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The Writers' Column ~ Remembering 9/11 *By Charles Bogert*

As this 2020 summer slowly begins to close for me, like perhaps many others, this, I believe, hasn't really been our greatest year. The Covid Virus has taken center stage and being confined to a "Shelter in Place" option isn't really my idea of enjoyment. True, many of us probably did find time to complete long overdue projects we had put on hold until after we retired, but the terms of their completion were not always our best enjoyment. As I slowly "visited" this summer, I thought of many things, but like every summer for the last 15 years, I always reflected back to my thoughts of September 11, 2001. In my own way, I always take time to reflect back on that day and to remember the "Airline" family we lost.

In September of 2001, my wife and I had planned a 4 day vacation to visit Maui, but instead we got stuck in Maui and it took us 11 days to return home. I started my career with United, at Newark and grew up in Hoboken, NJ across from New York City and remember the Trade Center being built and to me this event was personal. Although in 2001, I was now working at SFO, I still had many United friends and family still in the NYC area and as a tribute to them, in 2005 I wrote an article highlighting airline employees and their sacrifices they were sometimes forced to make for the public. At the time I wrote the article I was retired, working in security for a worldwide company where people had access to my article and many people who did read it and people researched to find me, to mention they would never again look at airline employees again in the same light. To that I was extremely grateful. I did know friends and employees who were lost during 9/11 and did have family members who only missed working in that area that day because of schedule changes. As I recap my thoughts to put them down on paper, it all comes back and thank God I was able to honor them in some way. All United employees, regardless of their department, I'm sure, all shared the same sympathies.



About 20 miles from San Francisco and 15 miles from where I now live is a town called Union City, CA, which houses a memorial honoring those lost on Flight 93. Most of the passengers were from the SFO area, but several others were also honored including our flight crew, who lost their lives. Who would have known that when Flight 93 departed Newark, their names would be etched on individual 4 foot memorial markers several years later in a place they probably never heard of? The area is visited every "9/11" by many and well maintained by the city. I have visited it several times and always left with sadness and memories. To those we lost, God bless them.

The following was only part of my several page tribute, but I hope the message is still there.

The excerpts from the article begins: Pandemonium seemed evident. The returning passengers, many disoriented, isolated and lonely were now overcrowding the terminals. Still reluctant to accept what had happened, these shaken people sought direction. Windows of information seemed closed and they looked towards United Customer Service to open them.

Airline people serve the public. Proudly representing the company for which they work, their everyday dedication of joining world destinations together are demanding and ever changing, but for the most part their actions go unnoticed. To the flying public, customer service representatives are the first employees the public encounters. They are the first to greet you, check your luggage, assist in seat selection, offer flight information, and many services required to allow your trouble free departure.

Flight attendants welcome you on board your flight, attend to your onboard requests and carry the reassuring comfort sometimes required by the less than frequent flyers.

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GENERAL NEWS

Benefits Annual Enrollment is coming



➔ Active employees: October 19 – 30

➔ Retiree, COBRA, VSP & Furloughs: November 2 - 13

For easy access for annual enrollment information, go to Flying Together. Click on the banner and it will take you directly to YBR and your specific information.

Heart 2 Heart 4 Seniors



To all of the Veterans and families, living and deceased, we thank you for your service and sacrifices so that we can live in a free country. We are profoundly grateful for all that you have done for our nation.

Thank you for your personal

sacrifices that have enabled our country to be free and home of the brave!

If you are a Veteran who served during wartime or if you are a spouse of a Veteran, did you know you may be eligible for the Aid and Attendance benefit? It would be our honor to be able to serve you!

To learn more about this benefit or the other senior services we provide, please feel free to contact us, (303) 371-4100, h2h4seniors.com, 9725 E. Hampden Ave., Suite 100, Denver, CO 80231

Flu or COVID-19? September 28, 2020



With flu season beginning in the Northern Hemisphere, it is a good time to familiarize yourself with the differences between flu and COVID-19. We regularly update our Flying Together Q&A on the COVID-19 page with questions and answers. The latest version includes information about how to tell the difference between the two illnesses, how long after exposure symptoms typically begin, and when to seek emergency medical attention for COVID-19.

In a nutshell: Both COVID-19 and flu can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms to severe ones. Common symptoms of both COVID-19 and flu include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain, and headache. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, but this is more common in children than in adults. Other signs and symptoms of COVID-19 may include a change in or loss of taste or smell.

You can visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm> to learn more.

National Food Safety Education Month in a nutshell September 18, 2020



We've all been there. We drop a slice of bread or piece of cheese, quickly pick it up, blow on it, mutter "five-second rule" and go back to making our sandwich. But what would our food safety experts in Catering Operations say?

"The five-second rule doesn't prevent bacteria and other germs from getting on fallen food," said Food Safety Director Vanessa Lindstrom. *"If you can't wash the food that's fallen on the floor, don't eat it!"*

As a home cook, you may wonder what other common myths may be impacting the safety of the food you prepare. Here are a couple to marinate on:

Myth: You shouldn't put hot foods in the refrigerator.

Fact: Hot food can be placed in the refrigerator. Large amounts of food should be divided into small portions and put into shallow containers for faster cooling in the refrigerator. Bacteria can grow rapidly on food left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

Myth: When I microwave food, the microwave kills the bacteria.

Fact: Microwaves don't kill bacteria – the heat generated by microwaves kills the bacteria. Microwave ovens are great time-savers and will kill bacteria in foods when heated to a safe internal temperature.

Also, while we typically use the word “safety” on a broad scale, it usually implies the safety of our employees, customers and equipment. Food safety, however, encompasses the safety of the food and beverages consumed by our employees and customers. Every day, our Food Safety team is upholding the highest standards of proper sourcing, processing, handling and preparation of the food and beverages we provide for our customers, Catering Operations teammates and fellow Inflight coworkers. This month in particular, for National Food Safety Education Month, the team put together engaging activities and friendly competition opportunities like building a bacteria, designing posters, educational demonstrations and games.

United to offer customers COVID-19 testing **September 24, 2020**



We announced recently that we are launching a COVID-19 pilot testing program that will offer customers the option to take a rapid test at the airport or a self-collected, mail-in test ahead of their trip. We are the first U.S. airline to offer such an option, making it easier for our customers to manage quarantine requirements and entry conditions of popular destinations around the world.

The program will launch on October 15 for customers traveling from SFO to Hawaii destinations. Select international destinations will follow.

The rapid Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test – administered by GoHealth Urgent Care and their partner Dignity Health – provides results in approximately 15 minutes and will be available to our customers on the same day as their flight departing from SFO. The mail-in test option will be administered by Color, and it is recommended that customers initiate testing at least 10 days prior to their trip and provide their sample within 72 hours of their trip.

We worked closely with Hawaii officials to ensure that any United customer – both visitors and Hawaiian residents returning home – who tests negative on either test would not be subjected to the state's current 14-day quarantine requirement.

“Our new COVID testing program is another way we are helping customers meet their destinations’ entry requirements, safely and conveniently,” said SVP and Chief Customer Officer Toby Enqvist. *“We’ll look to quickly expand customer testing to other destinations and U.S. airports later this year to complement our state-of-the-art cleaning and safety measures that include a mandatory mask policy, antimicrobial and electrostatic spraying and our hospital-grade HEPA air filtration systems.”*

We currently offer more flights to Hawaii than any other major network carrier, including daily service between SFO and HNL (Honolulu), OGG (Maui) and KOA (Kona). We are increasing service to the Aloha State on October 15 with the resumption of service between SFO and LIH (Lihue) and additional flights between SFO and OGG and KOA.

Torgy’s Travel Tips – November 2020 **Cruises, All-Inclusives and Trusted Traveler Programs**

Pumpkins adorn the entrance to grocery stores, the candy aisle is stuffed with Halloween goodies, Thanksgiving decorations are prominent eye-catchers at the craft stores and I saw Christmas décor for sale at Costco even before the autumnal equinox. As we prepare ourselves for our first fall and winter of Covid-19's unwanted embrace, it is not surprising to long for the normalcy that our traditions provide. For us airline folks, this is also when we often take advantage of “shoulder season” travel opportunities for that trip to faraway tropical lands or popular tourist locations bereft of school groups. But, as Bob Dylan wrote, “The Times They Are A-Changing”. The issue is not **if** we will find a bargain on a balcony cabin or availability of an ocean view room at an all-inclusive resort, it's whether either of those entities are even operating and/or allowed to welcome guests from the USA. Here's what my research at this point in time indicates. **(Caveat: The following information was current and correct as of October 1, 2020 but rules and regulations are constantly changing so it is advisable to check before you put down a deposit.)**



Kathie Torgison

Cruises: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had placed a “no sail” order until mid-February 2021 on cruise ships serving the US. The White House, however, just blocked that order and the new “OK to sail” date is October 31, 2020. Florida, home to the majority of cruise ship departures in the US and crucial to the outcome of the upcoming election, stands to benefit by this earlier reopening. But don’t plan for Thanksgiving onboard just yet. CLIA (Cruise Lines International Association) has indicated this will be a phased-in approach taking 30 to 60 days at least to prepare for the first departures. Destinations will be limited initially to the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. Crew, from captains to laundry workers must be repositioned and quarantined for 14 days. There will be lower capacity levels to ensure social distancing, touch-free entry and exit zones must be created and tested and, of course, a plethora of disinfection protocol training

with the staff must take place.

On a recent cruise webinar I attended, it was clear that cruise lines are carefully addressing safety issues related to every part of the cruise experience. US cruise lines have released a 74 pages report to the CDC detailing safety protocols. Based on successful outcomes from European cruise lines that are currently operating for European citizens only, some of the new standards include:

- ➔ Masks mandatory for everyone onboard whenever social distancing is impossible
- ➔ Masks mandatory during port calls
- ➔ No exiting the ship if you are not on a sanctioned tour
- ➔ Shore excursions will operate in a “travel bubble”
- ➔ 3rd party operators for shore excursions may not be utilized
- ➔ Buffets will not be self-serve
- ➔ More in-room dining options will be offered
- ➔ Plexiglas dividers between chair clusters in lounges
- ➔ Daily health broadcasts will be made
- ➔ Higher water temperatures used in laundry
- ➔ New air-flow management and ventilation modifications
- ➔ Fully provisioned medical facilities
- ➔ Quarantine cabins provided if situation presents
- ➔ Sanitizers, sanitizers, sanitizers everywhere

Cruise lines are offering flexible cancellation policies. As of this writing some are only available till October 31st, 2020, but are likely to be extended as demand is so low. Many cruise companies are not publishing departures until 2021 anyway. Realistically, it will be mid-to-late 2021 before cruising could freely open up to US citizens according to the cruise experts I spoke with. Although European river cruises have already begun, most Christmas markets along those waterways are closing this year. And more importantly, until the European Union lifts the quarantine ban on US citizens, those cruises will be limited to local residents only, according to AAA.

