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and ARECA Reunion Committee looks forward

The 2024 RUA EA, RUPA

to meeting you in San Diego!

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GENERAL NEWS

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A Message from the Executive Vice President Volunteer and Board Positions and Imputed Income online payment quick reference.



Welcome to the beginning of another season. I hope your summer is going well, it always seems busy even more so as a retiree.

I thought I would touch on a couple of items that are of importance to RUAEA:

1. With the 2024 Reunion planning well underway; in the final countdown, the need for volunteers is ramping up. If you are planning to attend the Reunion, and want to volunteer to help, please check the schedule of events to see if you feel you might be interested in supporting any of the many events. The Reunion

Opportunities are:



- Registration: Volunteers are needed to help with registration and welcoming reunion attendees. This is an excellent place to meet up with friends and make new ones as attendees check-in and pick up their registration packets. Registration is 12-6PM on Saturday for early arrivals and 10AM-6PM on Sunday and Monday. Registration on Tuesday is by request.
 - Decorations: Volunteers are needed to help with ideas and to set-up decorations for the themed evening events, Western Night and Broadway Night's Banquet.
2. The second would be the RUAEA core team, the elected positions more precisely. These positions are President, Executive Vice President, Vice-President Conventions, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors. In following up with Hank's message from last month, I'd like to echo the opportunity to become a Board Member as well. All RUAEA elected positions are volunteers and we are always open to anyone that might be interested in becoming more involved with the organization. I would encourage you to reach out to anyone currently serving on the board to find out the details. The descriptions of the jobs are published on RUAEA.org. If you are interested in any volunteer positions, please drop an email to ruaea_VP@qwestoffice.net.
 - 3.
- As always take care and see you in San Diego!

Ruth Morabito
RUAEA Executive Vice President


Travel Liability Payment Process
(Imputed Income – Enrolled Friend and Domestic Partner Taxes)

In response to several requests related to the online payment process for pass travel imputed income, we have pulled together a very simple step by step quick reference guide. While Employee Travel doesn't have a quick glance reference they did review and offer a few changes to assist in the process.

Payment by Mail

1. Sign on to Flying Together
2. From the landing page select "Employee Services"
3. From Employee services select "Health & Insurance (YBR)"
4. This will bring you to the YBR (Alight landing page). Look to the top right corner for a Bell and red dot. The red dot indicates you have an alert or an item in your secure message mailbox, tap on the bell.

5. Select the tab for Secure mailbox, this always defaults to notifications.


Once in your secure Mailbox, you will see your secure document, Travel Liability Statement in PDF form, click on the statement to open your Travel Liability Statement.

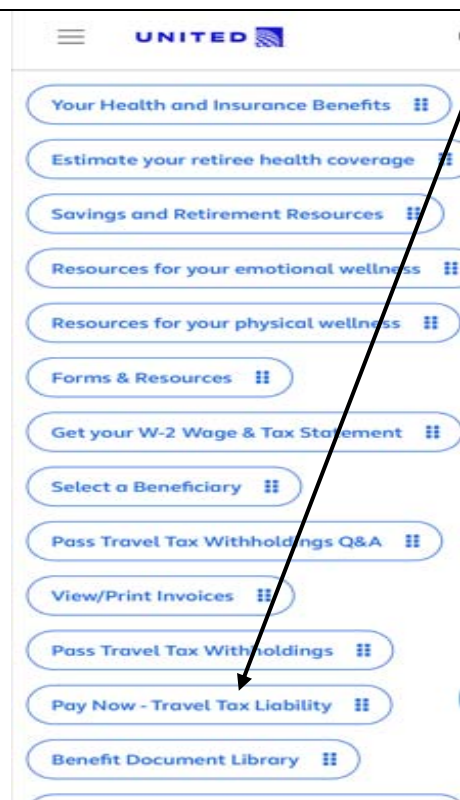


1. Print the PDF
2. Cut the bottom portion of page 1. It's the payment coupon and there is an image of small scissors on the page where you are going to cut.
3. Make your check or money order payable to United Airlines for the total amount due (do not send cash or foreign currency).
4. Write your account number on your check or money order.
5. Put your payment coupon and check or money order in an envelope – don't forget the postage.
6. Mail the envelope to:

United Airlines
P.O. BOX 3788
Carol Stream, IL 60132-3788

Payment by Computer

1. Sign on to Flying Together
2. From the landing page select “Employee Services”
3. From Employee services select “[Health & Insurance \(YBR\)](#)”
4. Once the landing page has loaded, scroll to towards the bottom until you see Quick Links “[View All](#)”. This will bring up all live links for your profile.


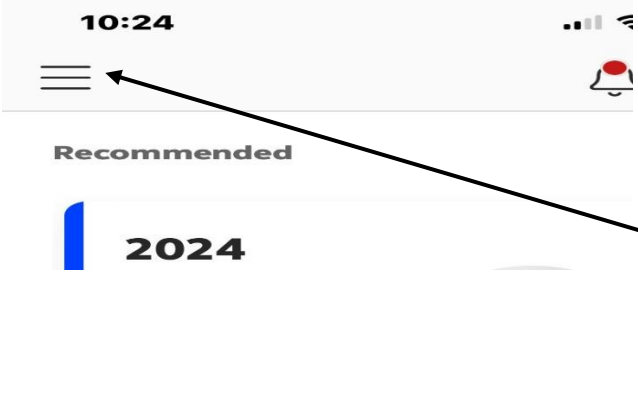
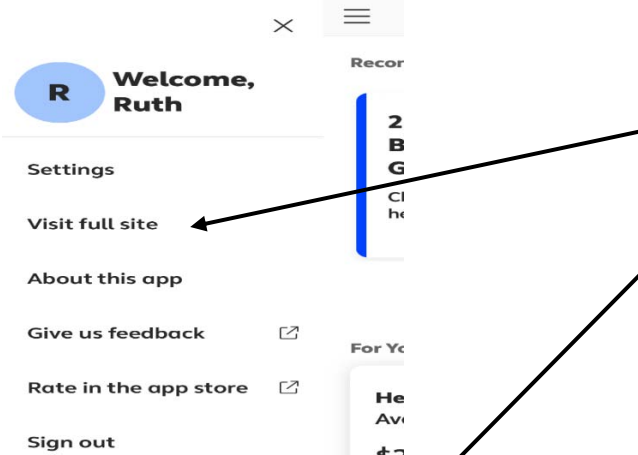

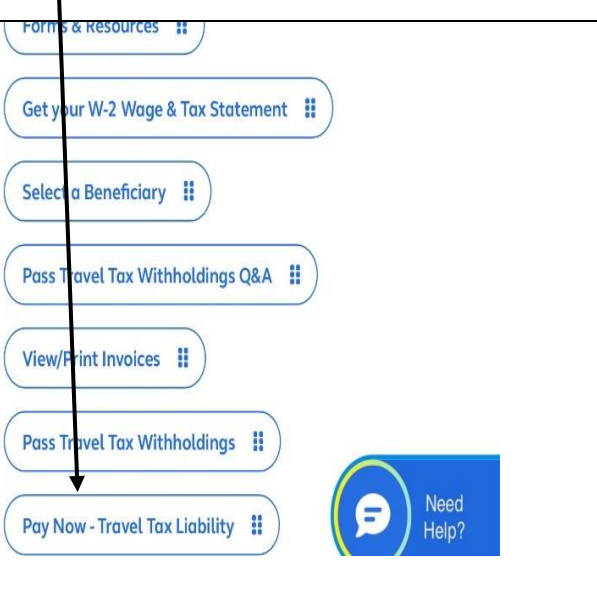


If the Pay Now - Travel Tax Liability link is showing, then you have an invoice waiting to be paid. Click on the link and follow the instructions given.
The system does not accept credit cards, only ACH Transactions. You need to provide your banking information

Timeline:

2024	Travel Period	Invoice delivered by	Payment due by
1st Qtr	Nov 1, 2023 through Jan 31	Mar 18	Apr 25
2nd Qtr	Feb 1 through Apr 30	Jun 7	Jul 9
3rd Qtr	May 1 through Jul 31	Sep 9	Oct 11
4th Qtr	Aug 1 through Oct 31	Dec 6	Jan 8, 2025

<https://ft.ual.com/travel/w2passtraveltaxreporting> is the link for yearly updates, these change each year.

