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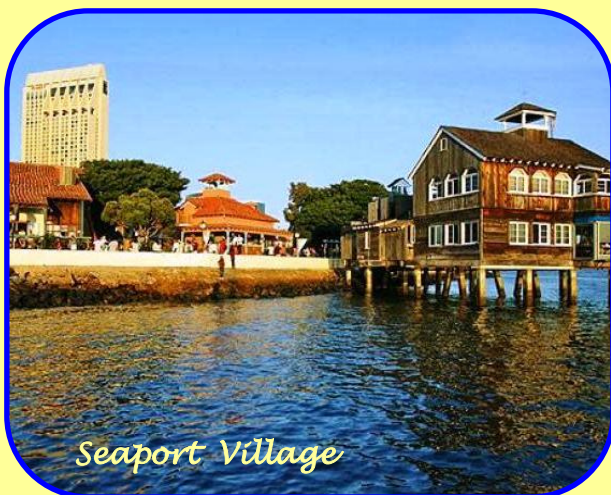
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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Turn Your RMDs Into Charitable Donations

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If you dream of your financial legacy leaving a lasting impact on the world, there's a way you can make a difference. You can use your Required

Minimum Distribution (RMD) to make charitable donations, a strategy that could benefit both you and the causes important to you.

I try to avoid too many acronyms; it can be overwhelming and confusing, especially with unfamiliar terminology. Here are a few acronyms that I'll be referring to in this article:

- **AGI:** Adjusted Gross Income
- **IRA:** Individual Retirement Account
- **QCD:** Qualified Charitable Distribution
- **RMD:** Required Minimum Distribution

You must withdraw money once you turn 73 if you have a traditional IRA. These withdrawals, or RMDs, are taxed at the ordinary income tax rate, which can sometimes push your annual income into a higher tax bracket, which may cause retirement concerns.<sup>1</sup>

However, there's a strategy that may help you put these distributions to good use and can help manage your tax situation: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (**QCD**) rule. This rule allows traditional IRA owners to deduct their RMDs on their tax returns if they donate the money to a charity or a non-profit organization. You can effectively manage your income taxes by lowering your Adjusted Gross Income (**AGI**); total income minus deductions). Please note the IRS puts a \$100,000 limit on the total distribution.<sup>2</sup>

Here's how it works: Once you decide to make a QCD, you choose a charity that qualifies as a charitable organization under IRS rules. Let your IRA custodian know your intention to donate your distribution and the amount you'd like. The custodian will then send a check to the charity on your behalf. It's important to remember that QCDs must be made directly from your IRA; you may lose the benefit if the distribution is paid to you first and then passed on to a charitable organization.<sup>2,3</sup>

Who should consider using the QCD rule? It makes sense if you:

- ❖ Would like your RMD to benefit another organization
- ❖ Want to support an approved charity rather than a foundation
- ❖ Want to make a larger donation than you could in cash<sup>4</sup>

This approach can provide some tax relief while helping fulfill your philanthropic goals.

If you have questions about QCD, we may have some information to help. Reach out to me or my team on [aris.alliantcreditunion.com](http://aris.alliantcreditunion.com) to get your charitable distribution plan in place.

This article is for informational purposes only and is not a replacement for real-life advice. Consider speaking to a tax, legal, or accounting professional before modifying your charitable giving strategy.

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1. United States Senate Committee on Finance. "SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022.

2. IRS.gov, November 16, 2023.



3. The Internal Revenue Service has specific rules and guidelines for charitable contributions. Before taking any specific action, be sure to consult with your tax professional.
4. Once you reach age 73, you must begin taking the required minimum distributions from a traditional IRA in most circumstances. Withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxed as ordinary income and, if taken before age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. Contributions to a traditional IRA may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your adjusted gross income.

### **United Airlines Announces First-Quarter 2024 Financial Results; Exceeds Revenue and EPS Expectations** **April 16, 2024**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported first-quarter 2024 financial results. The company had a pre-tax loss of \$164 million, a \$92 million improvement over the same quarter last year; adjusted pre-tax loss of \$79 million, a \$187 million improvement on an adjusted basis over the same quarter last year. These earnings reflect the approximately \$200 million impact from the Boeing 737 MAX 9 grounding, without which the company would have reported a quarterly profit. In the quarter, the company generated \$2.8 billion operating cash flow and free cash flow of \$1.5 billion. The company continues to expect full-year 2024 adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$9 to \$11.

United delivered strong financial and operational performance in the quarter. The demand environment remained strong with a double-digit percentage increase in business demand quarter over quarter, as compared to pre-pandemic. Additionally, the company was able to take advantage of a number of opportunities to adjust domestic capacity which drove meaningful improvements in first quarter profitability. Atlantic and Domestic markets both saw large passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increases year over year, with 11% and 6% growth respectively.

*“I want to thank the United team for working so hard this quarter to deliver strong operational metrics for our customers and sharpen our focus on safety, while producing excellent financial results for our shareholders,”* said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. *“We’ve adjusted our fleet plan to better reflect the reality of what the manufacturers are able to deliver. And, we’ll use those planes to capitalize on an opportunity that only United has: profitably grow our mid-continent hubs and expand our highly profitable international network from our best in the industry coastal hubs.”*

**Fleet Update:** United has made several adjustments to its long-term fleet strategy based on future needs of the airline and manufacturers production and delivery timelines that are expected to smooth out and moderate the company's aircraft delivery schedule in the coming years including:

- ▲ Converted a portion of Boeing MAX 10 aircraft orders to Boeing MAX 9 from 2025 through 2027; maintained the right to convert more Boeing MAX 10 into MAX 8 or MAX 9 as needed.
- ▲ Have agreed to letters of intent with two lessors to lease 35 new Airbus A321neos with CFM engines expected in 2026 and 2027.
- ▲ Due to manufacturing and certification delays from prior years, by the end of 2023, the airline's contractual aircraft commitments for 2024 had increased to 183 narrowbody aircraft. At the beginning of 2024, these delays were anticipated to continue and the company expected 101 narrowbody deliveries. Following the 737 MAX 9 grounding and the FAA's announced significant production capacity constraints on Boeing, the company now anticipates 61 narrowbody aircraft and 5 widebody aircraft to be delivered in 2024.
- ▲ In the short run, the company expects a small number of aircraft previously scheduled to enter into service in the second quarter to be pushed into the third quarter, which is expected to have minimal impact on the company's capacity plans.

#### **First-Quarter Financial Results:**

- ▲ Capacity up 9.1% compared to first-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Total operating revenue of \$12.5 billion, up 9.7% compared to first-quarter 2023.
- ▲ TRASM up 0.6% compared to first-quarter 2023.
- ▲ CASM down 0.6%, and CASM-ex up 4.7%, compared to first-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Pre-tax loss of \$164 million, with a pre-tax margin of (1.3)%; adjusted pre-tax loss of \$79 million, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of (0.6)%.
- ▲ Net loss of \$124 million; adjusted net loss of \$50 million.
- ▲ Diluted loss per share of \$0.38; adjusted diluted loss per share of \$0.15.
- ▲ Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.88.

- ✦ Ending available liquidity of \$16.9 billion.
- ✦ Total debt and finance lease obligations of \$27.2 billion at quarter end.
- ✦ Trailing twelve months adjusted net debt<sup>1</sup> to adjusted EBITDAR<sup>1</sup> of 2.7x.

#### **Key Highlights:**

- ✦ Reached milestone of 200 new and retrofit aircraft featuring United's signature interior featuring bigger bins, seatback screens at every seat and Bluetooth connectivity.
- ✦ United and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters announced a tentative agreement for a four-year contract extension, covering the airline's 9,700 aircraft technicians.
- ✦ Opened an expanded Flight Training Center – a new, 150,000-square-foot building in Denver with 12 additional full-motion flight simulators to train the next generation of world class pilots.
- ✦ Announced MileagePlus® pooling, making United the first airline to allow customers to share and redeem miles in one linked account, providing additional value to loyalty members, their friends and loved ones.
- ✦ Announced the addition of Rosalind Brewer and Michelle Freyre to United's Board of Directors.
- ✦ Named among Fortune's Most Admired Companies list, recognized as having a strong reputation within and across industries.

#### **Customer Experience:**

- ✦ Announced the addition of larger overhead bins to 50 regional aircraft for an 80% increase of space for carry-on bags, becoming the first U.S. airline to offer the enhancement.
- ✦ Partnered with the Transportation Security Authority (TSA) to launch TSA PreCheck Touchless ID at O'Hare International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport, providing an expedited security experience to customers.
- ✦ In collaboration with the United Spinal Association and Numotion, launched a new filter in the booking path to enable customers traveling with a personal wheelchair to filter aircraft that can accommodate their device, and for eligible customers, the ability to request a refund of the fare difference in cases where the accommodating trip would be more expensive.
- ✦ Began utilizing generative AI on [united.com](https://www.united.com) to expedite customer search and in the airline's industry-leading flight status notification system, further enabling real-time flight status updates to customers.
- ✦ Customer satisfaction for the quarter with onboard WiFi and inflight entertainment systems (IFE) achieved its highest rating since 2022 for on-time flights, with WiFi and IFE ratings improving six points year over year on the consumer satisfaction scale, Net Promoter Score.
- ✦ United was awarded the 'Best Business Class Rose' by Business Traveller as part of its Cellars in the Sky Awards.

#### **Operations:**

- ✦ Achieved the second best on-time departure for any first quarter in the company's history.
- ✦ Achieved the second best on-time arrival and departure metrics amongst U.S. airlines for the second quarter in a row – a position held for the last six months straight.
- ✦ Set the record for the highest first quarter consolidated seat factor ever at 84.1%, with March achieving the highest seat factor in the month's history.
- ✦ Set the record for the greatest number of days carrying over 500,000 passengers in the company's first quarter history at 16 days.

#### **Network:**

- ✦ Announced upcoming services to three new destinations, with flights between Marrakesh, Morocco and New York/Newark; Cebu, Philippines and Tokyo-Narita; and Medellin, Colombia and Houston, becoming the first U.S. airline to serve Marrakesh and Cebu. United also announced new service from the airline's Guam hub to Tokyo-Haneda, launching in May.
- ✦ Announced increased service on three routes, adding a second summer-seasonal flight between Porto, Portugal and New York/Newark, a second year-round flight between Hong Kong and Los Angeles starting in October, and extending the second flight between Seoul, South Korea and San Francisco to year-round.
- ✦ Announced the return of service between Shanghai and Los Angeles, with four weekly flights beginning at the end of August, and increasing to daily service in late October.
- ✦ Restarted summer-seasonal service earlier in the year on popular flights like Washington D.C. to Lisbon, Portugal; Barcelona, Spain; and Rome, Italy.

- ✦ Inaugurated service to Tulum, Mexico from Houston and New York/Newark at the end of March; with services from Chicago and Los Angeles starting in the second quarter, announcing an additional inaugural service between Georgetown, Guyana and Houston also in the second quarter.
- ✦ Operated United's largest quarterly domestic schedule by available seat miles, including operating the airline's largest Florida schedule in company history with the addition of three new non-stop routes and a year over year increase of 19% to the popular wintertime destination.

