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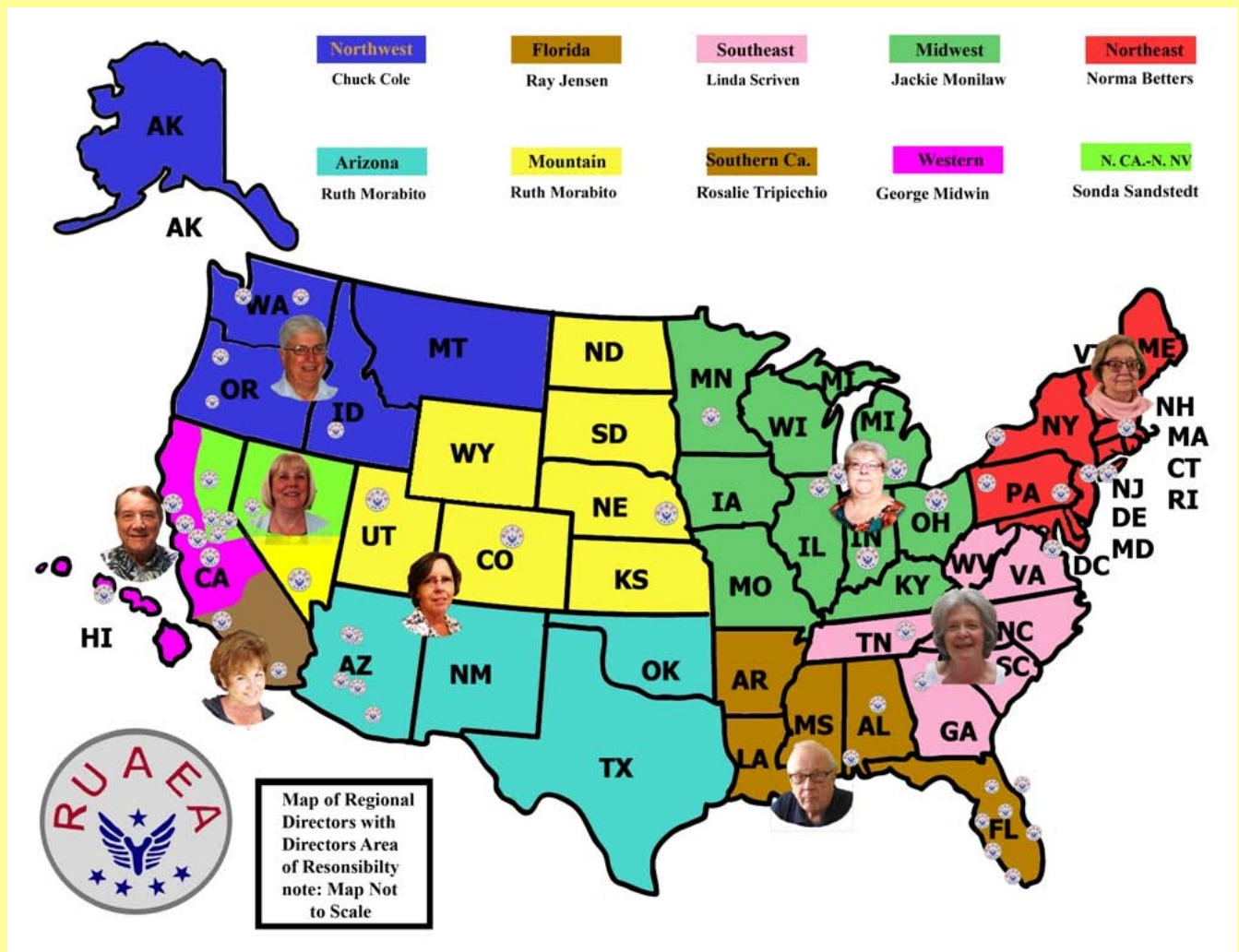


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## ***RUAEA Regional Directors***

*RUAEA has members in every state. However, we do not have local chapters in every state. We do have Regional Directors assigned to every state who will be happy to help anyone who would like information on contacting fellow members, help starting a local chapter, or information on United. Review the map to see who your regional director is. Contact the director via phone or email, contact information being on the RUAEA contact page. (Page 30 in this issue).*



# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I would like to alert all of you that the RUAEA Board has been hacked. It appears that somebody got one of our newsletters that contains all of our phone numbers. They asked them to buy six \$100 gift cards, scrape off the code number and send them to **Don Burbank**, except it was not my phone; it was out of New York. I don't believe that anyone got stuck with this.

Please remember RUAEA will never ask you for money by a text message and especially not me. If anyone ever asks you for money, make sure you back it up with a phone call to that person. There are a lot of bad people out there trying to get your money

so please be careful.

See you all at the convention in DEN.

**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

## From The Executive Vice President



To all RUAEA Retirees,

As a retiree, you have certain advantages that full fare passengers do not have. You can look up loads to find out how many seats are available and sold on all flights. Remember groups and travel agents' bookings should be accounted for also. By 24 hours before departure, groups and travel agency bookings should be settled. Seats held by travel agents that are not sold will be put back into the inventory. You can also look up most flight history records to see which flight historically go out with empty seats. The no-show factor can show up to 10% to 25% on some flights. As a retiree, you can re-route yourself, but you must use additional passes, point to point, to get to your destination. Another option is to use SA passes on other carriers for back up. If you go to Asia during summer months, be sure to get SA backup passes A/C weight restrictions in hot climates. This means open seats which we can't use because of weight restrictions. In this case, it would behoove you to use other carriers for backup. \*Remember the day before the flight to cancel the listed flight you won't be using. You can also cancel a listed flight while in route on a flight.

If you are taking a tour or meeting with a ship at a destination, be sure to go early or consider discount positive space confirmed flight. All UAL retirees are allowed to list up to 12 flights. This is so you can check to see which flights to try for. You can go from one flight at a gate to another flight without re-listing for that next flight.

Two weeks before your flight, sit down and check what flight to go on. Say DEN from SFO or wherever. Check out available non-stops first. Remember full paying passengers want non-stops between 10 AM and 1600 as their first choice. You will do better with flights early morning, 5 AM to 10 AM, or first ZED between 1400 to 1800 or later. Also remember days of the week on which you will be traveling. Monday is hard. Tuesday is usually OK. Wednesday is usually good. Thursday morning is good. Friday is hard. Saturday early a.m., usually OK and Sunday early a.m. OK but 10 AM to 1600 not so good.

Along with the times, you must consider fares for full fare passengers. Some discount fares require flying at certain hours and days. Full fare passengers usually look for lowest fares with specific rules on when you can fly and how long you can stay. All of these things plus others should be taken into consideration when making your plans and doing your listings. Get advanced seats to make sure you get on a flight if it oversell situation occurs. With positive space, if you get bumped you are entitled to all the passenger perks such as cash, free trips, upgrade on future flights, hotel, meals, etc. Maybe even a free cab ride to get home. Please remember if you do get back up tickets off-line, you may get a refund if not used. Within 90 days you may reuse or within one year of purchase you may get a refund. Don't be afraid to get offline back up. During the trip planning

process you might consider changing plans on route. If you get to IAD for a connection to London, and flights are full IAD to London, stay over in WAS instead of going to London. Spend a few days in WAS and see the sights. After a few days, try for a few flights from WAS to London or buy backups on other carriers from WAS to London. This is an example of a plan A and B. Think big. If an airport is closed due to snow, then nothing will get you in or out. If an airport is closed due to fog, some flights will get out late and some early. Depending upon the captains' certification, where landings and takeoffs at one or more airports, flights someplace will depart and others will cancel. Check it out before giving up. In our case, at the Denver airport, the airport was closed. We went to Plan B and found a hotel. When the airport reopens, many seats will be available. Our reservation system can't keep up with all cancellations and re-bookings. It's not unusual to have 50% of flight seats unused. Be sure to go to the airport on the day it opens to try to get on standby. When the airport is open, and you still can't get out DEN to SFO, use a new pass, DEN to WAS to SFO. Using two passes may get you to your destination. There are hundreds of scenarios of having problems getting from point A to B; by planning in advance and using your airline skills, you will get to your destinations. In 39 years I have only missed three flights. Be sure that you have a UAL App in your notebook or watch.

**Tom Cunningham**  
**RUAEA Executive Vice President**

### Is there such a thing as a 'good delay'?



United's on-time departure rate, or D:00, is one of the most highly visible and closely tracked performance measurements, for good reason: If a plane takes off on time, it is much more likely to land on time. That makes customers happy while reducing operational headaches and the chances of downline delays. That's why, as a rule, United does nearly everything possible to get all of its flights out as scheduled.

Sometimes, though, that mindset puts United's employees in a tough spot, like instances when they must decide whether to risk delaying a flight at the gate to wait for late connecting customers or close the door on schedule and depart on time.

Consistent with other work United is doing to improve the customer experience, United has been testing an automated digital tool in ORD and DEN known as ConnectionSaver that takes the guesswork out of those decisions. Since many of United's flights are scheduled to land early at their destinations, ConnectionSaver identifies the ones United could hold for late-arriving connecting passengers with relatively little risk of further disruption. The tool considers many factors, including gate-to-gate travel times, United's crew duty limits, current gate use situation and connecting baggage, among other things, to accurately gauge the impact of a gate hold.

ConnectionSaver is sophisticated enough to tell United the expected ripple effects of delaying any one of United's flights at any given location. It's also highly configurable so as to meet the changing needs of the airline and designed to integrate with United's existing technology systems.

DEN Employees have quickly adapted to the new tool, especially after seeing the impact that it's had on United's ability to better serve our customers. During the past four months, more than 14,400 customers, who would have otherwise missed their connections, were able to make their flights thanks to ConnectionSaver. Also, customer satisfaction scores improved to such a level that front-line teams couldn't help but sing its praises. They also saw little impact to their on-time departure metrics, since United has an exception code that authorized stations can use when holding a flight for connecting passengers. Like their colleagues at ORD are doing now, the people at DEN saw firsthand the core4 benefits of this more caring, dependable and efficient, not to mention flexible, approach.

Just as importantly, customers were equally impressed. *"Unfortunately, our inbound flight was delayed,"* one reported. *"We ran to the gate and, fortunately, the flight was held! I know time is money in this business and gate pushback delays are a source of irritation for the FAA and airlines, but I was pleased that the customer was the priority in this case. This was tremendous and has raised my estimation of United greatly."*

*"ConnectionSaver only works if it allows us to care for as many customers as possible – without inconveniencing others – and that's exactly what this technology has shown it can do. We're determined to capitalize on as many opportunities as possible to better serve and care for our customers and that's part of what sets United apart from our competitors,"* added SVP and Chief Customer Officer Toby Enqvist.

ConnectionSaver also includes text notifications personalized for customers making connections through United's hubs that will help them efficiently navigate to the right gate for their next flight. Once customers



land, they will receive a text message that tells them the gate at which they are arriving, the gate at which they will depart and the expected travel time between the two. The texts will also include a link with step-by-step directions to the departure gate and a map of nearby amenities.

The ConnectionSaver technology will expand to United's hubs and to all other stations in the future. In parallel, United will continue to enhance the ConnectionSaver systems to include full integration with Aero, the journey management system and our mobile devices. Eventually, United will be able to notify customers on connecting flights when United is holding the aircraft for them, along with offering them solutions when United can't.

### **A CLEAR path to the gate**



Starting on July 29, getting through security will be faster than ever for MileagePlus members, thanks to United's new partnership with CLEAR, the company using a secure biometric screening process to verify travelers' identities to get them through security faster.

This partnership will enhance United's customers' travel experience by enabling them to confirm their identities using their eyes or fingerprints, instead of an ID or passport, allowing them to walk straight to the screening bins.