Now if you’re afraid to get stuck in the middle of the ocean with no place to dock if the virus breaks out, you might opt for an all-inclusive resort instead. It’s like cruising, but you stay in one place. The price includes your room, which is several times larger than one on a cruise ship, all meals, drinks, gratuities, entertainment, large swimming pools, non-motorized sports and vast open spaces so there is less crowding. Since check-in times are staggered, there are no long waiting lines. You pay in advance and there’s no bill on the day you check out. There are many all-inclusives in Mexico and the Caribbean. Check out our partner ID90Travel or TripTrust for suggestions.

And speaking of international travel, many people were in the midst of applying for Trusted Traveler Program Global Entry and/or Nexus when the enrollment centers closed in mid-March. For those who received *conditional* approval and have paid their fee but have not had their *personal* interview, the enrollment centers reopened on September 8th, but the backlog is huge. You can track your status by logging into your conditional account at www.ttp.dhs.gov. If you have the opportunity to enter the US by air before you can get an appointment, you can use the *Enrollment on Arrival* program, which allows you to complete your interview when you arrive in the US from an international flight.

And lastly, a couple of great enhancements are now available on www.united.com. The Destination Travel Guide allows you to filter and view Covid-19 travel restrictions by destination. It’s really great as it tells you what medical certification is required, if non-essential shops are open, if restaurants, hotels, bars and museums are open and what physical distance and mask requirements are in place. The other enhancement is the Map

Search which filters your search for locations offering beaches, national parks, hiking, culture or romantic getaway locations. Good work from the united.com group!

And like a slogan I recently saw from a cruise line: Like the tide, we will return!

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.

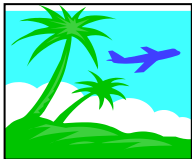
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST **(ALABAMA / FLORIDA)**

George Atteberry, the correspondent for the Gulf Coast chapter has moved to Indiana. The newsletter staff thanks George for his monthly reports. As George is no longer available to write, we hope there is a Gulf Coast member who will volunteer to take over the correspondent position. Please contact the Gulf Coast President or the RUAEA newsletter, ruaenewsletter@surewest.net.

Please note, the Indy Racers included a biography of **George Atteberry** in their current chapter report.

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Due to the virus, our Birmingham chapter will not meet again until possibly the second Monday in December. We wish all of you good health and look forward to meeting again.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to

join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



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

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Most of the locals who stay here in the Phoenix area are happy that the weather has turned cooler; they were getting tired of over the 100 degrees weather, and I would agree. This is also the time of the year when a lot of the “Snowbirds” return to enjoy the milder weather than they were experiencing back home, but this year things are a lot different due to the COVID-19 Virus. November brings the Election Day on November 3 (I think we all will be glad when that’s over), November 11 is Veteran’s Day, and November 26 is Thanksgiving. Soon after comes Christmas and before you know it, the New Year is upon us. Time sure flies, doesn’t it? Hopefully, a new vaccine will be available and next year, 2021, will be a lot different and better than we have experienced this year.

Our chapter has not met since the March 11th luncheon at the Stone and Barrel Restaurant at the Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes. We sure miss getting together for our normal breakfasts and luncheons. I noticed in the RUAEA Newsletter that a chapter in California was considering getting together in an open outdoor area with tables and benches, and possibly arranging to have “box lunches”, or bringing their own food/beverages. Maybe we should consider something like that. It’s an idea anyway! Let our President **Shirley Claggett** or Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know how you feel about this.

The October issue of the RUAEA Newsletter has a lot of interesting information to read. One article was “Travel planning made easier with new feature, September 3, 2020”. This is about travelers trying to navigate travel restrictions due to COVID-19 with a new interactive map tool on united.com and the United mobile app that allows customers to filter and view travel restrictions for a desired destination. Customers can click on each state to view local regulations and travel guidance. This includes Tourism accommodations open, bars and cafes open, Museum and heritages sites open, plus whether mask and physical distancing is required. A lot of information there for those considering travel to another state.

Also, another great article in the same issue of the RUAEA Newsletter about fully utilizing the website at www.ruaea.org and take advantage of its many features. This website is available for free. A lot of good and important information is available there!

I noticed a difference in the RUAEA Newsletter, where all the different chapter’s name and correspondent name and contact are all highlighted now in a box. Helps to separate all the chapter’s information clearly. Good job!

We heard from **Ginny Rockenhauser** and she finally had her knee replacement surgery towards the end of September; she is recovering at home and using a walker. Glad to hear she finally was able to have it done as it was postponed from an earlier time. Cards can be sent to her at 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85118. Looking forward to seeing you again soon, Ginny!

We have the following two birthdays in November: **Pam Gerstung** and **JoAnne Gaudioso**. Happy Birthday to both of you! Three couples have Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Harry & Doreen Cloud**,

John & Donna Smiley, and Sandi Fowler & Mark Martin. Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes go out to all!

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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

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Next meeting, time and place TBD

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There is still no news from our Chapter so I'm hoping that "No news is good news!" My wife and I have pretty much stayed in and only go to the mailbox. I'm glad I'm on **Dale Harper**'s E-mail list so I get the news about UAL. There was a list of employee layoffs that will affect so many. I'm just glad that in my 37 employment years I did not have to go through something like that.

Being isolated for these many months is getting a little boring. My wife and I have been busy playing cards and what little hobbies we have. We did have visits from our daughter from Portland, OR and our granddaughter from that area too but at different times. The worse thing is that I was unable to hug or kiss them like we have always done. Now we have another granddaughter who lives near Sacramento, CA who is expecting her first child in November. They are going to have a baby shower for her that we had to turn down and when the baby is born, we will have to wait for computer pictures. This will be the only great grandchild that we were not able to be there when the baby arrived.

I'll be glad when the election is over with. The TV commercials about the candidates and propositions are getting repetitive to a point where my earlier decisions have changed and I might change my thinking on all of them.

Finally this makes sense ... Son: "Mom can I get twenty bucks". Mom: Does it look like I am made of money. Son: "Well isn't that what M.O.M stands for?"

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Submitted by Thomas Sabo

Once again, due to Covid 19, the Desert Sunbirds did not meet for a luncheon this month. We are hoping to get together in December if circumstances allow.

At least our temperatures are coming down into double digits here in the desert. We had more than 100 days of triple digit temperatures. That is the best news we can send for now.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the San Francisco East Bay. As I write this (on October 7), we are beginning to see blue skies, good to moderate air quality, and typical fall weather. The statistics on the wildfires this year are beyond belief. My heart goes out to everyone who lost their home or business, and to those who lost family members in the fires.

If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area, you may want to bookmark www.baaqmd.gov on your computer. This site gives hourly updates on all the locations in the Bay Area. Given all the microclimates in our region, there is a big difference in air quality between locations. You can also scroll backwards date-wise to see what air quality was like on any particular day. Every morning, when I turn on my computer, I open the website, move forward to the current date, and then bookmark that. There have been many days when the air didn't look "that bad" but the rating was in the orange range of 101-150, which is "unhealthy for sensitive groups." On those days, I did not walk or do any gardening to play it safe.

For everyone else all over the country, another great website is airnow.gov. You enter your zip code and it gives you the latest air quality info.

And here is this month's PSA - regarding gift cards of all things. If you're like me, you probably have a nice collection of restaurant and department store gift cards tucked away in your desk, saving them for when you "really need something." With so many retail stores declaring bankruptcy, and restaurant chains going out of business, haul out those cards and go on a spending spree! Remember the adage "Use it or Lose it." Buy things you need if you must, but treat yourself to something fun. It will lift your spirits, and give you something to look forward to until it's delivered. With restaurants, you can order take out online and use up your gift card that way.

Ken Price, our resident storyteller, is back with some more great tales. The first two are about foreign speakers not understanding slang. We've all experienced this in our travels I'm sure.

Years ago I had some guys from China at SFOMB to plan for the overhaul of their airplane and when the meeting was over I said, "*OK, are we all okey-dokey?*" There were four of them and they all opened their English to Chinese dictionaries. The boss said, "*Mr. Price, what does okey-dokey mean?*" He had never heard the phrase and it came so natural to me. I said it meant we all understood and agreed with our plan. He smiled and repeated a couple of times, okey-dokey. I shudder to think if things had been reversed and we were in China and using Chinese.

United had an All Nippon Airlines 747 in the Oakland maintenance facility for the 747 Section 41 nose rework. ANA had sent about 10-12 engineering folks to monitor United's work and progress. They were sharp and very knowledgeable and told their boss that United was behind schedule. He had emphasized the necessity

for an on time completion as the aircraft was going to be a revenue flight from SFO. Well, as often happens, maintenance items don't necessarily cooperate with man-made schedules. I had attended a prior United meeting where the maintenance items were discussed and it was evident the schedule was in jeopardy. The ANA boss came into the office, expressed his concern, and wanted to know what United was going to do to ensure an on time release. I told him the schedule looked "iffy" but everything possible would be done to meet the schedule. He looked at me and said, "*What does iffy mean?*" I said, "*Not good!*" Now that he understood and it was a difficult next couple of days. The release was late but it did make a delayed SFO departure.

Who knew that United Airlines had an Airframe Maintenance Center in Oakland, California? As I recall, in 1988 a section of a Hawaiian Airlines High Time 737 had a structural failure and a section of the forward upper fuselage departed the aircraft. Extensive investigation indicated evidence of corrosion and metal fatigue compounded by Hawaiian's high airframe cycle rate due to their short trip routes among the islands. This resulted in the FAA requiring increased and more intensive inspections and repairs, which in turn resulted in an increase in overhaul dock days. In the same time period the Boeing High Time 747 Fleet was experiencing some nose section structure cracking which required extensive cockpit removal, repair and reinstallation. It was a big job and where do you get the hanger space to accommodate all this additional airframe maintenance?

Lo and behold, World Airways had a large four body / two narrow body aircraft hanger they had just vacated in Oakland. At that time, United was overhauling World's DC-10 CF-6 engines so we made contact to see about the availability of the hanger. It is owned by the Port of Oakland so an arrangement was made to lease it for the additional airframe requirements. Due to the 747 nose problems, Boeing asked United if they could handle the repairs for their customers. United agreed to make one wide body hanger available for Boeing customers in addition to United's fleet in the other three hangers. So the OAK Maintenance Center was opened. Various international airlines 747's were modified there. The center remained open until 2003 and then all activities returned to SFO.

Here are some more recommended books. With cooler weather on the horizon, and Covid-19 still keeping us at home most of the time, curling up with a good book is a wonderful way to pass the time.