Payment on Cell	
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 <p>10:24</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>2024</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once at the Alight landing page click on the <u>bell</u> 🛎 in the upper right-hand corner to access your secure YBR mailbox. The red dot indicates that you have a message. 2. From here you can print and pay your travel liability following the instructions. 3. To pay online from the app, click on the <u>three lines</u> in the upper left-hand corner to bring up the menu.
 <p>Welcome, Ruth</p> <p>Settings</p> <p>Visit full site</p> <p>About this app</p> <p>Give us feedback</p> <p>Rate in the app store</p> <p>Sign out</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select “<u>Visit full site</u>” this will bring you back to the Alight landing page. 2. Select “<u>Quick Links</u>” View All 3. Select “<u>Pay Now-Travel Tax Liability</u>” and follow the instructions. Keep in mind, this will only appear if you owe imputed taxes.
 <p>Receive Paperless Pass Travel Tax Withholdings...</p> <p>Quick Links View All</p>	 <p>Forms & Resources</p> <p>Get your W-2 Wage & Tax Statement</p> <p>Select a Beneficiary</p> <p>Pass Travel Tax Withholdings Q&A</p> <p>View/Print Invoices</p> <p>Pass Travel Tax Withholdings</p> <p>Pay Now - Travel Tax Liability</p> <p>Need Help?</p>

Quick reference
Pay via USPS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alight App 2. Notification bell 3. Secure mailbox 4. Travel liability statement/print/pay following instructions on invoice
Pay via Alight App <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alight App 2. Three lines in the left upper corner 3. Full site 4. Quick links/View all 5. Pay Now-Travel Tax Liability
Pay via Flying Together <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flying Together 2. Employee Services 3. Health and Insurance (YBR) 4. Quick Links View All 5. Pay Now-Travel Tax Liability

Four Steps to Valuing an Estate **By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



Determining the value of an estate is a fundamental first step in estate management and a critical requirement for settling a decedent's estate.¹

How to Assess the Value of an Estate

1. Select the date of calculation. Because values move up and down, you need to set a specific date for a valuation. For a living person, you are free to pick any date. If you're assessing the value of a decedent's estate, you may choose either the date of death or the date six months after their death (the "Alternate Valuation Date"). If you use the Alternate Valuation Date, any asset sold or distributed during the first six months following the death must be valued as of the date of sale or distribution.²
2. Determine the assets comprising the estate. This asset list should include everything an individual owns or has ownership interests in.
3. Gather all financial statements as of the date of calculation. If an account is owned individually, the entire value should be calculated in the estate. If owned jointly with a spouse who has rights of survivorship, then 50 percent of the value should be included. Remember to:
 - Deduct any outstanding mortgage balance.
 - Include life insurance when the policy owner is the deceased individual, or the beneficiary is the decedent's estate.³
4. Calculate deductions. Subtract any debts from the total value of assets. For the decedent, this may also include any regular bills that may be due (e.g., utilities, medical expenses, etc.), charitable gifts, and state tax obligations.

Assessing the precise value of an estate can be complicated, especially when settling an estate. Please consult a professional with estate expertise regarding your individual situation. Reach out to me or my team on aris.alliantcreditunion.com if you need additional outside resources to make this valuation.

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- ▲ May lose value

¹ The information in this material is not intended as tax or legal advice. It may not be used for the purpose of avoiding any federal tax penalties. Please consult legal or tax professionals for specific information regarding your individual situation.

² Investopedia.com, January 10, 2023. The article assumes the deceased has a valid will and has named an executor who is responsible for carrying out the directions of the will. If a person dies intestate, it means that a valid will has not been executed. Without a valid will, a person's property will be distributed to the heirs as defined by the state law.

³ Several factors will affect the cost and availability of life insurance, including age, health, and the type and amount of insurance purchased. Life insurance policies have expenses, including mortality and other charges. If a policy is surrendered prematurely, the policyholder also may pay surrender charges and have income tax implications. You should consider determining whether you are insurable before implementing a strategy involving life insurance. Any guarantees associated with a policy are dependent on the ability of the issuing insurance company to continue making claim payments.

Changes to printable boarding passes for SA0 and SA1 travelers **June 4, 2024**



Effective June 12, 2024, employees, active retirees and eligible enrolled friends traveling on standby space-available passes domestically (SA0 and SA1) will need to use the United app to access their boarding pass. Printing boarding passes at airport kiosks will no longer be available for SA0 and SA1 passes.

Our goal is to reduce paper boarding passes, which are often out of date as soon as they're printed. Using the United app gives customers the most up-to-date information and the best experience possible.

Employee/Retiree Vacation ePass Travel & Regional Partner Personal Travel on own metal (previous reference code A*) - SA0V and Regional Partner SA0X:

- ▲ Employee, retiree & their eligible **accompanied** pass riders traveling on a vacation ePass
- ▲ Employee's & retiree's **unaccompanied** spouse/domestic partner & **accompanied** pass riders traveling on a vacation ePass
- ▲ Unlimited extended family buddy pass riders **accompanied** by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner traveling on a vacation ePass (includes retiree when eligible)
- ▲ Maximum of two regular buddy pass riders per employee ID **accompanied** by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner traveling on a vacation ePass (**includes retiree when eligible**)
- ▲ **Operating regional partner employees & their eligible** accompanied pass riders will board **equal** to SA0V **when traveling on their own metal**, using years of service to the company to prioritize

Employee Personal Travel (previous reference code B*) – SA1P:

- ▲ Employee & their eligible **accompanied** pass riders
- ▲ Employee's **unaccompanied** spouse/domestic partner & **accompanied** pass riders
- ▲ Unlimited extended family buddy pass riders **accompanied** by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner
- ▲ Maximum of two regular buddy pass riders per employee ID **accompanied** by the employee or the employee's spouse/domestic partner

United Airlines Debuts New, Limited-Edition Wrexham AFC Amenity Kits and Pajamas **May 21, 2024**



United Airlines today debuted new, limited-edition Wrexham AFC amenity kits and pajamas to celebrate the football team's recent promotion to League One and continued surge in global popularity with the Emmy® award-winning show "FX's Welcome to Wrexham" now streaming on Hulu. These items are part of the airline's broader Wrexham AFC sponsorship.

Starting June 1, travelers flying in United's premium cabins on long-haul international routes will receive the complimentary Wrexham AFC-inspired amenity kits filled with travel essentials like an eye mask, toothbrush and

toothpaste as well as exclusive Therabody skincare products. United Polaris® customers on flights 14 hours or longer will also receive pajamas designed to resemble the team's uniforms, of which United is a front-of-jersey sponsor, including a long-sleeve Wrexham red shirt and gray pants.

United and Wrexham AFC collaborated to design the amenity kits and pajamas, drawing inspiration from the team crest, jerseys and overall look and feel. The offerings include:

- ▲ United x Wrexham AFC Amenity Case: For United Polaris business class travelers, the reusable toiletry case features the Wrexham crest and is available in red, black or white. The case includes a top handle, wrap-around zipper and loop to hang the bag on a hook for convenience.
- ▲ United x Wrexham AFC Amenity Pouch: For United Premium Plus® travelers, the reusable zippered pouch also features the Wrexham crest and is available in red, black or white. The slim pouch fits easily into a carry-on bag.
- ▲ United x Wrexham AFC Pajamas: Available to United Polaris business class travelers on flights 14 hours or more, the lightweight pajama set includes a red, long-sleeve shirt with the Wrexham AFC and United logos on the front, designed to resemble the team jersey, plus gray pants with the United logo on the hip.

Inside every amenity kit, passengers will find a United-exclusive Therabody hand cream, lip balm and cleansing towelette plus travel essentials including a bamboo toothbrush, toothpaste, eye mask, ear plugs and socks. In addition, inside every United Polaris kit, passengers will also find a Therabody eye serum, face spray, tissues and a United pen.

"With our amenity kits, we always aim to provide customers with products that make their travel journey more comfortable as well as create one-of-a-kind keepsakes for them to enjoy well beyond their flight," said Peter Wolkowski, Director of Onboard Product Design at United. *"Wrexham's story is one that has been documented and celebrated these last few years, so we're thrilled to now give United customers team-branded gear they won't be able to find anywhere else."*

United is giving fans more access to Wrexham AFC during the club's 2024-2025 season – its second year partnering with the team. As the front-of-jersey sponsor for the men's and women's teams, the United name and logo emblazons the front of the Wrexham AFC shirts during games. The airline will also sponsor the club's North American summer tour including flying the teams to games and providing MileagePlus members exclusive offerings. For more information, visit united.com.

About Wrexham AFC ~ Wrexham Association Football Club is based in Wrexham, North Wales, and competes in League Two, the fourth tier of the English football league pyramid. For the 2024/25 season, Wrexham will compete in League One – the third tier – after securing a second consecutive promotion. Formed in 1864, they are the oldest club in Wales and the third oldest professional team in the world. Wrexham has won the Welsh Cup a record 23 times and beaten some of the biggest clubs in the game in the English FA Cup and UEFA European Cup Winners Cup. The STōK Cae Ras, home to Wrexham AFC, is the world's oldest international stadium that still continues to host international games.

Wrexham AFC is owned by Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds. The goal of the new owners is to grow the team and establish Wrexham AFC as a Premier League club in front of increased attendances, and in an improved stadium, while making a positive difference to the wider community in Wrexham. This goal is being pursued through four guiding principles: i) to protect the heritage of Wrexham AFC; ii) to reinforce the values of the community; iii) to use Rob and Ryan's resources to grow the exposure of the club at home and abroad; and iv) to create a winning culture. For more information, please visit wrexhamafc.co.uk.

United Airlines Debuts New Onboard Safety Video **May 16, 2024**



United today debuted a new onboard safety video where more than a dozen United employees provide clear, easy-to-follow demonstrations of critical safety procedures. The video was filmed inside a life-sized, airplane-inspired sequential reaction machine, with a creative concept designed to capture and keep the attention of even the most frequent fliers. Development of the new video began in June 2023 and was inspired by the teams of United employees whose coordinated actions ensure the airline operates safely. The new video will debut on select aircraft starting May 25 and will roll out across the fleet over the summer.

"Safety is the foundation of everything we do at United," said Sasha Johnson, Vice President of Corporate Safety for United. *"Safety starts with being prepared."*

We have ongoing, rigorous safety training for our crews. And we also make sure our customers know what to do in the event of an emergency. We are proud that our new safety video empowers passengers by giving them information and clear instructions.”

United worked with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on the development of the safety video beginning in October 2023 through March 2024 when the video was approved. This included multiple checkpoints along the production process, including review of the storyboard and script before filming even began to ensure the content met the FAA requirements.

United’s New Safety Video by the Numbers ~ The new video – titled “Safety in Motion” – follows a ball as it makes its way through the sequential reaction machine, rolling and bouncing through airplane-inspired set-ups that include chutes, a snack cart and drink cup, seatbelts, windows, seats, directional signage and more as real United employees demonstrate key safety procedures.

