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From The Newsletter Manager Welcome to Denver, RUAEA 2025 Golden Jubilee!



For members who are receiving the Newsletter online, I know you'll be able to get this before our Golden Jubilee at the end of September. For those who get the Newsletter via USPS, I hope you will receive this Newsletter prior to your departure for the Convention/Reunion in Denver.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Denver — my hometown — a city that truly knows how to roll out the welcome mat! Nestled at the foot of the majestic Rocky Mountains, Denver offers a perfect blend of urban energy and natural beauty. When you arrive here for RUAEA Golden Jubilee Celebration, you're in for a treat as we have world-class dining, vibrant arts, and a community that's as warm as our 300 days of sunshine. From the historic charm of Larimer

Square to the trails of Red Rocks, I hope you find inspiration, connection, and a little adventure while you're here. The Reunion Committee and the Denver Mile Highers are thrilled to have you — make yourself at home! There are plenty of activities that offer relaxation, exploration, and opportunities to enjoy the beautiful Colorado scenery. Here are some suggestions:

1. *Denver Botanic Gardens* ~ Spend a peaceful afternoon exploring the beautiful Denver Botanic Gardens. It's a great way to relax and enjoy nature, and it offers a variety of themed gardens, including a Japanese Garden, tropical conservatory, and water features. The gardens also host seasonal events and art installations.
2. *Denver Museum of Nature & Science* ~ This museum offers fascinating exhibits on everything from dinosaurs to space exploration and human health. It's a great option for a group, as there's something for everyone, including an IMAX theater and a planetarium. The museum is located in City Park, so you can also enjoy a walk around the lake afterward.

Denver Art Museum



3. *Denver Art Museum* ~ For art lovers, the Denver Art Museum features a wide range of collections, from Native American art to contemporary pieces. The museum's architecture is also impressive, and there are special exhibits throughout the year that highlight a variety of art forms and periods.

4. *LoDo District (Lower Downtown)* ~ Explore Denver's historic LoDo District with its charming brick buildings, breweries, boutique shops, and delicious restaurants. The area has a vibrant, relaxed atmosphere, ideal for casual strolls and leisurely lunches.

5. *Denver Union Station* ~ A beautiful historical landmark, Union Station has been fully restored and is now a hub for dining, shopping, and entertainment. It's a great spot to grab a bite to eat, do some shopping, or take a tour of the station's architecture.
6. *Red Rocks Amphitheatre* ~ Even if there's no concert happening, a visit to this iconic venue is a must. The natural amphitheater, set in the stunning Red Rocks Park, offers breathtaking views and is an excellent place to

enjoy nature. There are easy hiking trails in the area, and the park has an intriguing visitor center with exhibits about the history of the venue.

7. *City Park and Denver Zoo* ~ City Park is a lovely green space perfect for a relaxing stroll, and it also houses the Denver Zoo, which is home to more than 3,500 animals. If you enjoy wildlife and nature, this could be an enjoyable way to spend the day. There are also pedal boats available to rent on City Park Lake.
8. *Denver's Historic 16th Street Mall* ~ This pedestrian-friendly street is full of shops, restaurants, and cafés. You can take a relaxing stroll, enjoy the street performances, or hop on the free shuttle bus that runs the length of the mall for easy access to local landmarks.
9. *Coors Field Tour (Home of the Colorado Rockies)* ~ If you enjoy sports, consider taking a guided tour of Coors Field, home to the Colorado Rockies baseball team. You'll get to explore the ballpark, learn about its history, and experience some behind-the-scenes areas, such as the locker rooms and press box.
10. *Scenic Drive to Mount Blue Sky* ~ For a more adventurous option, take a scenic drive up Mount Blue Sky, one of the highest paved roads in North America. The views are absolutely stunning, and at the top, visitors can take in panoramic views of the Rockies. Depending on the weather, there might be opportunities for snowshoeing or wildlife viewing as well.
11. *Day Trip to Boulder* ~ Boulder, located about 30 minutes from Denver, is a charming city known for its outdoor activities and vibrant downtown. Visit the Pearl Street Mall for shopping, dining, and street performances, or explore hiking trails such as the Flatirons, which offer fantastic views.
12. *Brewing Tours or Tastings* ~ Denver is known for its craft beer scene, and there are numerous breweries and taprooms around the city. Consider booking a brewery tour or visiting the many local breweries like Wynkoop Brewing Company, Denver Beer Co., or Great Divide Brewing.
13. *Day Trip to Garden of the Gods* ~ About an hour's drive from Denver in Colorado Springs, Garden of the Gods is a unique park featuring striking red rock formations. It's perfect for easy hiking, photography, and enjoying scenic views. There is also a visitor center with exhibits about the geology and history of the area.

These activities should provide a variety of experiences for you to enjoy in Denver, from relaxing outdoor activities to cultural and historical explorations. ■

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GENERAL NEWS

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Why You Need a Will: **Lessons from Gene Hackman's Estate** **By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



When legendary actor Gene Hackman passed away in early 2025, the world mourned the loss of a cinematic icon. But behind the headlines was a cautionary tale that underscores a critical truth: Even the most successful and well-resourced individuals can leave behind estate planning missteps that create confusion, conflict, and unintended consequences.

Hackman, who died at age 95 just days after his wife Betsy Arakawa, had a will and trust in place—but they were outdated and lacked essential contingency planning. His estate, estimated at \$80 million, is now entangled in probate proceedings, largely because his documents named only his wife as beneficiary and trustee, with no clear backup plan. Hackman's three adult children were excluded from the will, raising questions about inheritance rights and the potential for legal disputes.^{1,2}

You can avoid common pitfalls by updating your will when prompted by life changes (marriages, divorces, births, deaths). Ensure beneficiaries, executors, and guardians are current and reflect your true intentions. And don't forget to name contingent beneficiaries and trustees, rather than relying on a single person to carry out your wishes.

Update your trust, retirement accounts, and insurance policies in coordination with your will, so that all your estate documents are aligned. Conflicting instructions can delay probate and create legal headaches.

Gene Hackman's real-life scenario highlights the importance of regularly updating your estate plan, accounting for unexpected events like simultaneous or out-of-order deaths or other life changes, and clearly documenting your intentions. Whether you're managing a modest estate or a multimillion-dollar legacy, the lessons from Hackman's case are universal: plan thoroughly, revisit often, and make sure your wishes are legally protected.

We are here for you through all of life's changes. We hope you will reach out to us for assistance if needed: aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

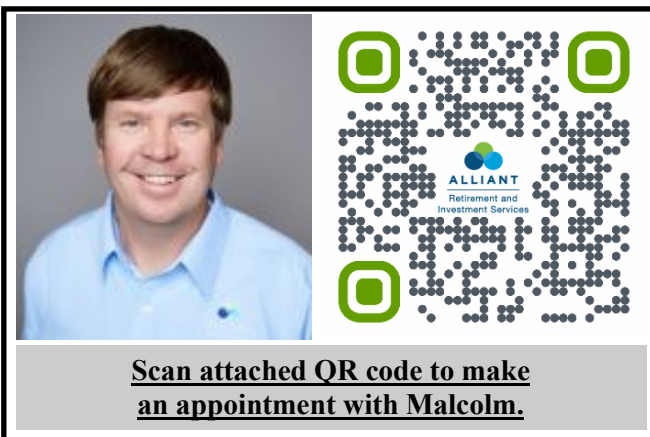
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757-300 aircraft substitutions **to/from Reykjavik, Iceland (KEF)**



Effective immediately, through December 31, 2025, the company may swap some aircraft on flights between Chicago (ORD) and Reykjavik, Iceland (KEF) from 757-200 aircraft to 757-300 aircraft.

These swaps may happen as close as 5 hours before departure. While a 757-300 has more passenger seats than a 757-200, capacity on the 757-300 will still be limited to the same capacity of a 757-200, at 176 total passengers. While there may be empty seats on the new aircraft, once the capacity reaches 176 passengers, including both revenue and non-revenue passengers, no additional passengers will be allowed on the flight. This will mean that flights operating with the 757-300 aircraft

will depart with empty seats and may be unable to accommodate pass travelers.

Additionally, while these aircraft do not have lie-flat Polaris Business Class seats, all 24 United Business seats may be used for revenue and pass travelers, as long as the 176 passenger capacity limit is adhered to.

**United Resumes Flights to Tel Aviv, Israel
from Chicago and Washington D.C.
September 4, 2025**



United today announced plans to resume flights to Tel Aviv, Israel from Chicago O'Hare and Washington Dulles international

airports. This marks the first time United has operated these flights since 2023. United offers more flights to Tel Aviv than any other U.S. airline and will be the only airline operating flights between Tel Aviv and both Chicago and Washington D.C. Flights from Chicago begin November 1 and will operate four times per week, and flights from Washington D.C. begin November 2 and will operate three times per week.

"The resumption of these flights underscores United's longstanding commitment to Tel Aviv," said Patrick Quayle, United's senior vice president of Global Network Planning and Alliances.

United currently offers twice daily flights between Tel Aviv and Newark/New York, and has flown more to Tel Aviv this year than any other U.S. airline. United's service to Tel Aviv always follows a detailed assessment of operational, safety, and security considerations in the region.

For more information about United's route network and to buy tickets for these new flights, visit [United.com](https://www.united.com).

**United Expands Winter Schedule and Adds Flights to
Cities Like Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Las Vegas
September 4, 2025**

United today expanded its winter schedule, adding flights to 15 cities including Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, and Las Vegas. These new flights start January 6 and include:

- ❖ One additional daily roundtrip flight between:
 - ▲ Houston and Orlando, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Baltimore and Miami
 - ▲ Chicago and Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, New Orleans and Las Vegas
 - ▲ Newark/New York and Orlando and Fort Lauderdale
 - ▲ Los Angeles and Las Vegas
- ❖ Two new routes between Newark/New York and Columbia, South Carolina and Chattanooga, Tenn.

- ❖ Three new weekly flights between Houston and Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador, and one new weekly flight between Houston and San Pedro Sula, Honduras

United is also adding extra flights between Houston, Chicago and Los Angeles and will fly larger aircraft between Chicago and New York LaGuardia to help customers outside of United's hubs connect to these added flights. Tickets will go on sale later today.

