bark at it!
- ☺ Sign seen on a home in our neighborhood: *Welcome Solicitors. This household charges \$20 per minute to listen to sales pitches, religious messages, and any other speech you are offering today. These fees are payable in advance. You hereby acknowledge your agreement to the terms above by knocking on the door or ringing the doorbell.*
- ☺ They call us the “middle” class because they’re constantly sticking us between a rock and a hard place!
- ☺ It’s easy to get people dancing at parties. Just hold up the line for the bathroom.
- ☺ Recipes are like a dating service. They never end up looking like the picture.
- ☺ So really, what difference does it make what the “cost of living” is? We’ve still got to do it.
- ☺ There are those who consider me sweet. They are called mosquitoes.
- ☺ The squirrels must be gathering nuts again. Three of my neighbors have disappeared.
- ☺ Forget the car ... I just hope I start every morning.
- ☺ I’m fine with airport security, as long as they don’t make me check my attitude.
- ☺ At my age, when I call it a “Girls Night Out” what I mean is that I am not going to wear a bra.
- ☺ Let’s see ... could visualize myself thin and toned, but it’s easier just to visualize everyone else as dumpy and flabby.
- ☺ I believe in sharing the road with other drivers. They can have the part behind me.
- ☺ Hip joints, knee joints, lower back ... yep, my triple action Doppler says it is going to rain.
- ☺ At least I’m not as mean as whoever first miniaturized candy bars. That dude was cold!
- ☺ If this election is such a horse race, how come there is so much bull?
- ☺ It’s not easy being a mother these days ... Texting in all caps just doesn’t have the same impact as good, old-fashioned yelling!
- ☺ There’s a trick to driving on ice ... and apparently nobody knows it!
- ☺ It’s OK to pretend we are Irish on St. Patrick’s Day. After all, we pretend we are good on Christmas, don’t we?
- ☺ If the cost of living goes any higher, I’ll only be able to live on alternate weekdays.
- ☺ Ice skating? Yeah right. The only thing I enjoy on ice is a gin and tonic.
- ☺ It’s so cold that my hot flashes are more like room temperature flashes.
- ☺ I traced my family tree. It grows mostly nuts.
- ☺ There is one kitchen chore that I definitely do not mind ... polishing off the cookies!
- ☺ The trouble with going out in the cold at my age is by the time I get all bundled-up, I’ve forgotten where I was going.
- ☺ I used to read the tabloids, but when the real news is weirder, what’s the point?
- ☺ When people walk away, let them. Your future is not about people who walk away. It’s about the people who stay in it for the ride.
- ☺ In this day and age, we honor cooks, nurses, chauffeurs, counselors, teachers, maids and referees. In other words ... moms.
- ☺ I have the right to remain silent ... I just don’t have the ability.
- ☺ Experience is the best teacher ... for people who won’t listen to good advice.

- ☺ If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model because almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.
- ☺ I've reached the age when my train of thought often leaves the station without me.
- ☺ I'm in the mood to do some spring cleaning. Apparently, cabin fever has made me delirious.
- ☺ Dishing the dirt is the closest I get to spring cleaning!
- ☺ At our age, we can hide our own Easter Eggs, wait half an hour, and have absolutely no clue where we put them.
- ☺ In my family I am notorious for getting lost and having absolutely no sense of direction. I often wonder what happened to all the people who have asked me for directions!
- ☺ I think my iPhone is broken. I pressed the home button and I'm still here.
- ☺ I exercised once and discovered that I am allergic to it! My skin flushed and my heart raced. I got all sweaty and short of breath. Very dangerous.
- ☺ Sometimes I tell myself to stop reading and get things done ... then I laugh and turn the page.
- ☺ Whoever is in charge of making sure I don't get in trouble ... you are fired!
- ☺ I've come full circle in my procrastination loop and ended up doing my taxes to avoid working out.
- ☺ I might wake up early and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery. The odds are about the same.
- ☺ My bad memory is the only reason that I reach my daily step goals: Where did I leave my keys? Why did I come into this room? Oops. I forgot my phone. And the list goes on ...
- ☺ Laundry Schedule: Sort – today, Wash – later, Fold – eventually, Iron – Ha ha ha!
- ☺ I'm starting to hold meetings at my house for folks who have OCD. I don't have it. I'm just hoping they will take one look and start cleaning.
- ☺ And now for some Puns to finish off for this month:
 - My grandson took 1st prize at the science fair when he taught his hummingbird to ring a bell for food. The judges said it was a real humdinger!
 - So, a guy walks into a bar. He yells, "Ouch, who put that stupid bar there!"
 - A royal castle was under siege from an infidel army. The only hope was to send one of the knights to get help, but the problem was that all the horses had been killed in the battle. "We must get help," said the king. "I know," replied the leader of his army, "but we have no horses. If a knight goes on foot, he will be slain at once." "Is there not another animal he can ride?" demanded the King. "What about that mighty Wolfhound? It could surely bear the weight of a man." "No, no," pleaded the army leader. "The Wolfhound is too dangerous. Look at its snarling teeth. I wouldn't send a knight out on a dog like this." Groan
 - If you are attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.
 - I had a really funny pun about a rope, but for now I'll just skip it.
 - I went to a school for magicians but failed the final exam. They were all trick questions.
 - I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

