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At Large Correspondent – Gerri Adams The James Museum In St. Petersburg, Florida Celebrating Five Years



In April 2018, a brand-new museum opened in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida and it has fast become one of the more accolade additions to the thriving arts community in downtown St. Petersburg. To date, more than 200,000 visitors have enjoyed this world-class museum.

The James Museum provided experiences that inspire a connection through art depicting the peoples, landscapes and history of the American West and wildlife of the world. Currently on exhibit is a selection named Wildlife in Contemporary Art, which has proven to be a family favorite.

From extraordinary sculptures that appear to be ready to buck and ride, to artist exhibits that include Andy Warhol, Ansel Adams, Clyde Butcher and Edward Curtis. There are currently more

than 400 premiere works of art including sculpture, paintings and jewelry on display in the museum's 26,000 square feet of gallery space with a strong emphasis on recent works by living Native American artists from the Southwest. Additionally, visitors will find a gallery featuring depictions of wildlife from around the world.

Despite getting off to a great start after opening in April 2018; the museum closed its doors in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, that did not stop them. They turned to the internet and began to offer visitors an at home digital first approach to the museum. When the museum reopened later that summer, the staff doubled their ef-



orts to draw people back with a full slate of youth and family activities. Another thing that the museum does is to engage the community through programs and educational opportunities for all ages. It brings their history to life and raises the voices of those not often at the forefront of mainstream Western Art. Tours with a docent are available or you can sign up for special events. Once a month on a Tuesday evening, the museum offers a special \$10 entrance fee and remains open until 8 PM. The James Museum is located at 150 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL. If you plan to visit, please check their website, thejamesmuseum.org/events, for hours of operation and a list of upcoming special events. ■



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GENERAL NEWS

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What Will Be Your Legacy? By Malcolm Horn, CFP® Alliant Credit Union



As we reflect on our lives, let's remember that our legacy, and what we leave behind for future generations, isn't just about money or possessions—it's about the impact we make on the lives of others.

Leave a Legacy that Inspires ~ Leaving footprints that inspire generations means that every action we take matters. Each word of encouragement, each act of kindness, can ripple through time and touch countless lives. Let's make our legacy one of love, compassion, and empowerment.

Be a Beacon of Light ~ Remember that our legacy isn't just about our achievements—it's about the values we hold dear and the positive change we create. Share your wisdom, uplift others, and be the guiding light that illuminates the path for future generations.

Shape Your Legacy ~ We have the ability to shape our own legacies. The choices we make, the actions we take—they all contribute to the story we leave behind. Dream big, pursue your passions, and live a life that inspires others to do the same.

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United hires hundreds from island of Guam for its ramp team at DIA August 30, 2023



Hundreds of islanders from Guam recently relocated to Denver to work for the area's biggest employer: United Airlines.

More than 460 residents of the U.S. territory in Micronesia now call the Mile High City home after United recruited them for ramp agent roles. Guam is about 6,650 miles from Denver, and was first colonized by the U.S. 125 years ago. As U.S. residents, Guamanians don't need visas.

Magda Morais, managing director of talent and acquisitions at United, said her team faced a "hard time recruiting our ramp agents" in the Denver market, so they had "to get creative."

United Partners with Sesame Workshop During National Preparedness Month to Reach Children in Need August 29, 2023



United Airlines and Sesame Workshop today announced a new partnership in anticipation of National Preparedness Month to support children in need around the world. During the month of September, the airline will highlight *Welcome Sesame* on its *Miles on a Mission* platform, an industry-leading crowd-sourcing program that now makes it easier than ever for its loyalty program members to do good and donate miles to national and local non-profits.

Donated miles will help Sesame Workshop, the non-profit organization behind Sesame Street, travel around the

world to deliver early learning and nurturing care to children and caregivers impacted by conflict and crisis – including children and families in Ukraine, the Middle East, South Asia, Latin America, East Africa, and other affected regions. United will match the first million miles raised by Sesame Workshop before the end of the year.

“We’re rallying our most loyal customers to join us in supporting the incredible work that only Sesame Workshop can do – for children around the world who need it the most,” said Josh Earnest, SVP and Chief Communications Officer. *“In times of crisis, our United team routinely mobilizes our jets to help transport relief supplies where they are needed and get people out of harm’s way. Extending our partnership with Sesame Workshop allows Mileage Plus members to donate miles and maximize the impact of these critical relief efforts, because we know Good Leads the Way for so many of our most loyal customers, too.”*

United’s Miles on a Mission program is now even more accessible to nonprofit charities – lowering the total amount of miles from 200,000 to 100,000 to receive their award and extending the amount of time a nonprofit can mile-raise from 30 days to 90 days – giving participating groups more opportunities to promote their cause and reach their goal.

The updated program also makes it easier for Mileage-Plus Members to get involved with more opportunities to use their miles for good. Members will receive more updates throughout the year, including community-focused stories, donation celebrations, donor highlights and the chance to get involved during United’s annual Miles on a Mission Week of Giving.

“Sesame Workshop is thrilled to collaborate with United’s Miles on a Mission to bring education and joy to even more children and families through our Welcome Sesame initiative,” said Sesame Workshop President Sherrie Westin. *“We know children are remarkably resilient, and if they have access to quality early childhood development support, they can overcome adversity and build a brighter future.”*

More than 400 million children live in areas currently affected by violent conflict, and over 43 million children around the world have been forcibly displaced. Through educational media tailored to children’s unique needs and in-person direct services with trusted partners, *Welcome Sesame* is reaching families wherever they are—from classrooms and health clinics to TV and mobile devices. *Welcome Sesame* is grounded in research, tested with families, and created in collaboration with local and international experts to harness the power of the beloved Sesame Muppets to deliver playful early learning and nurturing care to families, wherever they may be.

United kicked off its relationship with Sesame Workshop in March when the airline named Oscar the Grouch as its Chief Trash Office to help build consumer awareness of sustainable aviation fuel. Oscar has appeared in more than 30 pieces of original video, digital, social and out-of-home content to date and there’s more to come. United also recently launched new children’s amenity kits that feature

iconic Sesame Workshop characters like Oscar and Elmo in various games and stories.

Visit united.com/donate today to get involved and become a MileagePlus Member for free.

United Pledges \$1.25 Million
in Support of Aviation and STEM Projects
Across The Country This Back-to-School Season
August 18, 2023



As millions of students get ready to head back to school, United Airlines is stepping in to help families and educators with the rising costs of supplies and classroom necessities.

United will donate \$1.25 million to DonorsChoose.Org to fund aviation, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) projects across classrooms in the airline’s seven Hub markets: Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., New York, Houston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, as well as in Phoenix and across Hawaii. *“Whether it’s using model planes to teach middle schoolers the dynamics of flight or taking a field trip to see how a simulator works, we’re proud to help teachers get the resources to inspire the next generation of aviators,”* said Josh Earnest, United’s Senior Vice President, and Chief Communications Officer. *“We’re proud to team up with DonorsChoose to support teachers who are doing incredible work and changing the lives of students around the country.”*

The contribution from United will fund all aviation classroom projects currently posted on DonorsChoose.org, and the remaining funds will be used over the next few months during a matching campaign to fund more aviation and STEM-focused projects. If teachers in the selected cities are interested in submitting a project to be considered for funding, they can visit donorschoose.org/teachers.

DonorsChoose.Org connects the public to teachers from public schools who need money to buy school supplies and pay for other program expenses for their students. It was founded by a public high school teacher in the Bronx, NY in 2000. Donors Choose ensures the integrity of funding every step of every project by vetting all requests, purchasing each item, and shipping materials directly to verified teachers.

“United Airlines is helping classrooms launch into the new school year, with resources that will help aviation and STEM students thrive,” said Alix Guerrier, CEO of DonorsChoose. *“Through this campaign, United Airlines is empowering youth who are tomorrow’s scientists, aviators, and engineers. This partnership will foster the beginnings of future careers.”*

With nearly 100,000 employees worldwide, United offers a wide variety of career opportunities within the STEM field ranging from pilots, aviation maintenance technicians, flight dispatchers, and network planners. As

the largest airline in the world, measured by available seat miles, United has embarked on an ambitious growth plan with 700 new aircraft on order over the next 10 years and plans to hire 15,000 employees this year alone.

**United to Resume Beijing Flying;
Reintroduces Daily Service to Shanghai
August 11, 2023**



United today announces it will resume daily flying between San Francisco and Beijing this November and will increase flying to Shanghai with daily flights from San Francisco, starting October 1, 2023. These enhancements to United's Asia Pacific schedule are enabled by agreement between the governments of the U.S. and China to increase flights between the two countries.

"We are grateful for this positive step forward in U.S. – China passenger air services, and we thank the many officials from both countries who partnered to make this reinstatement of air service possible," said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. "This announcement is good news for United customers because we believe that a daily flight to Beijing and a daily flight to Shanghai from San Francisco is consistent with the demand we see in the market right now – especially since our ability to serve China nonstop from our mid-continent hubs or the East Coast is severely limited by Russian overflight restrictions."