I belong to Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The new State Librarian has started a virtual book club and the first meeting in August had 135 members in the two Zoom sessions! They read and discussed *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. This is historical fiction about the blue people of Kentucky and FDR's New Deal program that brought books to about 100,000 residents of Appalachia from 1935-1943. The book and author were also featured in the February 2020 issue of *The Costco Connection*. Everyone I've talked to has raved about this book. The book we are reading now is *These Is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1818-1901* by Nancy E. Turner. This book chronicles the life of a courageous woman in the Arizona Territories. It won the Arizona Author Award and was a finalist for the Willa Cather Literary Award.

The Spring 2020 issue of my sorority magazine had a fascinating article about Tracy Walder, who was recruited by the CIA during her junior year at USC. "Directly from the sorority house to the CIA, she spent time as a covert operative, assuming aliases, interrogating terrorists, and thwarting chemical attacks." She said her favorite course was "Crash and Bang" which is the defensive driving course where they learn how to drive defensively and aggressively in foreign countries. They also had poison school and cyber security courses. She has written a book, *The Unexpected Spy*, about her secret life from the CIA to the FBI, taking down some of the world's most notorious terrorists. It went through many revisions because the CIA had to approve what she wrote. Her story has also inspired a TV show that is currently in production under ABC studios.

Adorable Wildlife Babies ~ September 22 was World Rhino Day! Disney's Animal Kingdom celebrated World Rhino Day by announcing that three of their rhinos are pregnant! Kendi's baby is expected in October, and moms Lola and Jao are due in late 2021. The rhino moms were chosen to breed through Species Survival Plans, which are overseen by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to ensure the responsible breeding of endangered species. Ten rhinos have been born at Animal Kingdom since the park opened in 1998. Disney is hopeful that these three upcoming arrivals will raise awareness about the need to conserve wild rhino species around the world.

On February 22, the Denver Zoo announced the arrival of its first greater one-horned rhino calf. This birth was truly a miracle. The little girl, who has been named Joona, was born to first-time mom Tensing after 11 failed artificial insemination procedures.

The 13-year-old rhino mom was quick to bond with her little bundle of hooves and started nursing, grooming, and napping with her baby shortly after the birth. Just by existing, this female calf is helping preserve her species, which is listed as "Vulnerable" by the IUCN Red List. Once widespread throughout several Asian countries, the greater one-horned rhino, also known as the Indian rhino, dwindled down to a

population of just 200 in the 20th century due to being hunted for sport. Strict protection efforts have helped the species rebound. There are now an estimated 3,500 greater one-horned rhinos in the wild. The species is still threatened by human-rhino conflicts, poaching, and habitat loss. The full article can be found at: <https://people.com/pets/denver-zoo-first-baby-greater-one-horned-rhino/>

The video below will make you laugh out loud. At three weeks old, she is totally adorable and already showing a playful side, bumping her mom and sparring with her.

<https://ourcommunitynow.com/video/video-take-your-mind-off-things-with-the-denver-zoos-baby-rhino-being-adorable>

Until next month, take care everyone and stay safe. Get your flu shots, and be sure to get the version for folks 65 and older!

GOLDEN GATERS

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Hello all! Greetings from the Golden Gaters – AKA (also known as) the “At Riskers”. Somehow or other we have managed to be in that age group that gets us all kinds of special attention. Most we could do without (drink lots of water, exercise, wear that mask, don’t fall, etc., etc., etc.) As you know, we have cancelled our October and November meetings. Please keep December 9th on your calendar as we are hoping to have our Christmas celebration on that day. We are talking to our local restaurant and if all goes well we might be able to meet. We will let those of you on the roster know what is going on. It is, of course, subject to change. Please send me your email address so the info can get out to you – and make my life easier!

President **Vera Kina** had to celebrate **Walter’s** 90th birthday with only a few around the cake! The icing on the cake goes to **Bob Donovan’s** family. To celebrate his 99th Natal Day, his family contacted 50 or so of their friends who have vintage cars and they paraded around his home, honking horns, and having a good time wishing him a happy day. I’m sure there were many smiles and laughter as friends drove by, up and down the neighborhood, tooting their horns. What a dandy idea! What a milestone Bob; Happy Birthday from us all! I know that I am missing many birthdays amongst the group as well as anniversaries. From March to now – that’s a lot of cake we missed out on. And all those candles we could have blown out. Belated congratulations to you all – we will celebrate next year!

I am sitting at the computer looking at a beautiful Fall oil painting that hangs on the wall that **Joan Denton** painted. I am sure you all remember her as one of the yearly contributors who auctioned off one of her paintings at the RUAEA conventions. I loved her pictures and would always buy tickets; put my ticket stubs in the coffee can, hoping I would win. I finally did and it hangs on my wall – it reminds me of her and what a neat lady she was ... and what a talent! I have had to forego my annual trek back and forth to Door County, Wisconsin this year ... mainly because of being an “At Risker”. I understand that the Fall colors are outstanding in WI this year and I am sure that traveling buddy, **Claudia Alt**, daughter of **Les Olson** (SFO MOC) is sorry that she doesn’t hear me continually saying, “Oh, look at those beautiful trees,” every time we would go around a corner. We have done this trek about 17 years, seen so many beautiful National Parks, driven through herds of buffalo (we were corrected ... they are bison!) stood on the “Corner in Winslow, Arizona,” eaten at the Road Kill Cafe (“You kill it, we grill it.”) We have had many terrific miles on the road – “Thelma and Louise” with a better ending! And plan on many more to follow ... too many places we still have to see. Our favorite restaurant in Altoona, NE, The Big Steer, had a fire so they have been closed. Best Prime Rib and Steaks in town!

Sad news to report with the passing of **Rex Reelfs** on October 4th. He and **Margaret** have been long time members of the Golden Gaters and we will miss him. He worked in SFOPD, the Jet Shop and was a Lead Sheet Metal Technician working the Test Cell area for many years. We hope that Margaret will join us when we get back together again. She is a retired schoolteacher and it would have been a blast to be in her class as she has some really funny stories to tell. Keep **Ben & Linda Vietz** in your thoughts as they are going through some difficult times, one of their daughters is a Pilot with UAL. Had a nice call from **Bernice Trullinger**, she and **Ralph** are in an assisted living place in Hayward.

Keep the Faith, stay well and stay hydrated and do know you are in our thoughts and heart!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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September Report: Well, here we are again, surviving Covid, dealing with 100+ degrees of weather, wearing face masks that are supposed to filter out the virus but now may help with – all this smoke! I spoke to **Suzanne Kenny** and she tells me they have **no** power so that may be affecting many of you. So, do you think that maybe God and Mother Nature are ticked off with us humans? Remember that oleo ad that said, “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature”?

September is plodding along – not really “off and running”, but I think of this month as a kind of “transition” month. We still have the summer heat, but the days are getting noticeably shorter. We have a holiday right off the bat and then it is a long haul to Halloween at the end of October. September 22 plunks us into Autumn! All you folks who are Grandparents – Sunday, September 13 is our day, kind of like most days.

We don’t have any member anniversaries this month. Sending a Happy Birthday if September is your birth month. I read somewhere that September has the most birthdays.

Since I’m sending this out early, **Tom Kenny** hasn’t received our monthly banking statement. But, since we don’t have raffle money to deposit, I’m figuring that the balance is the same as last month’s.

Our wonderful president, **Bill Dinette**, shared information regarding UAL including “SPA” (Standby Process Automation); UAL App’s new look for booking NRSA. Now that you are aware of the plans UA has for this new “SAP” process, I feel obligated to inform you of the reality of stand by (NRSA) flying. I spoke with four separate retired UA employees who were attempting to fly standby on UA since the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic and even though flight destinations were different, their experience was pretty much the same. Standby seats were not available. CSRs told retirees that there were no seats for non-rev travel. Reps suggested retirees purchase a positive space ticket. All of the four retirees I spoke with did purchase positive space tickets, three bought the employee discount tickets and one just paid full fare. When they attempted to board, all the flights were not allowing carry-on bags. All bags had to be checked and the retirees were charged \$30.00 for each bag checked. Also, not one of the flights were filled to the 70% boarding capacity. All the flights were less than 50% full but not one non-rev person was allowed to board. If it was only one retiree who was not allowed boarding, I would say that was just bad luck, but four different people at different airports on different flights on different dates makes me think that our flight benefits are non-existing, at least until the end of this pandemic.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** checked in with us: “Greetings all, now that things are beginning to settle down a bit with some of the local fires I wanted to check in and see if you are all well and safe. Did anyone have to evacuate? Anyone still in danger? And can we help in any way? The air quality up in the foothills is still in the very hazardous zone and we expect it to stay that way for a day or two more. Needless to say, we are really sheltering **in** place.

With the pandemic, the extreme heat wave, schools starting up and now so many fires it’s hard to stay positive. Here’s my take on things ... my yard and garden are looking better than ever, I’m learning how to use all sorts of electronics I had no interest in before, I had 2 hand surgeries this summer and didn’t miss a single trip because of it (no place safe to go), and I’m spending lots of time catching up on the phone with friends near and far. I hope you are all keeping busy too.

Take care, stay safe and healthy and keep in touch ~ **Sonda Sandstedt**”

Good to hear from you, Sonda, and hope you continue to keep those weeds at bay and your hand has healed well!

So, one of the reasons I am getting this out early is because it has been decided that the September luncheon idea that was presented last month – meeting outdoors with “brown bag lunches” - didn’t seem to be well received. Only a few of you responded and of those, only a few were **yes!** With the awful smoke level presenting yet another deterrent, it became a “no-brainer”. Thanks to **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** for offering to

organize the luncheon. **Bill & Pati Kenney**, you signed up for October, but, we have **no** idea what October will bring. It goes without saying that 2020 has been quite a year! Just when we think things are settling down – Wham! A new challenge is thrown out there. Good thing we are not wimps!

I do want to share with you that Hangtown Miners have lost a member. **Liz Church** passed away on August 22. I did not have a chance to actually “meet” Liz, but did chat with her from time to time. I also saw a notice for **Dorothy Stroud**. Dorothy & Darryll were members for quite a while. Darryll passed away a few years ago. While I, personally, did not know these ladies, maybe some of you who have been members longer did. Our condolences goes out to each of their families.

Okay, that’s about it for now. September luncheon is canceled and we will see about October. All of you, please be extra careful. Don’t want you to become hermits, but caution is good. I didn’t get any snapshots of you or what you have been doing to keep busy – would love to get some – please! It’s hard to not be able to “see” each other in person, so it would be fun to at least see each other in pics.

