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## RUAEA 2021 Convention Report from Hank Gosselin

I am delighted I will be able to Meet and Greet many of you in San Diego. Yes, we will have a 2021 San Diego RUAEA Convention, **September 27 – October 2**. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Board Meeting and the RUAEA Board Meeting will be held. Registration for our members and guests will start at 12 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

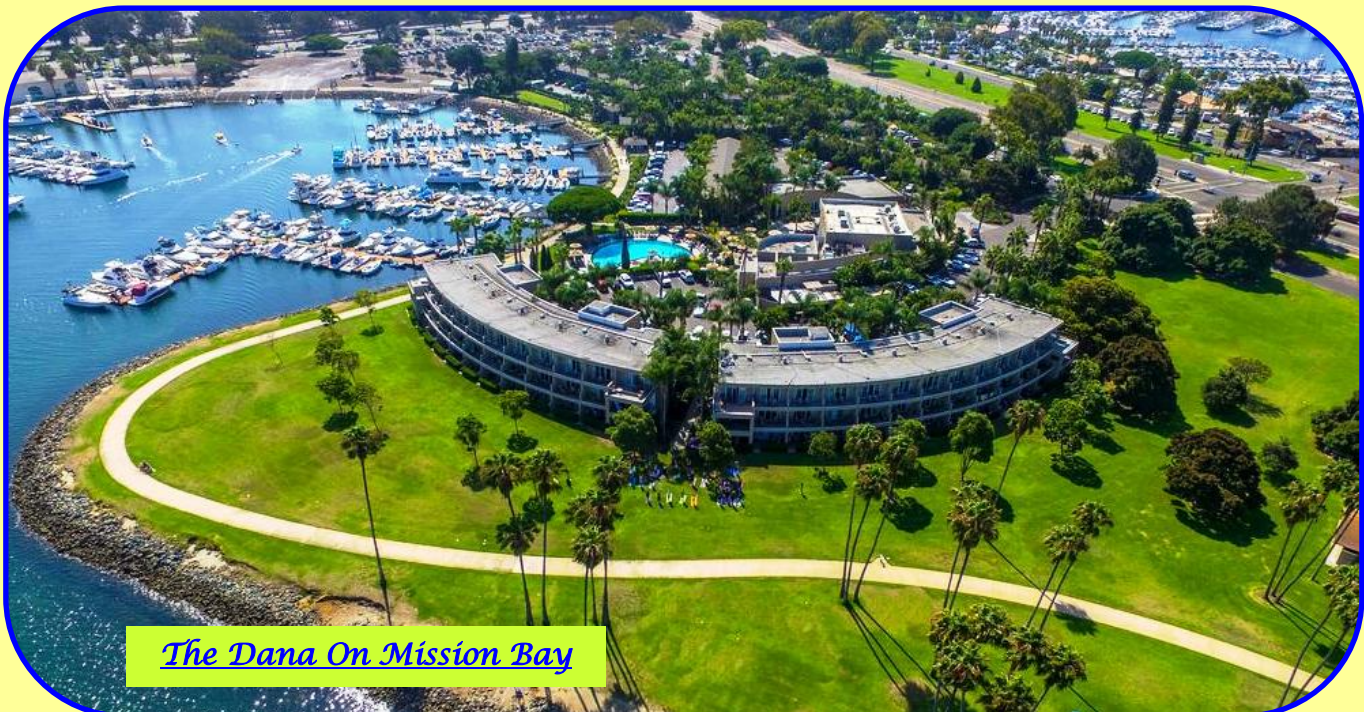
We will be at the beautiful Dana on Mission Bay. It is a wonderful location on the Bay, with outstanding grounds, facilities, and rooms. The rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, 2 queen beds or a king bed. You will be able to park close to your room. Parking is free, a \$25 value. Also a free Breakfast for two is included in your room rate charge, which is a bargain at \$124.00 per night.

The Convention package is slated for the RUAEA July Issue this year, not June. The tours are still in the planning stages. The first tours will be on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. One tour for sure is the Balboa Park Air & Space Museum.

Most of us have been cooped up for nearly a year now due to the Pandemic. An excellent way to shake that off, is to attend our convention in sunny San Diego. Much more information will follow. Please consider joining us September 27<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Help to keep RUAEA alive and rejoin friends, and people you worked with before retirement. Also, keep in mind that you can invite family and friends to this event at an attractive price. The hotel registration information will be in the July issue. Again, I will be there to meet and greet you.

*Hank Gosselin* – RUAEA VP Conventions

### RUAEA Convention 2021



*The Dana On Mission Bay*

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

As you can see by the cover, we have arranged to have a convention this September. We really need everyone who is able to come this year. Because of COVID and the decline of members, we are not in the best of conditions financially and the number of members.

Hank and Dave have arranged for us to be at the Dana on Mission Bay. This is an excellent hotel and the best location you can ask for.

So please, if you can arrange it, come and start enjoying the world again with friends. By September, everyone should have his or her shots and a very low risk of getting anything. We, of course, will still have our benefits panel and all the other fun things that go along with being with friends.

I personally can not wait until I see everyone in San Diego in late September.

Thank you, Everyone.

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

## Our domestic schedule expands in June April 23, 2021



To meet rising demand for summer travel, we're expanding our domestic schedule by adding 480 daily flights this June. This increase offers an average of more than 3,100 total daily domestic flights to more than 240 U.S. destinations. New routes include flights to Hawaii, Alaska and WYS (West Yellowstone, Mont.) just two miles from Yellowstone National Park.

We plan to fly 67% of our domestic schedule and 60% of our overall network schedule compared to June 2019. This comes on the heels of our international route announcement from earlier this week, in which we announced new flights to Croatia, Greece and Iceland.

In June, we'll add a new route from DEN to WYS. This new service joins our other flights to popular destinations near U.S. national parks. This summer, we will fly to more national parks than any other airline.

We will add two new nonstop flights to Hawaii: ORD to KOA (Kona) and EWR to OGG (Maui). This will put us at 40 daily flights to fun in the sun on the Hawaiian Islands.

Finally, we're restarting service from ORD to FAI (Fairbanks, Alaska) and from ORD, IAH, EWR and SFO to ANC (Anchorage) with the addition of new service between FAI and ANC.

*"June is historically the beginning of the peak summer travel season and ramping up to over 3,500 total daily flights across the system this June underscores the continued demand for leisure travel and our responsiveness to meeting that demand,"* said Domestic Planning and Scheduling VP Ankit Gupta.

Last month, we announced 26 brand new nonstop flights from Midwest cities to seven coastal cities in the Southeast and New England.

With customers eager to get out there and travel this summer, we are working hard to provide as many options as we can to get them where they want to go!

## REAL ID enforcement delayed April 28, 2021



Update: The Department of Homeland Security is extending the REAL ID full enforcement date by 19 months, from Oct. 1, 2021, to May 3, 2023, due to circumstances resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another TSA-

acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel.  
Visit the Homeland Security website to learn more.

### **Embraer 175 aircraft returning to 76 seats** **April 27, 2021**



Beginning in May, our United Express (UAX) partners will be re-installing six seats on all Embraer 175 (E-175s) aircraft to accommodate their original seat count of 76.

There will be no change to the catering provisions or takeoff and landing procedures, and the layout of passenger accommodations (LOPA) in the system will show only 70 seats until early June when all the fleet is modified.

### **Which odds would you choose?** **April 28, 2021**



You may be thinking to yourself: Why get vaccinated if there is still a chance I could catch COVID-19?

The protection you get from vaccination is the main reason – it keeps you and your family safer, it keeps your colleagues safer, and it keeps our customers safer.

It can be hard to wrap your head around probabilities when you're comparing numbers that are so different. Here is a table that helps put it in context:

<b>In the US</b>	<b>Non-vaccinated</b>	<b>Vaccinated</b>
<b>Chances you'll develop COVID-19</b>	1 in 10	1 in 13,000
<b>Chances you'll die of COVID-19</b>	1 in 574	1 in 1,000,000

Source: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and Johns Hopkins University

You may have seen press reports in the past few weeks talking about the 5,814 cases of COVID-19 in people who were considered fully vaccinated. And while more than 5,000 cases sounds like a lot, that's out of more than 75 million people who were fully vaccinated. That's about 1 in 13,000 people. The number of deaths is even smaller, 74 people out of 75 million people: literally a one in a million chance.

### **Quick recovery for cargo flight diverted to Midway Atoll** **April 23, 2021**

A GUM - LAX cargo flight operated by a Boeing 787-9 had to divert to MDY (Midway Atoll) due to mechanical issues.

We dispatched a rescue team from HNL (Honolulu) that included Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor Diaman Kyte, Maintenance Control Senior Staff Representative Ho Shing Wong, Line Technicians Keyetta Johnson and Sinh Vu, and Avionics Line Technicians David Francis and Phil Roque.

On arrival, the team performed inspections and quickly traced the issue to a faulty shoulder heater and lower recirculating fan. The fan and both heaters were deactivated and the aircraft taken out of service to ferry to HNL in the evening.

Phil said the team took advantage of the brief layover by touring the atoll, enjoying the scenery, wildlife and World War II battle sites. After HNL, the 787 flew to LAX and, by April 20, had returned to service.