#### **Employees, Sustainability & Communities:**

- ✦ Celebrated one year of Innovate, United's digital technology career pathway program that has a 92% retention rate for participants.
- ✦ Announced the addition of eight new corporate partners to the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund, bringing the amount of capital commitments to more than \$200 million from cross-industry businesses to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel by accelerating the research, production and technologies associated with sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). More than 115,000 United customers have contributed nearly \$500,000 to supplement United's commitment to the Fund.
- ✦ Announced Somos, a new employee Business Resource Group focused on supporting and championing allyship for Latino and Hispanic employees.
- ✦ Throughout the quarter, more than 1,200 employees volunteered over 8,600 hours at non-profit organizations supporting local communities around the world.
- ✦ United and MileagePlus® members donated nine million miles to non-profit charities across the globe through the Miles on a Mission program, including the quarter's two feature non-profit partners, Make-A-Wish America and Girl Scouts of the USA.
- ✦ Transported nearly 299 million pounds of cargo, including approximately 10.3 million pounds of medical shipments and 263,000 pounds of military shipments.
- ✦ Named the inaugural recipient of the Humanitarian Force for Good Award by Air Transport World in its Airline Industry Awards.
- ✦ Employees from across the U.S. marched alongside United's Black Business Resource Group BEACON in Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades in Denver and Los Angeles and volunteered in community service events across the system, including sorting 145,000 pounds of food to help provide more than 174,000 meals to communities in need through the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Food Bank of the Rockies and Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

### **A 9/11 Story**

#### ***This is the full story referenced in the UAHF article on the back cover.***

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic. All of a sudden the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit, immediately, to see the captain. As soon as I got there, I noticed that the crew had that "All Business" look on their faces.

The captain handed me a printed message. It was from Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at the nearest airport. Advise your destination."

No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland.

He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately - no questions asked.

We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request.

While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings.

We decided to BU to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander. Local time at Gander was 12:30 PM! That's 11:00 AM EST.

There were already about 20 other airplanes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: “Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason.” Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S.

There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The captain informed passengers that Ground Control in Gander told us to stay put.

The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the aircraft. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane.

In the next hour or so, more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets.

Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio and for the first time we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York and into the Pentagon in D.C. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to a different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines to the U.S. were either blocked or jammed.

Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now, the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 6 P.M., Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11 am the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane.

Gander had promised us medical attention, if needed, water, and lavatory servicing. And they were true to their word. Fortunately, we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took really good care of her.

The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements.

About 10:30 on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, a convoy of school buses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross.

After that, we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going. We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander! We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the U.S. airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while.

We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the “plane people”. We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander and ended up having a pretty good time.

Two days later, we got that call and were taken back to the Gander airport. Back on the plane, we were reunited with the passengers and found out what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found out was incredible.

Gander and all the surrounding communities (within about a 75 Kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all the stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows set up.

All the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the “guests”. Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometers from Gander where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes.

Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour Urgent Care facility. There was a dentist on call and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered “Excursion” trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the local forests.

Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests.

Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundry mats to wash their clothes, since luggage was still on the aircraft. In other words, every single need was met for those stranded travelers.

Passengers were crying while telling us these stories. Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport right on time and without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully. It was absolutely incredible.

When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. Everyone knew each other by name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling.

Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

And then a very unusual thing happened. One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never, ever allow that. But this time was different. I said “of course” and handed him the mike. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers. He continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte.

“He said he was going to set up a Trust Fund under the name of Delta 15 (our flight number). The purpose of the trust fund is to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte.

He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travelers. When the paper with donations got back to us with the amounts, names, phone numbers and addresses, the total was for more than \$14,000!

The gentleman, an MD from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well.

As I write this account, the trust fund is at more than \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in their college education.

“I just wanted to share this story because we need good stories right now. It gives me a little bit of hope to know that some people in a faraway place were kind to some strangers who literally dropped in on them. It reminds me how much good there is in the world.”

“In spite of all the rotten things we see going on in today’s world this story confirms that there are still a lot of good people in the world and when things get bad, they will come forward.”

### So Simple From Sheryl



Several years ago, my husband Larry and I put together a bound recipe book for our oldest grandson. We are now working on an updated book for our other four grandchildren. Recipes are collected from their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncle, and cousins.

For a little different recipe this month, I thought you might like a little humor. The following recipes are taken from Edition #1.

#### **Fingerling Potatoes:**

Buy a bag of fingerling potatoes.

Wash, dry and coat lightly with olive oil and salt.

Bake at 425° for 15 minutes. Toss and check every 5 minutes until done.

~ Grandson Jack, then 12 years old

#### **Spaghetti and Meat Balls:**

Buy a package of frozen meatballs.

Boil them in a pot with sauce and pour over pasta.

~ Granddaughter Alexis, then 10 years old.

#### **Old Standby:**

Need bowl, spoon and a box of Cheerios

Mix with ½ cup milk and 1 tablespoon of Metamucil  
Add slice of toast, preferably rye  
Contains all necessary vitamins  
Guys need a large bowl.  
Girls need a small bowl.  
~ Grandpa Larry, then very old.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

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

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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There is no report this month from the California NorthStaters Chapter of RUAEA.

#### Calendar:

**May 15** - Wednesday, Vittles Restaurant in Anderson. 11:30 AM and if you are in the area hope to see you there.

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After being secretary for the Central Coasters all these years, I didn't think it would come to this. My health hasn't been the same and I told our President **Mike Zoldak** to try and get a replacement for me. He doesn't have too many in our group to choose from so I know it will be difficult to find someone. I even considered not renewing my yearly subscription to the RUAEA Newsletter for this year; however, my daughters said I should do it for this year which I did.

#### *The following was received by our President Mike Zoldak:*

Our April luncheon at the Olive Garden in Santa Maria went off A-OK. The restaurant does not take reservations, but they took good care of us. It was quiet and we had an unusual server; he took 12 orders, including separate checks and did it all without writing anything down. What a memory. I can't remember what I had for breakfast this morning.

The total number of attendants was 12 so we had the 50/50 raffle. **Mayra** was our lucky winner. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget, Bob & Esther, Bob & Marcia, Dave & Jamie, Nina & Mayra, Joan** and **Mike Stadnick**. Mike is the volunteer for Santa Maria, 5 Cities, and Lompoc who attends veterans' funerals at the cemetery and presents the flag to the family, etc. He explained to us the folding of the flag and all the words that go with the ceremony.

Table treats this month were awesome. Contributing were **Bridget, Jamie, and Joan**. Joan brought in nicely wrapped CA "Scratchers"; 12 scratchers and not one winner, go figure.

We went over an item with **Esther** on getting a name added to employee retiree pass travel. Ditto with **Nina**. **Nina & Mayra** are planning a trip together to FL. I stayed away from UAL, airline & Boeing news because it has been so negative. [Think positive.]

I want to thank Mike for this report from our meeting/luncheon. This could be my last or next to last report from our chapter. Since I don't go to any meetings anymore, Mike was trying to get a replacement for me. We don't meet again until June so I hope he finds one.

I have now moved from a walker to a wheelchair. This I thought would never happen. Living in this home with six others has been very good for us. We are well taken care of and the food couldn't be any better. However on April 29<sup>th</sup>, one of our tenants died. I never got to meet him since he was bedridden. He was in this facility for 2 years so it is hard on the caregivers since they felt like he was one of the family; we are trying to comfort them.

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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

We try to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sabo.thomas@yahoo.com) for details.

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Happy June to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandfathers and great grandfathers out there!

As I write this on May 7, Mother's Day is just a few days away. I hope all you mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers in RUAEA Land also had a marvelous and memorable day. I apologize for my best wishes being a month late.

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 changed the time of our restaurant meetings to 11:30. We go to The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord every other month. 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 are now going to Fuddrucker's in Concord the other months. It's basically a hamburger place but you can also order chicken sandwiches, fish and chips, or a salad. We order at the counter and have a private room.

At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. 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 at a member's home; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served an hour later.

Our May meeting was held on Monday, May 6 at Fuddrucker's in Concord. We had 13 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest, **Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Dee Moreci** and **Jan Soderstrom**. Our president **Russ Kennedy** started the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Tracey Blanchard** and **Rich**

**Bouska** won the raffle money. **Russ Kennedy** also announced that May 6<sup>th</sup> was his and Glenda's 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and that marrying Glenda was the smartest thing he ever did. How sweet!

**Barbara Cunningham** is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [barbjc1943@gmail.com](mailto: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; however, please send in coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022, and on May 4, I turned in a whopping 1648 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Sharon Dunham** in IL, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Maureen Neidle** in IL, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Jim Taylor** in FL, **Norm Wilkinson** in IL and **Gilbert Wojtal** in AZ. I would also like to thank **Tracey Blanchard**, **Diane Griego**, **Tom Johnson**, **Glenda Kennedy** and **Russ Schleske** in my East Bay Diablos chapter for bringing coupons to our meetings.

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

- ▲ Monday, June 3 at 11:00 — This is our summer picnic meeting—one of our chapter's favorite longstanding traditions. Please note the earlier start time of 11:00 for this meeting only. We will have a catered BBQ lunch from Back Forty BBQ at **Diane Griego's** lovely home and garden in Concord. This delicious lunch includes barbecued chicken and ribs and all the fixings - potato salad, rolls and butter, baked beans, and corn on the cob. Dessert is cake and ice cream. BYOB. Cost is yet to be determined; pay at the door. Reservations are required and the RSVP deadline is Wednesday, May 29. Please contact **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 for more information and to RSVP.
- ▲ Monday, July 1 at 11:30. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Not surprisingly, the color theme of this meeting is patriotic colors in honor of July the Fourth. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, June 28.
- ▲ Monday, August 5 at 11:30. — Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord in the Willows Shopping Center. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we will eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, August 2.

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

## GOLDEN GATERS

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WWW checking in (that's WeatherWonderWoman for those of you wondering what the heck is she talking about!) We have had our share of good/bad/and the ugly (as have the whole country experienced severe weather,) our hearts go out to those who have had devastating tornado, winds, snow and flooding. One day of 70 degree weather, next day torrential rain, back to 70+ weather – we just need to hunker down, read a good book and know that Spring has sprung, giving us beautiful flowering trees to admire.

I gave you a recap of the job **Barbara Underhill** has been doing at our local Voting Precinct. In the last months newsletter, our sister county, Santa Clara, had a unique situation that had a tie for the office of Mayor. One candidate secured his spot and the next two were tied with 30,249 votes each. The powers-to-be decided that they would have a recount (beaucoup dollars,) so the workers went back to work and did the recount. Of the two candidates running, one came out and won by 6 ... yes! 6 ... votes. Moral of this story: Don't ever say that your vote doesn't count! The loser was very gracious in his speech admitting his defeat and loss.