CLEAR is available at more than 60 airports and stadiums in the United States, and United is also making a strategic equity investment in the company to help support its growth, including bringing this technology to its EWR and IAH hubs later this summer. United is also supporting CLEAR's efforts with the City of Chicago to open CLEAR lanes at ORD in the coming months. This technology already operates at United's DEN, LAX, SFO and IAD hubs.

*"Our new partnership with CLEAR is another proof point of how we are always looking to improve traveling with United, in this case by making the airport experience more convenient for customers," said MileagePlus President and Loyalty VP Luc Bondar. "CLEAR's secure and seamless biometric security option creates an expedited travel experience that many of our frequent flyers already use and love. We're excited to partner with CLEAR to expand their presence at our hub airports and to provide all MileagePlus members with either free or deeply discounted memberships."*

As a result of United's partnership, MileagePlus customers can take advantage of discounted memberships. An annual CLEAR membership is \$179, but the special pricing is available for United's MileagePlus members.

MileagePlus members wishing to learn more and take advantage of this pricing should visit: [united.com/clear](https://united.com/clear). Employees should stay tuned for more information on enrollment events and special discounts coming soon.

It is important to know CLEAR and Precheck are different products that are sold separately and have separate fees and application processes. However, these products can be used in combination to improve the overall TSA process. CLEAR helps to shorten the time you spend waiting in line and simplifies the ID verification process while TSA Precheck simplifies the screening process.

\*United may change or terminate this offer at any time and without notice. Chase is not responsible for the provision of, or failure to provide, the benefit as stated in this offer.

**Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2019**  
**Dresden, Germany**



In my last article (July 2019), I wrote extensively about one of United's newest destinations, Prague, Czech Republic and how easy it can be to visit other beautiful, interesting and important places nearby. This month I will provide some highlights of a side-trip to Dresden, Germany located only 90 miles northwest of Prague.

Located on the Elbe River, before WWII Dresden was often compared to Florence, Italy due to its architecture, sumptuous art galleries, jewel and porcelain collections. On February 13,

1945 American and British bombers firebombed Dresden at night, killing an estimated 25,000 civilians and decimating the city. (You may remember Kurt Vonnegut's novel *Slaughterhouse Five*, which details this horrific event.)

After the war, Dresden became one of the Iron Curtain countries under the occupation of the Soviet Union. During the Soviet years, reconstruction of the city was agonizingly slow and followed the typical Socialist Modern style: oblong blocks of concrete buildings. The once beautiful "garden city" still remained a palette of gray. Even the magnificent Lutheran Frauenkirche remained in ruins. Only after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany in 1990 did the effort and funding for restoration really begin. Now, the original splendor of Dresden's architecture has been replicated, most of the utilitarian gray buildings of the Soviet era have been removed and treasures that were hidden in remote areas during the war have been returned to the city. Dresden has resumed its rightful place among the finest of Germany's cultural destinations.

One of the first things you'll notice about Dresden is its "walk ability". It is flat, easy to navigate and you only have to look up to spot the top of the completely restored Frauenkirche or the Fine Arts Academy dome (nick-named the Lemon Juicer) in order to judge which direction you are headed. Divided by the Elbe River, Dresden's Altstadt (old town) on the west side comprises the major tourist sites such as the Zwinger Palace, the Semper Opera House, the Frauenkirche and the main train station. Neustadt (new town), on the opposite side of the river, is the more "bohemian" side. Both sides offer an esplanade along the river and a stroll across the Augustus Bridge connecting the two sides offers vistas of the entire area. We stayed at the Hotel am Terrassenufer right above the river on the Altstadt side, which gave us gorgeous views and was within walking distance to everything.



The top 3 attractions are located right in the heart of the Altstadt: the Semper Opera House, the Residenzschloss (Royal Palace) and the Zwinger complex. Inside the Zwinger are 3 museums, the most popular being the Old Masters Gallery where priceless works of art by Raphael, Rubens, Rembrandt, Titian, van Dyck and Vermeer are displayed. But wait till you visit the Residenzschloss and view an unbelievable collection of gold, silver, ivory, enamel and jewel encrusted treasures amassed by Augustus the Strong, who ruled here from 1694-1733. Known as the Historic Green Vault, everything is

displayed in Baroque rooms as it would have been in his time. The famous Green Diamond, considered by many equal to the Hope Diamond and the Mountain of Light Diamond in England's crown jewels, is displayed here. Keep your eye out for the porcelain ostrich egg topped with a long neck and head resting on feet in gold trim. The audio guide included with your ticket is excellent. Also, because the collection is so vast an additional upstairs floor called the New Green Vault displays items in a more modern setting. Many of the objects are even more elaborate than those in the historic room. Admission to the Historic Green Vault is limited by timed tickets that you can order online in advance at [www.gruenes-gewoelbe.skd.museum](http://www.gruenes-gewoelbe.skd.museum), but you can usually still get in without reserving in advance by lining up before they open at 10AM. They have about 75 tickets per half-hour time-slot available for sale at the ticket desk entrance, located inside the glass-domed inner courtyard of the Royal Palace. The Green Vault is closed on Tuesdays.





A completely different kind of attraction is the Volkswagen's Transparent Factory (die Gläserne Manufaktur). This futuristic looking but fully-functional factory produced VW's racy Phaeton car until it switched to making totally electric vehicles in 2017. The striking building, which is all glass, looks like a swanky office building. But inside is an open concept, multi-story circular assembly plant. The guided tour takes small groups right onto the assembly lines on 3 levels where you stand just feet away from technicians building the vehicles. The only robots in sight are those used to insert the

windshields, install the wheels and "marry" the top and bottom portions of the body together. When the vehicle is finished, a robot places it into a glass elevator which lowers it to an available parking spot inside an adjoining glass tower until the owner comes to drive it away or it is shipped out. Visitors are encouraged to experience a virtual reality test drive (it was really fun!) as well as inspect the forthcoming driverless vehicles which VW will be testing on the streets of Dresden, shortly. You can even take a real test drive of the electric Golf after your tour. I reserved an English tour in advance at [www.glaesernemanufaktur.de/en](http://www.glaesernemanufaktur.de/en) and then paid at the reception desk on the day of the tour. They even offer half-off for seniors. Both my husband and I thought this was definitely a trip highlight.



For a fine meal and great beer don't miss Ballhaus Watzke. There are 3 locations but the one across the Augustus Bridge in Mickten is the "real thing", as the beer is actually brewed at this location. Take tram 4 or 9 from the Altstadt to the corner of Leipziger and Kötzschenbroder streets. The beautiful old yellow building houses a ballroom on the top floor and a delicious restaurant on the main floor. This is where the locals eat and you can't go wrong, no matter what you order.

Now Dresden is less than 2 hours by car, train or bus from Prague and less than 3 hours from Berlin. There is frequent Flixbus service from either city as well as frequent train service. If you travel by car, be mindful that parking is always a headache in larger cities and once you arrive in Dresden you really don't need a car.

Auf Wiedersehen und gute Fahrt! (Good-bye and have a nice trip!)

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



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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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Into to our August meeting; “Dog Days” (August), I remember as a child running around barefooted in a pair of shorts, trying to stay out of the heat. No, Mama was not about to let you into the house. People did not get their dogs’ rabies shots; we were trained to hear the word “mad dog” and you would run into the house; then you could cool off. Ha ha! It really was not as bad as I make it out. My childhood memories of dog day always flash back to that. Just trying to say, that “heat” was the topic of our meeting.

**Conrad Hamilton** gave the old Marine Corp hug to **Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl** and **Ed Southworth**. I followed up with an Air Force handshake. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> in command **Bill Hayden** confirmed it had been hot. **Barbara Serra** got **Ray & Mai Owens** caught up in their back dues for our chapter. **John & Myrl Eisinger** passed out our name tags. So glad to see our guest **Veneta Hale** show up, we all were asking her to, please join up.

We thought **Rita Toucher** was going to be last one in but as the doors close, **Kim Ray** came in.

Our greeting time before the meeting, makes me think of my hunting days, sitting in a deer stand and watching all these turkeys come out of a huge oak tree hitting the ground; going up to each member shaking their feathers out and into order, greeting hello before the day starts.

Today was the birthday of our chapter founders **Yvonne Schwartz**, **Mai Owens** called her on face time and we all sang Happy Birthday. We miss them and so looking forward to her and Bob visiting us someday.

50/50 was drawn again by Conrad and yes, you guess it; he won again. Someone was questioning if he even purchased a ticket. We need the Florida gaming commission to check this out.

We try to have someone talk about some of their life experience. Today Conrad chose me, **Ray & Mai Owens** about our fleeing Iran in 1979. There was a lot of us over there, all told to leave, all having different stories. I had spent almost 5 years in a war zone before, and the last days in Iran, I think, were scary. Of course I had my wife and daughter with me. The Iranian people were nice to us, until the Shah left the country.

We lived there from 1977-1979 and were treated nice. We almost waited too long in leaving. All civilian airlines had stop flying. Air Force C-141 carried us out.

Try using Life Experience at your meeting. You will learn a lot about your fellow members. We are looking forward to **Ed Southworth**, 25 pages he wrote about flying in Vietnam. They are all heroes working right along beside you.

Come join us, first Monday of every month at the Cubi Café (with its entire memorabilia moved from the Philippines), Pensacola FL NAS Museum at 11:00AM.

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Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA



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We have nothing to report, as we do not meet in the summer. However, we do continue to hold Breakfast meetings on a reduced schedule.

Breakfast is on the second Wednesday of the month (not every other Wednesday) at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net).

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Where did the summer go? Many children are back in school already. Things we thought we would do during the summer will either have to wait until next year; unless we change our plans and try and squeeze them in on weekends, weather permitting. We seem to have many ideas, but as we get older not as much get done. We have to be thankful for the many things we still can do, however.

Did you get your hotel and RUAEA Convention registration in by the deadline of August 24<sup>th</sup>? We're looking forward to seeing everyone there. Denver sure has grown and has so much to do there. The weather should be great at that time too.

We're still meeting for Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. Normally we meet on the fourth Friday of each month, but because of the Convention the week of September 23, we will be having our Breakfast on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:15 a.m. We hope that works out with your schedule. Please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending so she can let the Manager of the Diner know how many plan to attend. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Be sure and mark your calendars of the change of date!

We had 17 people attend our July Breakfast. Even if it is hot outside, that doesn't stop our members from attending. They enjoy getting together and also like the food there too. It was good to see **John & Donna Smiley** back with us. He is having a great recovery and has gone from using a walker, to a cane, and now neither. Nothing slows him down! **Ame Esan** had successful Breast Cancer surgery and soon will begin four weeks of radiation treatment. I went through six weeks of it quite a few years ago now, and didn't have any problems. We were happy to see **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** at the breakfast too. They were in the area checking on their Mesa home. There may be some snowbirds returning to Arizona for the next breakfast, but most people come back starting in October or later. Don't know at this time whether an October luncheon will be held or not; but we'll let you know if one is scheduled. We normally start our luncheons once a month, starting in October, and continue each month until our annual picnic in April each year.

We have the following birthdays in September: **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Shirley Eaton** (9/11), **Judie Preston** (9/12), and **Lyn Deneen** (9/27). Happy Birthday to all! The only couple having a Wedding Anniversary is **Liz & Ted Tollefsen**, 65 years on September 18! Time sure flies, doesn't it?

#### Calendar:

**September 20** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**September 23 - September 28** - RUAEA Convention in Denver, CO.



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

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA

### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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It is unbelievable that the Redding Fire, also known as the Carr Fire, was one year ago on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The city is in a great recovery mode with homes being built and businesses back to work. None of our Redding members were personally affected but it truly affected all in some way. Hot, Hot, Hot, here in the Northstate, we're looking forward to cooler weather.