Shanghai flights are currently available on United.com and on the United app, while the Beijing schedule will be updated shortly. Flights pending government approval.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

This month features another simple but pleasing recipe. Don't tell anyone but this is a Weight Watcher's Recipe. Some people will not eat this if they know our secret. The recipe calls for veal, but it can easily be made with lean sirloin. People love when I make this and they even know it is WW. Enjoy!

Eggplant and Veal:

- 1 46 ounce can tomato juice
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasonings
- 1 large can mushrooms, drained
- ½ teaspoons oregano
- 2 packages beef bouillon cubes
- 1 package chicken bouillon cube
- 1 pound ground veal or ground sirloin

Combine the above ingredients (without the meat) and simmer until juice is cooked down and slightly thickened

approximately 1½ to 2 hours.

Brown the meat in nonstick pan and add to thickened sauce. This sauce can be made a day ahead.

- 16 thin slices of peeled eggplant
- 1 can chicken or beef broth
- 8 ounces grated mozzarella cheese
- 4 ounces fresh parmesan cheese

Brown eggplant slices in bouillon. (Do not overcook as you do not want it soggy or limp).

Layer a 13 x 9 casserole dish with a little sauce, eggplant, mozzarella cheese, ending with sauce. Sprinkle top with parmesan cheese. Bake 350 for 40 minutes. You could cut this in half but you would waste half an eggplant. This recipe does not freeze well.■

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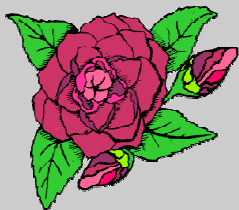
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LOCAL NEWS

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



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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@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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Beautiful weather for our Northstaters annual picnic! Every September we have been getting together for this wonderful outing. Come join us! See details in Calendar below.

Calendar:

September 27 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Woodson Bridge State Park, Corning, California. Bring your own lunch, drinks and chairs; dessert will be provided by the group. If you are in the area, come and say hello!



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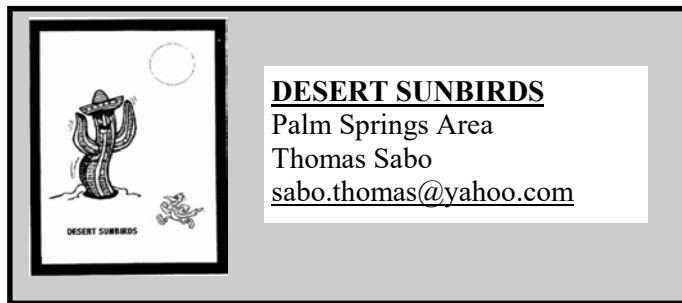
Our August luncheon was held on the 16th in the village of Arroyo Grande. In attendance was **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, **Nina Powers** and **Mayra**, **Ken & Stella Bake**, **Joan Schaefer**, and guests **Dave & Jamie Ludwig** and **Mike Stadnick**. This was a very nice turnout with good food and conversation.

Mike & Bridget Zoldak will be traveling to Northern and Southern Ohio for about a week to visit relatives. There has been no other news to report.

Mike did send me information on **Esther Bartlett** and her talent as an artist. She has many paintings displayed at the Santa Maria airport, local restaurants and churches. She is an inspiration to her family; her grandkids are also artists.

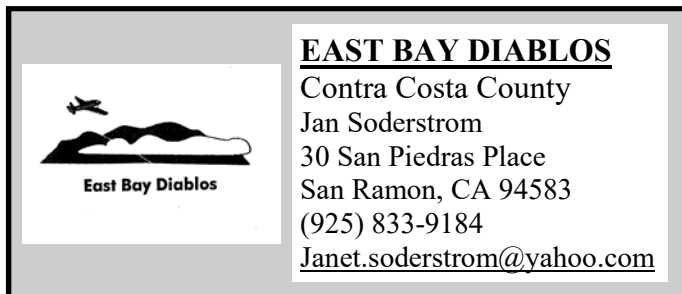
"Everyone knows that a 'good' landing is one in which you can walk away. However, a 'great' landing is one in which you can use the airplane again."





The Desert Sunbirds sadly report the loss of our member and friend, **Vern Behnke** (LAXCS); Vern passed away on August 8, 2023 and will surely be missed.

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.



Happy October to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on September 7, there are no 95+ degree days in the ten-day forecast. Thank goodness! I'm looking forward to days where I can garden comfortably and enjoy my patio.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don't take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So now we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far it has worked out well.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout

the year, but virtually all our members come to our summer picnic meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's. Social hour starts at 11:00 and our meal is typically served at noon.

Our September meeting was changed from September 4th to the 11th due to the Labor Day holiday. I'll report on that meeting in the next newsletter. We will be meeting at the Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek.

I have been in touch with **Ken Price's** family and at this point his daughters have decided to postpone his Celebration of Life until after the holidays. I know that there are many retirees from the SFO Maintenance Base who knew Ken, so I will keep everyone updated as I hear from the family.

The San Francisco Bay area has four ships that are unique historical treasures. I am ashamed to say I had not visited any of them until August 12 when I went on a three-hour cruise on the USS Potomac. You know the old saying; you never visit sites in your own backyard. The remaining three are now on my Bucket List. I'm including a bit of info in the newsletter, but for those of you living in the Bay Area, or planning to visit our area, I'm including the websites for each ship so you can read up about them and plan your visit ahead of time.

The first treasure is the USS Potomac in Jack London Square in Oakland. The website is <https://usspotomac.org/>. I cannot believe I did not know about this ship. The Floating White House was originally commissioned as the USCG Cutter Electra in 1934. In 1936, it was renamed the USS Potomac and served as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential Yacht until his death in 1945. More than half a million people have visited and sailed aboard the former President's beloved "Floating White House," the USS Potomac, since it opened to the public in the summer of 1995. Over a 12-year period, \$5 million was spent to restore the 165-foot-long vessel as a memorial to the President who authored the New Deal and led the United States during the Great Depression and the World War II years. Join us aboard this National Historic Landmark for a cruise on the Bay! After FDR's death in April 1945, the USS Potomac began a long and ignominious decline from her former role in world affairs. After many adventures and many owners—including Elvis Presley at one point—she was seized in 1980 in San Francisco as a front for drug smugglers and impounded at Treasure Island, where she sank. The ship was raised and unceremoniously dumped on the East Bay Estuary, where she sat abandoned and rotting. A week away from being sold as scrap, the ship was rescued by the Port of Oakland, and the process of restoration was begun.

The second treasure is the SS Red Oak Victory which is moored in Richmond, CA. The website is <https://redoakvictory.us/>. SS Red Oak Victory is the last surviving vessel of 747 ships of all types built at the Richmond Kaiser Shipyards during World War II. She continues to serve today as a museum ship and as a monument to the thousands of men and women who worked hard to build

these ships in a time of national crisis. The SS Red Oak Victory is also one of the last surviving World War II Victory ships. These ships, along with their cousins the Liberty ships, were built on an emergency basis to carry vital supplies and troops to all theaters of war. The Victory ships remain today as a symbol of the national resolve and industrial might that won the Second World War. The ship is open to the public every Sunday 10am to 4pm. (10AM to 3PM during the winter.)

The third treasure is the USS Hornet Sea, Air and Space Museum in Alameda, CA. The website is <https://uss-hornet.org/>. Our members **Joe Leather** and **Russ Kennedy** have volunteered on the ship. Both Joe and Russ have worked on the restoration, and Joe still volunteers at the information desk. The ship is open Friday through Monday from 10 AM to 5 PM. One main component of the Museum's mission is the preservation of the ship as she would have been during her time in service. In addition to these restored spaces, the Museum also features traditional museum information exhibits as well as historic aircraft. The Museum features two rotating galleries, one on the Hangar Deck and the other located on the 2nd Deck with a growing collection of over 15 historic aircraft. The majority of these aircraft would have flown off of USS Hornet during her career, but all were important to the history and evolution of naval aviation. In addition to the museum hours, there are other events such as overnight stays for youth groups and a New Year's Eve Dance, etc.