“The safest safety video is one that passengers actively watch. Our creative concept was inspired by the idea of connection and the many moments of any given day that our employee work groups have to connect to be able to get thousands of flights off the ground and to their destinations safely,” said Maggie Schmerin, Chief Advertising Officer for United. *“We worked across the airline to ensure our new safety video clearly and succinctly communicates critical information in a way passengers can’t help but watch – no matter their age, background or experience traveling.”*

- ▲ 171 customized versions of the safety video to accommodate United’s 8 different aircraft types, 20 various seat configurations on those aircraft and 18 languages
- ▲ Ten months in the making – Creative development on the new video began in June 2023; filming took place in October 2023 and then the team spent the next five months on edits and translations before the March 2024 FAA approval
- ▲ 12 individual contraptions the ball passes through in the machine
- ▲ 17 employees from across the airline, including flight attendants, pilots, customer service agents, ramp service, tech operations, the network operations center and reservations
- ▲ More than 1,000 real dominoes
- ▲ A 100-year old song, “Rhapsody in Blue” by George Gershwin, that’s been a consistent feature in United safety videos over the years

The airline’s creative agency of record, 72andSunny, production partner, 1stAveMachine, and award-winning director Karim Zariffa worked together with United to execute the complex camera production for the video.

United Investments in Safety Training ~ “Safety in Motion” demonstrates key safety procedures, mandated to all U.S. airlines by the FAA and critical to passenger safety in case of an emergency. United features real employees in the video, who go through a regular schedule of updated training sessions throughout their United career. For example, the airline’s pilots complete simulator training with instructors and evaluators every nine months and flight attendants refresh their qualifications every 18 months.

United recently opened a new 150,000 square-foot building at its Flight Training Center in Denver. Already the largest facility of its kind in the world, the Flight Training Center has eight total buildings, more than 700,000 square feet of training space and now has more than 52 state-of-the-art full-motion flight simulators – providing even more training capacity for the airline’s 17,000 pilots.

Last year, United also expanded its largest Inflight Training Center, located in Houston, to include new classrooms, additional cabin and door trainers and a state-of-the-art aquatic center to practice the safe evacuation of the plane in the unlikely event of a water landing.

And since 2020, United requires pilots to participate in an annual Pilot Professional Development training. This full-day, interactive, in-person training exceeds FAA requirements and industry norms by mandating all pilots, not just captains, participate. The training also uses actual United case studies to ensure the airline’s pilots excel in self-awareness, confidence, mentoring, and leadership. United worked closely with its Flight Training, Flight Standards and Aviation Safety teams plus ALPA in the 100 percent safety-focused curriculum.

United Expects Record Setting Start to Summer Travel Season

May 14, 2024



United is ready for its busiest Memorial Day holiday ever – with a record-setting three million travelers expected to fly between May 23-28, up nearly 10% compared to last year. To help fliers navigate the crowds and jumpstart their summer vacations, United has dozens of features in its mobile app to help travelers skip lines, breeze through security, navigate to their gates, quickly check their bags and more – saving travelers up to 30 minutes on average* at the airport.

“Whether you're a road warrior or fly just once a year, the United app is a game-changer that saves you time and makes the overall experience of flying United even better,” said Linda Jojo, United’s Chief Customer Officer. *“With an uptick of leisure travel over the summer months, we’ve found that customers who travel with the app not only save up to 30 minutes on average during their day-of travel experience, but they also feel informed and empowered about their flights, especially as they’re flying into new or unfamiliar airports for their summertime vacations.”*

United continues to release new innovations in its mobile app to help travelers prepare for their trips – offering more transparency, saving time and reducing stress.

Here are the top ways the United mobile app can help fliers travel on easy mode:

- ▲ Find live, personalized flight notifications for details such as countdown to boarding, gate number, seat, bag tracking and more right on your phone screen. United is the first and only U.S. airline to support Live Activities for iPhone, and the live updates have helped millions of travelers since last year especially during peak travel times.
- ▲ Request your desired seat with the new seat preferences feature in the mobile app if your preferred seat type isn’t available at the time of booking your flight. Travelers who use this tool are moved automatically into their preferred seat, on average, 35% of the time. United is the first and only U.S. airline offering this option.
- ▲ Receive automatic rebooking assistance during flight disruptions directly in the app. When travel doesn’t go as planned, customers will get alternate travel options automatically served to them in the app. Saving travelers about 15 minutes in line on average, the tools help them get back on their way more quickly after a flight disruption or cancellation. Plus, only United offers Agent on Demand – allowing customers to scan a QR code or use the United app to video chat, text or call a customer service representative instead of waiting in line at the airport. In 2023, Agent on Demand helped more than 1.6 million travelers avoid lines at the airport and get fast help in the app.
- ▲ Take advantage of TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID at O’Hare International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport† to seamlessly drop off bags or make it through security in seconds by leveraging facial scanning technology.
- ▲ Use Terminal Guide in the app to know in advance which door at the airport to pull up to, drop off a checked bag or head straight to security. These instructions will be personalized by factors such as if a traveler is parking at the airport, getting dropped off by a rideshare, checking a bag, traveling with TSA PreCheck® and more.
- ▲ Get where you need to go at the airport with confidence and ease using animated terminal maps right in the app. The maps are customized for each leg of a trip to offer turn-by-turn directions from airport lobby to gate to baggage claim.
- ▲ Check-in on the mobile app before arriving at the airport, removing the step of waiting in line to print a boarding pass in the airport lobby.
- ▲ Skip the check-in line and drop off bags in under a minute at the designated bag drop shortcut location in the lobby by checking bags in the app before arriving at the airport.
- ▲ Track your bag by checking the app’s bag tracker for time stamps every step of the way.

For more information on traveling with United this summer, visit united.com.

*Customers who use United’s digital self-service tools save up 30 minutes on average during day-of travel compared to agent assistance for touchpoints like check-in, bag drop, security, biometric screening, standby processing, baggage recovery and irregular operations support.

†TSA PreCheck Touchless ID is currently available at security checkpoints at O’Hare International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport. Bag drop shortcut with TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID is currently in a

testing phase at O'Hare International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport. During this time, bag drop agents will check physical IDs after the facial scan.

Torgy's Travel Tips – July 2024 **The Fastest Way Through Airport Security**



Air travel is back to pre-pandemic levels and that certainly is evident if you or your friends and family have traveled recently. Along with extreme weather patterns that have caused countless flight delays and cancellations, the uptick in travel over 3-day holidays as well as the start of school vacations brings long, long lines to airport security checkpoints. Here is how the knowledgeable traveler navigates this spaghetti bowl of lines: TSA PreCheck (**TSA Pre✓**), Global Entry, CLEAR Plus, and NEXUS. Each program is different. Some programs overlap benefits with other programs. All are membership programs that cost money to join. All have separate security lanes, and all have positive and negative attributes. The choice is yours. The following information was current and correct as of May 2, 2024.

TSA Pre✓ is governed by the Transportation Security Administration to specifically expedite the security screening process at US airports for *domestic travel*. The program is open only to US citizens and Legal Permanent Residents (Green Card holders). Members with **TSA Pre✓** are allowed to keep shoes, belt, and light jackets on and can leave laptops and liquids under 3.4 oz in their suitcase/carry-on bag. Children 12 and under can also use this lane without registering if they are traveling with a parent or guardian who has TSA Pre✓. Teens 13-17 can also accompany their parent/guardian without enrolling only if they are booked on the same reservation and their boarding pass shows the **TSA Pre✓** symbol.

How to enroll in **TSA Pre✓**: Complete the application form at www.tsa.gov/precheck, select an enrollment center to schedule an in-person interview and pay the \$78 or \$85 fee. Enrollment centers are located at major airports as well as at Office Depot, Staples and some AAA offices in the Northeast (for AAA members, only). A one-time reimbursement of application fees up to \$100 via statement credit currently applies for those who have UA's Explorer credit card (among others).

Your Known Travel Number (KTN) will be issued to you in 3 to 5 business days (possibly longer) after you complete the enrollment process. It is valid for 5 years. Be sure to add your KTN to every reservation you make in order for your boarding pass to show the **TSA Pre✓** symbol.

CLEAR Plus is a biometric traveler identification program administered by Clear Secure, Inc and is not a federally recognized Trusted Traveler Program because it does not include a background check. It allows the member to advance to the head of the security lane after using iris scan or fingerprint verification at the CLEAR kiosk. It does not include the shoes, jacket, laptop or liquid exemptions of TSA Pre✓, but it does advance the traveler to a screening belt faster. Children under 18 can use the service when traveling with a registered adult. The cost is \$189 per year and additional family members for \$99 per year. There are discounted rates for UA Mileage Plus members along with United credit card holders. Certain American Express cards currently offer full reimbursement of CLEAR Plus fees every year. Enroll at the airport, no appointment needed, and use immediately, or apply online and later register your biometric data at the airport. Clear can also be used at some stadiums and concert venues. See: www.clearme.com

Global Entry is run by US Customs & Border Protection and provides expedited entry *into* the US by air, land and sea. The cost is currently \$100 and is valid for 5 years but will increase to \$120 on October 1, 2024. A one-time application fee reimbursement of up to \$100 as a statement credit currently applies for those who hold UA's Explorer credit card (among others). This robust program requires an in-person interview, background check, photo and fingerprinting. The process time for approval is approximately 4-6 months. Children, including infants, must have their own membership. **TSA Pre✓** is automatically included in Global Entry for no extra fee. Global Entry is used at US ports of entry kiosks and at select US pre-clearance locations in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Dublin, Shannon and Nassau, among others. When traveling by car, you can use the dedicated expedited border crossing lanes named NEXUS and SENTRI. It is also useful when returning to the US via cruise ships. Begin the application process at: www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/global-entry.