October Report: Tis the month for witches, warlocks, ghosts, goblins, pumpkins turning into wicked - or funny - jack-o-lanterns, spiders dropping from the ceiling, clowns, princesses or princes, candy galore, children (many ages accepted) dressed up to go house to house trick or treating under a full moon (this year!) and their parents’ watchful eye, sugar comas when they go to bed! Ah, the wonderful month of Halloween! These days our youngsters can go to the Halloween Store and buy amazing costumes for just about any character they may want to dress up as. But, do you remember how we used to get ready for our trip out on that magical night? Sure, we could go “buy” an outfit - well, maybe - but I remember scrounging thru the old clothes and coming up with something “original”. Many “hobos” and clowns, cowboys/girls, ghosts with an old sheet (yes, the white cotton ones) or a bride using a crinoline slip upside down on my head for the veil! Mom’s red lipstick and some rouge too! My Mom would go thru our candy “take” and she’d slip out those chocolate candy bars to savor later - we didn’t care, all that crazy, sugary, dye filled junk was just as fun for us! We may be in our “Golden Years”, but I still get such a kick seeing all those excited little faces and their fun get ups each year. The really little ones are so endearing and if they have an older sibling with them, they are whisked away quickly so they can rush to the next house for more candy!

I also love to see the groups of parents who are waiting out on the sidewalk; some dressed up in costumes too, having a good time chatting and laughing with each other and, some even have a glass of wine to enjoy during that evening stroll. I hope that this crazy 2020 year won’t prevent this one night when we can step out of our “every day” lives and be something different for a few hours.

How are all of you doing? Staying out of trouble? Well, I know a few of you may have a little problem with that answer! (Jack, just saying!) Personally, I’m more than done with this shelter-in-place business, but, apparently, we still need to follow those recommendations. Not liking it one bit, but I don’t get to make the rules. That being said, it doesn’t look like we will be able to have our October luncheon. **Pati & Bill Kenney** were on the schedule to host, but Pati is waiting for a hip surgery date, I understand there’s still a lot of smoke in your area so outside dining won’t work and even though I hear some restaurants may be open for “distance dining”, a big group doesn’t fit that description. Bummer!

Your Hangtown Miners officers have been mulling over the whole situation. We have come to a couple decisions for our group. Not easy to make, but we all feel we need to just bite the bullet, take a deep breath and go forward. Since there’s only the three months left of this year, and October is already out, we don’t see things changing any time soon. So, we feel we should just “scrap” the last two months (November and December), and hope to start fresh in January, 2021. Not an easy choice, but unless some kind of miracle happens, it just makes sense. Another bummer!

So, Jack & Judy, you won’t need to worry about trying to find something for November!

The next situation we needed to address is electing the officers for 2021!

Normally we would be taking nominations at the October meeting, voting on those nominations at the November meeting and handing over the “gavel” at the December meeting. No meetings. What we all feel will be the best course of action is to just continue with our 2020 officers! All of us are willing to stay at our posts until we are able to get back to a regular schedule for monthly luncheons/meetings in 2021. Depending on when that will happen will determine the next step. Obviously our jobs are very “light duty” right now! But we still have some responsibilities to maintain our group.

Suzanne Kenny has been trying to keep up on how things are going with all of you. Be sure to let her know if you should need any help with anything or hear of any of our members who may be experiencing some difficulties or good things too! (530) 626-5660; tck46@flash.net).

Pati Kenney needs your help. At our last meeting in March at the Forester in Camino, she brought our great albums for everyone to look thru and enjoy. They were on the pool table and I think many of us enjoyed

browsing thru them. She also had pictures of old(er) airplanes. Well, she can't find the albums! The restaurant didn't call to say that they were left there so, is it possible that one of you picked up these albums? If so, please let Pati know so she can take them off your hands, (530) 672-1591; kenneys@pacbell.net). Thank You.

Happy Anniversary goes out to **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (63 years), **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** (18 years); **Bob & Carol White** (32 years)!

If you get to celebrate your birthday this month, we all send you a great big Happy Birthday and many more!

I'm still waiting for someone, as in all of you, to send me some pictures! I know, I know, I don't like to have my picture taken and always forget to take snapshots, but it would be fun to see each other in pictures if we can't be in person. So, it doesn't have to be a "selfie", it can be of something you're working on - a jigsaw puzzle, a quilt, your garden, your dog/cat/horse/grandkids/a lizard - something so we can see how everyone is doing!

Take care, stay healthy and happy, give me a call if you just want to chat!

Miss all of you but want you all to be safe. Many hugs.

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There is no report this month from the Redwood Empire Retirees chapter of RUAEA.



RESANS

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Hi Everyone, I hope this finds you all doing well.

It has been decided that the Resans breakfasts will be cancelled for the remainder of the year. That is October, November and December. The restaurants are open on a limited capacity basis only and no group dining.

Betty, Debbie, Louis and I have given this a lot of thought and since the remainder of the year is getting close and the Corona Virus is still an issue, there doesn't appear to be any major changes in the restrictions.

Your Resans team is here so please get in touch and if you need anything. Sight unseen but not forgotten, we are here for you..

Resans Team:

President ~ **Betty Tomaino**

Vice Presidents ~ **Debbie & Robert Taylor**

Treasurer ~ **Louis Semon**

Secretary, Publicity and Correspondent ~ **Barbara Drews**

Calendar:

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

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SACRAMENTO



From Sunshine Lady Angie

Hello Friends,

I hope you are all doing well. It has been sometime since I have been in touch, thinking about you all with the virus, fires, and power outage and hoping you are surviving it all. Let me know how you are doing. I know all of our members would like to hear about you all.

I heard from **Ed Rheam**. He has made a complete recovery. **Harold Esola** is now in a nursing home, it is very hard on **Colleen** not being able to visit him. Here is an address for him, I am sure he would love to hear from you as it would brighten his day. **Louis Harold Esola**, Windsor Care Center, 501 Jessie Ave., Sacramento, CA 95838.

Sending a little humor I thought you might enjoy: To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music." However, the lyrics of the song were deliberately changed for the entertainment of her "blue hair" audience. Here are the lyrics she recited:

*Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.
When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.
Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.
Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of singing',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.
When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim, then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.

Just an update on our members, **Judie King** has just come home from the hospital. She had a heart attack; she now has a pacemaker and 2 stents and is doing okay. **Trudy Engeldinger** had a fall in her home and broke her leg. She had surgery on September 17th, keep her in your thoughts.

I have heard that some of our members had to evacuate their homes but are now safely back in their homes. Stay Well,

I hope that now things are opening more people will be able to get out and visit
Keep in touch.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Here we are again. Hopefully we are all wearing our masks and practicing social distancing. As far as I know everyone in our Chapter is doing the same thing, staying home and staying well. Thankfully and as far as I know, no one has come in contact with the virus. Will our lives ever be back to normal?

I don't have anything exciting to report but I did want to submit a short Newsletter. Hope everyone had a fun Halloween and ate lots of candy. I love candy so I know I'll have my share.

Our chapter is not planning anything until February 2021 and at that time, we will celebrate Valentine's day and have a big party. We are all looking forward to that day. So everyone stay well and keep following directions from our dear Governor.

If anyone would like any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to answer any question you might have and give you the information about our chapter.

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Our beloved president and technology Guru, **Chuck Clayborn**, has signed our chapter up for unlimited ZOOM. We can now hold bi-monthly meetings online for as long as we wish. The free 40 minute version of ZOOM, caused some issues, which we will now not be constrained by. We continue to enlist more members to participate in our on-line meetings, as people become more comfortable with this meeting tool and have had help setting it up. Thanks Chuck!

Keith & Ann Olthof have moved from the South bay area, to the central valley town of Ripon. Although they are far away, they are not completely removed, as they have been joining in our online meetings. We are saddened that they have moved, but happy that they can still be part of our chapter.

A long time member of the South Bay RUAEA, **Georgia Nielsen**, has passed away. She was a wonderful person and had a deep interest in the aviation community. Along with her husband, **Dan**, they spent many years publishing a free local newspaper that dealt with just aviation. She will be missed.

Robert & Karen Devlin have been keeping a constant eye on the fires in the wine country. Their son who works at a large winery, came very close to danger, when fire and smoke damaged a portion of the vineyard. Firefighters worked tirelessly to save lives, homes, property, yet the area suffered extensive damage.

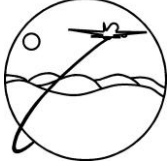
Our wishes for speedy recovery go out to **Vernon Snyder** and to his ever present caregiver, **Maureen Snyder**, who herself, had to undergo recent surgery. We also send our best wishes to **George Dye**, hope he recovers soon.

Bill & Rosemary Reichard, have been taking day trips throughout the local area in an effort to escape the smoke from all the fires. **Chuck Thuener** has been exploring the possibility of escaping, hoping on an airplane sometime soon. This could be a challenge with some flights being completely booked.

All members, please look for our president Chuck's email. Underlined in blue, will be a link to the ZOOM meeting. All you need to do is click on that link and you will be instantly joined in the meeting. You can do this on a phone, tablet or computer. Check it out!

Hope to see you soon. Stay safe.

SOLANO FLYERS



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The Solano Flyers are in lockdown mode, as one may recall our August meeting was by teleconferencing and it was an un-paralleled success. Therefore, this month, on September 16, 2020; we stepped up to a video conference meeting.

First couple to come online with video was Mr. & Mrs. ++++++, the video opened with Mr. ++++++ sitting in the loo, reading a girly magazine Privacy ruled, ended video.

As shocking as that was and to prevent embarrassment, we will only reference the member by number.

Number 2 ~ in his back yard fighting off swarms of aphids with a fly swatter, that were viciously attacking his rose and garlic plants, his fluid movements with the swatter were beyond excellent.

Number 3 ~ in the kitchen following a recipe for one of UAL's first class dining experience, a specialty designed by Wolf Bang, Hominy flavored Kale & bogata lettuce salad, with a crusty peanut oil soy sauce, shrimp/anchovies, topped with shredded goat cheese and dwarf raisins. We always looked forward to those creative First Class Salads.

Number 4 ~ Busy, busy as usual, in his garage installing an after market air brake system on his Yugo. It made sense here since hydraulic fluid is expensive, and air is free.

Number 5 ~ Spouse said that her husband forgot about the video conference today, he was on the roof installing an extension to the antenna for better TV reception. We agreed with her on that good Idea, gonna look into this also.

Number 6 ~ Mr. & Mrs. Were in the living room and introduced me to the wife's new found brother, he was discovered on an Internet dating site, and was now living with them. Mr. seemed surprised as for years he thought his wife was an only child. Fantastic, absolutely fantastic story.

Number 7 ~ Just back from the beach, had been out searching for sand dollars to supplement his retirement account. That is just a touch of Genesis.

Number 8 ~ Hello, hello can you hear me now?

We decided to stop the video because one may see that the Solano Flyers are just a microcosm of all other RUAEA members, and continuation would be a boring read to those with much more excitement in their lives.

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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.
Hope all of you are staying healthy!