The fourth treasure is the SS Jeremiah O'Brien in San Francisco. The website is <https://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org/>. The SS Jeremiah O'Brien is one of two remaining fully functional Liberty ships of the 2,710 built and launched during World War II. The O'Brien has the distinction of being the last unaltered Liberty ship and remains historically accurate. Moored at Pier 35, The Embarcadero, she is a premier San Francisco attraction. In June 1943 the Liberty Ship S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien slid down the ways at the New England Shipbuilding Corporation in South Portland, Maine. Shortly thereafter she entered service, operated by Grace Line for the War Shipping Administration. Named for the first American to capture a British naval vessel during the Revolutionary War, the O'Brien made seven World War II voyages, ranging from England and Northern Ireland to South America, to India, to Australia. She also made eleven crossings of the English Channel carrying personnel and supplies to the Normandy beaches in support of the D-Day invasion. After the war, she was "mothballed" and laid up in the Reserve Fleet at Suisun Bay, north of San Francisco. Thirty-three years later, skillful maneuvering by U.S. Maritime Administration official Rear Adm. Thomas J. Patterson (himself a former Liberty ship sailor), saved the O'Brien from the scrap yard. In 1979, after hundreds of hours of labor by volunteer crew members to remove thick layers of preservatives, the O'Brien headed for San Francisco to be restored. No other ship ever has

steamed out of the mothball fleet under her own power. Following dry-docking, generous donations of money and supplies by numerous individuals and companies, and thousands of hours of restoration work by her volunteer crew, the old ship entered service on San Francisco Bay in like-new condition. In 1994 the O'Brien, in what was to be an epic eighth voyage, steamed through the Golden Gate, down the west coast, through the Panama Canal, and across the Atlantic to England and France, where the O'Brien and her crew (a remarkable collection of old salts whose average age was 70 and a few cadets from the California Maritime Academy), participated in the 50th Anniversary of Operation Overlord - the Allied invasion at Normandy that turned the tide of World War II in Europe. Of the more than 5,000 ships that formed the original D-Day armada, the O'Brien was the only ship to return 50 years later (although smaller vessels from many countries also returned).

Barbara Cunningham has resumed collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. Note: This is a new email for her. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

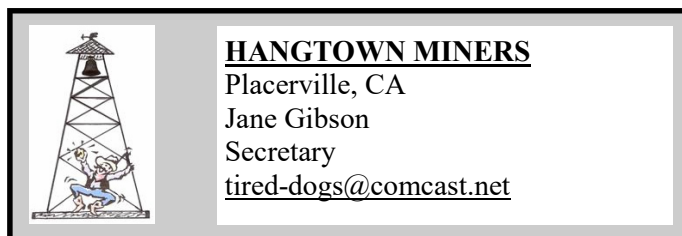
Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior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

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

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA

don't forget Shingles and wear that mask when you are in crowds. Stay well and know that you all are in our hearts and thoughts.

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



Well, the "term" "Hot August Nights" has certainly lived up to its name this year! And now, we have a hurricane making its way to our state! We welcome the rain – if any should fall. Now, our August luncheon was enjoyed at the Breakroom in Shingle Springs. We always have good food here and they have a separate room which we have to ourselves. I know it may sound like we kind of "need to be kept apart" from the regular restaurant patrons – not really the case! But we have been fortunate to have an average number of members attending that hits 30 and above. To say we have a great time conversing and laughing with each other would be an understatement – thus it's a good idea to not have us in the middle of your regular diners!

Anyway, our president **Rudy Blazius** extended our "Thank You" to the Akins for arranging this meal. **Lindalee** wanted to make sure we all knew that their daughter, **Julie**, was the driving force. She even went out early in the morning to cut beautiful, fresh sunflowers to be part of the table decorations. Of course Rudy inquired about birthdays – **Duncan Nielsen** and **JR Heier** both celebrate this month – just one day apart too! Happy Birthday to both of you as well as any other members who get to have that special day this month. Now, for anniversaries, we didn't have any couples present who tied the knot in August, but, my records show that **Tom & Gerry Boyle** marked 59 years together! Congratulations!

Guests! **Rudy & Cindy Blazius'** handsome and **tall** son, Shawn, joined us today as did **Kevin Dinette** (handsome but not nearly as tall!) who brought his Mom, Linda. Welcome to you both.

Jane Gibson (your awesome and humble secretary!) thought that it would be fun to start asking who hired on with UAL in the given month. **JR Heier** was the only person who hired in August – 1966! There was a short but lively exchange about wage and such – I'll pay better attention next month!

Gina Kenworthy wanted to share with everyone that she has a new grandson! Now she gets to enjoy one who is 4 months and the newest is 3 weeks! Fun!

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** didn't have any UAL news/info to share, but he/we did chat a bit about coin collecting! We (almost) all carry coins – in our pockets or purse. But unless you happen to be a collector, you may not know just how valuable that piece of change could be – or not – aside from its face value. Before 1981 copper pennies were fully made of copper – since then, they are just effaced or "plated" with copper. That goes for most all of our coins. Silver dollars were once just that – solid silver – now just effaced. Dimes as well. Nickels – well, they don't really have a "metal value", per say. There's talk from time to time to eliminate our coins, but, it's never gained any traction. Coins can be not only fun to collect but very educating. Have you ever checked out coins from other countries? Some are made from porcelain, some have holes in them, some have odd shapes, some are colorful but all are distinct from each other. Really old coins become very collectible. **Bill Gibson** shared a story about his Mom – when she was a bank teller she was able to buy a gold \$2½ dollar coin for face value. And she also had a very old Roman coin. Many people are enthusiastic coin collector – and stamps too.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** didn't have a report to share. He did, however, share that wife, **Rosemary**, and **Pati Kenney** were not at our luncheon because they wanted to spend some time with a friend who will be moving. The friend's husband developed dementia and different living arrangements needed to happen. This prompted an open discussion about dementia – or short term memory loss. Sadly, many of us have been touched by this devastating illness. Bill's and my wonderful Mom both developed Alzheimer's. It was asked what the difference is? My understanding is that the term "dementia" is like the "umbrella word" that means short term memory loss. Under that "umbrella" you have all the different things that cause that memory loss. The largest "piece of the pie" comes from Alzheimer's, but there are many other conditions such as Parkinson's, medications, aging. **Carol White** spoke of her husband, **Bob**, who she lost to Alzheimer's. I hope you will never be touched by this, but if you are, or know someone who is dealing with it, don't hesitate to ask for help. The Alzheimer's Association has support groups throughout our state and they can answer any questions you have or concerns you need help with.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** brought us the good news that our checking account sounds great! Tom, being an ever so efficient person, looked at our activity as a group and says we, as a group, are averaging about \$110 with our raffle! \$20 of that goes to the person who wins the Donator's Prize. We have nice things donated to be picked from and our hosts make wonderful table decorations which become part of the raffle – and it seems that we all enjoy cookies and candy as that disappears quickly.

Our bonus revenue comes from restaurants like BJ's who give us a percentage back when we book with them. Our 501(c)7 tax status makes us a non profit organization. If our numbers keep on trend, we will be able to supplement our December luncheon and donate to local charities. Tom also reminds us to keep a lookout for tools to be donated to the students in the A&P Mechanics program at Sacramento City College. Bill happened onto a local garage sale that had lots of tools (and tool boxes). The seller was willing to donate many of the tools to the program and welcomed the tax deduction that Tom was able to send him. Summertime is a great time go for walks and to make discoveries while you're getting that exercise!

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson also did not have a report, but, she is alerting all of you that the September luncheon will be **on the first Wednesday of September**, September 6th – not the second Wednesday. The **Heiers** and **Kenneys** are hosting and won't be around that week. JR mentioned that they were trying to get the luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory, but were having too many road-blocks so the venue is changed to El Dorado Saloon. Please make note of that.

Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny joined all of us who do not have anything to report. I beg to differ – I think Suzie spreads sunshine everywhere!

Old Business ~ Okay, the Retired United Mechanic Reunion is (now) less than two months away! Wow, that's crazy! **Jane, Rosemary** and **Sue Hohl** are getting things lined up for the October 3, 4, 5, event. Right now we have about 50 people who are planning to attend. It will be at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV and will be a lot of fun.

Rudy, bless him, did a little "research" for us. Minden itself is a sweet little community. But there are many interesting and fun activities in it and surrounding areas. If you like golfing – there are a number of courses to choose from where you and friends can play a round of golf.

Up for a little different experience? Check out "Nevada's Oldest Thirst Parlor" aka The Genoa Bar and Saloon. It is nestled in the heart of historic Carson Valley, the oldest settlement in Nevada. They dish out story after story from both sides of the oldest bar counter in the Silver State. Since first opening back in 1853, this Sagebrush Saloon has poured strong whiskeys, cold beers, legendary Bloody Mary's, outlasted prohibition under the guise of being a soda fountain, and served countless celebrities, politicians, locals, and visitor alike. It's not just famous men who have darkened the door of the Genoa Bar and Saloon. Actress Raquel Welch once took time off from filming a movie at nearby Lake Tahoe to enjoy a few cool beverages at the saloon. Seeing the display of bras hanging from the ceiling (!), she was compelled to donate her own, on the condition that all the others be tucked away in a safe. To this day, you can see Welch's brassiere dangling above your fellow patrons while all others are displayed in an old bank safe!

Are you familiar with a Basque Restaurant? Well, there's one in Gardnerville which is right next to Minden. I've not been there, but I understand that the food is great. You might like to visit the Courthouse Museum Genoa (by the way, Genoa is just a few miles south of Carson City on Hwy 395). If you like to go to casinos, there are plenty in Minden and in Gardnerville.

New Business ~ Once again, nothing new to report!

