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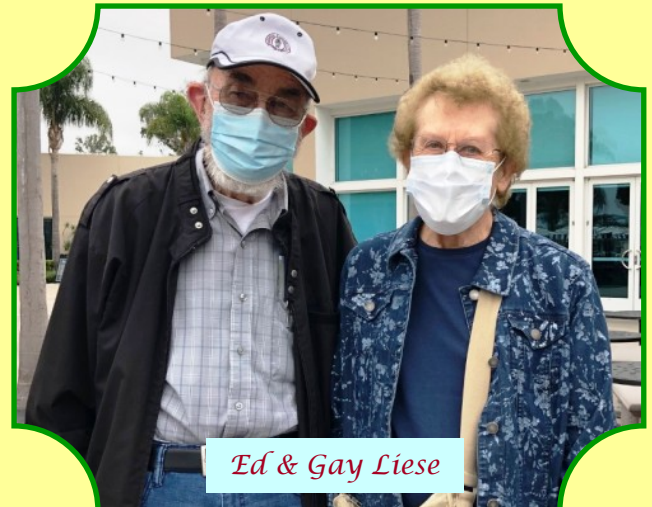
2021 RUAEA San Diego Convention



*Ron Paluch, Jeffrey Bates, Arthur Jefferson, Jackie Neal,
Shirley Claggett and Kevin Neal*



*Joan Smith, Pat & John Zoboli,
and Virgil Gooselaw*



Ed & Gay Liese



*Rita & Jeff Lowe, Francis Domaratus,
Susan & Jim Fielding*



*Donna Klobe, Charles Onesko
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I would like to start by thanking **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** for their dedication to the newsletter for 11½ yrs. **John Chu** will be taking over the duties of the newsletter starting in January, 2022 and we welcome John to the board of directors.

For the people that were not able to attend the convention in SAN, please believe me it was one of the best.

As most of you know, I have been in contact with all the Presidents of United's Retiree groups and the company on how to resolve issues for all of us and try to incorporate all retirees. We are all working on this and seem to be moving towards a goal not yet specified.

I am attaching a letter to the pilots in their newsletter by RUPA President, **Don Wolfe**.

*"I've opened dialog with the UAL retiree organizations RUAEA and RAFA. **Don Burbank** is the President of The Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA) and **Marian Bruns** is the President of the Retiree Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA).*

Marian, Don and I have been chatting with each other about our organizations, newsletters, reunions, etc. We share many things in common, most of which is the pride we have in our work at United Airlines. We all enjoy the ongoing friendships we've made with our fellow employees.

RUAEA conducted an entertaining and successful Convention September 28 - October 2 in San Diego with over 200 in attendance. Various tours were available along with representatives of various departments of United Airlines. Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt, and Kaiser were also in attendance. President Burbank was very pleased with the turnout and success of the convention.

When Oscar Munoz was CEO, Representatives from RUPA, RUAEA, and RAFA were all invited to WHQ in Chicago to participate in retiree benefit issues. Retirees experienced very few gains but at least we had a seat at the table and our voices were heard. RUPA is not a union, but we are a group of retired employees who accepted benefits in lieu of pay. There is no reason to believe that we can't have a voice for our benefits again."

Thank you again for being a part of RUAEA.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

RUAEA Business Meeting Friday, October 1, 2021

Mission Bay Ballroom, Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA



The meeting was called to order at 0830 by President Don Burbank. Don welcomed the members and thanked them for attending.

Motion: Hank Gosselin made a motion to accept the Business Meeting minutes of September 27, 2019, as published. The motion was seconded by Diane Webb and approved by all.

Don Burbank, President: One of our key issues is getting new volunteers to sustain the organization. At the end of this year, we will be losing three principal Newsletter volunteers. Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager, Veronica Domaratius, Newsletter Editor and

Martha Gooselaw, Letter Editor. All will be retiring after many years of dedicated service. Without volunteers for these critical positions, all options were explored. We determined that failure was not an option.