*"Thanks to the quick response by our HNL team and great work they accomplished at a challenging location,"* said International Maintenance Director Don Klaus.



## So Simple From Sheryl



With beautiful weather in June, I am going to share a great rib recipe that you can enjoy making inside or on the grill. This is a dry rub recipe and for the August recipe I will be giving you a delicious bar-b-que rib recipe. Watch for the August recipe. I think you will enjoy them both. Sometimes when we are having company, I make one slab of dry rub and one slab of barbeque ribs. They are very different from each other and company seems to enjoy both equally as well.

### Dry Rub Baby-Back Pork Ribs:

3-4 pounds baby-back ribs

Dry rub:

2 teaspoons garlic powder, 2 teaspoons salt and 2 teaspoons coarse ground

pepper

3 lemons

Directions for grill: Turn grill down to low temperature. Mix together spices and cover both sides of the ribs with the mixture.

Grill ribs, bone side down for about 45 minutes per pound. Squeeze the lemon onto the ribs frequently. It is for taste and to keep them moist.

Directions for oven: Add ½ cup water to a shallow, rimmed pan. (I cover inside of pan with foil for less clean up or better yet, use a disposable pan.) Season ribs with spice mixture on both sides and place in pan, bone side down. Sprinkle generously with fresh lemon juice. Cover with foil and cook 45 minutes per pound at 350 degrees replacing foil after each lemon squeeze. (Ribs will look steamed.) During last 45 minutes, remove foil and continue cooking until browned. Generously sprinkle with fresh lemon juice throughout cooking. I do it every 45 minutes.

Hope you enjoy them as much as our family does.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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*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

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Our Birmingham chapter meets 3 times yearly but due to the Covid virus, we are still reluctant to meet at a restaurant. With more of our members getting the vaccine, we hope to meet again in June. For more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or email me at [autiger@centurytel.net](mailto:autiger@centurytel.net).

## ARIZONA

### PHOENIX AZURES



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

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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We hope everyone is enjoying themselves this summer, maybe getting away for a few days or longer to various places, or just getting together with family and friends, whom you haven't seen for awhile because of COVID-19. A lot of things have opened up recently and more to come, I'm sure. It seems like a lot of us seniors have gotten their two shots and feel more comfortable being out doing things.

After contacting our members about where they would like to meet for breakfast now that things have opened up, it was decided to once again go back to the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, Arizona. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, contacted the restaurant and was able to get the same private room for us and on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. We met for the first time on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Although quite a few of our members have already left Arizona to go back to their other homes for the summer, we had a pretty good turnout and everyone enjoyed being together once again for breakfast. Our next breakfast meeting will be June 25, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Since our last newsletter, several of our members advised us of their illness or other issues affecting them. **Rosemarie Schaeffer** was diagnosed with cancer and was starting treatments, **John Griffin's** mother died, and **Bill Eaton** had back surgery. We hope things affecting them will improve over the summer.

**Jackie Monilaw**, who is the RUAEA Regional Director for Arizona, advised us that the next chance to change your enrolled friends is in June. This will be for the time period of July through December 2021. To update your enrolled friends, go to [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) >pass travel >manage pass riders. If you need more information regarding changing your enrolled friends, you can contact Jackie by e-mail at [jmonilaw@gmail.com](mailto:jmonilaw@gmail.com), or by her Cell (224) 628-4000. She also said if anyone in our group needs assistance on United or RUAEA related items (insurance, travel, newsletter), you can contact her through her e-mail.

The RUAEA Convention is definitely on and will take place in September in San Diego. More information will be in the RUAEA July issue. Be sure and look that over and make plans to attend. It will be so nice to see everyone again from other chapters. We hope to see a lot of our members there!

We have the following birthdays in June: **Jay Hartough, Valerie Fosberg, Natasha Schmidt, and Liz Tollefsen.** Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in June: **Molly & Bill Norwood** and **Barb & Paul Paymaster.** Congratulations goes out to both couples!

Calendar:

**June 25** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our V.P. at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservations by Wednesday, June 23, or call her at (480) 396-3317.

**July 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

**August 20** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD

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This has been a very quiet month of April with no news from any of our members. After receiving my second vaccine shot last month, I still do not go to stores or get together with friends or relatives. Our local

newspaper keeps us informed of the Covid cases and we still are getting many cases each day. There is a definite drop in deaths however.

This has been a slow news month, but I did remember flying with stewardesses (before the name change) I knew who could have made the following announcement: “The button over your head with the picture of a light bulb on it turns on your light, the button with the picture of the flight attendant does **not** turn on your flight attendant so **don’t push it!**”

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds, as well as most of the RUAEA chapters, are still restricted from “getting together” because of Covid. So again, there is no report this month.

I can relate to everyone an unusual situation that happened at LAX, in the Boarding Area of Satellite 7. A married couple was in an argument, and it came down to a real fistfight. The argument had something to do with the baby they had with them, but I don’t know which one was traveling, or if they both were traveling. But the woman was “holding her own” in the fistfight. I told them that I would call the Police if the fighting didn’t stop. They didn’t stop right away, but did before the Police arrived. I never found out any more about their situation, but thought to myself, “If I were in a fight, I would like to have that woman on my side.”

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**



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Wishing everyone in RUAEA Land a happy June from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope you had a nice Mother’s Day and are looking forward to Father’s Day.

I received a nice voicemail message from **Ken Brownlee** in San Antonio saying how much he enjoyed the article on the rescue of cold-stunned turtles on San Padre Island, TX in January. I would also like to thank **Chris Czaplewski** in Mesquite, NV for her kind words in the April newsletter about the articles I write. When Covid hit and the RUAEA chapters stopped meeting in person, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** asked the correspondents to write articles of general interest so members would still have something to read. Before Covid, some people may have skimmed a lot of the reports, but now a lot of people are reading the newsletter cover to cover. It’s a lot harder to write an article “of general interest” than minutes of a meeting. All of the correspondents thank you for the kind comments and for reading our articles!

Update on Kavaan, the lonely-no-more elephant: Great news! Cher’s documentary, entitled “Cher and the Loneliest Elephant,” is now finished. It will air on the Smithsonian Channel on May 19.

The sanctuary has embarked on building “Kavaan’s Jungle,” a 16-acre enclosure with a forest and a jungle. The project will take approximately seven months and should be finished some time in June 2021. Kavaan has never been in a natural environment. Being able to eat live trees and greens will be an entirely new experience for him.

Update on the Kenyan giraffe rescue: More great news! On April 20, Save Giraffes Now announced that all nine giraffes stranded on Longicharo Island have been successfully transported across Lake Baringo to the Ruko Community Wildlife Conservancy. Please see the links below for just a few of the latest articles (great photos and videos) that describe the final rescue.

<https://people.com/pets/giraffe-rescue-kenya-giraffes-floated-off-flooded-island/>

<https://www.newsweek.com/kenya-giraffes-rescued-flooded-island-pictures-1583135>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-9463395/Moment-baby-giraffe-mother-rescued-flooded-Kenya-island.html>

The SS Liberty ship Jeremiah O'Brien returns to Pier 45 in SF: Still more great news! The SS Jeremiah O'Brien is a Liberty ship built during World War II and is named after the American Revolutionary War ship captain Jeremiah O'Brien. Construction started on May 6, 1943 and she was launched on June 19, 1943 in Maine. Of the 2,710 Liberty ships built during the war, sadly, only three remain.

The SS Jeremiah O'Brien is one of two remaining fully functional Liberty ships built and launched during World War II. The O'Brien has the distinction of being the last unaltered Liberty ship and remains historically accurate. She is a living museum on the National Register of Historic Places and a National Historic Landmark.

On May 23, 2020, a four-alarm fire destroyed Pier 45 in San Francisco where the ship was moored. Fire crews worked frantically to save the ship. She suffered some damage and was towed to Pier 35N for repairs. On March 23, 2021, after undergoing ten months of repairs, tug boats towed the historic Liberty ship back to her home at Pier 45. San Francisco Fire Department boats sent sprays of water into the air to commemorate the return. Due to Covid-19, the ship is currently closed for dockside tours but keep checking the website as things are beginning to open up.

Sources: <https://www.ktvu.com/news/historic-liberty-ship-ss-jeremiah-obrien-returns-to-pier-45>. March 24, 2021. <https://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org>

Saving baby turtles on Australia's Cape York Island: There are only seven marine turtle species on the planet, and all are threatened by human activity, environmental changes and predators. Three species nest on the west coast of Cape York – the Hawksbill, the Flatback and the Olive Ridley. The indigenous Southern Wik people are the traditional owners of this part of Cape York. Indigenous rangers and Artificial Intelligence developed by Microsoft are now teaming up to save these three species of turtles from extinction.

Native dogs known as dingoes and lizards called goannas prey on turtle nests, but their impact is regarded as marginal under natural conditions.

The biggest danger for baby turtles today are uncontrolled populations of introduced feral pigs, the wild descendants of farm animals brought to Australia by European colonizers more than two centuries ago. If a hungry pig finds a nest, the survival rate for turtle hatchlings and eggs is likely to be zero. One pig can raid several nests in one night, according to Indigenous rangers and scientists. Prior to targeted predator management, 100% of nests on one monitored beach were being destroyed annually, mainly by pigs. Pig predation levels are now at under 30%.