NEXUS is designed for those who travel frequently between the US and Canada. It applies to travel by air, sea and land. When using it for air travel it includes all the benefits of TSA Pre✓ and Global Entry. When arriving in Canada by air, access to NEXUS kiosks speeds government documentation checks. If you drive over

the border you may use the dedicated NEXUS lanes, which typically have much shorter wait times. The program is administered by both the US and Canada and therefore requires interviews by border patrol agents from both countries. A demonstrated reason is required for admission to the program. Primarily those who live near the busiest land crossings (New York, Michigan, and Washington state) are eligible. Each traveler must have their own membership, including infants and children. The current fee is \$50 and will increase to \$120 on October 1, 2024, and is valid for 5 years. A one-time statement credit of up to \$100 is possible for UA Explorer credit card (among others). The approval process is long: about 6 months, and interviews are conducted only at land borders. To begin the application and interview process see www.cbp.gov/nexus.

And, for those who travel internationally only occasionally, the free app **Mobile Passport Control** might be just the ticket! It streamlines your entry *into* the US without the cost and long enrollment process of Global Entry. Find it on your phone's Play Store or The App.

The bottom line is to choose what suits your travel style the best and then be sure to add it to all your frequent flyer profiles. Doing so will automatically include your qualifications on every reservation. Then get out there and travel!

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Summer is truly upon us even though it is only early June. Lots of hot weather in the Northstate and the road construction is at an all time high in Paradise. Unfortunately, the grasses and weeds are very high and overgrown. This is the time of year to have a small bag packed for an immediate escape if needed. We certainly hope no fires will come our way.

Merritt Odor, our President, welcomed everyone to one of our favorite restaurants, Vittles, in Anderson. We had 13 members and spouses in attendance. There were no anniversaries or birthdays reported.

Merritt shared some stories of his days at SFOPT department. These stories really started the conversation going about the good old days at United. We are really lucky as a group to have several departments represented and it truly is fun to hear from everyone.

One of our members' spouses, **Grace Franke**, gave a brief presentation on the Daughters of the American Revolution group. **Klaren Odor** also was a member and shared that she was a descendant of Samuel Washington, President George Washington's brother. Gracie and Klaren shared stories of what the group does and who gets to participate. I did some research and this group has over 120 years of traditions. They do a vast amount of service work and promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. Grace is also a very talented seamstress and she shared two wheelchair bags that she made that you could put on the back of a wheelchair. She was kind enough to donate them to our raffle.



Vincent Neidlinger wore an old UAL hat that said United Airlines Supply and Distribution. I even remember those days that United Airlines Stores had that logo.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Merritt Odor**, the lunch certificate was **Katherine Eslinger**. One of the wheelchair bags was won by **Kay Neidlinger** and the other was won by **Katherine Eslinger**.

A discussion took place on our next meeting/luncheon to be held in July. Klaren & Merritt volunteer to make arrangements with Nash's Restaurant in Chico.

Calendar:

July 24 - Wednesday, Nash's Restaurant in Chico at 11:30 AM. If you are in the area hope to see you there.



CENTRAL COASTERS

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We are a small group of UAL retirees located near Pismo Beach, CA. As you well know the old saying, "No news is good news", and this is certainly the case.

We are sad to report that our long-time secretary and RUAEA Newsletter Correspondent **Al Rybar** passed away on May 17, 2024. He has been sending in a report faithfully for the last 15 plus years, even though we only meet every other month. In addition, the fact he and his wife have not been to a luncheon since before the pandemic due to health and transportation issues. Al was a dedicated employee who came to United from Capitol and it goes without saying, he was also an outstanding Central Coasters secretary. May he rest in peace!

The Central Coasters have been kicking the secretary can down the road for some time now and try as we might, **no** hands have gone up to take Al's place. It is much like the larger LAX group, the ReLAXers, with **Hal Klobe** as President and since **no** one stepped up to "volunteer", the group folded. Hal was also a member of our group.

It is going to be difficult to find a person to fill Al's shoes. I am sure we are not the only chapter dealing with "recruitment" but we will try to sort it out. My Dad used to say, "It's hell getting old" and Father time is catching up with all of us here at the Central Coasters.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

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



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy July to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! Summer is officially here. I am looking forward to the Fourth of July and I hope you are too. My favorite childhood memories are of the local parade and then fireworks just after sunset at the junior high school. The parade went down the service drive for the expressway a block from my house. I went to the parade every year and walked in a few with the Camp Fire Girls. In the evening, most of the neighbors trooped down to the school for the fireworks display. We set up blankets and chairs on the football field. I loved lying down on my back and having the fireworks rain down right over my head; lots of oohs and ahs from the crowd and then applause at the end. My favorites were the multi-color ones

with red exploding first, then white exploding through the red, and finally blue exploding and cascading through the white. Ah, memories!

As I write this on June 7, we have just had the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6. This commemoration was bittersweet as it was the last one with living WWII vets attending the ceremonies in Normandy. The world leaders came together to honor all the soldiers and sailors who took part in this battle and remember their incredible sacrifice. They laid wreaths, made speeches, and shook the hands of the veterans who attended the various events. I have never been to Normandy but it is on my Bucket List. The father of one of my DAR friends was in the D-Day invasion at Normandy. He is now 98 years old. Ten years ago, she and her dad went to the 70th anniversary ceremonies. It was an all expenses paid trip by a veterans group and their group was treated like royalty at every turn. Her dad was even interviewed by David Muir and my friend said he is just as gracious off screen as he is onscreen.

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 looking at other restaurants for the other months. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more 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 June meeting was held on Monday, June 3 at the lovely home of **Diane Griego**. She has the perfect setup for entertaining, both inside and outside. We had 13 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Arnold Hansen, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Jaime Orndorff, Jack & Judy Smith, and Jan Soderstrom**. It was wonderful to see **Arnold Hansen**; he hadn't come to meetings for a while and he actually drove himself this time! As is our tradition, we have a catered BBQ lunch from Back Forty BBQ in Concord. The delicious chicken and ribs come with potato salad, rolls and butter, baked beans and corn on the cob. For dessert, we have a cake decorated with a United theme and ice cream with all the toppings.

Our president **Russ Kennedy** started the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. **Tracey Blanchard** and **Nancy Boyle** won the raffle money. I brought a bottle of red wine and came home with a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream! What a great trade off!

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

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too; 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 June 6, I turned in a whopping 2396 coupons, a new record high! 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, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Sharon Dunham** in IL, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Mimi Lee** in CA, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Maureen Neidle** in IL, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ, **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, **Jim Taylor** in FL, and **Norm Wilkinson** in IL. I would also like to thank **Tracey Blanchard**, **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, 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 or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, June 28.
- ▲ Monday, August 5 at 11:30. — Restaurant to be determined. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. We order at the counter and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at 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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June is bustin' out all over ... flowers are blooming, pollen is flying and our lovely fog (read: air conditioning) has returned in full force. While we have had some "hot" days, the wind has kept us fairly cool. County fairs, rides, and delicious fair food (ahhhh ... corn dogs, waffle cones, BBQ turkey legs, spun sugar ... all the good stuff you gotta try, and wish you hadn't!) 'Tis the season for small to huge events in our lives. We are at the age where there are weddings, funerals (too many) and those glorious graduations of our grandchildren. I have just returned from the Pre-school 1, Year-end Celebration of my youngest great-grand son. He has reached the ripe old age of 3 & ¾'s – and will attend Pre-Kindergarten; next year. 30 or so kiddies processed into the room, recited a poem "Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar," sang "If You're Happy and You Know It - Clap Your Hands." Now the attention span of a 3 and ¾ year old child is that of a gnat. By this time, tears were shed, several refused to sing or clap their hands and some fled to where their parents were sitting. Fun and games ... we get to do this again next year for Kindergarten graduation – I can hardly wait and by then I will know all the words to FW Caterpillar. Stay tuned for the excitement. We now leap to the other end of the spectrum ... those graduating from College/University - how did they get so old so fast? In the olden days, class sizes were under 100 – now they run into the thousands! One ceremony does not cover it - 4 or 5 ceremonies, back-to-back is the norm. The oldest grand-daughter had hers set for 4:30pm. It was very hot and we were told to get to San Jose early to get a seat (only 6 people per family were allowed into the stadium) - throngs of people, graduates from the 3pm ceremony leaving (bedecked with leis, money necklaces, teetering on 4 inch high heels, each with their 6 attendees,) what a mad-house. But ... very, very well-coordinated. It went like clock-work; plenty of staff and only 56 steps up to the stadium for our seats. As we reached the top step, there was the door for the elevator! Go figure! Stadium – we thought it was outside but, no ... 'twas inside. We could not take a purse or water bottle with us – had to be a "purse" that was clear see-thru. So purses were put in our parked cars and off we went. My cell phone was in the protected, safe, car ... friends could not reach me on my phone. After the ceremony and dinner, I had retrieved my purse, phone rang and it was the Police wondering if I was OK. (Have you ever had a "wellness call" from the gendarmes?) Needless to say, I had no idea why they were calling as I had told friends what was happening.) Thankfully I have 2 years to go for the next University graduation – I can hardly wait – by then I will have had to sell my flip-phone, get an Apple watch and I-phone and go back to school to learn how to operate them! Oh boy ... Will I get to graduate again!??

Our meeting was held with 19 people attending and we enjoyed lunch at Dennys' Restaurant. Here are the next meeting and lunch dates:

- June 24 – Meeting and lunch Sandwiches from Safeway.
- July 22 - Meeting and lunch at Waterfront Pizza and Mediterranean Restaurant at the Edgewater Shopping Center in Foster City. Separate check available, possible senior rate, ask.
- August 26 – Meeting and lunch TBA

With sadness, I have to report the passing of one of our long-time members – **Bob Ahrens**, a caring and wonderful gentle-man who donated hours and hours of his time to feeding the needy in his community. He worked many years in Flight Ops in SFO and flew those old aeroplanes back in the day. He was kind and always supportive at our meetings. He will be missed – Rest In Peace dear Bob. Our condolences go out to his daughter, Chris, and the family.