Until next month!

Calendar:

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

March 14

April 11

2nd Thursday of every month.

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Happy Daylight Savings time from Philly: We were blessed with pretty good weather this winter, in our part of the country.

Birthdays for January: **Robert Devine, John Gross, John Hassiepen, Leslie McAllister, Cathy Mc Gee, Mike McGlynn, Kenneth Medrow, Bill Phillis, John Szathowski, and Ray Willoughby.**

Birthdays for February: **Pamela Andrus, Dick Ems, Alan Finegan, Ella Graves Hammons, Dan Doran, and Gail Bradley.**

Birthdays for March: **Margaret Bastin, Shirley Pilgram, and Sherry Ryden.**

Birthdays for April: **Gerard Frey, and Shirley Roberts.**

It will be great getting together after these cold months. Once again we'll be having our April 8th meeting after this newsletter goes to print. Thank you to all that make this newsletter to keep us all informed. It is greatly appreciated.

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers Chapter of RUAEA.

Congratulations to:

March Birthdays ~ **Dave Beatty, Ray Sellers, Treatie Karwoski, Lorraine Keith, Max Seaholm and Barb Seaholm.**

March Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Kay Frye and Barb & Max Seaholm.**

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

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

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SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The Emerald City Slickers does not have any meeting planned until our annual summer picnic scheduled for July 9th, 2024 at **Kathi Skarbo**'s home in Burien, 12 Noon

We continue to hold the monthly Mechanics meeting on the 2nd Thursday at Trotter's Restaurant in Auburn, WA, please let **Ken Storey** know if you are planning to attend, (206) 244-9026.

We are looking forward to this year's Reunion in San Diego this year. Hope to see you there.

And now, just a little story for you from our neck of the woods: The Queen Anne Counterbalance Cable Car was a streetcar line operated by the Seattle Electric Company, serving the steep slope along its namesake street on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle. One day, a hearse was moving up Queen Anne Hill and when it reached the top, the back door swung open and the casket fell out, tumbled down the hill and rested inside a Drug Store. The corpse inside the casket asked the Pharmacist "*Do you have anything to stop this 'coffin'.*"

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

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Interested in a story of the pioneering women who changed the world while flying it? The "Fly With Me" episode of American Experience premiered on PBS on February 20. It was an amazing exploration into the battles fought by "stewardesses" for equality, unionization, and discrimination. Helen Dobrowski, one of the directors of the documentary, interviewed several of our Clipped Wings members who contributed to this chronicled and poignant piece about the struggles to reform their workplace. You will find it interesting, educational and historical. If you missed the show, you can stream it for free on the PBS app, YouTube (just search Fly With Me American Experience on YouTube).

Clipped Wings is a 501(3)(C) consisting of former, retired, and current flight attendants from United, United Express, Continental and Pan Am. Our main philanthropy is Special Olympics Parent Grants. If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member to "continue the connection", we can be found on our website at unitedclippedwingsinc.org, Instagram ([clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual)) and Facebook.



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The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **February 2024**:

Bushell, Frank, Golden, CO
Colvin, Laurel, Arvada, CO
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Lombardi, Debbie, Castle Pines, CO
Shipe, James, DCA, Winchester, VA
Thompson, Jeanne, SFOTO, Mill Valley, CA

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Retiree – **Gaynor, Sheryl Ann**, on 2/14/2024, Alliant CU, wife of Jim Gaynor of Elmhurst, Illinois and daughter of Tony Acoba.