Okay, Rudy was ready to close our meeting and let JR get the raffle started. But first, he had a few little light-hearted items for us:

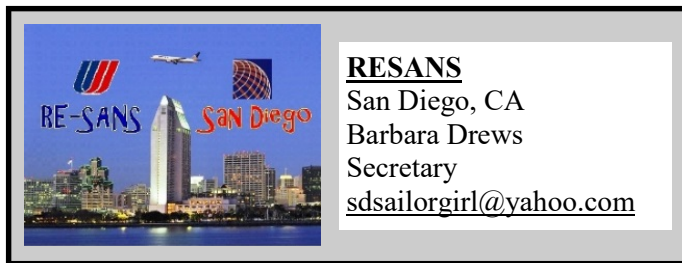
- ☺ Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.
- ☺ My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.
- ☺ As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- ☺ I haven't got anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.
- ☺ My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.
- ☺ My wife says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found the mute by now.
- ☺ And ... My Living Will: Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them: "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluid from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug". They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine! The Little Rascals.

And with that, JR took over and started pulling raffle tickets. Our donator's prize went to **Julie Bauer**!

Thanks to everyone who brought items for our raffle: **Heier** – wine; **Fitzpatrick** – cheese balls; **Trebnik** – 7 piece kitchen towel set; **Barton/Kozelka** – basket; **Blazius** – welcome hanger; **Bell/Nielsen** – Wine; **Dellinger** – candle; **Akin** – eggs; **Bauer** – centerpieces; **Dinette** – hat, towel, mesh guard; **Martin** – wine, soup bowls; **Kenny** – box of O'Henry peaches; **Gibson** – hummingbird feeder; **Delfino** – wine/hard cider. Nice variety – right?

All of you, stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy and stay "out of trouble"!





Our monthly breakfast this month is after the due date to submit a report to the RUAEA Newsletter so this will be rather short. Due to the excessive heat and humidity, everyone is laying low or out traveling. We will report all of their adventures in the next issue.

The Reunion is coming up before you realize it and we hope you are getting ready to pack your bags and head on out to join us. Whether you drive or fly, the Dana is the perfect resort to spend a few fun days and get together so we look forward to seeing you there. Remember the Reunion is September 29th - October 4th.

We have a couple of October Birthdays: **Rosario Zepeda** (10/6) and **JoAnn Iwasaki** (10/9).

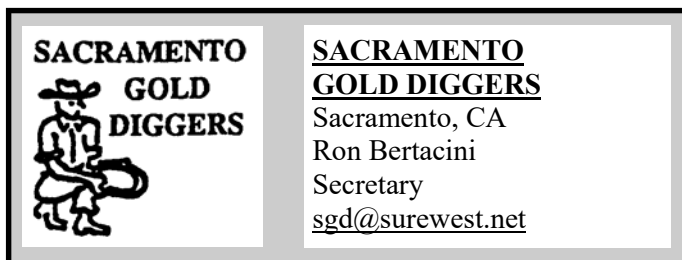
There will be no Breakfast in October due to the Reunion. The next breakfast will be on November 2nd at the Pt. Loma Cafe. R.S.V.P. to Barbara if you plan to attend. All are welcome so if you plan to be in San Diego, send me a note. I need to advise the number of attendees to the Cafe for staffing purposes.

The Christmas Lunch is in the planning stage. We are hoping for December 7th or the following Thursday. **Betty Tomaino** is working on finalizing the dates and will advise the dates when we know for sure.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon at the Reunion!

Calendar:

November 2 - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394.



The August meeting for the Sacramento Gold Diggers was hosted by **Marji Gabert-Milam** at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville. President **Jim Simon** called the meeting to order after a nice meal.

It was a small gathering of 10 members and one guest as many of the members were on vacations. Although the gathering was small, they all had a great time and a spir-

ited luncheon. Jim thanked our server Jennifer for an outstanding job; she was so sweet and gave great customer service. Jim also thanked the members that donated items for the raffle.

Elsa Powers of Novato, a guest of **Marji Gabert-Milam**, was converted to become our newest member. There was no report from the Vice President **Barbara Bertacini** and Secretary **Ron Bertacini** as they were out of town.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that \$60.00 was collected from the raffle and that the chapter's finances are in good standing. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** stated that all was good as she had no news to report.

Historian **Francis Domaratius** was also on vacation so there was nothing to report. Regional Director **Dave Garland** reported there was nothing new to report about the upcoming Reunion other than we are getting many members from RUPA and ARECA to join in on the activities.

There were some comments about parking at the MOC in SFO and that it is only open to those who retired from the MOC.

Jim Simon won the birthday roll off as his was the only birthday in August. There will be no meeting/lunch in September due to the Reunion in San Diego. The October meeting will be hosted by **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** with details later. The meeting was concluded with our monthly raffle.

My thanks to **Patricia England** for taking the notes of the meeting and passing them on.



The San Joaquiners's August luncheon was held at the House of Beef in Oakdale. President **Bob Scoble** talked about the devastation on the island of Hawaii from the torrential rains. He said United is flying empty planes, along with other airlines, to the island to help with the evacuation of the many stranded people, tourists and residents, keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Joann Nesja are celebrating 63 years of marriage in August, **Eleanor Wood** celebrated her birthday on August 14th. Congratulations!

Steve & Jacque Foster were not able to attend the luncheon; they were driving to Iowa to visit their son. We all wished them safe travels and hope to see them next month.


We held our 50/50 raffle; **Mary Brown** was the winner but she elected to donate the money back to the chapter. Thank you Mary! Our Jokester, **Don Nesja**, entertained us with some funny jokes while we waited for lunch to be served. Thank you, Don.

Pat Scoble and **Sandy Brooks** will be added as signers to the chapter's bank account. We have had only one signer, **Rudy Reyna**, and he will remain on the account.

Our next luncheon meeting will be held at the House of Beef on September 15th. More information will be sent out at a later date.

Bob Scoble asked if the group had a location preference for December's luncheon. Bob mentioned we had gone to Firenze's in Oakdale and would try to make reservations there again this year.

We always meet on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. If you have any questions about our Chapter, please contact our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you information about our group of friendly people. We would be happy to meet you.

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The last Senior Safari for this year at Happy Hollow Park in San Jose is October 26. This includes free parking and entrance to the park. No reservations are required, just show up. Parking opens at 0900 and the park at 1000. We meet just past the entrance gates near the merry-go-round. A great opportunity to get out and about walking around the zoo and park. There are plenty of tables to spread out and have a picnic after the walk, or purchase limited food items from the café. Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome, so bring a friend if you wish.

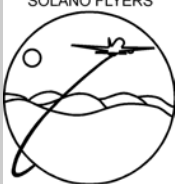
We are entering the time of year where we elect officers for next year. As you know our current president, Chuck, will be moving out of state. We need to have someone to take his place. The position does not require a great deal of time, just arranging for the monthly meetings, or if time permits, locating places to take a field trip. We must find someone in order to continue as a chapter, to pull us all together, get us out of the house at least once a month and reminisce as to how important we were to United back in the 'old days'.

If you did not make the Reunion this year, please consider next year. Pencil it on your 2024 calendar now, before you forget. San Diego is always a nice place to visit and it is a quick flight getting there. The hotel rates and amenities are wonderful and meeting old and new friends is always a good time.

Along with my wife, Julie, we have been on the road visiting the California landmarks. While on the way to the reunion in San Diego, we will make additional stops bringing the total to over 800, of the 1,120 state land-

marks. I may need a new car by the time I visit all the landmarks.

Please join us at our monthly meeting, the first Monday of each month at the Bill of Fare, on Saratoga Ave. in San Jose, beginning at 1000am.

	<p><u>SOLANO FLYERS</u> Larry Jackson President (707) 624-0030 larry-cindy@comcast.net</p>
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There is no report this month from the Solano Flyers chapter of RUAEA.

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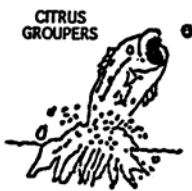
	<p><u>DENVER MILE HIGHERS</u> Rich & Cleora Conner (970) 660-7040 richcleora@gmail.com</p>
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Paul Goodyear opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Due to the upcoming RUAEA Reunion, there will be not be a meeting on October 5th, but all are welcome to come for lunch if you so desire. The Reunion is September 29th through October 4th in San Diego, CA.

United is calling back mechanics to train the new hires.

Our 50/50 winners are **Paul Goodyear**, **Ray Shoults** (2), and **Doug Colbert**.

FLORIDA

	<p><u>THE CITRUS GROUPERS</u> <u>THE VILLAGES</u> Julius "Joe" DiStaso (352) 775-8201 (941) 661-2215 wopahofl@comcast.net</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 or **Rich Capozzi** at rca-pozzi@rocketmail.com.





THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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Short meeting for September - Our November Picnic date was set for November 7th at noon at Cypress Grove Park. Same location because it's perfect!