Our big raffle money winners were **Linda K.** and **Bill Heinrich** – they did not have to run to the bank – just strolled. Raffle goodies were won by: **Linda K., Bob Donovan, John Bogdanoff, Bill & Diane Heinrich, Andy King, Charlie Bogert, and Pat Ortega.** It was really good to see **Pat Niland** at our last meeting –hope you can make it down from the Big City again.

Conundrum of the day: Have you ever wondered if Hop-A-Long Cassidy was a frog? (no...that was Jeremiah!)

Take care of yourselves, take a hike around the block, tell someone you love them and miss them!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Wait! Listen! There it is! Ol' Man Winter seems to (finally) be releasing his grip and lovely Lady Spring is skipping on in! Though, there does seem to still be a bit of a "tug-of-war" going on – personally, I haven't stopped putting the flannel sheets on our bed – yet. I suppose I may get a bit carried away when I breathe deeply of that fresh air outside; and once I stop sneezing and coughing, I can enjoy all the deliciousness of the blossoms, the butterflies, the bees, the funny lizards that dart around the yard. I do get "mushy" when I embrace all the wonder and joy that is Earth as she is "waking up" from her winter slumber.

Rudy Blazius was ready to get our meeting rolling and jumped right in to extend a "Thank You" to **JR** and **Rosemary Heier** for setting up this luncheon/meeting at Denny's in Cameron Park. The Denny's restaurant chain has been around for many, many years. They are spread throughout our state and each one has its own persona. This Denny's seems to be a "cut above". The room was ready, the staff was efficient and the food was delicious. Highly recommend you give them a try if you haven't already. Of course, we always want to know if we have any guests in attendance, but not this month. While we don't have any anniversaries to celebrate in May, we do have a couple members with birthdays. Happy Birthday to **Lindalee Akin** and **Thom Biro**!

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** mostly kept things moving along smoothly today – right!

Vice President ~ JR followed up last month's insurance concerns with a bit of an update. While he was given an "exemption" regarding his being able to use the local hospitals, he did let us all know that the hospitals and Aetna have come to an agreement and things are back on track. He did want to forewarn all of us that if you have a need to contact any department at UAL, you will need a PIN. It can be a bit of a "process" getting things set up, but hang in there, insist on someone who can speak English (that you can understand). You will need to set up security questions too. Many of us started with United "way back when" - when there were people available to help active employees as well as those who were retired. Sadly, this does not seem to be the case now. The current administration does not have the commitment to those who worked hard for United, who went the extra yard, who grew United into the respected, honored and productive company that dominated the skies for so many years. But you earned the benefits promised to you and you need to be diligent in receiving them.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** and husband, **Bill**, were able to attend the Celebration of Life for our member, **Doe Pope**. It was held in Fremont at her son's home; quite a number of people who came to honor Doe, share memories of her upbeat spirit. I'm glad we were able to get to this event and we wish her family all the best.

Hopefully her son, Dale and wife Donna, will continue as Hangtown Miner members.

And the one silly, little point, Jane mentioned that today was my final page on my spiral notebook which I started on January 9th, 2017! Almost 6½ years of notes – now onto a new book.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that we are doing well with our funds – in fact, we are \$140 ahead of where we were same time last year. Just a mention here, as you know, in the past when we have our luncheon at BJ's Restaurant, they will give us a rebate percentage of the monies we spend there. This type of thing does give us a nice boost to our balance. If you know of other eating establishments who will do fundraising rebates (remember we are a 501 (c) tax exempt group), think about hosting your month's luncheon there.

Our dues roster is still missing 4 members' dues. If you are one of them, please let me know if you still want to continue as a Hangtown Miner. Our policy is to "carry" members who have not sent in their membership dues until the end of June. If we haven't heard from you by then, you will be dropped from our roster and will no longer receive our minutes which contains lots of info to keep you updated on the goings on that retirees need to know. Of course, you can always re-join the Hangtown Miners at any time!

Tom (and his helpers) will be picking up tools from the Gold Diggers retiree group. If you're out for a walk and come across a garage sale that has tools to get rid of, stop and see what is there. **Bill Gibson** did just that last year and wound up with a truck load of tools. Some he bought but there were quite a few who the guy just donated (remember, we can/will give them a tax exempt receipt for their tax return). Win/win all the way around. Tom also mentioned that it might be nice to have the director of the Sacramento City College Aeronautics program to one of our luncheons (our treat) so they can give a short presentation on how the school is progressing. - your thoughts on this subject?

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** hasn't needed to spread any "sunshine" this month! I beg to differ, she is always (sun)shining! **Sherrie Wolfram** was able to join us today and **Irv** had pictures of the bruising she had after taking quite a tumble. She says she is doing okay, she's using a walker for safety. **Lindalee Akin** is also doing better after dislocating her shoulder a couple months ago. **Bill Gibson** shared the (sad) news of the passing of UAL retiree, **Bill Stoye**. We have not heard about services for Bill yet, but will keep you updated.

Old Business ~ I'm not sure of some of this info is "old" or "new" business so I'm just going to throw it all under "new"!

New Business ~ **Ann Marie Sutherland** is quite a lady who is very active with organizations which support our military and their families. Have you ever been out and about and there is a table set up with someone selling the Red Poppies? The poppies are hand made by our Vets and all the proceeds go to support Ronald McDonald House(s). Don't confuse the name with the hamburgers! The Ronald McDonald House program provides families who are going thru difficulties – usually medical – a place to stay during treatment. **John Muir**, who also works with veterans, asked everyone to help with the "pull tab" project. Know all those little pull tabs that are on canned sodas or energy drink and such? Well, please start collecting those tabs and bring them to John. He recently took in 30 pounds of tabs and earned \$180.00 in gift cards to help our veterans! Who knew! It's amazing how many different ways we can contribute that don't involve a huge effort. I remember when my first child went to kindergarten and all the simple ways we could collect items to be used in craft projects by those crazy (in a good way) teachers! Well, we can all help without it being difficult and we can make a difference.

Another project we would like all of you to be aware of, and help out with, will also help you with your Spring cleaning! Seriously! **Barbara Cunningham** (East Bay Diablos) is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more info, or, just mail them to her directly at: 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. (Note: This is a new email for her.) This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Sounds like a worthwhile plan that doesn't cost much if any!

So, here we go with Rudy's closing observations:

- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.
- First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper. It's even worse when you forget to pull it down.
- Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth! Amen!

And with those words of wisdom, Rudy passed the baton to **JR** and **Linda Dinette** won the donator's prize. Thanks for bringing items to our raffle: **Gibson** – plant; **Dinette** – puzzle; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Trebnik** – spring wreath; **Kenney** – gardening basket; **Blazius** – kitchen towel set; **Muir** – pizza prize; **Martin** – wine opener and spoon rest; **Kenny** – truffle oil & pasta; **Heier** – center pieces and fresh brownies for everyone!

Are you ready for the “middle” month? June is a’comin’ and we will be having our luncheon! It was a bit of touch n’ go but **Duncan Nielsen** stepped up, scheduled the restaurant and then told **Diana**! Brave man for sure.

Okay, my friends, that’s it for this month. June is one of the sweetest months we humans get to enjoy. Several of our couples chose June for their wedding; you may have someone you know graduating from one level or another of school; our Dads will have their special day; Summer begins on the 20th; and it is the month that honors our Veterans. So, get plenty of sleep, do your exercises, eat healthy and laugh whenever you can – it’s good for our lungs and our souls and those who love us.



RESANS

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We have had a quiet month here in San Diego.

The Spring/Summer Fling we had so been looking forward to had to be cancelled due to lack of attendees. The Restaurant required a specific number of people to attend as they were opening the restaurant for lunch just for our group. They needed enough people to cover their costs. There are retirees out traveling and also some declined due to illness. We did not have our June Breakfast as the lunch was scheduled for the week after.

July Breakfast is a go, although it is scheduled for the 11th due to the 4th of July Holiday. The RUAEA Newsletter is due before our scheduled breakfast so I will report on that in the August issue.

We have quite a list of Birthdays for July: **Peter Hendricks, Marti Ambrosio, Rosina Krefft, Joan Zadrozny, Kayce Ward** and **Mary Hernandez**.

Many of us have been living with a variety of inclement weather and I have heard that many have got into a summer of reading. I have a couple of recommendations that may be of interest to you: First of all, I would like to mention a new book just released by one of our own, retirees, **John Kennedy**’s “Death Harvest: Maui.” Also taking place in Hawaii, another mystery, suspense novel by Michael Crichton and James Patterson. There is nothing like a good read to get you through the hot steamy days of summer.

Don’t forget to register for the 2024 Reunion. You have many options of registering for the event as documented in the June 2024 RUAEA Newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

If you're happy and you know it, you can show it in San Diego. It is a place that just makes you feel good from head to toe, inside and out. From the sandy beaches to the rugged cliffs, and everywhere in between, it will be hard to contain your excitement. Come on down ... San Diego is your place to find happiness ... it calls for you to come ...

Calendar:

July 11 - Breakfast at the Pt. Loma Cafe. A week after the 4th Holiday, still at 10:00 am.

September 27 - October 2 - RUAEA Reunion/Convention. The June issue of RUAEA Newsletter contains all the info you need to make your plans and register.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers gathered at the Lincoln Chinese Restaurant on May 29th. There were 23 in attendance and all enjoyed the family style lunch. There was plenty of food and many choices. President **Jim Simon** began the meeting thanking **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** for making the arrangements. Jim thanked the

servers who did a fine job of serving us. Jim also thanked the members for the donations to our monthly raffle.

