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Standing (L to R): Bob Devlin, John Zoboli, Louis Semon, Ken Story, Don Wolfe,
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Sitting (L to R): Frank Dellinger, Sonda Sandstedt, Don Burbank, Ron Bertacini,
Virgil & Martha Gooselaw



Standing (L to R): John Chu, George Midwin, Ron Bertacini and Pat Zoboli

Sitting (L to R): Barbara Drews, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Angie Dellinger,
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Correspondents Meeting

GENERAL NEWS

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From The Employee Travel Center Team Use of Saved Credit Cards for Pass Travel



Due to unforeseen technical issues with the Ticketing Service using Credit Cards saved in employeeRES, we are once again faced with needing to remove all saved credit card details from employee and pass rider profiles. While this is not something we want to do, we have no other choice in order to allow tickets to again be issued that were purchased with a saved credit card. Going forward, we've been assured this is the final time that removal of saved credit card details will be necessary.

For those who have already paid for pass travel using a saved credit card and who are traveling within the next few days, we highly suggest logging into eRES and checking to be sure the booking has been ticketed (you cannot do this on the United app). You'll need go to the Travel plans tab, select the booking, then select the "View/edit trip details" button. This should pull up all of the booking details. If your booking shows the below text, then it's likely impacted by this Ticketing Service issue.

While Ticketing Service is going to re-queue the bookings for ticketing once the saved credit card details are removed from all profiles, this may not happen quickly enough if you are traveling today or in the next couple of days. Therefore, we suggest, as a work-around, that you cancel the un-ticketed trip, and then book again and manually enter the credit card details rather than using the saved credit card. This should result in immediate ticketing of the booking.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding while we work through this issue with the Ticketing Service.

New RUAEA Website Design



We are excited about the launch of our new website design. The RUAEA website has a new look and is now optimized for viewing on a variety of devices, from smart phones and tablets to laptops and desktops.

If you haven't visited our website in a while, give it a try at www.ruaea.org.

United and Emirates Expand Market Presence Through New Agreement September 14, 2022



United and Emirates announced a historic commercial agreement today that will enhance each airline's network and give their customers easier access to hundreds of destinations within the United States and around the world*.

United will launch a new direct flight between Newark/New York and Dubai starting in March 2023 – from there, customers can travel on Emirates or its sister airline flydubai to more than 100 different cities. Tickets for United's new Dubai flight are now on sale.

Starting in November, Emirates customers flying into three of the nation's biggest business hubs – Chicago, San Francisco and Houston – will have access to nearly 200 U.S. cities in the United network – most of which only require a one-stop connection. At eight other U.S. airports served by Emirates – Boston, Dallas, LA, Miami, JFK, Orlando, Seattle and Washington DC – both airlines will have an interline arrangement in place.



United and Emirates announced their agreement today at a ceremonial event at Dulles International Airport, hosted by United CEO Scott Kirby and Emirates President Sir Tim Clark, featuring United and Emirates Boeing 777-300ER aircraft and flight crews from each carrier.

"This agreement unites two iconic, flag carrier airlines who share a common commitment to creating the best customer experience in the skies," said United CEO Scott Kirby. *"United's new flight to Dubai and our*

complementary networks will make global travel easier for millions of our customers, helping boost local economies and strengthen cultural ties. This is a proud moment for both United and Emirates employees, and I look forward to our journey together.”

“Two of the biggest, and best-known airlines in the world are joining hands to fly people better to more places, at a time when travel demand is rebounding with a vengeance. It’s a significant partnership that will unlock tremendous consumer benefit and bring the United Arab Emirates and the United States even closer,” said Sir Tim Clark, President Emirates Airline. *“We welcome United’s return to Dubai next year, where our hub Dubai essentially becomes a gateway for United to reach Asia, Africa and the Middle East via the combined network of Emirates and flydubai. We look forward to developing our partnership with United for the long term.”*

Soon customers of both airlines can book these connecting flights on a single ticket – making check-in and luggage transfer faster and easier. For example – travelers will be able to visit United.com or use the United app to book a flight from Newark/New York to Karachi, Pakistan or go to Emirates.com to book a flight from Dubai to Atlanta or Honolulu.

This agreement will also give the loyalty program members of both airlines more opportunities for more rewards: United MileagePlus® members flying on United’s Newark/New York to Dubai flight can soon earn and redeem miles when connecting beyond on Emirates and flydubai and Emirates Skywards members will be able to earn miles when they travel on United operated flights. Eligible United customers will also soon have access to Emirates lounges when connecting to and from United’s new Dubai flight.

Both airlines have recently announced significant investments in the customer experience. Emirates will retrofit more than 120 aircraft as part of a \$2 billion effort that includes elevated meal choices, a brand-new vegan menu, a ‘cinema in the sky’ experience, cabin interior upgrades, and sustainable choices. At United, the airline will add 500 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft to its fleet with a focus on a new signature interior that includes seat-back screens in every seat, larger overhead bins, Bluetooth connectivity throughout, and the industry’s fastest available in-flight WiFi.

The Writers’ Column - Thoughts of an Old Man
(Bumper Stickers)
By Bob Duensing

Yesterday, I was talking to my daughter about stuff and the conversation turned to a problem that my granddaughter was having with her car. After a few minutes, my daughter mentioned a bumper sticker that my granddaughter has on her car. I had forgotten about it even though I think it is hilarious.

After my daughter left, I put that out of my mind – or so I thought. At 3AM this morning, I woke up thinking about bumper stickers. I lay there trying to go back to sleep but I couldn’t get it out of my mind. When the alarm went off at 5AM, I was still thinking about bumper stickers. So I decided to write about them.

When you are as old as I am, you remember that the precursor to bumper stickers were Burma Shave signs along the road. Burma Shave signs were a genius way of advertising their shaving cream. They were initiated in 1926 and remained scattered around the country until about the early 1960’s. That advertising scheme was very effective and entertaining to the motorist.

There would be a few words on a sign attached to a fence post and then a little distance down the road, there would be another sign with a few more words to the story and so on. The final sign would say “Burma Shave”

This advertising plan provided entertainment to the occupants of the car and had minimal impact on safety since you were usually on a two lane road and in a rural area.

Some examples of Burma Shave signs: *“The One Who Drives When He’s Been Drinking Depends On You To Do His Thinking - Burma Shave”*

“Thirty Days Hath September, April, June, And The Speed Offender - Burma Shave”

“Don’t Pass Cars On Curve Or Hill. If The Cops Don’t Get You, Morticians Will - Burma Shave”

As time passed, Burma Shave signs were no longer practical with the wider highways and wide shoulders alongside the road. Bumper stickers started to emerge. Some were clever, some were funny, some were rather nasty and a lot of them were political.

Along came some bumper stickers that had two lines of dialog and as a result were harder to read. This tempted motorists to ease up closer to read the message. The disadvantage to this was the fact it decreased the number of nanoseconds it took to rear end the car ahead of you if they touched the brake pedal.

If you think that is a distraction, the advent of vanity license plates is worse. Some of them are obvious, others not so much. Some examples of entertaining ones: “IN REHAB”, “O HAIL NO”, “WATTEVR”, “IOU DAD” (obviously a college student), “NOCAR4U” (on a tow truck), and “XCOOOSME”.

These license plates provide a challenge to the driver and any passenger to be the first to decipher the meaning. Once again the nanoseconds are decreased if the driver with the vanity plate slows down unexpectedly.

Back to my granddaughter’s bumper and my original thought. In order to understand the sticker, you have to have some knowledge of Star Wars. If you are not a fan of Star Wars movies (neither am I) the plot of the movies are Good vs. Evil with the dark side being evil of course.

As an aside, even though I am not a Star Wars fan, the Bar scene is worth watching and can be accessed by searching “bar scene star wars”.

Keeping in mind that the Dark Side is evil, the bumper sticker reads: COME TO THE DARK SIDE – WE HAVE COOKIES.

Torgy’s Travel Tips – November 2022

Road Scholar



Well, I checked one off my bucket list this past August. Pre-Covid I had made plans to join a Road Scholar group to hike the Swiss, Italian and French Alps. This was to celebrate a milestone birthday (70) in January 2021. Those plans fell through due to the pandemic, needless to say. But I’m proud to say I accomplished my goal this year with a wonderful group of “elder” hikers from all over the US; with great local guides and accommodations all arranged by Road Scholar. This was my 4th trip with RS and I’d like to pass along some travel tips that might interest you. Read on.

Road Scholar was formerly known as Elderhostel, which was founded in 1975 as a not-for-profit organization geared for travelers aged 55+ desiring to stay active and to learn while traveling. They used empty college dorm rooms in summer to house participants who would attend lectures by professors on a plethora of subjects, and then have fun excursions in and around the college location. It was popular, but participants commented on 2 things that often limited their friends from joining: The name seemed to signify “old” and they longed for destinations and adventures not limited to college campuses during summer.

So, in 2010 the organization changed their name to Road Scholar (a tip of the hat to the esteemed Rhodes Scholars, signifying great knowledge, and being “on the road” to exciting destinations). It is still a not-for-profit organization offering more than 5,500 learning adventures, serving more than 100,000 participants annually. Programs are offered in all 50 US states, 150 other countries and aboard ships on rivers and oceans worldwide. Accommodations now are very comfortable, often 4-to-5-star hotels in many locations. No more “youth hostel” style bunking!



the next day. We snorkeled and swam among the penguins and sharks and learned so much about the fragile nature of these enchanted islands. Then it was time to fly to Cusco and learn about the archeology in the Sacred Valley and Machu Pichu. We learned in the evenings and practiced what we learned during the days. And then it was off to Lima for more adventures. Food, lodging, transportation and guides were top notch.