Chris Johnston, Treasurer: Chris agreed that from a financial position we are commitment to continuing based on the following:

- Our financial position is still strong. We are solvent with funds available for an emergency. The fiduciary responsibility of the Board of directors is to act in the best financial interest of our members. Currently we have \$235K of liquid funds in various bank accounts. We also have a bond for \$26K. According to IRS rules if an organizations operating under a 501(c)3 nonprofit status dissolves, money and assets are not returned to the membership. They must go to another nonprofit organization. There would be no benefit to our membership.
- The San Diego Convention is shaping up to be incredibly good compared to Denver two years ago. Denver had 140 attendees and San Diego had 186. Financially due to hotel contracts in Denver, we had a shortage in both guaranteed room nights, food and beverage sales. A check was written for \$26,730 in settlement of the contract. Discussions with the current location, Dana on Mission Bay, have determined that hotel nights, food and beverage contracted goals have been met. Final cost will be determined following a review with Shirley Claggett, Convention Treasurer, to determine income and outgoing responsibilities for future conventions.
- We also have a membership whose support has been maintained before and during Covid.
- A budget for 2022 will be submitted in the Newsletter in the first quarter of the year.

Motion: Ruth Morabito made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. It was seconded by Virgil Gooselaw and approved by all.

Ruth Morabito, Executive VP: Ruth gave a summary of the Regional Directors reports and the commitment from the board to assist in any challenges at the local level as we moved forward. She also conveyed that while the National RUAEA is not a governing body over the local chapters we certainly want to be a resource if needed. Just as we are not tied to United Airlines it is important to maintain a relationship for retiree information and possible issue resolution.

- ▲ We are pleased to announce that Marge Stamm has accepted the Florida Regional Directors position. We welcome and look forward to working with Marge.
- ▲ During this pandemic period, we have found that members have become very inventive in their ability to stay connected. RUAEA's greatest assets are the correspondents who provide local information for the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw, Past President: Attracting new volunteers is the Past President's responsibility. Many of the key positions are being recycled with the same people. We need new volunteers so if anyone has someone who may be interested, please let Virgil know. Many thanks to the Denver office comprised of Michael & Kathy Malesardi, Cas Spokas and Virgil. We also want to thank Veronica Domaratus, Francis Domaratus and Martha Gooselaw for their dedication to the Newsletter publications.

Hank Gosselin, V.P. Conventions: The planning for this convention was quite a challenge. With continuing health concerns this year the Hotels and tour companies were reluctant to make commitments in advance. The local committee worked extremely hard to make it a success. We did find it necessary to cancel three of the preplanned tours and had twenty planned attendees cancel.

Hank recognized Ron Bertacini and Dave Garland of the Site Survey committee for their contributions. Shirley Claggett and Ron Paluch provide their usual fine service with the registration and acting as the convention treasurer.

We are working on next year's convention and have received many positive comments on the current location. As a reminder, anyone can join RUAEA. All are welcome.

Don thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to attend the Benefits Panel following the meeting. United Airlines sent several representatives and Alliant will be hosting the Friday night Beach Party.

Motion: Hank Gosselin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ruth Morabito and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 0920.

Respectively submitted
Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary

Benefit Panel Presentations

Alliant Credit Union: Janet Meinheit, Key Account Executive provided a video presentation of Dennis Devine, CEO of Alliant, who was unable to attend. He stated that 2021 promises to be their best year yet due to cost savings and new structure. Janet said that they are proud to serve our members and their families.

United Airlines: Joan Smith, Manager Benefits, continues to liaise with Don Burbank on retiree issues. Don Dentzer, Manager of Health and Welfare Benefits presented on behalf of the



individuals who were not able to attend due to travel restrictions. Michelle Pritchett, Human Resources Specialist, did not have a lot of new information to provide but had some important reminders, which we will publish separately.

London is calling! **October 28, 2021**



London is calling, and we're answering with five new flights to LHR, including two from EWR, one from DEN and one from SFO, as well as a brand-new nonstop flight from BOS (Boston) beginning March 2022.