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

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

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

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



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on October 5th at Anderson Park with 6 members and one FurBaby in attendance. Meeting was called to order by **Beverly Alderdice**, the Allegiance was said. This gathering was to discuss our upcoming meetings.

Birthdays for October: **Noemi Guzman** (10/7), **Ethel Cargill** (10/10), **Carolyn Lodge** (10/13), **Peggy Manuel** (10/15), and **Bill Linehan** (10/24).

It was a very laid back meeting.

We plan on meeting again at Anderson Park on November 2. It was so good to get together and see our members. We had coffee and some goodies.

We talked about trips ~ Beverly went to Cleveland and had no problems; the Lindstroms took the camper out and went to Salt Springs, FL.

Bob talked about the passing of **Ken Wilson**, he was Bob's Chapter Secretary when he was President. They worked together at ORD.

Membership is \$5.00 P/P, Noemi is collecting money. We also discussed our donations for this year.

Beverly will call Outback (Trinity) about our Christmas Luncheon. If all goes well, it will be on Wednesday, December 9, more info to come. We will also be calling IHOP to start up our monthly meetings for 2021.

Don't forget to Vote on November 3rd.

Meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

November 2 - Anderson Park #4, 10:30

December 9 - Christmas Luncheon, Outback (Trinity), 1:00

TREASURE COAST

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Here it is Fall, October for heaven's sake! Where did Spring and Summer go? I'm sure many of you feel as I do, that we have been put in "Time-out" with no end in sight! I wish I had more to show for my "down time". There was certainly much I could have accomplished in seven months. I did a little bit of de-cluttering, a little bit of file cleaning and shredding and a very little bit of organizing. I wish I had a dollar for every movie I watched, of which I cannot remember the titles. I did some online ordering, new in my world. I think the best purchase I made, aside from essentials, was a Cubii. With our temperatures and humidity breaking records, my desire to get out and walk will have to wait until next month or beyond. With the Cubii I am getting exercise and my legs, particularly my knees, my stamina and balance have improved remarkably. I talk to my older sister in Denver almost every day. We're great at bouncing things off of one another and sharing what we've recorded. My younger sister in Missouri is a concern as she battles cancer. I will not be able to attend my niece's wedding in Dallas, which was postponed twice. Only their parents will be there on their special day. I am concerned about all my grandchildren who are struggling with the isolation, virtual learning and missing their friends. Normal can't return fast enough! My sister, **Nancy Caeti** and I, enjoyed last year's convention in Denver and we were looking forward to this year's in San Diego. Hopefully next year they will be able to host it safely.

I have received some insight and news from some of our members that I would like to share. **Sharon Kirk** writes, *"Who knew we would still be doing this thing called COVID? I've been trying to keep myself busy. I never knew shredding would or could occupy so much of my time. I had asked for a shredder for Christmas and sure enough Santa delivered. I never in my wildest thoughts would think that shredding would become my source of entertainment. I was shocked at the things I had. My kids, when they were in high school, worked at Publix. For some reason I kept all their pay stubs. Who does that? I have no reason I can think of why I thought this would be a swell idea. Anyway, they are now part of the shred. My pay stubs from UA, yep, kept those too. I shredded 8 garbage bags full of 'stuff'. I thought I needed more file cabinets. Turns out I got rid of two of them! Besides shredding, watching paint dry seems to be great fun. I have watched more TV than I care to mention. I assume by now that we are all starting to wander out, little by little. I have had dinner with my sons. It was nice to be able to get into restaurants without being told there's an hour wait. My credit cards were at zero balance. What? I fixed that in a hurry. I discovered online shopping ... Love it! It's like getting a present every day. Love the Fed-Ex and UPS guy. Can't wait until we can cruise again. Stay well ... Cheers."*

Pattie Connell wrote: *"Tom (Odom) and I just got back from a weeks trip to Idaho Falls and Jackson Hole. It took 4 flights to get there on September 18th and 4 flights back on September 25th, 2 of those were on a 777 and every flight was full. I did like the new way of getting your seat assignment. We were number 1 and 2 on every flight and I was surprised on the 737 that they gave us the exit row. Not together, there were no seats together on any flight. Although there were some middle seats in front of the exit rows the computer gave us the best exit row seats. That surprised me. They blocked the best seats on the 777 so the FA's don't have to face people which is sad because they are the best seats and there were many SA's. It was not fun flying for anyone. Getting to Idaho Falls out of DEN is United Express and we finally got FC on the 1:20 flight, but it was nice. We did go to United Club in DEN as it was open. Everyone wears masks everywhere. Coming back I went to get some sandwiches in DEN to take on the DEN/IAH flight. The lines in DEN to get food were huge, It is impossible to social distance. Also, good luck finding a seat in the boarding area as every other one is blocked off. Best to use your smart phone as that is how you will be notified of your seat and you will use it to board. Good Luck! Pattie & Tom."*

From **Fran Student**: *"While my duties as Secretary of our HOA have kept me pretty busy throughout the COVID shut-in period, I did take time to research and purchase a new Pfaff sewing machine. Now I will spend the next five years trying to figure out the technology that makes it operate. Gene and I spent a lovely weekend in Key West to celebrate our grandson's 7th birthday. We made our traditional trip to the old Pan Am Office*

and drank a toast to the company that brought us together. Other than that, we've been staying home. Hope everyone is staying safe and well. Take care, Fran."

Our Vice-President tells us: *"We went out for Dinner and celebrated **Sandy's (Ruggiero)** birthday last month. We had a wonderful evening at a special restaurant. Sandy leaves for RI October 4th for five days to visit her 94 year old mother. We both leave for SAN on October 23rd for about a week to attend a Celebration Of Life Ceremony for a UAL pilot friend of mine who passed away from COVID on April 1st. We'll also visit 50+ year friends while we are out there for a few days and then back to SE Florida. We have been having a Saturday night "Date Night" for the past month or so and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Of course, we are very careful to practice all of the Social Distancing Protocols while out of our home at all times. So far-so good. We're hoping that all is well for everyone and your families and that we'll be seeing you again in person **very soon.**"*

And last but not least our President, **Al Popek** and wife **Janice** send the following message: *"It is October already and it seems everyone wishes 2020 never existed. September was a sad month for our family with three members passing away, two from Covid and the other from cancer. Life is precious and we must cherish each day we have. Looks like our monthly meetings are on hold for awhile, and as of now, depending on Covid, we are looking forward to starting up again on January 5, 2021. There will be no Christmas/Holiday party as planned for December. Every two years at this time we ask members if they are interested in being an Officer of this chapter. I have contacted our officers and they are willing to extend their services for the period 2021/2022. If anyone is interested in one of the positions, please let me know. I would like to thank Vice-President, **Bob Langevin**, Correspondent, **Mary Kay Wetherington** and Treasurer, **Carolyn Lindgren** for their excellent help in making our chapter as good as it is. There will be no dues collected this Fall and will be waived for the year 2021. Our correspondent, Mary Kay will not be sending out a new member roster as I am happy to report that all members are doing well and there are no changes. If any member needs a current copy, please contact her and she will forward one to you. Well, it finally took Janice and I a long time to finally accomplish a huge task of cleaning out years of piled up items in our closets and drawers and get them back in order. Without telling each other, we wrote down a date in a sealed envelope to see how long it would take to go back to the old condition they were in. To Be Continued! I don't know if anyone noticed where you live, but our house is on a dead-end street and we have trouble pulling out of our driveway. The street is loaded full of Fed-Ex trucks, UPS trucks, grocery store deliveries and restaurant meal drop offs, not to mention trash pick-up, mail deliveries and other places that offer home service. Way of life sure has changed for everyone. But, it is amazing how well all survive to carry on and hope for the best. On New Years Eve we always say, this year has been horrible and the New Year has to be better. Guess we will see! Wishing everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" and be thankful for each other. From the Stuart Florida Treasure Coast Chapter, stay well and be safe. Cheers, Al & Janice."*

November Birthdays include: **Sharon Kirk**, **Mary Kay Wetherington** and **Dee Lakso**. Congratulations to **Michael & Maureen Carragher** and **Paul & Diane Liebisch** who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

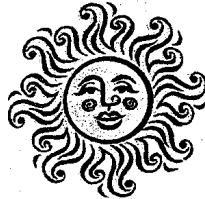
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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Our November 2020 meeting has been canceled since we are still sheltering in place. Since our numbers have shown increases on a daily basis, we decided to cancel.

The Christmas luncheon for December 2020 is still pending and hopefully, by mid-November we will be notifying members if this will be doable.

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November - Firstly, turn those clocks back an hour. Can we turn them back to last January when life was kind of normal? Holy Cow, lots of holidays this month, in between raking leaves. I never understood that, we rake leaves, throw them away, then buy mulch for the ground, trees and bushes. Aren't the leaves a good mulch for that? What do I know? I'm only a girl, without a lawn, but I watch people do this, they even pay people to come in and treat our lawn with mulch. Ah, forget it, another mystery of life. On the 11th, we honor our soldiers that fought for us since the Revolutionary War up until now, where they are still on foreign ground protecting us. God bless you, ladies and gentlemen. Let's not forget the Canine Units, either. Poor little fellas, their nose glands go out after a while trying to smell for bombs, drugs and unknown things. They lose limbs looking for bombs, and they were used as messengers, too. Two and four legged protectors, thank you. Our soldiers are buried all over world where they fought, not just in America. Actually, over 130,000 soldiers are buried in 10 various countries in the world. We have Thanksgiving on the 26th, and then my high holiday, Black Friday, the next day. It might have to be a virtual holiday for me this year, how about you? Toys, candy, decorations are already out, and it's weeks before Christmas. Remember we started decorating around December 15th or so? Let's get Thanksgiving out of the way. That one is the best, no gifts, just eating and imbibing. There are still Halloween lights up! Hey, did you get to see the Harvest moon on the 1st of October? Then the Blue moon on the 31st? Beautiful! Two full moons in one month, the second is called Blue, and on Halloween wwwwheoooo! Did you let the little ones go out and get candy? When the government starts messing with my Halloween, they're in trouble. There's the Penumbral eclipse, on November 30th, which means, 'almost and eclipse'. The earth is between the sun and the moon. The moon gets a little darker, but not completely covered. The info shows it will be visible here at 3:40 in the morning of the 30th, but you can still look to the skies, we'll always have the stars. That was from 'Now, Voyager', remember that great movie with Bette Davis and Paul Henreid?

When he lights the two cigarettes and gives her one? Oh, ladies, don't know why, but that's so romantic! Whew! I get the vapors ...

A few months ago, I gave you my Mask Soliloquy, about my difficulties wearing my mandatory mask. Thank you to all of you that responded with laughs and similar stories. I did notice that I'm doing something odd now. When I get to somebody that I can't hear, I pull down my mask a little and say, 'I'm sorry, but I can't hear you, please speak up'. Hmm, and who is this helping?