Here are the meeting and luncheon dates for the next few months:

- May 20 – Please note the date change – we will have our 10:00am meeting at the Rec. Center and then go to Lunch at Dennys' which is located on Hillsdale Ave. and Norfolk in the Marina Shopping Center. Easy to find, plenty of parking - an email will be sent to those that have email accounts.. **No** separate checks so please bring cash so that you can reimburse **Ginger Dahlberg** who will use her credit card.
- June 24 - 10:00am short Board Meeting, 10:15am members social time. Lunch will be sandwiches from Safeway, \$11 per person. Please bring cash to be given to **John Garis** (Treasurer.) This includes your choice of Roast Beef or Turkey sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. You need to let John know your choice. We will have a raffle also.
- July 22 - Regular Board meeting at 10am, members social time and lunch at Waterfront Pizza and Mediterranean Restaurant which is located in the Edgewater Shopping Center, 969 D. Edgewater Blvd. Ask for the senior discount, separate checks OK. Great food!

Once again, special thanks to **John Garis**, **Barbara Underhill** and **Carol Slater** for heading up the March meeting.

I had my traveling shoes on and was off to Europe. 16 of us flew on Swiss Air to Zurich with a connection to Barcelona — what a terrific flight, long but great food and service. You need to go to Barcelona! Clean, safe, great tapas, a delightful boutique Hotel close to many shops, taxis are very inexpensive and wonderful things to see and do. The group went to a Dinner and Tango show that was outstanding. The buffet was an extensive array of Spanish food and the Tango show was one you need to see. Most tango shows feature pretty women with very colorful dresses; only one woman and then two fantastic men who dazzled us with their footwork and artistry! A trip to Montserrat where we visited the Church that is home to the Black Madonna and Child statue situated on a gold altar. This excursion was labeled moderate with very few steps – the guide said only 9 stairs. Little did we know that he meant 9 stairs, then 4 level steps, then 9 more stairs, then 4 level steps ... this went on for about 8 more 9 stair intervals. Needless to say, We "Mercans" need to get out there and walk more! Only 3 days in Barcelona so off we went to the TGV train from Barcelona to Arles, France where we boarded our AMAWaterways ship the AMAKristina. The excursion to see Les Baux & Carriers des Lumieres was a spectacular presentation of art, sound, music and history projected on the walls of a former quarry. I have never seen such a unique show! Another highlight excursion was to visit a Truffle Farm that was owned by a gentleman who was the 8<sup>th</sup> generation owner (he also grew grapes.) After explaining that pigs were no longer used to forage truffles (they ate all they could find,) but now use specially trained dogs. No man or machine can locate these "jewels"; it must be the smell that is detected. The dogs eagerly went to work and found several truffles that are found in the ground and look like black rocks. These prized delicacies are considered "the diamond of the kitchen." We were able to taste his truffles and wine and could purchase small jars of truffles – no wonder they are costly, I think diamonds are less expensive! Wonderful food, excursions into towns, wine and cheeses from the areas that our cruise took us to – Avignon, Viviers, Vienne and finally Lyon, our final destination. Homeward bound via Frankfurt and a couple of weeks to recuperate. So ... dust off those travelin' shoes and join us on our next get-away!



Back to reality ... April birthday, **Diane Heinrich** and May 1<sup>st</sup> **Lydia Rolfe** who danced around the May Pole (Surely you danced around the May Pole in your youth!) We had 19 live ones show up for our meeting and luncheon. Jacks' good food and a corner in the Patio made for some lively conversations. 2 guest retired Pilots from the Moss Beach area joined us and we hope they will come again. Our raffle money winners: **Andy King** (who graciously gave back the money for our treasury ... thanks Andy!) and generous **Pat Ortega** (she knows why – Mahalo.) Gift donation winners: **Lydia Rolfe, Bill Heinrich, Andy King, Jerry Marsala, John Bogdanoff** and **Pat Ortega**, and our guests Gaylen and Doug.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Blue Bird Room, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Mother Nature seems to want to keep up the rhyme; “*April showers bring May flowers*” - well, we have to see about the May prediction, but April showers we have had! Since we closed out March with Easter, that kind of took away April's holiday – however, today, as I write this, is Earth Day. I kind of think of every day as a day to enjoy, protect, enrich this lovely planet we call Earth. After all, there really aren't any alternatives to living on this big ball of dirt! We'd be crazy to not make sure it stays healthy.

**Rudy Blazius**, ever ready to handle this gang, brought our meeting to order by (first) saying thanks to **Roy & Dawn Martin** for arranging our luncheon at Casa los Abuelos. I believe we had 25 members enjoying their cuisine today. We have an advantage here as they have a separate dining space where we can visit, laugh and hold our meeting without disturbing their other patrons. **Ernie Helliwell** and **Diane Wilson** were welcomed as our guests today. The “Happy Birthday” greeting went to **Roy Martin** and **Jane Gibson**. And then Congratulations were delivered to both **Bill & Jane Gibson** and **Roy & Dawn Martin** for choosing April to get married in! April rocks!

*President ~ Rudy Blazius* did not have a specific “report” but contributed throughout the meeting.

*Vice President ~ Okay, JR Heier* gave up time with granddaughters to join us today because he needed to share some information and experiences with the health insurance carrier Aetna. I just spoke to JR and he has just been notified that the concerns he had have been resolved. Whether you have Aetna – or any other provider - as your supplemental medical insurance, you might want to touch bases with the company and be sure of your coverage. As retirees, we don't seem to have anyone at United to act as a representative for these matters. We do need to be proactive regarding our health care so that we know what and where we will receive coverage.

As an added point of conversation about insurance dealings with other things such as home, car, etc. we worked over the concern that, here in California, many insurance companies are dropping coverage. Again, stay on top of your policies.

*Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny* came prepared, as usual, with his report. We are enjoying a balance that is in keeping with what is normal for this time of the year. Tom doesn't just keep our bank tally for us, he also files the necessary paperwork for the IRS each year and he has been so very diligent about the tool collection for the students at Sacramento City College's A&P mechanics program. Tom went to the Gold Diggers' last luncheon to bring them up to speed on that program and to see if anyone there might have tools they would be willing to part with that can go towards these students. It turns out some do have and would like to donate them. **John Muir** brought tools to the meeting today as well.

*Secretary ~ Other than putting out another plea for a host to handle the June luncheon, Jane Gibson* did not have a report today. Alert! We have June's luncheon covered! **Duncan Nielsen** took charge and we won't have to cancel June!

*Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny*, who is recovering nicely from knee surgery, did not have any new news regarding our members. Suzanne did report that there were 14 Miners who attended the Celebration of Life held at the Akin Ranch for long time member, **Ed Akin**. **Lindalee** and **Julie** were with us today and were able to join in on the positive comments. There were probably 200 people who shared stories and memories of Ed and his enormous heart and generous soul. Son, Tim, has been handed the “reins” and is handling the care for not only Ed's huge Caterpillar collection, but the running of the ranch. Not alone, of course, as the family is large

and they all pitch in. Lindalee is recovering from a dislocated left shoulder and not able to do too much at this time.

*Old Business* ~ Rudy asked Jane to remind all of us about the United Airline Retired Mechanics Reunion. This year the dates were moved up a couple weeks and will be held over September 17, 18, 19 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. If you didn't receive the information update email, please let me know and I will be happy to give you the info for the hotel. The barbecue will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't been to one of these reunions before, think about joining us in September.

*New Business* ~ No new business this month.

I recently received an email from a former Hangtown Miner, **Alice Somplac**. I believe several of you were involved with the Miners when Jon & Alice were active members. Alice wanted to let us know that Jon passed away on January 30, 2024. Jon was a past President of the Miners. We wish Alice well.

Next month we will be getting together at Denny's in Cameron Park. I'm told they have wonderful hamburgers and more, I'm sure.

Rudy wrapped up our meeting with these parting words: *"We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office."* *"Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."* *"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river."* *"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."* *"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel."*

... and with that, JR took over to get the raffle started. **Judy Fitzpatrick** won the donator's prize – again! A huge thank to all who brought items for the raffle: **Heier** – wine; **Bell/Nielsen** – citronella candles; **Blazius** – spoon rest; **Fitzpatrick** – United thermos; **Dinette** – cookie jar; **Biro** – wine; **Martin** – wine; **Gibson** – bread mix and all the table decorations from the Martins.

As we finish up April and get ready for May, take time to "smell the roses" - as in, stay busy, stay safe, stay happy, stay healthy – each day is a gift which is why it is called "the present".



#### **RESANS**

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The San Diego Resans group met for breakfast at the Pt Loma Cafe and we had fifteen retirees in attendance.

We are looking forward to our Spring/Summer Luncheon which is in June this year. If this works well, we may continue to do this and make it our Summer Fling. April just came too close after the Christmas Holidays.

**Rosalie Tripicchio** was having cataract surgery so she was unable to attend and we missed her presence.

**Bill Krefft** is now recovering nicely and getting his therapy at home so he doesn't have to go out every day. It takes a lot of stress off **Rosina** to have him home.

**Peggy Van Sickle** is now settled into a Senior Living Home in Iowa and is now close to her family. She continues to receive therapy; she does experience pain but she is very pleased with the treatment she is receiving and looks forward to the frequent visits from her family.

**Joan & Paul Zadrozny** will be celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month.

**Louie Semon** is on his way to cruise Antarctica and by the time you receive this, he will be in the middle of the cold, ice and snow!

**Peter Wronetsky** celebrated his birthday this month on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no Breakfast in June as our Summer lunch will be held the following week.

#### **Calendar:**

**June 12** - Summer Fling Lunch; the Tequila Factory in Old Town.

**July 11** – Breakfast at the Pt Loma Cafe (note July 4<sup>th</sup> is a Holiday), we are moving the date a week.

**September 27 – October 2** – RUAEA Reunion. This issue of the RUAEA Newsletter contains the info you need to make your plans for what you will want to do when you attend.

**SACRAMENTO**  
**GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met for their April lunch meeting at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville. We had 17 in attendance including a guest of **Jim Simon**, **Linda Lance** from the Chicago area. We had very good service from Jacob with the assistance of Leah. After a nice lunch which most of us had the Wednesday special, one of many hamburger options for \$11.00, President **Jim Simon** called our meeting to order by thanking Leah and Jacob as well as the **Bertacinis** for hosting. Jim also thanked the members for donations for our monthly raffle to help the treasury.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that we are currently looking for a place for our May meeting and that if any member would like to host to let her know.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported with only one anniversary for April, the **Haubls, Laverne & Len** with 66 years. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that she had contacted some previous members about rejoining and **Bob Opdahl** responded by rejoining, bringing our membership total to 38. Robin also reported that the chapter is still solvent thanks to the raffles. Our Sunshine Lady, **Angie Dellinger**, reported that she had talked to Julie, **Orville Harshbarger's** daughter and found that Orville had fallen and broke his hip and is currently at Sutter in Auburn recovering. Orville is apparently also experiencing some heart issues. Angie also spoke with **Jack McKinney** who is dealing with bladder cancer and considering his treatment options; Jack seemed to be in good spirits. Angie also spoke with **Laverne Haubl** and that Len is having several medical issues. Laverne has someone come in to assist and look after Len, giving her some time to reenergize. Cards would be appreciated for our members dealing with health issues.

