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GENERAL NEWS

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Turbo-charged decision-making power



United's Aircraft Routers in the Network Operations Center spend their days working on what amounts to a complex puzzle. When a plane needs to be in a particular city for maintenance, for instance, they figure out how to get it there. When one is taken out of service, they find a replacement. This requires daily aircraft swaps, which the routers oversee, doing their best to not disrupt United's customers, United's crews or operation in the process. Some days, it's like trying to solve a Rubik's Cube on which the squares are constantly changing colors.

This month, routers began using a data-driven tool called Turbo that eliminates much of the research and inherent uncertainty associated with those decisions. On a single screen, Turbo displays real-time information such as crew availability, scheduled layovers and downline customer connects for every mainline flight in our system, enabling routers to easily and accurately measure the ramifications of shuffling planes around.

"Up to this point, United had to hunt for that kind of information using multiple systems. That cost United valuable time and there was no guarantee we were making the best swap option," said Aircraft and Load Planning Director Jeff Storm. *"Turbo provides quicker, more transparent data to help routers solve swap scenarios more effectively. We believe this will provide a better product, help both internal and external customers, and increase the speed and quality of aircraft swaps."*

Palantir Technologies, a data analytics and software company, built Turbo specifically for United and partnered with Digital Technology to ensure swaps flow seamlessly into United's operational systems. United is partnering with Palantir as part of a broader strategic agreement. In addition to developing applications, Palantir supplies United with its Foundry analytics platform, which brings together United disparate data sources in an integrated, accessible way, making tools like Turbo possible.

"Foundry provides us with the ability to use a single, common data set and logic to support multiple operational and strategic analytical decisions," said Director of Operational Analytics Rich Alster. *"Over time, this will help us keep pace with the demand for insights, eliminate redundant or varying logic within the operation, and in turn, deliver more consistent customer experiences."*

Changes coming to unaccompanied minor program



Traveling can be a stressful situation, which means it's up to United to do what United can to ease the travel experience for United's customers, especially those that need extra assistance, like unaccompanied minors. In United's ongoing efforts to ensure United provides a safe and comfortable journey for United's youngest flyers, as well as their parents and guardians, United is making changes to its unaccompanied minor policy and procedures aimed at doing just that.

On April 23, the following changes took effect:

- United is limiting the total number of unaccompanied minors per flight to six during regular operations. This change will help ensure that our teams on the ground and in the air can provide the best possible care to all of them.
- United will seat unaccompanied minors in the aisle seats of the last three rows of the aircraft when traveling in coach (except on 50-seat United Express aircraft, where they will remain in the front). This change will enable United's flight attendants to better monitor unaccompanied minors throughout the flight and provide a more efficient boarding and deplaning process.

- United will still allow unaccompanied minors to travel in United Polaris business class, United First, and United Premium Plus.
- United is aligning the service fee with the industry standard for U.S. global airlines of \$150 for every two unaccompanied minors on the same PNR per direction of flight.

This summer, United also plans to roll out a specialized wristband for unaccompanied minors, which will be used to track these travelers along their journey. This allows teams, as well as parents and guardians, peace of mind during the travel experience.

Customers may view the latest information, including details on the unaccompanied minor service changes, in the Special Travel Needs section at united.com.

Celebrating United's next livery



On April 24, at ORD, United introduced more than 400 customers and employees to a modernized aircraft livery, bringing a refreshed look to its fleet. The design is a visual representation of United's ongoing brand evolution that stays true to its 93-year history of proudly serving customers around the world.

"As we improve and elevate our customer experience, we are changing the way people think and feel about United, and this branding captures that new spirit," said Oscar. "Each improvement we've added to our service advances our evolution as an airline,

furthering United's effort to elevate and redefine customer service in the sky. This modernized design, especially our iconic globe, enhances the very best of United's image and values while pointing in the direction of where United intends to go next in serving our customers."

The next iteration of livery prominently features the color most connected to United's core – blue. Three shades – Rhapsody Blue, United Blue and Sky Blue – are used throughout the design in a way that pays respect to United's heritage while bringing a more modern energy. United is keeping its iconic globe logo on the aircraft tail, which represents United's expansive route network of 355 destinations in nearly 60 countries. United's research has showed the company that there's incredibly strong brand equity in the color blue and in the globe logo — to completely revolutionize would be throwing that equity away. The tail is updated with a gradient in the three shades of blue, while the logo appears predominantly in Sky Blue. The engines and wingtips are also United Blue, and the swoosh that customers and employees have expressed fondness for on United's Dreamliner fleet is Rhapsody Blue. United's name appears larger on the aircraft body than it did previously, and the lower half of the body is Runway Gray. Near the door of each aircraft is painted our shared purpose: *"Connecting people. Uniting the world."*

Creating Website Shortcuts on your Apple iPhone or Android Device **by Web Manager Jim Sommerfield**



How to place a Website Icon for an Application on Your Apple iPhone Using Safari Browser:

The Safari Browser is located on your cell phone at the bottom by the icon that contains a Blue Circle with a white and red Pen object in it.

- Press the Safari Browser Icon.
- Clear out the top line of the browser of any information by deleting it.
- Type in the URL for the website or search for the website you wish to create the Icon for.
- Then Press enter.
- Upon entering that websites home page.
- Click on the object below the page at the bottom that has a rectangle object with an arrow pointing up through it.

- Then Click the Icon on your phone that has a Rectangle with a Cross in it and the verbiage Add To Home Screen.
 - Then Click on Add.
- That should create an Icon on your phones home page screen for that website.



How to place a Websites Icon for an Application on your Android Phone

- Unlock your phone
- Press the Home Button on the bottom of your phone.
- Find a Web browser on your phone such as Google Chrome
- Press on that Icon.
- Clear out the top line of the browser of any information by deleting it.
- Type in the URL for the website or search for the website you wish to create the Icon for; for example <https://ft.ual.com>.
- Touch the Overflow button (three vertical dots) and select add to home screen.
- Then touch Add, and that websites icon will join the other applications icons on the home page.
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So Simple From Sheryl



Summer is quickly approaching and it's time for picnics with family and friends. I hope you enjoy this refreshing salad.

Chinese Chicken Salad:

Toast in oven at 325 for 10 minutes:

- ★ 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- ★ ½ cup slivered almonds

Salad ingredients:

- ❖ 2 packages pre-shredded cabbage with carrot
- ❖ 6 green onions, chopped, using part of the green

Dressing:

- 1 cup oil
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 6 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- Flavor packet from Top Ramen Chicken Noodle soup

Cook 4 chicken breasts in microwave; cool and cut into bite size pieces.

Immediately before serving, pour dressing over cabbage or the cabbage will get soggy. Add sesame seeds, almonds and break up Top Ramen Noodles and mix into salad. If I know that I am not going to use all of the salad at once, I will set some of the salad aside and put dressing on as needed.

Note: You can do most of the preparation the day before. Toast the sesame seeds and almonds. Make your salad dressing and prepare your cooked chicken.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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As if retirement is not laid back enough, Spring has slowed us all down a bit with yards to tend and allergies to fight.

We had a very small group to meet at Cubi Café. Secretary **Myrl Eisinger** along with her driver **John**, was wheeled in a chair with one foot all bandaged up. It seems she is running on one wing, had to have an engine changed. Myrl asked Treasurer **Barbara Serra** if we would have the 50/50 with such a small group. We all voted to save our money and do it next month.

Trips made by only one couple, **Mai & Ray Owens**, who had been to visit with their great granddaughter. There were many stories to tell.

Jeanne & Norm Rienoehl, who had missed a couple of meetings brought us all up to date on what they had been doing. Norm's Harley still needs to be ridden.

Ed Southworth was telling us about some of United's flight rules and his career in the cockpit. As well as **Rita Toucher** who retired from American Airlines, and their flight rules.

All in all; we just sat down with a good lunch and shot the bull. It is so nice to just relax and enjoy each other's company.

May the good Lord bless you each!

Readers come join us, First Monday of every month at the Cubi Cafe Pensacola FL NAS Museum, come on down.

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There is no report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama chapter of RUAEA.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in June and thereafter we will meet 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



PHOENIX AZURES

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Azures chapter of RUAEA.

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting 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.

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Summer officially starts, June 21, but we have been enjoying warmer and sunny weather here in the Phoenix area for awhile now. The cactus and plants have been producing many beautiful flowers for everyone to enjoy.

Our chapter meets once a month all summer long for breakfast, so please join us and bring your friends. We meet at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. If you're planning on attending, please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know as she needs to let the restaurant know how many of our group will be attending a couple of days before. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Our June breakfast is Friday, June 28.

Our April 27th Breakfast had 14 members in attendance. It happened to be our first 100 degree weather that day. We found out that our server, Shannon, whom we have had for over a year, has changed jobs, and is now selling real estate, so our server this time was Sol. We don't know if he will continue being our server or not, but he's hoping he will be assigned to us each month. A couple of our members are having some health concerns, but other than that, those that were there enjoyed getting together for breakfast.

Our RUAEA office in Denver has advised us when joining RUAEA or paying for your dues, they appreciate our using a credit card as this helps the office there and saves a lot of work. Contacting them by phone is not good either, as their system does not record messages clearly. The best way to contact the office is by e-mail or a legible hand written note and a phone number, and they will get back to you. Also, whenever contacting the Denver Office, be sure to include your file number, as it makes it a lot easier for them to find you on their list.

Also, another tip from **Kathie Torgison**, who gives out very important tips to our RUAEA members regarding which destinations have the best availability for you to travel standby on your passes, she said, "*don't forget to use the Open Search feature in Flying Together: ft.ual.com,> travel>employee res>open search. Open Search allows you to ask the system to display the total number of available seats to a specific city from anywhere, or vice-versa.*" You can find her article regarding this in the May 2019 issue of our RUAEA Newsletter.

We're hoping many of our members are planning on attending the Convention in Denver in September at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver -Stapleton North. The Convention rate for the hotel will be \$129 plus tax, which includes free breakfast every morning from September 22 – 30. Not a bad price!

Did you see the news that beginning April 1st, retirees can now make online payments for their pass travel tax withholdings through the Your Benefits Resources (YBR) website? If paying online is not your thing, you can still pay for your tax withholdings by check or money order. Keep in mind, failure to pay an invoice may result in a suspension of your pass travel privileges until the invoice is paid. For further information, contact the Employee Travel Center.

We have the following Birthdays in June: **Jay Hartough** (6/5), **John McFarland** (6/16), **Valerie Fosberg** (6/19), **Natasha Schmidt** (6/20), and **Liz Tollefsen** (6/26). Happy Birthday to each one! The following couples

have Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89), **Kris & Rosemarie Schaeffer** (6/16/62), and **Bill & Molly Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations to each couple!

Calendar:

June 28 – 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 phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

July 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

August 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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Spring has sprung in Prescott, Arizona and new growth is starting to come awake, even some of the correspondents. We had six members attend our last function.

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 3rd Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2nd Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Calendar:

May 22 - Wednesday at 1130 am at the Italian Cottage in Chico, California. Come Join Us!



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Our meeting was held at Rosa's Restaurant in Pismo Beach on April 17th. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, **John Wessel**, **Barbara Stilwell**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. That made 10 of us.

Mike Zoldak opened the meeting and said that since we didn't have 12 attending or more, we would not have a 50/50 drawing. **Joan Schaefer** is on a trip to Scotland. Before she left, **Bridget Zoldak** talked to her and found out that she had fallen and was sore but nothing broken that she could tell. We'll have to wait for her to come to the next meeting to get more details.

Marilyn Rybar was given a gift from **Esther Bartlett** to celebrate her birthday that was on April 1st. Everyone signed a birthday card for her.

On a sad note, **Mike Zoldak** told us that he received word from **Jack Cunningham**'s son that Jack passed away on April 1st at the age of 99. Jack was one of the originators of the Central Coasters. The only member of this group who is still living is **Dana Noyes** who lives in St. Louis, MO. It is interesting to find out, in the archives, that **Bob Wagner**, **Kay Millington**, **Bill & Dana Noyes**, and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** met in 1995 at the RUAEA convention in Portland, Oregon. They had a conversation about the fact there was no place for retirees to meet between LAX and SFO. Finally in September 1996, with a lot of help, our Chapter began.

Jack and I had a lot in common since we both worked at MDW when Pat Patterson was UAL's President and I worked for Capital about the same time. We both remember when MDW was the busiest airport, before Jets, and what great times those were. When Jack and his wife Eleanor attended our meetings he could be counted on for one of his jokes that became a routine occasion.

On Easter Sunday the 21st, there was a notice in **Dale Harper**'s newsletter that **Jerry Underhill** of SFOJJ died on April 17th. I've been retired from SFO since 1987 and there aren't many names I remember anymore, but I will always remember Jerry and his wife Barbara. We worked together at SFOJJ and we had great conversations about the comings and goings of our department. Thanks to those two, I'll always cherish their friendship that was one of the high lights of working each day with them.