The turtle life cycle starts when adult females drag themselves out of the warm waters of the Gulf of Carpentaria and onto Cape York's beaches. They dig nesting holes with their flippers: some in the dunes, some on the beach. Each lays as many as 100 eggs, covers them with sand and then crawls back into the sea. Nests are most vulnerable in the first few days after the eggs are laid. This is when the mother turtle's tracks are still visible to predators and when the scent of the eggs is strongest. If left undisturbed, the eggs will incubate. Hatchlings will emerge about seven weeks later and inch their way across the sand and into the ocean. But nature's odds are stacked against them.

Once a baby turtle enters the ocean there are hundreds of ways it can die. The more that hatch and make to the water, the more chance a few will reach adulthood and breeding age, which in some species can be around 30 years. That is why mothers lay so many eggs in each nest and why keeping nests safe is so important. Current protection efforts are focused on Olive Ridley and Flatback turtles. The biggest concerns are for the Olive Riddleys. Their nests are shallow and are generally laid on the beach rather than in the dune vegetation, so, they are very exposed.

Now an alliance of Indigenous landowners and scientists is applying a mix of aerial surveys, AI and cloud technologies and traditional knowledge to locate otherwise hard-to-find turtle nests before the pigs do.

Cameras mounted on drones and helicopters scan beaches for turtle and predator tracks. Thousands of images are then processed and analyzed with machine learning, AI and cloud computing. Microsoft researchers developed a series of AI-infused image detection algorithms, including a terrain classifier and a track and predator object detector. The terrain classifier is exhibiting more than 90% accuracy for distinguishing between beach, bush and ocean terrain. The track and predator object detector is incrementally improving its performance through training using 45,000 images.

With this system, what normally takes one month of monitoring work on the ground takes two hours using a helicopter or drone. It might take weeks for rangers to manually locate a turtle nest, and too often they arrive too late: pigs or other predators have already dug up and eaten the eggs. Armed with precise real-time location and tracking information, Indigenous rangers can move in. They protect nests with cages, netting and fencing strong enough to keep predators out but with gaps big enough for hatchlings to crawl through. Additionally, predator numbers are sometimes controlled through targeted culling.



This work has seen 20,000 hatchlings make it to the ocean every season. “An entire ecosystem is being stabilized”, says Justin Perry from Australia’s national science agency, CSIRO. “New technology like AI is playing a vital role to bring turtles back from the brink of extinction.”

Source: <https://news.microsoft.com/apac/features/indigenous-knowledge-and-ai-help-protect-baby-turtles-from-predators-on-australias-remote-cape-york/?ocid=lock>

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

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There we were, March 2020 marched into our lives with a vengeance – orders came down to wear a mask, wash our hands all the time, stay home and become hermits. As the months rolled by, we all got our Covid19 shots, did as we were told so ... here we are again but now it is 2021 and March has still marched by. Thankfully, our area has really loosened up – our numbers are down and we have our restaurants able to open up on a limited basis. It is with great glee that we leap into our cars just to go to the store (have you noticed that we seem to linger longer in the store?) We danced around the May Pole and have been able to celebrate Mothers’ Day, we got another month to get our taxes sent in, and we should all thank all our veterans on Memorial Day (and every day for that matter!) We did not have a Winter, but managed to have 2 bouts of Spring as the trees, flowers (our lovely California poppies cover our hills,) and bushes have produced more pollen that we could have wished for. Didn’t have allergies? You got ’em now! We are doing our best to keep on doing our best.

Sad news to report, our President **Vera Kina**’s husband, **Walter**, passed away several days ago. He had many years with United at the SFOMB doing various jobs, at the field and at the Maintenance Base. Family difficult times have plagued Vera so keep her in your thoughts and prayers. It was noted in the May issue of the Newsletter that **Jim Donovan** had passed away in March. He and his wife, **Margery** (deceased) were long time members of the Golden Gaters’ and traveled extensively with our group. We shall miss these friends and remember them with great fondness.

The Golden Gaters Board members will be meeting at the end of May to discuss the status of our group. We are planning on a picnic in either July or August so keep your eyes peeled for getting back on track with our monthly meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. No meeting in June so mark your calendars, July 26, August 23 and onward. A letter will be going out to those on our roster with all the details of future meetings and gatherings.

Happy Birthday and congrats to all Anniversaryites (new word) – keep **Jim & Helen Goodwine**, and **Carol Walter** in your “feel better” thoughts. Stay well and know that all of you are near and dear to us all.

Don’t forget the RUAEA convention being held in San Diego – the July issue of the Newsletter should have all the particulars (dates, hotel cost, trips, etc.) so plan on going in September to enjoy SAN and renew friendships and make new ones. It’s a great escape and has lots of great attractions (we can visit our relatives in their terrific zoo!) Weather like (well, almost) Hawaii too!

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



## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Hello to Everyone!

Spring has sprung, flowers and trees are waking up and stretching out like they've just had a lovely nap. Bees and hummingbirds have been flitting around making sure we will have good fruit this year. Around here we are planning our summer garden, getting seedlings into little pots to get a bit bigger before they go into the ground that we have been turning over with nutrients for good growth. When you eat something delicious that has ripened in your garden, it's hard to go back to "store bought"! But, I'm sure grateful that the stores carry most all the things we don't grow here. I think back to when we had to wait until "the season" for our favorites to arrive; had to wait for that watermelon or peaches/pears/apricots/cherries to get into our hands. Our orange tree has given us juicy fruit for the past couple months and is blooming now for next year.

I sure miss all of you! 13 months is a long time to not be around your friends. How are all of you doing? Did you attack that garage, closet, junk drawer? Dig into the back corners? Yeah, I haven't either - but, does it count that I thought about doing it? Bill says it doesn't count, but I disagree!

April is anniversary month for three of our couples; Congratulations to **Bill & Linda Dinette**, **Bill & Jane Gibson** and **Roy & Dawn Martin**! For those who are having a birthday this month, Happy Birthday to each of you.

Treasurer **Tom Kenny** reported our bank balance. Now, we still have 17 members who have not sent in their annual dues yet. I must admit, I was surprised when I saw the names of those who still need to send Tom those \$10.00 dues. I wasn't going to put the names out there, but apparently not everyone opened the list last month so they don't know they need to get their dues sent in ... of course, if you did send the check already but we don't indicate it was received, please get hold of Tom and you two can figure out what happened! Please make out a check to the Hangtown Miners and send it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. Tom's contact info: (530) 626-5660; [tck46@flash.net](mailto:tck46@flash.net)). I know this past year has dulled the feeling of being a "group", but we are! So many of you worked together for many, many years; to be able to share all those memories, good times and future plans is such a gift - to ourselves and each other. So, don't drift away, stay and play together.

Now, here we are, itching to get out and be with our friends, it's been 13 months, folks! Your officers have a suggestion/plan. **Diana Bell** and **Suzanne Kenny** have done some research and found that a (new to us) restaurant called Relish Burger Bar in El Dorado Hills is open on Mondays and we can have groups. Yep, let's go for it! If, and I mean only if, you feel comfortable with getting together for lunch (not going to have a meeting nor raffle), we can try out Relish Burger Bar. They have reasonable prices and a varied menu. Actually, I just went online (type Relish Burger Bar into your search) to check out their menu - wow! Looks like fun to be had - listen to just a few items that they offer: Fried Avocado Wedges; Shrimp Tacos; Pickle Fries; BLTA; several salads. Burgers like Napa Valley American Kobe Burger; Bordeaux Burger; The Hills Bacon Cheese Burger; Lamb Burger; Peanut Butter Bacon Burger (my Grandson says these are delicious!); Bison Burger. The address is 1000 White Rock Road, El Dorado Hills (same small shopping mall as Pottery Barn). If you are ready to join in, please give **Diana Bell** a call at (408) 761-2966 or email her at [dididee924@gmail.com](mailto:dididee924@gmail.com).

Our leader, **Bill Dinette**, sends his "Hello" to all of you! Hoping everyone is healthy. While he didn't have any "report", he did send me something to share with you!

An eye opener: If I had not lived through it, I would not believe it myself. What year is it?

- ▲ Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?
- ▲ If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.
- ▲ When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.
- ▲ Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.
- ▲ I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.
- ▲ It's too bad things are so tough nowadays . . .

- ▲ I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet. It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.
  - ▲ I'm afraid that Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.
  - ▲ Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.
  - ▲ The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.
  - ▲ There is no sense going on short trips any more for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.
  - ▲ No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.
  - ▲ If they think I'll pay a dollar for a haircut, they can think again.
- Can you guess the year? Okay, the year was 1955!



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We are long overdue for good news and here it is. The convention is coming to San Diego! Mark the dates on your calendar, September 27 thru October 2.

The retirees in San Diego have begun making plans to make this one of the best. I will keep you advised on upcoming events in the coming months.

In past issues, I have been talking about gardening and plants. The next issues I will be writing about some interesting features in San Diego.