With these new routes, we will have 22 flights per day from the U.S. to London, and we will have more flights from New York City to London than any other U.S. carriers. We've seen in booking trends that London is the most popular destination for our business customers, and we expect the trend to continue into 2022.

"For nearly 30 years, United has provided a critical link between the U.S. and London, maintaining service throughout the pandemic and strategically growing our schedule to keep our customers in these key global business centers connected," said International Network and Alliances SVP Patrick Quayle. *"London is an integral part of United's network, and we remain confident demand will continue to grow, particularly as international business travel returns in 2022."*

Our new daily flight from BOS will be operated with the Boeing 767-300ER. We're resuming daily flights from DEN and adding a second daily flight on the Boeing 787-9. This new announcement adds sixth and seventh daily flights from EWR that will be operated with the Boeing 767-300ER and a third daily flight from SFO operated with the Boeing 777-200ER. And, finally, we'll resume daily service from LAX.

Prior to departure for England, travelers who are fully vaccinated with a qualifying vaccine must complete a passenger locator form and book and pay for a test to be taken within the first two days of arrival. Passengers vaccinated in the U.S. must provide proof of U.S. residency. Further details on the COVID-19 rules governing entry to England (including rules for unvaccinated customers and customers who have been in a red list country in the 10 days prior to arrival in England) are available on flying together.

Geneva, we're back! **November 2, 2021**



Lady Liberty, the Empire State Building and Central Park will be easily accessible again for those in Switzerland! After interruption due COVID-19, we have resumed non-stop flights between GVA (Geneva) and EWR four times a week.

"In view of the imminent opening of the U.S. border for vaccinated or recovered travelers on November 8, we are very happy that we can now resume this route, which is important for both business travelers and tourists, with an extended offer in the premium cabin," said Switzerland Country Sales Manager Reto Schneider. *"The resumption of these flights is*

another commitment by United to the Swiss market and marks the beginning of a further expansion to a total of six routes between Switzerland and the USA in the summer of 2022."

In addition to the resumed flights between GVA and EWR, we are currently flying routes from ZRH (Zurich) to EWR and IAD. Until the end of the year, we will also be flying between GVA and IAD once again. The new daily flights from ZRH to ORD will follow from April 24, 2022. In addition, the seasonal connection between ZRH and SFO is planned again from May 2022.

So Simple From Sheryl



It is that time of year to perhaps think of a small gift to give to family, friends or neighbors. This was my Mom's recipe and has been passed down to all family members. I have just finished baking 25 small loaves of this wonderful banana bread. It is wrapped in foil and in the freezer ready for me to put a bow on top and give to anyone that drops in or if I need a little something to add to a hostess gift. The surprise when they cut into the loaf is the colorful red cherries. I normally use the small aluminum bread pans, but will some times use a larger loaf pan. When making a large amount I make two double batches.

Banana Bread:

Cream together:

1 cup sugar

½ cup shortening

2 eggs

3 ripe bananas, mashed

Add:

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

5 tablespoons sour cream or orange juice

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/3 cups chocolate chips

1/3 cups nuts (optional) I do not use

1/3 cup maraschino cherries (I cut them up with scissors)

Spray the pans lightly. Bake at 350, 25 minutes for small pans, and 45 for large loaf pans.

Hope you enjoy and have a very Merry Christmas

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net, John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com and ruaeal@qwestoffice.net. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 13.

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 11:30.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! We hope everyone will be able to enjoy this time with family and friends. Here in Arizona, we are enjoying very nice warm weather, and we're able to get out and about with no problems. We feel very fortunate.

Our Re-United's chapter members will be getting together for our Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 1. It will be held on the patio at the home of **Robert Richter**, 18045 E. Vencino Street, in Gilbert, AZ. The Social Hour will be from 11:00 a.m., until 12:00 noon. The buffet will start at noon. The cost will be \$25 per person. Our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** is in charge of this luncheon. Reservations, along with your check for \$25 each are due by Wednesday, November 24. Checks should be made out to **Peg Snowdall**. Please mail to **Peg Snowdall**, 7947 E. Natal Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85209. We are going to have a White Elephant Raffle. If you want to be included, each person should bring a gift worth \$5.00 to \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Peg at (480) 396-3317. This is always a very special luncheon. We hope many will be able to attend. What a wonderful way of starting out the month of December!