Eleven years ago, my husband and I enjoyed the best trip of our lives on an 18-day Road Scholar adventure to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Pichu. Unlike many travel operators in that area who use large vessels like the National Geographic Explorer, RS uses small 16 passenger (+crew) boats that can navigate into the myriad of small bays in the Galapagos. A Galapagos National Park Service Guide was onboard our boat for the entire 8 days and we had a lecture each evening about what we would experience

On my recent trip to the Alps, it was again, top notch. The age and experience of the hiking group was respected throughout the trip: 2 days aggressive day hiking followed by 1 day of more relaxed adventures. The 14-day trip took us to Les Diablerets in Switzerland, the Great St. Bernard Pass into Italy, 4 wonderful days in and around Gran Paradiso National Park in the Aosta valley of Italy and then the highlight was 3 days hiking around Chamonix, France. The sound of cow bells tinkling in the distance as we traversed pastoral valleys was magical. The weather was perfect.

We ascended to the Aiguille du Midi of Mt. Blanc at elevation of 12,604 ft. via 2 cable cars. The view was almost more than I can describe. Imagine snow and mountain peaks so white (no air pollution at this level) that it almost hurts the eyes.



Then we descended to the ice caves of the Mer de Glace glacier, which has receded so far now that it requires taking a gondola down the mountainside and then climb down a further 540 steps to the cave entrance. And you have climb back up those same 540 steps when you're finished! But the experience and the cog train ride back down to Chamonix was worth it.

Now, you may not be interested in such an aggressive vacation, but Road Scholar has many, many other destinations and themes that just might engage you, including inter-generational programs where you can bring along grandkids. What a great and unique bonding opportunity. I would recommend requesting their free, wonderful catalog as well as looking online at www.roadscholar.org.



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Our Birmingham chapter met on September 12 at the Fish Market Restaurant. In attendance were **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Jim & Donna Gooch, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox** and **Joe Jones**.

We celebrated **Herb & Carol Wilbanks'** anniversary and **Donna Gooch** birthday.

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.

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Happy October! I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. Safe travels if you are heading back to your Arizona home.

Our September breakfast had 20 in attendance with lots of discussion on how and what everyone was doing.

Our next breakfast will be October 28 at 9am at Black Bear Diner, 1890 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. It's always fun to gather together so if you know someone who would like to join, bring them along or tell them where we meet. Please notify our VP **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email her at phomfeldt@cox.net a couple of days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant.

There has been a slight change to our Christmas Luncheon ~ it will be Tuesday, December 6 (one day earlier), 11am-2pm and catered by Robert's Catering (same as last year). He has a lovely patio with beautiful views. We are asking everyone to bring a "White Elephant Gift" to the lunch. Remember to save this date!

October Birthdays ~ **Rosemarie Schaeffer, Jennifer Strohmaier, Bob Forsberg, Donna Pedone** and **Cindy Hilsabeck**.

October Anniversaries ~ **Pam & Bill Betz** and **Kathy & Jim Brigante**.

Calendar:

October 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

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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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What a beautiful day in the neighborhood! I am sure you have heard that phrase before and it truly was a beautiful day for a picnic. The Northstaters were finally able to get together at the Woodson Bridge State Park, located in Corning, California, next to the Sacramento River. It was great weather and a treat to see a lot of our members again. We had 13 retirees and spouses. Everyone brought their own lunch and drinks and we were able to catch up on past times.

Merritt Odor, our President, held a mini meeting welcoming everyone. Merritt started off by reading some of the jokes from the Portland group that were in the Newsletter last month. They were hilarious! Merritt then asked for birthdays or anniversaries. **Klaren Odor** celebrated her birthday in September and **Carl Franke's** birthday will be in October. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** celebrated their 30th anniversary in October.

Sharon spoke about our wonderful retiree, **Charlotte Puryear**. She will be 102 years young on October 16th. Sharon reported she is doing very well in Redding at Lavender Hill, an assisted living home, and enjoys taking a lot of walks around Lavender Hill. The group signed a birthday card; **Sharon Simonton, Caroline Geiger** and **Billie Jorgensen** will be delivering her card. Happy Birthday Charlotte!

Merritt commented that most of the groups in RUAEA have declined in numbers; however, the Northstaters still want to meet every other month.

We talked about our Christmas get-together in December. **Vincent & Kay Nedlinger** volunteered their home and we will be having a Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30 AM. It will be pot luck with a gift exchange as always.

Again, thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and continued friendships.

Calendar:

December 14 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM at **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger's** home in Redding.

CENTRAL COASTERS



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We managed to get through another month after all the tourists took over our beach. We live in a tourist location on the west coast and a college town. During the Labor Day, three-day holiday, it was impossible for the locals to get to the beach. Since the temperatures in the California valley were over 100 degrees every day, people from Bakersfield and other valley towns came to the beaches to cool off. We have our little town back and the beach is pretty empty so now we get to enjoy it again.

I've been reading all about the Airlines, some good and bad, news. UAL has made the news several times, but so have others. It seems Flight Schedules are changing due to shortage of pilots and ground personnel. The blame is on weather or ATC problems that cause a lot of the interruptions. I haven't flown anywhere in over 25

years and I'm happy others seem to enjoy the terminal congestions and schedule changes. I'm glad that I was hired prior to the Jet Age, and got to enjoy flying during the 50's and 60's.

I just read where AAL is pulling out of SFO in January 2023. Many employees live in the Bay Area, and should involve flight crews and ground personnel. It will be interesting if gates are made more available and ticket counters also. The employees will have quite a job in relocating or looking for other jobs.

I was surprised to hear that UAL will be pulling out of JFK. It seems there is a problem between UAL and the FAA not allowing UAL extra flights to use JFK. This is a similar problem that UAL had back in the 1950's with the FAA. Every time UAL requested other routes, they were turned down. About 1960, Capital was about to fold and this gave UAL the opportunity to merge and get some routes they wanted. The merger allowed Capital personnel to keep their jobs and stay where they were at as long as positions were available. In my case, I was transferred from MDW to SFO at my present job. It will be interesting to see how this all works out.

Finally, someone told me: *"You will never solve any computer problem if you are in a bad mood. It can be frustrating."*

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

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There is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds chapter of RUAEA.
Our next lunch meeting is planned for October 13.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy November and happy Thanksgiving from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on October 7, we are having a few days of temps in the high 80's. Is this our last mini heat wave? Who knows?

Covid cases in my area have dropped dramatically to the point where masks are no longer required in stores, restaurants, theaters and the like. My therapy dog and I visit the local hospital every Thursday. During our last visit on October 6, there was only one isolation room due to Covid on the med-surg floor.

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 to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

As secretary for our chapter, I am the one who sends out emails to the group with reminders about meetings and other updates. I think I set a record in September for the number of emails in one month. Our September meeting, due to be held on Labor Day, was canceled due to the excessive heat wave all over the West Coast. I then sent out an email asking everyone to vote on meeting September 12 vs. 19. It was a tie, so I made an executive decision and chose the 19th as it gave everyone more notice.

We met at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord for lunch, with 9 members in attendance. **Ed & Sue von Emster** had not come for a while and it was so nice to see them again. Several of our regulars were missing. **Diane Griego** was in Oregon and **Joe & Wilma Leather** were visiting their daughter and family in Boise. **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** is a whiz at figuring out public transit schedules. Switching our meeting from Labor Day to a non-holiday Monday was a blessing in disguise for him. He could not have attended on Labor Day because of the reduced schedule but was able to come on the 19th. At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. **Russ Kennedy** called out the winning numbers, **Sue von Emster** won the money, and all the other winners took home a bottle of wine.

At this meeting, we were supposed to vote on the restaurant for our October and November meetings. But with only 9 members present, I decided to have everyone vote via email - Old Spaghetti Factory for both, Black Bear for both, or one of each. Once again, it was a virtual tie, which meant another executive decision on my part to meet at Old Spaghetti Factory in October and Black Bear in November; and yet another email to everyone to let them know where to meet and to get an RSVP for October. When I called Old Spaghetti Factory with our count four days before the meeting, I was told the restaurant would be closed that day for repairs in their kitchen! You guessed it - another email to everyone to tell them that we would be doing a switcheroo - Black Bear in October and Old Spaghetti Factory in November.

Our October meeting was held on October 3rd at The Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek with 13 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00 and then we ordered around noon. We missed **Diane Griego** who is recuperating from emergency abdominal surgery while on vacation in Oregon in September. She said this surgery has really knocked her for a loop but she hopes to come to our November meeting. We passed around a Get Well card for everyone to sign. Black Bear Diner does not take reservations, but luckily, we were able to get the meeting room and have it to ourselves. Thanks to **Russ Kennedy** who was the first one to arrive and give them our group info. I arrived a few minutes later and they were already setting up the meeting room for us. Social hour started at 11:00. After we ordered drinks and our meals, I asked everyone to say something about what they have been doing or share some interesting information. **Russ Kennedy** said that he had talked to **Ken Price** who does not feel up to coming to our luncheons anymore. Ken recently took a ride in a glider and sent Russ pictures and a video of the landing. **Rich Bouska** said that he had to land a plane that had lost all engines during simulator training. **Tom Johnson**, who is a walking encyclopedia on airline stats, has also been up in a glider. At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money and **Russ Kennedy** called out the winning numbers. The first number drawn wins the money. He drew **Glenda Kennedy's** name, and all the other winners took home a bottle of wine or some Thanksgiving towels.

Fall is the time of the annual Monarch Migration. Monarch Watch is a nonprofit educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that focuses on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and its spectacular fall migration. The website is monarchwatch.org. There are 73 species of native milkweeds in the United States. Many of these species are rare, threatened, and endangered. Monarchs utilize about 30 of these species as host plants with some regularity. Monarch Watch collects seed donations to continue restoring native milkweed to all the regions of the U.S. These seeds will be grown and plants will be sold or donated back to their eco-regions.