"If Spirit suddenly goes out of business it will be incredibly disruptive, so we're adding these flights to give their customers other options if they want or need them," said Patrick Quayle, United's senior vice president of Global Network Planning and Alliances.

United is the largest airline in the world, connecting passengers to more than 360 destinations – including 75 that no other U.S. airline serves. United flies to more than 225 U.S. cities and operates more than 4,000 domestic flights a day on average. With this schedule expansion, United will offer 45 flights per day to Orlando, 30 to Fort Lauderdale and 43 to Las Vegas.

For more information about United's route network and to buy tickets for these new flights, visit [United.com](https://www.united.com).

**Severance at 30,000 Feet: Award-Winning Apple
Originals Now Playing on United
August 12, 2025**



United today announced that full seasons of select Apple TV+ global hits will now be available for free on the airline's 130,000+ seatback screens and in the United app, including

award-winning shows such as *Severance*, *Shrinking*, *Ted Lasso*, *Slow Horses* and *Silo* and more.

United has made a series of investments in the seatback experience in recent years, including installing seatback screens in every seat as part of its United Next growth plan and most recently announcing a new aircraft interior that includes huge, Bluetooth-enabled, 27-inch, 4K OLED seatback screens, the largest among U.S. carriers. The introduction of Apple TV+ aligns with United's plans to have 300,000+ screens across its fleet as it takes delivery of hundreds of new airplanes and retrofits existing aircraft.

United customers enjoy thousands of hours of fresh new entertainment content every month, and the addition of more premium originals from Apple TV+ gives travelers even more options to watch during their travel journey. Last month, Apple TV+ landed a record-breaking 81 Emmy Award nominations, with *Severance* leading as this year's most-nominated series.

“Apple creates groundbreaking original series, and United travelers are going to love watching fan-favorite Apple Originals for free on their next flight,” said Mark Muren, United’s Managing Director of Product, Identity and Loyalty. *“We’re setting a new standard for a premium inflight experience, and our first-of-its-kind collaboration with Apple TV+ gives fliers more high-quality content options on the latest high-definition seatback screens.”*

Apple Original series will appear on a featured Apple TV+ channel and include the entire first seasons of Severance, Shrinking, Ted Lasso, Slow Horses and Silo, with The Morning Show and Bad Sisters to be added this September. The airline will continue adding new seasons and content each month, including more than 250 TV show episodes, feature documentaries and films – all for free inflight on United’s seatback screens and in the United app.

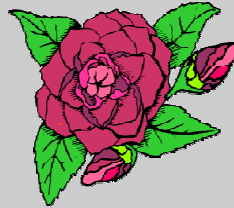
In addition to being this year’s most Emmy nominated series, Severance is one of the most critically acclaimed shows of 2025, and now, United travelers can watch all nine episodes of the first season of Severance onboard any domestic or international United flight with inflight entertainment or in the United app. That means customers can catch an episode or two on a short-haul route and pick up right where they left off on their next United flight, or binge the entire season in one-sitting on a long-haul flight.

United has previously partnered with Apple to launch game-changing innovations that help customers and employees, including:

- ★ Live flight updates for iPhone and Apple Watch: United was the first U.S. airline to support Live Activities for iPhone, allowing customers to get live, personalized flight notifications for details such as countdown to boarding, gate number, seat, bag tracking and more right on their iPhone Lock Screen or Dynamic Island – all without opening the United app. Similarly, with Live Activities on Apple Watch, customers can access important flight information right from their wrist. The live updates have helped millions of travelers since last year, especially during peak travel times.
- ★ Bag tracking enhancements: United integrated Apple’s Share Item Location for AirTag, so customers everywhere who travel with an AirTag or Find My network accessory can seamlessly share the accessory location with United’s customer service team to help locate their luggage in the event that it is mishandled.
- ★ Mobilized employees: With iPhone and iPad, United employees are fully mobile and empowered to be their most effective – making tasks simpler to complete, communication easier, and flying more enjoyable for customers.■

LOCAL NEWS

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SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA



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After reviewing the comments on the Liberty Market restaurant; out of the eight attendees, the comments were split down the middle as to return there or not. Even those who did not want to return made positive statements in the other categories though most didn’t state a reason why. Thank you to all who made time to join us.

Now on to our next luncheon; September 12th, the place is also known as Two Seasons Cafe: The Cafe is located at 6320 E. Main St., Mesa 85205. You will see a **big** yellow sign with the word “Café” before you see the address, it is on the Northeast corner of 63rd and Main St. On that date, they offer a fish fry as well as their usual menu. Please arrive at 11:00 a.m.

I would like to hear from if you want to go to your favorite restaurant as a group.





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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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Come and enjoy a beautiful day in the park with the Northstaters. We will be having our annual picnic at The Aquatic Park in Paradise, CA on Wednesday, September 17th from 11:00 - 1:30 P.M. Bring your lunch, your drinks and a chair and enjoy the beautiful park, pond and fellow retirees. **Sharon Simonton** will provide dessert. Hope to see you there!

Calendar:

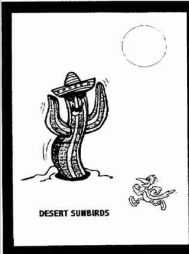
September 17 - Wednesday, 11:00AM for a picnic, the Aquatic Park, 5600 Recreation Dr., Paradise, CA.



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DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

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



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy October and Halloween to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on September 7, it's another beautiful summer day, comfortable with a high of 82. Below normal temperatures have continued for another month, much to everyone's amazement, with only a handful of days above 90. A few days of 98 but so far, no "century days" of 100 or more. We have several days of 90 and above coming up next week, but then it's back to moderate temps in the low 80's for the next 10 days. I'll take it! We are hoping the weather gods will not make up for lost time and send us a massive heat wave of many days over 100 degrees later in September.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give

them a count beforehand. If you are going to attend, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. The Lazy Dog has been our other “go to” restaurant for over a year. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is at a member’s home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our September meeting was held on September 1, Labor Day, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 10 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest Carla, **Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy;** and **Dee Moreci**. We missed **Russ Schleske** and **Carol Parks** who were traveling. We missed **Barb Cunningham** and **Jan Soderstrom** who were not feeling well. We hope both ladies will soon be feeling better; many thanks to **Tracey Blanchard** who took meeting notes for me. **Joe & Wilma Leather**’s daughter Linda and son in law David surprised them by driving down from Boise so they were unable to attend the luncheon. Linda has been a godsend to them, especially when Wilma took a fall and was in a cast for a while. She has come to our luncheons in the past and we really enjoy her company too!

Falls really are a big threat and we need to do everything we can to avoid them. Watch every step you take even when on familiar ground. It may seem like you are “babying” yourself, but you are not. You are protecting yourself from a nasty fall, serious injury, and even broken bones. This is a repeat from last month, not because I forgot to remove it, but because I think it is so important and worth repeating.

At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. **Tracey Blanchard** won the money. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring.

Barbara Cunningham collects both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all the cards he can get.” The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty. If you have cards you’d like to donate, please hold on to them for now as she cannot deliver cards again until school opens in the fall. I’ll let you know when you can resume mailing cards to her.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity

Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. One thing we can all agree on is that the cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer’s Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Please help me spread the word about this worthwhile project. The number of coupons in the newspapers has dropped dramatically so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On September 6, I turned in a whopping 1803 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. If it weren’t for the RUAEA folks sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Edmay Apana** in HI—a first time donor and my first RUAEA member from Hawaii. We now literally have RUAEA donors from across the whole country! Other donors were **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Glenda Kennedy** in CA, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, and **Jim Taylor** in FL. **Maggie Klaus** told me that her coupons this month came from a 93-year-old woman in her aerobics class and a friend’s granddaughter who is in fifth grade. Thank you Edmay for joining this project and thank you Maggie for asking your friends to donate coupons as well.

“Dumpster Diving.” Have you heard this term before? The Coupon Chair in my DAR chapter does this. She goes to her post office occasionally and goes through the wastebasket where people toss out their junk mail as they go through their mail. She pulls out the flyers with coupons and takes them home. **Carol Koslosky**’s granddaughter **Samantha** is an incredible Dumpster Diver! She goes through the trash in her apartment complex mailroom and pulls out the coupon flyers other people throw away. So, for those of you who live in apartments or assisted living

facilities, please consider rescuing abandoned coupons from your mailrooms. You may only get a handful of coupons in your own mail, but you can get many times that in your mailroom.

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

- ▲ Monday, October 6 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 3rd.
- ▲ Monday, November 3 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 31.

Until next month, watch your steps and do everything you can to stay healthy!



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Oh my goodness, did you get out and look at the sunset and the magnificent Corn Moon on September 7th? Many fires have made the skies very colorful, especially at sunset. With our natural air conditioning (read: fog,) the sky was filled with many shades of orange and with the fog spilling down over the foothills – what a sight! Then turn around and look at the huge, full Blood Moon – known as the Corn Moon (corn was harvested during this time of the year in years past). I hope you called your kids, grand-kids, great-grand kids and encouraged them to go out look up at the sky. Mother Nature also gave us a full eclipse of the moon. Aren't we lucky – there is a great deal of beauty out there, we just have to open our eyes and see! Summer has officially ended and we are in the Fall/Autumn days of our lives. Trees are changing colors, Art and Wine festivals occurring up and down the Peninsula, Stern Grove winding down their free summer concerts in the park, music extravaganzas being held with thousands attending, the Scottish Games held across the Bay. What fun, where else can you see a bunch of men wearing kilts, playing the bagpipes and throwing the caber? What is a caber you ask? Think a heavy telephone pole-like object and who can toss it the furthest? This event is not on my bucket list. Memories of the lone piper standing on the high walls of the Castle in Scotland at the yearly Military

Tattoo playing Amazing Grace. Funerals bidding friends and relatives a somber goodbye – don't even have to have any Scottish blood to say farewell in this manner. For me? Aloha Oe, 'til we meet again.