However, I have noticed one good thing about my mask. When somebody irritates me, Pulls their grocery cart out in front of me, or steps ahead of me in line, of my 6-ft distancing, I can swear at them, in silence, call them nasty names, tell them where they can go, and they have no idea. So I think I actually found a good thing about my mandatory mask.

A few weeks ago, I dropped a small cat food can on my right foot. It hurt, but I said I was stupid, and finished my work. Three days later, I couldn't walk too well, and my right foot hurt, a lot. Went to my podiatrist, she took X-rays, no broken bones, but had a stress fracture. Apparently, I have thin bones, really, at my age? She gave me a little boot to wear, instructions to elevate the leg, and apply ice. I did that for two days, then woke up to a very painful foot, with pink/red skin, swelling and very purple toes. Walking was almost intolerable. Back to the doctor, she said I had an infection. How did that happen? Now I needed antibiotics. Oh joy! Took those for three days, no improvement, called the doctor, got a new prescription for different medicine. Slowly, but surely, it's getting better. Funny, I've tried so hard to be careful not to fall, or slide, or even trip on something. I walk with a cane, walker, or with hands up against a wall for leverage. Instead, I get hoodwinked by a can of Fancy Feast. No, not Fancy Feet, Feast! Watch out folks, don't trust anybody, two or four legs.

Some of the month's notables are National Adopt a Senior Pet, Adopt a Turkey, Aviation History, Family Stories, (Yes), Lung Cancer Awareness, National Adoption, Military Family Appreciation, Alzheimer's Awareness, (Yes), Native American Heritage, Peanut Butter Lovers, and the ever popular, Sweet Potato Month. Crazy days this month are, on the first, Cook for your Pets, Plan your Epitaph, Cinnamon and Hockey Mask days. The 3rd, Election Day, also SOS Day, they trying to tell us something? Then Easy-Bake Oven, Men make Dinner, Play Monopoly, Buttons, Marijuana Legalization, Nacho, Pumpkin Destruction, Sausage and Kraut, Dunce Day (get in line), Armistice/Veterans on the 11th, Sesame Street, Teddy Bear, Pickle, Clean out your Refrigerator, Rocky and Bullwinkle, World Toilet Day (feel flushed?), Red Mitten, Mother Goose, Jukebox, Tie one on, Buy Nothing (27-29), Small Business (28), Cyber Monday, ending the month with Stay Home Because You're Well Day. In today's crazy life, National Merlot Day is on the 7th and National Parents as Teachers Day on the 8th, coincidence?

Also want to mention November 22, is the 57th anniversary of JFK's assassination. I bet we all know where we were that day, and what we were doing. I was at work, **Wilma Baughman** came out and announced it to everybody. Many tears, gasps, and Why's. Till this day there are thousands of Why's. So many theories and rumors, and still no definite answer. Maybe when we get to heaven, there will be a class, an indoctrination, St. Peter will tell us all of the secrets from Day One, creation or monkeys?

The Northside breakfast had four retirees, but what fun we had. A new person came, **Lynne Hilderbrand**, from CHIRR. She started as a flight attendant with Pan Am, kicked around UAL for years, ended up in Res. It was delightful meeting somebody new, we talked about insurance, past history and we tried to solve the worlds' problems. Others attending were **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Ginny Vlach**, and **Jan Gawenda**. One idea that Lynne suggested was listing the names of all the United sites on Facebook. So, here they are, at least the ones I know. United Departures, United Retired, United NonRev Travel, UAL Old Farts Page, United Airlines - Whatever Happened to ..., United New Pass Travel Policies, UAL retiree actives info and discussion group, and united airlines kitchens FSE. I'm sure there are more, but these are the ones I know. If you'd like to add any more, be my guest.

Our ORDMM Foremen breakfast had seven people. **Glenn Hill**, **Bob Smietanski**, **Stan Chmielwicz**, and yours truly. We said farewell to **Linda & Dick Kolloff** who are moving to The Villages in Florida, where Dick has relatives. Also to **Bob Larson**, who is moving back to Minnesota. His wife, **Barb** died last month; he'll be moving closer to his children. Goodbye to you all, we'll miss you. Lots of people moving out of Illinois, wonder why ... Our Mechanic ORDMM group had a good number, too. **Jim Kraft**, **Rich Protsman**, **Fred Seibert**, **LB Neal**, **Vic Liltz**, **Jim Vitte**, **Harry Kargeninan**, **Bob Palm**, **Dick Hoppel**, and yours truly. The Southside get together and the IAM lunch were canceled.

My darling Cubs did pretty good this summer, but lost out at the end, (sobbing tears). David Ross, you did good your first year, ahh, half of a year. One high point was Alec Mills, who threw a no-hitter against the Milwaukee Brewers, in a 12-0 game. Pretty good for a 28 year old, and against MKE, too. Yeay!

This month, two Chicago broadcasting legends have retired, Carol Marine, from NBC, and WTTW, and Orion Samuelson from WGN radio. I can remember waking up to his dulcet tones giving the farm report.

Good luck and happy retirement to you two, you made a name in Chicago. WGN radio also fired Roe Conn, but brought back John Landecker. Stay tuned, even you can be gone tomorrow.

Just a little shout out to a few friends, old and new, that I heard from, **John & Jane Kozlik, E K Williams, Jan & Dieter Schmidt, Pat Kucera, Marlene Anderson, and JoAnne Giannini**, who haven't left their houses since March. They're all doing fine and say "Hi" to all. That reminds me about a funny story of Dieter when he was working in ORDFF. He was having a disagreement with a fellow worker. The other man said, 'Go f— yourself!' Very calmly, Dieter said, 'I don't have the time, nor the inclination'. The room went wild. It stopped the argument, that's for sure.

Our friends that flew West last month include **Lavonne Valach**, EXO Key punch, (April 2020), **Ed Ward**, ORDFF, **John Gorney**, ORDCS, and **Barb Larson**, wife of **Bob Larson**, ORDMM. Others gone from our world are Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Chicago's Rev Leon Finney, Diana Rigg (Mrs Peele), Chicago Bears Gale Sayers, some very talented singers, Toots Hibbert, Tommy DiVito (Four Seasons), Mac Davis, Helen Reddy, Johnny Nash, and Eddie VanHalen. Some beautiful voices joining that Heavenly Choir this month. Some of my favorites.

Reminder, Mask it or casket ...

These get-togethers in the Calendar section are all pending, determined on the situation of the state's Covid restrictions. An email blast will be sent to confirm.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**November 5**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

December 3 - IAM Christmas Luncheon, The Seville, 700 S Barrington Rd. Streamwood, 11:00 A.M.

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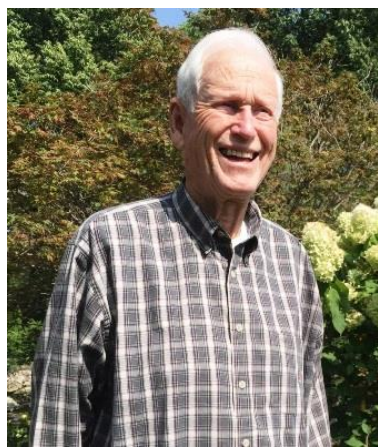
INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter September meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Ed Loftus, Mario Bregante, Frank Ingegno, Charles Theiss** and son, **Hannelore Brabo, Richard Carey** and **George Atteberry**.

Richard Carey attended as a guest. Richard was a mechanic at the IMC who promoted to management. Richard retired from United in Vendor Management a few years ago and still resides in the Indy area. We're hopeful Richard will attend future meetings.

We also welcomed a new Indy Racers chapter member, **George Atteberry**. George is a retired United 747 captain. He and his wife (retired United Flight Attendant) recently moved to Indy from northern Florida. He was the correspondent for the Gulf Coast RUAEA chapter before moving to Indy. To help get to know George, he was kind enough to provide his bio and photo for publishing.



George Atteberry was born on the Osage Indian Reservation in Oklahoma. His father, Lee, was an oil production worker living in a lease house on the reservation. At age 9 the family moved to Tulsa, OK where George attended schooling, graduating from Tulsa Central High. Then on to Oklahoma State (formally OK A&M) where he studied Petroleum Geology.

Upon graduation in 1958 he was called into the draft, and took the easy way out, by joining the Marine Corps. Eastern Airlines took him to Washington, DC and OCS at Quantico, VA. After that it was off to flight school in Pensacola, FL, and points west. A new duty station for a young Marine Fighter Pilot was MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI; a well-kept secret for Marines. After KB it was west coast in Helicopters at MCAF Santa Ana (formerly a Navy Blimp base with the tall hangers). In 1964, George served on a Diplomatic Passport out of the Air America Base at Udorn, Thailand. Upon his return to the good old US of A, he was assigned to HMM -163 (UH 34-D recip helicopters) to Viet Nam. December 64 - December 65 he was in VN, and later on board the helo carrier Iwo Jima. After returning home he was off to Amphibious Warfare School. He was assigned to NAS Meridian Mississippi as a Fixed Wing Instructor Pilot.

Got off active duty 6/30/68, joined the reserve Marines and then went with United in August 68; he flew out of Newark, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, Chicago, and Honolulu. Aircraft included Boeing 727, 737, Douglas DC-8, DC-10, Boeing 747. While in HI with UAL, George flew helos with Papillion Tour Helicopters, stand by, on all the islands.

He retired out of SFO on the B-747 (rope start) on November 2000. The most enjoyable experience was to command a Marine Helicopter Squadron in the Reserve with HMM-770. The aircraft flown included the H-34, CH-46, and UH-1N. A very rewarding time to supplement his United endeavor.

Thank you, George, for your service to country and defending our freedom!

On another note, September was probably our last meeting with **Mario Bregente** in attendance. Mario will be moving to Northern California to live closer to family. We all wish Mario the best. In the words of Mr. Spock, we wish Mario to "live long and prosper". As a parting gift, Mario also won the September 50/50! A sure sign of good things to come.

The chapter business discussed included planning our October trip to the U.S. Air force Museum near Dayton Ohio. The planned trip date is October 20th, more detailed planning will be discussed at the October chapter meeting.

The next Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule for 2020 is:

- November 10, at Emmy's
- December 8, 2020. Xmas celebration, location to be announced
- January 12, 2021 at Emmy's
- February 9, 2021 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent. For more information, please contact **Frank Ingegno**, figenius@sbcglobal.net.

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Due to the corona virus, we did not have a meeting so there is no meeting news.

I did find out what happened to our past chapter president. **Carleen Eddy** has pneumonia, was hospitalized and is now in rehab. But I haven't been able to get any additional information.

I also heard **Paul Ward** is in rehab. I don't have particulars as to why or how he is doing.

November's birthdays: **Robert DePippo** and **Marcia Kilpatrick**.