Regional Director **Dave Garland** hoped to see many of us at the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego later this year. Dave emphasized making a hotel reservation as soon as you can; if you are thinking of attending, please do so by using the Dana Hotel's 800 number.

**Vicky Enriquez** offered to check with the Lincoln Chinese restaurant for the May lunch meeting. **Ron Bertacini** advised that he had been working with the Newsletter Manager, **John Chu**, in getting the Reunion Package together and that it has been finalized and will be in the June issue. **John Chu** is working with the website people to have not only the package online but for us to be able to make our registration and pay with a credit card. As soon as everything is in working order, we will advise you. It should be online within the next few weeks.

We had two April birthdays, **Sherrie Wolfram** and **Frank Dellinger**. The birthday roll-off was won by Frank and benefited him with a few extra dollars.

Jim had some brief history for April 24<sup>th</sup> ... 1184 BC, Greeks enter Troy using the Trojan Horse, 1800 The Library of Congress is established and 1898 Spain declares war on the United States starting the Spanish – American War.

We ended the event with our monthly raffle. Some shirts donated by the **Bertacinis** were a big hit. In attached picture above, from L to R: **Dave Garland, Frank Dellinger, Ron Bertacini** and **Irv Wolfram**.



## **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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I'll avoid minutes from last month's meeting since there aren't any. We just had a get-together with some friendly conversation around the table; peppered with random discussion about the safety and quality issues at the Boeing company.

Steve did remind everyone about the Mechanics Reunion in Carson Valley, NV and the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego this year. Unlike last year, these events will not be on the same week leaving room to attend both if you so desire.

I did want to let you know that all members that join us for lunch have paid their annual dues. We have 26 active members. Thank You!

Our next lunch get together will be at Huckelberrys on May 9 at 11am in Oakdale, 1214 W F St. Steve & Jacque have set it up for us. Please let Steve & Jacque know if you will or won't be joining us. It's best if you can e-mail or call them no later than Monday 5/6. This helps the host coordinate with the restaurant in advance for their set up. **Steve & Jacque Foster**, (209) 328-1210, [sgoldwing@comcast.net](mailto:sgoldwing@comcast.net).

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### **Submitted by Chuck Clayborn**

Despite a "smaller" turn-out for our brunch on May 6<sup>th</sup>, we had enough for a good brunch. In attendance were **Chuck Clayborn, Lynn Buchholz, Sharon Souscedo, Bob Mattscheck, Karen Behle, Chuck Thuenor, Merle Sweet, Jean Jenkins, Hiroko & Greg Caster, and Bill Reichard.**

Word came that **Bob Devlin** was been released from the hospital on May 6<sup>th</sup>; the reason for admission is unknown at this time.

Birthdays this month ~ **Maria Boone, Donna Stafford, Julie Midwin, Cheri Scales, Ken Demblewski, and Margie Klaus.**

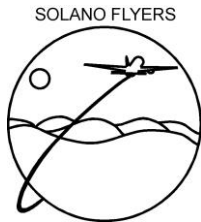
Anniversaries ~ **Lou & Jean Marcolino, and Ted & Maria Boone.**

We talked about our upcoming BBQ at Vasona Park on June 12<sup>th</sup> and what participants may bring. The Chapter is catering our own affair this year with Tri-Tip, Chicken, salads, sides and beverages supplied by the Chapter. **George Midwin, Chuck Clayborn** with assistance from **Bill Reichard** will be primary Grill Masters; with our Group as assistants as necessary.

Our field trip for May 23<sup>rd</sup> begins the Summer visits to the Senior Safari at Happy Hollow Zoo in San Jose. Parking and entrance to the Zoo are "free" to those age 50+ between 09:00AM and 10:00AM. We get in before the gates officially open for the day. It is quite nice for us "Seniors". Next month, I hope that I can set up another field trip to Cantor Center on Stanford Campus to view the Rodin exhibits and other artworks in the Center; no entry fee, but there could be a charge for parking. We will be after the BBQ at Vasona Park.

In closing, don't forget the Reunion in San Diego at the end of September.





### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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The Solano Flyers met on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Bud's Restaurant in Dixon. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson**, **Stewart McCale Sr. and Jr.**, **Frank Uhl**, **Pad Gardner**, **Richard Cox**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Allan Pochop**, and visiting son **Troy Pochop**.

The 50/50 was won by **Larry Jackson**.

May meeting will be at Denny's Restaurant, 304 Pittman Rd., Cordelia, CA. (707)389-4698.

### **COLORADO**

#### **DENVER** **MILE HIGHERS**

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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. We welcomed a new member, **Suzanne Campbell**.

If you plan to attend this year's Reunion at the Dana Resort in San Diego, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to obtain the discount room rate. Please refer to the 2024 Reunion package published in this month's RUAEA Newsletter to plan your trip.

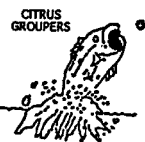
The Cheyenne old terminal is being restored into a museum. If you have anything regarding Cheyenne in the days it was United maintenance base, please contact **Paul Goodyear** as they would like it for the August opening.

We are still working on a place for the picnic in September. There is a possibility of a food truck.

The 50/50 winners were **Virginia Hansen**, **Jackie Kudron** and **Jane Ayers LaTorra** (2x).

Come and bring a friend to our monthly luncheon on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00AM, at Ted's Place, 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Commerce City; (303) 287-7544. Everyone is welcome.

### **FLORIDA**



#### **THE CITRUS GROUPE** **THE VILLAGES**

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

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



### **THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS**

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Well, it's certainly not official, but it's **summer** in Orlando! At 7:15AM today, it was already 71 degrees and now, at 5PM it's 91 - really! Couldn't just ease into it, huh?!

19 regulars and 2 guests joined us at Denny's today. **David Houck**, retired MCOCS and **Eugene Andre**, retired MCOMM ... both guys from long ago but still lookin' good!

President **Al Fields** opened the meeting with the Pledge and then asked all the "Mothers" to stand to a round of very kind words and kudos from Al himself! We all agreed to **sit** for the applause. Ha Ha!

Treasurer was absent, but Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** advised us that, once again, we are solvent! Elaine shared a reminder that Paulie's Push in honor of the Flight Crews of 9/11, will, this year start in Boston the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> and end at the National 9/11 Memorial, "Ground Zero" ... 210 miles later. Last year, our own **Bobby Catton** (MCOCS retired) went and met Paulie and brought back wonderful pictures and memorabilia to share with all of us. For more info on Paulie, check out Facebook on [pauliespush.com](http://pauliespush.com). The Shanksville Memorial is also accepting donations. September 11<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. Let us never forget.

There were no Birthdays to applaud today, but May is certainly popular for Wedding Bells!

★ Cinco De Mayo May 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary wishes to **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, kissing for 63 years!

★ May 20<sup>th</sup> cake and wedding bells to **Rich & Cathy Benson** celebrating 57 years! Wow!

★ May 28<sup>th</sup> champagne cheers to **David & Joyce Houck** with 53 years together!

Husbands—Kiss your wives and do something to show 'em they're still your No. 1 Gal!

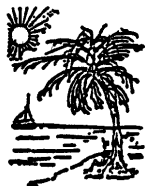
Everyone else—Pray for them and all the folks you know for good health ... Or a return to good health ... or comfort during times of trials ... and much happiness all the time!

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Our last meeting for the season was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May with ten members of our group in attendance. Our next meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at our usual venue LYNQ restaurant here in Ft Myers. We wish everyone a great summer.



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We had 8 people at our gathering on May 6. We wish better health to **Frank & Helen**; we missed you two. May Birthday is celebrated by **Kevin Garde** on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We discussed UAL news and talked about trips our members are going to take.

We wished A Happy Mother's Day to all Moms.

We had a good time socializing with our group.

### **Calendar:**

**June 3** - IHOP - 10:30.

**July 1** - IHOP - 10:30.

## TREASURE COAST

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There was no meeting in May for the Treasure Coast Chapter. Our next meeting will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 12 Noon; Place for meeting will be at Carmines, 2401 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 33410; (561) 775-0105. Any member system wide visiting South Florida and interested in visiting with us, please contact me at [ualpbi@att.net](mailto:ualpbi@att.net).

*June Birthdays* ~ **Ron Brodis** (6/12), **Fran D'Amico** (6/21), and **Mardele Celestin** (6/30). Happy Birthday to all!

*June Anniversary* ~ **Dee & Arnie Lasko** (6/20). Happy Anniversary!

. Wishing all the Dads a Happy Father's Day!

Hope to see you all on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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## ILLINOIS

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June—Are you ready for summer? AccuWeather agency says it will be hot with a higher chance of severe weather than last year. The other agency said even hotter and about eight days of rain. Do you have a preference? Will it matter? No. If you've lived here long enough, you know the old saying, 'Don't like the weather? Stick around five minutes, it'll change'. If you worked in the operational part of United, you know that is a true statement. Anybody working a trip was ready to push back the plane, then, boom, this wild wind and rain would come out of nowhere and the captain and operations say, 'Whoah, hold on Kemosabe, not yet'. And you and your spouse, just got first class seats on flight 1 to HNL, at the Y, Terminal 2, you'd have to hold your breath that you'd even be leaving. It's always those last 20 minutes that always made me nervous, actually, once the wheels went up I could breathe. The gate agent could always open the cabin door to let on another passenger, there goes your seat, champagne, salad, roast beef, ice cream sundae with whipped cream and a cherry! Good trips. Now we're lucky we even get on and a seat next to our partner. We were so fortunate that we worked during the good times. I'm so happy I got to see most of the world that I did. How about it, you too, and glad we're out of there? Being retired has its good points; at least we get the 20% discount.

The other day, while watching the History Channel, there was a commercial for United's Aviate School in Phoenix. They talked about a pilot shortage at UAL and how much easier it is to become a United pilot today. I don't think they read their own press release, that the company is asking current pilots to take off the month of May and possibly beyond, because our new Boeing deliveries are delayed due to manufacturing problems. Don't think it's a good time to travel on a pass, but then I always was a scaredy cat on passes. Maybe because on my very first pass back in 1962, I got pulled off my trip to SFO because of a late passenger. My friend,

**Jackie Clarke**, got off too, she knew I'd be lost. That whole trip was a mess, only one seat left coming back, Jackie stayed with me. We didn't get out until the midnight flight, landed at 6:00, had time to get home, shower and got to work late. Our boss, **Bill Carson**, gave us hell, one of us should have gotten on the flight, this way we were both late for work. Never forgot that trip, or the scolding. Well, I hope the Boeing situation gets cleared up, it's affecting many airlines, employees and companies.

The June important dates are Father's Day, of course, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. To my dad, it was the one day he could grill his steak, corn in the husk, and enjoy his beer, watching a Cubs game, of course. The other holiday is the 19<sup>th</sup>, Juneteenth Day. Let's not forget D-Day, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the turning point in WW2, 1944, in Normandy, France. Over 160,000 troops were involved in throwing off Germany on the northern coast of France. There are a lot of very moving pictures about that day, 'The Longest Day', 'Saving Private Ryan', and 'Breakthrough at Normandy'. TCM will be showing most of these movies on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Maybe your grandkids would like to watch and know more about history with you.