President **Ginger Dahlberg** forgot to open the meeting formally so she had to back-peddle – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, moments of silence remembering those who have gone ahead of us, first responders, those in the Medical field who care for us.

Our luncheon spot last month was at the Mediterranean Pizza restaurant. We sat outside and enjoyed the lovely weather overlooking the Foster City Lagoon. Ginger reported that a box full of tasty donuts was purchased and delivered to the staff at the Foster City Library thanking them for their generosity of “lending” their meeting room to us for the past 3 months. The elevator is still not working and you need to remember that we will meet at The Vibe, 650 Shell Blvd., Foster City for the remainder of the year as well as the first 3 months of 2026.

- ★ **September 22** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then off to Armadillo Willys' for Texas BBQ, mild and hot sauces and a Corn Muffin that is very good.
- ★ **October 27** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then off for some Chinese specials at Joy Taiwan Chinese Restaurant, 1489 Beach Park Blvd (Hillsdale Blvd., becomes Beach Park Blvd.)
- ★ **November 24** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then over to IHOP on Foster City Blvd. for lunch. They have a senior menu that is good and a great Chicken Fried Steak!
- ★ **December 8** – No meeting just come to the Billini Bistro Italian Restaurant at 11:30am, wear those outrageous Christmas sweaters (demolish the moths first,) 1465 Beach Park Blvd., and plan to have a good time. You can order off the menu and enjoy some laughs and help bring in the holidays. Please bring 2 cans of low-sodium, not expired, cans of food that we will donate to the Foster City Fire Department for them to distribute to those in need. Thanks in advance.

Secretary **Eliza Vargas** read the minutes for the last meeting – they were approved as read. Thanks for a job much appreciated.

Treasurer **John Garis** keeps us on the straight and narrow. We are solvent and thanks to those who bring in goodies for the raffles. John is accepting dues for 2026, they are \$15 per person, checks made out to **John Garis** and mailed to him (or give to him at the meeting) at 550 Compass Circle, Redwood City, CA 94065. Make sure you make the check out to **John Garis**, not Golden Gaters. He reports that we have 30 paid members.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that **John Garis** and **Ginger Dahlberg** blew out many candles, no anniversaries, and **Lydia Rolfe** is on the mend but sporting bruises galore.

Auditors **Vera Kina** says that the books are looking good.

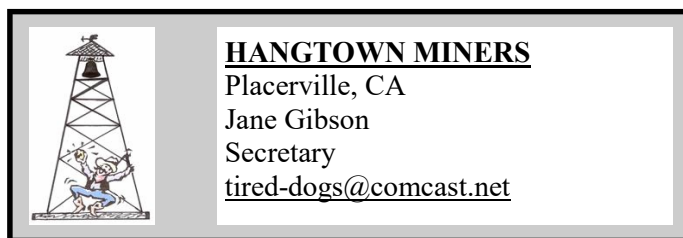
Jack and Jill workers, **Carol Slater** and **Andy King** take care of the raffles and do odd jobs.

Our money raffle draws (not 1 Billion, unfortunately, but close!) were won by **Charlie Bogert** and **Eliza Vargas**. I guess no one in our group won the Power Ball on September 6th – what? You didn't buy a ticket? Yeah, right! We did have some raffle winner though: **Ben Ramos**, **Jerry Marsala**, **Gary Chong**, and **Charlie Bogert** (won a wheelbarrow to cart his money winnings off to the bank.) Our local farmer, **Al Durr**, brought in many delicious tomatoes from his garden; **Linda Kasada** picks them for him. **Byron Holley** and **John Bogdanoff** enjoyed chatting with the group.

Get those booster shots as Covid is rearing its' ugly head again. Our medical system is not doing well and we need to be alert and stay well. Call a friend that you haven't spoken to lately.

Conundrum of the Day: *Have you ever wondered why Tarzan doesn't have a beard?*

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00AM at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



Hello to all of you wonderful people!

I'm sorry this is a tad bit late; we have had long time, dear friends visiting from Indiana. They drove all the way here and are now on their way back via the "southern" route. They managed to hit that wild sand storm that devoured Phoenix the other day! So, off we go – we had very delicious meals at the Lotus 8 in Folsom. Rudy extended our appreciation to **Pati & Bill Kenney** with a big "Thank You"! Pati spent a good deal of time making the lovely, colorful table decorations and then baked cookies for us too! We were fortunate to have **Thom Biro's** sister, **Jeannie DeGraff**, join us and she was given a sincere "Welcome". Birthdays found three of our members celebrating this month! **John Muir**, who was not at the luncheon, turned 85 (**Ann Marie** threw him a surprise party at the America Legion), **Rudy Blazius** and **Duncan Nielsen**. So, it just so happened that that day (13th) was Duncan's actual birthday and Rudy's was the next day (14th). **Jane Gibson** felt that not only did we need to say "Happy Birthday", but they deserved "the" song too! All joined in and I think we didn't sound too bad! We send a Happy Anniversary to **Tom & Gerry Boyle** – 61 years.

President ~ You know, we have a really awesome president for our Miners. **Rudy Blazius** is one of the most organized people I have "worked" with and he's always on the look out for us. This month he did a bit of research for the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion – Minden. It helps that he and Cindy enjoy popping "over the hill" to Minden and he researched some of the things that you can enjoy in the area. In Gardnerville, there's the Carson Valley Museum as well as some eateries – JT Basque (which we have enjoyed), Overland Restaurant & Pub, Carson Valley Country Club Restaurant, and there's a few golf courses as well. In Carson City, they have the Nevada State Museum, State Railroad Museum, Nugget Casino and the Great Basin Brewing.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier**, who is also a great person to work with, said he didn't have a report. But, if you know JR, he is always able to contribute to the conversation.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** just kind of added to Rudy's information about Minden. **Rosemary Heier**, who is one of the organizers for the Reunion, spoke to the Carson Valley Inn coordinator and we have been reassured that the anticipated building will not be a problem for us. They will again donate to us a Night at the Carson Valley Inn and a \$100 certificate to their restaurant. We are certainly happy to have this as one of our raffle prizes. We also have many bottles of (good) wine and baskets to bring for the raffle. We hope that you will be joining us.

Treasurer ~ Not to brag, but **Tom Kenny** is probably the best person for this position – ever! Tom tells us that we have a comfortable amount in our checking. BJ's sent a rebate of \$91.66 for our luncheon in June and we're waiting for a rebate from last month's luncheon at Lucille's. If you're hosting, it doesn't hurt to ask if they give a rebate since we are a non-profit group. Our dues roster is up to date and we welcome our newest Hangtown Miner, **Carrie Nishimoto**.

Sunshine ~ Isn't it nice that good comes in twos! One more terrific officer for the Miners - **Suzanne Kenny** has been busy keeping up with all of you. We send best wishes to **Peggy Trebnik**; Peggy had gall bladder surgery and is recovering – slowly! Not something one wants to rush. Be patient, Peggy. Since Peggy is the primary driver for herself and Chuck, they had turned to other sources to get around town. If you find yourself in this predicament, look into the local transportation company (bus) or see if there is a way to go through your insurance. They may have a service that is covered – you may need to pay a bit more for it, but, if it gets you where you need to be – would be worth it!

Suzanne also touched bases with **Irv & Sherrie Wolf-ram**. Irv's 93 and their son is stepping up and helping them quite a lot. We're thinking and praying for all of you.

New Business ~ Have you been getting notifications for various things – like, UPS saying it couldn't deliver something to you; or, that you haven't paid a bill and you need to contact them immediately before you're taken to

court; or, **Ken Bader** has received notices from what looks like an authentic logo for Xfinity. **Do not – I repeat – Do not open any of these messages whether they are email or text.** There are so many of these scams out there and they want to get into your computer, your contact list, and for sure, your bank information.

Old Business ~ None that hasn't already been covered!

Contributions ~ **Thom Biro** recently traveled to Maui – lucky guy – and he warns us that the airport is an obstacle course. Allow yourself plenty of time to get from your parked car to the terminal. The flights to Hawaii have been very full.

Bill Gibson shared that **John Phillips** is going through cancer treatments. John said that he has some tools he wants to donate to our program so Bill is going to see if he can get his grandsons to go to John's house and help with going thru the tools and getting what he wants to donate ready to come up here to Tom's.

I think that's all for this month. Rudy is armed with a few "funnies" to share:

- ☺ It's a good day. The bulb finally burned out on my check engine light.
- ☺ Son: "Dad, I've got a part in the school play, I play a man who's been married 25 years". Dad: "Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part".
- ☺ She just texted me and said "*I can still smell your colon on my pillow*", and this is why spelling matters.
- ☺ Dogs aren't the only animal you can train. I had a goldfish that could break dance on the carpet ... but only for, like 20 seconds.

Love it! Rudy gave JR the floor and our monthly raffle started. **Pati Kenney** won the donator's prize. Thanks to all who brought something: **Bell/Nielsen** – 4 espresso mugs; **Blazius** – small snack dishes; **Biro** – wine; **Kenny** – grill apron; **Gibson** – solar mushroom; **Heier** – wine; **Guinn** – barbecue tools/mitt; **Garland** – wine; **Kenney** – Rooster & table decorations; **Thilges** – wine.

Okay, our September luncheon is on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 at Casa Los Abuelos. This place has great food so be sure to contact **Thom Biro** right away!

Our summer has been quite agreeable so far, we don't want to get too laid back, but it has been nice!

All of you take good care of yourselves, spend some time relaxing (we are retired after all), some time laughing and time to spend with those who you love and who make you happy.





RESANS
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There were fourteen attendees at breakfast this month and we talked about the quiet summer we were having; how peaceful to be home after fighting the full flights and the traveling masses out there about wherever you go.

Louis Semon, recently returned from his African Safari, was a very welcome sight. He gave us a brief run-down of his trip and is planning to put together a presentation, chronicling the wonderful places he visited while on Safari; he also promises pictures of the many wild animals he saw. I am an artist who loves to paint animals so I eagerly await our meeting next month.