The Christmas Luncheon date of December 5th was confirmed with Maggianos for noon, because it's the perfect location and the food is wonderful!

We lost a very dear member and friend last week. **David Leighty**, pilot and husband of **Lisa**, passed away on August 27, 2023, after several years of various medical issues. Address: 3645 Gatlin Avenue, Orlando, FL 32812.



SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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The SW Pelicans take the summer off and our next luncheon will be held on October 6 at our normal location, LYNQs.

Have a great summer.

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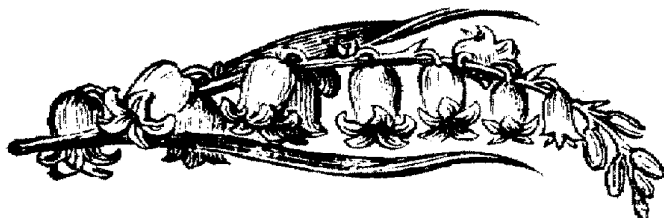
October 6 – Luncheon



THE SAND DOLLARS

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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our September meeting is after the due date for the Newsletter so I'll report on it next month.

Our next meeting is the Picnic at Anderson Park, on October 2nd. Shelter #4 -- 11AM.

Calendar:

October 2 – Picnic.



TREASURE COAST

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

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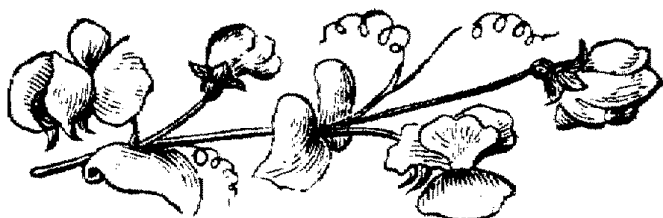


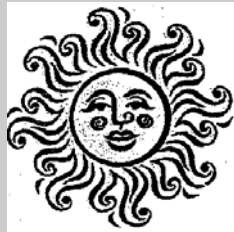
HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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





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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS
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Rick & Shirley Dempsey are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reunion in San Diego. When we get back to Boise, we will get our group together for our luncheon. We are looking forward to seeing our members at the luncheon. Can't believe fall is almost here!

ILLINOIS



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October—Time to put up Christmas decorations. What, too early? In July, Costco had witches and goblins for sale, costumes, too. Now I saw Halloween displays at Ace and another store. Funny part was that it was 50% off! Already! Hold off people, wait, time is going too fast as it is. Let's enjoy the seasons as they come. The day after school ended in June, they were selling school supplies for September.

It's hard to keep track of the days, much less the months and years, or is it just me? Days are going way too quickly. It's Monday, the next day, it's Thursday. How did that happen? I even missed Hump Day! Please

tell me I'm not alone! How can we enjoy our Golden/Rusty years if we're not sure what day or year we're in? Just joking, but isn't it amazing how fast these days are going? Mom always said to enjoy every day, especially with kids, family and friends, because someday, they, or you, won't be here to enjoy them. I just hope my younger family members remember who Aunt Jan was and how funny she was; which reminds me of a story I wrote a few years ago about keeping in touch with family, especially if there was a rift or misunderstanding with them in the past. A few years ago, I went to the funeral of my aunt's husband, we hadn't talked in years. Not because of the two of us in particular, but extenuating circumstances included us in the argument; stupid. She saw me, asked who I was, I told her, 'Your niece, Janice'. She had to think about it a few moments, then her face lit up, she smiled, and said, 'Oh Janice, where have you been?' I said, 'Looking for you, so happy I found you.' The years caught up with her, the memory was a little shaky, but she was still beautiful and looked stunning. She didn't even remember why we were separated. We missed many years except for Christmas cards and a few phone calls in between. Call your aunt or uncle, cousins; keep that line of communication going. I speak from experience. That was one of the happier days of my past, seeing Harriet, her son and children, and making peace. After I wrote about that, a few UAL people wrote, called or said in person, how moved they were about my experience. They said they called their relatives and straightened things out. See, we all had that break in our families, most of us don't even know why we don't talk, in most cases, it was parents, uncles or aunts that had a problem, and we were told to not keep in touch. Maybe it was important at the time. In my case it was from 1967. Really? 1967? I can't even figure out the arithmetic on that quickly. Wait, that's 33 years, holy cow, their children are in their 50's and have asked me what exactly happened. I'm the only one alive that knows the 'real story'. It's a nice feeling that I put bad blood behind us. Try it, if you dare. If this caused great hardship, or death, you're on your own.

Back to ghosts, goblins, orange and black being the colors of the month. The decorations are so much fun to drive by. My parents used to take us out to look at them, although they sure didn't decorate like they do now. Don't even think they had orange and purple lights, just pumpkins; fabulous month, my favorite. Just having fun, being somebody else for the day, and not having to worry about sizes, favorite toys or what to bring for dinner. Bring yourself, wearing a crazy outfit. And Fannie May. Forget the candy corn and those mini-sized candy bars. We want lots of chocolate!

The gem for October is Opal, beautiful, delicate and shows many colors as it moves in the light. The flowers include the marigold, which symbolizes passion and creativity because of the vibrant color. Also, the cosmos, comes from the Greek word Kosmos, which refers to the universe's decoration, order and harmony.

Remember when our Mainliner Club had all of those fabulous dinners, dances, parties in the 60's around a holiday? Once I was a Christmas tree, another time, an Oscar Mayer Weiner. Don't remember why they stopped, but it was so much fun. They had great entertainment, big stars, great music and funny comedians. I remember a party at McCormick Place, another at the Itasca Country Club, Kids Christmas Parties at EXO, even one at a company on Elmhurst and Thorndale Roads; that was a supporter of the John Burch Society. We went once and had complaints, we didn't go back. Politics was alive and well even back then.

The Northside Breakfast was so enjoyable this month; some new, some old, attending in the Rose Garden's new location. It's beautiful, so light and cheery, and a little bigger, too. They don't have a private room any more, so if you could let us know if you're attending, the manager can set aside the correct amount of tables for us. The 13 attendees were **Marge Stamm, Charley Lewis, Virginia Vlaach, Lynn Hagele, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Toni Van Kampen, Dave Dunham, Jerry Tipperreiter, Virginia Kondraro, Elena & Cesar Guerra**, a newby, I think, **Donna Nefczyk**, and me. We gave our sympathies to the Guerras who lost their son in a motorcycle accident in Miami. So sad.

The ORDMM mechanics had 12 people, **Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Don Kramlich, Walt Chornomaz, Don Matker, Ron Geibel, Rich Protsman, Jim Vitte, Cas Paprocki, Dick Hoppel**, and me.

The IAM 1487 meeting was well represented with 82 members. The lunch was a Meet-n-Greet where all members share in the preparation of the meal. We split up the food by alphabet of their last name. One group brings an entrée, another is the side salads, and of course, desserts, the best part of the meal. Christmas lunch will be December 7 at The Seville, as spectacular as always.

ORDMM operating managers had a great group. **Lori**, (daughter from CHIRR), **Dave & Judy Stoves**, visiting from Florida, graced us with their presence. Others included **Glenn Hill, Bob Smietanski, Bart & Sue Kendall, Tom Abraham**, who traveled to LAX to attend his nephew's wedding last month, and three we haven't seen in a while, **Ann Pepper, Jackie Anderson, Stan Chmieliwicz** and me.

Our co-workers that Flew West last month include **Ray Peterson**, ORDMM, **Flash Jensen**, ORDSW, **Lowell Isenberg**, EXOIT. **Albert Kitaguchi**, OGGOZ, was a victim of the Lahaina fire; many sympathies to his family.

Our prayers also go out to all the people affected by the fires, a true heartbreak for the whole country, not just Hawaiians. How a fire could have started and spread so quickly is perplexing. Even if they find the cause, the people are still gone, and the land is destroyed. What a beautiful, quaint little island. I should also send our sympathies to the people affected in the Southeast area, Florida and North. An old friend's house was destroyed and already had a builder come in to rebuild. We are a hearty

bunch, aren't we? America Strong! Also gone from our world are, actors, **Johnny Hardwick** (King of the Hill), **Robert Swan** (Hoosiers), **Sharon Farrell** (numerous movies and soaps), **Ron Cephas Jones** (This is Us), **Arleen Sorkin** (Days of our Lives), **Gayle Hunnicutt** (Dallas), singers, **DJ Casper** (Cha Cha Slide), musicians, **Tom Jones** (The Fantastics), (the other Tom), **Ronnie Robertson** (The Band), **Bob Feldman** (My Boyfriend's Back), **Gary Wright** (Dream Weaver), the irreplaceable, **Jimmy Buffett** (Margaritaville), what joy he brought to us with his happily-paced music, director **William Friedkin** (Exorcist), personalities, **Joe the Plumber** (activist), **Bill Richardson** (New Mexico ex-Governor), **Clarence Avant** (Entrepreneur), **Claude Ruiz Picasso** (Pablo's son), the ever popular **Bob Barker** at 99 (The Price is Right), **Bob Borgstrom** (CEO of Chicago's Wendella Boats).