Don't know very much about the Northside Breakfast in April. I only heard from two possible attendees, but since it rained a lot that day, I didn't go and never heard from them if they went and who joined them. Hoping for better results in May.

The ORDMM mechanics had better luck with eight fellas, **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki, Don Kramlich, Walt Chornomaz, Bud Lowe, and Ron Geibel**.

The ORDMM foreman included **Glenn Hill, Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Bart Kendall and Stan Chmieliwicz**.

Our April 9 Skyliner Luncheon was a huge success with about 80 people attending. As usual, the Belvedere had delicious food, and their squash soup. They really treat us well, why wouldn't we continue going there. Our next luncheons will be Fall-ish and December. Dates are still floating out there but we will advise you as soon as we know.

People were talking about the eclipse that was the previous day, what an exciting event to see for probably the last time. There will be others but not in our area. In a couple of years, there will be one in Antarctica, if you're interested. Our entertainment for the afternoon was Peter Oprisko, a very enjoyable singer who delighted us with music from the 40's to the 60's. He explained the history of each song, singer and writer, so it made each song more engrossing, even though we all heard the songs hundreds of times. He also had a wicked sense of humor, kept us laughing, and waiting for the next song. It made us feel like we were at our Senior Prom, Peter wore a black tuxedo, but this time, we were the actual Seniors. I think the group would like if we invited him again, that can be arranged, let us know. Lot of beautiful old-timer faces, so good to see you all again. If you keep coming, we can still keep planning our parties. Sound like a deal? Good! Talk about somebody from our past, **Peg Maromaty**, who moved to Madison, WI, a few years ago, drove down just to see her old friends and have lunch with us. Impressive! **Toni Van Kampen** took photos that you can see under [ChicagoSkyliners.org](http://ChicagoSkyliners.org). Our committee is so wonderful. Even with a smaller Board, we all work together and get things done. **Jim Sommerfield** and **Renee Jakus** did most of the planning; Renee also did the Raffle tickets with **Kitty Bystrom**. **Ken Thiede** said the Prayer of Thanks, **Charlie Lewis** said the Pledge of Allegiance, **Marlene Anderson** and her Name Tag helpers, **Ginny Vlach** and friend Sharon, gave out the tags, **Tom Pelc** paid the bill, **Janice Gillian** was unable to attend, but has given some very helpful ideas. They are all so cooperative, how did I get so lucky?

Another lucky guy is **Dave Roderick**, president of the IAM Lodge 1487 Retirees Club. His Cinco de Mayo celebration also brought in just under 80 members. An exciting Mexican lunch was served and everyone was pleased. A few new members were there. June is Hot Dog Day. They will continue collecting \$6.00 per person in June for those who want to attend. July is Pizza Day.

Our fellow co-workers that have flown West include, **Ralph Brick**, OPBOP, **Ed 'Ned' Neumann**, ORDFO; from ORDCS, **Shirley Kagle, Lori Zydlo, Art Mollat**, ORDCS and ORDCG, **Sandy Potempa**, ORDCG, **Mike Obert, Al Kweller, Roger Hill**, from ORDMM,

Also missing from our world are, actors, from Young and Restless, Marla Adams, (Dina Abbott), and Megan Bennett, (Julia Newman), Bernard Hill (the Titanic Captain), Susan Buckner (Grease Cheerleader), Musicians, Sir Andrew David, Lyric Opera conductor, guitarist Duane Eddy (Peter Gunn theme), Dickey Betts (Allman Brothers), Richard Tandy (Electric Light Orchestra), sportsmen, Roman Gabriel, LAX and PHL football, OJ Simpson, Buffalo Bills, Bill Tobin (Bears executive), fashion icon, Roberto Cavelli, Cook County Clerk, Karen Yarborough, newscaster, Robert McNeil (PBS), and aviator Dick Rutan, (test pilot for Voyager).

Reflections of a Boomer:

*I've seen fire and I've seen rain, I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.*



*I've gone to Kansas City, I sang in the sunshine, I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.*

*Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance, I've put a camel to bed and danced the last dance.*

*Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me, I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.*

*I've fallen into a burning ring of fire and walked the line, to all the girls I've loved before, you were always on my mind.*

*I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome, I could cry. I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.*

*I've been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine, I've made the scene in a time machine.*

*I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around, I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.*

*I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road. I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.*

*I've sought shelter from the storm, I've sat on the dock of the bay, I've rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.*

*I've knocked on Heaven's door, while blowing in the wind, joy to the world, those were the days my friend.*

*Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover, It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.*

*Bet you knew all of them, didn't you? Great memories, great music, words you could understand.*

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, **(June 13)**, second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, **(June 6)** 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. **(June 20)**. Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Pizza, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake, **(July 9)**.

### INDIANA



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Our April meeting was held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Ron Bretherick, Allen Miller, and Frank Ingegno**. Due to the small number of members in attendance, we decided to scratch the May picnic plan and instead will have a special lunch at one of the local restaurants. No other business was discussed.

I'd like to mention some recent travel. In March, Susanne & I took a road trip to see "Mickey" in Orlando. Along the way, we decided to visit a couple attractions. First, we stopped in Savannah, GA. While there, we visited "The Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force". Interest in seeing this was sparked by the recent "Masters of the Sky" series on TV. The series reminded me of the unbelievable bravery of our WWII airmen and soldiers. The losses they experienced were horrific, yet they kept going up again and again. The museum has a B17 on display, but it also has displays regarding what all those brave men experienced. This includes the Mission Experience, Escape and Evasion,

being a POW and more. While there I overheard a woman explaining to her daughter how her "grandpa" flew with this group. Very cool! To fully experience this museum, you must allow at least ½ day. I recommend it to all interested in WWII and the B17. See attached pictures.

After Savannah, we drove to Cocoa Beach Florida. By luck, a Kennedy Space Center launch was scheduled during our visit. A must see for an aviation/space geek like me. We drove to Titusville, Florida and found a



perfect spot off the side of road that gave clear viewing of launch pad across the bay (See the attached photo with launch pad behind us). Weather and view were perfect. Problem is Space X was not perfect. The launch was delayed a couple days, so it didn't go off while we were in Titusville. We did finally see it from Disney hotel a couple days later. If you happen to be in central Florida and wish to see a scheduled launch, drive to Titusville area. Just south of Titusville town, the road drives adjacent to the bay. Pull over in one of the clearings and wait to enjoy the view and experience. It's **free**!



Back home in Indiana there was the Total Solar Eclipse in April! I've always wanted to see one. This one came to **me**! I saw it from my backyard! I still can't believe it! Also, the skies were perfect for it. On that day, the Indiana clouds just parted allowing for perfect viewing! Such a great once in lifetime experience. I had my telescope setup. Once the sun was blocked out, I removed the filter and was able to see the solar prominences loud and proud! Attached is picture of what I saw. I did **not** take this picture (I'm not that good a astro-photographer) but it shows exactly what I could see thru the telescope. It was so cool!!

I've had a wonderful spring 2024!

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- **June 11** at Emmy's
- **July 9** at Emmy's
- **August 13** at Emmy's

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

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In friendship and love, it is nice to reach out to our United family and friends who are experiencing health issues. They would like to know that they are not forgotten.

**Bill Wade** (retired DTWSS and DTWCS) is in a memory care facility in Livonia, Michigan with multiple health issues. Cards may be sent to his home at 5744 Charlesworth, Dearborn Heights, MI, 48127; his wife, **Camille Wade**, also retired from UA and would enjoy hearing from you.

After taking several falls and being hospitalized for fourteen days, **Jeff Lefleur** is in a rehab facility in Jackson; to lift his spirits, why not send him a card? The address is Vista Grand Villa, 2251 Springport Rd., Room 1306, Jackson, MI 49202. He would love to hear from you.

Last month I was invited to join **Deborah Dunham** and her brother, **Doug** on a Trafalgar tour of Historic Highlights of America tour. It was wonderful! The tour started and ended in Washington, DC and included many monuments, Mt Vernon, Monticello, Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Shenandoah National Park, Lancaster and Philadelphia. Our tour director, Miranda, was extremely knowledgeable and informative. It was a great tour. Deborah formerly worked in DTWRR and EXOTD.

Thought for the month: *"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."*  
~ St. John Bosco

## NEBRASKA

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

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Las Vegas Silverliners held their Spring Luncheon on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Ventano's Italian Restaurant in Henderson. The luncheon was planned by Chapter Vice President **Lee Price**. Delicious food and lively conversation was enjoyed by 20 retirees and guests. Additionally, there was a 50/50 raffle and several wonderful door prizes.

The next event will be a holiday luncheon in November. All retirees and guests are welcome.

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our Luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Mary Chandler** at [honolulumary06@yahoo.com](mailto:honolulumary06@yahoo.com) or **Arlene McCroy** at [apolloguy@aol.com](mailto:apolloguy@aol.com) for information about the next get together Luncheon.



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There were 4 attendees at our April meeting at Black Bear Diner. Since our meeting day was also the day of the total eclipse, we assumed everyone else was staying home to see it. It was only partial in our area but there was massive TV coverage of the event. **June & John Roe** and John & I had a pleasant lunch.

Oakland Municipal Airport has started the process to rename itself San Francisco Bay Area Oakland International Airport. As Oakland continues to lose flights, they argue it is because the airlines do not know its proximity to San Francisco and is part of the San Francisco/San Jose/Oakland triangle of airports. SFO, of course, is fighting this name change saying it would be too confusing for everyone.

Reno/Tahoe Airport just reopened its newly expanded ticket counter area. It was enlarged to better accommodate a larger number of flyers as the population continues to grow. Airport renovation continues as

plans are to move the car rental agencies out of the parking garage and onto their own facility.

The lone April birthday was celebrated by **Linda Borchers**. The 50/50 winner was **June Roe**. Yes, with 4 people, we had a 50/50 drawing. We signed a sympathy card for **Kathy Robinson**. Her brother back in North Dakota had passed away.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 13 at Black Bear Diner at 11:00 am.

## NEW JERSEY

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### Submitted by The Garden Staters President, Frank Warzocha

We had 21 attending our April 24<sup>th</sup> luncheon which was the most so far this year. We started off with a flag salute and a moment of silence for flight attendant **Nikki Reppert** who passed away earlier this month.

**Pat LaRocco** won the 50/50, she was kind enough to drive our secretary **Marty Etler** to our luncheon who turned 95 the day after our get together. Marty is 3 years younger than his employer, United Airlines, which just turned 98 years old.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>; we hope to have another good turnout.

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Our May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting started with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Our group is getting smaller, only 16 were in attendance today. Missing were **Evelyn & Mike Schroeder**, Mike is in the hospital and we're all wishing him a speedy recovery.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to **Ona & Jason Weiner, John & Madeline Kloss, Stan & Eileen Blonairz, Evelyn & Mike Schroeder, Emma & Nunzio Milazzo, and Mary & John Green.**

Happy Birthday to **Clair Wilsdorf** and **Donna Feingold.**

The law of probability: *"The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act."*

See you next month on June 5<sup>th</sup> at The Davenport Press.