Greg Krok is recuperating from heart surgery that had complications; he had to go back into the hospital for a few days. He is feeling good but not yet ready to get out. He is hoping to make the next breakfast.


Betty Tomaino was not feeling well and she was also missed by all of us.

We are hoping our summer travelers will have returned home and we can enjoy hearing all the great travel experiences.

Calendar:

October 2 - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Café. All welcome but I do need you to send me an R.S.V.P'

November 6 - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Café.



SACRAMENTO
GOLD DIGGERS
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The August get together for the Gold Diggers was at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville. We had 26 in attendance including two guest; **Dona Shaw**, guest of **Sidnee McKinney** and **Elsa Powers**, guest of **Marji Gabert-Milam**. After enjoying a nice lunch, our President **Francis Domaratus** started our meeting with a "Thank You" to **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements and a "Thank You" to our server **Jordy**. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that there will be no meeting in September due to the RUAEA Reunion and that the next gathering will be at Bennett's Westside Grill on Wednesday October 29th at 1130. We also have run into conflicts with other organizations for the Holiday lunch/meeting which was scheduled for December 10th; we now have a reservation

for a week earlier on December 3rd. This is the first Wednesday in December and we will be at the Café del Lago in Granite Bay, more details will be forthcoming. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that there was only one anniversary for the month of August and that was for **Trudy & Lance Engeldinger** with 50 years. Ron added he had some more information for later.

Moving along, Francis called on Treasurer **Robin Garland** and she reported that the chapter is indeed solvent. Robin also mentioned that thanks to all the donations for the raffles, there are sufficient funds for the chapter to subsidize the Holiday luncheon.

Francis mentioned about the changes affecting the pass policy that went into effect on August 1, 2025. The info was published in the August RUAEA Newsletter and is copied below. There will be representatives from United to discuss this and other travel issues at the RUAEA Reunion. We moved on to the Birthday roll off with three August birthdays, **Lance Engeldinger**, **Jim Simon** and **Pat Zoboli** with Lance winning a few extra dollars.

Dave Garland brought up some humorous comments and then asked if anyone knew about the first transcontinental flight. No one was sure about this question ... the answer was by Robert Fowler on April 27, 1913 ... he had transported his plane to Panama and flew from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean across Panama and it took one hour and 35 minutes.

Jim Simon talked about the Flights to Freedom Program that **Ken Lux** and **Steve Thorne** talked about at the last meeting. Jim talked about his involvement in other programs in the past that he had been involved with and felt very passionate about this program. He would like to go their event in November at McClellan and if anyone is also interested to please contact him. Jim understands that it is expensive at \$250 but that all the proceeds go to program to save these individuals from human trafficking.

We wrapped up the gathering with the 50/50 won by Joyce Spivey and then our monthly raffle.

Ron Bertacini went over what he had found in a recent edition of the Wall Street Journal. It was a quiz on testing your smarts regarding Commercial Air Travel.

1. Millions of Americans fly coast to coast non-stop. In 1923 who first did such a feat?
 - A. Charles Lindbergh
 - B. Wiley Post
 - C. Amelia Earhart
 - D. John Macready and Oakley Kelly
2. In 1977, 25% of American adults said they have flown commercially at least once. By 2024, that had climbed to?
 - A. 34 %
 - B. 52%
 - C. 72%
 - D. 86%
3. Delta Airlines has had the top spot in WSJ list of airlines. An important criteria was bumped passengers. For every one passenger bumped on Delta versus American Airlines.

- A. 50
- B. 150
- C. 1800
- D. 13,200


4. Most airlines have Frequent Flyer programs. Which airlines was the first to introduce such a program.

- A. American
- B. Braniff
- C. Delta
- D. United

The correct answers are shown below.

If you haven't heard yet, starting August 1, the employeeRES pass rider access website will no longer be available. This is the website that pass riders use to make bookings if the employee/retiree set them up with their own username and password. Presently, when a pass rider logs in with their access, they'll immediately see a message asking them to connect with their sponsoring retiree to link their MileagePlus account. This will let them use the United mobile app to create and manage their pass travel bookings. We're planning to feature a United Daily next month to help everyone get ready before the pass rider access site goes away. It's a great time for retirees to make sure their pass riders are all set up and linked. Of course, if a pass rider prefers not to use the mobile app or create a free MileagePlus account, that's totally okay. Just keep in mind, the retiree will be solely responsible for handling all bookings, changes, and cancellations on their behalf. One important reminder: It's not okay for anyone to share their Flying Together or MileagePlus login info. It's against United's IT security policy and could result in the loss of pass travel privileges. IT takes this seriously — so let's all be safe. To make things easier, we've created a helpful resource page on Flying Together with step-by-step screen shots and FAQs to guide you through linking a pass rider's account. Here's the link to our page on Flying Together: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2024/09/23/pass-ride-update>.

Answers to WSJ Quiz ... 1-D, 2-B, 3-D and 4-A.


	<p><u>SAN JOAQUINERS</u> Bob Scoble, Treasurer Merced (925) 642-2465 U079237@att.net</p>
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Hello All,

We met in Modesto again at the Fruit Yard restaurant; a great place to get together for lunch. The lunch was hosted by the **Dumars** and the **Millards**. We had a fairly small gathering, there were less than ten in attendance. Lots of conversation about who is going to Denver for the RUAEA 50th Anniversary Convention and who is going to the UA Mechanics annual get-together in Minden, Nevada.

Important Announcement: A reminder that we elected to cancel the September 11th meeting since so many of us will be traveling. Our next meeting is on October 9th and scheduled to be hosted by **Bobby & Eleanor Woods** but I heard from Bobby that Eleanor is just out of the hospital after hip surgery. She is doing OK but is expected to have several months therapy and convalescing. Chris will send a card from the group, and I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from others. Pat and I will host the month of October for them, it will be at Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs.

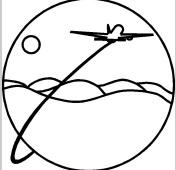
Everyone have safe travels and we will see you in October.

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Our regular meeting on the first Monday of the month, fell on the Labor Day holiday, so the actual gathering was held the following day, Tuesday. As a result, we had only five people in attendance. Nonetheless, there was good conversation and a good time had by all. The weather was great, so most members were probably enjoying the holiday or sleeping in, we missed them just the same.

Our next get-together will be at the regular time and day. We will also use this time to discuss what we as a group would like to do for our annual Christmas celebration this year. We need to secure reservations or look at other options.

We meet the first Monday of each month at the Bill of fare restaurant in San Jose at 10AM. All UA retirees are welcome to attend. It is just off highway 280, at 1069 Saratoga Ave.

	<p><u>SOLANO FLYERS</u> Larry Jackson President (707) 624-0030 larry-cindy@comcast.net</p>
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We met at BJ's in Vacaville, CA on August 19th with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, Robert & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Schutte, Bob Richie, Stewart McCale Sr., Stewart McCale Jr., Rudy Arsaga, Frank Uhl, Jamie Schwafel, McKinley Nelson Sr., and Joanne & Billy Blizzard.**


The 50/50 winner was **Rudy Arsaga.**

Birthday celebrant was **Bob Richie. Nelson**

McKinley celebrated his anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on September 23rd at Mary's Pizza Shack in Vacaville.

COLORADO

	<p><u>DENVER MILE HIGHERS</u> Tammi Thompson tbt1958@aol.com</p>
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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

28 members and guests were in attendance, including **Susan** (retired flight attendant), **Mark Greubel**, and **Sam** (retired simulator tech) & **Kyla Vasicko** from Delta, CO.

RUAEA President **Ruth Morabito** was in attendance; she and Paul updated everyone on the Reunion, which is three weeks away. Everyone needs to be registered no later than September 15. Room reservations have been extended to September 8. You must be registered for the reunion in order to get the Special Room Rate. Parking will be free for attendees – more information to come – watch your email.

The Benefits Panel Discussion on September 30 will include Medical (Open Enrollment), Travel Center, Cyber Security and the Credit Union. Each will make a presentation and then break-out sessions will be held after for more help and instruction.


Currently, the tour of the Training Center has approximately 100 people registered.

August Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ **Jackie Kudrow's** birthday is September 18.

50/50 Winners ~ **Jackie Kudrow, Rich Conner (2x), Sam Vasicko, and Kyla Vasicko (2x).**

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 2, 11:00 am, Tedz Place, 303.287.7544. This is the day following the close of the Reunion. If you are in town, please feel free to join us! We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

FLORIDA

	<p><u>THE CITRUS GROUPEERS</u> <u>THE VILLAGES</u> Julius "Joe" DiStaso (941) 661-2215 wopahofl@gmail.com</p>
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net.



**THE ORLANDO
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We recited the Pledge of Allegiance after lunch at Denny's and welcomed back **Debbie & Dennis Schuster** and convinced **Paul Crotty** to join the McCoy's. Well, he came back for lunch again! Why? 'Cause we're fun, we know stuff, there's lunch ... and we're family! Join us ☺

The Chapter received a very nice Thank You note from **Richard Llewellyn's** family for our donation to Alzheimer's and the Honey Crisp Tree in his orchard in honor of **Cathy**.

Birthday Candles for **Angel Montalvo** – today at our luncheon! So we sang and he had Ice Cream, enjoy!


Charlotte LeGrand will be celebrating on 9/17! Happy Birthday, Char!

Our Loving Couple for September 10th with 58 years of wedded bliss is **Tom & Peg Cannata**. Congrats to you!

The RUAEA Convention is the end of September and Elaine & Corky will represent us.

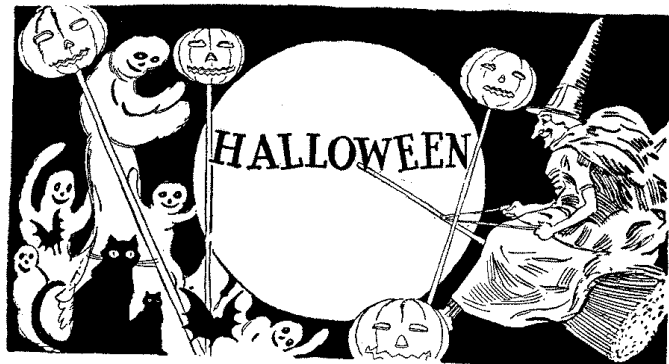
November 4th at Cypress Grove Park – Gates open at 11 – serving burgers & dogs noon-ish.