This month I would like to tell you about Mission Trails Regional Park, a short drive to East County from the Dana Inn Hotel. One of the country's largest urban open space parks, Mission Trails Regional Park is just northeast of I-8 where the San Diego River passes through a rugged area known as Mission Gorge. Long before humans inhabited the region, the river was carving a pathway to the sea, originating in the Cuyamaca Mountains. Fed by winter snowmelt and natural springs, the river grew as it made its way down the steep hillsides. When the second ice age retreated, the ocean levels began to rise and the ocean levels rose inland as far east as the Cuyamacas where fossils can still be found.

As the ocean retreated from the sharp peaks in Mission Gorge, Mission Valley was formed from a huge river that spanned the entire width. In 1916, the valley floor was again covered by the San Diego River.

In the coming months I will be talking about the interesting Native plants and Wildlife that grow and make their home in the Park.

On closing, I wish a very Happy Birthday to **Keith Newman** who will be celebrating on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to mark the Convention dates on your calendars and begin your travel plans.

Future plans for our monthly breakfast is still pending.

### Calendar:

**Pending** – 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 Gold Diggers will meet for the first time in over a year on May 26, 2021; it will be at Old Town Pizza in Lincoln, CA.

We are hoping everyone will be vaccinated by then and bring their masks. It will be so nice to visit and catch up on the news. I guess we won't be hearing about trips but hopefully, they are in the near future.

See you soon.



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If anyone would like any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to give you the information about our chapter. We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love to see you.

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Our chapter now holds two Zoom meetings each month. Announcements are sent out by our president, **Chuck Clayborn**, in advance of scheduled meetings with the access code. We encourage all members to dial in, even if you can't stay on for the entire session.

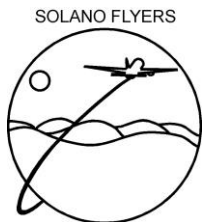
Discussed this last month was the resumption of in person meetings, which appears to be something that can occur in the near future. To be prepared, sites have been reviewed and it appears that the majority of those on Zoom, have indicated a return to Holders, which is under new management. Chuck will be looking at some other options as preparations will be forthcoming to negotiate with a restaurant for our future meetings. It also looks like meetings will be twice monthly; as opposed to weekly and meeting times will be 0900. If you know of a site and would like to recommend it, please contact Chuck with your thoughts.

We celebrated birthdays for **Maureen Snyder**, **Darlene Ikeya** and **Mary Kalpina**; virtual cake was shared among the members.

Anniversaries were celebrated for **Ben & Cheri Scales**, **Jay & Charlotte Cacioppo**, **Bob & Karen Devlin** and **Leon & Katrina Manou**. We wish them all many more happy years.

It looks like we will have a good number of members representing our chapter at this year's convention in San Diego. We are looking forward to having some fun after these past many months of near isolation. Most members have received their vaccinations, or so will. We hope to be able to have an outdoor get together before the convention, as parks now allow up to 25 people to meet in non-reservable spaces.

Take care, stay safe, as we enjoy Spring and look forward to summer.



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April 21 found the following Flyers at the New Town Café in Fairfield: **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **James Ellison**, **Diosnel & Luci Perez**, **Eugene Boyce**, **Nolan & Mary Untiedt**, **Richard Cox**, **Rudy Arsaga**, **Stewart McCale**, and **Allan Pochop**.

VP Pochop attempted to bring the chapter meeting to order but since many members had not been able to visit with each other over the past months, the conversations were a continuum. VP Pochop then instructed the Master of Arms to restore order; the MAA is one without tolerance, and members quickly went to docile mode.



The Flyers Financial stock reports were presented; the membership voted again to not invest in the Amish Buggy Whip Factory in Michigan.

An important date for the UAL Annual meeting in Minden, NV is September 14-17; the United block of rooms have been reserved, reference No. 3043. This facility has a Casino, RV parking, Motor lodge, and a convenient store on site. Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is the BBQ in RV area. <https://carsonvalleyinn.com/>

April Birthdays ~ **Rudy Arsaga, Stewart McCale, Richard Cox, and Diosnel Perez.**

**James Ellison** donated a set of Elvis DVDs for the drawing; **Pad & Eileen Gardner** donated a pineapple/zucchini bread loaf.

The 50/50 drawing was won by VP Pochop; pandemonium took over the members, with threats of violence towards the VP for his consistent winning which violates law of probability.

As chapter secretary, I was unable to monitor who were the winners of the two donated items, as the MAA and I escorted the VP for his safety from the building.

Calendar:

**May 19** - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr. Rio Vista, (707) 374-5400

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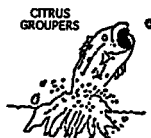
There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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Our second picnic of the year, held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Grove Park, had a smaller, but no less smiling and happy crowd, than our April gathering. Present McCoys included: Pres. **Ernie Vosges** and First Lady **Cheryl, Stan & Barbara Halterman, Al Fields, Mack Chandler, Jim Mummah, Joanne & Al Mollet**, Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** and **Ted LeGrand III, Joe & Barb Fitak, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** and daughter, Tassie, and Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**. President Ernie presented the Flag and we all stood for the Pledge. Ernie then wished all the "moms" a Happy Mother's Day and reminded us to remember and celebrate Memorial Day too.

When I sent the picnic reminder, I asked those who could not make the picnic to give me a shout out so we'd know they were OK and I received quite a few responses! Suffice it to say that as we all try to stay in

“aging gracefully” mode, the praying for each other must continue. **Charlie & Sharon Ringer** continue to lift our spirits ... “*We’re OK here, and oh, can’t talk now, my breakfast has arrived!*” says Charlie. **Lisa & David Leighty** – David got a pacemaker recently. **Jim & Audrey Weeks** have moved. New Address: Westminster Towers, 70 South Lucerne Cir. W, MCO 32801. Jim says they’re, “golfing & gambling”?

Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a surprise cake and song for Rich & Cathy was next! And the Birthday Balloons for May? **Cathy Llewellyn** on May 15<sup>th</sup>—Yay. Their temporary address for your cards and well wishes is: 17289 Station Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028.

Our June meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> (**not** June 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Golden Corral at 12Noon, located at 11731 E. Colonial Dr., MCO 32817. (407) 902-2979, Hwy 50 & Crescent Blvd.). Room is reserved!

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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.

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The Sand Dollars were never able to restart our luncheons in what would have been our 2020/2021 season ... but, we are enthusiastically looking forward to re-starting next October, which is when our snowbirds start returning to Florida and those of us here full-time come to life again. To the best of our knowledge, all of us have had our two Covid-19 shots and we have plenty of masks, so we feel ready to get going.

Getting our shots here in Florida was a test of our determination, stick-to-it-ness, stubbornness, persistence, and I for one now have a much wider and more colorful vocabulary of expletives. Some of us drove all across the State to find a vaccine location; others even took flights to other states to get both shots. Florida was a vivid example of how **not** to run government functions — but then I guess we aren’t the only state with this problem.

The latest news we have from **George Sudol** is that **Jeanne** is not yet home from her rehab center, but hopefully will be very soon now. The many cards and letters she received have helped to cheer her up and she appreciates it very much. **Inge Phillips** picked the wrong time to visit her son, granddaughter and family in Nashville, TN; she was there during all of their widespread flooding.

Some of the Sand Dollars may remember **Larry & Charlotte Johnson** who had been members of our group before moving to Citrus Springs a few years ago. We are sad to report that Charlotte passed away last January in Citrus Springs. **Harvey & Vivian Rucker** are now back in Florida while Harvey works on regaining his strength. We can imagine Vivian has her hands full attempting to keep him in line.

While we wait for the end of summer before restarting our monthly luncheons, we hope any new retirees, or any visiting retirees coming to our part of Florida, will contact **Ginger Hyde** for information about our group. Her email is [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.

... *During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?”*

*“Well,” he said, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub.”*

*“Oh, I understand,” I said. “A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”*

*“No” he said. “A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?”*



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on May 3 with 7 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. **Bob Lindstrom** took over our meeting as our Pres. Beverly was absent.

Birthdays - **Bob Lindstrom** (May 16<sup>th</sup>)

Anniversary - **Frank & Helen Kacer** (May 8<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> Golden), we wished them A Very Happy Anniversary.

We had a very laid back meeting/social gathering; we talked about our aches & pains. Frank is going in for cataract surgery end of May and into June. We discussed UAL and talked about cities we have visited.

Everyone is glad that we all have our Covid shots. It's nice to be with our members again.

Breakfast/Lunch was served.

Meeting closed.

### Calendar:

**June 7** - IHOP - 10:30

**July** – No meeting

## TREASURE COAST

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Life is like a camera. Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives. And if things don't work out, take another shot.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well, my get up and go has got up and went. But in spite of it all, I am able to grin, when I think of the places my get up has been.

My cousin posted these great quips on Facebook. It is my go-to place for catching up with family and friends. I used to receive photos from everyone. Alas, those days are gone and one has to figure out how to save from your cell phone and internet. Actual phone calls have turned into texts. I had to figure that process out years ago. And, of course, because of the pandemic, physical meetings are few and far between.

Hopefully, my plans to travel this Fall will pan out. I'm thinking most folks will have it out of their system by then. We pray that all schools will be up and running full time and most people will be back to work as well. It's truly hard to believe that our nation was/is shut down for such an extended period of time. We're still awaiting **normal**, whatever that turns out to be. Meanwhile, we pray, hope and wish!