November's anniversaries: **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (39 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (57 years).

Calendar:

Wear your mask and stay healthy!

MICHIGAN



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Happy Autumn!

Although we still are unable to get together for our retiree luncheons, it is nice to know that some of our members are getting together in very small groups. It is so important that we continue to keep in touch and maintain our friendships and “live our lives”. Getting in and staying in a positive frame of mind may be difficult in today’s climate, but so necessary. Look for and embrace all that is good and beautiful. Take time to clear your thoughts and find peace.

Happy Birthday to **Joanna O’Brien** (DTWRR, DTWCS), who is celebrating her 80th birthday on October 10. A very Happy Birthday to **Helen Venn** who will be celebrating her 106th birthday on October 15! Helen is **Joni O’Brien**’s mother and **Marguerite Venn**’s (DTWRR) mother-in-law.

We were advised that **Sandy Dornan** (DTWRR) passed away recently. We have no further information. Wishing her peace!

Thought for the month: *“It’s not about how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”* ~ Mother Teresa

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

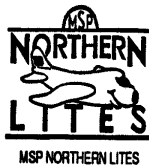
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No news is good news, they say. Well, this month, I have news, so you know what **that** means. Other than the fact that we’re all staying pretty isolated because of Covid-19, we lost a couple of our extended UAL family.

The sudden passing of her son in South Dakota caused Dr. **Jan Meyer** & her husband, **Roger Jorgenson**, to quickly pack some things and drive southwest. They had been planning a fun outing with her son and family but it became something different altogether. Condolences may be sent to Jan & Roger at 2700 Hawk Ridge Ct. SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

The news of **Alice Hendrix**’ passing came when **Janet Meyer** and **Jan Hannah** both saw her obituary in the Sunday Minneapolis paper. Alice was the widow of **Bill Hendrix**, past manager of the reservations office years ago. Unfortunately, Alice had not attended our lunches for quite some time and we’d lost track of her. I have no contact information for her family.

Late news of the passing of **Bernie Hazekamp**’s daughter, Dawn, due to cancer. Condolences may be sent to Bern at 4232 Blackhawk Rd., #439, Eagan, MN 55122.

On a happier note, the fall colors in MN this year have been **spectacular**! Why, you ask? I have no clue and neither do any of the weather weenies. We’ve all been just enjoying the show, no matter what caused it. It’s always such a precious, fleeting time of the year.

We all had the fun of sending an avalanche of 80th birthday greetings to **Randy Cirksema**, whose son and daughter connived to have a surprise shower of cards birthday celebration for him in lieu of a birthday party. Covid-19 has surely put a crimp in everyone’s lives, hasn’t it? Can’t even give the ol’ guy a birthday hug ... (mutter, mutter, mutter)

Heard from **Lee Storlie** ... he’s tired of being isolated, too. Wants me to greet all y’all for him. (That’s what they say in Texas ...)

You can probably tell that the isolation is getting to me, too.

Stay safe and well, my friends!

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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 Silver Liners chapter of RUAEA.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are now held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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Sierra Roundup did not have a meeting in October. At this time, no other articles were submitted, so there is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA.

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Well we finally had a breakthrough; thanks to **Frank Warzocha** and **John Daily**, we finally arranged to meet at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. We still have to wear masks until we were eating, but everything went okay.

There were 12 of us, but at least it's a start. A flag salute was given by our President, followed by some sad information that has happened in the interim period since we had last met. A moment of silence was held for the passing of the following: **Carnall Marable**, EWR Ramp, **Scott Rooney** and **Eric Ranger**, both of EWRMM, **Don McIntosh**, EWROZ, and **Steve Digangi** of EWR ramp.

Frank Kokoska gave us an update as to what is happening at Newark. All I can say it's never good. If that second relief package don't pass pretty soon, thousands of airline employees will be let go, let's hope for the best.

Rosemary Schultz won the 50/50. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2020. There will be no meeting in November which is usual for us; however we will have the Christmas luncheon on December 9, 2020. All our meetings start around 12 o'clock and they are at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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

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As usual, for September we did not meet for lunch. Nor will we meet in October and November. The officers have made the difficult decision to cancel the December Christmas party. The COVID19 infection rate is increasing, our area is now in the red. We want to keep everyone safe. Your health is more important to us than a luncheon.

It's difficult to write about nothing. But in the October 2020 RUAEA Newsletter articles, I see that some chapters dug down deep for content. For example: **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** of the Orlando Real McCoys, when she wrote: #1- *"I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab TP"*. FYI: At Dulles (IAD) Washington DC, it was normal to see on TV news, people crowded in a grocery store with their carts "loaded" with TP. And that was even at the end of the "snow storm?" that dumped a total of only one or two inches of snow. #2-We were warned that in (what they called) a snow storm, people would abandon their cars in the middle of a street. Yes, we didn't believe it either, until we actually saw cars left right in the middle of a main street. #3- I laughed out loud when I read: "I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves". Sounds like a typical former CLE. Then there is #4- Having some states lock down and some states not locked down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool. Don't get me wrong, all items are really good. To read the remaining 6 items you'll have to get out your October issue and read them. Thanks, Elaine, for the **big** laughs.

Many of our members have sent emails, cards, or called stating that they miss our luncheons. We (chapter officers) feel the same. We want all members to be sure to notify our president (if unavailable call another officer) of any illnesses, deaths, or other important information so that we may pass it on to all members and get our thoughts and prayers started. We Ohio Buckeyes know that GOD does hear our prayers. Prayers are also

needed for our county. That we come together in peace and unity. That respect is restored. And that we reunite as one. May GOD Bless America.

We wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving". Please stay safe!

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Another month of self-isolating under our belts, we continue to monitor recommendations from the medical/scientific experts (ignoring social media and political pundits!) before deciding when it will be safe to resume meetings, especially considering that our age puts us in the highly vulnerable category. Our meeting site remains closed and I do not anticipate being able to consider resuming our meetings until sometime next year.

We are sad to report the passing of member **Carole Luyten**. Due to current restrictions, no service is scheduled at this time. Her husband, **Arie**, does plan to have a celebration of her life at a later date. If you wish, cards may be sent to: **Arie Luyten & Family**, 32270 Stone Road, Warren, Oregon 97053-9744.

That's all the membership news that I have for now. While we wait to gather again and laugh in person, I will again provide a few chuckles.

- ☺ So far 2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and then getting hit by an airplane.
- ☺ They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store. They lied! Everybody else had clothes on.
- ☺ Some days I have it all together. Other days I spend ten minutes looking for my phone while talking on my phone.
- ☺ Arguing with idiots is like playing chess with a pigeon ... No matter how good you are, the bird is going to shit on the board and strut around like it won anyway.
- ☺ Never tell a woman to calm down when she is mad. It's like baptizing a cat; it just isn't going to work!
- ☺ I made a huge "to do" list today. I just can't figure out who's going to do it.
- ☺ My body has absorbed so much sanitizer that when I pee, it cleans the toilet.
- ☺ When I was a kid, my parents would say, "Excuse my French", just after a swear word ... I'll never forget my first day of school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French!
- ☺ The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure all the furniture in the house is in place.
- ☺ I don't feel like I'm getting older ... It's more like my warranty has expired and my parts are wearing out!
- ☺ Until next month remember: Also highly contagious is Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!!

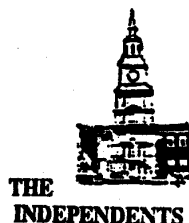
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Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

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

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

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No group socializing on the horizon yet for the Pacific Northwest , but Governor Jay Inslee, who directs the fight against COVID-19 in Washington, debates his election rival following the debating Vice Presidential candidates tonight (October 7). It will be interesting to hear how voters perceive the virus battle and how has affected all our lives, our economic situations, and our political leanings – not to mention RUAEA functions. Mail-in voting is the popular norm in our state.

There is nothing more to report on the status of the Emerald City Slickers and our future fate. No definite plans are being made, but we have our fingers crossed that we will be able to meet again as soon as the virus is under control. In the meantime, get your flu shot.

If you have been following this Seattle column for the past couple months, you may remember that we have been detailing the career of **Dave Jones** (SFOFO). When we left him at the end of October's column, Dave was

managing the group involved with giving up United's own weather radar system in the late 1990's and implementing a new vendor product to avoid some of the earlier pitfalls.

We rejoin Dave, mostly in his own words, as the weather radar project proceeded to completion, leading him in yet another direction in United's history.

As the weather radar program moved to implementation, Dave was approached by flight operations management to take on another challenging assignment. United had increased its SFO hub flight schedules with a combination of short haul shuttle service to Southern California and additional flights to the Pacific. The increased volumes functioned well on good weather days at SFO, but the all-too-common morning and early afternoon stratus fog led to large system disruptions. United flight technical pilots were investigating a possible ground-based radar system they believed would provide some relief to the weather delays. Invited to take on the role of project manager for the effort, Dave took up the challenge in 1998, fully expecting a two-year assignment. Little did he know that the project would extend beyond his retirement in June 2003.

The SFO project involved getting FAA to support the purchase and installation of a \$20 million radar system at the airport and the development of procedures for its use by air traffic controllers and pilots. Dave's first task was to understand the many stakeholders' roles and responsibilities in making the project happen, and he quickly learned that the project was a political and technical mine field. It seemed that pilot and traffic controller unions each had reasons why the project wouldn't work. At the core of technical and operational issues was SFO's two parallel runways separated by only 750 feet, risking mid-air collisions and the possibility of wakes from one plane upsetting a trailing plane on an adjacent runway. Existing rules essentially prevented parallel operations in any but perfect weather. The ever-present stratus resulted in only single runway operations for landings.

With United's prodding, SFO airport purchased the radar system and Dave worked with the many FAA, air traffic and pilot groups to develop new rules and procedures for the system. While at the airport for a technical meeting one day, Dave was called into SFO Airport Director John Martin's office, where he encountered then-FAA Administrator Jane Garvey. She had just informed Martin that her staff had told her to cancel the project because ALPA would never agree to fly the new procedures. Dave's impromptu arguments promoted the benefits to SFO and United, noting that ALPA was committed to make it work. He won the day and, after encountering many more bumps, the system was put into operation in 2004.

After 9/11 and then United's bankruptcy, Dave regretfully decided to retire and move on. That was not, however, the end of his involvement with his love of airplanes. He just changed hats.

In his work as engineering new technology manager, Dave had worked beside Boeing engineering staff involved with air traffic technologies and he approached them about rejoining Boeing, where he was offered a position in the Air Traffic group for the Washington DC area. Retiring from United June 30, 2003 Dave moved onto manage a Boeing contract with the FAA tasked with defining a new data collection architecture for air traffic. With the Boeing engineers assigned to the contract located in the Seattle area, Dave became a frequent flyer between DC and Seattle.