Spouse – **Kalweit, Gert**, on 12/25/2023, husband of Lynn (nee Rode) Kalweit, WHQSY, 1260 Larchmont Drive, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Retiree – **Malley, Thomas L.**, on 10/10/2022, PITCG, husband of Sandra S. Malley (deceased), and father of Heather Malley Baranowski, 2515 Wexford Run Rd., Wexford, PA 15090
Retiree – **Mathews, Robert H.**, on 2/18/2024, ORDGQ, husband of Peggy S. Mathews, of 11004 Cleveland Rd., Mokena, IL 60448
Retiree – **Mc Pherson, John Roberts**, on 2/19/2024, ORDFD, husband of Joan (Topper) Mc Pherson, 1000 Boxwood Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Retiree – **Rothweiler, Herman A.**, on 2/16/2024, WHQHH, husband of Maria Rothweiler, 4045 Hudson Dr., Hoffman Estates 60195
Retiree – **Songer, David L.**, on 1/22/2023, JFKMM, husband of Sally E. (Connors) Songer, PO BOX 427, Orange, MA 01364
Retiree – **Younglove, James Allen**, on 1/19/2024, ORDCS, husband of Helen (Edwards) Younglove, of Clermont, FL

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:

Barbara Abnernathy, Margaret Buske, Lois Berryhill, Edward Carnes, Joan Gaydos, Wanda Garofalo, Kevin Garpel, Janice Healy, Homer Hudelson, Gloria Jordan, Larry Knaub, Beverly McAlister, Sue McCabe, Joan McGrane, Bob Minton, Ruth Morabito, Normal Kopel, Josephine Roller, Teddy Smith, and Grace Witt.

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.)

Millie & Larry Anzelmo, 6860 Bacon Ln., Chattanooga, TN 37421

We say, "Keep up the good work".

Larry and I are in our 90's now and do not travel much, just locally.

We enjoy our family and friends in the Chattanooga area.

Larry retired from United in 1986 in San Francisco.

Dianne Calderwood, 12368 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22556

I enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter so much.

My husband worked for UAL for 2 years.

I met him in the DC area and we got married. I was working as a stewardess at that time and had to quit working as a stewardess.

Thank you for all that you do to put the newsletter together.

LaDonna Klobe, 4058 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

Thank for the efforts in trying to locate the check I sent to pay my membership on November 25, 2023.

Also thanks to **Mal Malesardi** for resolving the problem.

We hope to see everyone at the next reunion!

Judith Macklin, 942 Bird bay Way, Venice, FL 34285

My apologies for the delay in renewing. I had not noticed I was past due, so thanks for the reminder.

Many, many thanks for all the work done to produce the very interesting monthly newsletter.

Keep up the excellent work!

John “Scotty” Thomas, 810 Gonzales Dr., 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132

Surprise, Surprise!

Three weeks ago, I was rescheduled for my semiannual physical. When my wife and I arrived they checked my weight, height, blood pressure and temperature. They were fine. The Nurse Practitioner, who was doing the physical, reviewed the lab test with me and then told me that everything was excellent except for two minor items, slightly low sodium and slightly high sugar. She then checked my heart and lungs, and they were good. With that done, we left the office with broad smiles on our faces. But the smiles did not last long.

As we approached our car, we could see a dent, as big as a baseball on our bumper. Where it had happened; it was obvious somewhere else, probably at home, we talked about what to do.

We had 2 brothers that moved in above us and we had befriended them. One was Eddie, who was an iron worker and the other, Eric, worked in an auto shop.

Helen, my wife, went upstairs and talked to Eddie. He told her he would have Eric, take a look at it.

A few days later, when we were going shopping, we saw that the dent was gone, but it was still very dirty.

We bought a six pack of beer and Nellie went into our emergency fund to get some cash to add to the beer.

Eric answered the door and said it must have been Eddie. He'd hold the beer and cash for Eddie. A few more days went by and the bumper was all cleaned up and all you could see was two small scratches, less than an inch.

A few more days went by and she ran into Eddie and thanked him. He said it was not him, must have been the person who had done it and he would be returning the cash.

Then last night Eric showed up at the door with the cash and a box to replace the beer which they drank. In the box was a beautiful bowl with a lid, probably for candies.

This brings to mind a greeting I always got from Kenny Ahern, BOD (dec), “*What a Country! Scotty, What a Country!*”

A funny for this month:

A doctor and a bus driver were both in love with the same woman.

The bus driver had to go on a week-long trip. Before he left he gave her 7 apples, why?