The CDC told the cruise ship companies that they could sail with volunteers to test their systems and protocols. It turns out that restrictions and guidelines may be too stringent for them to accomplish what is expected of them. Meanwhile, the news reports, all berths have been spoken for. That was fast, huh? Evidently, people are anxious to travel.

Many of you have the Silver Sneakers benefit with your insurance. I had intended to reap the benefits last year with a gym membership but because of COVID-19 it had to be put off until 2021 after I was fully vaccinated. I now am enrolled at LA Fitness and attending their Aqua-Fit classes. I highly recommend it. I attend as often as I can. My facility offers the class Monday through Saturday. It is a stress-free workout that lubricates those arthritic joints. I'm already noticing a difference.

Our chapter members have not gotten together as a group for over a year now. It's uncertain when we'll be able to resume our luncheon meetings. After reaching out to the membership, I heard back from a couple of them with updates.

Vice-President **Bob Langevin** reports: "*Sandy's (Ruggiero) very best friend for over 45 years and her husband are down here in Palm City visiting from RI for 11 days. Sandy is in her glory and we are traveling, shopping, eating etc. and keeping very busy.*"

*We are going to Cleveland in June for the CLE Krazies Annual Pilot get-together. As you can imagine, I can't wait for that. In my flying career, I was based in CLE several times, so it's always good to see my flying buddies who live in or near the 'Mistake by the Lake'!*

*Sometime in July we'll be off to LAS for a few days once again to get our \$\$ back that we left there a few weeks ago.*

*In early October we'll be going on a tour of London, Scotland and Ireland. We got a terrific price on this deal a few months ago that includes the airfare in both directions.*

*Sandy and I both received both of our COVID-19 shots and are doing and feeling well. Needless to say, we are missing our RUAEA luncheons and hope that we'll be able to resume them very soon. All is good in Palm City. Thank you Jesus, and we wish the same for all of our United Family. Cheers and Blessings to all".*

*Bob had a pleasant surprise recently when he received a phone call, out of the blue, from a Retired Major General that he served with in Vietnam back in 1967-1968. Memories!*

*From Sharon Kirk: "It's so hard to believe we are almost half way thru 2021! Where did the time go?*

*Things in Boca Raton are opening up more and more with less restrictions and longer hours. People seem to be less intimidated. Or, maybe, it's because we've been house bound for so long.*

*The Kirk household is lively, to say the least. "Pippa", our new addition, has completely taken over. She is definitely the one in charge. Phil calls her "Pizza". I guess he's going to make her an Italian dog.*

*I saw the cruise ships will begin sailing to US ports in July, finally! I for one can't wait to sail somewhere, anywhere.*

*I am having my kitchen redone. Friday the contractor comes to finalize the project and, of course, collect money. Now I have an excuse not to cook. Restaurants will see a lot of us for 3 weeks or so. I hate the thought of all the mess and inconvenience but hopefully the end result will be worth it. Now if I could get a personal chef! A girl can dream, can't she?*

*Hope you are all well and the only Corona you have is in a glass"!*

*From our President Al Popek: "Hello members. To update everyone on my wife Janice's condition since her stroke 5 months ago, I was hoping by now things would have been a little better with her recovery. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, she had to go into long term care at the rehab center. I'm not sure how long she will be there until she will be able to come home.*

*On May 5<sup>th</sup>, I was supposed to have the third and final appeal hearing with the Judge, Aetna and the rehab center. The conference call had to be cancelled because of the Judge's audio problems. We couldn't hear her. So now we have to wait until we can reschedule it. Everything is a waiting game. The rehab center did increase the visiting hours. I can now see her three times a week, twice a day. I have been doing P/T and using flash cards with her each time I go since everything has stopped until further notice. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, she will have further testing, an MRI and CT Scan to see what the results of any brain damage there is after 6 months.*

*I just came from visiting her and she said to thank everyone for your continued prayers, get well cards, emails and phone calls to me. Before I go, there is always a bright side that brings a smile. Janice's roommate Virginia (she is about 90), asked me how old I was. I responded with, too old Virginia. What's too old, she asked? I said I will be 40 in August. She then said, you look wonderful for 39, don't get any older. See what happens when you get older. I asked her when she last had her eyes checked. She said, oh, I don't do that any more, I can hardly see any more. Well, that busted my bubble!*

*Take care everyone. Better days are coming and we hope to start up our monthly meetings again soon. To all you Moms out there, Happy Mother's Day. Wishing you a relaxing day. God bless, Al & Janice".*

*June Birthdays include Janice Popek, Ron Brodis, Fran D'Amico and Mardele Celestin.*

*June Anniversaries include Arnie & Dee Lakso; Jane & Frank Wise would have also celebrated their anniversary. Frank, unfortunately, passed away in March following an auto accident in which their son-in-law also died and Jane was seriously injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane for a speedy recovery.*



## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

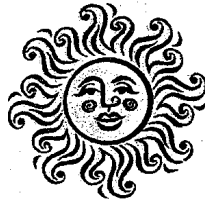
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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

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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems did not meet in April or May. Currently our three leaders, **Rick Dempsey**, **Joe Varady** and **Bud Peters**, met to discuss the possibilities for a June Meeting. Members are being contacted to see if the June meeting will be possible.

Bud told Rick and Joe that he has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and members will be notified.

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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June—We just might be able to attend weddings, graduations and fun things again! Yeay! The 'Lets Burn our Masks' party looms closer in our future! I sure hope so. I've had enough of this \_\_\_\_ ! (Fill in your own blank). Last month, in a hurry to send my report, I forgot to congratulate all the dads out there for Mom's Day. After all, without your little 'contribution,' there would be no moms. Same now with Father's Day, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, without the ladies little egg, there would be no dads. We all know there are many single parents who are

doing the job of both moms **and** dads. So, to all of you, I salute you and all the double work every day. Let's be honest, it ain't easy these days to handle the kids with so much going on.

With the grandparents still around, (that's us) they have some of the old values that we were brought up with. Pass on stories of your youth with them; explain phones on the wall, party lines, having to find a phone on the road to call for help. Try to describe a two piece stick phone, tell them to watch, 'It's a wonderful Life'. I guess we shouldn't forget aunts and uncles, too. They helped raise more than one child along the way. The good part, we had fun, took them out, bought them food, candy, presents, then dropped them off at home, with all that caffeine in them. Loved every minute of it.

The birthstones for June are Alexandrite, Moonstone and Pearl. Why three, you ask? Some of the more ancient stones have become too rare, so it's less likely for them to be available. I'd go with pearl. The flowers are honeysuckle and rose. I'd go with the rose, it's my favorite. People born in June are outgoing and friendly, i.e. social butterflies and charismatic. Is that you? It's named after the Roman goddess of Juno, patroness of marriage, ergo, so many weddings. The beginning of summer is June 21, the Summer Solstice. Grab all the sunshine you can, the next day we start losing sunlight again. Funny how all of that happens. On December 21, we start getting more sunlight every day. That's the long and short of it.

Some funny days to celebrate are Say Something Nice, Rocky Road, Donut Day, Leave the Office Early, (for us, take a shorter nap), Hug your Cat, Yo-Yo Day, Sushis, Picnic Day, Sauntering Day (walk idly), Take your Dog to Work, Skateboarding Day, (not for us), Fairy Day, ending with Handshake Day. Hope we can do that again soon, plus hugging, I miss hugging! June is also Give a bunch of Balloons Month, Candy, Adopt a Cat Month, Zoo and Aquarium Month, and Great Outdoors Month! Not to be outdone by the Pink moons in April and May, there will be a Strawberry moon on June 5, also called the Honey moon. Named that so the Indians knew when to pick the strawberries, and apparently, when to get married. Let's not forget June 14, Flag Day, don't forget to put yours up and display it proudly.

Two of our member are leaving good old bankrupt Illinois and heading South. **Sophie Wajda** is moving to Virginia where she'll be closer to her daughter. It's almost a year since she lost her beloved **Hank**. **Irene Jaramulska** is moving to Florida. We'll miss them, but they'll be with family, friends, and warmer weather. Keep in touch!

Looks like people are starting to travel again. **Joe & Joan Teister** flew to Virginia to see their son, **Keith**, from DCAFO. They loved being in the air again. An added attraction was, Keith took his folks flying in a Cessna 172, over the Shenandoah Valley. Joan could hardly contain herself, she was so excited! Lots of driving trips to Wisconsin and Indiana. **Toni VanKampen** drove to Minnesota, and hopes to fly to Oklahoma this month. Go Toni! I drove from home to Morton Groves to Bloomington, and back home, in one day! How exhilarating! Then I took a nap, exhausting day. Hope Illinois doesn't ask for a Covid passport, by now most of you have your shots. Let's hope this is the end of all quarantines. Get out, enjoy the fresh air.