I just read the May 2019 Newsletter and in the SFO/SJC Southbay news, that there was an article that **Wilma Sandy** had passed away. When I joined the Central Coasters, Wilma was the secretary and she and her husband, Garver, would drive down from the Bay Area to attend our meetings. In 2006, the Sandys would not attend our meetings any longer due to the distance and health reasons. It was then that I became the secretary and I've held that job ever since. Wilma turned over all her correspondence to me that I still have. It's hard to believe all the things that have transpired in all these years.

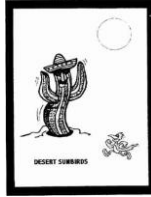
April 25th, on **Dale Harper**'s Newsletter, there was another obit notice that **Walter Powers** passed away. Wally and his brother Tom and I worked for Capital Airlines at MDW in the 1950's. We lost contact when the UAL/CAP merger came about and they worked at ORD and I left for SFO. So far this year hasn't been one with good news.

I did get a phone call from **Rosalie Tripicchio**, the So. Calif. Regional Director, to see if any of the Central Coasters would be attending the Convention in DEN. Some are thinking about it, but no definite decision right now.

Or next meeting will be on June 19th, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Kathy & Dave Wilson hosted the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. It was held at the "Broken Yolk" Restaurant in La Quinta. There were twenty eight Sunbirds in attendance, along with **Alice Papanastasatos**, guest of **Sandy Sereno**.

I've been remiss about mentioning our Anniversary Couples in the last few reports, so ... congratulations to the following: **Dick & Lois Hopkins** (12 years – 2/22/07); **Ben & Shirley Schiewe** (37 years – 4/3/82); **Glen & Jan Voirol** (51 years – 4/27/68); **Norm & Judy Burnett** (4 years – 4/17/15).

Due to health issues, President Mike will be "retiring" at our May Luncheon. The members will be discussing this situation at the Luncheon. It should be interesting!

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Patti Sica**, and I took home \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Three additional gifts added to the drawing by our hosts - Box of Chocolates, **Shirley Schiewe**; and 2 bottles of wine, won by **Melinda Lerg** and **Marianne Patterson**.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Our May meeting was held on May 6 at El Tapatio Restaurant in Pleasant Hill with 17 members in attendance. We missed our president **Arnold Hansen** and **Cheryl Kincaid** who were under the weather. **Joe & Wilma Leather** were traveling, visiting Bryce and the Grand Canyon with their daughter and son-in-law.

Sadly, we lost another beloved member this past month. **Jerry Underhill** passed away suddenly on April 17. The East Bay Diablos family extends our sincerest sympathy to his wife **Barbara Underhill**. Cards and notes of condolence can be sent to Barbara at 106 Cabrillo Way, San Bruno, CA 94066-4714 or jeromeu@sanbrunocable.com.

Social hour started at 11:00. **Carol Parks**, our "candy lady", gave everyone a treat. After lunch we had our raffle. **Rich Bouska** conducted the raffle. East Bay Diablos history was made when **Diane Griego** won the 50/50 raffle for the first time. Other raffle gifts were cookies, note pads, and the usual bottles of wine. Always an interesting selection! Yours truly won chocolate covered shortbread cookies. Thanks to whoever brought them. They are delicious!

Two months ago, I told everyone about two events that are touring the country. One is the musical "Come From Away" and the other is The Ford Tri-Motor Tour. I've heard from one member who has seen the play, and another member who went on the airplane ride. Both heartily recommend them if they are in your area.

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

- ❖ Monday, June 3 at 11:00. - Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego's** home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, May 30 to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme.
- ❖ Monday, July 1 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, August 5 at 11:00 - Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room.

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 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.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** called the April 22 meeting to order with a toot on her duck whistle. No Canada Geese allowed! – keep flying South, most of our grass has been replaced by artificial turf and it tastes awful! Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is always followed by a few minutes of silence remembering our men and women in the military. To celebrate our SFO retirees’ 57th Anniversary, The Kernal (Colonel) fixed his Monday Special of 2 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, corn and a biscuit (won’t tell you the price a/c y’all would move here) and, naturally, gotta have, cake! We welcomed our new Western Regional Director, **George Midwin**. He brought along his wife, **Julie** and two other members from the SJC/SFO SouthBay retirees group, **Ben & Cheri Scales**. George recapped the RUAEA Board meeting, just a snippet of his threatened 4 hour dissertation: Membership is declining (a problem all chapters seem to be having,) no more retiree parking at the SFO Maintenance Base (we will advise everyone of any “good news” regarding reinstatement of that perk, don’t hold your breath,) and a reminder of the 2019 Convention to be held in DEN, Sept. 23 – 28, room rates are good and include free breakfast and meal discounts. More to come via the RUAEA Newsletter.

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

- ❖ May 20 - BYOBL
- ❖ June 24 - Hot Dog Day - \$8 per member /\$10 per guest. Sign up by May.
- ❖ July 22 - BYOBL and Chefs’ Extraordinaire, **Pete Cooper** and **Colleen Wood**, will supply bakery goodies for attendees to purchase and take home – Julia Child trained ‘em!

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for March, they were approved as read. 69 rosters and an invitation to our KFC luncheon today were sent out along with a reminder to pay up 2019 dues. We had 39 people show up with several guests – **Tena Ahrens**, daughter of **Bob Ahrens** (great to see you!), **Thelma Samuelsson**, wife of **Frank**, **Freddie Angeles** with **Carol Walter**, and **Mary Ovringmo** who became a new member. Welcome all! **Barbara Underhill** called Ginger to advise her that her hubby, **Jerome “Jerry”** had passed away rather suddenly. Services were on April 25th, many of us attended. Our hearts go out to their families. Rest in Peace, Jerry, you will be missed.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** was out of town. **Gene Walter**, our resident Auditor, took over his work and did a sterling job collecting dues, luncheon money, all with a smile. Thanks Gene.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting. Ginger reported that we had some birthdays: **Diane Heinrich** and **John Bogdanoff** and guests **Ben & Cheri Scales** celebrated their 54th anniversary. We learned that **Terry Roman** had passed away, services have been held.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** will have a sign up list for our June 24th Hot Dog day; they will graciously take your money as you sign up.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – Beach Blanket Babylon is closing up their delightful, madcap production at the end of the year. There are two set dates with dinner beforehand and the evening performance – December 4 & 5 – interested? Let Ginger know as space is going fast (yes, I know it is eight months away but this is a hugely popular event, and we can say we helped them to go out with a bang!) More trips are in the offing so polish up those travelin’ shoes.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** gave us a report of our 57 years of existence, many good times held at the Mainliner Club in San Mateo and our current digs in Foster City. Can’t list all the Past Presidents but **Ralph Trullinger** won the “verbal” prize for being the Big Kahuna for many years. So many of the Past



Presidents held the office for several years; **Bob Taiclet** and **Aubrey Bliss** just to name a couple. Our cake was really special – that's **Jim & Helen Goodwine** just waiting to blow out the candles. (Left over cake was taken over to the Foster City Fire Department to enjoy.)

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** sold 25% - 25% raffle tickets (we hope to get up to 50% - 50% soon); **Norm Wood** and **Bill Heinrich** took home the winnings. Donated gifts were won by **Cathy Cooper**, **Margaret Reelfs**, **Bill Heinrich**, **Mary Lou Hulsey** and **Colleen Wood**. Thanks to those who provide those nice raffle donations.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Spring has sprung for sure! Our orange tree is blooming and the fragrance is fabulous. **Rosemary & JR Heier** arranged our luncheon this month at the Jack Russell Restaurant in Placerville. As always, the food was delicious and, since we pre-ordered, the service was quick and efficient. President **Bill Dinette** extended our "Thank You" to Rosemary and JR. Bill began our meeting by asking everyone to stand and salute our country's flag. Thank you, Bill, for thinking to do this. When the question of birthdays was asked, it turns out that we had several "April Babies"! A hearty Happy Birthday to **Jane Gibson**, **Ed Akin**, **Frank Dellinger**, **Sherrie Wolfram** and, I think, **Jack Fitzpatrick**.

For anniversaries, Best Wishes went to **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (62 yrs.), **Bill & Linda Dinette** (48 yrs.), **Bill & Jane Gibson** (51 yrs.) and **Bill & Mary Voetsch** (41 yrs) as well as **Roy & Dawn Martin**. **Julie Bauer** (the Akins' daughter) joined us today as did **Roy & Dawn Martin**.

President ~ So, we have an unusual situation to deal with! Roy & Dawn have been coming to our luncheons and meetings for quite some time now. They even offered to host our July luncheon! So, **Jane Gibson** motioned that we make them "honorary" members of the Hangtown Miners. **Frank Dellinger** seconded and it was approved. So, welcome to our newest members!

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius**, who is in charge of our monthly raffle, made sure everyone who brought an item to be raffled received their "donator's ticket". You know, this raffle is an important part of our meetings. The things we bring are not big, fancy items, but things that we can use and/or enjoy. The money for the tickets is used for our December luncheon (to which the chapter contributes to our meals) and for the donations that we give to local charities/organizations each year. So, keep bringing those items!

Treasurer ~ Happily, **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. Tom passed around a roster sheet with our "information" and asked everyone present to make sure we have the right info. If you were not able to join us this month and you have moved or changed your phone since joining Hangtown Miners, please send me an email or phone me to make sure we get things right, tired-dogs@comcast.net, (925) 443-0905).

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** extended to **Suzie Kenny** a big "Thank You" for taking and writing up the minutes for the March meeting. Suzie does a great job and I truly appreciate her help.

Sunshine ~ **Suzie Kenny** reported that she sent **JR Heier** a card from our group after he had a procedure and one to **Ed Akin** as well. If you know of any member who is going thru a tough time, please let Suzie know so she can be in touch with them.

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** didn't have any new news for us.

Old Business ~ **Tom Kenny** brought up the subject of who we will give a donation to this year. We've had discussions on this the past couple months, so there wasn't too much to cover this time. We prefer to keep the money local so it was suggested we donate \$250.00 each to El Dorado County Senior Legal Services, El Dorado County Food Bank; as well as the Relief Fund for the Camp Fire Victims in Paradise. **Pati Kenney** moved to donate to these organizations; **Bill Dinette** seconded – pass.

Thom Biro reminded everyone that he can and will order our dandy Hangtown Miners T shirts for us. There are a couple styles, in both ladies and guys, with quite a number of colors. The embroidery is very nice,

our miner logo looks great, and you can have extra work done too – like your name on the sleeve. Get in touch with Thom so you can check out what is offered, t.biro@comcast.net.

New Business ~ Bill brought us some info from **Sonda Sandstedt**, our RUAEA Regional Director. The RUAEA convention will be in Denver in September this year. There seems to be a universal problem for retiree groups – how to get the information about your group to those who are newly retired. It was suggested that it would be good to build a relationship with the nearest station manager. Perhaps have him/her speak at one of our meetings, see if there's a need for volunteers/help. By building that relationship, the info for our group may have a better chance to be passed along to the person(s) who is retiring. Of course, subscribing to the RUAEA newsletter is a great way to keep updated on company policies. If you have friends who once worked for United, let them know about a retiree group – especially the Hangtown Miners and invite them to join us at a luncheon.

On a sad note, **Dale Harper's** wife passed away. Our sincere condolences to you and your family, Dale.

Bill closed our meeting and the raffle began. Winner of the donator's prize was **Jane Gibson!** A big "Thank You" to all who brought items for the raffle: **Blazius** – avocado container with avocados; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Biro** – wine; **Martin** – wine; **Martin** – flashlight; **Gibson** – dragon fly; **Heier** – table decorations/treats; **D'Amico** – UAL memorabilia; **Kenny** – bunny candy dish with candy; **Kenney** – picnic tools; **Akin** – eggs; **Dinette** – candle.

Our May luncheon will be at Poor Red's in El Dorado on May 13.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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There is no report this month from the Redwood Empire chapter of RUAEA.



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Pictured are **Greg Krok** and **Angie Derrick**; **Farid Zamani** and **Tom Prewitt** at Spring Fling.

Time is passing and day by day, the good and sad continue to be a part of our everyday living. We mourn the loss of **Ed Knight** who was for many years a Lead on the Ramp and a very avid sailor. To the many of us who had the pleasure of sailing with him and racing in the Beer Can Races

on San Diego Bay, we have the great memories of good sails and our share of wins. Fairwinds, Fullsails Ed.

Our May Birthdays are **Barbara Drews** (May 9th), **Robert Taylor** (May 13th), and **Ray Wood** (May 17th).

There were twenty members at our breakfast. **Betty Tomaino** joined us after her absence undergoing Stem Cell therapy and is now cancer free!

Debbie Taylor was the winner of the 50/50.

We discussed having a third luncheon get together possible in the summer or fall. Dates and times were not yet decided

Our July breakfast falls on the 4th so we are deciding on a date, either before or after the Holiday and we will let everyone know when the date is decided upon.

Our Bio this month features **Robert Taylor**, SANCS and part of the United family since 1966:

I was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1963. Having served on active duty for forty months of which twenty four was with the NSA (National Security Agency) in Maryland. I returned to California to continue my education and I enrolled at Fresno City College. While attending college I worked

part time at Hertz Rent A Car; moving cars from Los Angeles, San Francisco to Fresno and other points in between. I made friends with many people at the airport and one of them was a supervisor at United. He was mentioning to me that United was hiring and I told him I was interested. I had a talk with Charley Wrightson who was the Manager of UA in Fresno. I went back to Hertz and the supervisor told me that United had called and I was hired for a full time position.