This website is a wealth of information about milkweed with many useful links. The [Milkweed Profiles](#) link gives descriptions, distributions, growing conditions and images of each milkweed species targeted for restoration. The Growing Milkweeds link gives directions for milkweed propagation and instructions on how to create monarch habitats. The Milkweed Market link provides sources of milkweed seeds and plants. No matter where you live in the U.S., the monarchwatch.org website can tell you what species of milkweed to plant and how to grow it successfully.

My interest was further piqued when I recently read an article about Marin County (north of San Francisco) banning tropical milkweed, a nonnative species of milkweed, because it actually harmed the monarchs. On August 24, the Marin County Agricultural Commission sent a memo to nurseries in the county directing all plant retailers to remove and destroy all tropical milkweed they currently have in stock. Tropical milkweed can harm Monarch butterflies, which are endangered, by confusing them during migration season. Rather than dying back in the winter like native milkweed, tropical milkweed remains bright, which can confuse Monarchs. The tropical variety also produces a parasitic spore that can be harmful to Monarch caterpillars. County residents who have planted tropical milkweed in their gardens and yards do not need to remove it, according to the new guidance, but are advised to prune the flowers back in the fall to a height of six inches.

For example, California is the center of the distributions for six milkweed species used by monarchs; Mexican whorled/narrowleaf milkweed, desert milkweed, California milkweed, heartleaf milkweed, woolypod milkweed and woolly milkweed. Of these, Mexican whorled/narrowleaf milkweed is the most widespread and widely used by monarchs. Each species has a unique distribution within California and restoration efforts should target counties in which these species are known to occur. Note that tropical milkweed, banned by Marin County, is not on the list of milkweed native to California.

And now for your humorous animal story of the month ~ [Japan's](#) Hakone-en Aquarium, an hour's drive southwest of Tokyo, is home to 32,000 animals including sharks and seals. During the last year, [inflation](#) and rising prices have forced the aquarium to cut costs wherever possible. For the penguins and otters this has

meant a change in diet - and the animals are not happy about it. Before, the aquarium offered penguins and otters aji, or Japanese horse mackerel, which the animals readily ate. But the price of aji has increased by 20% to 30% since last year, so to cut costs, in May the aquarium switched to a cheaper alternative - saba, or mackerel. It has not been well received. Within the link below, there is a hilarious video of an aquarium employee waving a mackerel near a penguin. There is no reaction. When she moves the fish closer to its beak, the penguin turns away haughtily. An otter sniffs the fish, then runs away. The aquarium has had to get creative to encourage the animals to eat. They are willing to eat the mackerel only when mixed with their favorite aji. <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/japan-hakone-aquarium-penguins-fish-intl-hnk/index.html>

Last month I told you about therapy dogs at SJC and SFO airports. In mid-July my therapy dog friend and I started the process to get TSA clearance to bring our dogs to SJC. What should have taken about three weeks took over two months, thanks to me having very faint fingerprints that TSA rejected as illegible three times. This came as no surprise. I had the same problem 42 years ago when I applied for a CA teaching credential. I had to be fingerprinted then too, and those were the days of black ink prints. A retired FBI agent did the fingerprinting. He took about 5 sets of prints and none were very good. He actually had to sign something stating this was the best he could do. I had to go from that office to my afternoon shift at SFORR with the dirtiest hands you'd ever seen. So embarrassing! It took several days for all the ink to come off. Fast forward to 2022 with digital fingerprints. Usually TSA does a background check via Name Search after two sets of prints are rejected. But for whatever reason I had to make a third trek to SJC just to plop my hand on the digital reader for about ten seconds per hand. Finally, after the third set was rejected, they did the name search and I was cleared. My friend Barbara and her English Cream Golden Retriever Bailey, and I and my Miniature Poodle Bijou, had our first visit to SJC on September 26. We spent three hours with the airport therapy dog coordinator. She showed us the ropes—getting through TSA with or without sniffer dogs present, checking the arrivals and departures boards, and how best to engage passengers in boarding areas and the hallways. We walked the entire length of both terminals and according to my friend's smart phone, we walked three miles! We are going back on October 14 and can't wait. Our plan is to check the departures board, go to the terminal with the most departures, and visit with people in the boarding areas. We will also encourage people in the hallways to pet the dogs. On our first visit, a lot of people smiled at us as we were walking the dogs, but weren't sure about approaching us. We will ask people if they want to pet the dogs. Once passengers see someone petting them, then others will also stop to say hello and pet our dogs.

Today, SJC has about 32 active therapy dogs and two therapy cats. Some of the dogs are certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Other dogs and the cats are certified with Love on a Leash. Meet the pets of SJC's therapy animal program at <https://www.flysanjose.com/therapy-animals>. By the time the November newsletter is published, you will be able to see a picture and bio of Bijou and Bailey at the URL above.

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." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes.

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. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacture's Coupon". The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can't wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). I would like to thank the East Bay Diablos members who bring coupons to our meeting; and other RUEA members who have mailed me coupons from NJ, CO, IL and CA. Thanks to all these kind people, I was able to turn in a whopping 1,331 coupons to my coupon chairman on October 1st!

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

- ▲ Monday, November 7 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, November 3.

- ▲ Monday, December 5 at 11:00. Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.
- Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!

GOLDEN GATERS

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September just slipped away bringing our wonderful air conditioning (read fog) back and cooling us off. Our annual BBQ was a tasty success – we could have had more members show up as the ribs and beans were outstanding. President **Vera Kina** closed out the month with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence remembering our first responders, military people and those who need our prayers. Vera is stepping down as the “Kitchen Guru” as she has held that position for many years. So, we need someone to fill those shoes pronto. We are looking at various ways to have our meetings and look at the RUAEA Newsletter to see how the other groups handle their meetings. A strong contender is to have our meeting and then traipse off to one of the many restaurants in the area. Here is a recap of meetings for the rest of the year:

- October 24 – BYOBL – speaker, Tiffany Oren, from the Foster City Recreation Center who will bring us information on local activities
- November 28 – Pot Luck Feast – singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8
- December 14 – Great News! The Fish Market Restaurant has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon. We are restricted to 30 people – members will be accepted first, guests will be on a wait-list basis. Cost for members is \$30 per person, guests \$40 per person. Time: 11:30am. We will order off the menu (no Lobster and higher priced selections.) Drinks are extra: this includes liquor, coffee, tea, sodas. Dessert will be provided. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and win a prize – got a pretty cover-up? – dazzle us all! Goodies galore, lots of fun, good friends, some laughter and a great way to make way for 2023! Please email **Ginger Dahlberg** (see above) and let her know you will be attending – you will need to pay by our November 28th meeting (no credit cards.)

Ginger Dahlberg finalized the roster and it was distributed to those attending and mailed to those who were unable to attend the meeting. We have finally heard from **Art & Linda Barrett** – they have moved; lock-stock and barrel to Galt, CA. This is a small town in the San Joaquin Valley – lots of vineyards and an Asparagus Festival to enjoy. We miss them and wish them happiness in their new digs. **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** have moved down to Milpitas to be with Bernice's daughter, Cindy. Their care facility was not working out very well. Keep them in your thoughts. **Norm Wood** and **Shirley Kensinger** are on the get-well list – cards have been sent to them.

Peter Cooper reports that our treasury is looking good – now is the time to remember that dues will be due for 2023. As money is received, the roster will be up-dated and will be available once we are in the New Year. **Gene Walter**, our long-time auditor, asked to be replaced ... special thanks go out to **Gary Chong** who accepted the job. Helping him are **Barbara Underhill** and **Kathy Cooper**.

Our web-footed buddy up North (it does rain a lot up thar!) of us keeps us smiling and laughing with those bon mots! The October issue brought one special remembering tear to my eye – “Hormel Foods made their first batch of Spam in 1937. With everyone out shopping and hoarding food, they have announced that they will be making their second batch later this month ...” Yup, read that again — my response was a big Ha, Ha! Shades of ono kau-kau – (that's “da best” food in English.) Twisting that little silver key around the rim of the can, putting a slice of pineapple on it and baking it, two pieces of white bread. Best Foods mayonnaise, two slices of Spam, slather more mayo on the other piece of bread ... gadzooks, nothing betta! (Three cans of the original Spam reside in my pantry – phooey with the Low Sodium stuff!) School out, jumping on Pan Am and airborne to “Our little Corner of the World,” flying over the sugar plantation where PAT and I were both born, landing at the old airport where relatives and friends were waiting (behind the fence) to place 15 or more leis around our necks, the stop at the Shopping Center to get some lau-laus, hearing Dad with tales of Old Hawaii (surfing with The Duke,) and later in life, sitting on the sea wall under the huge Banyan Tree, strolling past the Pink Palace

and ending up in “The House Without a Key,” lounging in a cushioned bamboo chair, Mai Tai in hand and watching the sun setting and waiting for the green flash. (If you listened carefully, you could hear the Menhunes’ laughing and playing in far-away fields.) Ahhhhh ... Mahalo for the memories!

Be well dear ones, wear that mask in crowds, call a friend just to say hello, get out there and get some exercise and know that you are in our thoughts and heart.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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We all enjoyed delicious lunches at Las Cascada. **Rudy Blazius** gave a big “Thank You” to **Judy Fitzpatrick** and **Rosemary Heier** for setting this luncheon up for us. This particular place always has great food and good service – plus, we are separate enough from the rest of the patrons that we don’t disturb them – I mean, it’s not like we are obnoxious or anything, but we do like to talk and laugh a lot so having our own area is ideal.

As we all know, September is the month when we honor all those who work in the labor field and that covers quite a spectrum of jobs. Rosemary wanted to remind all of us that we all have benefited from the efforts (over the years) put forth to get those businesses going, keep them going and making them a safe place to work. Years ago – like in the 1870’s – one would (possibly) earn a whopping 35 cents a day. In 1894, we celebrated the first “Labor Day Holiday”. 15-20,000 people participated in a parade to support the labor workers. This holiday was created to honor hard working people and we all need to know it isn’t just “another day off” but showing respect to all who forged the trail for all of us now.