**Sharon Simonton**, Northstaters Secretary, led the meeting. Both the President, **Merritt Odor** and the Vice President, **John Isbell**, were out of town. **Caroline Geiger** graciously accepted the task of taking minutes. Sharon welcomed everyone and especially our guest for the day, **Sonda Sandstedt**, our Northern California Regional Director. We had 14 members and spouses in attendance.

Sharon asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Carl Franke**, **Kent Jorgensen**, **Caroline Geiger** and **Linda Delaney** all had birthdays in June and July. **Carl & Grace Franke** will be celebrating their anniversary.

**Sharon Simonton** brought some hard copies of Pass Travel updates for members to take home with them.

**Dick Hooning**, who is a member of the Chico Air Museum, reported that the museum personnel will be offering to take anyone from the public for a ride in a B-17 bomber during August 12-August 18. The cost ranges from \$425.00 to \$850.00. They will also be offering a tour of the grounder for \$15.00. The B-17 that will be at the museum is the actual B-17 that flew into Chico in the 60's.

**Sonda Sandstedt**, our Northern California Regional Director, gave a wonderful presentation on the upcoming convention that will be held in Denver starting September 23. She shared some information on the tours and events that will be going on the entire week. She spoke about the company going back to the name United Airlines instead of UnitedContinental Airlines. Again, she shared information about doing RUAEA.

She also shared with Sharon her Regional Director's Report that outlines some of the activities that other Northern California Chapters are doing. Sharon will make sure this is shared with all of the Northstater members. Sharon thanked Sonda for coming a long way to join our meeting and sharing some news.

A discussion took place on where to hold our September meeting which is usually a BBQ. **Linda & John Delaney** offered to find out about their campground area at Lake California. Sharon and Linda offered to work out the details of the destination for the BBQ site. The BBQ will be held on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM and Sharon volunteered to send out all of the information. As usual, the group's treasury will be paying for the meat.

**Bill Simonton** won the 50/50 raffle and **Grace Franke** won the lunch certificate.

Calendar:

**September 25** - Wednesday at 11:30 AM, BBQ at Lake California Campgrounds. Come Join Us!

**CENTRAL COASTERS**



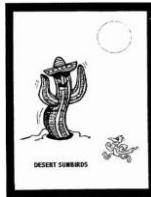
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July was the month that we did not have a meeting. I have not heard from any of our members this month so I'm assuming "no news is good news".

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Spirit of San Luis Restaurant at the San Luis Obispo Airport hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

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The Desert Sunbirds held their July Luncheon at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Mirage, hosted by **Marge Lenz** and **Ken Hawley**. They had three guests; **Diane Schaefer** and her sister, **Jan Curtis** (both of whom signed up as new members of the Sunbirds). The third guest of Marge & Ken was **Lone Petersen**, a former UAL Flight Attendant, who flew out of SEA and SFO. **Sandy Sereno** had her usual guest, **Alice Pappas**, plus a friend, **Roberta York**, who also became a new member of the Sunbirds. Hey, we are growing!

Congratulations to our Anniversary Celebrants: **Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan** (37 years - 9/8/82); **Kay Crabb** (48 years - 9-11-71); and **James & Vivien Rotella** (61 years - 9-26-58).

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Bridgitte & Werner Brunken**; and **Marge Lenz** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 Drawing.

**EAST BAY DIABLOS**



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Our August meeting was held on Monday, August 5 at Fuddrucker's Restaurant in Concord with 18 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00. This place is known for great burgers, hot dogs, French fries and shakes. **Cheryl Kincaid** was back and looks great after her surgery. **Joe & Wilma Leather** had a nice visit with family in Idaho in July, and **Rich & Georgia Bouska** had a marvelous time on their 21-day

cruise out of Rome with RUPA (Retired United Pilots Ass'n.). Rich wants everyone to know that next year's RUPA cruise is to Alaska and you are welcome to join the group. So stay tuned for more details as plans are finalized.

After lunch, **Barbara Underhill** conducted the raffle. **Rich Bouska** won the 50/50. We also had a nice selection of wine, some chocolate and a book. Yours truly won a tote bag that folds up into a wallet-sized purse. I will get good use out of it as I am always forgetting to take bags into the grocery store!

The Wings of Freedom aviation event, which I mentioned in the July newsletter, is still touring the country until November 1<sup>st</sup>. They have added a few more stops and will be in NJ, CT, MA, NH, NY, NJ, MD, NC and SC (in that order). See [www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org) for complete info and updates on the remaining stops.

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

- ❖ Monday, September 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ Monday, October 7 at 11:00 – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée and beverage.
- ❖ Monday, November 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all he can get.” If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.

### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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President **Vera Kina** called the July 22 meeting with a toot on her handy-dandy, call of the wild, duck horn. Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remembering those Military and Armed Forces members are always closest to our hearts. We were pleased to have a special guest speaker today – Corporal Travis Murray from the Foster City Police Department Crime Prevention unit. He presented a very interesting and informative talk on scams, being a good witness, “see something, say something,” how to deter burglars, no passwords, bank numbers, social security numbers divulged, telephone scams. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't! If it is an emergency, then 911 does the trick – non-emergencies, use your local police department number. Stick to the facts and be precise when speaking to law enforcement personnel as your call may be to another city than the one you from which you are calling. Foster City enjoys a ranking of 98<sup>th</sup> safest city in the country in 2018. (We won't go into our sky-high real estate, over-the-top rentals, traffic woes, etc.) Our special thanks to **Charlie Bogert** for getting this speaker for our retirees, we learned a lot. That's Charlie and Travis smiling for the camera. This meeting was a special treat for those attending as our very own Bakers **Pete Cooper** and **Colleen Wood** provided Lemon Bars, Zucchini Bread, and a large variety of baked cookies to buy and take home to enjoy. Move over Julia!

Here's what we have planned for the next three months:

- ❖ August 26 - Pizza Party with salad fixins' and dessert – \$10 per member / \$15 per guest
- ❖ September 23 - Annual Picnic catered by Armadillo Willys', scrumptious BBQ, potato salad, the works.
- ❖ October 28 - BYOBL (your version of Subway Sandwiches) plus the ever popular Bingo.



Treasurer **Art Barrett** reported that the treasury is healthy and will be getting transfusions from our bake sale today.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for June, no complaints so she gets to keep the job (unless you'd just love to have it?) Art had no new paying dues members so the current roster will be sent out shortly to those who have not attended meetings lately.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** has lots of family support helping sort out all the "stuff" Jerry accumulated over the years. Barbara asked for birthday babies to "fess up." **Dave Oxendine** (guest), **Rex Reelfs** and **Bob Donovan** all rose to the occasion. Bob is pushing 100 – must be all those cigars and 5 fingers of Scotch that do the trick! **Margaret & Rex Reelfs** are celebrating their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary; did Rex dazzle her with a huge Diamond for their 60<sup>th</sup>? Congrats to you all.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** (in absentia) have finalized the yearly audit. They have signup lists for our Annual Picnic being held in September – coming? Need to know so we have enough food. Your roster has **Gene Walter's** phone number.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – Beach Blanket Babylon dates are on a wait-list basis. We will bid farewell to one of the best shows ever! September 20 – 27, 2020 we set sail on a Princess Cruise sailing out of San Francisco to Canada for 7 days then back to SFO. Email Ginger for a flyer.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** and his wife **Helen** are celebrating their anniversary on a cruise.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave lucky **Bill Heinrich** both raffle money giveaways. Bingo winners were **Ella Mae Donovan**, **Linda Barrett**, **Rex Reelfs**, **Bill Heinrich** and **Gene Walter**.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 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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#### **Submitted by Suzanne Kenny for Jane Gibson, our wonderful Secretary**

This was the first time to have our luncheon at Que Viva, Mexican and Seafood Specialties, in Cameron Park. This place has a very nice Cantina atmosphere ... you must see the décor! The menu offered many choices like fish tacos and burritos as well as combination plates with a taco, enchilada, tamale and also a Chile Colorado for Mr. Biro! All combination plates also came with beans and rice, very filling. This restaurant was easy to find with lots of parking and we heard that they have live music on Saturday nights. President **Bill Dinette** extended a warm "Thank You" to **Dawn & Roy Martin** for hosting this luncheon for us and as always, the company was great!

Bill opened our meeting by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. This has been a nice new tradition each month. When the question of birthdays was asked, we had two celebrating this month! A hearty "Happy Birthday" to **Rosemary Heier** and **Irv Wolfram**. No hands were raised for celebrating anniversaries, but our records indicate that we need to send Best Wishes to **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale**, married on 7/3/77. No guests at our meeting today, but they are always welcome.

President ~ **Bill Dinette** brought several items to share with us this month: A "Thank You" letter for our donation to the Camp Fire Relief Fund from its President & CEO Alexa Benson-Valavanis. As of this meeting we have not received an acknowledgement from the El Dorado Food Bank, however the check has been cashed. Bill also covered items from the RUAEA Newsletter.

Vice President ~ **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**, who are in charge of our monthly raffle, made sure everyone who brought an item to be raffled received their donator ticket. They also made sure that anyone who wanted to buy raffle tickets already had them.

Rudy also shared that they have an upcoming visit with the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services to update their trust/will and were advised that the staff would travel down to meet them in Cameron Park. El Dorado County offers general civil legal services to county residents 60 years of age or older through the Senior Legal Services office. Individuals can meet with an attorney to get legal advice, solve problems, mediate disputes, and prepare legal documents. The Senior Legal Services office is located in the Placerville Senior

Center, and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, Senior Legal Services provides a wealth of self-help materials and legal educational programs on topics of popular interest. There is no charge for the services provided through Senior Legal Services. The program is funded through the Older Americans Act as well as the county and through generous donations by clients and their families. To make an appointment, please call (530) 621-6154. For more information about Senior Legal Services in El Dorado County, visit [www.edcgov.us/humanservices](http://www.edcgov.us/humanservices).

*Secretary ~* **Jane & Bill Gibson** were not at the meeting today. They are attending a family get together in southern California. We hope they are having great family time and we will see you next month.

*Treasurer ~* Yeah! **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today! We received a generous check in the amount of \$281.67 from BJ's Restaurant as a rebate of 20% from our meal with them recently. As of today we have 36 Hangtown Miners and all have paid their dues – we are 100% current! Thank you all.

*Historian ~* **Pati Kenney** was with us today, but still recovering from her recent back injury. She has been working on updating our books and now has a travel case to bring them to our meetings. If you have anything to be added, articles, pictures, etc., please bring them to a meeting for her.

*Sunshine ~* We did send out two get well cards last month to **Rudy Blazius** who was home recovering from pneumonia and **Pati Kenney** recovering from a back injury.

*New Business ~* United's information on the Max 8's impact on the company's schedules was discussed.

*Contributions ~* **Tom Biro** passed around the roster and asked everyone to please verify that all of their information is current and correct. Check!

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on Monday, August 12, hosted by **Bill & Linda Dinette** at Connie's, 4400 Hwy 49, Pilot Hill, CA 95664/

Bill brought our meeting to a close and our raffle began with **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** winning the donators' prize. A big thank to all who brought items for the raffle today: **Blazius** – kitchen towels/accessories; **Martin** – Fireball (alcoholic beverage); **Kenney** – three casserole holders; **Wolfram** – garden butterfly; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Biro** – wine; **Kenny** – wine; **Dellinger** – candle; **Akin** – fresh eggs; **Kozelka** – air compressor.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

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Greetings! In spite of the hot, humid weather, there were twenty three at breakfast. Could it be that we all knew it would be cool and air conditioned inside?

**Rosalie Tripicchio** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 this month. She will have some extra money to enjoy some shopping at the Convention!

**Ray Wood** and his wife will be celebrating 63 years of marriage, **Farid Zamani** and his wife **Shukria** 41 years, **Debbie & Robert Taylor** 47 years and **Rosalie & Dan Tripicchio** 45 years. Congratulations to all.