### Calendar:

**June 5** – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press.



## OHIO

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

#### Calendar:

**June 5** –Diamond Event Center, Brunswick. Hosted by **Barb & Frank W.**

**July 3** – Shale Creek Golf Club, Medina. Hosted by **John & Dolly T.**

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S



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I was not able to be at our April meeting but expect there was lots of joy. We just love gathering together once a month and catching up with other folks; lots of laughter, and great food. What more could anyone want!

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

- ☺ The tongue has no bones. But it is strong enough to break a heart a heart. So, be careful with your words.
- ☺ National Coffee Day: January 1 – December 31.
- ☺ A piece of string walks into a coffee bar, hops up on a stool and orders a latte. The barista says: "I'm sorry but we don't serve strings here. You will have to leave". The string hops down, goes outside and stops a pedestrian. "Excuse me sir. Could you unravel my ends and tie me into a knot"? The guy does what the string asks and gets a big thank you from the string. The string goes back inside the coffee bar, hops onto a stool and orders a latte. The Barista asks, "Aren't you that piece of string that was here a few minutes ago"? "No", said the string, "I'm a frayed knot".
- ☺ After turning 60, our brains are slower because we know so much. It takes a while to recall something from such a giant storehouse of information!
- ☺ My body is really just a filter. Coffee goes in, sarcasm comes out.
- ☺ Boss: Do you believe in life after death? Employee: Certainly not. There is no proof of it. Boss: Well, there is now. After you left early yesterday to go to his funeral, he came here looking for you! Oops!
- ☺ If at first you don't succeed, try drinking a glass of wine. You will be amazed at how much less you care.
- ☺ A Roman walks into a bar, holds up two fingers, and says, "five beers, please"!
- ☺ My parents wanted me to be a cardiologist, but my heart wasn't in it.
- ☺ The Weight Watcher's website just asked me if I accept cookies. Is that a trick question?
- ☺ I had an idea to steal some Swiss cheese. My plan failed ... it had holes in it.
- ☺ May the joy of simple things color the canvas of your soul.
- ☺ Some days I've got it all together. Other days I spend ten minutes looking for my phone while talking on my phone.
- ☺ I love being over 50. I learn something new every day. Of course, I forget 5 others!
- ☺ I cannot help but wonder if most of our problems can be traced back to all the Aqua Net we inhaled back in the 80's?
- ☺ A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they are stupid, stand up". After a few minutes, little Larry stood up. The

teacher looked down at him and said, “Do you think you are stupid Larry”? “No ma’am, but it hated to see you standing there all by yourself”!

- ☺ Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red but they went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, “I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light!” A few minutes later the same thing happened again. This time, the passenger was almost certain that the light had been red but was also concerned that she may have just been seeing things. She was getting a little nervous and decided to pay very close attention. Sure enough, the next light was red but they went right through the intersection. She turned to the other woman and said, “Mildred! Did you know we just went through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!” Mildred turned to her and said, “Oh my gosh! Am I driving?”
- ☺ After he retired, his wife insisted that he accompany her on her grocery and shopping trips to Fred Meyer. Unfortunately, like most men he found shopping boring and just wanted to get in and out, and like most women she loved to browse. Yesterday the dear wife received the following letter:  
Over the past several months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate such behavior and have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:
- June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people’s carts when they were not looking.
  - July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in the Home Goods area to go off at 5-minute intervals.
  - July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, “Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away.” This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her supervisor, that in turn resulted with a Union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We do not even have a Code 3.
  - August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&M’s on layaway.
  - August 14: Moved a ‘CAUTION – WET FLOOR’ sign to a carpeted area.
  - August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he would invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the Bedding Department. Twenty children obliged.
  - August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him, he began crying and screamed, “Why can’t you people just leave me alone?” EMT’s were called.
  - September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were located.
  - October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the ‘Mission Impossible’ theme.
  - October 6: In the auto department he practiced his ‘Madonna look’ using different sizes of funnels.
  - October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through yelled “Pick Me! Pick Me!”
  - October 22: When an announcement came over the loudspeaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed, “Oh no! It’s those voices again!”
  - Later that same day: took a box of condoms to a salesclerk and asked where the fitting room was.
  - October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a few minutes then yelled very loudly, “Hey! There’s no toilet paper in here.” One of the clerks passed out.
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Until next month!

Calendar:

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

**June 13**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### THE INDEPENDENTS

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Hi from Philly,

It's May 7<sup>th</sup>, a week before our May 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon. We are looking forward to seeing our loyal friends that come to each month's meeting. It's always interesting to hear old stories about the UAL workplace.

*May birthdays ~* **Les Brown, Maribeth Buchanan, Kurt Kissinger, Bernie Short and Walter Sonderman.**

*June Birthdays ~* **Mary Lou Carbino, Kenneth Gressler, Marion Rusenko, John Stepek, and Richard Campbell.**

Have a good month! See you next time.

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.  
For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.

## UTAH

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

Seattle, WA  
Ken Storey  
(206) 244-9026



Hi everyone, just a quick note to let you know that the Emerald City Slickers is alive and well. Judy and I spent the month of March in Chandler, Arizona; we had a good time but are glad to be back home in the Pacific Northwest.

Our summer picnic is still scheduled for July 9, at noon at **Kathi Skarbo's** home in Burien; more details will be forthcoming. Our April Mechanic meeting only had 8 members in attendance; we hope to see more at the May meeting.

From my memory of my time in Seattle: In the old days, the swing shift A&P crew would go to Sperry for drinks after work. One time when we were there, a guy walked in with jumper cable around his neck, we told him that he can come in but don't start anything.

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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.  
Mari McColl  
Past President  
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On April 10, the Dulles Loungers got together at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia for the monthly luncheon and meeting. Nothing unusual about this since we always meet at 11:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas. The interesting part of this is that it never gets old. Each month, we look forward to our gathering and catching up on everything that has transpired over the past few weeks. It's like a family getting together for Sunday dinner.

Carl always opens the meeting with some fun facts about what to celebrate on each day of the month. April 10<sup>th</sup> was "celebrate working from home day." Our group celebrated that we are in the stage of our lives that we work and play most of our days from home; as **Kerrie Schneider** says that when she wakes up early and looks out the window and it is raining or snowing, she jumps back into bed and shouts "Retirement Appreciation Day."

Carl also arranged to have a guest speaker this meeting. Larry Dupree, author of "Diabetes Principles: Ten Life Saving Principles for Diabetes Self Care." Mr. Dupree is in fact a diabetic who has devoted his life to managing his own diabetes and educating others on how to live with their disease in a safe and healthy manner.

It was a very informative session and when he was finished, he opened the floor for those who had questions. Needless to say; there were many questions and he had most of the answers. If you or a loved one has diabetes, you would be wise to read this book.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Awn**. She won \$39 and generously gave back \$10 to the chapter.

**Kerrie Schneider** missed this luncheon because she was having her 2<sup>nd</sup> cataract surgery. She came through



it like champ and is so happy to have it in her rear view mirror. As luck would have it though, (or the lack thereof) several days later, she found herself driving **Dutch**, her husband, to the hospital for a raging infection on his back and his legs. The last news I received was that the doctors had the results of blood and culture tests. After 7 vials of the prescribed antibiotics (with 3 more due that night), he would be released from the hospital today if the results were positive. Kerrie tells me that Dutch was in excruciating pain but had an extreme competent team of professional caretakers.

Captain **E. K. Williams** (DCAFO) has notified us that **Susie Robertson** had informed him of the death of our beloved Captain **Bud Reed**. Bud was a longtime member of RUPA and was the

web designer for many years for the Dulles Loungers. He was a kind and gentle soul and will be missed by so many.

After the luncheon, Carl, (President) Judy (treasurer) and I (nosy bystander) went to take a look at Logan's Roadhouse in Manassas to checkout the venue for our annual end-of-the-year party in June. Kerrie had found and suggested that we retain Logan's for this event. Oh, Kerrie (and Dutch) it is perfect. Attached is a picture of Carl and Judy in front of the fireplace in the party room of this restaurant.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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The history of United Airlines, Inc. is interesting and something I believe most of the employees (retired or current) enjoy learning and reminiscing about. Recently, I read the *History Of United Airlines* on Wikipedia and it refreshed my aging memory!

We began as Boeing, followed by Pratt & Whitney, United Aircraft & Transport Corp., Stout Air Services, Varney Airlines, National Air Transport and finally United Airlines. The merger with Capital was in 1961 and with Continental in 2010.

Here is a little history about one of our employee groups ... flight attendants! Clipped Wings® members are former, current and retired flight attendants and on May 15, we will celebrate a very important date in **our** profession's history! This year marks the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our careers' inception.

In 1930, Ellen Church became the first airline stewardess with Boeing Air Transport. She wanted to be a pilot, but the airline only hired male pilots so she convinced Steve Simpson, who was the district manager in the San Francisco office to give her a three-month trial. He told her to hire seven other nurses to work on the planes. Voila! Our career blossomed.

By 1933, three American airlines, United Airlines, Eastern Air Transport and American Airways employed 100 "hostesses" on their planes. It is common knowledge that one had to be a registered nurse, retire at the age

of 32, remain single and adhere to very strict weight and appearance standards. Our occupation has evolved into a respected career with an emphasis on safety and professionalism.

We at Clipped Wings enjoy "continuing the connection" we have with our flying partners and encourage new members to join our 501(c) (3) organization. We have 28 chapters and our National philanthropy is Special Olympic Parent Grants. You can find us at [unitedclippedwingsinc.org](https://unitedclippedwingsinc.org) on our website, Facebook Clipped Wings® Chat Corner and on Instagram our "handle" is clippedwingsual.

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Continue the Connection  
<https://unitedclippedwingsinc.org>

Referred by:  
Kathleen Denker, National Vice President  
[kdenkerus@gmail.com](mailto:kdenkerus@gmail.com)

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Livio Danna, Silver Spring, MD  
Gregory Komel, Breckenridge, CO  
Patricia Lunsford, Los Angeles, CA  
Mark Sheveland, Louisville, CO  
Toni C. Taylor, Greenville, NC  
Robert Zuber, Aurora, CO



# CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2024**:

Lynn Boaden, David J. Cranfield, Livio Danna, Burt Dietel, Shirley J. Doering, Jean A. Gill, Robert K. Gillman, Harrison W. Harry Good, Fernando Martinez De Vargas, Frank McAnulty, Mandy McClain, James J. McIntosh, Jim Menconi, Gloria P. Odendhal, Matt Ohr, Paul E. Olson, Sue Peterson, Gene W. Rittenhouse, Mark Sheveland, Bruno Smyczynski, John L. Spach, Darlene Spalla, Ted Tollefsen, and Ronald Wallace.