Judy noted that Labor Day used to mark the (unofficial) end of summer. Children returned to school either the Tuesday or Wednesday after Labor Day. She also noted that just a few days earlier, September 9th, is Admission Day for California! September really is an important month for these reasons and, I’m sure, many more.

Rudy welcomed our two guests, **Chris Delfino**, **Gina Kenworthy**’s friend and **Lynn Ceci**, friend of **Thom Biro**. Both Lynn and Chris have joined us before and are always fun. Welcome to both of you! No anniversaries (that I know of) in September but we do have a few members who get to celebrate this month. Happy Birthday to **Thom Kenny**, **Gina Kenworthy**, **Diana Bell**, **Bill Kenney**, **Judy Fitzpatrick** and to anyone I missed! **Irv Wolfram** checked in with Rudy to let us all know that he, and **Sherrie**, are still staying with their son, the fire came right up to their house in Georgetown but the house survived just fine. Phew! Close one.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** brought a few “tidbits” of information to us. Seems “we” have been “upgraded”! Mechanics are no longer the title but instead they’re now Aircraft Maintenance Technicians! Tech Ops is in the early stages of planning for at least half a dozen new stations and opening new check line at both existing hubs and new locations over the next few years, said Planning and Strategy VP Kurt Carpenter. In addition, the organization is hiring thousands of technicians and other employees to replace a growing number of retiring employees as well as to fill new positions created by United Next’s growth. So far this year, Tech Ops has hired 500 AMTs and has another 300 in process that we expect will start before the end of 2022, and they envision hiring at that pace for at least each of the next four years.

United is also hiring flight attendants for the Inflight Services team! Do you know someone interested in becoming a hero character, on a mission to do good in the air and beyond? Be the first to invite them to apply to join the United Inflight team. The posting is open for a very limited time – so don’t wait! Today United has 22,000 active flight attendants!

Thom Biro sent an email reminding us that our chapter, the Hangtown Miners, has reached a new milestone. We have been an (official) chapter of RUAEA since September 2007. **Harry Caldwell** called for a meeting at Denny’s to form a new chapter of retirees into RUAEA. Most were current members of the Gold Diggers at the time. There were less than 30 in attendance and they all agreed that we needed a chapter of our own in our area. Several ideas for our chapter name were offered, but it was Hangtown Miners that resonated

with the group and we became a group of very good friends who happened to work for United Airlines. This month/year marks our 15th Anniversary as a chapter of RUAEA, a group of retired coworkers and dear friends! Were **you** one of those “originals”? Let me know and how you’re doing!

It was suggested that we include those members who have moved away from this area on our email list. Sounded like a good idea, so, **Joe & Lynda Lima** as well as **Joe & Jeanette D’Amico**, hope you enjoy reading this and the pictures too!

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** was present but didn’t have anything to report today.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** let us know that our checking balance in doing quite nicely. We look like we are “on track” for this time of the year.

Tom requested that we consider donating some money to the tool donation project. Tom (and Rudy too) have been working to help out these A & P students who attend that program at Sacramento City College. The donations of “used” tools from our membership and anyone who wants to clean out their toolboxes and put the donation on their tax return, seems to be dwindling. He is going to contact other UAL retiree groups and see if they have anyone who wants to donate, but, meanwhile the classes have started and we want to get what we have to the students who are in need. There are a couple ‘tool lists’ that just need a few more items to be complete. Since Tom works at a hardware store, he is hoping to get a decent discount! Go, Tom! The motion for a charity donation of \$300.00 to go to the A & P Program at the Sacramento City College was made by **Tom Kenny**; seconded by **Judy Fitzpatrick** and passed. Tom will be purchasing the tools he feels are needed, filling out the kits, and getting them to the school. He also plans to talk to the Gold Diggers about this project and see if we can’t get more tools to help out these students. While it may have been “a few years ago”, I’m sure all of you can relate to the overwhelming realization when you started at UAL that you had to come up with all these necessary tools. I remember when Bill was accumulating his and how “lovingly” he put carpet in each tool drawer of his brand new, red, toolbox – I believe that, 55 years later he still has that box! But if you’re just starting out with not much more than a box of sockets, a ratchet or two and maybe a hammer or couple of screwdrivers, it can be daunting! Helping out a new generation gives a good feeling for sure and, it helps you all to make space in your garages! Win! Win!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** reported that she has tried (repeatedly) to get hold of the company who used to make our name badges. Long and short: They are not in business any longer. So, I will look at other options – know a couple people who order for their groups and will get their information. Once I can get something in place I’ll be “taking orders”! **Judy Fitzpatrick** asked if it would be possible to get the name tags with a pin instead of the magnet. I never realized/thought it, but if you have some of the devices for a heart problem, you cannot wear a magnet! Thank you for alerting me to this, Judy.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn’t have anything to report this month. While this is great, we hope that it doesn’t mean that you may be experiencing a problem. Let Suzie know if you are dealing with an issue. She is a good listener and will be able to keep all of us updated – whether it’s good or not so good, keep us up on how you are doing!

Historian ~ **Roy & Dawn Martin** continue to store all of our albums. See “New Business” for a bit more discussion regarding this position.

Old Business ~ Okay, here we go! As you may remember, last month we asked you all to think about and suggest a nice restaurant where we can hold our December luncheon. **Suzanne Kenny** did some research on the Delta King as a possible spot to get together. They do have a banquet facility on the ship, a turkey dinner would run about \$33 and short ribs about \$37, they would add a 22% gratuity and tax plus a set up fee. This doesn’t sound like a very good option, though, it would surely be nice. Sienna Restaurant may be a possibility. The Smith Flat in Placerville has a couple options for groups. Rosemary has a call in to the Cattlemen’s but so far has not returned her calls. We do have the American Legion Hall on “standby”. Roy suggested a committee to do the leg work and see what they can come up with for our luncheon. We do want to have something “nailed down” in October so we aren’t doing the “last minute shuffle” again! There will be more at the next meeting and I want to thank everyone for responding to my question sent out regarding the Smith Flat.

New Business ~ Hang onto your hats, folks, it’s that time of the year again – nomination of officers time! We need to nominate our 2023 officers in October, vote on them in November because we don’t have an official “meeting” in December. Rudy took an unofficial cruise around the room and the officers who are presently holding positions are willing to put in another year. Now, that doesn’t mean that you can’t nominate someone else for any of the positions. Think about it! However, we do have one “office” that came under discussion – the Historian position. Roy pointed out that no one ever looks at the albums when he brings them and doing that is a bit of a task. If people were really interested in the past minutes and or info, they aren’t showing that interest. It has been suggested that it might be time to eliminate the Historian position. Nobody seemed to be

interested in taking on the job and the Martins do not want to continue. Some of what we talked about was to just put it all on a thumb drive but that could/would take quite a bit of time. Another problem is what do we do with the albums? They include lots of pictures and a very nice album featuring past members who have passed – thanks to **Lynda Lima**. So, there will probably be more discussion at the October meeting. If you would be willing to take on the Historian position, please, let us know!

Thom Biro mentioned the upcoming UAL Mechanics Reunion in Minden, NV.

You may have known **Mike Mears** – worked inspection? - anyway, Mike is still working at UAL – been there for 58 years and still going strong!

Rudy brought the meeting to a close and left us with this little gem of info: *“When a woman says “What?”, it’s not because she didn’t hear you ... she’s giving you a chance to change what you said!”*

A huge “Thank You” to everyone who brought items for our raffle: **Muir** – lovely basket (thank you, **AnnMarie**); **Blazius** – woven basket; **Dellinger** – Italian cookies; **Trebnik** – wine; **Martin** – knife set; **Martin** – organizer; **Kenny** – Halloween pretzels; **Kenney** – holiday table runner/bread dipping set; **Heier** – tea selection; garland – wine; **Gibson** – cheese “tray”.

I think that does it for this month. Everyone, please, stay safe, keep on laughing – life is good!



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The convention is moving along and I will have a report for you next month as the RUAEA news deadline is due just as we are getting started.

The following members celebrate birthdays in November: **John Cunningham, Bill Krefft, and Greg Krok.**

As I write this, the hurricanes are moving through Florida and our hearts and prayers go out to all of the United family who are weathering the storm and battling the severe flooding that is going on.

For those of you who could not make it to our Convention, I will bring you up to date in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Calendar:

November 3 - Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café. We meet at 9:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon at Hunter’s in Oceanside. Details will be sent out re. the change of location and directions.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Due to the RUAEA Convention, we did not meet this month so there is no report this month from the Sacramento Gold Diggers.



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Submitted by Steve Foster, San Joaquiners President

Our chapter met on Thursday, September 8 at Huckleberrys in Oakdale. The following were able to join us for lunch: **Bob & Sandy Brooks, Bob & Mary Brown, Bob Scoble, Betty & Al Svare, Don & Jo Ann Nesja, Jacques Foster and Rudy Reyna.**

Bob & Pat are celebrating their anniversary this month. September birthdays were celebrated by **Jo Ann Nesja, Dick Thomas** (we haven't seen Dick in a long time), **Al Svare** and **Chris Fountain.**

Three couples planned to attend the RUAEA convention in San Diego, **Bob & Pat Scoble, Bob & Mary Brown, and Steve & Jacques Foster.**

We talked about the new announcement by United that there will be no more cash or credit card purchases of snacks. Prior to boarding a flight, your credit card information needs to be loaded into your Mileage Plus account. This way, the flight attendant records what is purchased to the seat of the passenger.

We extended our thanks to Rudy who brought bottles of wine for a raffle drawing.

Don & Jo Ann Nesja have been absent for a while due to Joann having medical issues. It was great to have them back and Don was ready with the jokes that we enjoy each time we get together.