Our Northside breakfast brought 10 people, quite an improvement. Attending were three newbies, **Marge & Vern Stamm**, and **Margaret Longo**, also **Ginny Vlach**, **Dave Dunham**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Virginia Kondratos**, **Barb Weseman**, **Peg Maromaty**, and yours truly. We might have that Fall Luncheon after all. Aircraft Maintenance mechanics had 10 people, **Paul Skrudland**, **Dick Hoppel**, **Hank Karginian**, **Bob Palm**, **Gene Hale**, **Rich Protsman**, **Jim Kraft**, **LB Neal**, newbie, **Nancy Peterson**, and yours truly. The OM's from ORDMM included **Tom Abraham**, **Bob Smietanski**, **Glenn Hill**, **Stan Chmieliwicz**, **Sue & Bart Kendall**, and yours truly. (I have all the fun) Everybody was so glad to see each other again, do consider joining us in June, especially if you've been vaccinated. When the IAM 1487 had their April luncheon, 39 people attended. The May Cinco de Mayo celebration had 51 members, and enjoyed an epicurean delight with Chinese food. Attendance is getting better! In June, they will serve hot dogs. The RUPA group is hoping for a lunch in July at Nick's in Crystal Lake. **Walt Fink** will send out a notice when a decision is made.

Many of our mechanics came from Pennsylvania. They attended the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, in PIT, the home of delicious and addictive, Tastykakes. **Dick Hoppel** always said, 'When I was in school, they taught us the four R's, Readin' Ritin', Rithmetic, and the Road to Chicago, that's where the work was'. FYI, there is a Tastykakes Store in Hoffman Estates, on Algonquin Road.

There will be more pandemonium coming our way, maybe worse than the pandemic for some. The world faces a wine shortage for the next three years. France, Italy, Spain, and America have not kept up with grape plantings for future demand. California had a problem finding homes for grapes a few years ago, now they are short, the weather and fires added to that shortage. Time to stock up, folks. Or find Jesus, ask him to change that water into wine, again. Plan ahead, do what you must. You know the prices will go up. Mine already did by 1-3 dollars. Look for sales.

Speaking of television, Mark Giangreco hasn't been seen on TV, or heard on the radio since he was fired from WLS-TV. Their ratings have fallen quite a bit. Thanks Cheryl. Nexstar Inc, (WGN-TV) will launch Rewind TV, a digital sub channel offering shows from the 80's and 90's, on September 1. A few of the shows include Drew Carey, Murphy Brown, Wings, Who's the Boss, Family Ties, and Growing Pains. The channel number in Chicago is not known at this time, however, they now carry shows from the 60's and 70's on their Antenna TV station. Another franchise, Weigel Broadcasting, will expand its MeTV to include Vegas, Hawaii Five-0, Three Stooges, Laurel and Hardy, and Little Rascals, on WCIU 26.5, which started May 15. I watch many of the old ones, not too many of the new shows interest me, how about you? I guess I can't relate to air headed comedies and violence. Give me sensible, down to earth comedies like, Mr. Ed, Bewitched, I Dream of Jeannie, Star Trek, or Lost in Space.

An old friend of mine from grade school, Judi, and I were reminiscing about our fun 'yute'. Remember the white Bucs saddle shoes with camel trim? When we got them, all of our friends put their dirty shoes on them and scuffed them up. We bought a white-powder cloth or sponge to clean them, didn't work. They were expensive, our parents were furious at our friends. It's ok, we did it to them also, like a rite of passage. Then we would wash our crinolines in heavy starch, and lay them outside on a sheet in the grass to dry. Remember petty-pants? Always pretty lace with ribbons, under the crinolines, so they'd show off when we danced. The best was the guys, trying to look like James Dean or Marlon Brando, the DA haircut, with some kind of axle-grease on their hair, then they'd wear a white undershirt, with the sleeves rolled up a little so they could put their pack of 'smokes' in it. Don't forget the leather jacket. Roller rinks, remember those? Are there any left? We had one in town, owned by George Mikan, lot of people had their own leather skates, but some wore the snap-on roller skates. I remember one mom, Martha, she wore summer sandals, white sox and the snap-on skates. We kids always laughed at her. She couldn't stand up, much less skate, but she was determined. Of course, we wore skirts, no pants in the 50's. Ahh, the joys of youth, the fun 50's, but we could hardly wait to be 18. What a mistake, we could be in a time-warp. Can't forget Riverview, but that's another story, another month.

Some of our favorite movies from yesteryear are celebrating anniversaries. From 1941, 75 years ago, yikes, Citizen Kane, Suspicion, How Green was my Valley, Sergeant York, Maltese Falcon, The Lady Eve, Penny Serenade (the saddest), and Dumbo. From 1951, 65 years ago, Show Boat, Streetcar Named Desire, African Queen, American in Paris, and Alice in Wonderland. From 1961, 55 years ago, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Lover Come Back, West Side Story, The Misfits, and 101 Dalmatians. From 1971, 45 years ago, Willie Wonka, French Connection, Diamonds are Forever, Fiddler on the Roof, and Brian's Song. After that, the movies became more violent, not so many cute romances. Too bad, it's like our youth was gone. Thank God I have TCM. Cary, Audrey, Bette, Gary, Rosalind, Clark, Hedy, Bogie, John W., Gregory, William, Doris, Gene, Fred and Ginger, all left and took the good ones with them.

Some of our co-workers that flew West last month are, **Gary Good**, son of **Harry**, both from ORDMM, also **Mike Benedyk** and **Bob Kostuk**, ORDMM, **Jimmy Rudolph**, ORDPV, and **Frank Guevara**, brother of **Mario**, both from ORDCG, also **Art Schwarz**, passed June 8, 2020, ORDCG. Notables gone from our world include Prince Phillip, Walter Mondale, Bernie Madoff, Michael Collins (Apollo 11), Ann Douglas (Kirk's wife), Johnny Crawford (Rifleman), CBS Chicago news, Bob Wallace, Scotty Pippen's 33 year old son, and Olympia Dukakis, great actress, I remember her from Moonstruck and Steel Magnolias, where she and Shirley MacLaine had such quick-witted lines between them.

There are three kinds of people in this world: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**June 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**June 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**June 3**) 11:00 A.M.

The RUPA lunches might resume in July, there's hope in the air. Email to follow.

**September 27 – October 2** – RUAEA Convention in San Diego

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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We had our first post Covid meeting in April, the turnout was less than we hoped. Those in attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Hannelore Brabo** and **Frank Ingegno**. We're hopeful as post Covid activities spool up, our meeting participation will increase. Our next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>. We're still considering a couple of events for this summer and will further plan at the May meeting.

As always, the RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join our chapter. Just come to one of our monthly lunch meetings to meet our members. The more members we have the more fun things we can do.

We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule for 2021.

- May 11 at Emmy's
- June 8 at Emmy's
- July 13 at Emmy's
- August 10 at Emmy's
- September 14 at Emmy's

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Our chapter has yet to hold a meeting so there is no meeting news.

Spring's good weather has finally hit New Hampshire, but Mother Nature throws a curve and still gives us small snow squalls. As of this writing, one ski slope in northern New Hampshire, and five in Vermont, which is still getting snow, are open for spring skiing.

A majority of New Hampshire's people already had their two shots and the governor dropped the mandatory wearing of masks. Many, me included, still choose to wear one. Restaurants are reopening, as well as all businesses but I still cannot see my brother in rehab. Crazy! Doesn't make any sense!

Memorial day is the last day of May, but June is a more important month. June 14<sup>th</sup> is flag day, the 20<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day and the 21<sup>st</sup> is the first day of summer, which we've all been waiting for. Important to me, my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Here's hoping everyone has a great summer!

*June's birthdays* ~ **Mari Dwyer, Anthony Postale Jr., and Dick Vee.**

*June's anniversaries* ~ **Irene & Robert Kimball** (36 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (65), **Jayne & John Regan** (29) and **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (56).

### Calendar:

Wear your mask and stay healthy! Get your COVID-19 shots!



## MICHIGAN



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There is no report this month from the Northern Lites chapter of RUAEA.

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Recently, our Governor had a press conference and set a couple of goals for the State of Nevada. The biggest one was to allow businesses in the entire State to operate at 100% capacity effective June 1, 2021. He is having all the counties in Nevada develop a plan to do this. Right after his announcement, I talked to our Silverliners Treasurer Jeannie and suggested a date in October because my concern is even after we open up the State on June 1<sup>st</sup>, there may be problems that will need to be addressed and corrected. I felt by October all problems will be worked out and we should not have any worries or hurdles to jump through when we have our first luncheon in 20 months. Jeannie contacted the place we hold our luncheons and reserved 2 dates for us towards the year end.

The Board Members will meet sometime in late July or August to go over our luncheon plans with Giuseppe's manager Vince. At that time, we will review the menu, cost and any other item related to the luncheon. I will send out a letter at that time informing all members of the information we have.

Not much else to report on, activities have been limited and remain quiet and members have not passed on any personal information good or bad to report on.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The next confirmed Luncheon is planned for October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 10 members at our April meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

A joke about some new airport codes during this year of COVID: LVG = living room; DNR = dining room; BKY = backyard; BTH = bathroom.

We are still waiting to hear about the menu and room arrangement for our Christmas Luncheon at Tamarack Casino.

May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royal** and **Geri Boutz**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Allen Robbins**.

Our next meeting will be May 10 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:00 a.m.

## **NEW JERSEY**

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No good deed goes unpunished ~ A condor and a blue jay met in Chicago for a convention. After the convention was over, both headed to O'Hare airport for a flight back to Newark.

Since the weather was really bad, many flights were canceled. The Condor said to the blue jay, "look, I'm flying east, if you want a ride hop on my back". The Condor and the blue jay got into position, headed down a portion of the runway, and soared right up through the clouds and made a beeline to EWR.