Officer reports began with VP **Barbara Bertacini** reporting that the June lunch meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26th, at Café del Lago in Granite Bay; July, we will be meeting on Wednesday the 31st at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville. As of now, August and October are open for anyone wanting to host in lieu of us rebooking one of the above. We are set for the Holiday lunch meeting on Wednesday December 11th at Café del Lago in Granite Bay ... no meeting in September or November due to the RUAEA Reunion and Thanksgiving.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that his records showed no wedding anniversaries for the month of May. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is still solvent thanks to income from the monthly raffles. It was also noted that the treasury had sufficient funds to subsidize today's lunch. Robin also had updated rosters for all.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that **Pat Guinn** had a serious fall and was hospitalized for a few days. After some tests, she was released but will be wearing a heart monitor for several weeks. Angie also reported that **Jack McKinney** was undergoing surgery for his cancer. The doctors were expecting a positive outcome.

Historian **Francis Domaratus** had nothing new to report other than we are all 'making history'. Regional Director **Dave Garland** reported that the RUAEA Reunion information is on the RUAEA website along with the ability to register online and pay with a credit card. Just go to ruaea.org and you can, not only register, but choose your meal choices for the banquet; select which tours you would like and also sign up for the Western Night. You do have to make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel and that information is on the website.

Jim asked if anyone had any old business ... nothing and then any new business ... nothing again. He followed with some brief history of May 29th ... 42 Bing Crosby records 'White Christmas'. 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay conquer Mount Everest and in 1996 Benjamin Netanyahu becomes Israel's Prime Minister. This was followed by the birthday roll-off between **Stephanie Norton** and **George Taylor**. Stephanie rolled the higher number and got the extra cash. The day's event was wrapped up with our monthly raffles of interesting donations.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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

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A great morning saw a gathering of 17 members today, all in good sprits. It was nice to see **Jay Cacioppo**, **Greg Castor** and **Karen Behle** in attendance. Lively discussions took place all around the table, it must have been the wonderful weather we now are having. Our fearless leader had a bit of an issue getting the meeting started which, thankfully, a few taps on an empty glass got the attention he was seeking.

Birthdays this month ~ **Barbara Brown**, **Christa Boyce**, **Gerry Delisle**, and **Jay Cacioppo**.

Anniversaries this month ~ **Don & Dot Boyer**, and **Chuck & Sheryl Clayborn**.

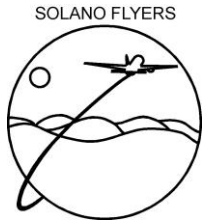
The first Senior Safari in May was attended by a few members. The event is the last Thursday of the month at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo. It is free parking and entrance to seniors arriving before 10am. The mornings are a great time to stroll the grounds and maybe even take a ride on one of the attractions. Food is available for purchase or you can bring a lunch and find a table in a shady area to enjoy it. We meet just inside the gates, in front of the merry go round at 1000. Hope to see you there.

We have a good sign up for our annual summer picnic and the weather is expected to be very nice. We kept the price down by doing the cooking ourselves and have a big meal planned, so no one would be required to

bring anything. A full report will be in next month's newsletter.

If you are planning to attend the reunion in San Diego, see the RUAEA June Newsletter for all the information. You are encouraged to make reservations to ensure you get the low hotel rate they have set for RUAEA. This will be the last year at the Dana in San Diego and the excellent rate they have provided us these past years. This includes no resort fee, no parking fee, two free breakfast per room night and a \$135 a night hotel rate. This is a great deal, in a marvelous location. Make it a vacation, make it a weekend getaway, but do try to make it.

We meet the first Monday of the month at the Bill of Fare, just off Hwy 280, in San Jose, beginning at 1000am. All are welcome to attend.



SOLANO FLYERS

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The Solano Flyers met on May 21 at Denny's Restaurant in Cordelia. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson, Eileen & Pad Gardner, Rich Cox, Frank Uhl, Rudy Arsaga, Gerald Williams, Chauncy Baine, Billy & Joanne Blizzard**, and **Stuart McCale** and his son Stuart.

Birthday ~ Larry Jackson

Anniversary ~ Allan & Peggy Pochop

Winner of the 50/50 was **Padraic Gardner**, the Slow Cooker was won by **Rudy Arsaga**.

Next month, we'll meet on June 18 at Mel's diner, 171 Nut Tree Parkway, Vacaville. We also mentioned to everyone that the annual United Mechanic's Reunion will be held in Minden, NV, September 17 - 20.

COLORADO

DENVER

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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** opened the meeting with the pledge. The Denver RUAEA office is having issues and will open soon.

We celebrated birthdays for **Don Burbank, Paul Goodyear** and **Susie Campbell**.

The 2024 Reunion is September 27th thru October 2nd in San Diego; all Reunion information was published in the June issue of the Newsletter and it's also available online at ruaea.org. Half the rooms for the Reunion have been booked, so please reserve your hotel room ASAP if you still want to have the discounted rate and all the amenities that RUAEA negotiated with the Dana Resort.

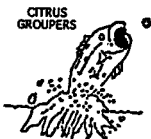
You must use your phone for a boarding pass as paper passes are not longer accepted.

We are still planning for the picnic and will have more information later.

The 50/50 winners were **Pete Angelos, Ruth Morabito, Jackie Kudron, Richard Conner**, and **Greg Komel**.

Our next meeting is July 3rd (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM due to Ted's Place being closed on July 4th. 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. 52nd Ave., Commerce City; (303) 287-7544. Everyone is welcome.

FLORIDA



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

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



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We had a good meeting ... 20 folks plus guests! It was so nice to see everyone!

We just had a chatty time, catching up on grandbaby pictures, asking about those not able to make the meeting and the **heat**! Wow is it hot - everywhere! But no global warming, right? I think God is just super annoyed with our world.

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We are taking the summer off, our next meeting will be held on October 4th at our usual venue LYNQ restaurant here in Ft Myers.

We wish everyone a great summer.



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6 people attended our monthly meeting on June 3rd. There are no birthdays or Anniversaries this month.

We talked about UAL news, and upcoming trips our members might take.

We had our breakfast/lunch and enjoyed our food.

We wished our men members Happy Father's Day and Happy Flag Day too!

We enjoy our friendship and reminiscing about UAL.

Calendar:

July 1 - IHOP - 10:30

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

Any member system wide visiting South Florida and interested in visiting with us, please contact me at ualpbi@att.net.

IDAHO



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July—Time to be independent! Love our 248 year old country forever. It's all ours, be good to it. We've been around a long time, haven't we? A lot of us have been through a couple of wars, hard to keep track. Many of our employees served with honor all around the world for our country. Anybody watch all the shows on D-Day? Some very interesting ones on the History Channel and Discovery. Many old war movies on the movie channels too. We have many patriotic holidays all in a row, Memorial Day, D-Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, then nothing until Labor Day in September; just a long hot summer. Hope all of you have a great, fun-filled summer, we've lived through some hot ones, rainy ones and I even remember one that I needed a sweater almost every day. What the heck, we have less ahead than behind us.

At least we have swarms of cicadas to keep us busy. It depends where you live as to how many you see or are bothered by. This wild thing is so puzzling; these bugs came out of our dirt 17 years ago, caused havoc, went back into hibernation and woke up this spring to bother us again. If you have trees younger than 17 years old, they will attack the trees and damage them pretty bad, even kill them. You're supposed to put netting around the young trees to protect them. Wait until you hear the buzzing, don't forget the crickets, the sound should be deafening, wonder if they're related. Do I have this right? Sounds like a Stephen King book that was rejected by Simon and Schuster. I only saw one so far, but a friend said her car was attacked by a swarm of them last week. Too creepy to think about.

I won't even mention the new snake fish they found in the Illinois rivers. Kill them, dangerous!

Our Northside breakfast had 10 people. **Dave Dunham, Charlie Lewis, Dona Nefczyk, Lynn Hagele, Janet Higdon, Kathy Cufar, Marge Stamm, Jerry Tipperreiter, Virginia Kondraros, and Marsha Sealock-Weber.**

The ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfields with 10 people. **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Cas Paprocki, Bill Durr, Paul Skrudland, Bud Lowe, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich, Jan Gawenda and Larry Stilwell** who came all the way from PHX just for a bowl of Quaker Oats. Good to see you all again.

The ORDMM Foremen met at Elly's, small group, **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Bart & Sue Kendall.**

Union Lodge 1487 met June 6 at the Oakton Street hall. Attendance was 82 retirees, it was Hot Dog Day with all the trimmings. Thanks for the sweets and volunteers, especially **Diane Gallogly and Larry Parker.** The union board helped cook. Next month the meeting will be on July 11, because July 4th is the first Thursday of the month. It's also Pizza Day and Christmas in July, when we collect non-perishable goods and cash donations, then deliver it to two of the local food banks. The cost for the pizza is \$6.00, with a choice of sausage, pepperoni, cheese or deluxe. You can still pay by sending your check and your choice of pizza to the Union Hall, attention **Mary Alice Parker.** The address is 50 W. Oakton St. Des Plaines, 60018.

The RUPA lunch in May was held at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin, with a lovely chicken lunch overlooking their beautiful golf course. It's so peaceful. There were 65 people there to hear a very interesting presentation about our 727 plane at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry downtown. The speakers were Ken Volkner and Scott Joseph, museum docents, and Captain Greg Hammes, who flew the aircraft, N7017U's, final flight from ORD to Meigs Field way back in 1993. I remember that day and all the coverage the TV stations gave us. The look on the foremen's faces told us they didn't have a clue getting a huge airplane off of a runway, to a barge, over Lake Shore Drive, taxi it to the front of the Museum, take off the wings, clear the doors of the museum, squeeze it in, then get it in the spot of honor in the Transportation Section. Somehow, they put the wings back on the plane, took off the doors for us to walk on and off, put Plexiglas on the floor so the cargo hold can be seen, then hoist it up 100 feet in the air over the railroad exhibit. So many things, but it's so worth it to see and enjoy the fact that it's our plane hanging from the ceiling of one of most interesting and exciting museums in the world. A huge undertaking but working all together, we got it done. The whole video is on YouTube if you're interested in seeing it again.