I didn't realize our chat was an interview! I was to start the following week and I was sent to SFO for two weeks training as a Station Agent. That was the beginning of my 36 year career with United in which I was involved in all areas of Customer Service, retiring from San Diego.

If you find yourself in San Diego we would love to have you join us the first Thursday of every month at the Pt. Loma Café!

Calendar:

June 6 – 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 April meeting on April 24th at Lincoln Chinese Restaurant in Lincoln, CA. **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** hosted this month's luncheon.

President **Jim Simon** welcomed everyone and thanked **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** for hosting this month's luncheon. He thanked **Len & LaVerne Haubl** for conducting the raffle last month. He stated that we have 35 members and 2 guests in attendance. **Orville Harshbarger** introduced his guests, daughter Christine and her husband Bob.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** reported two anniversaries for the month of April – **Len & LaVerne Haubl** (married 61 years), and **Lee & Shirley Francis** (married 46 years). Congratulations!

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for April. She advised that the chapter reimbursed our guest speaker last month for the printing materials that she distributed to the members.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a "get-well" card to **Hank Wikstad** as he received injuries in a skiing accident.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** - No Report

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** - No Report

Roster **Jack Raynor** advised us that the new 2019 directory booklet was available for pickup today.

RUAEA Newsletter – **Francis & Veronica Domaratus** gave us an account of their eventful trip out of Denver. They were on one of the very few aircraft to make it out that day, due to the weather.

Ron Bertacini stated that those who attended the Spring board meeting in Denver spent 3-4 days getting home due to weather and loads. He stated that things are moving along with the Convention. The Convention will start on September 23 and will continue through the end of the week. Business meetings and the Benefits panel will meet on Friday instead of Saturday to accommodate the executives.

Vicky Enriquez let us know how important our business was to the Lincoln Chinese Restaurant and how much they appreciated our business. She also told us this was the first restaurant she ate at after moving to her hometown of Lincoln.

Jim announced that plans are in effect for a tour of the Roger's Family Coffee Company in June and it will be in conjunction with our June luncheon at Buonarroti Ristorante in Lincoln. He stated the tour would last around 1 to 1½ hours. He took a show of hands for those interested in taking the tour. A sign up sheet will be presented at our May luncheon.

Francis gave us information about the Ham Radio Association. They would like more people to join them in order to communicate with one another during states of emergency. Contact him if you are interested in joining.

Ed Rheam stated that we could view the new UA A/C livery on the Flying Together website. The Semper Fi group will have its plaque installed on November 11, at 11:00am. He also stated that **Charles Szekretar** moved.

Marji asked why positive-space passes aren't secured when board members travel for board meetings? Ron explained the back-story on how it evolved that positive space is no longer offered. We had a discussion on the different airline cultures and how it may affect that practice. It was also brought up that employees in SFO might be charged for parking.

Jim conducted the birthday roll-off. **Frank Dellinger** and **Pat Gwinn** faced off and Pat won the roll-off.

Vicky & George conducted this month's raffle.

Jim adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.



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Time is going by too fast. My mom always said the older you get the faster the time will pass; now I really believe that. But we all know it's better than the alternative. April is almost over. Hopefully we'll have April showers to bring May flowers. Speaking of flowers, I planted 6 pots of flowers about a week ago and so far they are still alive. I don't do well with flowers in the yard but I keep hoping they will make it through the summer.

We all had a fun time at our last luncheon at Strings Italian Café in Jackson on April 11th. There were 19 happy people talking, laughing and having a good time. It's always fun to get together. Our hosts in Jackson were **Don & JoAnn Nesja** and they held a great raffle. Thank you to Don & JoAnn. Everyone enjoyed the raffle because each one of us won a prize!

Jack & I are looking forward to the United Airlines Mechanics Reunion at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada. We are driving over the mountain on Hwy 88 on June 18th and we'll be staying in the RV Park. I think but I'm not sure, that this event has been going on for 15 years and we haven't missed one. It's always a fun time meeting up with folks that we only see once a year. We always have a big barbeque and the food is great but the company is better. For more information, call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210.

Steve passed the microphone to **Don Nesja**, our Jokester. Don opened up his file of jokes and shared a few or more with the group. We look forward to Don entertaining us at every meeting. Thank you Don. Rudy gave us the treasurer's report and it looks like we are in good shape. Thank you Rudy!

Our group is small but filled with wonderful people and we would love for anyone to contact us and come to one of our luncheon meetings. We are all very nice folks and will welcome you with open arms. Our next luncheon will be held on June 13th at my favorite place in Valley Springs; Good Friends Chinese Restaurant. They have a wonderful buffet with over 100 items to choose from. Please call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 728-7641 if you would like any information about our Chapter.

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April was a good month for attendance at our weekly Friday breakfast meetings with an average attendance of 24 members. Our Historian, The Professor, **Vern Snyder**, has been absent for a number of meetings due to illness. We miss both him and his wife, our Sunshine Lady, **Maureen Snyder**. We also have been missing **Alice Rostirolla** and **Joanne Saso**, who most likely have been traveling.

Speaking of traveling, our president, **Marianne Johnson**, has been traveling in Florida and then on a cruise to Cuba. Unfortunately, the port that the ship was to dock at in Cuba was undergoing renovation and the ship could not dock. So she ended up in Cozumel. She may not have been able to ride in a '57 Chevy convertible, but at least she was able to work on her tan.

Karen Devlin traveled to Minneapolis for a visit. She had enough of the nice California weather and wanted to see some snow. She doesn't understand the concept of the snowbird. She and her loving husband, **Bob Devlin**, also celebrated their anniversary.

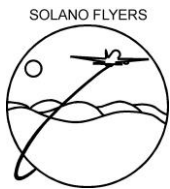
Maureen Snyder had a birthday in April, but wasn't able to make the meetings, so we will sing her happy birthday upon her return. I'm sure she would want to hear **Bob Devlin's** rendition.

A memorial service for **Wilma Sandy**, who passed away in March, had over 200 people in attendance. Twelve members of the South Bay RUAEA participated. Wilma was a great lady and so considerate, always sending thank you cards for each RUAEA luncheon she attended.

We received some shocking news from **Dave & Robin Garland**. They announced they are moving to Rocklin. Dave was a past president and Robin an active member of the South Bay RUAEA. We will surely miss these two and wish them well in their new location. Fortunately for RUAEA, they have joined the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter. While up at their new digs, they were able to ride in a Ford Tri-Motor, making its rounds in central California.

Plans are being made for our annual picnic at Vasona Park, June 12. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-7855. This is always a great time, with a wonderful BBQ, great weather and lot's of fun.

We meet weekly, each Friday, for breakfast, at Holders Country Inn, located at 988 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129, beginning at 0800. Please feel free to join us anytime.



SOLANO FLYERS

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Aha, that Mediterranean weather arrived in California this week, at a warm 74 degree, brought out the following Solano Flyers at Denny's restaurant in Vacaville: **Frank Uhl, Louis Pell, James Ellison, Diosnel Perez, Stewart McCale, Jack & Lind Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Richard Cox, Allan Pochop, Bill & JoAnne Blizzard, Jim McLean, Jerry Munkholm, and Nolan & Mary Untiedt.**

As Denny's management failed to reserve the room for us twice in the past twelve months, the membership was reluctant to return ... but as I traveled around Vacaville, it seemed that a waitress was tracking my movements since I kept running into her in different locations, she was persistent that our group return. Pondering her request, I concluded that her reason for seeking the Solano Flyers return is our failing to understand the abstruse paradox percentage of gratuity to bill?

Now drawing close is the annual gathering of grounded Eagles of United, at Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn, June 18-21. Wednesday is the big event with a BBQ held in the RV park area, many locals and those in RV provide many of the side dishes, others in attendance purchase items from the local grocery store, then collect \$5/person for table set ups, condiments, etc.; .great time is enjoyed by all that attend. Never forget the opportunity to cash out big at the Casino; <http://carsonvalleyinn.com/>

As our meeting date is the third Wednesday of each month, June 19th is that day, which is conflict with the above Minden gathering. With all of the chapter officers at Minden, the June meeting will slip to the second Wednesday of the month on June 12. June 12 meeting at 11am will be at The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista, CA.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing isVP **Allan Pochop**, there were howls of fraud, ticket tampering echoed through out the lunch crowd, nasty words of lynching, rails and feathers spoken. The unruly disturbance was suppressed by MAA **Allan Pochop**, only by his assurance that the allegation of ticket tampering would be fully investigated and the report provided at the May meeting.

Calendar:

May 15 – Raul's Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield, 11am-1pm.

June 12 – The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista, CA, 11am-1pm.

COLORADO

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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with 32 members in attendance. He reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter income so we don't pay dues.

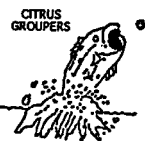
Paul Miller and his wife are celebrating their 63rd anniversary. Congratulations!

Convention plans are being finalized; see the Convention Package in this issue of the Newsletter. **Mary Ann Zahnle** planned some great tours for the convention.

50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter are **Doug Colbert**, **Walt Hansen** (2x), **Nancy Goodyear**, **Mary Ann Zahnle**, and **Richard Conner**.

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, June 1st at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd 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.

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Submitted by Kathy Faust

Ralph Brick stood in for our president **Joe DiStaso**. Eleven members met at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages for lunch and meeting. As always, the food was delicious and the conversations were even better. Ralph started our meeting with the Pledge of allegiance, he reminded us our next meeting would be on Thursday May 23rd since there are 5 Thursdays in May at the Waterfront Inn at 11:30 AM. He also asked everyone to be thinking about where they want to have our Christmas party and lunch. I know that seems a long way off but in the Villages you have to reserve early.

Our next meeting will be our last until September as we take June, July and August off. We hope to see you all there.

We are sending out a big get well to **Don & Mary Nellans**. We understand you are home now but we were told you were both at Chands at the same time. Get well soon we miss you guys at our meetings.

Claus Brinnitzer won the 50/50, congratulations! Captain **Dale Buss** joined us for meeting and lunch, it was nice seeing him.

Don't forget that our next meeting is the last for three months, mark it on your calendar; we want to see you all there.

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

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There is no report this month from the Sand“Dabs” chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

June 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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President Ernie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, then he asked the Veterans to stand for an early Memorial Day “Thank you for your Service” and a round of applause from all of us. Next, the Mother’s Day ladies stood for their round of applause, sprinkled with love! (That’s what Ernie said – I swear!) Between the two groups, almost everyone was honored today. Nice. Today we welcomed an MCOCG retiree **Jorge Cisneros**! Jorge spends most of the year in Peru, but came today at the invitation of **Angel Montalvo**. Thanks for joining us!

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report and Secretary Elaine reported that a couple members are moving very soon. **Stan & Barb Halterman** have just moved to: 1111 S. Lakemont Ave., Apt. 820, Winter Park, FL 32792 and at the beginning of June, **Elaine & Joe Mannella** will be moving to: 7307 Everleigh Ct., Orlando, FL 32819. Exciting—exhausting—purging—all good!

Member **Judy Kenzig** shared that **David Leighty** is very ill at ORMC. Prayers for healing and cards for cheering for him and Lisa: 3645 Gatlin Ave., Orlando, FL 32812.

Lots of Birthday Balloons this month! **Jerry Crosby** (5/5), **Cathy Llewellyn** (5/15), **Bob McNeill** (5/29), **Pat Hernandez** and **Darryl Bork** (5/30) and **Mary Starzynski** too. Eat cake!

Our May Loving Couple is **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, celebrated 58 years on Cinco de Mayo! Eat ... cake ... tacos ... and drink margaritas! Huge Congrats to you both

The Real McCoy's meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Future Golden Corral Luncheons will be on June 4th, July 2nd and August 6th.

Mark your calendar and join us – you’ll be glad you did!

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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There were 21 people at the annual farewell steak fry on May 3. We hope that everybody has a terrific summer and they come back to Florida in October when we resume our meetings. Those attending the steak fry were **Lynna Baker**, **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Gary & Janice Crittenden**, **Joanne & Tom Halt**, **Ray Jensen**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Ric & Jane Marton**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Jerry & Sandy Pryde**, **Diane Roberts**, **Roger Schonewise**, and **Pat Schneider**.

The steaks were delicious; **Ed Clarke** gets the credit for purchasing and grilling them. He's been doing this so long he's got it down to a science. All the potluck food brought in by the members was varied and scrumptious.

Bee McCarthy was not able to join us because she fell at CVS trying to push a shopping cart up over a curb and it attacked her, knocking her down and landing on top of her. She didn't break any bones, but is in a lot of pain. Our prayers are with her. As we age, it's very common to lose our balance and fall. Walk carefully!