When they got to Pittsburgh, the condor flew in for a well-needed pit stop. Within 10 minutes, they were both on their way; however, the Condor could see bad weather headed to the Northeast. As predicted, the control tower notified the condor, that there was only a 50 foot ceiling, and he would have to make an instrument landing.

The condor gracefully flexed his wings, came through the clouds, and did a beautiful three-point landing and made it quite easily to the terminal. The blue jay, dismounted, and said to the condor, "I'll see you around". The condor said, "hey wait a minute, don't I get a word of thanks?" "Yeah, you did okay, but my cousin Charlie who is a chicken hawk, would have beaten your time by 45 minutes, and besides, you didn't even ask me if I could bring my luggage along."

The condor just stood there and smiled, and remembered his old mentor, Mr. Aesop, who was teaching him about "no good deeds that go unpunished". He thought to himself he should have been paying closer attention.

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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## OHIO

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Greetings to all! Our Ohio Buckeyes are getting back together again. We have luncheons scheduled for the next few months. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we had our first luncheon since COVID (March 2020). Our lunch was at one of the places that we have been before. The Shale Creek Golf Clubhouse. We had 60 members in attendance and everyone enjoyed catching up on all the news. It was really nice to see familiar faces again.

One of our members, former Vice President, is really in poor health. She has been in the hospital for about 4 weeks after having a number of strokes. We need to keep all retirees in our prayers.

Our 50/50 drawing was split into 3 pots, and they were very happy winners. We celebrated the Birthdays of our members. Yes, we did sing the Happy Birthday song to them. We also acknowledged the anniversaries of 4 couples.

Next month we are going to another familiar place, the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick. We are hoping to have another good turnout.

Normally we meet in August, for our annual picnic, but at this time we have decided not to do the Chalet this year with all the Covid restrictions. The building would be closed to us, which means we would not be able to use the kitchen facilities, and the restrooms. That means about 100 members, and their family and friends are going to be very disappointed. But we will be rolling the reservation to next year with hopes of being totally back to normal by in 2022.

There is something that you need to know. Our members were so anxious to have our monthly luncheons start up again. We were receiving emails, cards in the mail, phone calls, and text messages wanting to know when we were going to start up again. Kind of like a tiger in a cage. Well let me tell you this. I know that they had a good time on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Our former president gave a good speech about "Don't Give-up". Yes, we had 60 in attendance. And there were more that wanted to attend, but couldn't. So, I say to you - - - "We're Back"!

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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The CDC continues to advise against medium and large group gatherings so even though many, if not all, of our members are fully vaccinated, we will wait. The medical scientists have much more data to base their recommendations on. We will continue to adhere to their guidance. Hopefully we will be able to begin meeting again this fall. My fingers are crossed!

In the meantime, another dose of humor, provided by member **Kathy Russell** this month:

- ☺ The fattest knight at King Arthur's roundtable was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much Pi.
- ☺ I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- ☺ She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- ☺ A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class. It was a weapon of math disruption.
- ☺ No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery.
- ☺ A dog gave birth to puppies near the road. She was cited for littering.
- ☺ And for you francophiles – A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in ... Linoleum Blownapart.
- ☺ Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- ☺ Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here. I'll go on ahead."
- ☺ A backward poet writes inverse.
- ☺ In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. I feudalism, it's your count that votes.
- ☺ If you jumped off the highest bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
- ☺ A vulture boards a British airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at him and says, "I'm so sorry sir. Only one carrion allowed per person.
- ☺ Two fish swam into a concrete wall. One looked at the other and said, "Dam!"
- ☺ Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. So they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank. Proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- ☺ Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."

Kathy also wrote a new haiku for us:

*I wear a mask now,  
Because I care about you.  
Please wear a mask, too.*

Remember: Also highly contagious is – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

### Calendar:

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



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Things are opening up. These have been horrific times with the virus. Has anyone from United died with the virus? I know my grandmother and her youngest child died from the last flu epidemic. **So get your shots!**

Our dear friend **Kathy Edwards** is still being treated for her thyroid problem.

**Dick Ems** just lost his wife **Marcia**. They had been married 63 years.

**Bernie & Mona MacNamee** moved out of Springfield to live in a home with their grandson who had in-law quarters installed. They are very happy there. He had his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a drive by celebration. He used to do a lot of work for RUAEA.

We have no meetings planned, maybe for Christmas!

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

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## WASHINGTON

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It's beginning to feel like beating a dead horse to begin this column with more mention of the coronavirus and COVID-19, especially when this month isn't much different from those preceding. Everything in Washington is still in flux, with rules for opening and closing businesses and meeting in groups changing with each new wave of illness and death.

Most public schools have at least partially reopened – just in time for graduation and summer vacation – and many sporting events now allow a few fans in the stands. The anti-COVID vaccine is readily available to almost everyone. Travel is picking up, as people feel more comfortable in crowds at SeaTac Airport and with staying in public facilities. We look forward to the reopening of the border between the United States and Canada (we are only a couple hours away).

There have been no Emerald City Slickers meetings since March 2020, and, therefore, no regular issues of the chapter newsletter, Contrails, which is published prior to meetings. One last issue was prepared by **John Haferbecker** and edited by **Vicki Shumaker** last September to announce that the board had suspended the 2020-21 season. That edition also provided our last "Member Profile" until we meet again. You have been treated to some interesting personal and UAL information over several months, and we here present the last of those mini-biographies for this series, "**Lloyd Towne's** 44 Years as an A&P," as told by **Lloyd Towne**, himself, with minor changes.

"After graduating from Seattle's Lincoln High School, class of 1953, I entered into a four-year A&P apprenticeship at Boeing in 1954. That same year I married the sweetest Norwegian gal in Ballard. At Boeing, it was interesting in that you spent one to two months in a shop then moved onto a different shop. For example, sheet metal shop to electrical shop to welding shop, etc. At that time Boeing was building the B-52.

We apprentices spent four hours a week at Edison Technical school, working for our A&P licenses. There I met future UAL mechanics **Ken Storey** and **Joe Mortensen**. After graduation, I ended up on the line as a mechanic at Boeing Field working on B-52s for delivery. I then went to Renton Field and worked on KC-135s for delivery to the Air Force. Then, back to Boeing Field as a line mechanic, repairing a Pan Am 707 that had taken a mid-air nosedive of several thousand feet. I also worked on three 707s that had been used for pilot training. It was preparation work for actual delivery to the respective airlines.

On a Monday, in July of 1959, Boeing offered me a job in the Renton factory at two grades below what I was making on the line. I guess that struck a nerve and my first thought was, 'Is that what they think of me?' I didn't even think. I said, 'No thanks, I'll take the pink slip.' As it happened, later that same day I ran into **Ken Storey** who told me he had heard that United Airlines was hiring. Thanks, Ken! With a wife and three children at home, as luck would have it, I was working for United that Friday.

Of my 38 years at United, I spent 26 on the graveyard shift. I could have made swing shift early on, but graveyard let me have dinner and evenings with the family. Being that I was able to sleep during the daytime, everything worked great. During that time, we worked on Convair 340s, DC-6s and DC-7s. It was a fun time at United. With the starting of the Jet Age came DC-8s and Boeing 720s.

I was laid off in 1964. Now with a wife and five kids to feed, I elected to go to SFOMM along with five other mechanics. I shared a motel room with **Joe Mortenson** and **Jack Goodfriend** while waiting for our families to follow. I was there for two years before being recalled. An interesting experience – a higher cost of living.

One interesting thing happened while I was there. United had a Convair that ran out of fuel and went for a belly landing in a carrot field in Saugus, California. The field had been plowed, so it was fairly soft. It was almost a perfect belly landing except for one thing – a water pump in the middle of the field. It went in the nose just below the radome and out the side of the wheel well and ended in the leading edge where it meets the engine nacelle. It never touched a thing on the nose gear. I got called to go and help do whatever was needed to get it back to SFO. Guess what. I was the last one called, so I got the graveyard shift.

I spent the first night with a Pinkerton agent. My duty that night was to keep the generator fueled for the lights and keeping souvenir hunters away. My second night I had to dig a hole under the wing leading edge to

get it open, making sure the wing spar was all right. It was. United really lucked out. They only had to replace both propellers and a lower cylinder on the right engine. I never found out what happened to the cylinder. They lifted the plane with a big crane and the gear dropped out as it was supposed to. After the repairs were done, they flew the plane back to SFO. I had been sent back home, so I never saw the takeoff.

I returned to SEAMM in June of 1966 and back to the graveyard shift. In another 10 years I'd make it onto dayshift. It was still a fun place to work with harmless antics that would not be allowed today. I had four weeks of unused vacation the summer of 1998 and elected to use it that August. I returned for one day and retired September 1, 1998.

One thing that I have learned since I retired 22 years ago is the art of procrastination."

**Lloyd Towne** has been a regular at our Emerald City Slickers luncheons over the years and is always ready with a joke or funny story. Co-president **Ken Storey** calls upon Lloyd for the last word at most meetings.

Now that mothers have been honored in nontraditional ways during the Merry Month of May, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all you dads out there. Happy Fathers' Day!

Calendar:

No gatherings/meetings scheduled



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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.