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

**Note:** The obituary for **John J. Deily** is a reprint from the May issue, due to some oversights. Our apologies.

- Retiree – **Brick, Ralph L.**, on 3/18/2021, OPBOP, husband of Mary Jo Brick, father of five children, three sons, David Brick, Jeffery Brick and J.B. Edwards and two daughters, Barbara Brick and Candace E. Jamarik, 10545 NW 36<sup>th</sup> LN., Gainesville, FL 32606
- Retiree – **Carnes, Edward A.**, on 3/15/2024, SFOCY, husband of Lois H Carnes (deceased), father of Matthew Carnes and James Carnes, 1621 White Oak Way, San Carlos, CA 94070
- Retiree - **Deily, John J.**, on 2/4/2024, EWRMM, husband of Kathleen E. Deily, father of two daughters, Jennifer Deily of Somerset and Jessica Deily of Belle Mead, 142 Oakland Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873
- Retiree – **England, Robert L.** on 4/21/2024, SFOMB, husband of Helene England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene OR 97405
- Retiree – **Lacount, John L.**, on 3/31/2024, CHIDD, husband of Anna E. Lacount, father of Michael, Andre and Lisa, 555 Foxworth Blvd Apt 106, Lombard IL 60148
- Retiree – **Longarello, Michael J.**, on 4/23/2024, JFKPV, husband of Joan Longarello and father of three sons, Michael, Steven and Paul, 1219 Allen Dr., Seaford, NY 11783
- Retiree – **Lowenstein, Robert E.**, on 1/21/2024, ORDCG, husband of Linda Lee (nee Perry) Lowenstein, 3291 Glade Gulch Circle, CO 80104
- Retiree – **Neumann, Edward**, on 4/14/2024, ORDFO, friend of too many and will be sorely missed, 308 Country Club Drive, McHenry, IL 60050
- Retiree – **Obert, Michael G.**, on 4/30/2014, ORDMM, husband of Dorothy Ann Obert (deceased), father of sons, Jim and Michael and daughter Catherine, 8617 Oriole Ave., Niles, IL 60714
- Retiree – **Opbroek, Betty J.**, on 2/27/2023, LAXSW, mother of three daughters, Vaschelle Anre, Victoria Downey and Kris, 332 D St., San Rafael, CA 94901

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Barbara Baird, Charles Born, Ranelle Brandt, Amelia Briones, Ralph Bruggman, Dorothy Davis, Dorothy Engels, Julie Felix, Kathryn Flynn, Judith Ford, L. Haubl, Sharon Hill, Ann Hluboky, Joseph Fitak, E. Ann Mace, Rafael Madrigal, Marjorie Sandstrom, Kenneth Schabino, Dennis Scheuerell, Janet Schmidt, Corinne Svoboda, William Terry, and Kathleen Towns.

### **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.)*

#### **Judith Ford, 82380 Live Oak Canyon Dr., Indio, CA 92201**

I filled out my renewal check and realized I wanted to add some extra for postage. So I mailed out an extra check marked for postage.

I love the Newsletter and keeping up with everyone.  
Stay strong and healthy and of course happy.

#### **Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33598**

My dear friends at United Airlines:

The past year has been much better than the previous five years. Both Kennedy and I are doing well and adjusting to our new lifestyle since his amputation.

We are going to take our first plane ride since 2017, however it is on Southwest. Given Kennedy's condition, standing by out of Tampa is not easy; I could not take a chance. We are flying to Birmingham for a graduation at the University of Alabama. This will be our test run with a walker and support chair.

He is just beginning to walk with his prosthesis and a cane. It is not easy at 87 years old, and I am very proud of him.

My daughter, April, is stationary as a result of her stroke in 2019. My granddaughter, Chayce, takes wonderful care of her mother. April will be 60 years old soon.

I am a great grandmother, my grandson; Randy has a two year old. I have not seen him yet, but I will.

We are both thankful for all that we have. I do keep wishing, however, that Retirees would get a small bonus. What I received when I retired has not changed and it is not enough! It is a good thing I taught school after I retired. Keep smiling.

I am happy to be around for another year (84). I hope to send greetings next year.

**Willie Kates, 1469 Woodacre Trail, Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

I want to add my appreciation for all involved with putting the Newsletter together.

A special thanks to **Terry Hotchkin** of the Oregon Dewer's for her humor; nothing better than some good jokes to lift the spirit.

**My contribution for this time:**

I recently read this funny story: I was doing research for an article I was writing about, how kids can learn about insects. Wondering who I might interview, I told my husband, "I need to find an entomologist". He just shook his head and said, "What's wrong now? You are always going to the doctor for one thing or another.

*Notes*

**Bernice Yvonne Wright**

My husband died several years ago. I'm living in Longview, WA now with my partner. I just started attending our local RUAEA lunches at PDX!

**Lynn Boaden**

I am getting older and missing former friends and connections.

**DON'T MISS IMPORTANT PHONE  
NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE  
  
AND THE CONVENTION PACKAGE**

# The Contact Column



## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

## **United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

For flight information and to list or change listing  
Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
\$25 fee to create new booking

## **Employee Travel Center**

- ▲ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at  
<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ▲ Submit questions using Help Hub at  
<https://helphub.ual.com>
- ▲ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
- ▲ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant  
from any Travel page on Flying Together

## **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

*\*Do not use for pass travel questions\**

## **Insurance Questions-see number on back of your insurance card**

## **PBGC - for all retiree pension questions**

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

Malcolm Horn, CFP®, Financial Consultant

Alliant Retirement & Investment Services

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## **Medicare Hotline** 1-800-633-4227

## **CVS/Caremark (Pharmacy)**

1-844-635-3401

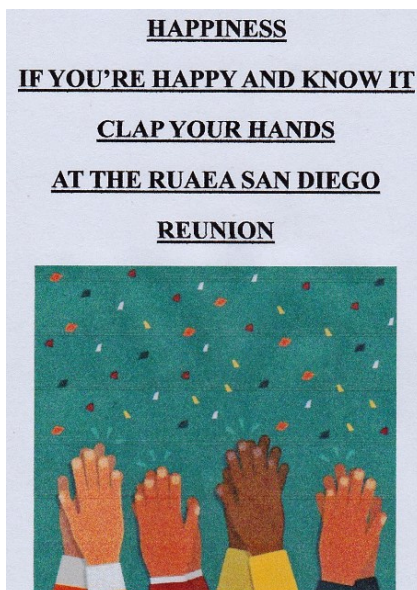
## **VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time)** 1-800-877-7195

(M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)



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*Friends from*  
*ARECA, Clipped Wings &*  
*RUPA*  
*September 27 - October 2, 2024*  
*San Diego ~ Dana at Mission Bay*



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# **Welcome to the 2024 RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA REUNION**

RUAEA and the RESANS would like to welcome all of you to this year's Reunion. The Reunion is co-sponsored with ARECA (Association of Retired Continental Employees) and RUPA (Retired United Pilots As-sociation) and is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family and their retiree groups. We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city, with tours and camaraderie we all share at the Reunion.

Our hotel is the **DANA on Mission Bay**, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, 92109. See page C4 for more information. **Very important** – **RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty. The Reunion rate is \$135.00 plus tax. The hotel is offering the Reunion Rate three days pre and post Reunion based on availability.**

The Hospitality Suite in the Mission Bay Ballroom is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales as well as other events.

The **Reunion Banquet** will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Mission Bay Ballroom. Banquet seating and table assignments will be on a sign-up sheet at the Reunion. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends. **Remember that the Reunion Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment. More information is on page C-8.**

There are a variety of tours; tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sites with your friends is always fun. Note: With the rising cost of food and wages, food and beverages will be on your own on the tours. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many things to do and see in the San Diego area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do some things on your own. **See pages C-6 and C-7 for details and sign up early.**

Members of Clipped Wings **may be present** with items for purchase. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group, Special Olympics. Representatives of the Mainliner Club **may be present** to have airline items for sale. For any questions or concerns, please contact **Hank Gosselin** – VP Conventions at [henrygosselin@comcast.net](mailto:henrygosselin@comcast.net) or the Reunion volunteers at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

## **Transportation Information**

For travel to and from San Diego, don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Other carriers serving San Diego are Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Jet Blue, Southwest, Spirit, and Sun Country. ID90 is available on most carriers. Be sure to check Travel in Flying Together for booking and listing information. One of the best ways to access Flying Together and the travel section is to go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) and click on the link.

## **Ground Transportation**

**The hotel does not have an airport shuttle, other options are:**

- ❖ **Yellow Cab 1-888-710-3391**
- ❖ **San Diego Airport Taxi 1-858-227-9272**
- ❖ **Get an app on your cell phone for Uber or Lyft ... Although ride-share is usually less expensive, check around as there are times the taxi will be a better choice.**

# **San Diego Reunion Information**

## **50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE**

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality room, at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature gift cards. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. **Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:00 PM.**

## **CORRESPONDENTS' & CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Don Burbank**, RUAEA President along with **John Chu**, Newsletter Manager invites all Chapter Presidents and Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join them for a meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM – 8:00AM, at the Mission Bay Ballroom. Please RSVP to **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or email [stewartmaryjane@aol.com](mailto:stewartmaryjane@aol.com) prior to September 20, 2024.

## **RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 8:30AM – 9:30AM, in the Mission Bay Ballroom. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Don Burbank**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

This presentation will follow the Business Meeting, 10:00AM – 12:00Noon. Presenters from United Airlines Benefit Departments, Employee Travel, Alliant Credit Union and possibly others that provide benefits. **We thank the Alliant Credit Union for their continued subsidies of our Reunions.**

## **BANQUET NIGHT**

The Reunion Banquet is on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. The hospitality get-together with cocktails at cash bar before the banquet will commence at 5:30PM. At 7:00PM, the doors will open for Banquet seating at the Mission Bay Ballroom; once all are seated, we will have the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. **All veterans are invited to participate in the presentation.**

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages C-9 and C-10. Tours are subject to cancellation due to lack of participation. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for canceling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the RUAEA. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

**Remember that to have your name listed in the Reunion Directory, you must register no later than September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

**Registration fees are non-refundable.** For tour cancellations, please contact **Shirley Claggett** by **September 15, 2024** at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or write to her at 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Reunion. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Reunion if there is no cost to RUAEA. **Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 48 hour cancellation policy. Also, your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 48 hours prior to arrival. The hotel cut-off date is August 30, 2024 to ensure the Reunion Rate.**

# **RUAEA CELEBRATING 49 YEARS!**

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**The RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA REUNION**  
**September 27 ~ October 2, 2024**  
**DANA on Mission Bay**  
**1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109 ~ (619) 222-6440**



Welcome to the DANA on Mission Bay, next to Sea World and a mere 15 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Almost all of the rooms have been renovated in 2019. If a main floor room is required, please request it at time of booking. The property is also adjacent to a marina where water activities are available for rent. The hotel has two pools, and space for patio dining. There are many amenities, see those listed below. Price is \$135.00 plus tax.