A friend sent this to me, I thought it was very touching, especially as we're closer to the end than some. I hope you enjoy it.

On the day I die ...

On the day I die a lot will happen.

A lot will change.

The world will be busy.

On the day I die, all the important appointments I made will be left unattended.

The many plans I had yet to complete will remain forever undone.

The calendar that ruled so many of my days will now be irrelevant to me.

All the material things I so chased and guarded and treasured will be left in the hands of others to care for or to discard.

The words of my critics which so burdened me will cease to sting or capture anymore. They will be unable to touch me.

The arguments I believed I'd won here will not serve me or bring me any satisfaction or solace.

All my noisy incoming notifications and texts and calls will go unanswered. Their great urgency will be quieted.

My many nagging regrets will all be resigned to the past, where they should have always been anyway.

Every superficial worry about my body that I ever labored over; about my waistline or hairline or frown lines, will fade away.

My carefully crafted image, the one I worked so hard to shape for others here, will be left to them to complete anyway.

The sterling reputation I once struggled so greatly to maintain will be of little concern for me anymore.

All the small and large anxieties that stole sleep from me each night will be rendered powerless.

The deep and towering mysteries about life and death that so consumed my mind will finally be clarified in a way that they could never be before while I lived.

These things will certainly all be true on the day that I die.

Yet for as much as will happen on that day, one more thing that will happen.

On the day I die, the few people who really know and truly love me will grieve deeply.

They will feel a void.

They will feel cheated.

They will not feel ready.

They will feel as though a part of them has died as well.

And on that day, more than anything in the world they will want more time with me.

I know this from those I love and grieve over.

And so knowing this, while I am still alive I'll try to remember that my time with them is finite and fleeting and so very precious—and I'll do my best not to waste a second of it.

I'll try not to squander a priceless moment worrying about all the other things that will happen on the day I die, because many of those things are either not my concern or beyond my control.

Friends, those other things have an insidious way of keeping you from living even as you live; vying for your attention, competing for your affections.

*They rob you of the joy of this unrepeatable, uncontainable, ever-evaporating **now** with those who love you and want only to share it with you.*

Don't miss the chance to dance with them while you can.

It's easy to waste so much daylight in the days before you die.

Don't let your life be stolen every day by all that you believe matters, because on the day you die, much of it simply won't.

Yes, you and I will die one day.

But before that day comes: let us live. Cheers to Life!

Go cubbies!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**October 12**) second Thursday of the month (Note: New Address)

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**October 5**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

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



INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Unfortunately, our group is getting smaller and some have health issues so we do not hold many activities.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. 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 10** at Emmy's

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MASSACHUSETTS



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

MICHIGAN



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So long to summer although it seems to want to hang on for a bit longer.


Hello to fall and all the cool crisp days to come.

Greetings to all from **Jeff & Carole Lefleur** and

Joan Benoit!

Thought for the month: *"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."* ~ Abraham Lincoln

NEBRASKA

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

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	<p><u>LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS</u> Don Rutkowski 8517 Lynhurst Drive Las Vegas, NV 89134 (702) 300-4038 geodon1192@gmail.com</p>
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It has been a while since the Silverliners submitted an article to the RUAEA Newsletter but today we feel one is due. The Silverliners held a luncheon on August 24 at the Durango Country Club here in Las Vegas with many members attending; enjoying each other and catching up on past happenings. The buffet food served by the Durango Country Club was very good and all present enjoyed what was available and went back for seconds. Several of our members filled a table with homemade desserts of cake, cupcakes, and pudding. This luncheon was put together by VP **Mary Chandler** and member **Arlene McCroy**; Mary and Arlene have done their utmost to keep the Silverliners going. They go above and beyond to organize members get-togethers so we do not see the end of the Silverliners Chapter. All the members present gave Mary and Arlene a big round of applause and thanks for their efforts to keep us together.

We had the 50/50 raffle and held drawings for items on the gift table. There was a silent auction of items that help raise a few dollars for the Chapter. We went over the Birthdays and Anniversaries for August and September and honored **Elenore & Mike Vasko** for 66 years of marriage.

Don Rutkowski talked about our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland**. He spoke with her the day before and found out she needs heart bypass surgery. She informed Don that due to her medical history of blood cancer, the doctors are

a little reluctant to operate so she is on medication for the next 3 months to break up the clogged arteries, we hope it works.

Our member **Chris Czaplewski** who lives in Mesquite, 88 miles away, made it down to be with us on this day; she is a diehard Silverliner and we love seeing her.

So, we closed out the luncheon with Arlene & Mary announcing that a date of November 30th was planned for another Luncheon here at Durango Country Club. They wish all well and requested we stay healthy and safe.

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

	<p><u>RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP</u> Pat Zoboli 5860 Lone Horse Drive Reno, NV 89502 (775) 856-2044 zobolilady@aol.com</p>
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There were 11 members at our August 14th meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

We have sad news to report: Long time member and former picnic chef, **Larry Reid**, passed away on August 7 due to heart failure. We are waiting to hear if there will be any services. **Donna** advised that her sister had been staying with her, so Donna had some help making the formal notifications a death requires. The group signed a sympathy card Pat provided and also Donna's address in case anyone wanted to send a more personal note to Donna.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for contacting Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant and making reservations for Monday, September 11th at 11:00 for our September meeting.

Pat Zoboli has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon date with the Peppermill for Monday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at 12:00 p.m. Menus will be distributed at our October meeting, with selections and pre-payment due at our November meeting.

The August birthdays are **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**. The 50/50 winner was **Norm Borchers**. It was good to see Linda again, this time without a walker as she continued her journey of recovery.



NEW JERSEY



THE GARDEN STATERS

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And now, another walk down memory lane ~ *New York's World's Fair 1939-1940*: Every kid growing up has some great event that stays in their memory forever. Mine was a visit to New York's World's Fair in 1939 and in 1940, in Flushing New York. I was 10 years old, and I don't remember much about the grand opening, but I do recall many people talking

about it and saying Pres. Roosevelt would be there to do the opening honors. My mother who was caught up in the world's fair mania, went out and bought a beautiful royal blue rug for the living room, and in the center was a gold pattern of the Fair's Logo, the Perisphere and the Trylon. I know she took great pleasure in showing it off to all of her friends and neighbors. All this meant nothing to me, until my mother said one day she was taking me to see "the fair"; I immediately ran out of the house and told all my friends of the coming attractions. Getting there from Paterson, New Jersey was not as easy as rolling off a log. First we had to take the bus to downtown Paterson then walk over to the Erie Railroad station on Market Street and that took us to the Chamber Street ferry in Hoboken; when you got off that ferry, then had to take the subway to Penn Station in New York in order to get to the Long Island railroad out to the fairgrounds. While Tom Sawyer, and Huck Finn had their adventures, now at the tender age of 10, I can tell you that mine are just as great.

There were four things that I remember that come to mind: Aviation and railroad buildings, General Motors, and the Perisphere and Trylon. Many of the exhibits were hands on and you can imagine how I felt as a youngster, to make believe that I was flying or in control of a gigantic steam locomotive. My mother was always at my side prompting me to move on because there was so much to see. At the General Motors building, there was the famous "Futurama" exhibit that attracted long lines of people. When you finally got in and sat in a revolving seat and looked down, you saw a vast panorama of what the future may look like. As you rotated around the exhibit, a

speaker in your seat described everything. When you come to think about it, not much has changed except now we have more cars, more traffic and a never ending struggle to control pollution. Anyway, there is no such thing as "the good old times". I'm not willing to go back, and I don't know anyone with those kinds of ambitions. To cap everything off, the Perisphere was the greatest of all exhibits. There was an escalator that took you up into a revolving platform of this massive globe. Along the walls, there were continuing displays of pictures of Americans at work in all stages of our industry. What an impression that left with everyone who saw it.

My mother had taken me twice to the fair in 1939 and twice in 1940. I vividly remember the lights going out on the French Pavilion in 1940 and then playing their national anthem because they had surrendered to the Germans in World War II. At the railroad building, my mother bought me a train engineer's hat, and a pair of goggles. Yes with my imagination I was the mighty Casey Jones driving the old "Wabash Cannonball" at full speed down the tracks. That hat and goggles, I had for the longest time are long gone, but those wonderful memories are still with me to this very day.

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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President **Ed Pozzi** started our lunch with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed then announced that **Fred Zehend** passed away after a long illness. We send condolences to his family and friends.

Leo Talochino will be celebrating his 99th birthday in November.

Other news for the day: **Ray Forester** had a hip replacement and is doing well.

It was nice to see **Bobby Lee** today.