Our November 4th Luncheon at Vito's Pizza & Italian Ristorante in Mesa was very nice. We had 20 people in attendance. We had two visitors, **Joe Scabo** and **Craig Toby**, who are joining our chapter, which we are very happy about. We talked again about bringing Christmas cards to our next breakfast, which we will address to people in nursing homes, etc. Dakota arranged for this once again and everyone enjoyed being there. Thanks, Dakota, for taking care of this for us!

In January, the officers for the coming year will be announced and elected by members attending the February meeting. Please consider offering your name as a nominee. It's nice to have new ideas and new faces in charge of our chapter. Dues of \$5.00 each will be payable starting January 1st. We didn't charge for dues during this past year because of COVID-19, but will this year. Dues can be given to **John** or **JoAnne Griffin** at one of our meetings, or mail to them at 759 S. 76th Place, Mesa, AZ 85208. If you have any changes in your address, e-mail, or phone, be sure to let them know, so we have the correct information for our membership directory, which is published early next year and made available at our April meeting.

We have the following Birthdays in December: **Jim Brigante**, **Ginny Rockenhauser**, **Doreen Cloud**, **Sandi Fowler**, **Irma Furtney**, **JoAnn Fearing**, and **Peggy Snowdall**. Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in December: **John & JoAnne Griffin** and **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier**. Congratulations to both couples!

Calendar:

December 1 – Christmas Luncheon on the patio of **Robert Richter**, 18045 E. Vencino Street in Gilbert, AZ. Reservations are due by Wednesday, November 24 to **Peg Snowdall**, 7947 E. Natal Ave., Mesa, AZ. 85209, along with your check for \$25 each, to be made out to Re-United. A Social Hour will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Buffet at noon. Any questions, call Peg at (480) 396-3317.

December 17 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending by Wednesday, December 15 by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

January – Luncheon to be announced.

January 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Calendar:

December 8 – Possible Christmas Luncheon to be determined.

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It has been a quiet month of October from our members. Our last meeting was held on October 20th with eight attending. Since I was not able to attend, our President **Mike Zoldak**, told me about what went on. Those in attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, and **Nina Powers** and her caregiver, **Mayra Solis**.

Since **Nina Powers** travels the furthest to our meetings, **Mike Zoldak** presented her with an award thanking her for her efforts and also making her caregiver an honorary member of our chapter.

It was decided that our chapter would not have any raffle with less than eight attending. It also limits our gift exchange at our Christmas meeting. As of now the date and place has not been set.

Mike & Bridget Zoldak flew to Portland, Maine to see the changing colors of the trees. One interesting point was any hotel room went for \$600 a night that was near the airport. They didn't stay there but at an Airbnb.

Mike said he has been keeping track of his flying mileage since he hired on in 1967. He added up 850,000 air miles using various airlines.

Mike got some information about the convention in San Diego. He counted only 170 attended which is the lowest that any convention ever had. The future convention site and date has not been decided as yet.

It is interesting to note that in English there is no female word for pilot; actress yes, but pilotess no.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos Chapter. A month ago, I couldn't believe it was October already. This month, I can't believe it is already November. I see a pattern here! My annual personal challenge to see if I can go until November 1st before turning on the furnace was a dismal failure this year. After a few colder than normal days mid-October I had the furnace on for a few days. I'm sure all you thick blooded folks back east think this is hilarious.

As things stand now, we are back to holding regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The only thing that could set everything backward is the Delta variant of Covid getting worse.

The current status is that masks and proof of vaccination or a negative test result within three days are now required to enter a restaurant. Also, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our November meeting was held on November 1st at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord with 18 members in attendance—same number as last month. We have a private room and they configure the tables based on our RSVP number. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. Instead of paying a flat \$20.00 price for lunch, we are now ordering from the menu and have separate checks. **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money.