**Sally Childs Alkazin** was a welcome guest at breakfast. She is currently living in a small town in Washington, close to the Oregon border. She worked in SAN as a CS Trainer. I told her about the PDX retirees and sending her contact info for that group.

**Farid & Shukria Zamani** recently returned from a trip to Naples and enjoyed touring Sorrento, Positano and the Amalfi Coast. The beautiful coastline with villages nestled in the cliffs offering breathtaking views. They also took the challenging drive up steep and narrow, winding roads to Mount Vesuvius, the ancient town

of Pompeii and the Archaeological Museum. He commented how nice and friendly the people were and the great food.

This month our featured retiree is **Farid Zamani** and his airline career of 40 years ~ “*When I first started my airline career, I was 20 years old and worked in Customer Service for Ariana Afghan/Pan American in Kabul, Afghanistan. I worked in various departments the included sales, airport customer service, supervisor and Station Manager.*

*My career in Afghanistan was permanently severed due to the Russian Invasion in 1979. My family and I were forced to leave the country and we were America bound where we settled in Los Angeles under political asylum. Because of my passion for the airline industry I was led to attend the Academy Pacific College where I majored in Transportation Management. I graduated with honors and was hired by Continental Airlines where I began as a reservations Agent at LAX. Within a year I was promoted to Airport Sales Agent. Five years later, I received an opportunity for a promotion as an Operations Agent in San Diego. My family and I quickly adjusted to our new home in San Diego, the beaches and slower pace of living. Over the course of my career in SAN, I worked in Baggage Claim, Ticket Agent, Acting Supervisor and Training coordinator. In 2010, Continental and United went through a merger and this, unfortunately, created a hostile environment throughout the company. In 2014, I was offered an early retirement payout option and after many family discussions I decided to make the extremely difficult decision to accept the retirement package. My family and I continue to travel and enjoy experiencing the many cultures, food and way of living around the world. We continue to fly United and I am proud to know that the Continental culture still remains.”*

I would like to add that Farid is an active contributing member of the Resans family and has been helpful in welcoming other Continental Retirees to our group.

#### Calendar:

**September 5** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

#### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting at The Sizzler Restaurant, in Auburn, CA. President **Jim Simon** thanked **Orville Harshbarger** for hosting this month's luncheon. Jim welcomed everyone and stated that we have 40 members in attendance. VPs **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** did not attend.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** reported the two anniversaries this month; **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** celebrate 27 years, **Francisco & Marta Fornells** celebrate 65 years! Congratulations!

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for July. She reported that the treasury is covering the tip to the restaurant servers.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Jeanne Garcia**, wishing her a speedy recovery from her accident. She also welcomed **Ken Norton** back from his surgery.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** reported that next month's luncheon meeting will be held at Mel's in Auburn. She encourages us to order and pay in advance for our lunch choices. As soon as I receive her flyer, I will send to all members.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** explained why she has not been in attendance for a couple of months; she has been moving and it sounded pretty daunting. She encourages as many as possible to attend the convention in DEN. There are many interesting tours, including the AF Academy. This is a great place to meet and have fun. She gave an update on new and seasonal flights. We have many new routes. If any of you need assistance with pass travel, the newsletter has pass department contacts listed.

**Jack Raynor** stated that he has new 2019 roster booklets for anyone that needs one. See him.

RUAEA Newsletter **Francis Domaratius** asked in an effort to support RUAEA, he encourages us to become a member and to subscribe to the newsletter.

**Irv Wolfram** was our birthday roll-off winner this month.

**Ed & Rose Rheam** will host the luncheon in October.



**Ron Bertacini** conducted this month's raffle.

Jim reiterated that next month's meeting will be held at Mel's in Auburn. Meeting was adjourned.



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

We always meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month and all are welcome. If you would like any information about our chapter or meeting schedules, please call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 728-7641.

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We had 28 retirees in attendance at our final meeting for July. During that meeting, a date was set for our next luncheon on September 10. This will be at the Fish Market, 3775 El Camino, Santa Clara, which is a favorite place among our members. They provide us with a separate section of the restaurant, the food is great and service excellent. If you wish to join us, please contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-7855 as it may not be too late to sign up.

**Karen & Bob Devlin** returned from their Princess Lines Baltic cruise and had a wonderful time. They visited several cities including St. Petersburg, Russia, where they toured the treasures of the Hermitage museum.

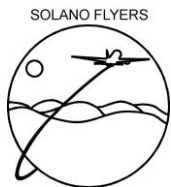
**Chuck Thuener** shared pictures of his terracotta soldier he acquired after visiting the site in China many years ago. No he did not steal it; this is a replica, which he has on the front porch. Every festive holiday he and his wife decorate the soldier appropriately, this month to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Roger Casterline** celebrated his birthday this month. Although he couldn't be with us, we wished him a happy day. **Rosemarie Reichard** contacted him and he mentioned to her that he may try and make one of our meetings. Also celebrating a birthday this month was **Merle Sweet**.

**Marianne Johnson**, having returned on a trip to Denmark, relayed to us the biggest fad there. Underwear designed by Bjorn Borge, the tennis player. Apparently, everyone is wearing these and have the label clearly visible. **Bob Mattscheck** offered to show us his pair he was wearing, however the group indicated, rather loudly, that that was not necessary.

**Jean Jenkins** shared the recent story, all of us were aware of, that of the San Jose Prospect High School football coach who recently received an ESPN award for his contributions to youth. He is a true inspiration not only to the students he interacts with, but the entire school. Although disabled, he has no arms or legs, he coaches with authority, demanding the best from his players.

As you read this, we may have changed restaurants, or moved the day of the week for our weekly meetings. Please contact President **Marianne Johnson** at (650) 969-5444 for the changes. All are welcome to attend if you are in the South bay area.



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July 17 found the Flyers at Bud's Restaurant in Dixon, CA. This is the first time that we have been to this facility and the consensus is that it will be seeing us again. In attendance were **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**,

**Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Jack Hornfischer, Allan Pochop, Charles Johnson, and Nolan & Mary Untiedt.**

Birthday: **Jamie Schwafel.**

Anniversary: **Diosnel & Luci Perez** (50 years), and **Pad & Eileen Gardner** (20 years).

As the VP and MAA did not attend the meeting, it was conducted by Secretary **Allan Pochop**, his conduct of the meeting was a welcome change from our turbulent past meetings.

50/50 drawing was won by **McKinley Nelson.**

Calendar:

**August 21** - 11:00AM, Red Robin Restaurant, 186 Nut Tree Pkwy, Vacaville, CA

**September 18** - Black Bear Restaurant, 111 Sunset Ave., Suisun City.

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President **Don Burbank** opened our August meeting with 28 in attendance. We were reminded to bring aluminum for recycle as it provides income to our chapter so we don't pay dues.

The Denver Chapter is working on convention plans and would like more volunteers. We are looking forward to hosting the convention and seeing you all there. The Mainliners club store will be open for a tour during the convention.

Beware of scams ~ A text was sent to RUAEA officers asking for money in the name of our RUAEA President.

50/50 winners who returned their money were **Gene Sibley, Orland Baldwin, Ray Shoults, Walt Hansen** and **Cas Spokas.**

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

**FLORIDA**

**THE CITRUS GROUPERS**

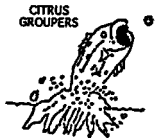
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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Our meeting on July 11 was attended by 14 happy Sand"Dabbers". Birthday wishes were extended to our President, **Dick Coughlin** and wedding anniversary congratulations were in order for **Steve & Lillian Moddle**

and **Dave & Marian Wickersham**. The 50/50 was won by **Penny Logan** and our new treasurer **Marian Wickersham** gave the treasurer's report.

We had 13 members at our August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. We were sorry to hear that **Bud Gammill** was under the weather and wish him a speedy recovery. Birthday wishes were extended to **Herb Gardner** and **Gloria Marcantoni** but there were no wedding or company anniversaries. **Herb Gardner** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations to Herb!

President **Dick Coughlin** gave his report, Vice-President **Steve Moddle** also gave his report and Treasurer **Marian Wickersham** updated us on our finances. Thanks to all of them for their continued dedication!

Since we are less than 6 months from Christmas, **Dick Coughlin** reminded us that we will again be having our holiday party at the Smyrna Yacht Club in New Smyrna Beach. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date but we are so fortunate to be able to use that beautiful venue and thanks to **Juanita Ritt Karten** and **Ken Carpenter** for helping make the arrangements possible.

#### Calendar:

**September 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**October 3** - Same as above

**November 7** - Same as above

**December 5** - Christmas Party, Smyrna Yacht Club, New Smyrna Beach, FL



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Our August Birthday folks included **Richard Vinson** and **Shelby Michels**. Anniversary Congrats to **Chris & Donna Hess**!

September's Birthday Candles will be blown out by **Angel Montalvo**, **David Leighty**, **Karen Carlson**, **Charlotte LeGrand** and **Barbara Halterman**! And celebrating 52 years of "together" this month are **Tom & Peg Cannata**! Huge Congrats!!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Future Golden Corral Luncheons will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendar and join us – you'll be glad you did!

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





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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on August 5<sup>th</sup> at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Robert Lindstrom** since our President was on a trip. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. It was nice to see **Dave & Carolyn Lodge**.

Secretary's report was read, but there was no report from the Treasurer.

Anniversary ~ Bob & Jan Lindstrom, 52 years on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Travel ~ **Jon Wilkinson** accompanied his daughter and grandsons to Cooperstown, NY. One of his grandsons was in the Little League Tournament; he reported that they played well. It was a wonderful experience for his team. They all had a great trip and seeing the Baseball Hall of Fame.

**Peggy Manuel** updated us on **Noemi Guzman**'s hubby; lots of prayers are being said for both of them. She also read a humorous article and we all had a good laugh. We also discussed UAL news.

Signup is available for our Picnic on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Park - 10:30/11:00. We will decide about chicken at the next meeting.

Meeting was closed and lunch was served.

### **Calendar:**

**September 9** – IHOP, 10:30. The meeting was moved up one week because of Labor Day

**October 7** – Picnic at Anderson Park - site location to follow.

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Our July meeting was cancelled due to many members traveling or battling illness or injury.

President **Al Popek** brought the August Meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also asked for a moment of silence to remember those lost in the senseless shootings in Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton. We had 16 members and one guest in attendance.

**Arnie & Dee Laksovere** were accompanied by their wonderful son Jonathan, who drove them up from their home in Ft. Lauderdale.

It looks like all of our travelers are home safe and sound. **Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero** just returned from their cruise. Unfortunately, flying space available wasn't as easy as they had hoped. Getting back to the states and back down to Florida was a challenge!

**Paul & Diane Liebisch** also had SA troubles getting home from Maui with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson. It seems like summer travel is getting more difficult for retirees. Paul & Diane are getting excited to move into their new home in Tradition. It will be in just a few weeks.

Our chapter normally has several members traveling to the convention each year. Due to unforeseen events and illness, many will be unable to go. Our correspondent, **Mary Kay Wetherington**, is planning to attend with her sister, **Nancy Caeti**, a former Stewardess, who lives in Denver.

We are proud of member, **Frank Wise**, who will be going on an Honor Flight in November. We know it will be quite an experience for you and we thank you for your service.

President **Al Popek** and Vice President **Bob Langevin** shared some wonderful funny stories with us from their days at United. We all could probably write a book! Quite entertaining!

We learned that United has been honored to be placed on the list of the Top 50 companies to work for. Nearly 500,000 people apply for positions each year.

Our semi-annual picnic will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, so save the date. A sign-up sheet will be available at our September meeting. Also, September is membership month. Dues, \$10.00 per member, will be collected by Treasurer **Carolyn Lindgren**.

50/50 was won by **Carolyn Lindgren**. The Progressive winnings went to **Bob Langevin**.