Several of our members are having health issues and we hope all will be resolved soon.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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A happy group of 26 Sand Dollars attended our April meeting, many of whom are in the throes of packing for their trips back north for the season. But, all will be returning to Florida during October or November so no need for "goodbyes", just "see you very soon". We will look forward to seeing many of them back in time for our first Fall luncheon on October 10th.

We met at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Sarasota and were treated to their great Italian menu, served in a private area of the restaurant. **Ginger Hyde** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced two new members, **Jim & Shirley Rasmus** from the Grand Rapids area of Michigan. Jim retired as a 777 Captain out of Chicago, and Shirley had 33 years in law enforcement, retiring from her position as State Police Post Commander in Rockford, MI. Welcome to you both, Jim & Shirley, we're very glad to have you join us!

Ginger announced that **Alice D'Souza** is still attending her class so she could not join us, and both **Betty Woods-White** and **Nancy Gibbs** continue to have health restrictions. **Alice Parker** planned to attend but with all of the changes in the area, she couldn't find the restaurant. She finally gave up, stopped at a fast-food drive-up window, and went home. We were glad to have **Bobbie Hall** join us again as we've missed her the last few months.

It was great to have **Bob & Lisa Young** back with us in between their fascinating travels. They were in Maui in January, at just the right time to see the whales migrating to their spawning areas, and are planning another cruise in May. They spoke in glowing terms about their recent trip to Costa Rica where they visited the NW part of the country, through the Liberia Airport, along the Papagayo Gulf. The beaches in that area are heavenly, the national parks have preserved beautiful natural land, and deeper inland are some of Costa Rica's most majestic volcanoes. Maybe we can persuade Bob & Lisa to take us on some guided tours?

We are delighted to hear the announcement from UA that they are planning to start service from SRQ non-stop to IAD, probably sometime in October of this year. This will be a huge improvement for those of us living in the Bradenton/Venice/Englewood when planning international trips.

Birthday wishes for June go to **Liz Mavis** (20th). Anniversary congratulations go to **Bob & Shirley Adams** (61 years on the 12th); **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** (24th). The winner of the attendance drawing was **Bob Young**, so maybe he can use the large wad for some of his travels! The 50/50 winners were: 1st - **Jeanne & George Sudol**; 2nd - **Joanne Wasser**; 3rd - **Bill & Inge Phillips**.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... you do not need a parachute to skydive, you only need a parachute to skydive twice.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on May 5th at IHOP with 7 members in attendance. The meeting was called by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary minutes was read with a correction: Peggy's dog should have been read as Peggy's Fur Baby. We all had a good chuckle.

Birthdays ~ **Bob Lindstrom** (May 16th).

Anniversaries ~ **Bill & Jean Linehan** (56 years on May 6th), and **Frank & Helen Kacer** (48 years on May 8th). Congratulations!

April was a bad month for our members; all on the mend: **Bob Lindstrom** (Mohs Surgery) and **Jon Wilkinson** (Gallbladder Surgery). **Helen Kacer** is doing A-OK from surgery in March. **Noemi Guzman's** husband is doing radiation treatment. May this month be good to all our members!

We discussed about meeting all year, we all agreed that it's good to get together and socialize.

We talked about UAL's new painting of the planes and issues with the 737 Max 8 & 9.

Happy Mother's Day was wished to all Mothers and remember Memorial Day.

Meeting was closed and lunch was served.

Calendar:

June 3 – IHOP, 10:30

July 1 – IHOP, 10:30

TREASURE COAST

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We had a small but awesome group of members at our May meeting. With many of our members traveling, moving, down with an illness or recovering from a surgery, only 11 were able to attend.

President **Al Popek** led the group in The Pledge Of Allegiance, he also requested a moment of silence in reverence to our fallen heroes, with Memorial Day being held this month.

Paul & Diane Liebisch have sold their house in Port St. Lucie and are building a new house in Tradition. We wish you two the best with your move.

Dave & Carolyn Lindgren are cruising and spending time in Iceland.

Bob Langevin and **Sandy Ruggerio** are getting settled in their new home. It's always a chore deciding where everything should go and what you can live without!

Janice Popek is recovering at home after a lengthy hospital stay with serious illnesses.

Ron Brodis has been having a difficult recovery following his back surgery. It's always difficult, as well, for the caregiver/wife. Hang in there, **Diane**.

Best Wishes to all of you caregivers, best of health to all of you recovering. We hope to have you join us again soon.

Jim Hanley had two great stories/jokes to share. We always look forward to them.

"**Dinos**" **Xifaras** had a fond memory to share. On his last trip to his homeland, Greece, he joined 68 of his former classmates for a reunion. He decided it would be a great surprise for all attending to have a special cake for them. The fantastic cake he brings to all of our picnics was ordered and shipped to Greece. They were surprised to see him and delighted with his efforts to ship a cake all the way from Florida! What a guy!

We talked about our successful picnic in April and discussed the upcoming convention in Denver. We checked out the new color scheme for the United fleet and shared our experiences in acquiring the measles, shingles and Hep. A vaccines.

50/50 was won by **Al Popek**. The Progressive will roll over once again since **Paul Liebisch** was not present to accept.

Birthdays in May include **Fran Student** on the 11th, **Joan Palumbo** and **Jerry Zadar** on the 23rd, **David Lindgren** on the 25th and **Tom Odom** on the 31st.

Calendar:

June 4 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

July 2 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

August 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

GEORGIA



DIXIE FLYERS

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Unfortunately, our faithful Correspondent for the Dixie Flyers, **Ron Heider**, is ill with pneumonia. We wish him a swift recovery and hope he feels much better soon. Therefore, there is no report this month from the Dixie Flyers chapter of RUAEA.

The Dixie Flyers meet the first Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia.

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

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

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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Our April 16th luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** at Ling and Louie's Restaurant in Meridian, ID. Those attending this delicious event were **Joe & Joan Varady**, **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**, and **Shirley Perkins**. Thanks to Bob & Palmer for hosting this event.

Joe & Joan Varady had the worst storm in many years in Garden Valley. Luckily, they were high enough to be above the flooding. The whole valley floor was a lake. The side of the road going up the mountain was like a canyon. It all went away but was quite an event! Before that they were in Phoenix for four days and should have stayed.

Bob & Palmer Sarnoff are going to the UK in May. First time to visit the Cotswold. **Shirley Perkins** is off to see her granddaughter in Seattle.

Shirley & Rick Dempsey spent eight days in Tucson, AZ visiting with friends. It was a fun time with both groups of friends. We went to the air museum, several flower museums, and a missile museum. We had lunch at the Arizona Inn and enjoyed seeing their beautiful gardens and a delicious lunch. We also visited their back patio area after a long day of sightseeing. We enjoyed their cocktails and relaxing within the flower gardens. Good choice for a refresher to cool off after a hot day!

The next Boise Gem luncheon meeting is being hosted by **Lois Rodriguez** in June. When she decides where and when, the members will be notified.

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June—Summer! God, I hope so! Snow on April 27? Who ordered that? I still have my boots in the hallway, so it's **not** my fault! I was off that day! When I was working, one of my bosses blamed me for everything, even when I was on vacation, evil man. Get your flag out, and keep it out. June 6th is D-Day. Last month I mentioned some of the events that will be celebrated in France this week. I hope that we'll get to see some of the highlights. Then we have June 14th, Flag Day. Heck, leave it out all summer; it's a beautiful symbol of our freedom and, love of our country. Two days later, on the 16th, is Father's Day. Yep, the guy who helped teach you to ride a bike, catch a ball, maybe told you about the birds and bees, or even kept you out of jail. Don't forget the man who gave you life, give him a call, but please don't reverse the charges, or ask for money, as you did when you were a kid! Our full moon is on the 28th, and called the Strawberry moon, Corn Moon, even a Honey Moon, depending in what Indian tribe you belonged. The last day of June is National Meteor Day, while you're out looking at the moon, check out the meteors! June is full of brides and graduations. You'll be busy with celebrations, and having fun with the family.

Our Northside Breakfast welcomed 20 people. We had two newbies, **Bonnie & George Richter**, ORDMM. Good to see you again! **Daryl & Toni Van Kampen** went on a Panama Canal cruise. **Jerry Tipperreiter** visited his family in PDX for Easter. **Joan Teister** will be in their Wisconsin Mansion for the summer. Returnees included **Darlene Felske**, and **Ann Mahoney** who spent some time in Florida during our frigid winter.

Breakfast had only six retirees. A few ill folks and bad weather kept the others away. Lucky **Gwen Brookins** was on a tour of Kentucky and Ohio with her Sociable Seniors Group. They visited the Underground

Railway, also the Ark Encounter replica in Williamstown, KY. I think they found time to gamble just a little. **Barb Wesemann** and her sister went on a Danube River cruise.

Our ORDMM meeting had about 25 fellas come back for eggs and bacon, **Jim Hall, Gene Hale, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, and Jim Vitte**, from his winter sojourn to the Southwestern states. **Grace & Walt Chornomaz** took a cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had their Cinco de Mayo luncheon for 98 people. Hola, Ole, and Adios, it was delicious. Thank you to everyone who brought sweets and helped at the buffet table. On June 18, the group will meet at Elly's restaurant on Golf Road, for lunch at 1:00. Their next meeting is June 6, with our annual Pizza Day.

New members include **Helen Chellin**, and **Fran Sleezer**. Welcome to our club, thank you for joining.

The Skyliners Planning Committee is busy getting our June Hawaiian Picnic Luncheon plans completed. It will be at Chandlers Restaurant in Schaumburg, on June 17, at 11:00. Invitations have been sent; info is also on our website, chicagoskyliners.org, just in case you didn't get a notice. Hawaiian-styled food will be served, and the Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers will perform. You don't want to miss this one.

By now, you've seen the new United Livery of our airplanes. It doesn't have an enormous change, but the blue and teal are very pretty. I like that the United name is bigger. I'm anxious to see the interior with the teal and purple seats, and the new uniforms. What a colorful change to us! I miss the tulip on the tail, but don't tell anybody.

Apparently, there are cameras in the seat backs of the plane put in by the manufacturer. They can see you, your neighbor, people walking in the aisle, and your flight attendant. United never had them activated, didn't even know they were in there. Other airlines might keep them active. Passengers found out and don't like the idea of anybody seeing what they're doing or whom they're doing it with ...

Last month I mentioned getting medical insurance if you were traveling internationally. I heard from **Carol Faust**, she wanted to add some info. She and Bob bought what OAT (Overseas Adventure Travel), recommended. The insurance company said the Fausts had to use their own insurance first, they would pay what Blue Cross didn't cover, but BC/BS paid for everything. However, they only covered half of Bob's hotel room, about \$300. In addition, the accident happened the third day of the tour, the insurance company and OAT refused to refund the unused portion of the tour. Carol said they have nothing nice to say about OAT, and will never use them again. Guess we have to investigate everybody before we use them.

Just a reminder that the scam calls are still out there. If you don't recognize a number on your caller ID, don't answer. If they're a friend or professional office calling, they will leave a message. I've heard of so many scammers this month, it's disgusting. They prey on seniors, pretending they're a family member, friend or legitimate company. Don't believe them. Even I had two crooked e-mails this last month, could tell right away they were lying.

Our friends that flew West last month are **Frank Whitecotton** and **Richard Limp**, ORDMM, **Tom Eckmann**, EXOKD, **Al Danaka** and **Judy da Pisa Houser**, CHIRR/ORDCS, **Ken Smith**, ORDHN, husband of **Lois**, ORDMD, **Vern Palmer**, CHIRR, **Virginia Harper**, **Dale Harper's** wife. Dale, SFO, sends out the United Newsletter to us every day. **Wally Powers**, Manager of ORDMS/ORDCG, he was highly liked and respected. His twin brother, Tom, was the manager of Station Operations, ORDOZ. My close friend, **Juanita Schrecongost** passed away after a long illness. As I've said before, some deaths hit home harder than others do. We met in 1979 and were close ever since then. I hope you had at least one true friend in your life like her. It makes living so much more fun. God bless all and their families. Also gone are Scott Sanderson, from the Cubs, Georgia Engel, John Havlicek, Ken Kercheval, Sen. Richard Lugar, Charles Van Doren, WMAQ's sports personality, Chuck Coppock, John Singletary, Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca), and Chicago's Tom Hynes.

The new Senior slogan is, We are the Pro's in Procrastination.

Go Cubbies Go!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**June 12**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**June 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**June 6**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

June 17 - Skyliners Lunch - Chandlers, 401 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch. Get out those Hawaiian duds.

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

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Our April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 9, at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. We had 15 members and 4 drop-ins that braved the blustery weather to attend the meeting. In attendance were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**; **Hannelore Brabo**; **Mario Bregante**; **Bob & Ruth Duffy**; **Bob & Myrtle Duty**; **Jim Gibson**; **Chris Johnston**; **Ed Loftus**; **Frank & Rita Prins**; **Charles Theiss**; and **Tony Urbanovic**. The drop-ins who came in to say "hello" to the group were **Bill & Barb Stout**; **Amy-Christine Theiss**; and **Anthony Theiss**.

Erratum **Bob Duty** was in attendance at the March 12 meeting. His name was missed on the sign-in sheet.