All the people who attended lunch and the play in Sonora truly enjoyed the day. We'd like to do this again; maybe in Columbia or even Merced. **Bob Scoble** says their new theater is nice also. It would be an overnighner. He also mentioned the El Capitan Hotel that has been renovated; it's worth checking out.

The Christmas Party is set for December 8 at 11AM in Oakdale at Firenze Restaurant. There is a room fee of \$100 so we would appreciate everyone attending pitch in \$5 to pay this fee.

Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of every month. If anyone is interested in any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210. He will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of retirees.

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Despite 8 members having departed for the RUAEA convention, we had a great turnout for our monthly meeting. Now that the members have had a few meetings at the Bill of Fare restaurant, it appears everyone is satisfied with continuing our gathering there. As it is, it could be a year or more for the reconstruction of the Holders and so it is nice to have this new site be so accommodating to our group. We have the entire outside covered area for our use, which with the fine weather, has been great. As the weather changes, heaters can be placed to ensure members are comfortable. The manager has been extremely accommodating and pleased that we meet there. Service has been quick and food enjoyable.

Chuck Clayborn, our president for life, or at least until his move, discussed and inquired of the group, regarding interest in having a Christmas party this year. All in attendance had a positive response and so plans will begin. A date has not been set yet, however, for a location the plans focused around using the same facility as last year, the Scottish Rite Center. Its location, the size of the room and the wonderful meal served, was well received and the turn out was more than expected. So hopefully, we can get more members to attend this year. Information as to the date will be sent out as soon as possible, once arrangements can be made.

Regarding the Christmas party, we are looking for volunteers to help with decorations and other planning functions. The more help the less the effort for all. Please let Chuck know if you are willing to help out.

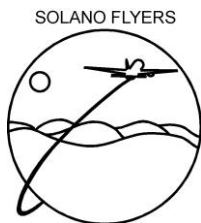
Hopefully, many of you have joined the October 27th Senior Safari at Happy Hollow, our first real outing since Covid ended. Chuck has comprised a list of a number of local sites in our area that we can visit after the New Year.

Birthdays – **Albert Grossman, Joanne Saso, Helen Seidel, Thelma Graham and Alex Klaus.**

Anniversaries – None for the month of October

Calendar:

November 7 - Bill of Fare, on Saratoga Ave., just off Hwy 280.



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11 members attended the luncheon at Our Town Café on September 21: **Larry Jackson, Eileen & Padraic Gardner, Stewart McHale and Stewart Jr., Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Eugene Boyce, Rudy Arsaga and Diosnel & Luci Perez.**

We had no birthdays or anniversaries this month.

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

Drawing winners for items donated by **Al Pochop**: Clock Radio won by **Stewart McCale**, Diary won by **Larry Jackson** and **Book** won by **Luci Perez.**

Larry Jackson briefed everyone on the meeting in Carson Valley.

Our next meeting will be on October 19th at Hide-A-Way in Vacaville.

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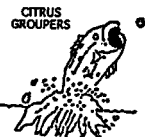
Gene Sibley opened meeting with the pledge to the flag; we had 15 attending our luncheon at Ted'z Place. Several of our members were at the RUAEA SAN Convention.

50/50 winners were **Ray Shoults (3), Matt Orr, Richard Conner** and **Yumi Trujillo.**

We all enjoyed the company of all in attendance.

Our next lunch will be on November 3rd at Ted'z Place.

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THE CITRUS GROUPE

THE VILLAGES

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

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THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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Hello all! This was our "Post Hurricane Ian" luncheon and 21 members made it ... through thick and thin ... just like the US Postal Service used to be. Ha Ha!

President Al began at 1PM with the Pledge, then turned the floor over to Ted III, our VP and today, our Treasurer. The membership discussed a donation to the Florida Disaster Fund. Although MCO had pockets of flooding, the folks living in RSW area, MIA, and Naples suffered severe wind, rain and devastating damage to homes and lives lost. A motion was made by **Karen Bossman**, seconded by **Ernie Vosges** and approved by all present to send a \$300 donation to this fund from the Real McCoys.

President Al confirmed that the Tuesday, November 8th; our 1st Annual Fall picnic will be held at Cypress Grove Park on Holden Ave. (between Orange & Lancaster). Cooking will begin at 1130 & Eatin' will begin at 1200 sharp! Al & Lois will get the burgers and dogs, cheese and buns and tableware. The members will bring sides and desserts.

Elaine took the floor and pointed to Ernie! He has been in contact with **Cliff Hill & Jerry** up in Ocala. They have been longtime members, but are selling their Merritt Island place and staying permanently in Ocala. They will be missed – Jerry is such a sweet lady! Ernie also reported that **Barb Fitak** rode the hurricane out at the hospital, but is home now and feeling better. Address: 1804 Christina Lee Lane, St. Cloud, FL. 34769. And finally, **John Nelson** says hello to all ... come see us, John! Better yet, RSVP for the Christmas Party!

Elaine got the floor back! She reported that when she sent the meeting reminder, **Eleanor & Gene Hall** wrote back, "*We miss everyone! Say Hi from Eleanor and Gene. Gene is doing great!*" So, there you have it. Good news

The Christmas Party will be discussed in more detail at the picnic, and although the price at Maggiano's has gone up a bit, Treasurer Char and I will try and work some magic! This is DisneyWorld after all!

Lots of Birthdays and Cake for the month of October: **Al Fields** (17th), **Joe Fitak** (22nd), **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (24th), **Mack Chandler**, **Connie Lenard** and **Maureen Cooke** (25th), **Cheryl Vosges** and **Mike Sterinsky** (26th), and **Lois Fields** (30th)! Enjoy your very special day!

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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Our chapter is taking the summer off and we won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

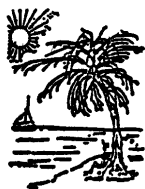
New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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



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Our October Picnic was held at Anderson Park with 9 members and 2 guests in attendance. Our acting President **Jon Wilkinson** welcomed all and we said the Pledge.

We were all happy that Hurricane Ian missed us. After the food was served, we celebrated **Ethel Cargill's** 90th birthday. **Peggy Manuel** also celebrated her 90th birthday this October.

Other October birthdays: **Noemi Guzman** and **Carolyn Lodge**.

Dave & Carolyn celebrated their anniversary on October 6.

It was good to have our group together for our fall picnic. We will discuss our Christmas Luncheon at our November meeting. It will either be December 7 or December 14 at Outback in Trinity; starting time to be discussed.

Calendar:

November 7 – IHOP - 10:30

December – Christmas Luncheon

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

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

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

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks,

good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@icloud.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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

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November—Month of remembrances and thankfulness, 11/11/11, a traditional observance of silence at 11:00 remembering those who fought for peace. Commemorates the cease-fire in the 1918 armistice which was scheduled for the ‘eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.’ And they all hoped it would be the last war. Now when I talk to a young person and mention the War, they ask, ‘Which one?’ Ah yes, now we have so many others to refer to, our history books are filled with many more. The last history book I had, in grade school, ended with Korea in 1953. If I remember correctly, we were so involved with building forts and naming ships from Europe, we never even covered that war. Wow, I am old! The other big holiday in November is of course, Black Friday. What? Oh, you mean the day before? Ok, Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and Indians celebrating the harvest in 1621, on a Thursday. Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday in 1863, in the middle of the Civil War. In 1941, Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill making thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November. Now we have parades and joyous festivities in our homes to share the day with our family and friends. I hope your day this year is filled with great joy and great anticipation to see family you haven’t seen in many months or years. Let’s not forget we might be welcoming some new little bundles of joy this year. I’ve mentioned this before, but I hope you’ll do it again, or for the first time, sit down with those grandkids or great grandkids, tell them when you were born, where your family lived, your siblings (strange or not), your schooling, your war record, how you met grandpa/grandma, your wedding day, your first child, jobs you and your family had, any awards you received, famous people you met, how and when your spouses died, even unsavory things. Did your old Uncle Earl spend time in Stateville? Anybody go to a mental hospital? Tell them, you know by now, life is not all roses and buttercups. Besides it’s something to laugh about after that green bean casserole and pumpkin pie, and too much muscatel. Tell all ...

Don’t forget to set your clocks back on November 6. Spring forward, Fall backward. Earlier this year there was talk that Congress was going to end the changing of the clocks, once and for all. But nobody called me with that information, so I guess you better get new batteries, for your clocks and fire alarms, and maybe a ladder to reach those out-of-reach clocks on your wall. Have your grandson do it, don’t get on the ladder! Be careful, remember what they say about the elderly and falling. It’s true, and some of us will never be the same. I really don’t want to put your name in the ‘Flew West’ column, not yet. Yes, people do die from a fall.

The November flower is the full, glorious chrysanthemum. It kind of looks like a big wild daisy that stuck her root in an electrical outlet, doesn’t it? It comes in gold, white, red, yellow and means perfection. The Chinese believe it prevents gray hair, ha, now they tell me! They also think a single

petal placed in the bottom of a glass of wine enhances longevity. Double Ha, how about two petals? The gemstones this month are citrine and topaz; both are known to have calming energies while bringing fortune and warmth to the wearer. Citrine has yellow and orange hues, (to match the mums, I bet), while the topaz comes in a variety of colors, blue, brown, aqua, and pink. It depends what country it comes from to determine the color.

A friend, **Ginny Vlach**, and I said, we hate having so many doctor's appointments, especially when the doctor says, 'For a woman of your age, you're doing rather well'. Or another favorite, 'All things considered, you're in excellent shape'. At least we have a social life! Don't patronize me, fix me! Never thought I'd see the day I'd be envious of a woman running down the street or picking up a 20 pound box of groceries. I was coming out of a building the other day, a nice middle-aged man asked to help me to the parking lot. Once we got there, he asked if he could bring my car. Really? He wanted to leave his wallet with me, I said, not necessary. He got my car, gave it to me, helped me into the car, and walked away. There really are nice people out there! I did ask if he'd come home with me, but he declined. Damn, thought I had a live one ...