Well wishes go out to all of our members on the sick/recovery list. We were happy to see **Al Popek** with us. He is getting around better now but still nursing his injured leg. He wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

August birthdays include: **Al Popek** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Maureen Carragher** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Mary Jane Wise** (13<sup>th</sup>), **James Hanley** (15<sup>th</sup>), **"Dinos" Constantinos Xifaras** (25<sup>th</sup>) and **Frank Wise** (27<sup>th</sup>).

#### Calendar:

**September 3** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

**October 15** – Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12:00 noon

**November 5** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

### GEORGIA



**DIXIE FLYERS**

#### DIXIE FLYERS

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The Dixie Flyers met at 2 PM at the Broadway diner in Fayetteville, Georgia on August 7. Those attending were **Richard Thompson, Judy Elk, Fred Cron, Sandy Lis, Don Shelley, Gary Tuttle, Mike Brite, and Stan Cebula**. There was no 50/50 as **Fred Cron** was going out of town.

Happy birthday wishes to all those celebrating a birthday in August. **Sybil Voss**, our sunshine lady, will be busy sending out the birthday cards.

The Dixie Flyers meet the first Wednesday of every month at 2 o'clock at the Broadway diner in Fayetteville Georgia. Next luncheon will be September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### HAWAII



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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:HNLRUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

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

#### PAU HANA KUPUNA

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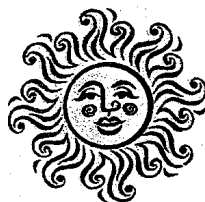
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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks,

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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Our luncheon meeting was held on August 6 at the Banbury Golf Course in Eagle, Idaho. Those attending were **Shirley Perkins, Bud & Pat Peters, Denny Snyder, Dave & Carol Adams, Rick Dempsey**, and attending our meeting for the first time was **Joe Sweeney** and **Pam Ortali** from Kuna, Idaho.

Dave & Carol reported they had gone camping at Glens Ferry, Idaho; they attended a dedication service at Craig, Colorado, for the Veterans Tele Conference Medical Facility, named after Dave's friend who received Congressional Medal of Honor recognition.

**Joe Sweeney** has retired from UAL SFO after 44 years of service. Joe worked in automotive maintenance and ground equipment at SFO. Joe and his partner **Pam Ortali** are looking forward to making many new friends in their new location in Kuna, Idaho. They like to go RVing, fishing, skiing, and bowling. Pam is also interested in finding new friends who like to do craft projects. If anyone is interested in craft projects, she would like for you to give her a call at (805) 501-1246.

**Shirley Perkins** and **Louise Duvall** are hosting our next luncheon meeting in October. The date, time and location will be announced soon. Thank you to Bud and Pat Peters for hosting our meeting today.

Rick announced that our Christmas Party will be on December 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Bacquets Restaurant, a French Bistro in Eagle, Idaho. Details will be announced in late October, so please hold this date on your calendar for our Christmas Luncheon. We definitely will need a head count of those attending.

Rick, Bud, and **Joe Varady** will look forward to seeing everyone in October. Until then enjoy the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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September—Yeay, the kids are back in school! Did you help take your grandkids back to college? Did you buy them new clothes? Remember when we were kids, we got new dresses, socks, shoes, hair ribbons, or for the boys, ties, shirts, trousers, shoes. Now, it's jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers. How times have changed. Having gone to an all-girls Catholic school, we got to wear nice clothes for about a week or so, then back to our uniforms of white long-sleeved broadcloth blouses and navy skirt and jerkin, pretty warm for September. We hated them, but you know what, we did look nice in class, assemblies, and Mass every week. Nobody was better dressed than the other girls were; although, some of the wealthier girls' blouses were yellowy and not ironed. Guess mom was too busy at her Junior League meetings to iron and use bleach, OR, the maid was off on laundry day. I rather miss the smell of pencils, erasers, chalk and sawdust, don't you? A few of our wacky days this month are, Emma Nutt day on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Be Late for Something Day on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Grandparent's Day on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Blame Someone Else Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> (National Holiday at UAL), Dogs in Politics Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, (almost afraid to comment on this one), Rosh Hashanah begins on the 29<sup>th</sup>. September 11 is such a sad day for UAL and the country. What a senseless act that destroyed so many families, but I think it made us all stronger. Never to be forgotten.



The RUAEA Convention is this month. Hope you're planning to attend this year in DEN from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. RUAEA always has a nice week of events planned. Our Skyliners has their Germanfest Lunch on the 10<sup>th</sup>. You can still sign up for it, if you hurry. Good food and entertainment planned.

The Northside breakfast had 17 guests. **Joan Teister** brought her son, **Keith**, DCAFO, who just moved to Virginia. Newbies were **Sandra & Jerry Pryde**, EXOKA, what a pleasant surprise to see them. Y'all come back, ya'hear? **Marsha Sealock-Weber** acquired a new kitty. That makes three under about 18 months of age. Eeeks! She has her paws full!

Our Southside breakfast had 14 retirees. Our special guest was **Sylvester Gant's** granddaughter, Genesis. She's been coming a few years now, how she has grown, getting cuter all the time. **Linda Adams, Marge Caliendo, Marge Schmitt** and **Sylvester Gant** won the raffle. Three guesses where Sylvester's money went, or to whom!

The ORDMM breakfast had about 18 people. We had visitors from the great state of Arizona, **Sue & Boris Spitz**. They were in town for a few events, a wedding, birthday, and a reunion. It's always fun to see Boris, a colorful guy. Even though PHX is hot, they don't have our fabulous humidity, and it was pouring rain, too. Welcome back to Chicago, if you stay long enough, they'll tax you for visiting.

The IAMAW 1487 had a fun afternoon with their annual picnic, including hot dogs, hamburgers and brats, cooked by the lodge officers. Members generously brought salads and a great array of desserts. Helpers included **Diane Gallogly, Ellen Thiede, Larry Parker, Dick Hoppel**, and a few others. The local chapter officers did the cooking, **Laraine Brooks-Tyner, Greg Alujewski, Tony Licciardi, Mike Finn, and Deena Pena**. The next meeting will be September 5, a Meet and Eat lunch. The 93 guests also brought items for a White Elephant sale, a true variety of gifts. One person got a paint-by-number set; another lady got a Christian Dior silk scarf for \$.50. What a deal! After lunch, they participated in the Horse Derby, always a lot of fun. It's time to get ready for the Christmas Party on December 5. Get a group of 10 together and sign up with your friends.

In July, a group of Skyliners went on the Mainliner Club trip to Lake Geneva. What a delightful excursion to one of my favorite towns. The Skyliners that attended were **Phyllis & Ray Potsic, Ken & Muriel Bergsma, Peggy Andersen, Gwen & Sharon Brookins, and Jan Gawenda**. We had a delicious brunch on the boat, cruised around the Lake, seeing how the other 1% lives in their million dollar homes, and their boats. Then we saw the Museum of early Geneva, showing how and when it was settled by the Potawatomi Indians. Next time you get an email about the Mainliner sponsoring a trip, consider it. This was well organized, we had a great afternoon, and we didn't have to drive! I have it on good authority their next outing will be just as exciting.

I hope you enjoyed the massive coverage of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Moon Landing. NASA and I are old buddies, I'm absolutely fascinated by space travel, the skies, stars, and, dare I say it, aliens. Back in the 60's, my friend **Lu Simpson**, CHIRR, and I went to Cape Canaveral many times and saw about seven Apollo moon launches. How exciting to see those rockets take off for parts known, but unknown, right in front of us. You feel the earth move under your feet. We went to a bar called The Mouse Trap in Cocoa Beach. It was the night before a launch, maybe Apollo 8, in walks a group of astronauts. **Yes!** Lu and I almost fell off our chairs; I think they were Schirra, Borman, Lovell, Cernan, Collins, Aldrin, Gordon, Shepard, and Carpenter. It was over 52 years ago, so forgive me if I messed up who they all were. I doubt Glenn and Armstrong were there, they were too straight-laced. Everyone ran to meet them, those were the days you could do that. What great, kind gentlemen, and what a huge thrill. Something I'll always remember, we were where history was happening, in a bar, talking to astronauts. I bet you were in a historical situation long ago, too. I hope something to pass on to your kids. Thanks for letting me get my little bit of history in here. There are more ... Maybe another time. I got around.

Our fellow compatriots that flew West this month include: **Carl Riley** and **Jack Barham**, ORDCG, **Betty Romano**, ORDSW, **Joe Schauer**, OPBCM, **George Pylawka**, ORDFO, **Ed Hughes**, ORDMM/SFOLM, a very fine and respected man, the best. Also gone from this world are, Ross Perot, Art Neville, Justice John Paul Stevens, Rutger Hauer, Harold Prince, Cubs' Ernie Broglio, Russi Taylor (Minnie Mouses' voice), NFL Hall of Famer Nick Buoniconti, and the beloved Toni Morrison, Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**September 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**September 5**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

**September 10** - RUPA Lunch - Warbird Heritage Museum, Waukegan, 11:00 Social Hour, 12:00 Lunch, Speaker, Paul Wood

**September 10** - Skyliner's Fall Lunch - The Cotillion, 360 S. Creekside Dr., Palatine, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

**December 3** - Skyliner's Christmas Lunch - The Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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Our July meeting was held at the home of **Charles Theiss** on Tuesday, July 9. In attendance were **Hannelore Brabo; Frank Ingegno; Chris Johnston; Frank & Rita Prinz; Charles Theiss** and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. We also had one special guest, **Jackie Monilaw**, RUAEA Regional Director, came down from Chicago to join the party.

There was no business discussed, and most of the conversation was based upon retiree medical and travel.

**Frank Ingegno** will assume correspondent duties for the Indy Racers beginning with the October 2019 RUAEA newsletter.

Frank's aviation history includes: 1984 Aircraft mechanic dock 2 BCP crew, swing shift SFOOV; 1986 Turbine Shop Inspector SFOPI inspecting engine part rework in the machine shop; 1988 Aircraft Inspector SFOIQ; 1994 Aircraft Inspector INDIQ; Employed by AAR Indianapolis as aircraft inspector; United Airlines in Indianapolis as Systems Engineer INDEG. In 2009, the Indianapolis office closed and he was transferred to Chicago Elk Grove Village office as an MEL Engineer; 2009-2018 – MEL engineer OPBEG; May 31, 2018 – Retired from United Airlines.

In addition to his A&P, Frank also holds an FAA Aircraft Dispatch License. Frank met his wife Susanne on the Long Island Commuter Railroad during a hurricane.

The Indy Racers normally meet at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill located at 7508 Beechwood Center Road, suite 300, Avon, IN, 46123. The phone for Emmy's is (317) 272-7200. The only exceptions to the normal meeting place, unless voted by the group, are the summer party, and the Christmas Luncheon which will be at Maggiano's Little Italy located in The Fashion Mall, 3550 E. 86<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN, 46240. The normal meeting day is the second Tuesday of each month March through December. We do not meet in January or February. The meeting agenda is lunch 1130-1230, business meeting at 1230-1315 (1:15pm) ending with social time 1315 (1:15pm) to meeting end at 1400 (2:00pm)

Our meeting schedule for 2019 will be:

- September 10 at Emmy's;
- October 8 at Emmy's;
- November 12 at Emmy's;
- December 10, Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy.
- January 2020, winter break, no meeting.
- February 2020, winter break, no meeting.

If anyone is traveling and will be in Indianapolis on a meeting day we invite you to join us. Call **Chris Johnston** (317) 694-4406 for more information, [cajindy@aol.com](mailto:cajindy@aol.com).

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#### Submitted by Carleen Eddy

**Irene Kimball** and **Linda Suga** saw Faye Dunaway in her latest off Broadway production, "Tea at Five" before she was fired for abusing the cast members. Faye is from Boston, but it was not a happy homecoming for her. Irene then spent a week at Emerald Island, NC with her family. All the grandkids, In-Laws and great grandkids were there. It was a beautiful week and a good time was had by all.