Planning for the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's on December 9th. Save the Date!



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We are taking the summer off; we will reconvene in October for our next meeting. Have a great summer!





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This month, we had a small gathering with only 3 ladies in attendance, we had a nice social visit.

Calendar:

October 6- IHOP - 10:30



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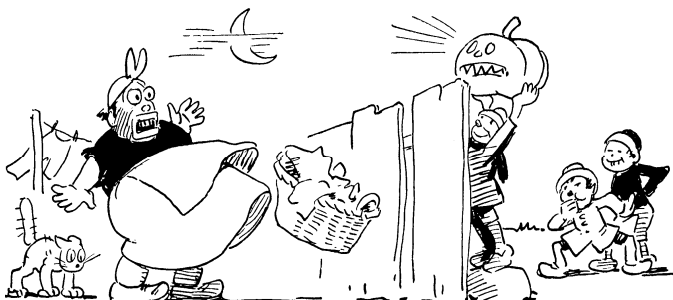
There is no report this month from the Treasure Coast chapter of RUAEA.

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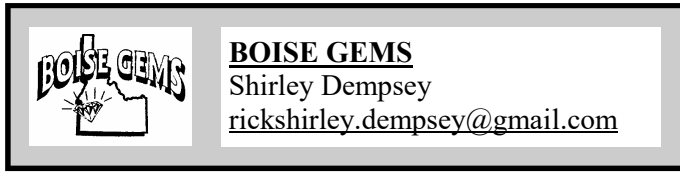


HONOLULU MENEHUNES
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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3rd Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—If you are planning to be in HNL and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo!



IDAHO



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

ILLINOIS



October—Beautiful little 10th month of the year. Those gorgeous colors of yellow, gold, orange, and brown against the green trees are almost all off the trees. They were pretty this year weren't they? Something to do with the heat/rain/atmosphere, whatever we had this summer; whole lot of heat, then rain and cool. I just read five paragraphs of technical reasons why the colors change. Just take my word for it; it's a process of nature. Now on to pretty decorations and getting those Halloween costumes for us and the kids. It's kind of beating Christmas as the most decorated holiday. It's a fun holiday. Buying candy is about the most expensive item. Costume cost kind of depends on how silly or glamorous you want to be. I have a shaggy dog costume I made in the 60's, still have it; and it still fits. So does the jewelry, shoes and socks I wore with it; magic. And I still win first prize with that little outfit, too. Anywhere from candy, gift cards to wine. A few years ago, I bought a beautiful black witches' hat with jewels, rhinestones and feathers on it. I won fourth prize! Back to the dog suit. I learned to stick with a winner, man's best friend. I love Halloween, for one day you can be somebody else, be silly and wild, and maybe even scare somebody with your spooky mask, until they find out you're not wearing a mask. It's me, a la naturelle.

October's flowers are the marigolds and the cosmos. Marigolds represent optimism and prosperity, so fitting for this month, bright orange. One website I looked at said the cosmos are dainty and lovely, but symbolize stubbornness and determination. Does that fit anyone you know? The name comes from the Latin word, Octo, meaning it was the eighth month. That was before Caesar came in and added January and February. Back then, they figured, leave well enough alone. I think they added the 'ber' to denote the next few months would be cold. The gems are the beautiful opal and tourmaline. Opals have a play-of-color that is

compared to fireworks, they come in many colors. The tourmaline has a color palette for every mood. The black shade protects the wearer and gives self confidence. The pink one embodies love with compassion and gentleness. Green promotes courage, strength and stamina. Sounds like you can't lose with either one.

What? I think I heard somebody ask about the moon phases. I just happen to have that handy. The full moon will be on the 6th, but we know it'll hang around for a few days, just in case of Illinois clouds.

It's called the Harvest Moon to denote the harvesting of crops by the early Americans long ago. It's also the first Super moon of the year. I'll tell you about the others next month. That just means the moon is within 90% of its closest approach to earth in its orbit; i.e. it's closest to the earth and is brighter. The technical term is a perigee syzygy Moon. Now you can go on Jeopardy! The Orionid meteor shower will be seen beautifully on the 21st since it's the new moon and the sky will be black. There will be 20 meteors per hour.

The Northside breakfast had 10 people, **Ginny Vlach, Charlie Lewis, Deb Jaret, Dennis Zachara, Toni Van Kampen, Dona Nefczyk, Jerry Tipperreiter, and Paul & Marsha-Sealock Weber.**

The mechanics at Maxfield's from ORDMM included **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Don Kramlich, Walt Chornomaz, Fred Seibert, Boris Spitz, Cas Paprocki, Bud Lowe, Rich Protsman, Jim Vitte, and Larry Stilwell** visiting from AZ.

The ORDMM foremen included **Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, Bart & Sue Kendall,** and our old friends from Florida, **Dave & Judy Stoves.** We love it when our dis-placed mechanics come back to town and still want to see us, thanks, Dave and Larry!

The RUPA meeting was held at Nick's Pizza in Algonquin. The speaker was ORD captain, **Nate Thomas,** who flew F-16's while in the Air Force. He gave a great presentation of flying the Viper, and he was airborne on September 11, 2001. It resembled a viper snake as well as the Colonial Viper Starfighter in the TV series Battlestar Galactica. There were 40 people present to see his slide presentation, and enjoy Nick's delicious food. The next lunch is on November 12th at Nick's. You're asked to wear your old veteran's uniform if you have it and if it fits. It's also the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps on November 10th.

The 1487 IAM Union had about 70 people for a Meet n Eat, where everybody brings enough food for everybody else to eat. Looks like all of them had a good time with delicious food to pass. Always interesting to see what people bring. Some ladies cook for hours with entrées, salads, casseroles and desserts. Then there are the ones that stop at Tony's on the way to the Hall for chicken, shrimp salad or a fruit salad. Next month's meeting is on October 2, and will feature Bingo games, and your lunch is for you to bring a brown bag lunch for yourself. Make it yummy, you can't blame the cook. The union supplies the drinks, chips and desserts.

News around the industry ... Southwest will be requiring passengers of a larger sized body to buy a second seat before traveling. The armrest is considered to be the definitive boundary between seats. Southwest will determine if an additional seat is necessary for safety purposes. They will refund the extra seat purchased upon request once travel is complete. You'll also need to ask for a seatbelt extension. This will happen on or before January 27, 2026. The TSA have new rules also. If you carry cordless hair devices for your hair containing gas cartridges, they will be removed because of lithium-ion batteries. They can be packed in your checked luggage. Hair tools with cords are acceptable. Anything with a lithium-ion battery is not allowed in the cabin luggage. We don't have to remove our shoes anymore, unless the scanner goes off. The rule about carrying less than 3.4 ounces liquid is still in effect. Items we still can carry on are, live lobsters, Christmas lights, antlers, cowboy spurs, Harry Potter light sabers and wands, espresso makers, sewing machines, and the ever popular waffle irons. Are you shaking your heads? Me too. Who would carry on some of those items? So, you and Yoda can fight it out in our tiny aisles who will be the Jedi Master while wearing your antlers? The winner gets a bag of pretzels from the F/A, also in the aisle. Just visualizing this is making me giggle. Thanks TSA for the laugh.

Spirit Airlines is filing for bankruptcy and will be ending service to 12 cities in October, where they are losing money. They plan to conduct business as usual while restructuring, but saying passengers will still be able to book flights and use tickets. However, they have 'substantial doubt' they can stay in business. United will be adding flights to 15 cities starting January 6, including trips to and from Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, and Las Vegas. Spirit is also furloughing 270 pilots and downgrading around 140 captains to first officers. Frontier is introducing 20 new routes from Detroit, Houston, Baltimore, Ft. Lauderdale, Charlotte and Dallas. Some of these are due to the Spirit Airline problems. The cost will range in price from \$29 to \$89.

Speaking of movies, how many of you saw these films in a theatre with popcorn and could sit and watch it twice? 'The Sound of Music' and 'Dr. Zhivago', are celebrating their 60 year anniversary. 'Back to the Future', 45 years, 'Toy Story' and 'Casper' are 30 years, 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'Cinderella', with 75 years, 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest', and 'Jaws', is 50 years, 'Oklahoma' and 'Lady and the Tramp', with 70 years. The 'Blues Brothers' is 45 years, and will be having a special screening on October 4, inside the walls of the Joliet prison where the movie was filmed. As an extra note, the Dixie Square Mall, in Harvey, where some scenes were filmed, was closed for years. They reopened it just for this movie, spent hundreds and thousands of dollars to restock and remodel, then left it abandoned. It's still there, empty and a wreck. We still remember the 'good' movies, don't we?

In September, Chicago renamed a block of Sheridan Road where Bob Newhart's condo was on his TV show.

It's called Bob Newhart's Way, between Ardmore and Thorndale Avenues. Three of his four children attended the event. It was done on Bob's 96th birthday. Look up WGN.com for pictures of the event. Quite an honor for a very funny and talented Chicagoan.

Forever is shorter than before.

Some of our co-workers that left this earth include, **Sandy Ho Curran**, ORDSW, **Yolanda Villa Salcedo**, EXOCU/ORDCL/ORDCS, **Chester 'Chip' Walthers**, MDWCG/ORDCG/ORDFF, **Donna Welch**, CHIRR/ORDCS, **Howard McCracken**, ORDMM, **John L. Schneider**, ORD/DEN/PDX/SLCCG Ramp, **Emmanuel Juedy** and **Sheldon Holden**, ORDCG, **Helen Cauwels**, EXORT/OPBSP/and Trip Scheduling, also very involved with Skyliner, Mainliner Clubs and was RUEA's Midwest Director for years. Others gone from our world, actors, **Tristan Rogers** (General Hospital), **Terence Stamp** (Zod in Superman), **Jerry Adler** (Sopranos), **Graham Greene** (Dances with Wolves), **Loni Anderson** (WKRP in Cincinnati), **Ronnie Rondell** and **Kim Kahana** stuntmen, sports, **Joe Burner**, boxer, (fought Ali and Frazier), **Doris Cook**, baseball player during WW2, **Larry Glueck**, Bears, singers, **Rick Derringer** (Hang on Sloopy), **Mark Volman** (The Turtles), minister, **James Dobson**, Apollo 13 astronaut, **James Lovell**, businessmen, **George Raveling**, (Nike) and **Maurice Tempelman**, (diamond magnate and friend of Jackie Kennedy), TV judge, **Frank Caprio** (Traffic in Providence), and Italian fashion icon designer, **Georgio Armani**, a real legend of mens, womens fashions, and accessories.