The Skyliners have a change in their executive board. Our dear friend **Charlie Lewis** is hanging up his green eyeshade visor after 11 years, and passing it on to our new treasurer, **Tom Pelc**. Thank you, Charlie, for your many years of service to the Skyliners. We appreciate all of your years of devoted service, keeping the books straight and all the stress involved in working our numerous lunches and other events. Being Treasurer is not an easy job, but he kept his mind clear and still came up with many jokes to help us all get through the events. The good news is that he has agreed to stay on the board and help us mentally and physically, with each event that we have. We'll still see him and his lovely bride, **Carol**, at all our luncheons. **Tom Pelc** worked for United in the IT department for over 33 years, including EXOKF, KA and KC. He was project leader and team leader for three separate task forces involving accounting systems. He moved to airport systems replacing arrival/departure monitors at ORD. Tom is also an Army veteran serving in Germany from 1964 and 65. In his spare time, he is involved with his parish, and volunteers with Loaves and Fishes distributing food, and does taxes for the low income families. He used to manage a Little League team, and was treasurer of a Boy Scout troop. Wow, Tom is definitely going to be a tremendous addition to our Board. We also welcome his wife, **Lynn**, to our chapter. We want to be the best chapter of RUAEA, after all, we are the biggest. I already think we're the best, but then, I'm prejudiced. Since United doesn't let new retirees know of our Skyliners Chapter, if you know of any friends from United, Continental, or Alliant, that you think would enjoy meeting with us, please tell them now, we'd love to welcome them. On the computer, the website is chicagoskyliners.org. Send the personal info, and check, to Tom, his address is on the form.

The Northside breakfast attendees were **Charlie Lewis, Ginny Vlach, Vickie Heuer, Joan Teister, Jerry Tipperreiter, Pam Boydston, Dave Dunham**, me, and newbies, **Deb Jaret** and **Marilyn Koerner**. Please come back!

The ORDMM Foremen's breakfast included **Glenn Hill, Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, John O'Connell, Stan Chmieliwicz, Bart & Sue Kendall**, and me.

The ORDMM mechanics had a whopping 16 people. **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Bill Durr, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Bob Hardin, Cas Paprocki, Bob Zeier, Boris Spitz, LB Neal, Vic Liltz, Don Matker, Rich Protsman, Pierre Lupori** and **Jan Gawenda**.

The RUPA lunch was held September 13, at the Golf Club of Illinois, a beautiful setting, looking out at the green grass and golfers missing their hole-in-one. There were 57 pilots, their friends and family attending. Our speaker was **George Haupt**, former UAL employee in Food Services, and private pilot. He spoke about his time in the Army's Third Infantry Regiment and being a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He had to pass a series of five stringent and restrictive tests, which can take up to nine months to complete. He had his Tomb Guard Medal there, not many receive that. Wonderful insight to a very privileged position. Next meeting is at Nick's Pizza in Crystal Lake, on November 8. A special menu is available for \$20. Please RSVP to **Walt Fink**.

I had the pleasure of talking with old friends of ours, **Sandy & Ken Brownlee, Nancy & Ed Naranjo, Kathy & Joe Herold, Mila Walker, Marcie & Don Moller, Georgene Auer, Jackie**

Monilaw, and **George Tritthardt**. They're all healthy and say hello. As I'm writing this report, RUAEA is having their annual convention in **SAN**. **I'll tell you all about it next month. Sounds like they had a great turnout.**

The IAM chapter 1487 meeting had 79 retirees. The lunch was, Brown Bag, that means, bring your own baloney and salami. The union supplied snacks, drinks and some members brought desserts. Thank You! They still need volunteers to help setting up and for taking down. Two games of bingo were played. Lots of fun and laughs. Next meeting is November 3.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 6, at the Avalon. The price of the lunch will be \$24.00 per person. Our choice of entree will be beef, chicken and fish, including salad and dessert. Entertainment will be by the Magical Choir Singers from Rolling Meadows High School. We'll have a cash bar, and the joy of seeing our old friends again. Invitations will be going out in a week with more details. Please return your reservations by November 25. The Avalon wants our numbers at least a week in advance. The Mainliner Club will be selling our stunning United items, just in time for Christmas gifts. We'll also be having a food collection for **St. Nicholas Church Food Pantry in Elk Grove**. This year we'd like to make life simpler for our members and the depository. Instead of carrying around cans and boxes of food, we're asking you for a monetary contribution. It will let the depository decide what they need the most, including fresh food. In these difficult times, we think this would be better for them. We'll have a spot on our invitations where you can add money with your reservation, or you can bring cash to the luncheon. As always, you can renew your membership with this mailing also. We're still only \$5.00 a year, for singles or couples. What a deal considering so much has gone up this year. Please plan on attending; you know we always have a great time at the Avalon, with good food and in their lovely banquet hall. Our committee is already working out the final arrangements, **Virginia Monaco, Joan Teister, and Charlie Lewis**.

By now you probably heard United is leaving JFK airport in New York at the end of October. They asked the FAA for more slots, but they refused, so UAL decided to temporarily suspend service to JFK. I hope that means that someday they might return. We presently have two round trip flights to Europe. United has also decided to permanently leave four domestic cities, and pulling out of 12 cities in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Idaho and South Dakota.

Our friends who flew West last month are, **Yvette Klopner Moloney**, CHIRR/CHITO, **Lidia Franco**, ORDHN, **Rick Sebastian**, ORDSK/ORDCG, and **Terry Fiebelkorn**, ORDSK. Also gone from our world are, actors Marsha Hunt (104), Henry Silva (Ocean's 11), Irene Pappas (Zorba the Greek), Louise Fletcher (Nurse Ratched), comedian, Judy Tenuta, musicians Ramsey Lewis, and Pharaoh Sanders, Ken Starr, Maury Wills (stolen bases king), journalist, Bill Plante, country singer and icon, Loretta Lynn.

Our prayers to everyone in Florida, who suffered with personal and material loss. God bless you all to give you strength!

It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle.

Don't forget to **vote** November 8, or you can't complain!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00 A.M. 111 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove (**November 10**). Second Thursday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**November 17**). Third Thursday

Southside Breakfast - Canceled permanently

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Union Hall, 501 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines (**November 3**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.

IAM Christmas Party - December 1, The Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd., Streamwood, 11:00 cocktails, noon lunch

RUPA Lunch, Nick's Pizza, 11:00AM, 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake (**November 8**)

Skyliners Luncheon - December 6, The Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, noon lunch

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers September meeting was also our annual barbecue. **Rich Carey** was gracious enough to host the barbecue at his home. We all enjoyed plenty of conversation and delicious burgers. Members attending were **Richard Carey, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Susanne Ingegno, Charles Theiss** and his daughter Amy and her son.

We discussed plans for our Christmas lunch to be held on December 13th at Charbonos Italian Restaurant in Avon, Indiana.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. 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 Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **November 8** at Emmy's
- **December 13**, Annual Christmas Luncheon at Charbonos Italian Restaurant, Avon, Indiana

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

Calendar:

Our first luncheon in two plus years will be in October.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

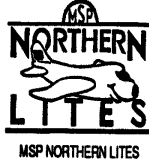
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We have not had any luncheon 'meetings' in several months. I have not had any updates on our members. Maybe next month we will have something to report.

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Believe it or not, I have no bad news to pass along this month. Thank the Lord!

A few of the old crew were able to make it to **Jim Brennan's** funeral in October. It was held at Jim & Mary's chosen parish in downtown St. Paul, a lovely Catholic church built in the style of the cathedrals of Europe. They're surely not built like that anymore. It was great to see **Sonja Gunderson, Jo & Bud Ayres, Dr. Jan Meyer & Roger Jorgensen, Pat Juberien, Rich & Connie Glattly, Gordy & Lou Olson, Rosemary Soltis, Janet Meyer, Melissa Noonan, Arlene & Joe Kelley**, especially **Mary & Al Kilian**. Bless the Kilians' daughter for taking time off work to bring them. Mary's condition is so fragile now that she rarely gets out anymore. **Nel Brawner** wasn't able to make it, but she was there in spirit, as was **Jim Simon** and **Lee Storlie**. If I forgot to mention someone, my apologies. What can I say? I'm an Old Person ...

The losses of our friends is heart-wrenching, made even more so when for whatever reason, we're not able to celebrate having known a person and support their family by attending the funeral. I recognize that a loving note to the spouse or family is appropriate but it isn't a substitute for not being present at the formal celebration of one's life. It hurts.

I actually have no other news or events to report, Dear Readers. Maybe I can invent something for next month!

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

NEBRASKA

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

NEVADA

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There's not much going on with the Silverliners the past months. We did lose a member, **Jim Czaplewski**, husband of **Chris Czaplewski**; he had been fighting heart and respiratory problems and finally lost his battle. We are all saddened by his passing and our prayers go out to his family. I have no further personal items from our members because I have not heard from any of them.

Our VP **Mary Chandler** has set up a Luncheon get-together for October 11, 2022 at the Durango Hills Country Club here in Las Vegas. So, a big "Thank You" goes out to Mary for her efforts to get us together again. She got a response of 25 members willing to attend the Luncheon.

There's not too much else to talk about; no one has come forward to fill the 3 vacancies on our Board. We have not had a President for over 3 years and the Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down, but still helping out till a replacement is found. The future of the Silverliners, as of today, is questionable because there seems to be little support to get the Chapter functioning again. The Covid Pandemic has caused a lot of Chapters to rethink and reevaluate their futures also. Plus, I find that no one wants to get involved in joining our Chapter. I sent out letters and got no response back from them.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever someone sets one up. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to hear from you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 11 members at our September 12 meeting at Murietta's Mexican Restaurant. Prior to leaving on her latest trip, **Barbara Leusing** kindly and graciously offered to set up this lunch venue. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food.