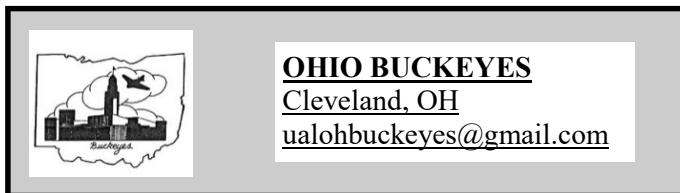
Celebrating September birthdays are **Ileana Falcon, Roberta Manfredo, Emma Milazzo, Mary Green, Kathy Kennedy, Nunzio Milazzo, William Halagarde, Joyce Smith, and Sal Vascellaro.**

Happy Anniversary to **Ileana & Jose Falcon** (44 years), **RoseAnn & Sal Vascellaro** (55 years), **Theresa & Rudolf Wolf** (63 years) and **Janet & Elwin Vancleemput** (65 years).

The 50/50 winners were **John Green, Ed Pozzi and Susan Lagasi.**

Our next meeting is October 4th, noon at The Davenport Press. Come join us!

OHIO



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

OREGON



Our August meeting provided great conversations and even better food. The ribs were delicious and the potato salad exceptional. We had a good crowd of 30. Hope you can all make it for the second Thursday in September, 9/14. In the meantime, a little humor with some fantastic tidbits of philosophy thrown:

- ☺ I suffer from MPD ... Multiple Project Disorder
- ☺ Why is it called "Beauty Sleep" when you wake up looking like a troll?
- ☺ I love waving at random people because you know that all day they will be trying to figure out who I was and how they know me!
- ☺ I hate it when the dialogue in a movie is quiet, and I have to raise the volume but then the next scene sounds like a plane is coming out of my TV.
- ☺ Have you ever looked at one of your relatives, shook your head, and thought, "How the heck are we related?"
- ☺ Tomorrow is National Stay at Home with your Dog and Drink Wine All Day! It's not actually official but tell others. It may catch on and be-

come a thing.

- ☺ I can look directly at someone, nod when they're talking, maybe even throw in a "yeah", and still not hear a single word they said ... now that's a talent.
- ☺ It's OK to talk to yourself, it's even OK to answer yourself ... but when you ask yourself to repeat what you just said, then you really do have a problem!
- ☺ You can only be young once. But you can always be immature.
- ☺ Another life tip: How to keep brownies fresh ... eat them all in one sitting!
- ☺ Dear mind, please stop thinking so much at night. I really need to sleep.
- ☺ So sick of looking in my purse and not seeing ten thousand dollars, or a winning lottery ticket. My husband tells me that I must buy a ticket before I can win. What a party pooper.
- ☺ The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said, "Diddly."
- ☺ Our family motto is: "Well, that escalated quickly."
- ☺ I don't know if my pants are feeling loose because I'm losing weight, or the elastic is finally giving up the fight.
- ☺ I wasn't going to drink tonight but then I remembered it's the only part of adulthood I enjoy.
- ☺ You ever been crazy about somebody back in the day and you see them now and you are like, "glad I missed that ship!"
- ☺ My get up and go got up and went. If you see it, will you remind it that it left without me? Thanks!
- ☺ My therapist told me: The way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far, I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.
- ☺ Many people don't know this, but it's possible to read something you don't agree with on the internet and simply move on with your life.
- ☺ I have reached that age where everything I think happened 2-3 years ago really happened in 2003. And my brain just cannot accept the fact that 20 years ago it was 2003, not 1980.
- ☺ It takes real skills to choke on air, fall up the stairs and trip over nothing. I have those skills. I truly am amazing.
- ☺ I always start the day with good intentions ... then I get out of bed and that's usually where it all goes wrong.


Calendar:

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


October 12 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

WASHINGTON

We welcome September after a very long hot summer. We still won't meet until the second Monday of October. It will be nice to see all our friends again.

Sadly, we will be without **Marge Egges** who passed away during the summer. She was the wife of the late **Frank Egges**. Joe and I won't be able to attend this year's convention due to medical reasons. Surely everyone will enjoy the big get together. We hope everyone has a great time.


Until next month!



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

Our next gathering is planned for December 12th if we can secure a reservation at our usual venue: Angelo's in Burien. This will be our holiday party and more information will be in a Contrails email, which will be sent by **Dave Jones** available later this year. Speaking of emails ... be sure to check your Spam folder occasionally, as apparently **Dave Jones'** Contrails group email address was processed (by some recipient's computers) as junk and went into Spam.



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


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

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




WASHINGTON, D.C.



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

NATIONAL



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Social media ... a successful way to start a conversation about our benevolent Clipped Wings organization. We are excited to announce that we are now on Instagram! Instagram has about 2 billion users each month, making it the fourth most popular social network. The potential to educate and attract new members to our extraordinary philanthropic organization through this media platform is huge. So if you would like to follow us, here is what you can do. If you already have an account, or after you create one, search ClippedWingsUAL (in the magnifying glass icon at the bottom) and spread the word to any current, former or retired United, United Express or Continental flight attendants. We have been on Facebook for many years and you can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

We have 26 chapters around the country and are currently forming chapters in TPA, GSO and IAH, so if you or you know anyone interested, please use the QR code which will launch you to our website and membership page. Or if you would like, please feel free to contact us via email to our National Vice President to find out about a chapter near you. ■







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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 2023**:

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Welcome

CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **August 2023**:

Herman Amaral, Carl J. Anderson, Darrel J. Ankeny, Bill Bishop, Florence Book, Geneva Brenton, Diane Brodis, Carlos A. Chiriboga, Barry O. Constantine, John E. Dansdill, Larry Darnell, Barrett Davidson, Carolyn A. Davis, Jean O. Grieb, Hiroko Hansen, Vicki M. Herrell, Barbara Hill, Pamela Hussey, Marlene Koerner Swift, Maeve T. Koleno, Arthur C. Kruegel, Kathryn K. Kuehl, Sammy H. Liao, Stephen Mason, Jack F. McKinney, Ethel A. Miyasato, Bette J. Mock, Stephen

Moddle, Sharon S. Montague, Alfonso Morales, Forrest G. Morris, Linda B. Mundt, Doris M. Nakanishi, Juliet Nickl, Thaddeus Norman, Sharyn J. Norton, Ann Park, Thomas M. Pelc, Joseph Pero, Merle K. Pitman, Robert B. Reed, John Roberts, Barbara Sakely, Robert Schwartz, Arc Seven, Fred W. Sladek, Ruth Jean Smith, Jackie L. Smith, Kevin Stubing, Edmund (Ed) E. Tholl, Ellen A. Turbak, Frank J. Uhl, Ingrid Vincent, John A. Warren, Janet G. Weith, Kenneth T. Workman, and Anna Wozniak.■

~thank you~

OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

- Retiree – **Loyola, Pete**, on 7/24/2023, SFOCS, husband of Jacqueline (Jackie) Loyola, 1525 E. Ovation Pl., Apt. 240, Washington, UT 84780
- Spouse – **Morales, Linda Gale**, on 1/19/2023, wife of Alfonso Morales Jr., SFOJJ, 126 Evergreen Ave., Daly City, CA 94014
- Retiree – **Moran, Edward W.**, on 5/20/2023, DENDV, husband of Lori Moran, 101 Kenley Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573
- Retiree – **Peterson, Raymond D.**, on 8/19/2023, ORDMM, husband of Janice nee Siirila Peterson, 6971 Hanover St., Hanover Park, IL 60133
- Retiree – **Valela, Vincent**, on 3/5/2022, IDLFS, BOSFF and BDLFF, father of Mrs. Vicky Stacey, 30 St. James Ave., Enfield, CT 06082■

Letters & Notes



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

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

Shirley Claggett, Patricia Conrad, Carol Estus, Jean Grieb, George Haupt, T. N. King, Sammy Liao, Russell Marsh, Alfonso Morales, Jr., Sharyn Norton, David Owen, Robert Reed, Barbara Sakely, and Anna Wozniak.

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.)

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Thanks again for reminding me that it is time to renew.

I really enjoy the news and updates about Good Old United Airlines.

I retired in 2003, so it is going on 20 plus years now.

We travel about 3 to 4 times a year, so your updates and advice on booking technology and all things about travel conditions, etc. is invaluable.

This is the 3rd year the Reunion will be in San Diego and I plan to attend this year.

On May 8th, we became grandparents for the first time. I had to remind our daughter that because she took so long, I will be 100 when our grand daughter

Notes

goes off to college. Hopefully when that day comes around, both RUAEA and I will still be around. I plan to be here and I hope you guys will be also.

Thanks again for all you do for us old people. It is very much appreciated.

Because of RUAEA, I have connected with some of my former co-workers.

Bob Rice, 9649 Sweetleaf St., Orlando, FL 32827

I thought this might make an interesting clip: **Bob Rice**, who retired from United 20 years ago, after 40 years of service at EWR, celebrated his 23 year old grandson **Kevin Rice**, becoming a United Airlines First Officer on June 20 this year at the Denver Flight Training Facility.

Kevin will be flying the Boeing 737. What a legacy!