Get those batteries ready to set your clocks back next month on November 2.

Old age is when your liver spots show through your gloves.

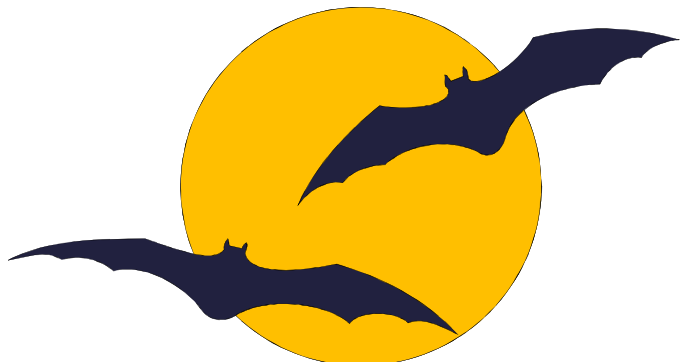
Calendar:

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

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines **(October 2)** First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. **(October 16)** Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M. 856 Pyott Rd, Algonquin, **(November 11)**. Wear your Veterans uniforms if you have it.



INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Our most recent meeting was on August 12th. In attendance were **Bob Duty, Frank Ingegno, Ron Bretherick, Bill Wallace, Fred Mosier and Jack Mason**. No new business was discussed.

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **October 14** at Emmy's
- **November 11** at Emmy's

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MASSACHUSETTS



NOR'EASTERS

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Mother Nature has been good to the Northeast this summer. The weather has been excellent and tourists are here by the droves.

I haven't heard much from fellow Nor'Easters except for **Paul & Mary Ward**, who will be celebrating their 63rd anniversary on the 18th of November. **Dick & Dayle V.** will celebrate their 44th anniversary on the 14th of September.

Other than that, I haven't heard much else. Very shortly, I'll be contacting the membership to make plans for a luncheon this fall. Until then, I hope all retirees enjoy the good weather! Stay well!



MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Camille Wade has offered to host our Retiree Luncheon on Thursday, September 18th at Olive Garden Restaurant, 14000 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia MI, just north of I-96. Join us at 1PM. Please call or text Camille to let her know that you are coming at (313) 530 1261. Hope to see you there.

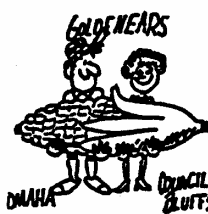
Annie's Restaurant in Livonia was the site of our August retiree luncheon. Attending were our hosts, **Marguerite & Tom Venn, Pam Shamey, Marcy Vance, Denise Thorsby** and her husband, **Charlene Anderson, Lynn Manzi, Camille Wade** and **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann**.

Kay Smith, DTWRR retiree, was in town recently visiting her daughter Jennifer, her family and friends. She and her husband, **Ken** now live in Land O'Lakes, Florida. We had a lovely lunch at Ford's Garage in Novi. It was so nice to be able to catch up and reminisce about the 'good old days' of United.

What is new in your neighborhood?

Thought for the month: "*Be who you are and be that well.*" ~ St Francis De Sales

NEBRASKA



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We had no meeting in September so there is no report this month. I'm sharing with you all a couple of chuckles:

- ☺ Why did the customer service agents have to go to therapy? Because they had too many "baggage" issues to handle!
- ☺ What is Forrest Gump's email password? Answer: 1Forrest1.



NEVADA



LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Las Vegas Silverliners welcome all UA/CO retirees to join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon Celebration. We will observe the Holidays in November on the 20th, 11:30 AM, at the Durango Hills Golf Club, 3501 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129.

The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, apolloguys@aol.com or **Mary Chandler**, honolulumary06@yahoo.com.

Our August meeting at the Black Bear Diner had 8



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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members in attendance. **Kathy Robinson** shocked everyone by announcing that she is leaving Reno and returning to North Dakota where her remaining family lives; it is also where **Joe** is buried. We are sad to see her leave but wish only good things for her as she continues her journey. **Barbara & Larry Leusing** are selling their Tahoe home, which is near Glenbrook. **Barbara Leusing** has once stepped into the breach and kindly offered to be backup Treasurer. I will be holding the checks. She will also have signing authority.

RUAEA's 50th Golden Jubilee is now fully finalized. John & I are attending and will be going on several tours: UA Flight Training Center, Denver City Tour and Foot-hills tour (to Georgetown). I understand the 2026 Convention site has been chosen and will be announced at the Convention.

The upcoming SFO Maintenance gathering scheduled for September 17 will be held again in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn. John & I plan to go to the picnic. It is always nice to reconnect with other maintenance retirees.

Alliant Credit Union provided some information on probate issues in the August RUA EA newsletter. Alliant makes investment options available through ARIS. Contact Alliant directly for more information.

We have planned a picnic for our meeting on Septem-

ber 8th at 11:00 at Crystal Lake Park. The address is 1190 Country Estates Circle, Reno. The chapter is providing the food; just bring \$5/person. We will have sandwiches, fruit, chips, cookies, potato & macaroni salads. Bring your own beverage. Kathy has said she will be attending this last picnic.

I hope to make our Christmas reservation at the Peppermill on August 22. I will keep you all updated. The August birthdays are **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**. The 50/50 was won by **Barbara Leusing**.

Our next meeting will be on September 8 at 11:00 am at Crystal Lake Park in South Reno. See you there.

NEW JERSEY



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The following message is from **Sim Van Houwe** (**Marty Etler's** niece):

Marty was hospitalized in mid-July and was recovering in a nursing facility. He was scheduled to undergo a procedure that should allow him to return to his assisted living facility. I am sad to announce that Marty passed away on September 6th. He had returned to Brandywine Assisted Living on 8/22 (and we thought he had beaten the worst of his illness) but a few days later he started to decline and hospice care was called in. He had many friends and family members visit him in those last days and passed quietly and comfortably. I guess that is all we can ask for in the end.

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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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Once again, we had a beautiful day for our gathering at the Davenport Press Restaurant. We were missing **Joe & Ileana Falcon**, maybe they were off celebrating their anniversary at some cozy retreat. **Mario Lagasi** was at work, so the story goes.

Celebrating September anniversaries are **Joe & Ileana Falcon**, **RoseAnn & Sal Vascellaro**, and **Janet & Elwin Vancleemput**.

Happy Birthday to **Ileana Falcon**, **Roberta Manfredi**, **Emma Milazzo**, **Mary Green**, **Nunzio Milazzo**, **William Halagards**, **Joyce Smith**, and **Sal Vascellaro**.

50/50 winners were **Ed Pozzi**, **Suzanne Lagasi** and **Bobbie Lee**.

"The older I get, the better I used to be" ~ Lee Trevino

Calendar:

October 1 – Meeting at Davenport Press.

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at Simins Restaurant on September 3rd in Independence, Ohio. In attendance were President **Sue Broderick**, **Tim Baker**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **Jeff & Judy Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs**, **Ben Bogucki**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Tom**

Duta, **Sharon Gatesman**, **John & Jean Hughes**, **Nancy McLaughlin** and new to the group, **Margaret Pallay** and her daughter **Jan Pallay**. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the weather was outstanding; leaves on the treetops are just starting to turn color.

We started our lunch with a special thanks to God. It was great to see **Judy Spooner** as she has had a little bump in her health but is on the road recovering. **Sharon Minelli** and **Ed Hall** could not make it at the last minute but we look forward to seeing them next month.

50/50 winners ~ 4 nice pots of \$20.00 each went to **Tom Duta**, **Sue Broderick**, **Bernie Garrah** and **Judy Spooner**.

The Ohio Buckeyes Schedule is as follows, if you are interested in attending or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you.

- ★ Planted Flag – October 1 (2 AF Veterans are owners)
- ★ Mahle's – November 5
- ★ Diamond Event Center – December 3 (Special visit from Santa planned)

Thank you for flying United, and God Bless us all!

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had 25 people in attendance for our August luncheon. **Len Blodgett** and **Steve Borbely** both had birthdays in August. **Steve & Margaret Borbely** also celebrated 61 years of marriage. **Steve Borbely** won the free lunch, and **Juanita Null** won the 50/50.

We received word that **Robert Hansen** died recently at his home in Florida. Bob worked at Ramp Service in SFO and PDX. He was preceded in death by his wife **Cathy** who worked in SFOMM and PDXMM. Bob was a long-time member of the Oregon Dew-er's before moving to Florida. He was laid to rest in Texas where two of his children live. I am sad to report that **Jeri Canfield** passed away Saturday, August 23 at the age of 71 from stage 4 lung cancer, which had then traveled to her brain. She was only diagnosed in October 2024. She leaves behind her husband, **Blaine**, her son **Evan** & daughter-in-law, daughter **Elyse**, plus 3 grandchildren. Her smile would light up the whole room and her vibrant laugh was infectious. She worked at PDXCS for approximately 20 years but was employed by United for probably 35+ years.

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ Having an empty laundry basket is the best 5 seconds of the week!