**Carleen Eddy** also went to a family reunion in Deep Creek, Maryland. Along the way she stopped at Shanksville to see the Flight 93 memorial. She had been there when the memorial first opened and was amazed at the changes. It was a very moving and sobering experience, she didn't realize that all passengers and crew are still buried there.

**Kathy Tucker** is once again riding in the Pan Mass challenge. They bike from Boston to Cape Cod a distance of 95 miles. Anyone wanting to contribute may do so at <https://egifts.pmc.orgKT0098>.

We said goodbye to **Bill Brown**, **Yvonne Fucci**, and **Mike Jordan**; all of whom left us too soon in July, they will be missed.

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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The Olive Garden in Novi, MI is the location of our August luncheon which will be held on Friday, August 16 at 12 noon. The restaurant is located at 43300 Crescent Blvd, Novi, in the Novi Town Center. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to **Marlene Heaney**, our host, at 248 346-4114 (text) or [mbheaney@hotmail.com](mailto:mbheaney@hotmail.com).

We had a wonderful time at our July luncheon hosted by **Carol Shaffner** and **Joan Benoit** at Diamond Jim Brady's. Attending, in addition to our hosts, were **Marlene Heaney**, **Joan Robinson**, **Patty Gates**, **Pam Shamey**, **Camille Wade**, **Gay Givens**, **Debbie Monette**, and **Gwen Dyc**.

What a pleasure it is to visit with our old United friends. This past month there were a couple of opportunities to keep in touch. **Shirley Furdak** was visited recently by **Pam Shamey**, **Marcy Vance**, **Anna Noeske**, **Paula Foley**, **Nancy Burke**, and **Marge Nicholas**. She loved seeing them and hearing from her United friends. You can send a card to Halsted Place, 29451 Halsted, Apt. 221, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. She would love hearing from you.

**Sharon Jacob** was delighted that a few of us came to visit her and her daughter Lisa, a couple of weeks ago. **Joni O'Brien** and her mom, **Helen Venn**, **Camille Wade**, **Jeen Kobb**, **Patty Gates** and **Gwen Dyc** met at a nearby restaurant and shared many stories and laughs. Sharon's new address is 760 Robar Circle, White Lake, MI 48386.

**Jeff Lefleur's** wife, **Carole**, has been having serious health problems. We all wish her well. Their address is 1117 Scarlet Oak E., Jackson, MI 49201-9546.

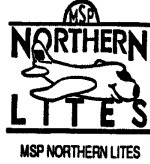
**Murphy Jean Miller** is cheerful as ever and said to say hello. She hired into DTWRR in 1966. Currently she is undergoing dialysis three times a week and has had some other health issues. She would love to hear from her old friends. Cards can be sent to her at the West Oaks Senior Care & Rehab Center, 22355 8 Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48219. Or give her a call at (313) 772-0169. If you have a current contact for **Phillis Woolen**, please let her know. Jean would like to get in touch with her.

Thought for the month: We are a gift to the right.

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Sixteen Lites came for lunch and visiting in July, a smaller group than usual. Family activities in good weather do have a priority in the Land of the Short Summer. Couldn't also be an aging membership, could it? The missing members were gleefully gossiped about.

We were pleased to see **Marlene & Bob Overpeck** once again. Marlene was employed in the early years after the Capital-United merger but later turned to a local tour operator for the rest of her career in the travel biz. It's nice that she stays in touch with many of the "old gang". They recently completed a 4700-mile road trip around the country visiting friends and family.

**Mary & Jim Brennan's** daughter, **Susan Hooker**, once again participated in the 300 mile, 5-day bikeathon fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, her 12<sup>th</sup> year doing so. Our chapter voted to contribute \$100 to her efforts and received a lovely thank-you note from her.

**Mary Kilian** was still needing more time in rehab after her "episode", which they're still not calling a stroke. Al spent most days with her, assisting her as needed. She had physical therapy sessions three times a day, a grueling schedule. However, coming back home, even in a wheelchair if that's what's required, was preferable to being separated. Mary is now back home and they're muddling along as best they can. They could use a few prayers from the congregation.

**Gordy Olson** and **Bob Overpeck** both had July birthdays, so we had them roll the dice. Gordy said that it was okay if the dice rolled under a table, he could go get them .. showoff! Two rolls were necessary to break the seven-seven tie, but Bob eventually won the \$5 prize.

**Janice Meyer** and her husband **Roger Jorgenson** are moving to Rochester, MN. Since most of their "doctoring" is done there at Mayo Clinic, it makes sense to live closer. Hopefully, that won't reduce the times we get to see them.

We were saddened to hear from **Arlene McCroy**, MSPRR alumna, of the passing of **Bev Thompson**, another colleague from long ago. Although it's been many years since we worked with her and her husband, **Dave Thompson**, the good memories of those two remain. Condolences may be sent to Dave and his daughters at 29413 Hidden Lake Dr., Menifee, CA 92584.

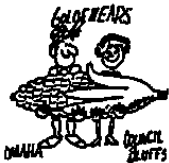
Although it's August when I write this, I think a reminder is in order, Gentle Readers. When inclement weather arises in the winter, it was agreed that we're all big boys and girls, so we can decide on our own to attend or not. No one will attempt to notify anyone about a cancellation due to weather. If you're the only one there, well, sit down, enjoy your lunch and we'll see you next month! Or not.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

## NEBRASKA

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There were 21 of us at the Pizza Ranch on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the food there is very good and the room we have allows for some privacy for our meeting. The weather is very hot, but we asked for summer to come so you must be careful what you ask for. We were happy to see **Denny & Mary Pierson**. Denny has recovered from his bout with pneumonia and is back to usual activity.



The winners of the 50/50 were **Marge Edwards** (on a ticket from **Dick Weak**) and **Betsy Anderson**, they each received \$12. It's uncanny how often there is a **Dick Weak** influenced winner.

I was notified that **Vicky Henkelman** is hospitalized waiting for a liver transplant. Get well cards would be welcome, her address is 7832 S. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68136. We wish you God speed, Vicky.

I also received a call from **Peggy Casebeer** telling me that **Kenny** has been diagnosed with liver cancer. They were still doing testing but at this time were not planning any treatment. We are thinking of you Kenny and wishing for any miracles available. She says Kenny likes company or cards so if you are so inclined, please visit or send a card; their address is 4661 Crest Ridge Loop, Blair, NE 68008.

**Barb Soseman** had a bit of a problem on the day of the last meeting. She had still not gotten her new teeth and as well she fell and "messed up her leg" so they spent their morning between the dentist and emergency center. We hope all is healing well Barb.

**Hilde Schwan** called to say she had her hip replaced and is home receiving physical therapy. It was a tricky event since the last time she tried this she ended up with severe cardiac problems. She says it's such a relief and is expecting very good results.

**Frank Sesto** is home but says he is going to have a pacemaker placed soon to try to control the atrial fibrillation he experiences. Multiple treatments have been tried with no success so we are hoping this does the trick Frank. Best of luck to you!

I heard from **Dorothy Glover** that she is selling her home and has a new address. She said Bob is doing the same as he has been; he knows her and is physically very healthy and seems content at the Veterans Home. Dorothy's new address, 7544 Gertrude Street, Apt. 318, LaVista, NE 68128

Our next meeting will also be at the Pizza Ranch, 3010 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of 84<sup>th</sup> and Center, and just off the 84<sup>th</sup> Street exit from I-80. If anyone has a recommendation for any other venue, please say so. We are open to other options.

August Birthdays ~ **Mary Winkler** (19), **Shirley Mahoney** (27), **Shirley Payton** (29), **Helen Taylor** (30), **Ruth Saffer** (30), and **Ralph Westadt** (31). I think this is #96 for both Mary and Helen, kudos to you both, that's incredible. Happy Birthday to you all!

#### Calendar:

**September 3** - TBD

**October 1** - TBD

**November 5** - TBD

### NEVADA

#### LAS VEGAS

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The Silverliners held no meeting in July, our next Luncheon will be on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Giuseppe's. The Board did get together during the month for a meeting to discuss Membership and a new venue for our Luncheons/Meetings. The present place Giuseppe's is a great place, food and service can't be better but, the requirements they impose on our Luncheons is getting harder to meet with our diminishing membership. This item will be presented to the Membership at the first available meeting when the board asks for input and gets all facts together from members.

We had a sad month with the passing of 2 of our members, **Madeline Meierkort** and **Tim Kelley**, they will be truly missed. Our member **Christine Earl**'s husband **Woody** had heart valve repairs done and is recovering well. **Eleanor Vasko**'s husband **Mike** had right heart artery repair surgery and still needs the left side done. **Winnie Stone** had a stroke and is at home recovering, she is doing well.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on August 8, 2019. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than

welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There were 8 members at our July meeting at The Black Bear Diner. The September meeting will be at Murieta's Mexican Restaurant at 8195 So. Virginia St. by the old pink Scolari's building. It will be on Wednesday, September 11. The restaurant will issue individual checks but, like Black Bear Diner, there will be other patrons so it may take a few minutes to check out. The tip (17%, usual for large groups) should be included. There is a Special Lunch Menu that has prices ranging from \$7.99 to \$10.49 that include one main entrée item (taco, enchilada, etc.) with rice and beans then add about \$2.99 for non-alcoholic beverages. We will also get chips and salsa when we sit down. We will be using a raised area that seats about 25 so please RSVP if you plan to attend. Please send an email to **Barbara Leusing** at [lvlbjl@gmail.com](mailto:lvlbjl@gmail.com) to RSVP no later than September 8. You can leave a message at the Reno house at (775) 852-4935 but email is better.

John and I attended the June Gold Diggers meeting in Lincoln, **Donna & Bill Perkins** were also there. After the meeting, we took a short ride to see their new house. It is really nice and Bill now has the small garden area he has wanted for some time.

The 2020 Maintenance (MOC) Gathering in Minden will again occur in Minden and not Jackson as originally announced. The dates for next year are Jun 16 – 19, 2020 with the picnic on June 17, 2020.

A July birthday was celebrated by **Pam Wight**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Pat Nettles**. **Mary Withers** won a bottle of wine.

Our next meeting will be at the Black Bear Diner on August 12. See you there!

### **NEW JERSEY**

#### **THE GARDEN STATERS**

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Our meeting started with the flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**, that was followed by a sadness that some of our long time members have passed, and that was followed by a moment of silence as a tribute. Passing members are **Rich Fedorko** of EWR ramp service, **Heather Raspery** of EWR CS, **Doris Gray** of EWR and NYC reservations, and **Bob Burke** of EWR CS. They will all be missed.

Frank also talked about the coming EWR/JFK reunion, open to all employees and retirees. This will take place at the Newark Airport Marriott on September 12 from 12:30 - 5pm. The contact for this occasion is **Susan Winnicki**, 424 Ackerman Ave., Glen Rock NJ 07452, (908) 397-9559.

To the surprise of all of us, **Terry McNamara** from EWR OZ and her sister Pat, and **June McManis** formally from the credit union, were at the meeting and what a nice time we all had. As usual there is never enough time for all of us to reminisce. I always say, count your blessings.

**Frank Kokoszka**, our man on the "inside", brought us up to date about what's happening on station at EWR. In March 1953, when I first came to United, there was lots of construction going on and many changes. When I left in 1991, there was still more construction. According to the latest news, guess what, Newark is getting even bigger! I suppose you can always say, what else is new.

**Marty Etler** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on August 28 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM

\*\*\*\* From the great prophet Leroy "*The mind is like a television set, when it goes blank it is a good idea to turn off the sound!*"

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

Our next meeting is planned at a new restaurant, "The Oak Stave" in East Amherst, NY on September 10 or 11, the exact date is to be determined about a month before the date.