The Indy Racers Summer Fling will be held Tuesday, July 9th, at the home of **Charles Theiss**. More information on the IndyRacers Summer Fling is forthcoming.

The 50/50 was won by the Duffy family for \$25.00.

Ken & Deanna Boeke are traveling to Sedona, AZ for a vacation; **Bob & Ruth Duffy** are traveling to West Virginia for a family reunion. **Dimple Rihel** is all over the country during her travels. We wish everyone a safe trip.

Our next gathering will be Tuesday May 14 at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200. If you will be in Indianapolis on a meeting date, we hope you will join us.

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We begin our newsletter with sympathies to the family of **Carlo Noe**, BOSCG, who passed away on April 7 after a brief illness. Carlo worked with us from 1974-1997 in the flight kitchen and on the ramp. We are saddened to learn of losing another United friend.

Eighteen Nor'Easters got together for lunch at our favorite watering hole, Jevelis, in East Boston (the "go to" spot with the airport crowd). We welcomed our newest member, **Linda Jenkins** and welcomed back **Tim & Ilania Snyder** whom we haven't seen in a while. Tim retired from BOSGQ while his bride continues flying as an F/A after 37 years; currently flying IAD NRT. It was also nice to see **Dick Vecchione** back with us after his illness and car crash! He's looking good and feeling good!

Mercedes Hersom was unable to attend after being poked and prodded for the past month looking for answers to a recent health scare. We're happy to report she has the flu and nothing more serious!

Norma Betters is deep into her granddaughter's wedding plans and the **Lincolns** are planning their next trip. Could it be Hawaii?

May birthday wishes to **John Dellelo, Audrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Patti Mix, Andy Montalto, Jayne Regan, and Lew Shakley**. Anniversary greetings to **Bob DePippo, Mary Beth McDermet, Jim Murray, Roy Templeton and Bill Vanderwal**.

If April showers bring May flowers, why hasn't it stopped raining?

MICHIGAN



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Our May luncheon will be held on Friday, May 17th, 12:30PM at Stella's Trackside/Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI; (734) 459-0885. It is hosted by **Joanna O'Brien** in honor of **Marie Cook**. Please RSVP to Joanna at (480) 254-2837 or email jmob63@ymail.com.

Our April luncheon was held at Bar None in Brighton, Michigan. **Mary Kay Edoff** hosted and in attendance were **Marlene Heaney, Gwen Dyc** and her friend, **Carol Ford, Carol Shaffner, and Camille Wade**. Mary Kay made apple cobbler and a cherry cheesecake. What a delicious treat!

Congratulations to **Andy Hudgins** (formerly of DTWRR) who wrote a book, *Looking Down Into The Madness - A Mid-Life Memoir*. It is getting great reviews on Facebook. If you would like a signed copy, you can go to www.andrewhudgins.com. Andy will see your order and sign it for you.

Patty Gates had hip surgery and is recovering at home. Her address is 808 Randall Drive, Troy, MI 48085.

Thought for the month: *"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."*

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22 steadfast Lites joined one another in April and heartily welcomed two of our still-active-duty colleagues who came to have lunch with us. **Jody Larson** and **Mary Beth Speer** had the day off, so they decided to check us out to see if we're still as sassy as we used to be. Some of us, yes, some of us, no. The Queen of Sass, though, was amongst the missing that day (**Nel Brawner**). She's going to really be sorry that she missed their visit.

We also welcomed back sisters **Virginia Swenson** and **Marge Goars**. They have sold their home (but not the farm) and moved into the Twin Cities. The chores associated with their charitable Jams 'n' Jellies business had become more like work than fun anymore. They seem to be enjoying their new situation, although with spring here, they miss the farm and the annual renewal that comes with it.

Once again, there were no April birthdays, so the \$5 prize went back into the kitty. Raffle winners were **Joe Kelley, Lee Storlie, Jim Brennan, JoAnn Ayres** and "moi", your humble correspondent.

Lee conducted the meeting and reported that he had spoken to **Norma Holen** recently. She has sold her home near Lake Mille Lacs and is moving to Arkansas to be near her son. It's hard to believe that just a year ago, Andy was still with us and had brought one of his bird houses that he built to pass along to **Joe & Arlene Kelley**.

Mary & Jim Brennan visited **Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker** while they were in FL at their granddaughter's wedding. Those two are struggling and could definitely need your good thoughts and prayers. Jojo is now pretty much confined to her wheelchair and Chuck is chief cook, bottle-washer, laundryman and chauffeur.

News of **Joe Gaug** isn't very good, either. He's now in a group home for memory care patients. His wife, **Mary Ann**, said that he would probably enjoy cards but phone calls wouldn't be appropriate. His address is 312 W. 95th St., Bloomington, MN 55420.

Lee had a conversation with **Jerry Jarrett** as well. Jerry lives in Wisconsin and is plagued by Parkinson's. He can no longer do the logging he used to do, but overall is muddling along pretty well, he says.

Those of us who worked in the old Reservations Office at Minneapolis will be saddened to learn of the passing of **Vern Palmer** on May 3rd. He had reached out to many of his colleagues from back in the day, **Lee Storlie**, **Arlene Kelley** and to me as well. Vern was battling cancer but actually succumbed to pneumonia after being hospitalized because of a fall. My thanks to **Arlene (Mattie) McCroy**, now of LAS for the news, also Vern's daughter went through his phone book and left a message on my machine. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. **Helen Palmer**, 2001 Algonquin Rd., #1414, Algonquin, IL 60102. Phone (847) 250-1975.

Oh, yes, remember how excited we all were to tune into the Today Show and watch the talking suits interview the two Morton brothers about their kidney transplant? I got a call from their Mom, **Glenda Morton**, to let us all know that NBC had called the day before they were to fly to New York (bags all packed) to say that their segment had been scrubbed, due to "scheduling conflicts", whatever that means. Glenda had driven from her home in Sioux Falls, SD to Rochester, MN, about a 4-hour trip, to accompany them and their wives. Now she had to turn around and make the trip back home before a major storm caught her in its icy grips. Arrrggghh ... !

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd 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 is no report this month from the Omaha Golden Ears chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

June 4 - Blair Picnic, hosted by **Betsy & Bill Anderson**

July 2 - Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72nd Street, hosted by **Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

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

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. 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 or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 12 members at our April meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

John received information from a friend living in Belmont that the city is adding 7 new traffic lights between Hwy 280 to Hwy 101 to discourage commuters from using Ralston Ave. instead of Hwy 92 to move from one highway to the other.

Barbara Leusing announced that she will check with El Compadres in South Reno about possibly doing our September lunch there again this year. If so, sign ups will be done in advance similar to what we did with our picnic. Stay tuned.

Donna & Bill Perkins attended their last meeting in Reno. They will be relocating to Roseville. They hope to be able to attend some meetings in the future, depending on the weather of course. We will miss their presence and also all the goodies that Bill made for us through the years. In spite of being in the midst of packing, Bill did bring some delicious banana cupcakes for us as a last treat. We wish them well in their new location.

An April birthday was celebrated by **Linda Borchers**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Kathy Robinson**. **June Roe** won the bottle of wine.

Our next meeting will be May 13 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by **Terry Schultz**. There was a moment of silence for **Angela Boyer**, the wife of **Gene Boyer**, EWR MM; and for **Art Cottrel** of EWR stores who have passed away.

Frank Kokoszka gave an update on what was happening at EWR. It seems that the scope of operations is so large, that we can't even imagine what it is now.

Last month, **Marty Etler** was presented with a cake prematurely for his 90th birthday. To make up for it, he was presented with a corn muffin at this meeting with a single candle and told to blow it out if he can! I made a wish that I could make many more of our luncheons, and I don't think that is asking for too much.

Anyway, our ever popular **Diane Johnson** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on May 29 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

***** From the great prophet Leroy: *"Good looks catches the eye, but a good personality catches the heart"*.

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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Maybe the threat of rain kept some members away, but it was just cloudy and cool for this first day of May, and eighteen Metros showed up for lunch.

Alas, poor **Una De George**, a native Long Islander, got lost coming from a dentist appointment on a different route than usual, and she arrived just in time for dessert. We usually carpool (two heads are better than one).

Happy birthday to **Donna Feingold** and **Marylou Ellis**! The **Pozzis** are celebrating their 57th anniversary this month. The other happy couples are **Madeleine & John Klos**, **Evelyn & Mike Schroeder**, **Emma & Nuncio Milazzo** and **Mary & John Green**. Enjoy and best wishes!

Our 50/50 winners were **Ed Pozzi** (\$15; that should do it for a nice anniversary dinner at McDonald's), **Harold Koch** (\$10) and **John Greene** (\$10). Mary & John will opt for their dinner at Wendy's.

Madeleine Klos is recovering from a double stent procedure, followed by blood transfusions. Good to see her at the luncheon looking good. **Jim & Kathy Richardson** are off to Amsterdam for a cruise of the British Isles. Happy sailing!

Just a reminder: no July picnic this year, but lunch at Davenport Press and a picnic in August.

Calendar:

June 5 - Meeting at Davenport Press.

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We had our luncheon on April 3rd at Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake, and as usual, it was good. Everyone was called to hear **Dolly Taucher** say "Grace". **Gene & Jacki Craig** hosted the luncheon and we thanked them. The luncheon was attended by 43 members, hopefully, next month the "snowbirds" will be coming back and we'll see some familiar faces.

It's been a long time, but **Joanne Buchman** joined us for lunch. Welcome back dear friend.

We thanked **Bernie Garrah**, our Chairperson for hosting the 50/50 drawings. He does a great job and the winners were **Pat Janocha** and **Nancy Cleary**. For the first time ever, someone (i.e. **Pat Janocha**) had drawn her own ticket.

We hope everyone got their taxes done and submitted them on time. In reference to how long you have to retain your returns records, it's 5 years after the filing due date. On April 16th, you can shred your 2013 and prior tax records.

We have learned that **Joe Moses** passed away on May 4th. Joe was a great help in many things with our chapter, and a super nice guy. When my husband (**Perry McKnight**) was in the assisted living facility Joe would visit him, and Perry really appreciated it.

Since her stroke in July, **Barb Vauls** also has been to the hospital multiple times, trying to resolve the issues that she has to deal with, but no answers yet. We are sending a card full of signatures.

Carol Waldron's daughter (Carol S.) has passed away since our luncheon. Carol needs your prayers to get through this difficult time.

Update on **Sharon Gatesman's** granddaughter, Harper Gatesman, who was born on February 4, 2018 with Myotonic Dystrophy. About a year ago, we Ohio Buckeyes had taken up a collection for Harper's medical bills. The amount collected showed what huge hearts our members have. We just thought that you would be interested in this update. Harper was not released from the hospital



until November of 2018, but she was home when Santa paid her a visit. Harper still has the breathing tube in her throat and is unable to talk but does make noises. She also still has the feeding tube in her stomach. Harper is able to move her arms and legs, and hold her head up a little bit. She loves having company, especially when Sharon goes to visit, because as soon as Harper hears Sharon's voice she smiles and gets really excited. Pictured is Harper all dressed up for her "First Communion" this year. What an absolutely sweet and exceptional little girl.

So many people with so many problems. "Lord - hear our prayers".

April Birthday ~ **Len Friedel**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **Mary Merleno**, and **Barbara Wachs**.

April Anniversaries ~ **Len & Mary Friedel** (55 years); **Stan & Sharon Novak** (47 years); **Steve & Lee Rak** (56 years); and **Arlene & Earl Taylor** (20 years).

We hope everyone had a "Wonderful Memorial Day"!

Calendar:

June 5 - Rose Hill Restaurant, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

July 11 - Carrie Cerino's, North Royalton Royalton with entertainment by Frank (Sinatra) & Dean (Martin)

August 7 - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville. Everyone is welcome.

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Our April meeting dawned gray and wet but 56 folks still managed to join us for another afternoon of good food, great conversations and lots of laughter. Our 50/50 table was manned by another set of volunteers. The idea of signing up for a month at a time has been met with great success. Thanks again to the member that suggested that as an option.

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **Jane Futrell**, who is taking treatments for Multiple Myeloma cancer, is not doing well after several blood transfusions. She sent word thanking our group for the 'Best Wishes' cards she has received. **Ed Rommel**, retired PDX Ramp Serviceman, passed away on March 9, 2019. There was a Celebration of Life held on March 30th at First Christian Church, Portland, OR. **Marv Johnson**, retired PDXSS, passed away on March 21, 2019 at the age of 95. A service will be held in Kent, Washington. **Johni Wilson's** daughter, Terry, recently passed away; she had been diagnosed with liver cancer and had been given 6 months to live. Sadly, she did not make the 6 months. Terry joined us several times for lunch as Johni's guest. If any wish to send Johni a card, her address is 308 NE 151st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97230-4810. **Lee Barnhart**, retired PDX Ramp Serviceman, passed away on April 9, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held at Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1740 SE 139th St, Portland, OR on April 18, 2019 at 4:00PM.

But we also have some good news: **Carl Gruenberg**, who was in the hospital in Arizona last month and released, then again in the hospital this month with breathing problems, is now doing better and was discharged to a rehab facility (still in Arizona). He is doing well and is anxious to return to his home in Portland, Oregon.