Dennis Scheuerell, 1744 4th Ave., West Linn, OR 97068

I started with Capital Airlines on the ramp at MPW in 1960. I roomed and worked with four guys for four years. We started with United after the merger. We got drafted in 1964, and then came back to United. I am still looking for **Wendell Warren "Wink"**. Where are you?

Thanks for all you do.

Koji Takeuchi, 3344 Uribe St, Las Vegas, NV 89129

I am sorry about my late dues. It reminded me about the UAL STAR flights (Start The Airline Right). It was in my head every day that I worked. It kept the Airline going very strong with a good on time departure performance.

It will be on time next time when my dues are due.

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

Sorry for the delay in mailing my dues. I received my September Newsletter today and then it hit me. I think this Global Warming with all the 100 degree days and crazy storms, may have warped the brain a little. Otherwise the 22 years of retirement has been great.

The majority of my time is spent around my yard, flower gardens, fruit and veggies. My wife says she is tired of farming but I keep planting more. The fruits and veggies taste good summer and winter.

Again thanks to the RUAEA staff for your tireless efforts to keep us cronies up to date on United issues and our retiree benefits. Thanks so much and love to all.



Joseph C. Scanlon

We are still living the good life since retirement 23 years ago. There are some health problems but nothing major.

Janet G. Wetth

I worked with the best people ever at Apollo Helpdesk and Executive Services at ORD.

Marlene J. Fulton

RUAEA keeps me and others in touch with our UAL Family. Great work, guys!

Arthur C. Kruegel

I will be happily retired for 22 years from United this November 1st. I'm totally retired for 11 years after working for a Country Club for 11 years. My wife and I just moved in with one of our sons and his family. No more grass and or snow to worry about; so far so good! Our health is okay, not great, but we are still enjoying life. It's always good to read the RUAEA Newsletter. Here in MKE, our monthly luncheon is still meeting, but the group is getting smaller.

Enjoy, and please keep the Newsletter going!

Kathleen Denker

As a retired employee, I think what RUAEA does for us all is important. As National Vice President of Clipped Wings, I am grateful that we have a "piece" in the Newsletter. Gratefully, Kathy Denker.

Inge Chase

I'm signing up to be a new member of RUAEA.

Gary J. Frosch

I'm turning 84 this year. I am also one of three triplets and my triplet sisters are still celebrating with me. To pass time, we have a booth in an antique shop and it takes a lot of time.

We are living in a cute double-wide in a Senior Community.

Our fourth great grandchild is due in a few months. I keep busy every day and go to bed tired every night; after watching the Red Sox and movies on TMC.

Aharon S. Montague

I like to keep up with United, even though it's not the same airline we knew and retired from. Progress seems to be happening in many directions, and sometimes it seems the company has outgrown itself. Nevertheless, I continue to be interested in the company's suc-

cesses and failures. RUAEA keeps us in the know as to what is going on with fellow retirees. We feel lucky and blessed with our retiree benefits.

Carmen Gardner

I am now living in Windsor, CO and enjoying my retirement.

Stephen Mason

I miss working for UA since I retired. I met a lot of good people and by joining RUAEA, I hope to reunite with some old friends and make new ones.

Robert Schwartz

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication that all of you do to keep all of us updated. We continue to enjoy living in Tuscaloosa, AL although we continue to have to stay close to home as Yvonne continues her chemo treatments. Even after just over 2½ years of treatments, she continues to tolerate them well and all seems to be going well. We look forward to being able to visit friends and go out without masks again. Roll Tide!

Ingrid Vincent

Retirement is wonderful; I am doing a lot of cruising and enjoying being home in Westlake Village, CA.

I am very sad about the fires on Maui, hard to believe that lovely town of Lahaina is no longer, tragic.

Thank you RUAEA for keeping us all up to date, it is much appreciated.

Larry Darnell

I am trying to list for the convention. I have already made my hotel reservations.

Joseph Pero

I retired on 2/28/01 after 38+ years with UAL. I always look forward to receiving the monthly newsletter to keep informed on what's happening.

My appreciation goes out to all those responsible for putting it together each month. I don't travel as much as I used to due to some physical ailments. I haven't used a pass in 10 years, preferring to buy a ticket for the wife and myself. No worries as to getting on a flight, especially with mostly all flights on 737 or A320 aircraft. Back in the good old days, DC-10s and 747s were the way to go out of EWR. Wide Bodies were king of the sky. Hello to all my old co-workers still out there in the trenches.

Stephanie Sullivan

I worked at the following locations: SFOMD, SFOCS, SFOCG, SFOMK, SANOZ, PHXOZ, and SJCOZ.

Eward A. Naranjo

We are enjoying retirement and time with our 8 grandchildren. Thanks for all you do to keep all of us retirees informed and in touch

Levirt Quarels

I am about to turn 95, I never thought I would live this long. All I can say is I had a wonderful time traveling and meeting new people. I think I will slow down soon. Thanks RUAEA.■



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The Holiday from Hell *By Lt. Col. USMC Ret. James "Chris" Klinedinst* *Slightly edited by Marvin Berryman*

It is 8:45 on Tuesday morning, 18 September 2001, and here I sit, in my fifth floor condominium, staring at the luxurious yachts tied up at Christie's Landing in Newport, Rhode Island. A week ago this past Sunday, I left Hershey, PA and drove to New York City, passing through the Lincoln Tunnel, across Manhattan on 34th Street, through the Queens Midtown Tunnel and on to Garden City on Long Island. Cousin Kim and Paul Martirano live in Government Quarters near old Mitchell Field. They were to be my hosts on the first leg of my trip to New England.

The plan was to spend several days with Kim and Paul and their two sons, Zachary and Gabriel. Then Ron Crabb and the Warrens, three of my friends from Exeter, Devonshire England, were scheduled to arrive Thursday evening at Boston's Logan Airport. I was to meet them and be their tour guide for a ten day holiday. Our base was to be Newport, from which we could make excursions to Mystic Seaport, the Coast Guard Academy at New London, the USS Nautilus at the submarine base in Groton and Old Ironsides, the USS Constitution in Boston. The fabulous "summer cottage" mansions of the Vanderbilts and others of the rich and famous of a century ago, as well as the sheer excitement of Newport itself, was to be the icing on the cake.

On Monday, September 10th, Paul, Kim and I took the train to Manhattan and spent a lovely day playing tourists. Paul had managed a day off from his job as Commanding Officer of the New York Naval Reserve Center located in the Bronx. We considered going to lower Manhattan for a trip to Ellis Island, but instead enjoyed a tour of the NBC studios at Rockefeller Center and finally lunched on the most monstrous sandwiches imaginable at Paul and Kim's favorite deli on 7th Avenue.

But the good times were soon to end.

The next day, Tuesday, the 11th of September 2001, Paul went off to work in the Bronx at 4:30 a.m. After sons Zachary and Gabriel were shuffled off to school, Kim and I set off for King's Point on the East River. Kim wanted to show me the Merchant Marine Academy as well as attend to some business at the Navy Federal Credit Union on base. I welcomed the chance to access an NFCU ATM. During our drive to King's Point, Kim's cell phone rang.

It was Paul. I heard only Kim's, "Oh, my God," and "Oh, no!"

He had told her that a plane apparently had crashed into one of the World Trade Center towers. We were dumbfounded. We arrived at the academy gate about 10:00 a.m. Kim drove past NFCU and to the waterfront where we parked, got out and then peered down the East River toward lower Manhattan. We could see, amidst the black smoke, only one tower standing. Another spectator said he had seen, only moments before, the other tower collapsing. We were soon cautioned to move the car from the waterfront as they were going to barricade the area. *(To be concluded next month)*

The UAHF Board of Directors voted to have the William S. Arnott Scholarship Fund (chaired by Dale Dopkins, UAL Captain Ret.) to be sent as an Endowment to Southern Illinois University for university aviation students. After some other contributions to the Fund were made, the total of \$25,000 was recently transferred to S.I.U. This is in memory of UAL Captain Bill Arnott for his tireless organizational and financial efforts to establish UAHF years ago along with the Scholarship Program.

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A 9/11 Story — Paulie's Push *By Diane (Potts) Bowen, Roxbury, PA*

As I was doing my errands on Saturday, September 2, 2023; it took me 20 minutes to get out of our small Post Office parking lot. I didn't know what was going on in our tiny town and went about my chores. About an hour later, as I was coming home; I again ran into all the commotion and stopped at our little store to see what was happening.

A former United Airlines Flight Attendant was pushing an old cart used in the aircraft to serve drinks & food to customers. He started at Newark Airport, taking 30 days to arrive at the Shanksville, PA Memorial by 9/11! You can check out his information at www.pauliespush.com/media. I had my September issue of the RUAEA Newsletter and showed it to him.

A few hours later, I again encountered Paulie and his cart, this time accompanied by bus, ambulance & fire engine escorting him. After the third encounter, I gave him my 9/11 T-shirt that I pull out every year; for his arrival at Shanksville on 9/11. ■