### NEW YORK METROS



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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Thirty seven Metros defied the weatherman and showed up for a beautiful day, so far, for our picnic. Severe storms are predicted for later today.

I will make this short and sweet. Our prayers go out for **Emma Milazzo**, who just underwent heart surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery, Emma.

We were too scattered to gather much news, but there were numerous guests in attendance. Happy forty-ninth anniversary to **Donna & Ron Feingold**! 50/50 winners were **Helen Ammon**, **Joyce Smith** and **Marge Hansen**.

One of our frequent celebrity guests was **Mario Lagasi**, who, with his family, continues to hobnob with the sports world, garnishing hats, T-shirts, etc. To keep this short, I'll just honor our other guests by name: **Erik**, of the **Klos** family; **Carmelo Pistone**; **Rosalba Ferrandino**; **Marie Hardy**; **Linda Munden**; **Louise Sudul**; **Ryan Ouwerkerk**; **Richard**, guest of the **Kleinhauts**.

I'm still debating whether to make the trip out to Denver for the convention. Travel is tough, especially because of the grounded jets.

Hats off to our good chefs, Nuncia and Mike.

Happy Labor Day!

Calendar:

**September 4** – Davenport Press

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Well here we are more than halfway through the year, amazing isn't it? We had our July 11 luncheon already, it was held at Carrie Cerino's which is a great Italian restaurant in North Royalton. We had our 50/50 drawing and a short meeting before lunch as we were going to have entertainment after. The winners for 50/50 were **Bob Templeton**, **Barb Wachs**, and **John Taucher**. "Grace" was said by **Arlene Taylor**. There were 67 people in attendance and our hosts for this luncheon were **George & Nancy Oncu**. Conducting the 50/50 was **Bernie Garrah** and **John Taucher**. As usual, **Lois Walter** did a wonderful job of photography. And our President, **Dolly Taucher**, conducted our meeting.

Next we welcomed our guests, **Cheryl McLin**, a UAL retiree and daughter of **Barb Vaults**, and **Virginia (Ginny) Burke** (DENCS retiree). And **both** of them enjoyed themselves so much that they paid the dues for their 2019 membership.

Our list of illnesses has grown. **Kay Baran** is having serious dizziness. **Lavern Burkestill** has serious health issues, but it's starting to get better. **John Crawford** (CLEMM) just got home after open heart surgery and doing okay. **Cheryl Goodson** just had 2 back surgeries and is still recuperating. And **Steve Pytel** still has a lot of pain in his knees. All 5 wanted to attend, and they were missed. Everyone is dealing with something. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Former member **Patricia Gualtier** has passed away and her wake was July 8<sup>th</sup> at Ripepi's Funeral Home. Her husband, **Sam Gualtier**, had passed away May 2, 2016. Also, non-member, **Joe Schoenic**, CLEMM, passed away on July 4, 2019 at the age of 92.

As we were finishing our dessert the entertainment started. What a great show, and they actually sounded like Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, better known as Damion Fontaine & Scott Brotherton of FND Productions. Wonderful singing with some comedy between songs! And yes, we did "sing along" with them. To say that their performance was fantastic would be an understatement. In fact, if you had attended our 2018 RUAEA convention here in CLE you would have had the opportunity to see them perform on Saturday night. They were a big hit. In fact, you can see some of the show, just go to our website at [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org) and click on the "Past meetings" tab, then select July 2019, sit back and enjoy the show.

Our July Birthday guys and gals in attendance were **Elda Custer**, **Tom Duta**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Reta Hammer**, **Bob Kudej**, **Shirley McCarthy**, and **Barb Vaults**.

All members with July Anniversaries: **Bob & Carol Kudej** (59 years), **Ed & Deloris Kytta** (60 years), **Rudy & Marie Pivik** (64 years), **Joe & Frances Sepesy** (58 years), **Jeff & Judy Spooner** (54 years), **Betty Warner & Chuck Tenwick** (7 years), and **Jack & Pam Waugh** (53 years).

#### Calendar:

**September 11** - 100 Bomb Group, hosted by **Sharon Gatesman**, 9/11 with view of CLE.

**October 2 or 9** - Old Oak Church, hosted by **Judy & Jeff Spooner** (not finalized yet).

**November 6** - Diamond Event Center, hosted by **Barb & Frank Wachs** (not finalized yet).

**December 4** - Williams On-The-Lake, hosted by **Marty & Tom Hassel**.

### OREGON



#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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July was our annual "indoor picnic" and 56 folks were able to join us. The weather was cold and drizzly, confirming once again how glad we are that we chose to forgo outdoor picnics! We were delighted to welcome new member **John Mackenzie**, retired from the SFO service center.

As mentioned briefly in the last newsletter, our long-time member, **Jane Futrell** passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2019, four days after our June meeting. Her service was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Battle Ground Baptist Church. She will be missed.

After any "bad news", we report some of the "good news" in our lives. This month included some fun: The American League won the 2019 All Star Games; the US Women's Soccer Team won the 2019 World Cup.

After enduring a severe illness for 6 months, **Tom Walker** was able to come to the meeting today. Yahoo!

After always being the last to go through the buffet at the luncheons, the group of men who sit together finally drew #1, and were the first group to go through the buffet. Unbeknownst to them, our table starter had decided to switch things up this month and go from the highest to lowest number drawn. Once he saw the men draw #1, that idea went right out the window. Good choice Bill!

Our President reminded the board that there will be a meeting immediately following our August meeting and asked all members, especially the newer ones to consider running for office. Several positions will need to

be filled. The end of the meeting was especially fun as many, many “prizes” were given away as part of our indoor picnic festivities.

This month’s quote from our President was from Winston Churchill: “*A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.*”

*Anniversaries ~ Mel & Barbara Martin* (61 years).

*Birthdays ~ Rosalie Betschart, Sam French* (the day of our meeting was her actual birthday!), **Terry Hotchkin** and **Dan Jones**.

*Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - Anna Miller, Men’s Birthday - Dan Jones, Women’s Birthday - Terry Hotchkin, 50/50 - Tom Walker* – a very good Welcome Back Tom!

#### Calendar:

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

**August 14** - Guest speaker from Dogs for Veterans

**September 11** - Social gathering

**October 9**

#### OUR CLUB

(Oregon United Retirees)

Grants Pass, Oregon

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

#### PENNSYLVANIA

##### THE INDEPENDENTS

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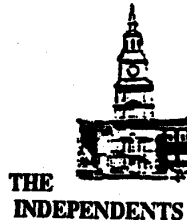
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There is no report this month from The Independents chapter of RUAEA.

See you October 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the summer and sign up for the UAL convention.

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This month’s Pit-Stoppers’ report is a sad one, our friend and co-worker **Joann “Jeri” Juth** passed away peacefully on Thursday Jul 11, 2019. Jeri had just resumed writing and submitting the RUAEA Newsletter for the Pit-Stoppers. Jeri had been a resident of Villa of St. Joseph since May 2016 after suffering a stroke.

Jeri & Bernie had just celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. Jeri proudly served her country in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1956-59 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant; Jeri always ended her conversation with other veterans with “Semper Fi”.

Jeri retired from United Airlines after 35 years of service; she earned many awards and achievements. Jeri served on many special assignments during her time at United Airlines traveling around the system to present programs to improve customer service. “Sarge” as some of us called her at work was truly devoted to her company and co-workers.



Jeri served as chairperson with the United Airlines Retirees and continued writing with pride for the United Retirees newsletter. Jeri was community minded with support to Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels, Christian Mothers, and especially San Rocco Cultural Committee. Jeri leaves behind many family and friends, she will be sorely missed.

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



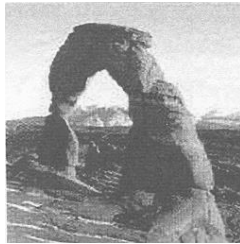
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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.  
For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.

## UTAH

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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Dear Members,

It's again time to get together for our yearly summer BBQ. I'm sure you remember last year at **Frank & Susan Christensen's** backyard for the delicious meal catered by Mike.

This year will be a repeat, with everything provided. The only thing you have to provide is a RSVP to this mail address or a phone call to me (801) 231-0587. If I can't answer, please leave me a voicemail. The Party will begin at 5:00 p.m. so come hungry.

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Please reply by August 8<sup>th</sup>, so Mike can plan the food.

Frank and Susan's Address: 378 East 8220 South, Sandy, UT 84092. Best accessed from 700 East at 8000 South turning Westbound to Bryce Drive (485 East) then South to 8220 South.

In closing, I just want to thank all of you for supporting our group throughout this past year, and look forward to continuing our functions into the future. Thanks.

## WASHINGTON

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During our summer hiatus, Emerald City Slickers enjoyed a July barbecue at the beautiful home of **Kathi Skarbo**, good friend of **Ken & Judy Storey**, on the shores of Lake Burien. Kathi is the perfect hostess and her home is well-equipped to handle a summer crowd – in the sun or under shade. Thank you, Kathi, for your continued support of our chapter.

Regular meetings of the RUAEA Seattle chapter resume September 10 at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien. The restaurant provides us with excellent food and a private meeting space that easily accommodates up to 50

attendees. With more, it can become a little snug, when you factor in tables to hold books for exchange and door prizes on display until drawings at the end of the meeting.

We especially look forward to one more chance to share the time with our regular snowbirds, who often stay around long enough to say good-bye at the September luncheon before retreating to Arizona for the winter.

Because of logistics constraints, we have scuttled plans for a September “underground tour” of United’s workings at SeaTac Airport.

Officers continuing to serve the Seattle chapter for the coming year include Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison**. Jack-of-All-Trades **John Haferbecker** ably fills in at whatever position requires attention. Currently, John covers both the vice president and secretary slots. Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** is ably-assisted by **Noreen Krawczyk**. **Virginia Dice** – Sunshine Lady, **Gay Liesse** – RUAEA correspondent, and **Vicki Shumaker** – Contrails editor round out the list.

It may be interesting to note that neither Mrs. Shumaker or Ms. Skarbo has a direct connection to United Airlines and offer their services as close friends of chapter members. As you hear frequently, “It’s not what you know, but who you know!”

This month’s victim ... er, honoree for our Member Highlight report is our wonderful and supremely-capable Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**. Now is her 90s, Phyllis was born in 1926 in Sand Point, Idaho, later moving with her parents to other Idaho and Washington locations and then to Seattle, where she used city buses to attend highly-regarded Queen Anne High School. Though not personally employed by United, Phyllis’ story includes that of her late husband **Herald “Bow” Bowman** (SEAGQ), who passed away in January 2017 after more than 70 years of marriage.

When her parents completed a basement apartment to accommodate young military families, Phyllis was invited by their young tenants to go with them to a USO function, where she danced with several young soldiers. After church the following morning, one of those young men, Herald, presented himself at the front door to spend more time with Phyllis and was immediately invited to dinner by her parents.

The young couple began dating, but Herald was sent to Adak, Atu and to Shemya, Alaska, as a radio operator. From there he was transferred to Louisiana and then Mississippi, going home to Sparta, Michigan after discharge from the Army.

Shortly thereafter, Herald moved back to Seattle. When he approached Phyllis’s father to ask for her hand in marriage, Mr. Katzenstein required that the young suitor first have a job. Thus began Herald’s career with United Airlines, hiring on March 18, 1946 - Bow and Phyllis were married that June. Bow trained as a mechanic at Boeing Field and transferred to SeaTac Airport when it opened a couple years later.

In the meantime, Phyllis honed her skills in various business offices, especially car dealerships. The Bowmans raised two sons, who helped in the family’s ice business until leaving for college in 1965. Phyllis served as secretary and treasurer and Bow as property manager at the Des Moines Yacht Club, where they moored their boat. Skiing in Idaho as a family and wintering in Arizona also were part of their lives. When TWA offered special fares for a 3-week around-the-world flight, Phyllis and Bow enjoyed the trip with their good friends **Harold “Mac” McGuire** (SEAMM), a fellow mechanic, and his wife Millie.