Now that we've completed a fast six months into 2024, what have you done for yourself? For your family? For America? Anything? No, me either. I'm just so happy to open my eyes, roll over, get out of bed, with much difficulty, and hope I don't fall. My hearing isn't that good any more, but I still can hear my bones clattering as I straighten out. They still sound like tools clattering in a tool box. But, I'm up! I still have my beautiful family, many of my friends, can afford to dine at Burger King, I'm in their Rewards Program, free burger on Wednesdays. I can drive to Tony's or Jewel for their sales, pick up a friend on the way, sometimes even see some of the girls I went to school with. I still have my Skyliners Club to plan our next luncheon this Fall with my Board. Yep, folks, we are lucky to be here and to keep in touch with others. So to answer my own question, we have accomplished things this year. Congratulations! Yes, we have lost family members and good friends, but while we had them, we loved them, we shared our lives and made good memories.

Our co-workers that flew West include **John R. Costello**, EXO President of Food Service Division, **Mark Redman**, EXORA Revenue Accounting Director, **John Frye** ORDCG, **John Brennan**, ORDCS/CHIRR, from ORDFO, Captains **Ralph Stukel, Rob Roberts, Phil Rider**, and kind, famous, FO administrator, **Ray Potsic** (The Man), **James Whitaker**, ORDJL. Other notables in our lives are actors, Dabney Colman, (9 to 5) Johnny Wactor and Elizabeth MacRae (General Hospital), Darryl Hickman (Grapes of Wrath), Tom Bower (Die Hard 2), Janis Paige, (Pajama Game), director, Roger Corman (Little Shop of Horrors), entertainment journalist, Sam Rubin (from LAX, on WGN a lot), Richard Sherman (song writer/composer for Disney-Mary Poppins, etc), sports person Bill Walton, (BOS basketball and sportscaster), businessmen Ivan Boesky, (stock trader), Bruce

Nordstrom (chairman of Nordstrom), Marian Robinson, (Michelle Obama's mother), comedians, James Gregory and Rudy Moreno, musician, David Sanborn (Young Americans saxophone), racing driver winner, Parnelli Jones, Bill Anders, 90, Apollo 8 astronaut who took the most iconic images in 1968 of the earth from space.

Thank you to all who wrote or called to thank me for my 'Boomers Music' last month. Glad you enjoyed it. I liked it, too. We were so 'pure' in the 50's, maybe you remember some of the swear words we used then. Here they are: Get Bent, Oh, Fudge, Scram, Make Like a Tree and Leave, Knuckle Sandwich, That's so Mickey Mouse, Riff Raff, Heavens to Betsy, and Party Pooper. Holy Cow, they consider those swear words? The adults of then should hear the ones they're using today! From one extreme to another.

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Calendar:

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

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**July 18**). Third Thursday.

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

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Our May chapter meeting was held on May 14th. It was our "Hello to Summer" Celebration Lunch which we chose to have at a local Applebee's. Those attending were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Alan & Sharron Miller, Frank & Susanne Ingegno, Ron Bretherick**, and **Charles Theiss** with his son. We had a pleasant social meeting with good food and plenty of conversation. It was enjoyable for all. No chapter business was discussed.

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **July 9** at Emmy's
- **August 13** at Emmy's
- **September 10** at Emmy's

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

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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His voice has been silenced; we will miss his humor, stories and great knowledge of trivia. **Bill Wade**, retired, (DTWSS, DTWCS) passed away on May 24, 2024. He was interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan with full military honors. He was married to **Camille** who also retired from United (CLERR, DTWSS, DTWOZ, DTWRR). Cards may be sent to Camille at 5744 Charlesworth, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

Thought for the month: *"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy."*

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

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 or **Arlene McCroy** at apolloguy@aol.com for information about the next get together Luncheon.



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There were 11 members at our May 13 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. It was nice to see everyone. **Barbara & Larry Leusing** had recently returned from a trip to Europe.

The 2024 RUAEA Reunion, again at the Dana Hotel & Resort at Mission Beach, will be from September 27 – October 2. The room rate is \$135.00/night and includes 2 free breakfasts per room night, free parking and waived resort fees. That is a real bargain for any resort in California. The Flight Officers and Flight Attendant retirees have again been invited to join us. Also included are the Continental retirees. All 3 groups joined us last year and it was very enjoyable to meet new people with similar airline experiences. John and I will be going again this year.

A May birthday is being celebrated by **Bonnie Royal**. The 50/50 winner was myself – Yay!

Our next meeting will be on June 10 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Submitted by The Garden Staters President, Frank Warzocha

Sixteen members attended our monthly get-together. We held a moment of silence for **EV Eaton** who was a mechanic and a loyal member of the Garden Staters; **Rolf Udo Rahardt**, formerly of EWR flight kitchen, also flight attendant **Betty Nash**, the oldest flight attendant at 88; she flew for Eastern, Trump, U.S. Air and American.

Our turnout was a bit low this month but hopefully it'll pick up next month.

And now another story of the "Greatest Generations" from Marty Etler:

Of the many reunions that the 301 Bomb Group had, the one in Dayton, Ohio seems to have stood out in memory more than any. I say this because military veterans can really only relate to those who they have shared their experiences with.

Anyway, our reunions were well practiced; they ran from Thursday to Sunday. On Thursday, it was usually meet and greet after you have checked in. Violet and I were already seated at a table, when one of our vets came over and asked if he could sit with us, and of course we said yes. When he sat down and began to talk to us, he asked us if we had seen his friend. He told me the friend's name and I said I remember seeing it on a check-in list where we signed in. Now he began to tell me and Violet a story that was beyond interesting.

He was in the 12th Air Force Station in North Africa, and when Italy surrendered, they moved all the bombers to Foggia's airport by Rome. There, they were bombing southern Germany, and more important the Pliosti oilfields in Romania, the only source of oil for Germany.

On one of the raids, as they returned flying over the Austrian Tyrol, they were hit with antiaircraft fire, so bad they had to abandon ship and bailout, they were down to about 2000 feet. He was a gunner in the back of the plane and when it was his turn to jump, he looked to the front of the plane and saw one of the guys jump but the parachute did not open. He was later captured by the Austrians and taken to prison camp. Those who jumped out the front were also captured and taken to a different prison camp. He still didn't know whose chute did not open. Later, he found out through the Red Cross that it was the radio operator and apparently there was so much snow on the mountains and on the trees that they served as a cushion for him when he hit the ground and he survived.

After the war ended, all those men in the prison camps were repatriated back to the United States. He said the two of them kept in touch with each other for many years, but they decided to come to this reunion and see each other for the first time in 40 years since that bailout.

He looked around, and there at the next table, was his friend with his whole family. They saw each other and came together with big hugs and tears streaming down in large quantities from the both of them. I can tell you there wasn't a dry eye in that whole area where we sat. Just one story of a million more. "Lest we forget".

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ed Pozzi** announced that we won't be having the July picnic.

We missed **Mike Schroder** who is still in physical therapy and **George Riggi** who was on the road after attending his nephew's graduation.

The 50/50 winners were **Ileana Falcon, John Green, and Nick Manfredo.**

Celebrating June Anniversaries are **Maureen & Len Pascale, Julie & Vic Carnevale, Bernadette & William Halagarda, and Alice & Desmond Holdsworth.**

Happy June Birthday to **LeeAnn Ricci, Alice Brennan, and Harold Koch.**

Only in America: There are handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.

Calendar:

July 3 – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press. No picnic.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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

Calendar:

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

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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There is no report this month from the Oregon Dew-er's Chapter of RUAEA. Here are some chuckles for this month:

All about 'marriage':

- ☺ Marriage is a lot like the army, everyone complains, but you'd be surprised at the number that re-enlist. ~ *James Garner*
- ☺ Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards. ~ *Benjamin Franklin*
- ☺ Don't assume that every sad-eyed woman has loved and lost - she may have got him.
- ☺ A man usually falls in love with a woman who asks the kinds of questions he can answer. ~ *Ronald Colman*
- ☺ Before marriage the three little words are 'I love you', after marriage they are, 'let's eat out'.
- ☺ By all means marry: If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. ~ *Socrates*
- ☺ A diplomatic husband said to his wife, 'How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?'
- ☺ It takes a smart spouse to have the last word and not use it.
- ☺ The honeymoon is over when he phones to say he'll be late for supper and she's already left a note that it's in the refrigerator. ~ *Bill Lawrence*
- ☺ The average woman would rather have beauty than brains because she knows that the average man can see much better than he can think. ~ *Ladies Home Journal*
- ☺ A good marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband. ~ *Michel de Montaigne*
- ☺ Alimony is like buying oats for a dead horse. ~ *Arthur Baer*
- ☺ Marriage is a great institution - but I'm not ready for an institution yet. ~ *Mae West*
- ☺ When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her. ~ *Sacha Guitry*
- ☺ You have only to mumble a few words in church to get married and a few words in your sleep to get divorced.
- ☺ If there is any realistic deterrent to marriage, it's the fact that you can't afford divorce. ~ *Jack Nicholson*
- ☺ The person who marries for money usually earns every penny of it.
- ☺ The most difficult years of marriage are those following the wedding.
- ☺ A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life to be thankful for a good one. ~ *Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings*
- ☺ Marriage is like twirling a baton, handsprings, or eating with chopsticks. It looks easy till you try it.
- ☺ If men acted after marriage as they do during courtship, there would be fewer divorces ... and more bankruptcies. ~ *Frances Rodman*
- ☺ Some husbands are living proof that a woman can take a joke.
- ☺ Many husbands go broke on the money their wives save on sales.
- ☺ There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman – before marriage and after marriage.
- ☺ In Hollywood all marriages are happy. It's trying to live together afterwards that causes the problems. ~ *Shelley Winters*
- ☺ No woman ever falls in love with a man unless she has a higher opinion of him than he deserves. ~ *Edgar Watson Howe*
- ☺ The only real argument for marriage is that it remains the best method for getting acquainted. ~ *Heywood Broun*

Calendar:

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

July 11

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers Chapter or RUAEA.
May Birthdays ~ Johnna Chicots.
June Anniversaries ~ Dave & Gwen Detwiler.
June Birthdays ~ Verna Alex and Jean Wolfe.