The food today was excellent, and Colwood is undergoing a remodel with new carpeting, new wood paneling and fresh coats of paint on the walls.

Terry & Tom Hotchkin are about to begin a bathroom remodel at their home. Terry is delighted, Tom not so much!

After our guest speaker last month from AARP, we had a show of hands of how many in the group actively volunteer regularly. Many raised their hands and some shared their affiliation: USO: **Juanita Null**, former volunteer with the USO at PDX, explained that this was a rewarding place to volunteer. The USO here at PDX and around the country, offers around-the clock hospitality for traveling service men and women. Habitat for Humanity: **Dennis Scheuerell** is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity which builds and repairs decent affordable houses using volunteer labor. **Len & Jeri Blodgett** volunteer as guides in Astoria, Oregon to disembarking passengers of cruise ships who wish to see the many historical sites there. **Rosalie Betschart**

volunteers for the Albertina Kerr Organization, which helps people with developmental disabilities and mental problems. She is a cook and a server there, in addition to being our club's treasurer.

We wrapped up our meeting with member **Cliff Blare** regaling us with humor. A very fun meeting, as usual.

This month's quote from our President came from Betty Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique*: "Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength".

Anniversaries: No one at the meeting had an anniversary this month.

Birthdays: **Kathy Russell, Jeri Blodgett, Nancy Hooper, Dennis Cline.**

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize - **Annette Knott**; Men's Birthday - **Dennis Cline**; Women's Birthday - **Nancy Hooper**; 50/50 - **Pat Ogden**.

Calendar:

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

June 12

July 10 - Indoor Picnic

PENNSYLVANIA

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Twenty three persons enjoyed each other's company at the Clarion Hotel for our first Spring meeting. We certainly missed **Alan Edwards**; he is a great loss to **Kathy** and the rest of us. **Marge Eggles** won the free lunch and **Harold Turney** won the 50/50.

Our interesting program was presented by James Hedtke. He is a History & Political Science Professor at Cabrini college. He has written a book and spoke on debunking the myths of the Civil War.

Dee Burrs has been ill. We hope she can attend the next meeting. **Marcia Ems** and **Barbara Fanto** both have ongoing health problems.

PITTSBURGH

PIT-STOPPERS

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Well, if the old adage is true about "April Showers bring May Flowers", we should have so many flowers growing we might even compete with **Else Schiller**, the lady with 2 green thumbs!

We missed the April birthdays last month, so this is to catch up and wish everyone a happy birthday.

April Birthdays: **Jeri Juth** (5th), **Mary Solomon** (10th), **Mitch Abbas** (14th), and **Dave Detwiler** (25th).

May Birthdays: **Ed Ike** (3rd), **Carl Chiocchi** (7th), **Jolinn Chicots** (9th), **Dee Chiocchi** (16th), and **Joe Scafuglio** (17th).

May Anniversaries: **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (May 13th), **Bill & Ruth Redfern** (May 26th), and **Vic & Joan Ferance** (May 30th).

Updates on some members: Our gal Treatie is up and about; her new address is 1008 7th Ave., Apt. 4E, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. I'm sure that she would like to hear from you all. **Jim Weber**, our bionic man, is still facing more back surgery. We have not heard from "Fire Chief" **Bill Chicots**. Hope all is well.

Our condolences go out to **Al Ruschell** on the passing of his brother, Harold. Al's address is Box 65, 1311 2nd St., Midway PA. 15660.

Our secretary, **Olga Karmazyn**, has added a new features to the newsletter, “whatever happened to”. Let’s see if anyone can help.

Whatever happened to **Paul Hainer**, **John Grossi** and **Bob Gause**.

Mr. Stephen Clark, official at Shanksville, called Olga and thanked the Pittsburgh Stoppers for our donation of \$50 in memory of **Ed Yauch** and **Barbara Guida**.

Happy Memorial Day to all!

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.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Greetings from the Emerald City Slickers, the Seattle chapter of United Airline retirees!

We seem to be stuck on the number 43 for the number of attendees at our second Tuesday luncheon meetings at Angelo’s in Burien, WA, and April made the grade. Our May luncheon is still in the future.

Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the meeting with the usual formalities – and informalities – and welcomed a few folks we hadn’t seen in a while, and introducing **Brent & Beth Wood**, who drove from their home in Lynnwood. Brent had worked at the SFO Maintenance Base and just happened to sit beside **Ed Liesse**, another refugee from San Francisco.

Others being warmly greeted included ‘**Nette Mitter**, a new member in March; **Rosie Bittner** and **Genevieve Shubert**, formerly with Cabin Service; and **Hank Gosselin** and **Carol Lucarelli**. Ken relayed messages from **Lois Anderson**, retired Credit Union Manager now living in Stanwood, and from **Ruth Strange**, thanking **John Haferbecker** for the article on her late husband, **Norm Strange**, that was published in our local newsletter, *Contrails*.

Unfortunately, we overlooked reporting Norm’s passing in the last newsletter. Born in 1935, Major **Norm Strange** was a veteran of the World War II Battle of the Bulge, earning the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Norm was wounded during the famous assault on the Remagen Bridge in Germany. After his recuperation in Germany, Norm met a cute local girl, Ruth, with whom he shared a 70-year marriage.

Norm is near and dear to the hearts of Seattle retirees, because, while still working at United, he decided the area needed a special group for UAL retirees and founded our Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA in 1980. The first officers elected to serve the chapter with President **Norm Strange** were Vice President **Dick Backstrom**, Secretary **Joanne Haynes**, and Treasurer **Marjorie Sibbel**. **Don Speckhals** became the first editor of *Contrails*.

Ken Tank shared details of the March 31st startup of UAL service from Paine Field in Everett, WA. Flights were “baptized” by fire department water cannon salutes. Using United Express equipment, United has begun with 4 flights a day to San Francisco and 2 to Denver. Speaker for the occasion was retired Captain **Clay Lacy**, who had been the lead pilot back in 1983 for Friendship 1, the 747SP that departed from Boeing Field and broke the around-the-world speed record with refueling stops in Athens and Taipei. Ken volunteers at SeaTac on United’s behalf and always has interesting tales to tell.

Frank McAnulty got into the act, telling the story of a disgruntled male passenger who misunderstood an “inaugural” flight as an “all girl” flight. As Station Manager of London Heathrow, Frank was able to placate the gentleman, who had expected to be the only male aboard the flight.

Co-President **Kathie Torgison** provided helpful information on the tax liabilities involved with enrolled friends in Flying Together. Kathie also mentioned that **Laura Tolen**, United’s Airport Operations Supervisor in Seattle and our guest speaker at the March meeting, had invited retirees for a future “behind-the-scenes” tour at the airport. After a positive response from chapter members, **Ken Tank** offered to serve as liaison between the chapter and Laura in planning the event and providing details to the chapter.

Gary & Kathie Torgison told of their upcoming trip to the Czech Republic and Poland, spending some time in Pilsen, home of Pilsner Beer. Americans are held in high esteem because the US Army liberated Czechoslovakia from the Germans in May of 1945 toward the end of WWII. A national celebration is held in May to commemorate their freedom.

Hank Gosselin shared stories of the misadventures faced by RUAEA board members attending a meeting in Denver in March, when fierce winter storms caused cancellations of multiple flights, leaving twice as many planes as normal grounded at the airport. While touting the upcoming RUAEA convention in Denver in September, Hank suggested that it might be wise to not *fly* to Denver in the winter.

You were promised an addition to the **Ken Storey** story, but that will have to wait for another issue. With new Member Profiles published in each issue of *Contrails*, we’re falling behind.

The first door prize, which provided a refund for the cost of his lunch, went to none other than **Ken Storey**. **Bud Dice** garnered the 50/50 prize, while **Fred Frey** assisted with the drawings. When the last remaining door prize was described, **Gay Liesse** audibly commented, “I could use that.” Well, guess what. She went home with an oversized coffee mug and matching kitchen towel, both of which already have been used.

Calendar:

June-August – No regularly scheduled luncheons (Subject to change – June may become a fill-in for our missed February meeting, and a July barbecue may be scheduled)

September 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

October 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

November 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

LILAC CITY FLYERS



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Our members and guests came to the April luncheon dressed in beautiful Spring colors. We are hoping to convince Mother Nature to behave. The weather here has been strange and according to the weather channel, it has been consistently inconsistent across the nation. The highlight of our meeting was when **Linda Scriven** won the 50/50 raffle. Each month, Linda buys between \$5-\$20 worth of tickets. Each month she claps and

cheers when someone else wins. In April, we all got to cheer for her. She won \$28, and in her usual generous manner, she returned \$20 to the chapter.

Hank Heuser informed us of a free US Army Band concert at the Hilton Center on April 12th. I have been to several of their concerts and have enjoyed them tremendously.

Cathy Gilbert-Silva read letters she'd received from previous members. Catching up is always fun. She also had a collection of drawings from various children who had been on her flights. They were very cute and such great memories. We all have so many great memories from our long careers in the airline. As of next month, I'm going to try to share some of the favorite stories from our group. It would be fun if each chapter did the same.



Easter time is always a fun time. So cute to watch the little ones running around in their Easter best searching for the decorated eggs that they helped dye that were hidden by that pesky bunny. Many of us had the privilege of spending that day with our children and grandchildren. For the very lucky there were also great grandchildren in this mix. Many of us have traditions. One of my family traditions is making a bunny cake with the children. They love decorating the bunny and take great pride in eating all of the leftover decorations. I discovered that one of our members, **Kathy Rogers Suggitt**, also baked a bunny cake with her grandchildren. It is a real work of art as shown in the picture.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

Peggy Griffin

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Hello RUAEA,

Our PDX Chapter is working very hard organizing our Convention for 2020. Not only are they are selling unique wine glasses, they had a garage sale to earn money to help with expenses.

Recently, the LAX Chapter, along with other CW Members, planned a layover in Temecula, CA. They enjoyed the winery visits, the food and most of all, winning at the Casino.

Most of the Chapters on the West Coast and Florida are enjoying their meetings in the sun while those of us in the Midwest were still shoveling snow off our driveway and wearing winter coats. Is it really June?

Our SEA Chapter, in May, had the privilege of attending the 100th Birthday Party of **Betty Stockard**. They were invited to celebrate this very special day with Betty and her family at the Museum of Flight. Betty was one of the first non-nurse stewardesses in UAL history. Betty started her career with Boeing right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. She took an administrative job at Boeing, but after a few months, she noticed an ad in the Seattle Times advertising jobs for Stewardesses at United. She applied and soon started her training in Chicago. While flying up and down the West Coast she met her future husband **Ray Stockard**. He became a pilot for Pan Am. They set their wedding date, but, soon after Betty learned that UAL had plans to start flying to Hawaii. Betty postponed her wedding just to fly that route. Betty knew that, in those days, once she married she would have to quit flying. She married Ray, started their family and the rest is history. A Huge Happy Birthday to a true pioneer in UAL Flight Attendant history. God Bless you Betty!

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. We are a fun group!

(Information on Betty ~ Credit to SEA Newsletter and Matt Adams, writer, United Corporate Communications).

Wishing you all blue skies!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Bagnall, Suzanne, IADSW, 5463 E. Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054
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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2019**:

Michael L. Bailardo, Dale E. Bates, Karl Besteder, Mary Blitch, Ralph L. Brick, Amelia G. Briones, La Verne M. Burke, Carol A. Burnett, Marilyn J. Cheadle, Patricia L. Clark, Richard E. Cornman, Douglas A. Cowan, Barbara L. Cunningham, Terence R. Davies, Shirley J. Doering, Robert E. Duffey, Eugene R. Eger, Lydia Flores, Kimie Gaddy, Erwin Garzaro, Jean A. Gill, Joseph A. Gillette, Robert K. Gillman, Harrison W. Harry Good, Helen M. Habeeb, Taketosji Handa, George Haupt, Barbara B. Kaczmarek, Joseph Kalata, Lyn M. Kerns, Rita Krist, Winifred J. Lyles, Teresa K. Maciejewski, Judith Macklin, Marjorie L. McCall, Paula S. Moody, Patricia A. Nicholaisen, Matt Ohr, Lili Pearson, Susan J. Quigley Gibbs, Nancy G. Ritter, Robert Roebuck, Dennis J. Scheuerell, Marjorie Segal, Arc Seven, Darlene Spalla, James C. Spate, Clifford H. Stark, Donna M. Stewart, Virginnia M. Swenson, Susan J. Thornton, Patricia A. Thorp, Kay A. Towns, Kathleen Warren Wilkin, William W. Witt, Rosario Zepeda.

OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Spouse – **Houser, Judith L.**, nee **DaPisa**, on 4/17/2019, ORDCS, wife of James P. Houser, WHQHR, 645 Salem Ct., Palatine, IL 60074
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Retiree – **Moses, Joseph S.**, on 5/4/2019, ORDMM, husband of Shirley A. Moses (Deceased), 16476 Shelby Dr., Brook Park, OH 44142

Retiree – **Nolan, William P.**, on 4/12/2019, IADFO, husband of Edna Nolan, 15271 Williamsport Pike, Greencastle, PA 17225

Retiree – **Powers, Jr., Walter J.**, on 4/12/2019, ORDCG, husband of Lana Powers, 14 Turnberry Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463

Retiree – **Schrecongost, Juanita L.**, on 4/27/2019, ORDCS, wife of Ray Schrecongost (Deceased), 2412 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge, IL 60068

Retiree – **Smith, Kenneth F.**, on 3/24/2019, ORDHN, husband of Lois M. Smith (ORDMD), 4917 Cedar Ln., Thomson, IL 61285

Retiree – **Underhill, Jerome L.**, on 4/17/2019, SFOJJ, husband of Barbara J. Underhill (SFOJL), 106 Cabrillo Way, San Bruno, CA 94066

Retiree – **Webster, Harry**, on 2/8/2019, SFOMP, husband of Linda Webster, 3912 S. Greystone Lane, Spokane, WA 99223

Retiree – **Whitecotton, Frank W.**, on 5/7/2019, ORDMQ, husband of Jane Whitecotton, 125 S. Bobby Ln., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Retiree – **Whitmarsh, Robert L. (Bob)**, on 11/30/2018, SFOEG, father of John and Chuck Whitmarsh, 934 Carrie St., Stockton, CA 95206 – See Letters Section for Scheduled Service

Letters & Notes



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

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

Roberta Aono, Amelia Briones, JoAnn Butler, Harry Crandall, Shirley Doering, Wanda Garofalo, Paul Gibson, Franklin Hayakawa, Joe Hegner, Jo Ann Hubbard, Lyn Kerns, Berna Rasmussen, Newton Rutter, Ursula Sadlowski, Maria Santangelo, Charlotte Schultz, Marjorie Segal, Susan Thornton, Millie Wolf.

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.)

Sandra Conner, 40388 Moon Stone Ct, Deer Trail, CO 90105

Thank you for continuing to issue the hard copy of the newsletter.

It is amazing that I retired in 2003 and have never seen one name in any of the chapters, conventions, obits, new members or anywhere that I recognize.

I flew for 25 years and am 69 years old. It is not for the friends I want to know about; it is the column on passes and benefits from Kirk.

Thanks for your faithful hard work.

Melvin Fisher, 10905 S Lowe Ave, Chicago, IL 60628

To whom it may concern.

Sorry I was out of town; hope you'll keep me on the list. This fall I lived up in Canada for a few months. For 86 years old I still stay on the go. Shall be going to Wisconsin for a few months; spent some time in Benton Harbor, MI. Also as long as I can go I shall go. My health is great so the doctor said. I feel good, had implants in both eyes, to see better. After 50 years wearing glasses – now 20/20 no glasses.

God Bless you all.

T. C. Howard, tch@aol.com

I have had some requests for my book about the restoration and last flight of the United 727 N7001U (UAL 7301) from some of you members that worked on that aircraft prior to its delivery to The Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington. Some of the information in this book came from a San Francisco based mechanic. Another ex United mechanic, **Steve Huemoeller**, also worked on the restoration project at The Museum of Flight and is featured in the book. Steve passed away 8 August 2018 in Powell, Wyoming.

I thought because other mechanics who worked on this aircraft might be interested in the book.

I have recently written a book and it was published by [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). This book is about the restoration and last flight of the historic first Boeing 727 that was delivered to United Airlines on October 6, 1964. On its retirement, it was donated to The Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington on January 13, 1991. The UAL 727 Restoration Crew at The Museum of Flight Restoration Center at Paine Field, Everett, Washington spent over 12 years restoring this aircraft with volunteers with donated parts and a professional crew, which volunteered their labor. The United 727 made its final flight back to The Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, Seattle, Washington on March 2, 2016.

This United 727 N7001U book has now been published by [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Jim Murphy, 4B Robin St., Manchester, NJ 08759

I am sorry for missing my renewal. Thank you for the reminder. I will not slip up again.

I try to get to the EWR local chapter meetings when I can.

I enjoy reading the newsletter regularly. The newsletter has class and is real newsy about our great United that we all love.

I appreciate the efforts of the entire staff.

Robert Louis Whitmarsh

Submitted by son, Chuck Whitmarsh, cwhitmarsh@thesuccurrogroupp.com

Robert Louis Whitmarsh (Bob), age 93, passed away on November 30, 2018 in Stockton, California. Bob was born on May 19, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan; at the age of 18 Bob was drafted into the Army during World War II, and served honorably in the European theater. Upon completion of his military service Bob attended college at the University of Colorado, in Boulder. He graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He started his professional career at Douglas Aircraft, designing airplanes, and then went on to work for United Airlines in the engineering department, where he worked for 37 years.

While Bob was a long time resident of Stockton, California, the majority of his adult life was spent in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he raised a family. Throughout his life Bob enjoyed the outdoors, and liked to hike and camp. Bob is survived by his sons John and Chuck, his daughter in-law Elena, his grandchildren Jackson, Siena, and Laurel, and his nephew Bob Summers. A memorial service will be held on June 17, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 415 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA 94010. Viewing will be from 10am to 5pm, and the service will be from 1100-1200, please RSVP to cwhitmarsh@thesuccurrogroupp.com if attending the service. In a private ceremony, Bob's ashes will be spread on the top of Mount Lassen in California, an area where Bob and his family spent many memorable times together.

Notes

Ralph Brick

I am beginning my 26th year of retirement.
Best wishes to all of those great employees I worked with at OPBO 1966-93.
I love it here in Gainesville, FL.

Teresa Maciejewski

I keep in touch with friends.

Patricia Nicholaisen

It is wonderful to enjoy 26 years of retirement. UAL was a great place to work, wonderful co-workers and many friends.
Thanks for all you do for us. Call if you come to PHX, it is great living.

Lili Pearson

My goal is to enjoy every day and I am fortunate to see lots of wildlife. I enjoy sharing my pictures and keeping in touch with lots of wonderful people.

Frank Ruiz

My wife, Theresa, passed away on 4/19/19 after 56 years of marriage.
I thoroughly enjoyed my 19 years working for United.

Judith Ford

Sorry for being late. Thank you for the great work you do for us, it's much appreciated. I've stopped using my passes; don't have a computer, just an iPad & Phone. I would like a cheat sheet with the directions for signing into the new system for passes. My daughter now lives with me and can help me with the sign in. It would also be helpful to have a how to cheat sheet in the Publication. I'd like to get at least some years usage for the 36½ years I spent with United. Any help would be appreciated.

LIST OF IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Important Phone Numbers



Updated 7/2017

United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, esc@united.com (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729, ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Aetna 1-800-334-0110

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

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

Social Security Administration

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

Alliant Credit Union

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

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

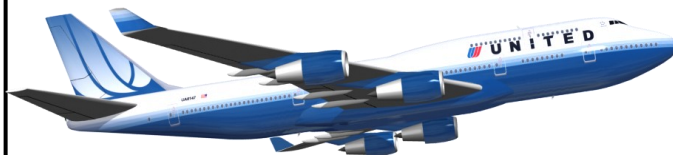
Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227

CVS/Caremark (Pharmacy)

1-844-635-3401

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

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





**Welcome to the 2019
RUAEA Convention
Denver, CO
September 23 - September 28**

Welcome to the 2019 RUAEA Convention

RUAEA and the Denver Mile Highers would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. This is our third time to be hosting the Convention in the fall. We had a very successful five day convention last year in Cleveland, Ohio and hope to repeat that accomplishment this year in Denver. There is a lot to pack into that short timeframe so we encourage you to come in earlier or stay later to enjoy all the tours and festivities. The Convention is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family, including; RUPA (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation), Clipped Wings (Former and current UAL Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots), ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **E**mployees of **C**ontinental **A**irlines), RAFA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **E**ight **A**ttendants), the IAM Retiree Association and Golden Penguins (Former Continental Flight Attendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city for the fabulous tours and attractions of our great city and camaraderie we all share at the Convention.

Our hotel is the **DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North**, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO. All of our Convention activities are located on the main level of the hotel. The **Registration Desk** is located at **Prefunction West** where you will find your convention package. This desk will be staffed Tue., September 24th from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. On Wed., Thur., and Fri., the hours will be 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM. There will be limited registration staffing on Saturday, so if you are only coming for the Banquet, please make arrangements to pickup your package early. Tour sales will also take place at the Registration desk.

Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.

The **Hospitality Suite (Aspen 3A-3C)** is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales. Maps to help you navigate the Denver area will be on hand. This room will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Wednesday through Friday with a cash bar from 5:30 until 8:30 each evening. We hope to have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. Alliant Credit Union is providing some snacks on Friday. See registration form to sign up. Make sure you join us for all the fun.

The **RUAEA Banquet** will be held on Saturday, September 28th in Ballroom Aspen I and II. We will not be offering table assignments this year. We will have sign-up sheets for tables as we did last year. Tables will accommodate 10 so get your friends together. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, Jacket and/or tie are optional. **Remember that the RUAEA Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment.**

We have a varied selection of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sights with your friends is always fun. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. The hotel is offering the convention rate from Sunday, 9/22 to Monday, 9/30, based on availability.

See pages C 6-8 for details and sign up early.

Representatives of the **United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF)** will be present to answer questions regarding UAL's history. Donations of monetary value are always welcome. All donations are tax deductible as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

The **Denver Mainliner Club** will be bringing the most current United Airline items. This will include baseball caps, T-shirts, outerwear and trinkets.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or **Bill Corbett** – VP Conventions at bcevergreenpark@aol.com, or (708) 601-5269. We are always looking for volunteers to staff registration, hospitality and raffles. If you are interested, please let us know what date and times you are available.

Denver Convention Information

REGISTRATION

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages C-11 and C-12. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for cancelling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the Convention. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com. Or contact Bill Corbett at (708) 601-5269 or email bcevergreenpark@aol.com.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by August 24th, 2019 at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or write to her at 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be cancelled up to August 24, 2019. After this date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Convention if there is no cost to the Convention. Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 48-hour cancellation policy.

SILENT AUCTION

We would ask that anyone who wished to contribute an item for a silent auction please bring it with you to the hotel. These will be displayed in the Hospitality Suite (Aspen 3A-3C) for all to enjoy. Final bidding on these items will close at 5:30 PM on Friday and the winners will be announced thereafter. We thank all previous donors for the generous contributions.

50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE

The 50/50 and Special Raffle tickets may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours (Aspen 3A-3C). Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour. Sales close each evening at 6:15 PM, 6:00 PM on Friday.

The drawing for the 50/50 Raffle will be held Wednesday evening and Thursday evening in the Hospitality Suite (Aspen 3A-3C), at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held in the Ballroom Aspen I and II, Friday at 6:15 PM. The Special Raffle will be gift cards and other interesting items.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Don Burbank, RUAEA President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday, September 26, 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM in the Keystone 1. Please RSVP to **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or email stewartmaryjane@aol.com prior to August 26, 2019.

CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING

Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday September 26, 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM in the Keystone 2. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or email ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net prior to August 26, 2019.

RUAEA BOARD MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 9:00AM – 5:00PM in Keystone 4.

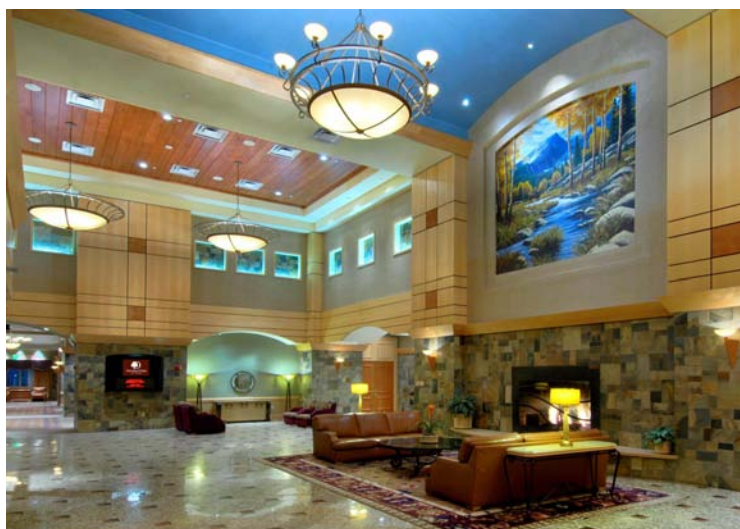
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the Aspen 1&2. The state of affairs of RUAEA and the 2019 election results will be announced by President **Don Burbank**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted on by the membership at this meeting.

BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION

Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AOL Hewitt, Kaiser and representatives of various departments of United Airlines will be on hand, Friday, September 27, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Aspen 1&2. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM in Keystone 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants. Please refer to RUAEA when calling the DoubleTree Central Reservation line at 1-800 222-8733.

The hotel's website address is: https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENSNDT-RAC-20190922/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Be patient when clicking on this site. It takes a while to load. Please keep in mind we have blocked these rooms with a guarantee. Use only these methods to book the Hotel. Cancellations should be made directly with the hotel.