We missed **Poldi von Muhlfeld** who was still with her family in Austria. It was great to see **Joe & Wilma Leather** after missing them in October. Wilma's eye surgery on October 19 for both cataracts and glaucoma was a success but she is still healing. Congrats to Wilma ... and her surgeon.

After lunch, we held our raffle. As usual, we had an eclectic selection of gifts—wine, a few things I can't remember, and more wine. I think we should rename our raffle the Wine Exchange.

On October 24, a huge storm hit the San Francisco Bay Area. It was the last of several storms over several previous days. Taken together, this series of storms may be one of the biggest of this year's rainy season. The storm predicted for Sunday, October 24, supercharged by a classic atmospheric river pattern, was called a "bomb cyclone" because of its ferocity.

What is an atmospheric river? Made visible by clouds, these ribbons of water vapor extend thousands of miles from the tropics to the western U.S. They provide the fuel for the massive rain, snowstorms and subsequent floods along the West Coast. Atmospheric rivers are responsible for up to 65% of the western USA's extreme rain and snow events, a 2017 study said.

"An atmospheric river marked as a category 4 or a 5 is capable of producing rainfall totals over three or more days, likely to exceed 10-15% of a typical year's precipitation", Marty Ralph, director of the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes at UC San Diego, told CNN. The October 24 atmospheric river was predicted to be a rare Category 5 event.

What is a bomb cyclone? Meteorologists define a bomb cyclone as a rapidly strengthening storm with central pressure that plummets by 24 millibars or more within 24 hours, AccuWeather said. The process is known as bombogenesis. A millibar is a measure of pressure. The lower the pressure, the more powerful the storm.

The cyclone will rival, in some aspects, the intensity of strong hurricanes from the Atlantic this season. For example, the bomb cyclone could be at the intensity level of Hurricane Larry, a long-lived and intense cyclone that churned across the Atlantic in early September, according to AccuWeather. Meteorologist Ryan Maue tweeted that *"this monster hurricane-force bomb cyclone on October 24 will challenge observed historical low pressure off the U.S. West Coast."*

Reservoir Levels ~ With our rainy week, it is now time to start checking reservoir levels regularly. All of the reservoirs across California are at historically low levels and the stats are, frankly, scary. If we don't have a wet winter we are going to be in terrible shape. As of the end of March, the levels were way below historical levels for that day, and over the summer the situation got much worse. Shasta and Oroville paint a typical picture of the other ten reservoirs. On March 23, Shasta was at 52% of capacity, which is 66% of historical average for that date. Oroville was at 40% of capacity, which is 53% of historical average for that date. On October 20, Shasta had dropped to 21% of capacity, which is 36% of historical average for that date. Oroville had dropped to 22% of capacity, which is 37% of historical average for that date. When full, the water level of Shasta would be at an elevation of 1067 feet. On October 24, the elevation was 883 feet, which means the water was down 182 feet from the top. If you would like to monitor the levels yourself, here are the links: <https://www.americangeosciences.org/critical-issues/maps/interactive-map-water-levels-major-reservoirs-california> and <http://shasta.uslakes.info/Level/>

Wally the Walrus ~ And now for your heartwarming and hilarious wildlife story for the month. Wally the Walrus found fame this year during his travels around Europe. The Arctic walrus, thought to be about four years old, was first spotted in County Kerry, Ireland on March 14. Sightings of walruses in Ireland are extremely rare; only two have been reported since 1999. It is not known if Wally is a male or female, but the name Wally has stuck. According to a wildlife expert, Wally is likely an adolescent that left the Arctic in search of new breeding grounds and food. Tom Arnborn, a senior advisor to WWF on the Arctic and its marine life, told BBC News that Wally probably deliberately traveled far from home in the North Atlantic and came close to the Irish coast to find food. *"Sooner or later they have to come to the shallows, i.e. less than 325-650 feet deep, to feed on mussels or clams. They eat up to several thousand clams a day"*, he explained. *"He is lost while he is far from any friends, but I am not afraid that he will die"*, Mr. Arnborn stated, adding that the walrus does not appear sick in photographs.