Pat Zoboli has talked with the Peppermill about our December luncheon. They have advised us that they will not do individual bills. Therefore, we need a system that assures we will receive everyone's money prior to our luncheon. Details will be discussed at our October meeting. Please bring your ideas on how to make this work.

The September birthdays were **John Roe** and **John Zoboli**. Because of the semi-public venue, there was no 50/50 held.

Our next meeting will be on October 10, 11:00AM at Murietta's. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters met at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains with a flag salute from our President **Frank Warzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Jim González**, and **Joe McConville**, both of EWR ramp service.

We welcomed three new members to our chapter, **Jim Killian**, **Jeff Holder**, and **Gary Cooper**. It was good to see old friends again.

Frank Kokoska gave us a great update on what was going on at Newark; especially as he was chosen as a delegate to go to the IAM convention in Florida and bring back all the news. It seems that more people are coming back to work, and the company is climbing back to get to its pre-pandemic conditions in more flights are being added to the schedule.

Phil Steinbakeer won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26, at the Stagecoach Inn at 12 PM.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"We can make time, lose time, find time, spare time, past time, waste time and save time, but in the end it all adds up to the same finite amount of time that we each have."*

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.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Chapter Report compiled by Ed Pozzi and John Klos

12 members attended our luncheon. President **Ed Pozzi** opened our meeting with a Pledge to the flag; we then had a moment of silence and private prayer for the passing of **Diane Pozzi**, wife of **Ed Pozzi**.

George Riggi is still recovering from foot surgery; **Mile Schroeder** had a pacemaker installed and **Donna Feingold** is recovering from knee surgery.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Angie Paris**, **Rudy Wolf**, **Marilyn Holdsworth**, **Jim Richardson**, **Kathy Richardson** and **Ray Foster**.

The following couples celebrated October anniversaries: **Bob & Ellen Wagner**, **Nick & Roberta Manfredo**, **Barry & Diane Carlson**, **Pete & Late Geraldine Korsch**, **Don & Rosemarie Arnoni** and **Jim & Kathy Richardson**.

The rainy weather probably was a factor in only 12 of us showing up. It was great to see **Bobby Lee** and **Ray Foster**. We only occupied two tables, but a lot of conversation; Oil Versus gas prices to heat the home, price of used cars and trucks, new charges for next year from insurance companies, rehashing of old times at good old UAL at JFK.

The CEOs can't make up their mind about JFK; close it, re-open it, now they are going to close it again. Why did they ever pull out in the first place? Because they can't recapture the slots they gave up, goodbye JFK.

50/50 was won by Joe Lilly \$15, Mario Lagasi \$15 and Ed Pozzi \$10

Keep safe and healthy, we will see all next month on November 2. Note that we are still looking for someone to assume the position of Chapter Secretary.

Calendar:

November 2 – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon. We will discuss the Christmas party (prices and possible menu items).

OHIO

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Here we are, ready for our Ohio "Fall" weather. You may think I'm crazy, but last year in the second week of October here in Ohio we had a good size "Snow Storm". But the topic today is our September of 2022 luncheon that we had at one of our favorite places, Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake. Actually, this was our second time this year. The food and service are terrific. We always have 11:30AM as our scheduled arrival time with 12:30PM as time to start service the food. When it was about 12 Noon, the head waitress said "It

looks like everyone is here, should we start serving the food". The answer was "No", because this is our once-a-month time to mingle and talk with each other. Then, just before 12:30 we said "Grace".

This was our second luncheon this year that we had at Mahle's. And again, we were served a wonderful meal that was topped off by great service.

After our meal, **Bernie** and **John** did another Great Job of conducting our 50/50 raffle drawing. Our winners: #1 - **Mary Jane**. Actually, our first winner, **Mary Jane** also won the Second pot. But she graciously declined the prize money and drew another number. Winner #2 - **Mary**. And last, but not least, winner #3 - was **Bernie**.

It turned out to be another very nice day and we had 41 people in attendance. We had two new members that have moved back to CLE from Florida. **Richard**, a former co-worker, who was accompanied by his wife **Catherine**. Richard is a former president of the Orlando Real McCoy's. He was greeted by many of his fellow workers who were reminiscing about old times and glad to see him back in Ohio. We hope to see more of them at our upcoming luncheons.

The members also thanked the hosts, **Gene & Jacki** for hosting the luncheon, and everyone that had helped in any way. There were no members present with a September Birthday.

September Anniversaries: **Ben & Marilyn** who were celebrating 63 years of marriage. **Lloyd & Pattie**, with 55 wonderful years; and, **John & Carrie** with 33 years (and counting).

We Remembered 9/11 with a "Moment of Silence". The day our country was attacked and many Americans lost their lives. We honored all of the fallen heroes, and all heroes that came, in an attempt to rescue them with no thought to their own safety, or their lives ...

We wish everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar:

November 2 – Diamond Event Center, in Brunswick, hosted by **John & Dolly**.

December 7 – Williams On-the-Lake, Christmas party, hosted by **George & Nancy**.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our Colwood luncheons have resumed. Come join us the second Thursday of the month for some great companionship, fun conversations, and great food. I was finally able to make it to our September meeting. What fun it was to see everyone after so long.

We received word that **John Wrenn**, retired PDXCG Ramp serviceman passed in September. No other details are known.

And now a bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ Coffee: A magical substance that turns, "Leave me alone or die" into "Good morning Honey!"
- ☺ When a woman says, "What?" It's not because she didn't hear you; she's giving you a chance to change what you said.
- ☺ I lay down – I fall asleep. I read a book – I fall asleep. I watch a movie – I fall asleep. I go to bed – I feel as energetic as a nuclear power plant!
- ☺ A captain notices a light in the distance, on a collision course with his ship. He turns on his signal lamp and sends, "Change your course, 10 degrees west." The light signals back, "Change yours, 10 degrees east." The captain gets a little annoyed. He signals, "I'm a US Navy captain. You must change your course, sir." The light signals back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir." Now the captain is mad. He signals, "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course." The light signals back a final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."
- ☺ The guy at the furniture store told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems. Then it occurred to me, I don't think I know 5 people without any problems.
- ☺ If my ceiling fan could hold my weight, I would never be bored again!

- ☺ If you are being chased by a pack of taxidermists, do not play dead.
- ☺ I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.
- ☺ Nachos are just tacos that don't have their life together.
- ☺ Don't be sad, because sad backwards is das and das not good.
- ☺ When does a joke turn into a dad joke? When it becomes apparent.
- ☺ What kind of Dr. is Dr. Pepper? A Fizzician.
- ☺ Procaffeinating: The tendency to not do anything until you have coffee.
- ☺ I started a dating site for chickens. It's not my day job; I do it to make hens meet.
- ☺ I don't think it's fair that only roosters are allowed to start the day screaming.
- ☺ Home is where the dog hair sticks to everything but the dog.
- ☺ I accidentally used the dog's shampoo. Now I'm feeling like such a good girl.
- ☺ When bees move into a new hive do they have a house swarming party?
- ☺ The inventor of the doorbell did not own a dog.
- ☺ It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike.
- ☺ If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to see it, a Chihuahua 500 miles away, will bark at it!
- ☺ You know that little thing in your head that stops you from saying stuff you should keep to yourself? Mine is broken.
- ☺ Queso = Spanish for cheese. K,so = Southern for here's the plan and y'all probably not gonna like it.
- ☺ I'm bored. Let's go to Walmart and superglue coins to the floor and count how many people try to pick them up.
- ☺ If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?
- ☺ If a woman is chugging chocolate chips straight out of the bag in the baking aisle at the grocery store, I suggest you just let her be.
- ☺ I seriously need a speed bump in between my brain and my mouth.
- ☺ You only need two tools in life ... WD- 40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.
- ☺ A woman with a salad walked past me in the restaurant and said, "You know, a cow died so you could eat that beefburger. I said, "If you weren't eating its food, it might have lived."
- ☺ Maybe if we tell people the brain is an app, they will start using it.
- ☺ The only thing I know for sure about today is coffee. Everything else is just wild speculation.
- ☺ A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!" The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advice!"
- ☺ Driving by myself is so tiring because I have to be the lead singer, back up singer, dancers (I do my own choreography), and hype man.
- ☺ A little girl in my street has a very old pug with severe arthritis. Today I saw her gently strap him into a baby stroller and wait for the postal truck so they could chase after it, running and laughing as the pup barked like hell. You know, just in case you forgot what love means.
- ☺ Guess who got a lot done today. Not me, but congratulations to someone out there who did!
- ☺ Every time I fold laundry, I contemplate becoming a nudist. Then I remember what I look like naked and keep on folding.
- ☺ Funny how drinking 8 cups of water a day seems impossible ... but 8 beers & 7 shots in two hours go down like a fat kid on a seesaw.
- ☺ Motorcyclist: A person willing to take a container of flammable liquid, place it on top of a hot engine and then put the whole thing between their legs.
- ☺ When you are stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate and sweets. Why? Because 'stressed' spelled backwards is 'desserts'.
- ☺ Did you know that "Dammit I'm mad" spelled backwards is "Dammit I'm mad"?
- ☺ Exercise? I thought you said extra rice!
- ☺ I have a bumper sticker that says, "Honk If You Think I'm Sexy". Then I just sit at green lights until I feel better about myself.
- ☺ Once you lick the frosting off a cupcake it becomes a muffin ... and muffins are healthy. You're welcome!
- ☺ Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth, then it just becomes a soap opera.