Room Rate

\$129.00+ tax (Single/Double Occupancy)

\$139.00 + tax (Triple Occupancy)

\$149.00 + tax (Quadruple Occupancy)

This rate includes breakfast buffet for (2) per room per night

These rates will be available September 22 to September 30, 2019 based on availability

Hotel Confirmation Number _____

RUAEA CONVENTION 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – September 23 - September 28

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday	Sept. 23	9:00AM – 5:00PM	Executive Board Meeting, Board Room
Tuesday	Sept. 24	12:00PM – 6:00PM 9:00AM – 5:00PM 12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Prefunction West Board of Directors Meeting – Keystone 4 Hospitality Get Together – Aspen 3A-C
Wednesday	Sept. 25	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM 2:00 PM – 5:30PM 8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 10:00AM – 5:00PM 9:00AM – 4:00PM 10:00AM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:30PM – 6:45PM	Late Tour Sales – Prefunction West Late Tour Sales – Prefunction West Registration – Prefunction West 50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Aspen 3A-C Silent Auction Sales Tour 1 – Georgetown Loop Rail Tour 2 – Gateway to Gold Casino Excursion Tour 3 – Denver City Tour Hospitality Get Together – Aspen 3A-C 50/50 Raffle Drawing Aspen 3A-C
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Saturday	Sept. 28	8:00AM – 11:00AM 1:00PM – 5:00PM 1:00PM – 5:00PM 9:30AM – 1:00PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM 7:00PM – 10:00PM	Registration on request Tour 6 – Scenic Views/Old West History/Coors Brewery Tour7 – Denver City/Parks Tour 8 – United Airlines Flight Training Center Cash Bar before banquet RUAEA Banquet with entertainment

RUAEA 2019 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Wednesday, September 25th, 2019

Georgetown Loop Rail – \$55.00 P/P

Tour # 1 operates on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Travel through the Colorado Rockies to the historical towns known as Georgetown and Silver Plume. These are former silver mining camps along Clear Creek. Both established during the Pikes Peak Boom or Bust era. From the Devils Gate Depot you'll begin a thrilling historical ride on the Georgetown Loop Steam Train. Cross over a 100 foot high trestle as you travel along the mountain ridge.

This Grand Loop ascends 4½ miles among the mountain terrains. Afterwards you will have time on your own in Georgetown to walk, relax along a stretch of craft shops, ice cream sweet shops and antiques along restored Victorian buildings. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, railway ticket and a snack bag.

Gateway to Gold Casino Excursion – \$70.00 P/P

Tour # 2 operates on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Head West through the Rocky Mountains to Black Hawk, a Historic Casino District. Once considered the "Richest Square On Earth," when a half a billion dollars of gold was discovered here. And you can do the same in Black Hawk, with more than 12 casinos offering nearly 8,000 slot machines, blackjack poker and roulette. As you drive through the Gateway of The Rockies, you will enjoy the breathtaking views of the surrounding hills that are covered with old mines and Victorian buildings. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, casino coupon booklet, and a luncheon voucher.

Denver City Tour – \$70.00 P/P

Tour # 3 operates on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Your Colorado experience comes alive in the heart and history of Denver.

Celebrate the Centennial State's fascinating story as you learn about the characters behind this Whimsical Mile High City of Denver. Start at the elevation of 5,280 feet above sea level as you drive through the Historical Districts. Visit the Molly Brown House and Museum, the original home of Margaret Brown one of Denver's most famous residents. Tour the Grand Mansion, a restored Victorian splendor.

Another great home on the tour is the Byers Evans Home and Museum. This is the original home of William Byers, founder of the Rocky Mountain News. This home is another restored Victorian splendor. Enjoy the brilliant polished finishes, bright settings and colorful wallpaper designs as a backdrop for the rich and famous families of Denver. Enjoy time walking, shopping or lunch on your own on Larimer Street, the oldest most charming first block of Denver proper. End your day with a delightful tour of the Historical Brown Palace Hotel. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, and tour of the Molly Brown House, the Byers Evans House and the Brown Palace Hotel.

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Thursday, September 26th, 2019

Rocky Mountain National Park – \$80.00 P/P

Tour # 4 operates on Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy your day in Rocky Mountain National Park, one of the most popular attractions in Colorado. You will be escorted through this mountain beauty. There are plenty of photo opportunities. There is a good chance to see elk, bighorn sheep, and moose. If weather permits, a drive to the summit will take you to the top for overviews of the entire mountainous meadows and valley terrains. Depart the park and continue onward into the Historic Village of Estes Park, an Alpine Resort setting and home of the Stanley Hotel.

Tour the Stanley Hotel which inspired Stephen King's movie The Shining. Afterwards, have a burger break in the historical pub onsite. Relax on your own and walk along the Main Street of this charming historical village. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, entrance into the national park, tour of the Stanley Hotel and burger luncheon.

Colorado Springs/Air Force Academy/Garden of The Gods – \$70.00 P/P

Tour # 5 operates Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Depart for Colorado Springs located just 60 miles south of Denver. Enjoy a drive through the Garden of the Gods Park, a national natural landmark. You will view dramatic 300 foot tall sandstone rock formations against the backdrop of America's mountain Pikes Peak (one of the 53 mountains in Colorado that achieves a height of 14,000+ feet). There are plenty of photo opportunities as you continue to the Garden's Trading Post for a burger and beverage lunch break. Travel to the nearby resort village of Manitou Springs where you will have time on your own to walk along the streets lined with shops, art and antiques. As well as taste a sample of the mineral springs, called Manitou. Visit the United States Air Force Academy, a military academy for Officer Cadets. Your tour will overview the campus lifestyle, more photo opportunities along the exterior of the Chapel and campus courtyard. Walk along a guided tour to the Barry Goldwater Visitor's Center as you experience displays and a video of this campus and its cadets. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, entrance to the Garden of the Gods, luncheon, tour of the Air Force Academy.

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Saturday, September 28th, 2019

Scenic Views and Old West History Foothills/Coors Brewery – \$55.00P/P

***Tour # 6 operates on Saturday September 28, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(This Saturday tour is limited to 25 passengers)***

Enjoy an afternoon in the Rockies. Your scenic ride through Red Rocks Mountain Park will offer breathtaking views of 700 ft high Sedimentary Rock Formations. Meander through the foothills as we continue to Buffalo Bill's Museum and Gravesite. Enjoy a root beer float, walk through the Museum's collection of Buffalo Bill's many costumes and historical items. Take in a photo opportunity of Golden and the surrounding mountainous landscape at the Overlook. Visit Coors Brewery. Take a tour of the largest brewery in the western region. Sip and sample this fine beer still using the natural spring water discovered in 1873. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, entrance ticket to Buffalo Bill's Museum and Coors Brewery Tour. Motor coach will pick up Tour passengers at hotel and also at United Flight Training Center.

Denver City & Parks – \$55.00P/P

***Tour # 7 operates on Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(This Saturday Tour is limited to 25 passengers)***

Note: Please have lunch on your own before the tour.

Drive through the Denver City Park, a trendy urban neighborhood park, located 3 miles from the City. Enjoy the green space and lakeside trails. Within the park's 330 acres you will drive by the IMAX Theater, the Denver Zoo, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, tour the museum's exhibits, view dinosaur fossils, explore the mineral and sparkling gems, run wild through the western wildlife displays. Next stop a photo op in front of Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies, located in lower downtown Denver. Continue your drive through Lodo neighborhood district and Union Station. Sit back, relax and take in the views of Denver's most iconic historic landmarks. Tour includes transportation, tour coordinator, entrance pass for one hour tour on your own of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Motor coach will pick up Tour passengers at hotel and also at United Flight Training Center.

United Flight Training Center – \$20.00P/P

Tour # 8 operates on Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tom Goodyear of the UAHF (United Airlines Historical Foundation) will be your guide for this informative tour of the UFTC, which will include a facilities overview and a look at the 52+ flight simulators that are in operation 24 hours a day. Lunch will be on your own in the DENTK cafeteria. Tour includes transportation and tour coordinator.

Denver Meet & Greet

Friday Evening, September 27th, 2019

Light appetizers from 6PM - 7PM

Guests should plan on dinner before or after the event.

Subsidized by our Alliant Partners

Entertainment from 7PM - 9PM

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BANQUET MENU

Saturday Evening, September 28th, 2019

Tossed Green Salad with Tomatoes, Lettuce and Cucumber

Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing

Choice of the following:

**Atlantic Salmon with Lemon Butter Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf
and Seasonal Vegetable Medley**

-Or-

**Grilled Chicken with Dijon Cream Sauce, Herb Roasted Potatoes
and Seasonal Vegetable Medley**

-Or-

**Sliced London Broil, with Truffle Merlot Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes
and Seasonal Vegetable Medley**

Dessert: New York Cheesecake

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea Service

Wine available for purchase during dinner by the Bottle

Entertainment will follow dinner!

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Transportation Information

Denver International Airport is a hub for United with flights arriving from all over the country. It is also serviced by American, Delta, Frontier, US Airways, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Alaska, giving numerous options for off-line travel. A reminder for all off line travel, please contact ETC.united.com (Employee Travel Center). By now, everyone should be familiar navigating employee res on flyingtogether.ual.com for travel plans and opportunities. Don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare (if available).

Amtrak also services Denver. Please check www.amtrack.com for cities pairs and prices.

Driving to Hotel

- ☞ *From Aurora:* I-225N to I-70W. Exit 278 (Quebec Street), left on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown.
- ☞ *From Silverthorne:* I-70E to exit 278 (Quebec Street), right on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown.
- ☞ *From Airport:* I-70 to exit 278 (Quebec Street), left on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown.

A line train from the Airport

The train runs every 15 minutes and the cost for seniors is \$5.25. To use the train, go to level 5 which is baggage claim. In the main terminal, proceed to the south end, towards the hotel, go out the glass doors and go down the escalator to the transit center. There is an elevator available accessible by walking past the escalator on left or right. You can purchase your ticket from kiosks located in the area. Your ticket is valid for use on all trains and bus service for 24 hours from time of purchase. To reach the hotel you will need to get off at the Central Park Station. The hotel will provide van service to and from the Hotel and station. Call (303) 321-6666. The hotel is located 19 miles from the Airport.

Other forms of transportation

- ☞ Cab service located on both sides of baggage claim outside island 1 (approximately \$55.00).
- ☞ Uber and Lyft service the Airport and will pick up on level 6 (departure level both sides) (approximately \$22-\$30). They will direct you to a door location east or west and give you a door number that they will pick up at.
- ☞ Super Shuttle, which gives a UA discount if you book online and use the code YUS68.

Anyone with mobility issues should call ahead to reserve a wheelchair to take them from the gate to transportation center.

All trains are handicapped accessible.

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City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:	First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 1 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 2 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 3 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 4 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes) Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____ Enter email address :			

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Date – 2019		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable ***Fee Required for each Attendee***					\$15.00	\$
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Banquet						
Sat., Sept. 28	Atlantic Salmon				\$49.00	\$
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Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from Page C-12 =						\$
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check						\$

Make Check Payable to: 2019 RUAEA Convention

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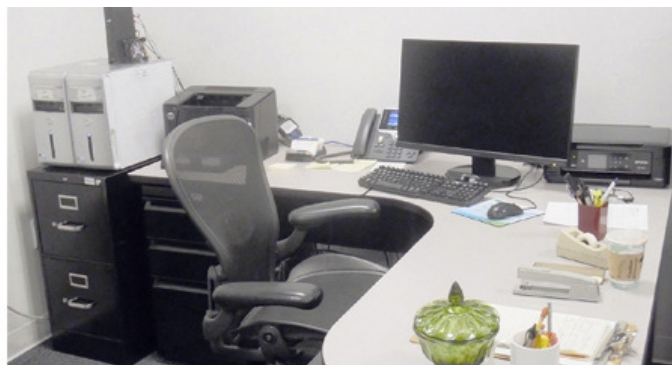
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We're back! - UAHF has returned to DENTK. In our new "quarters" things are a "bit messy" ... but we are working on it. A month ago UAHF (and DENTK Building Maintenance) moved items from the PODS (storage units) into our new "office/store-room" that is shared with RUAEA (upper right photo). Actually, it is in the same area as before, only smaller by one-half. We are in the "second" door in the photo of the "B" Basement.

DENTK has "changed"! It was almost completely "gutted" and new walls and office equipment installed. Also there is the large new "G" building under construction on the South side of the campus.

I felt like I was in a "time-warp" of about 20 years when I went back.

Photos by Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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We share a unique work history with some of the greatest people on earth and in the air. Some are our friends from work and some are waiting to become our friends. RUAEA is a great place to meet; serving together helps us to accelerate this process.

We invite you to complete the Volunteer Form below and mail to the address provided. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.



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where United friendships continue*



Name _____

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Street _____

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City _____

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Where did you work? _____

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We can use help with general planning, convention planning, becoming a Director. We need clerical help with phoning and with computers. We also need help nominating future officers, contacting fellow retirees, and interacting with active employees.

Mail to RUAEA, c/o **Tom Cunningham**, 3556 Touriga Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566 and we will contact you about your area of interest.