On one of his many trips to Seattle, Dave was asked to provide technical insights into a GPS landing business being explored by a Boeing Seattle group. Familiar with this technology through his work in San Francisco, Dave was deemed an expert in what was then a virgin field. He accepted a job to program manage this new business – and to relocate again, this time to the west coast.

The new adventure took Dave to China to implement the new GPS procedure in Lhasa, Tibet. He subsequently moved to join the Flight Test pilot staff as a technical specialist, coordinating with airline pilots, Boeing test pilots and design engineers. In his last assignment before retirement in early 2011, Dave's boss gave him the lofty title Director of Flight Operations of the Future. He led a multi-disciplinary team in defining Boeing's commercial airplane future strategy for new landing system technologies.

That wasn't the end of airplanes for **Dave Jones**. He became a volunteer for the Museum of Flight and the Flight Restoration programs, as well as becoming a doting grandfather and serving as president of our Seattle RUAEA chapter. In March of last year, Dave joined 150 former Boeing and industry executives involved in the 777 program for the first 777 aircraft's induction into the Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona after its nearly 20 years of service for Cathay Pacific Airlines.

"Dave Jones – A career(s) defined by his love for airplanes"

This year is and has been challenging for most of us, but we each can find something for which to be grateful this Thanksgiving. Be strong, be safe, be thankful.

*****Vote*****

Calendar:

Chapter meeting cancelled until further notice.



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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After many phone calls, a few inspections, and some negotiations, **Judy Dunlap** and I have found a venue that will be perfect for our group to meet in October. It will probably be a one-time get-together because, of course, it will be outdoors and the weather is getting chillier by the day. It will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of October as is our usual date. It will be at noon at the Bull Run Winery which is very near Bull Run Battlefield so we will be surrounded by our history.

The vineyard is only a few miles from our usual meeting place, so it should be fairly convenient. It is a beautiful area and the winery itself is lovely and they have gone to great lengths to make it safe during this very dangerous time. Outdoor picnic tables are abundant and socially distanced, the land is flat for easy walking (this close to the Blue Ridge Mountains, that is a rarity.) Our chapter has bought a case of Bull Run wine and plastic but sturdy wine glasses. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva, Judy Dunlap** and I will be the bartenders in our tres chic gloves. We are also providing a variety of potato chips, popcorn and pretzels - all individually wrapped. A big bag of chocolate trick-or-treat candy will be served from a black cauldron. The tables will be covered with Halloween tablecloths. We are going to make this as festive as possible to make sure that our first meeting since February is as safe and fun as possible.

We have told everyone to bring their own individual picnics and it will be fun to see what everyone comes up with. I expect to see everything from gourmet picnics to McDonalds cheeseburgers. We haven't discussed it, but I am hoping that **Bob O'Roark** will bring and set up his mini United Museum. Our chapter photographer, **Jon Becket**, will be taking photos that I hope to share with you next month. **Cheryl MacDonald** will be selling 50/50 tickets. Half will go to some lucky winner (the **O'Mearas** hold the record for good luck in this chapter.) The other half will go to our host at Bull Run Winery for making this event possible.

Did I mention that Cathy is making a goody bag for everyone? Who doesn't like leaving a good party with a swag bag?

The weather looks like it is going to cooperate. It is Fall here and some days are chilly and sometimes wet. But, we are hoping for mid 70's with no sign of rain. At the moment we have approximately 30 members who gave RSVP that they are coming.

Of course, we have had a few that have sent regrets. All-in-all, I think we will have a very good attendance. After 7 months of hibernation and isolation, a careful get-together will be good for the soul.

Once again, I would like to thank **Veronica & Francis Domaratus** for all of their hard work, and to all of the contributors of the articles in our Newsletter. This Newsletter has been a real lifeline to me and so many others in our large United family.

Until next month, stay safe.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Clipped Wings National has had Executive meetings every other week by Zoom.

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- ★ Secretary ~ **Barbara Dunkelman**

We have not met here in PIT, our first meeting is on October 14.

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- Spouse – **Cantrell, Ronald D.**, on 8/5/2020, SEARR, husband of Helen Carter Cantrell, SEARR, 2101 S. 324th St. #34, Federal Way, WA 98003
- Retiree – **Fenske, Cleo M.**, on 9/26/2020, DENCS, friend of Irma Atanasio, DENCS, 580 S. Clinton St., Apt 1B, Denver, CO 80247
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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:

Eleazar Alarcon, Levita Burnette, Pamela Dahl, Sandra De Garceau, Ruth Duffey, Leo Gish, Lynne Hildebrand, June McManus, Rudi Meskele, Chris Miller, Marianito Morales, Elizabeth Pepper, Sandra Piwowarczyk, Benjamin Scales, Eddy Dent-Whitaker, Diane Webb.

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.)

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The COVID-19 virus may have a silver lining, although a very small one for Veronica & me. I have been losing weight while observing “shelter in place”. As a result of not going out to a restaurant, we do all our own cooking. Our portion size is much less than what restaurants would give you. It is the diabetes & heart healthier diet smaller size plate that is the motivator. I also have one med where I can’t eat 2 hours before taking the med & 2 hours after taking it. This doesn’t give you much room for snacking. I have heard comments about staying close to the refrigerator while in “shelter in place”. I wonder if there is a password timed lock for refrigerators. If you forget the password or miss the time to enter the password you lose more weight. As a result of all this weight loss, I have been able to wear the suit I wore when I married Veronica, zip up my motorcycle jacket & ski jacket. The negative, or is it positive, I now have a lot of trousers that have way too much room.

Being one of the “elderly” class of citizens, we shouldn’t go out unnecessarily until California goes into stage 4. It is like your parents grounding you until you finish the time out in your shared room, without your radio. Four walls do not a prison make? Because of the smoke from all the fires in California the air quality is unhealthy again. So we have another motivator added to staying in place, fire & smoke. Exercise is very difficult to accomplish if you can’t walk outside. Trying to get 2 miles inside an 1800 foot square house can be hazardous. If Veronica & I are walking at the same time in the house we have to remember to use the “thatch-weave” to avoid a collision.

Thanks to the internet, we have been Zooming all around the country, Idaho, Florida, California, Ft. Bragg, NC and Washington State. We had a Zoom meeting with a few of the Gold Diggers. We attended a baby shower held in Florida using Zoom. We did all this visiting without going outside by using Zoom.

Edith Johnston, 18249 Lyles Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740

Yes my name is Edith Antoinette. This helps me remember RUAEA. My late sister-in-law liked to call me Edith Ann, like Lily Tomlin’s comic character. That works too.

I retired from HNL Res office, and then moved back to my house in Maryland. When (and if) they have meetings for the Dulles Loungers, I travel that way.

I look forward to this publication very much and get a kick out of the history recounted and travel incidents people have had associated with United.

Let me give one back: My middle daughter was living in Germany. On one trip I returned to my house in MD to clean up the yard and fly back to HNL. Not realizing it, I had exposed myself to poison ivy. It bloomed on my face, ears, eyes etc. by the time of my arrival in HNL. So I went to the emergency room. Every doctor (quite a few) told me “We don’t have poison ivy in HI”. Evidently they don’t see a lot of it and smile in disbelief.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin IL 60120

I retired from CHIRR after 25 years with United and my husband, George retired in December 2018 from ORDMM after 49½ years, wow.

It has been quite boring and quiet since the Virus arrived and everyone is at home most of the first half of this year.

Luckily we took 1 cruise through the New Panama Canal in January 2020 before the virus arrived.

Now we have been “grounded”. Needless to say, we had to cancel two cruises we had already booked and paid for to take this year.

We will not fly nor take any more cruises until they come up with a cure for this virus! I have bronchitis and cannot even sit next to a sick person or someone who is sneezing or I will get sick for a month, so I have to be careful.

We would like to wish everyone to stay safe and be happy.

Donna Wade, 1271 Carswell Ave., Elk Grove, IL 60007

Thanks for all the work you do for us.

There were no travels for me until September 10, when I flew to Denver for my granddaughter's wedding.

I will hook up with two other sons and their wives later. I am looking forward to a Rocky Mountain celebration.

Notes

Barbara Dunkelman

I am the new VP of Clipped Wings and would like to rejoin.

June Linhart

I received my August newsletter on 8/21. September was a little better. Our post office is hard at work! So I must send in my absentee ballot soon. I insist on being counted!

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These trained professionals are highly trained in life saving techniques and evacuation performance procedures. And when it comes to training none are more visible, yet unnoticed by the public than the pilots.

Pilots, highly skilled and professionally trained are the ones whose hands we put our lives and trust in every time we board a plane. Millions of people fly every year without incident, yet this fact is seldom noted.

Airline personnel of all departments mourned on this day. Airline employees trapped in this situation were the first the public turned to. Many of these workers had family and neighbors working at the Trade Center, whose fate was unknown to them yet, they were able to control their emotions to assist the general public. Many passengers, unaccompanied minors, and the handicapped needed assistance and patience from airline staff to help them overcome their isolation. Agents assisted the elderly, helping contact their families for pickup while others helped people retrieve their luggage and personal effects. Rebooking of flights was impossible and getting people back to their points of origin became everyone's first concern. These employees silently wept yet kept their composure. Assisting the flying public, many held back tears and some worked days with little sleep to serve the public and for some they were soon to find out they lost friends on Flight 93. Two of these flight attendants I knew. Newark's heart was bleeding, but its employees performed their duties diligently.

Newark was never the same. Sorrow filled the corridors and the employees carried their grief for months. Memorial services were conducted throughout United's system at various locations and airport chaplains and local clergy did their best to console those affected. Newark held a service in a local hotel attended by several hundred people including families of the crew. The service was moving. Father Dave was Newark's chaplain. His comfort and strength proved invaluable during these trying times. For his presence Newark would always be forever grateful.

Since 9/11, when flight crews boarded their flights, fear flew with them. Ever watchful of their passengers, onboard flying with them quickly became an uncomfortable ordeal. Flying the lonely skies thousands of feet above ground now required a character of strength and one of decisive action. Unlike police and firemen, they are there alone, there is no backup. Once trained solely in flight skills now requires meditation and a strong desire to reject intimidation. Many flight crews left the industry, but many refused to submit to fear. Our industry was

temporarily crippled, but our "Phoenix" rose up from the ashes and returned to the skies. To these people America owes a great debt of appreciation.

As this article ends, appreciation is still overdue for many. Countless words have been written within the years, reflecting gratitude for those who answered the call that day, but in the world we live in, yesterday's news is soon forgotten. The names and faces of the crews on the skyjacked flights will probably soon be forgotten. The number of the police and firemen who perished, risking their lives to rescue thousands, forgotten as well and never to be mentioned in a history class and the plight of the common man who sacrificed his daily way of life as well.■