- ☺ My doctor said I need more fiber. So I went to the fabric store. I need to remember to thank my doctor!
- ☺ I enrolled in a zoom exercise class that was too advanced for me, so when the teacher said, “Do a plank and bring your knee to the opposite elbow.” I did a modified version where I turned my computer off and ate pizza.
- ☺ Joke of the day – Bumper sticker on a senior’s car: *“I am speeding because I have to get there before I forget where I am going!”*
- ☺ I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants. You’ve probably never heard of herbivore.
- ☺ Everyone has the right to be stupid, it’s just that some people abuse the privilege.
- ☺ Sometimes you have to let go of the picture of what you thought life would be like and learn to find the joy in the story you are actually living.
- ☺ I’m at a point where I don’t even know the point I’m at, but I’m at a point!
- ☺ Don’t ever let anyone tell you that fairy tales aren’t real. I wake up every morning to drink a potion made from magic beans that bring me back to life.
- ☺ Me at night: Tomorrow I’m going to wake up, clean, cook, and get all my errands done. Me in the morning: Nah
- ☺ How come “you’re a peach” is a compliment but “you’re bananas” is an insult? Why are we allowing fruit discrimination to tear society apart?
- ☺ You know you are getting old when it takes two, or more, tries to get up from the sofa!
- ☺ At the store there was a big red “X” near the register for me to stand on. I’ve seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one!
- ☺ A study just released says that if you drink coffee in the nude, you are much less likely to spill it.
- ☺ I haven’t lost all my marbles yet ... but there is definitely a small hole in the bag somewhere.
- ☺ Today’s look is called “I hope that I don’t run into anyone I know!”
- ☺ Somebody left a grocery list in this cart that said, “Coffee and stuff to eat with coffee.” So, I’m pretty sure my soul mate is out there.
- ☺ Not to brag, but ... I just went into another room and actually remembered what I went in there for. Sure, it was the bathroom, but still ...
- ☺ I’ve reached an age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.
- ☺ 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses. The stables have turned.
- ☺ You know you’re getting old when you barely do anything all day, but still need to have a nap to continue to do barely anything.
- ☺ Word of the Day. SPUDDLER: A useful verb from the 17th century that means to work feebly and ineffectively, because your mind is elsewhere or you haven’t quite woken up yet. To be extremely busy whilst achieving absolutely nothing. Definitely a word we should bring back into use!
- ☺ I want to be a real life Mrs. Potato Head. When a body part stops working right, I could pull it off and just stick on a brand new one.
- ☺ I’ll never forget the look on the cashier’s face when she scanned the packet of bird seed, and I asked her, “How long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant the seeds?”
- ☺ I don’t know how to act my age. I’ve never been this age before.
- ☺ After I fought with my wife, I tightened the lid of every jar in the house, just so I could say, “Oh, you need me now, huh?”
- ☺ My favorite game is trying to take something out of the refrigerator without moving the other items in front of it. I call it Refrigerator Jenga, and when you lose you clean up marinara sauce for 40 minutes.
- ☺ I don’t have a train of thought. I have 7 trains on 4 tracks that narrowly avoid each other when the paths cross and all the conductors are screaming.
- ☺ I am not responsible for what my face does when you talk.
- ☺ Perks of being my friend: you will be the normal one!
- ☺ When you can’t control what’s happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what’s happening. That’s where your power is.
- ☺ Where is my Oscar for acting like everything is fine?
- ☺ Anything I say or do before coffee doesn’t count.
- ☺ I can keep my mouth shut but you can read the subtitles on my face.
- ☺ Take my advice; I don’t use it anyway.
- ☺ I’m in shape. Unfortunately, that shape is a potato.
- ☺ Any stove is energy-efficient if you don’t cook.

- ☺ Unfortunately, my daydreams about being skinny are always interrupted by the sound of my own chewing.
- ☺ So, when is this old enough to know better supposed to kick in?
- ☺ There's nothing worse than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong. I really should be used to it by now.
- ☺ On good thing about winter ... when your whole body turns blue, it's harder to spot the varicose veins.
- ☺ I try to avoid people during the cold and flu season. Ditto for the other nine months of the year.
- ☺ Due to inflation and food price increases, the 5 second rule has been extended to 10 seconds.

Calendar:

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

November 10

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Our October meeting is not scheduled until the 10th which is after the deadline to submit a report to the Newsletter.

We can tell you that the restaurant we usually go to had a fire in their kitchen. We did scramble to find another and luckily found a good restaurant for our luncheon. It's never a dull moment here. It will be good to get together again after the hot, hot summer.

Our prayers go out to our friends suffering from fires and hurricanes!

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

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Lots of Slickers members celebrated the retirement of long-time SEACS **Lora Bolding** on September 15th at the Des Moines Event Auditorium. A huge turnout for Lora, who celebrated 37 years with United as agent extraordinaire – CSR, International Group Supervisor, Airport Operations agent, Fantasy Flight coordinator, Amsterdam station opening agent as well as the biggest booster of United Airlines ever! Lora escorted many celebrities through the airport and onto our planes over the years, always receiving the highest of praise. One time a famous Mt. Everest climber and his sherpa were in Lora's care and she asked if he would take a United Airlines banner to the top of Everest and take a selfie with it. He did and that photo was prominently displayed at SEACS (and at her retirement party)!

Chapter members **Frank McAnulty** and wife, **Fran** were there and Frank gave a wonderful tribute to Lora from the stage. Also present were members **Betty & Arnie Schaetzke**, **Wayne Lubin**, **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, **Ben Watson** and several more I didn't get a chance to chat with.

A nice shout-out from the stage went to both RUAEA and Emerald City Slickers by CSR **Tracy Steele** asking everyone present to step up and join these organizations in order to keep them viable. Way to go, Tracy!

President **Ken Story** celebrated his 70th Franklin High School reunion in August. Ken & Judy arranged the whole function and was pleased with the turnout considering the graduation was in 1952! Kudos to this wonderful couple for all they do for others.

And lastly, Ken has firmed up plans for our December 13th luncheon at Angelo's in Burien. We will meet at 12 Noon and order off the menu, unlike our past luncheons. You will pay individually at the restaurant. Angelo's is opening early just for us, as they have changed their normal hours to evening dining only. So mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 13th at 12:00 noon at Angelo's in Burien. See you there!

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Hello RUAEA,

I am honored to be the new National Vice President of Clipped Wings. My name is **Kathy Denker**, was based in JFK and EWR during my 30-year career at UAL. My husband was also a UAL employee and that is where we met and, therefore, we both share the love of our industry!

One of my responsibilities as Clipped Wings VP is to write an article to be included in your monthly Newsletter. What a wonderful vehicle RUAEA newsletter is to keep retired UAL employees connected and informed. I look forward to contributing an article concerning our Clipped Wings happenings and hope to capture the interest of a few new members along the way.

Conventions seem to be prevalent for both CW and RUAEA! We just had our latest convention in PDX while you had one in SAN. Gathering members to share ideas, renew and make new friendships, while completing necessary business, is such an integral part of our important organizations.

One major change we implemented at our convention was to change the name of our Newsletter. We will now be publishing the Clipped Wings Flyer and not the Clipped Wings Quarterly. We have 2 National Officers who will remain in their current positions and two new National Officers. We all are dedicated to Clipped Wings, our philanthropy (The Special Olympics) and look forward to keeping our UAL and CO Flight Attendants connected.

Our convention was a major success and we applaud PDX for all their hard work. They had been planning the convention since 2018 but were unfortunately interrupted due to the COVID pandemic. Oktoberfest Welcome Reception opened up the festivities and a trip to Multnomah Falls are just two of the many spectacular events our attendees experienced. Our next convention will be in September of 2024 in the St. Louis area. We look forward to once again meeting as a group and enjoying our special camaraderie.

If you know any former or current UAL/CO Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. The website has great information on “who we are” and “what we do”. Please feel free to contact me as well, if you have any further questions! We are a group that enjoys having fun while doing great things for others!

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Letters & Notes



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

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

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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.)

Joann Butler, 811 N. 1st St., Knoxville, IA 50138

Thanks you so much for the reminder.
Recently, I was able to reconnect with someone I had worked with years ago.
Thank you for your hard work.

David Detwiler, 284 Kelly Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425

I just looked and my copy of the Newsletter has that dreaded red label which indicates I am another year older and another year of seniority as a retiree.

We are all well here in PA and fairly healthy, with a few speed bumps along the way. So far, we have avoided Covid, thanks to taking some super vitamins to keep our immune systems humming along, warding off those nasty germs.

I just finished my seventh year volunteering as an Ambassador at the Flight 93 National Memorial. We are preparing for our 21st anniversary, honoring the 40 heroes of that flight.

We appreciate the hard work of all the volunteers that help getting the Newsletter out, so we know what is going on in the land of RUAEA.

Karen Moliterno, 1308 Summit Dr., Oakmont, PA 15139

I appreciate you taking care of my receiving the Newsletter.

I am a retired UAL Flight Attendant. I started in 1974 and retired in 2003. I flew out of IADSW.

Notes

Lorraine B. Butow

I have been enjoying retirement for over 20 years! We just moved from Leesburg, Virginia, our first retirement home to the Charlotte area of North Carolina to be closer to the grandchildren. Currently we are living in a Homewood Suites while our new house is being completed. Our move in date is not until sometime in November. The hotel suite does not have all the amenities of a cruise ship, but the experience is similar. Everyday we have time to discover all the new things that the Charlotte area offers. My husband, **Dave**, is also a United retiree along with my Dad, **Alfred Kobler**, who passed away in 2015. However, my Mom, **Lorraine**, just turned 98 and lives in the Chicago area near my brother. **Nick Kobler**.

John Gualtier

I don't get out much since my wife became ill and I'm her caregiver so the newsletter is my only way to know what is going on at UAL and other stations across the system. Thank you providing such a great newsletter.

Suzanne Owen

I'm grateful to have stepped into retirement via the VSL opportunity. It has allowed me to sell my home and prepare for the retired life. I am now living in San Diego area and am enjoying 5 grandchildren!

Allison Michaud

I'm on day 2 of my retirement and looking forward to what comes next whatever that may be.

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We had fun at the 2022 San Diego Convention!