An apple a day, keeps the doctor away.

Notes

LaDonna Klobe

Thanks to RUAEA for all you do, and keep us so well informed.

Carol Suminski

United opened up a new life of travel for our family. So many opportunities, enjoyment. Thank you RUAEA for keeping us up to date in retirement.

Burt Zastera

I can't believe I'm almost 5 years into retirement already. Is it me, or does time seem to speed up as soon as you clock out of UAL the last time? What day is this, anyway? I enjoy staying in touch with some of my UAL family by attending our local RUAEA chapter's luncheons. Each new day is a gift and I try to live it that way.

Dwayne Harrold

I forgot to renew my RUAEA membership 2½ years ago due to a couple of small strokes, I'm doing much better. I missed all the info you provided in the Newsletter.

John Curry

My thanks to all the retirees who volunteer their time and energy to RUAEA.

Linda A. Rice

I have very little going on in a day now, except trying to stay healthy and walking with my companion, Benji every day. I am grateful I had the opportunity to have spent 42½ years with United. I worked with wonderful people, always learned a lot and of course had the opportunity to travel to many places.

I enjoy keeping up with the current and memories of the company and co-workers, with RUAEA.

Gary E. Church

Myrna & I have recently moved into a retirement community in Fargo, ND.

We always appreciated the news and updates re: United in the newsletter. Thank you RUAEA!

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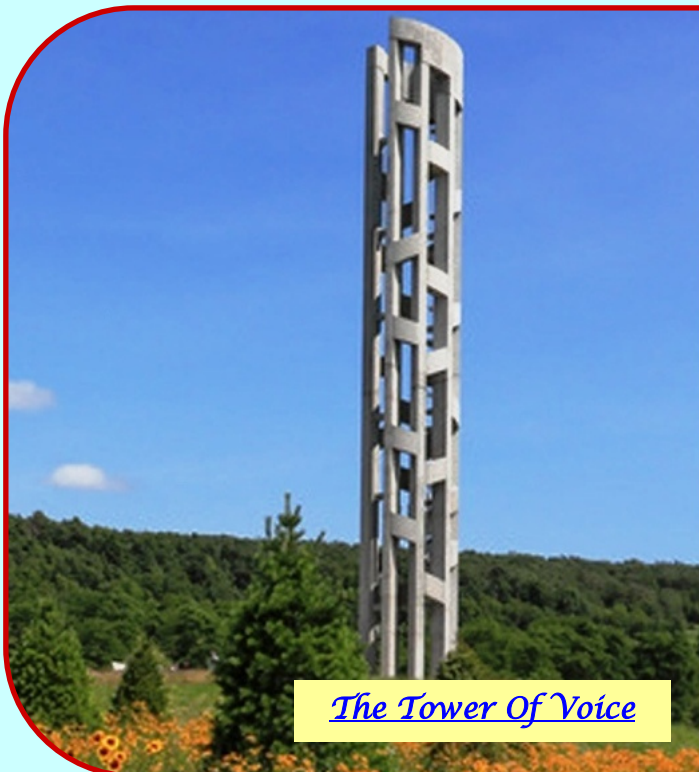


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The Tower Of Voice



The Tower is conceived as a monumental, ninety-three feet tall Musical Instrument holding forty Wind Chimes, representing the Forty Passengers and Crew Members. It is intended to be a landmark feature near the memorial entrance, visible from U.S. Route 30, the Lincoln Highway. The Tower of Voices provides a living memorial in sound to remember the forty through their ongoing voices. There are no other Chime Structures like this in the world. The Tower project was constructed from 2017 to 2018 with a dedication of the project on September 10, 2020. Funding for the design and construction of the project was provided through private donations to the National Park Foundation and the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. The shape and orientation of the Tower are designed to optimize air flow through the Tower walls to reach the interior chime chamber. The Chime system is designed using music theory to identify a mathematically developed range of frequencies needed to produce a distinct musical note associated with each chime. The applied music theory allows the sound produced by individual chimes to be musically compatible with the sound produced by the other chimes in the Tower. The intent is to create a set of forty tones (voices) that can connote through consonance the serenity and nobility of the site while also through dissonance recalling the event that consecrated the site. The Chimes are wind-activated. Due to variations in wind direction and speed, some Wind Chimes may remain motionless while others are partially or fully activated. The Chimes will sound at wind speeds as low as 7-10 mph. The shape and orientation of the Tower help optimize airflow through the open walls. ■