**Herald Bowman** retired from United January 1, 1984 and they joined the Emerald City Slickers two years after the chapter was founded by **Norm Strange**. Phyllis gave up her position as an accountant in 1988. In 2008 she was offered the position of vice president for the Seattle chapter and still serves in that capacity today. In addition to handling membership records all these years, Phyllis became a close friend of a neighbor, **Vicki Shumaker**, who now produces our chapter newsletter.

We look forward to Phyllis’ return to Federal Way after recovering from last autumn’s serious fall that has kept her MIA.

As always, we reluctantly report the deaths of former employees of United Airlines. **Lynda Baseden**, retired SEARR supervisor, passed away June 8 at home with her family by her side. **Louise Lewis**, Lynda’s late mother, also a United retiree, had worked in the flight kitchen.

**Arthur Fluke**, who had worked in cabin service and been promoted to supervisor in charge of all ground traffic, died June 1, just a month shy of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Though not a member of the local RUAEA chapter, Arthur helped out at the 2016 Seattle convention. A WWII Navy vet, Fluke was a talented carpenter and restored old cars, which he sold to finance his daughters’ college educations and his son Kelly’s aviation school. Kelly worked for a while in United’s flight kitchen.

See you in Denver!

Calendar:

**September 10** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

**October 8** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's  
**November 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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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,

Now that September is here, many of our chapters will be meeting after their summer breaks; some chapters take their break in the winter as many of their members find warmer climates. This time of year starts our new fiscal year for Clipped Wings. Our dues are collected from each Chapter and we encourage Flight Attendants to join one of the various Chapters to get the full benefit of the dues they pay.

In August and September, some of our chapters were able to participate in the UAL's Airplane Pulls across the system. The money they raise will be going to Special Olympics. What a fun day for everyone. The Denver Chapter participated in August in the Airplane pull at DIA. They are also helping out at DIA, in September, by directing attendees of the Special Olympic International Conference Volunteer Opportunity to their transportation to the Gaylord Resort. Our Denver Chapter is very active all year. A big shout out to them ... Thanks, Denver!

The PDX Chapter is in their countdown to our Convention ... one year to Clipped Wings Convention. Wow! They have got some amazingly fun stuff planned for the Clipped Wingers ... **can't wait**.

And speaking of conventions ... I will not be able to attend the RUAEA convention this year; knee surgery will be keeping me in Chicago. So, you **all** have fun in my home town. There is a lot to do and see!

In August, I had the opportunity to see the Musical, "Come From Away". The play was in Chicago for a short time. If you get a chance, I highly recommend taking time to find where it is playing and see it. It is based on a true story about the people from Gander, Newfoundland and how they helped house and feed passengers from 39 airplanes. That was the day the USA shut down the airspace on September 11, 2001. 7,000 people had been diverted to their "Rock" which doubled their population. The residents of Gander and surrounding towns

stepped up in a huge way to take care to their new guests. Many friendships were formed in those 5-6 days. And many will last a life time.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org). We are a fun group!

Wishing you all blue skies!

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **July 2019**:

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **July 2019**:

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## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

**Corrections:**

- ❖ **August Obituary** for **Hubert I. Stogsdill** – passing date should be 6/17/2019.
- ❖ **July Obituary** for **Georgia A. Cardella** – name was spelled Candella in error.

Spouse – **Childs, Dorothy W.**, on 7/23/2019, wife of Arthur W. Childs, TPAMM (Deceased), 6511 Oahu Dr., Bradenton, FL 34207

Retiree – **Coyle, Lawrence W.**, on 6/14/2019, SFOPD, husband of Edith Barbara Coyle, 1049 Charlson Way, Napa, CA 94558

Retiree – **Czajkowski, Daniel R.**, on 7/7/2019, COSOZ, husband of Gracie Czajkowski, 17580 Caribou Dr., Monument, CO 80132

Retiree – **Hughes, Edward J.**, on 7/27/2019, SFOLM, husband of Marlene Hughes, 2108 Fairway Ct., Mission, TX 78572

Retiree – **Juth, Jo Ann M.**, on 7/11/2019, PITCS, wife of Bernard S. Juth, 1450 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Apt 305, New Brighton, PA 15066

Retiree – **Larrick, Clareen G (Gay)**, 7/10/2019, ORDSW, mother of Kristen Cummings & Kathleen Larrick, 6405 Strawberry Fields Circle, Canton, OH 44721

Spouse – **Opp, Dianne**, on 7/11/2019, wife of Rollo (Pinky) G. Opp, LAXOO, 2380 Graceland St., Simi Valley, CA 93065

Retiree – **Pylawka, George S.**, on 7/15/2019, ORDFO, husband of Maria (Kozak) Pylawka, 7103 Shields Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

Retiree – **Riley Sr., Carl N.**, 7/21/2019, ORDCG, husband of Jacqueline Riley, nee Radisch (Deceased), 5742 W. 106<sup>th</sup> St. Unit 1B, Chicago, IL 60415

Retiree – **Schauer, Joseph F.**, on 4/23/2019, WHQCM husband of Gerry Schauer, 306 Trading Post Ct., Rockton, IL 61072

Retiree – **Thompson, Beverly K.**, on 7/11/2019, IADCS, wife of David L. Thompson, 29413 Hidden Lake Dr., Menifee, CA 92584

## 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 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.)*

**Correction to the Letters section in the June 2019 issue** ~ The email address for **T. C. Howard** was incorrect; the correct email address is [tch727@aol.com](mailto:tch727@aol.com). We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

**Raymond O'Shea, 19 Sutherland Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130**

I retired from LAXFO about 35 years ago. I am now 96 years old and one of the few World War II veterans still alive.

I rarely see a name in the RUAEA newsletter that I recognize any more; but I still enjoy receiving the newsletter to get the news.

Thanks to the dedicated workers. God's Blessings to all.

I still pay my dues on my birthday as it is a good reminder.

**Jim Simon, 2842 Lindbergh Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648**

It is once again my renewal time and my check is enclosed for membership through August 2020. It is always a pleasure to make sure that this check reaches you on time as I have always enjoyed receiving and reading the monthly issues of our newsletter. Although I am very concerned about our diminishing membership as the years go by, I continue to be involved with RUAEA activities in my past roles of Directorship and Executive VP. Our organization has become one of the best known and most honored entities of former United employees with extended membership to anyone wishing to become a part of our organization.

I am hopeful that our successes continue to heighten and enlighten our members and bring forth an abundance of new members to strengthen our organization and keep up the amazing accomplishments of our group.

I am saddened at the loss of the majority of our Denver secretarial staff and those that I have worked with over the years. But as always, I wish to express my continual gratitude to those who have stepped up in filling those positions. I wish you all my very best and thank you for the work you have done and continue to do in making RUAEA so worthwhile and enjoyable.

**Geraldine Vann, 12450 Heritage Parkway Apt. #255, Huntley, IL 60142**

It has been a challenging and difficult year for me. My husband, Endel, and I lived in Florida. Last year he passed away on August 9, five weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

In January 2019, I had a fractured back.

In April, my daughter moved me back to Illinois to be near her.

I now live in Huntley, IL close to family and the most wonderful United family of friends. Nothing surpasses the friendships we have made over the years working together at United.

Thank you all for your hard work and time keeping us informed; you are greatly appreciated.

## Notes

### **B. Thomas Bernard**

Thanks for all you do to keep us retirees informed.

### **Carmen Frankiewicz**

This year I have been doing lots more traveling. Unfortunately I have been purchasing my tickets, since getting out of PHX on standby is impossible. I retired in 2003 and have only traveled standby 6 times. I love RUAEA, it not only keeps me updated on new items with United, but also in touch with some friends.

### **Wesley Roak**

I retired in 2003 after 35 years at ORDF, what a great time and great friends.

### **James Wagner**

I moved to Independent Living facility in Grants Pass, OR last year. I live in a 1200 sq. ft. cottage, 2 BR, 2BA and an attached garage; it is very nice!

### **Jon Wilkinson**

At 85 and retired after 23 years, I am still playing and still president of Kids and Kubs senior softball club in St Pete. K & K is still operating and will celebrate 90 years as the oldest continuous softball club in the world during our coming season 2019-2020.

### **Farid Zamani**

I worked for UA/CO for 28 years, retired in Jan 2014 and living in San Diego, California now. Since I am retired, UA means a lot to me. I want to be in touch with all other people and know what is going on. I am now joining RUAEA to be a part of the retirement group.

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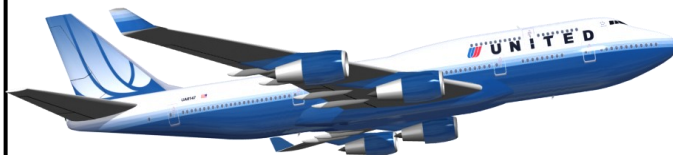
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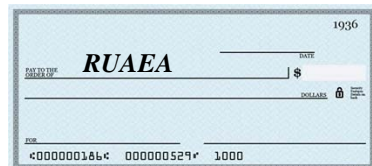
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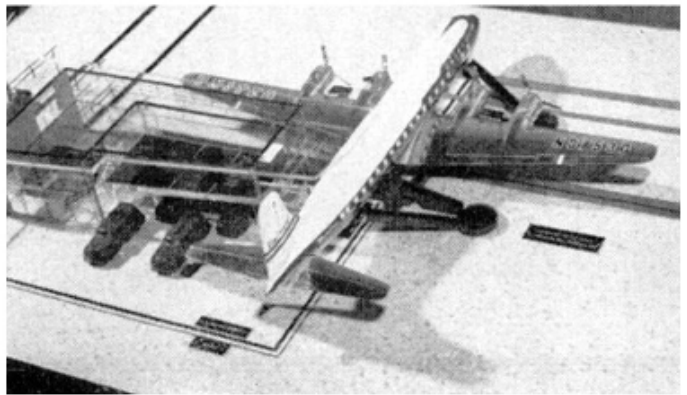
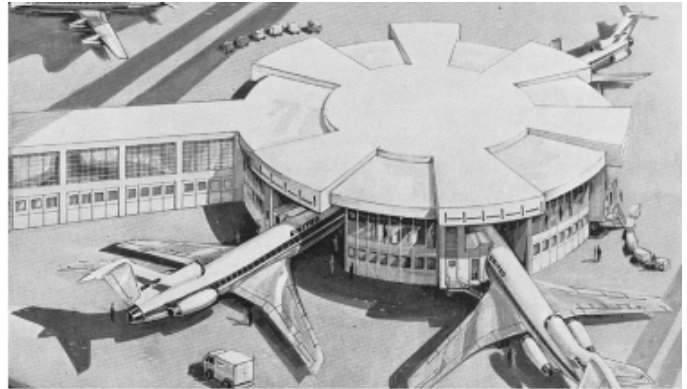
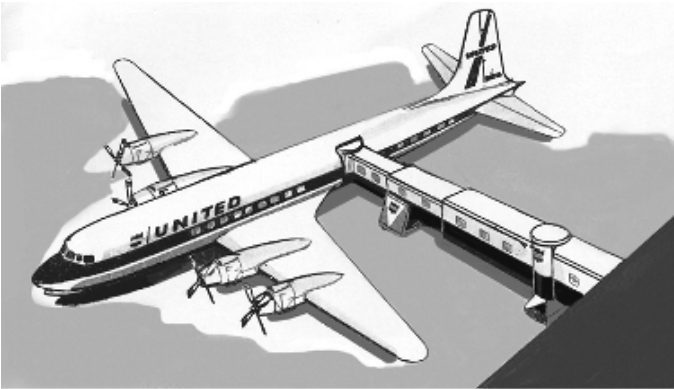
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*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.*

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