**Hotel Amenities:**

- Parking fee waived (\$30.00 value). Resort fee waived (\$32.00 value).
- Breakfast for two included (\$40.00 value) per hotel night.
- Bayside Pool & Spa Plus Tropical Pool & Spa.
- Guest Rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, coffee maker with complimentary coffee & tea, iron & ironing board plus a hairdryer. Free WI-FI.
- Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-800-445-3339. Please mention RUAEA Annual Conference to receive the discounted rate of \$135 + tax which includes breakfast for two per day. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals. **Your card will be charged for the first night stay 48 hours prior to arrival.**
- You can also go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) for a link to make an online booking or use the QR Code above!
- Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention/reunion so please book through the hotel as described on this page. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.
- Check in: 4:00 pm and Check out: 11:00 AM – **There is a 48 hour cancellation policy** and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.
- Reservations must be made by August 27, 2024 to guarantee the Convention rate.

***These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Reunion based on availability.***

**Airport Transportation:** Best to use Uber or Lyft or Taxi.

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## RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA REUNION 2024

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday	Sept. 27		Arrival of Board Members
Saturday	Sept. 28	9:00AM –	RUAEA Exec Board Meeting – Bay Side Conference Room
		11:00AM –	RUAEA Board Meeting – Bay Side Conf. Room
		10:00AM –	ARECA Board Meeting – Marina Cove Conference Room A
		12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration & Hospitality Room Opens
		12:00PM – 6:00PM	Mission Bay Foyer and Ballroom
		12:00PM – 6:00PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
Sunday	Sept. 29	10:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration/Tour Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		10:00AM – 6:00PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		1:30PM – 5:00PM	Tour 1 Harbor Cruise
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Mission Bay Ballroom – Cash Bar
		6:30PM –	50/50 Drawing – 6:30PM Door Prizes
Monday	Sept. 30	7:00AM – 8:00AM	Presidents' & Correspondents' Meeting – Mission Bay Ballroom
		10:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration – Mission Bay Foyer
		8:30AM – 6:00PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		9:00AM – 4:30PM	Tour 2 Viejas Casino & Outlet Center
		9:30AM – 2:30PM	Tour 3 Balboa Park, Seaport Village & Old Town
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Mission Bay Ballroom, Cash Bar
		6:30PM –	50/50 Drawing – 6:30PM Door Prizes
Tuesday	October 1	10:00AM – 2:00PM	Registration on Request
		8:30AM – 9:30AM	RUAEA Business Meeting – Mission Bay Ballroom
		10:00AM – 12:00PM	Benefits Panel Presentation – Mission Bay Ballroom
		12:30PM – 3:00PM	Benefits Breakout Session – TBD
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Western Night – Mission Bay Ballroom – Cash Bar
		6:30PM –	50/50 and <b>Special Raffle Drawing</b>
Wednesday	October 2	08:30AM – 09:30AM	RUPA BOD Members Meeting – Mission Bay Ballroom
		10:00AM – 2:00PM	Tour 4 Bella Vino Winery
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Hospitality Get Together – Cash Bar prior to the Banquet
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	Broadway Nights Banquet & Entertainment Mission Bay Ballroom

**ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FLAG PRESENTATION**

## **RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA 2024 REUNION**

### **TOUR 1 ~ Sunday, September 29, 2024**

#### **Tour #1 ~ 1:30PM ~ 5:00PM. Harbor Cruise - \$69.00 p/p**

This Harbor Excursion is professionally narrated by the cruise line and includes dozens of points of interest, including four military bases located along the perimeter of the harbor. The tour includes round trip transportation and admission. Snacks and drinks aboard the ship can be individually purchased by each person on the tour as desired.

## **RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA 2024 REUNION**

### **TOUR 2 ~ ~Monday, September 30, 2024**

#### **Tour #2 ~ 9:00AM ~ 4:30PM. Viejas Casino and Outlet Center - \$25.00 p/p**

This tour includes round trip transportation to the Viejas Casino and Outlet Center. **Everyone must be 21 or older and have a photo ID. Upon arrival at the Casino you must sign up for the V Club card.** Visit the Outlet Center for some shopping. Food and beverages are available for purchase at the Casino. There are also restaurants and cafes within the Outlet Center.

## **RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA 2024 REUNION**

### **TOUR 3 ~Monday, September 30, 2024**

#### **Tour #3 ~ 9:00AM ~ 2:30PM. Balboa Park, Seaport Village & Old Town - \$49.00 p/p**

This outstanding tour of San Diego will give each person a chance to see and explore some of San Diego's favorite attractions. First, we will tour Balboa Park by motor coach.

Balboa Park was established in 1915. The park encompasses a vast array of museums and manicured grounds, dating back to the original Panama Exposition, commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal the same year. The event was only to last a few years, and is now over a hundred years old and a registered California landmark, and a key San Diego attraction. We will stop at Seaport Village for an hour, to explore many of the one of a kind shops, and a chance to purchase souvenirs, or a cup of coffee and enjoy the scenery along the harbor. They even have a late 1800's carousel, and a Ben and Jerry's ice cream stand to indulge.

The trip then proceeds to Old Town, established originally as the first Catholic Mission in 1769, later it became the first San Diego settlement, prior to San Diego being established as a California city in 1869. You will have time to explore the San Diego California State Park filled with a variety of shops and some original buildings. There are several places to purchase Mexican food, or a margarita and more.

We will depart Old Town at 2:00 P.M., returning back to the Dana Resort by 2:30 P.M.

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# **RUAEA – RUPA - ARECA 2024 REUNION**

## **TOUR 4 ~ Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

**Tour #4 ~ 10:00AM ~ 2:00PM. Bella Vino Winery - \$89.00 p/p**



This special tour will take you into the rolling hills of the Temecula Wine County, with thousands of acres of vineyards.

We will stop at a winery known for its excellent wines, good service and a variety of wines to suit every wine drinker's palate. The wine tasting is generous and enjoyable. Tour includes transportation and wine tasting.

A menu will be available for people to order a light snack or other food for their themselves.

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*Western Night*  
*Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*  
*Mission Bay Ballroom*



*Pulled Pork, Slider Buns, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw & BBQ Sauce*

*Featuring the Ray Miller Band*  
*Subsidized by RUAEA & RUPA*



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*Broadway Night*  
*Mission Bay Ballroom*  
*BANQUET ~ Wednesday Oct. 2, 2024*



*MENU*

*Mixed Greens w/ Vinaigrette*  
*Salmon Piccata or Chicken Marsala*  
*Garlic Mashed Potatoes ~ Seasonal Vegetables*  
*Vegetarian Option*

*Dessert*

*The American Flyboys Swing Band!*

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|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Conv. Treas. use only | Batch No. | Form No. | Group No. | Check Amount |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|

**2024 RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA Reunion Registration Form**  
**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 27, 2024\***  
**\*The deadline for Reunion Registration is September 15, 2024\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

|                                                                                      |                                |                               |                                |                             |                          |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| File Number                                                                          | Check if Member Of             |                               |                                |                             | Department Retired From: |  |
|                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUAEA | <input type="checkbox"/> RUPA | <input type="checkbox"/> ARECA | <input type="checkbox"/> CW |                          |  |
| Last Name:                                                                           |                                | First Name:                   |                                | Name Tag: (If Different)    |                          |  |
| Street Address:                                                                      |                                |                               |                                | Are You a Veteran?          | Y N                      |  |
| City:                                                                                |                                | State:                        | Zip:                           | Phone:                      |                          |  |
| Spouse Last Name:                                                                    |                                | First Name:                   |                                | Name Tag: (If Different)    |                          |  |
| Guest 1 Last Name:                                                                   |                                | First Name:                   |                                | City / State                |                          |  |
| Guest 2 Last Name:                                                                   |                                | First Name:                   |                                | City / State                |                          |  |
| Guest 3 Last Name:                                                                   |                                | First Name:                   |                                | City / State                |                          |  |
| Email address (to be used for receiving Reunion updates or Tour information changes) |                                |                               |                                |                             |                          |  |
| Would you like your email address or cell published in the Reunion Directory?        |                                |                               |                                | Yes                         | No                       |  |
| Enter email address:                                                                 |                                |                               |                                | Cell phone:                 |                          |  |

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **File Number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.

| Date – 2024                                                                         |                                                                                         | Member | Spouse | Guest(s) | × Price (P/P)  | = Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|---------|
|                                                                                     | <b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b><br><b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b> |        |        |          | <b>\$18.00</b> | \$      |
|                                                                                     | Western Night                                                                           |        |        |          | \$37.00        | \$      |
|                                                                                     | <b>Banquet</b>                                                                          |        |        |          |                |         |
|                                                                                     | Salmon Piccata                                                                          |        |        |          | \$60.00        | \$      |
|                                                                                     | Chicken Marsala                                                                         |        |        |          | \$60.00        | \$      |
|                                                                                     | Vegetarian Option                                                                       |        |        |          | \$60.00        | \$      |
| Total of registration plus meals =                                                  |                                                                                         |        |        |          |                | \$      |
| Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =                                      |                                                                                         |        |        |          |                | \$      |
| <b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b> |                                                                                         |        |        |          |                | \$      |

**See Registration Form Page 2 (C-10) for information on how to register and pay for the 2024 Reunion.**

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### Tour Registration

| Date – 2024                                                         | Tour Description                        | Tour # | Cost P/P | Member | Spouse | Guest(s) | Total Cost |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------------|
| Sunday, Sept. 29                                                    | Harbor Cruise                           | 1      | 69.00    |        |        |          |            |
| Monday, Sept. 30                                                    | Viejas Casino                           | 2      | 25.00    |        |        |          |            |
| Monday, Sept. 30                                                    | Seaport Village, Balboa Park & Old Town | 3      | 49.00    |        |        |          |            |
| Tuesday, Oct. 2                                                     | Bella Vino Winery                       | 4      | 89.00    |        |        |          |            |
| Sub Total from this page (Enter on Page C-9)                        |                                         |        |          |        |        |          |            |
| RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE REUNION |                                         |        |          |        |        |          |            |

**TO BE LISTED IN THE REUNION DIRECTORY,  
YOU MUST REGISTER BY  
September 15, 2024**

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

**You can register and pay for the Reunion by the following two methods:**

**1. Register and pay online with Credit Card at <https://ruaea.org/reunion> or use attached QR Code.**

**2. Make Check Payable to: 2024 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:  
**2024 RUAEA Convention, c/o Shirley Claggett,  
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*Gander, Newfoundland Runway on 9/11/2001*



The following is an excerpt of a story written by a member of a Delta Flight crew called Nazim: **Delta Flight 15 on 9/11/2001**. The full story is included in the General News Section of this issue. The event is the basis for the Musical "Come From Away".

*The Captain handed the F/A a printed message. It was from Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at the nearest airport. Advise your destination." No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra-firma quickly. The Captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland.*

*He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately - no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request. While the Flight Crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings.*

*We decided to lie to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new!*

*After we parked on the ramp, the Captain made the following announcement: "Ladies and Gentlemen, you must be wondering if all these airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason." Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The Captain informed passengers that Ground Control in Gander told us to stay put.*

*The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the aircraft. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane.*

*In the next hour or so more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets. ■*