- ☺ All I need is love, but I will settle for chocolate!
- ☺ The very worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.
- ☺ Every time that you talk to your wife, your mind should remember ... "This conversation will be recorded for training and quality purposes."
- ☺ Pretending that you are ok is far easier than having to explain why you are not.
- ☺ An older brain isn't really slower – it's just busy sorting through a lifetime of carefully stored information. Be patient.
- ☺ Not to brag, but I just got hired as a fitness model. They hired me as the "before" picture.
- ☺ An elderly couple return to a Mercedes dealership to find the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, and busty blonde. "I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$75,000 asking price," said the man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$65,000 to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model." "Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman. Just then the young woman approached the old folks and handed them the keys saying, "Here you go. I told you I could get this joker to drop the price! See you later grandpa." Never mess with the elderly!
- ☺ A truck loaded with Vicks Vaporub overturned on the highway. Amazingly, there was no congestion for 8 hours.
- ☺ I applied for a job hanging mirrors. It's something I can see myself doing (groan)
- ☺ Seen across the rear end of a small SUV, "Driver is old. Can't hear your horn. Can't see your finger. Have a nice day".
- ☺ Dear summer heat, if you are going to melt something off, start with my fat and leave the ice cream alone!
- ☺ It's amazing how much you can accomplish around the house under the threat of someone coming over.
- ☺ I stress about stress before there's even stress to stress about. Then I stress about stressing over stress that doesn't need to be stressed about. It's very stressful!
- ☺ When someone tells you to get a grip ... apparently around their neck is not what they meant ... who knew?
- ☺ I went to the beekeeper to get 12 bees. He gave me 13. I said: "Sir, you gave me an extra!" He said: "That's a freebie".
- ☺ A man is talking to the family doctor, "Doc, I think my wife's going deaf." The doctor answers, "Well, here's something you can try on her to test her hearing. Stand some distance away from her and ask her a question. If she doesn't answer, move a little closer and ask again. Keep repeating

this until she answers. Then you'll be able to tell just how hard of hearing she really is." The man goes home and tries it out. He walks in the door and says, "Honey, I'm home. What's for dinner?" He doesn't hear an answer, so he moves closer to her. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Still no answer. He repeats this several times, until he's standing just a few feet away from her. Finally, she answers, "For the 11th time, I said we are having meatloaf!"

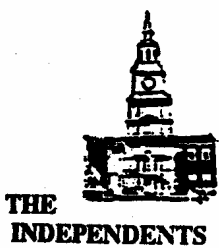
- ☺ The doctor said I need more green in my diet, so I'm switching to mint chocolate chip ice cream.
- ☺ We are all brave in our own way. For example, I am not afraid of raw cookie dough.
- ☺ OMG! I finally realize what is wrong with my brain. On the left side, there is nothing right. And on the right side there is nothing left ...
- ☺ A pessimist sees a dark tunnel. An optimist sees light as the end of the tunnel. A realist sees a freight train. The train engineer sees 3 idiots standing on the track.
- ☺ Me: "You've been staring at that carton of orange juice for half an hour. What's the problem? Him: "Sssh! It says concentrate."
- ☺ My wife texted me this morning and said, "Your great". I replied, "No, you're great". She's been in a great mood ever since. I should correct her grammar more often.
- ☺ Not to brag, but I totally got out of bed today!
- ☺ Me: Can you grow please? Bank account: No, Lawn: No, Hair: No, Muscles: No, Stomach: I got you!

Until next month!

Calendar:


September 11 - Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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





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The new PIT terminal is getting closer to opening day, an integrated public trial will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025. Nearly 18,000 registered for the event, 8400+ were chosen to be used for this full-dress rehearsal to re-enact a typical day at PIT will look like in the new facility.


There will also be a community open house on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from noon to 7 PM. For more information, visit pittransformed.com.

September Birthdays ~ Olga Karmazin, Gerry McDonough and Diane Weber.

October Birthdays ~ Doris Abbas, Joan Ference and Bernie Juth.

October Anniversaries ~ Bill & Johnna Chicots.


UTAH



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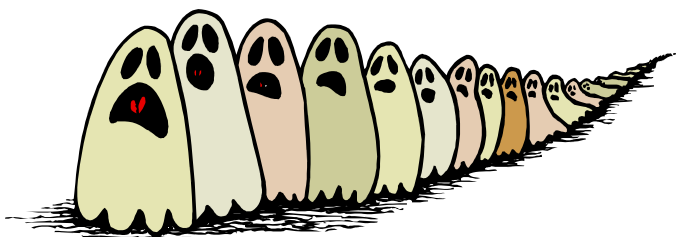
There is no report this month from the Salt Lake Retirees chapter of RUAEA.

WASHINGTON




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A reminder that the Mechanics get-together is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.



WASHINGTON, D.C.



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Submitted by Carl Alford, President

With our July and August summer break having come to an end, we look forward to getting back in the swing of things.


Among other things, our September meeting is an opportunity to share summer vacation stories with each other. As “airline people,” this often includes faraway adventures.

Still, as residents of the DC metro area and beyond, an exciting adventure is never far away.

We meet at 11:30AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA, September - May.

If you’re in the area, we invite you to come join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

NATIONAL



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Something to Stop and Reflect On ... As the 24th anniversary of 9/11 comes upon us, yet again, it does not lessen the pain and horror of that horrendous day. For all of us in the aviation industry, regardless of our job title or department category, heartbreak will forever follow us. Evil was pounding through our doors both at work and at home. I said goodbye to the flight attendant crew of Flight 93 as their briefing preceded mine and then within the next 30 minutes it started - no need to explain.

The following Facebook posting was shared with me along with the National Board members during our monthly Zoom meeting by **Peggy Griffin**, our former National President.

One year after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, a short note appeared in a U.S. newspaper. It was simple, quiet and powerful. Read it carefully. And if you’re someone who often gets frustrated by the little things in life — maybe read it twice.

- ▲ You may have heard about the CEO of a major company who survived the attacks simply because it was his turn to take his child to preschool.

- ▲ Another man lived because it was his day to bring donuts.
- ▲ One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off.
- ▲ Someone got stuck in traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike.
- ▲ Another missed the bus.
- ▲ One spilled coffee on her blouse and had to change.
- ▲ One person's car wouldn't start.
- ▲ Someone returned to answer a phone call.
- ▲ Another's child took too long getting ready.
- ▲ One simply couldn't catch a cab.
- ▲ But what struck me most — was a man who survived because that morning, he wore new shoes. They gave him a blister, so he stopped at a pharmacy to buy a bandage. That's why he lived.

And now, when I find myself stuck in traffic, missing an elevator, going back home for keys, or answering a phone call at the last second ... I pause and think: Maybe I'm exactly where I'm meant to be. Maybe this delay is a protection I'll never understand. So next time your morning doesn't go as planned —

- The kids are slow to get ready.
- The dog won't go out.
- You can't find your keys.
- You hit every red light ...

Don't get angry. Don't panic. God might be at work. Protecting you in ways you'll never see. Just look up and say, Thank You!

From the National Board members and the countless chapters and members of Clipped Wings across the country, may peace and calm follow you each and every day.

Please remember to check us out at:

- Facebook Clipped Wings® Chat Corner
- unitedclippedwingsinc.org, Crew Lounge unitedwings.org
- Business Facebook: United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendant, Inc.
- Instagram: [clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual) is our "handle." Contact **Linda Mitchell**.■



NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2025**:

Laura Baca, Thornton, CO
 Leigh Bradell, Denver, CO
 Garrick Chang, Kanehoe, HI
 Theodore Dykstra, Castle Rock, CO
 Teresa Gibson, Tomball, TX
 Larry James, Brooksville, FL
 Ginger Kamakea, Venice, FL
 Jodi Knight, Middleburg, FL
 Angelica M. Carrasco, Brighton, CO
 Amy Morgan, Salt Lake City, UT
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 Ally Zauner, Chicago, IL■

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
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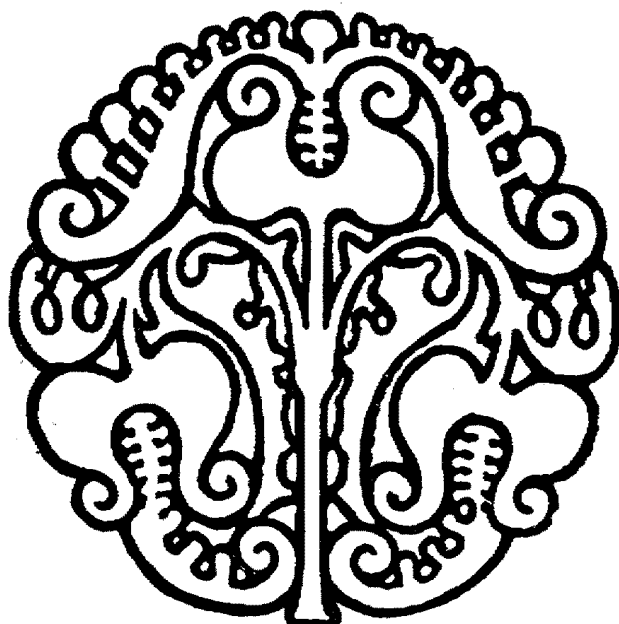
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Retiree – **Vasko, Michael L.**, on 8/27/2025, LAXMM, husband of Eleanor Vasko, 364 Amalfi St., Henderson, NV 89074 ■

Retiree – **Welch, Donna.**, on 8/16/2025, CHIRR/ORDCS, mother of Robert Welch, 8232 Cromwell Ave., Woodridge, IL 60517 ■



Helen A. Cauwels

October 1, 1926 — August 24, 2025
Palatine, IL



In loving memory of Helen A. Cauwels, born October 1, 1926, and at rest on August 24, 2025. Helen was a wonderful loving wife of 38 years to the late Henry J. Cauwels and devoted mother to her surviving children, Henry C. (Katherine) Cauwels, Edward F. (Irene) Cauwels, Martin J. (Lynn) Cauwels, and Barbara A. (the late Michael) Bartz.

She was also a loving grandmother to Douglas (Jill) Cauwels, Dennis (Amy) Cauwels, Jason Cauwels, Allison (Matt) Kmiecik, the late Kristen Cauwels, Martin Bartz, and the late Aimee (Thomas) Sanji.