**MORE NEWS CONTINUE BELOW**

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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On Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Dulles Loungers actually had their 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering since the beginning of the pandemic. Our first one, if you recall, was back in October and held at the Bull Run Winery. It was a well attended and successful gathering. The weather turned cold after that though and was not conducive to another outdoor event. We had hoped to have a repeat of that occasion as the weather once again turned to sunny days. The Winery turned out not to be available for our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, however, so Cathy went searching for another venue. **Dutch & Kerrie Schneider** suggested that we have it at the Brownsville Manassas National Battlefield Park. It was a perfect suggestion. Everyone brought their own lunch and beverage. There were restrooms available and parking was close and convenient. As you can see in the pictures, the open pavilion was covered and provided picnic tables. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** provided tablecloths and hand sanitizers. The decision of where to go was made on short notice, so our numbers were small. The 16 of us in attendance were: **Cathy Gilbert-Silva, Jon Beckett** (our photographer who does not appear in any of these photos), **Dutch & Kerrie Schneider, Ruth & Roy Blackwell, Benita Bell, Gunn Chenciski, Mary Beth Collins, Hank & Gale Heuser, Dick & Marie Libby, Bob O’Roark, Linda Scriven, and Mari McColl.**



We had a wonderful time. Just getting together was freeing. One couple there had had only their first vaccinations, but the rest of us were all double vaxxed and out of the 2 week isolation. We were all careful and followed protocols, but still felt free and a bit giddy about actually being together. The small group was polled regarding the possibility of attending the Convention if we are able to have one. Most were quite non-committal for the time being, but Cathy is planning to send out another poll in her next chapter newsletter. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Linda Scriven**, who has to be our luckiest and most frequently winning member. Linda also buys the most tickets too, so it is pretty fair. She also frequently donates her winnings back to the chapter. That was indeed the fact this time. Linda's winnings and the chapter's share were all donated to the park for having provided us with such a great meeting place.

The meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> will also be held at the park. The plans for June are still undecided. We are planning for a much larger group for both of those picnics.

The weather here in Virginia, Maryland, and DC, is still undecided. We go from 40 degrees to 85 degrees with a mixture of sunshine and rain. It is getting beautiful though with all of the flowers and fresh mown lawns.

I hope that you are all faring as well as we are and that soon we will be able to return to our lives in a "new normal" fashion that suits us all.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS

Barbara Dunkelman

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Hello RUAEA,

I am back in my home state of Pennsylvania and spring is finally starting to arrive; I've even seen my first robin while out on a walk the other day. Seeing that made me very happy after the long winter the Northerners, and a lot of the country, have had. I hope everyone is beginning to enjoy these signs of spring and getting out as the COVID restrictions are letting up. Please remember to still wear your masks and stay healthy.

I hope all of you are aware that we have an active presence on Facebook! I have been enjoying reading all of the post and pictures, and particularly enjoyed a recent post asking if you ever had an emergency landing? I won't ruin the surprise, but you may recognize a response or two! There are also some wonderful pictures of some of the first stewardess, a fun post asking how you meet your spouse, and many more. Go have a look and remember to add us to your "like" list.

If you are lucky enough to have your Mom, or for those who are celebrating her memory, remember that Mother's Day is May 9, 2021. Wishing all Mothers a happy and blessed day. Unofficially summer is kicked off with Memorial Day. Although we say "Happy Memorial Day", for those who have lost loved ones in the military they can feel jarring and many veterans have expressed their displeasure with the phrase, deeming it inappropriate for the occasion. I was surprised to recently learn Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. To all of our Veterans and your families, we thank you, and hope that May 31, 2021 brings peace and appreciation for all that you have sacrificed for us and our Country.

The ATL Chapter is selling commemorative yard flags marking the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, and represents the horrific events that happened that day. The yard Flag is 12" x 18" and cost \$12.99, checks are payable to Clipped Wings and can be mailed to **Pat Dowdy**, 4270 Fitzpatrick Way, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. Please show your support to the ATL Chapter and our Country and let your neighbors know. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the streets of our neighborhoods filled with these yard flags.

In April we had our Annual Board meeting via Zoom. We accomplished a lot but I wanted to share a few highlights from the meeting: Clipped Wings is giving \$50,000.00 to Special Olympics for parent grants, we have donated more than \$12,000,000.00 over the years, this year we have welcomed 45 new members to Clipped Wings, giving us a total membership of 1,037, this about 100 less than last year so let's **all** try to get new members, and lastly, The Quarterly is going to have 3 issues this year. That is a lot of information covered in one meeting!

Remember, please use Amazon Smile when ordering anything off of Amazon, and share this information with your friends and family! My daughter orders a ton from Amazon, and is now using Amazon Smile and has Clipped Wings as her charity. Your Prime account works through Amazon Smile, it's fast and easy to sign up,

and we receive a monetary percentage from every order made! In the month of October to date we made \$250.00. Our yearly total since we joined Amazon Smile is \$500.00, so keep shopping and remember Clipped Wings and Thank You!

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

## NEW MEMBERS

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2021**:

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Retiree – **Anmuth, Marvin**, on 1/8/2008, SFOEG, brother of Joseph Anmuth (deceased), 1509 Noriega St., San Francisco, CA 94122

Retiree – **Hicks, Richard H.**, on 9/25/2010, DENMA, husband of Ruth E. Hicks (deceased), 7100 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., Apt. 108, Lakewood, CO 80214

Retiree – **Kostuk, Robert M.**, on 4/25/2021, ORDMM, husband of Bonita L. Kostuk, 216 Jervey Ln., Bartlett, IL 60103

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Retiree – **Miller, Julius O.**, on 7/19/2020, SFOEP, friend of many co-workers at the SFO Maintenance Base, 707 NW 90<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA 98665

Retiree – **Seals, Charles A.**, on 3/2/2021, SFOEA, brother to sisters Betty Grill, Mary Leigh Sciulli and Pauline Fischer (deceased), 3800 Bayshore Blvd., Spc. 58, Brisbane, CA 94005

## Letters & Notes



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

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

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### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

*(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)*

### **Robert Aherns, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002**

In July, I will be 97 years old. I am still living at home with a walker and a wheelchair to get around. My daughter, Christina is my caregiver.

I always look forward to receiving the monthly RUPA and RUAEA news.

**Amelia Briones, 180 Bradford St., San Francisco, CA 94110**

It is time to pay my dues again.

I want to thank everyone for a job well done; even with this Covid-19 going around, we still have the RUAEA newsletter.

Tell everyone to take care of themselves and be sure to have their vaccines.

Thanks again, take care and be safe!

**Frank Christenson, 378 E. 8220 S., Sandy, UT 84070**

I worked for United from 1962 to 10/31/2001, SLCCG, SLCCS, ORDCS, DENCS and SLCFF.

I still have not figured out how to use the pass system on United for travel. So I buy a ticket on Delta; they are the largest carrier out of Salt Lake City.

Thanks for keeping us retirees informed.

**Mike Takamatsu, 122 KA Dr., Kula, HI 96790**

Aloha to the RUAEA newsletter team!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in keeping us informed of the happenings at United.

After 32 years of retirement, I don't recognize too many names.

*Notes*

**Ruth Funk**

Keeping in touch ...

**Alicia Varholik**

I retired from MIA Food Service

**Geraldine R. Adams**

Thanks so much for all of the work you do and information you provide. Appreciate it very much!

Enjoying retirement in St. Pete Beach. Looking forward to doing some traveling this year!

**Lorry J. Cahill**

I have been retired for 23½ years. I have traveled to 40 countries, some several times. I started with Northeast Airlines in 1957 and worked in LGA, MIA, and spent 3 summers working in ACK (Nantucket).

I started with UAL in 1966 in DTWRR, then LANCS, and retired from DENCS in 1997. Wonderful travel benefits and appreciative of all the places I have been able to see.

Hope all is well with all my NEA and UAL friends.

**Kathy Page**

I retired 12/1/2020 and truly enjoyed my 32 year career with United Airlines. RUAEA will help keep me updated and informed about the company. Thank you.

**Allan J. Popek**

Many thanks for your continued publication during these Covid times. Always look forward to the issues each month. Your hard work is appreciated.

**Robert A. (Bob) Woods**

Everything is on hold. Waiting for local RUAEA meetings to start up again. Keeping in touch with a few members.

**Gerald L Brazeau**

I enjoy reading the newsletter each month and hearing about other retirees. Thank you for all you do to keep us informed.

We live in Frisco, Texas and, occasionally, commute back to Chicago to see family there. We are healthy and look forward to summer travel.

**Steven Foster**

I'm tired of Covid !!

**Jack Penty**

We are building a home in Pawley Island, SC and are looking forward to moving there in November.

**Bob England**

It's dues time again. Pretty easy for me to remember as it falls not only on my birthday but also on my first day at United at the age of 17.

There was a war on and I happened to have a year's experience with Hammond Aircraft Company right next door. At that time we were a line station servicing DC3's and Army Air Corps C47's. Since my bother and I had been building C47 tail cones at Hammond, United seemed to think that I could be of some use. I guess I was for I didn't bail out until 541 months later - you do the math. I have to get back to repairing books for the local library.

With greetings to old pals any many thank yous to our great volunteers.

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