TENNESSEE

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

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

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Our summer picnic is scheduled for July 9, at noon at **Kathi Skarbo's** home in Burien; cost is \$10 p/p (cash or checks only, no credit card). Please RSVP to Ken if you and your guests (if any) are coming by July 7. Food and drink will be provided (BYOB). See you all there!

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

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The news has been teeming with “clear air turbulence” (CAT) stories lately. Understandably, it is hazardous to aircraft and passengers and we have reason to be concerned. According to the AGU, Advancing Earth and Space Sciences Research, there is evidence for large increases in CAT over the past four decades. Severe-or-greater CAT increased 55% more frequently in 2020 than in 1979. As we have all heard or read, there have been several incidents in the last few weeks. Our own United Flight 85, on March 30, had an incident while attempting to land at Newark’s Liberty International Airport from Tel Aviv where 7 passengers were injured and the plane diverted to Stewart International Airport in Orange County NY. May 21, Singapore Airlines flight 321 from London to Singapore had over 100 injured as they diverted the 777 to Bangkok. Sadly, one passenger died of a suspected heart attack and 22 patients had spinal cord injuries and six had brain and skull injuries. Another CAT occurrence happened on May 24 on Qatar Airways where 12 passengers were injured. This flight was flying from Doha to Dublin and eight of the injured were hospitalized.

What is the lesson we all need to heed due to this increase in CAT? As retired UAL employees and frequent travelers ... **keep your seat belt fastened at all times.** Even when the seat belt sign is **off**, one should always keep it fastened. Personally, this is important to me as a retired flight attendant as we **are** safety professionals. My husband Jim was working in the first class cabin in 1981 when UAL Flight 12 LAX to EWR experienced a CAT and over 100 passengers were sent to Chicago area hospitals when they made the emergency landing in ORD. His main comment is “if they didn’t have their seat belts on they hit the ceiling!” Several of the flight attendants in the economy section were severely injured and never came back to flying! The passengers, without injuries, made it to their final destination which was EWR the next day!

Clipped Wings® is composed of current, former and retired United, United Express, and Continental flight attendants. We all hope you will keep your seat belts fastened and make sure those around you are doing the same! If you know anyone who would



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be interested in “continuing the connection” and obtain information about Clipped Wings® please contact me or go to our website at unitedclippedwingsinc.org, Facebook Clipped Wings® Chat Corner, or our Instagram at [clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual). Our main philanthropy, of which we are so proud, is Special Olympic Parent Grants. We have 28 chapters and currently 1,048 members! So please come to join the friendship and philanthropy.

NEW MEMBERS

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

James Bowlds, Naples, FL
Jennifer Halem, Castle Rock, CO
Linda McDonough, St. Petersburg, FL
Bonnie Mccloud, Waipahu, HI
Michael Nichols, Kailua, HI

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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
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- 5) Address

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

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

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Spouse – **Stenberg, Melanie**, on 5/12/2024, wife of Gregory Stenberg, DENMM, mother of Gregory Stenberg, Jr. and Jeffery Stenberg, 149 Eagle Ave., Mead, CO 80542

Retiree – **Stukel, Jr., Ralph J.**, on 5/15/2024, ORDFO, husband of Joyce Stukel (deceased), S38W32255 Green Briar Rd., Waukesha, WI 53189

Retiree – **Whitaker, James Aaron**, on 12/16/2023, ORDJL, husband of Eddy Lee Whitaker, ORDJL, 6700 S. Keating Ave., Apt. 323, Chicago, IL 60629

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:

Michelle Abbey, Tom Barnes, Larry Barr, Joseph Bilicki, Shirley Bogle, Kevin Dillon, James Dite, Robert Duffey, Martin Eagan, Shirley Elrod, William Engler, Charlotte Flagg, William Gibson, Carl Hanson, Barrie Hooley, Agnes Jones, Lynn Kalwelt, Norm Kirby, Jane Ayers La Torra, Thomas McLean, Shirley Pilgrim, Robert Rominski, Josephine Sanders, Kerrie Schneider, Judy Schroeder, Robert Smith, James Stevens, Carol Stoop, Susan Thornton, Phung Tidman, and Leslie Will.

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.)

Mary Brennan, 988 Horizon St., Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

I enjoy the chapter's news. I only worked in MSP, but familiar names show up.

Arlene McCroy (I stayed in her condo in HNL once). She will remember **Marlene Overpeck** too. I had lunch with her and her husband a year ago in White Bear Lake. We shared fun stories.

All of us could write a book about the good 'ole UAL days. Would it be a best seller?

Thank you to all involved with RUAEA and keeping us informed and connected.

Jack Ferrell, 401 Burney Circle, Farragut, TN 37934

A memory from the past:

It was a miserable morning at the Omaha Municipal Airport. It was cold, snow mixed with rain and the wind blowing at about 15 mph out of the North. It was February 1971. I was a senior Boeing 727 Co-pilot on that bitter winter morning. The Boeing 727 was one of United's most productive airplanes. I was proud to fly for United on this magnificent airplane.

This morning our destination was Chicago O'Hare Airport, less than one hour away. I lived in Barrington, IL, a nice little city bordering NW Chicago. I lived with my wife, Sue and four children, one brand new, a little girl, born June 13th, 1970.

Our flight out of Omaha was using an open selfpropelled stairway for passenger boarding. The weather made it very difficult.

As we, the cockpit crew was finishing our "Pre Start" checklist, the captain motioned to me and the Flight Engineer to look out his left cockpit forward windshield.

What we saw was really amazing! We had a celebrity on our flight who was a movie star, Danny Kaye. He was wearing a full length Coonskin overcoat and was welcoming all of our passengers as they came aboard our flight to Chicago, while wearing his "Coon-skin" overcoat.

That was quite a sight! We boarded everyone as soon as possible. We all applauded Danny Kaye as he came on board and we then closed and locked the door.

The outside mechanic called and told us we were clear to start the engines. Engines were started; we got clearance and were ready for take off. The captain complied, assumed an angle to fly at a good, safe climb altitude and we were off to Chicago.

45 minutes later, we contacted Chicago Approach Control, we were cleared for our approach and landing. The Captain made a beautiful landing!

June Kerns, 1655 West St., Hayward, CA 94545

Sorry to be late again. Too much is happening but that is our fault.

Lyn has been retired 32 years and he turned 94 in March. He is still very active, thank the Lord.

We still live in our home with family near by.

Thank you for the work you all do for RUAEA.

Virginia Monaco, 646 Tuscan Vw., Elgin, IL 60124

Thank you once again for the friendly reminder.

These days go by faster but the mind doesn't keep up as fast.

I appreciate all the update you give us and the information members send.

This Newsletter must never end, you keep us informed of friends either seen or remembered since retirement.

We all loved working with our United Family, a company never to be forgotten.

Josephine Sanders, 113 Oyster Catcher Ct., Daytona Beach, FL 32119

I look forward to receiving the Newsletter each month.

I retired in 2006 after 37 years. I began in In-flight service at JFK. Then moved to SFO to International concierge. My last stop was supervisor in SMF. I loved all of it.

I have traded my air travel to mostly Cruise travel. My spouse Tom and I are the ballroom duo on many Carnival journeys. We teach ballroom dancing to the guest. Carnival has taken us on many destination adventures.

We live in Florida and still use my United travel to visit family in SFO and ORD. I guess I am not fully retired yet!

Notes

William E. Anderson

I retired from United in 2001. I'm glad to have the RUAEA Newsletter to keep me informed and to keep track of old friends.

Terri Crowell

I married **Tom Laney** a year ago. Unfortunately, he doesn't enjoy travel as much as I do but I am still using my wonderful pass benefits for trips without him.

Michael Nichols

I retired on February 1, 2019.

Ann E. Medve

The newsletter is a great source of useful information plus member stories, new members and obits.

Dolores Randmark

I retired from CHIRR in 2008. My husband, **Clyde**, passed away last year and he was also a United retiree. Fortunately, overall my health has been good and I continue to travel often, mostly on cruises of late. I find it difficult to get answers from United and I'm hoping to find them through RUAEA.

James Pelletier

I have been retired for 24 years and RUAEA has been my best way to stay informed about friends and what is going on with them. Those 33 years have been some of the best years of my career with UAL! I like reading the Newsletter and it has helped me get hold of some of my old friends. Thank you for all your staff do to relate info from all the different states. Keep up the great work y'all do! Now speaking NC slang and love living in Cary, NC. Anyone can reach me via cell (336) 250-5293.

Jennifer Halem

I am sub CO. I started in LA res then ONT, SAN, LAX, PBI and last stop DEN.

Allan Popek

I am the President of the Treasure Coast in South Florida; Stuart, Florida. I retired from United on 1/1/2000 with 35 years of service working in JFK, LGA, and PBI. Working for United Airlines was an experience of a lifetime. Look forward to getting the RUAEA Newsletter each month.

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