She was blessed with 12 great-grandchildren, Joshua Cauwels, Justin Cauwels, Avery Cauwels, Addison Cauwels, Autumn Cauwels, Koen Cauwels, Quinn Cauwels, Victoria Bartz, Elizabeth Bartz, Ken Sanji, Nicole Sanji and Grant Kmiecik.

Helen worked for United Airlines for 25 years in the Treasury Department, Statistical Planning and Scheduling before retiring in 1987. She continued her travels around the world for 20 years with her friends and family. She was an avid gardener, the President of her Homeowners Association for over 20 years and she loved to play board and card games.

We love you Mom, Grandma and GG and thank you for being a part of our lives during your 98 years of life. May God rest your soul. ■



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

Bernie T. Bernard, Shirley Claggett, Jo Ann Greenwood, Walter Sondenmann, Geraldine F. Vann, Loretta B. Vass,

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.)

Jean Dayney, jeandayney@gmail.com

I retired from United in 2014; I was a FA for 23 years. What a great job, I miss it all the time. So I decided to join RUAEA and go to the upcoming reunion. It's gonna be so much fun.

Who would I contact to maybe start a chapter in Texas? I'm in Austin and there is a lot of flying out of here and a flight attendant base here now too!

I noticed from the RUAEA Newsletters that there is no Texas chapter from what I could see. So maybe at the reunion I could volunteer somehow and talk to people to see if there is an interest in Texas.

I would also like to volunteer for setting up or just help out in any way I can for the reunion.

If you could let me know who I would contact for that.

Thanks so much, and look forward to saying Hi at the reunion.

Judy Schweppe, UAHF Secretary

I, **Judy Schweppe**, was born and raised on the South side of Chicago and I also spent time in Schiller Park before moving to Colorado in 1967. I am a member of RUAEA and a member of ARECA (Continental Retirees). I worked for Continental from 1968-2001 (33½ years), as Executive Secretary in old Hangar 6 at Stapleton (VP of Denver, and yes, CEO **Bob Six** and **Audrey Meadows**). I also spent 5 years in the DEN Pilot Office and many years in CO Reservations. I have been a member of the United Airlines Historical Foundation for many years, incorporating CAL and UAL memorabilia. I am currently Secretary of the Foundation working closely with UAHF President **Paul Goodyear**.

Now to the Chicago History: For those familiar with the northwest side of Chicago, Busse Road and Busse Woods were named after my mother-in-laws family. Way back in the day, the Busse family owned all the family farms in Arlington Heights which is now where United's NOC Center is located! When we visited in the summer and sat out in the backyard (Elmhurst), we had the landing jets at ORD fly directly overhead.

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Thanks for the gentle reminder to pay my dues. The RUAEA Newsletter is invaluable to me. I enjoy hearing about all the changes to Employee Travel as well as the great progress and improvements to United. The company is certainly doing a wonderful job, and RUAEA is also keeping us informed.

I have been retired for 23 years, and it is quite a pleasure to control all aspects of our Employee Travel from your smart phone.

It is also sad that there is almost no way to get a First Class seat; that changed a long time ago domestically, but it was finally caught internationally. We did some international travel last year and the available flights showed all First Class seats taken on the day of travel. It's so sad to lose that perk on long flights.

Anyway, you folks continue to keep us updated. We really appreciate your insight and information.

Gerry Schneider, 12891 W. 74th Dr., Arvada, CO 80005

I do enjoy our RUAEA Newsletter. Rick & I are in our 80's now and we are still upright and breathing☺. We both have had some "bumps in the road" but have survived by good doctors and mostly because of our good Lord.

Bless you for your hard work.

Edmund Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

Greetings to the staff as I and another year have flown by. It was a good year except for the weather; this year, it wasn't the winter that was the problem. Our spring and summer have been one for the books as unlike many ar-



eas, we are suffering from a drought. Our good lake Michigan water has kept the yard and garden going but the continuous 90-100 degree temperatures has also kept the AC blowing constantly. I feel sorry for the many regions around the world that have suffered from horrific floods and storms.

On the brighter side, my wife and I have been doing well. I got new knee #2 so I should be running soon☺!

Thanks to all who keep the Newsletter running, we deeply appreciate everyone's hard efforts. Enjoy the many good memories and times our airline provided us. It was **great**!

Kenneth D. Ausherman, 227 S. Rothsay Ave., Minneapolis, KS 67467

I retired from DENCg in 2010. I worked 18 years and 3 months with the original Frontier Airlines and 22 years and 10 months with United Airlines as a Station Agent and Ramp Services. I moved back to Minneapolis, KS after I retired near where I grew up.

I will be at the Denver Reunion in September. I was in San Diego the last 2 years; I enjoyed the USS Midway Museum as I was on the USS Hancock, an aircraft carrier of the US Navy. I was stationed in SAN for 9 months in 1963.

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

Every month, I look forward to receiving the RUAEA Newsletter. It makes me enjoy the memories of the years spent working at O'Hare. Best years!

Notes

Sheila Price

I've been living in Georgia for about two years now, I still miss my home in California. My main interests are TV and crossword puzzles. I also enjoy my two youngest grandchildren whom I live with.

Jon Wilkinson

Well, I'm over 91 now. I have some trouble walking, but do not have a need for a cane yet. I'm still the President of RUAEA Tampa Bay (TPA) Chapter. I feel good. I quit playing Senior Softball 4 years ago after 13 years for of which I was the organization's president for 10 years; the longest serving President in the club history.

Injury still nags me occasionally, but I refused major operation because I did not want to go through all of the rehabilitation that I would have to endure. Thank you for all of you people who keep this group together. Keep it up. I enjoy the Newsletter very much. Thanks again!

Elizabeth Clary Ferris

I'm looking to travel more.

Daniel Petrovich

I had a great career at UA flying all over the world. As President of RUPA, it has been a real pleasure working with and being a part of RUAEA. I'm looking forward to the Reunion in Denver this year!

Ingrid Vincent

Thank you for all the useful information you send us. So far, I do more cruising than flying but enjoy both very much. This retirement is great.

Ginger Kamakea

I am a UA retiree, looking for resources and I hope to find them in the Newsletter.

Barbara Nooger

I retired from JFKSW but I was also based in CLESW.

Julie Djandu

I retired 22 years ago; I have not been traveling as much as I did before the merger; due to fewer flights out of SEA.

Helena Melani

Thank you for providing great information for retirees.

Charles Clayborn

I'm in the process of moving to Scottsdale, AZ.

Gary L. Anderson

Please do not eliminate our only connection with United Airlines. We need you!

Janice Kreider

Becoming a United flight attendant at age 49 allowed my husband and me to see our son and his family in Japan, where they still live. It's also been a life-saver for my son's wife who is able to see her family in Michigan. Any help that RUAEA provides to retirees is greatly appreciated.

Kathleen Denker

My life would **not** be my life without United Airlines. My husband and I met at United, both in Inflight Services. We have traveled the world and met some of the most amazing people due to our United connection and pass privileges. I am a member of RUAEA, RAFA and Clipped Wings and all are important organizations as a retired employee. Thanks to all the volunteers behind the scenes; keeping these organizations current.

William Adams

I have been absent from RUAEA due various reasons for the last few years.

Edward L. VanPatten

Just a few words to say how much I enjoy the Newsletter, I always see names of people I worked with, although it has been 23 years since I retired. Seeing their names still brings joy to me to know that they are doing well. Keep up the good work and a shout out to all my former UAL friends.

Art Rugh

I just want to tell all the people I worked with in person, on the line as a mechanic and foreman, then later over the telephone during my many years in SFOLM as a maintenance controller on the 727. It was a privilege working with you.

It was a very rewarding position to be in to witness the honesty and integrity of the people that were keeping the airplanes flying safely.

Robert E. Berger

We will be celebrating our 65th wedding anniversary in September with 2 daughters, 9 grandkids and 3 great grandkids. I also adopted 1 granddaughter and 3 great grandkids. We have family all over the world including Dubai, Lithuania, Kansas, Colorado, California and Washington.

I'm still going strong at 86 years young but I have to visit the hospital once in awhile to make sure it's still there.

Diane Brodis

I haven't been able to travel since 2021 when I had lung surgery for bacterial pneumonia. I miss attending the conventions, but the RUAEA Newsletter keeps me informed about United retiree happenings.

Theodore Dykstra

I am the surviving spouse of a deceased retiree.

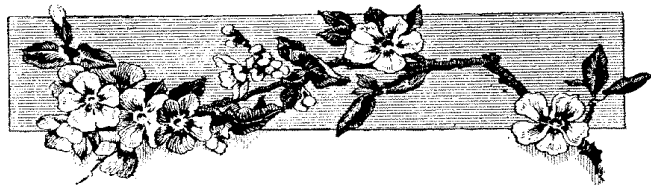
Joseph Pero, OPBSK

Thanks for the reminder to renew my membership. There are many things occurring at this stage of life. I've retired now 24 years as of 02/28/01. I am enjoying every minute I can with my wife Barbara. I keep renewing to catch up on UAL, although I don't see many names I remember from my active employment days.

Please continue to bring forth all the news you can come up with.

Larry S. Johnson

I just want to see what's going on at my old alma mater and maybe re-connect with old friends.■



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There is a large collection of Flight Attendant, Pilot, Customer Service, Ramp and Mechanic Uniforms. We also have an Original Stewardess Uniform, with Hat & Cape, from 1930 to 1932.

The Baggage Cart holds Employee issued Suitcases from many different years.

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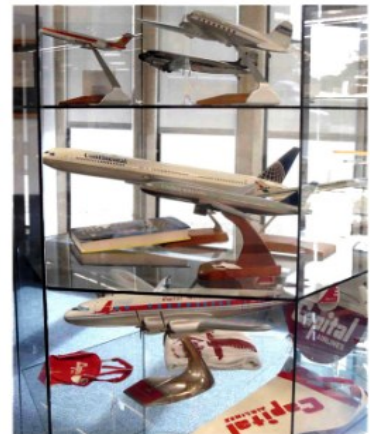


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Printed pages of the Mural and the Side Panels are available on the counter to the right.



On display are models of Capital, United and Continental. Capital items are also displayed.



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