From March 14 to the beginning of September, The 400-pound walrus traveled 2,485 miles and was spotted in England, Wales, the Isles of Scilly, France and Spain. On May 3, Wally was relaxing and basking in the sun on the west Wales coast at the Pembrokeshire resort of Tenby. On May 19, Wally was spotted off the coast of Cornwall, the first ever sighting of a walrus there. In every harbor Wally visited, he climbed into boats and sunk or capsized at least one or two. It's not known if he actually wanted to relax in the boats, or if he was stressed by eager sightseers getting too close to him.

On May 27, Wally was spotted in Les Sables d'Olonne in western France. It was the town's first walrus sighting in 50 years. Unfortunately, he was slightly injured and stressed after colliding with a boat and was cared for by local experts.

Wally arrived at the Isles of Scilly, off the coast in Cornwall, in June. Four wildlife organizations collaborated to build Wally a pontoon platform in St Mary's Island harbor. The pontoon served several purposes. To stop him from boarding boats, the platform would become his safe place, where he could relax, sleep and gain strength. People were told not to disturb him and keep a distance of 165-330 feet away. Wally injured one of his flippers climbing into boats so the pontoon also kept him from injuring himself further.

Wally needed to "feed up" and rest peacefully without interruption to have the energy to make the 1,990-mile journey home to the Arctic. His R&R in the Isles of Scilly is what encouraged Wally to begin his journey

home. He arrived at Crookhaven Harbor in County Cork, Ireland on August 18 and was spotted at West Cork around September 1. He then disappeared for 22 days, sparking concerns for his safety. All his fans and followers were thrilled when Wally was spotted in Iceland on September 23, 550 miles away. His identity was positively confirmed based on scars on the front of both front flippers. And so ends Wally's six month European adventure!

If you Google "Wally the Walrus" you can read all the BBC articles and see many great pictures of Wally and videos of him climbing into boats. Wally on a boat and on his pontoon: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cornwall-58632372>

Sources: BBC articles on May 19, May 20, July 13, August 20, September 20. Reuters article on September 23.

UA Flight 93 Memorial ~ Did you know that there is a Flight 93 Memorial in the San Francisco Bay Area? I am ashamed to say that I did not. The Flight 93 Memorial is in Sugar Mill Landing Park, which is located on the back side of the Union Landing Shopping Center in Union City, California. This memorial monument and garden honors the passengers and crew members who lost their lives aboard United Flight 93. The crew and passengers of Flight 93 are regarded as heroes for their efforts to fight back against the hijackers, ultimately forcing the plane to crash in an unpopulated area, saving hundreds or thousands of additional lives.

The Flight 93 Memorial was completed and dedicated on December 8, 2007. Union City was the first city in the United States to create a memorial specifically for the heroes of Flight 93, before the national memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania was created. The memorial includes 40 granite stones bearing the names of the passengers and crew members along a path that begins at a "Circle of Remembrance". On the front side of the 40 stones is a polished stainless-steel mirror to reflect the viewer's own image to signify that it could have been any one of us aboard Flight 93 that day. The back of the 40 remembrance stones were left unfinished to signify that the heroes had unfinished lives. The stones end at a "Circle of Hope", which contains an American flag that symbolizes the bravery and courage of the passengers and crew, as well as hand-painted tiles from local children that represent a more hopeful future. The City of Union City hosts memorial ceremonies every five years at the memorial site. The last memorial service took place on September 11, 2021 for the 20 year anniversary. Sources: <https://www.unioncity.org/420/Flight-93-Memorial> and

<https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/digital-originals/remembering-heroes-visiting-the-9-11-flight-93-memorial-in-union-city/2653256/>

The memorial is the brainchild of Marine veteran Michael L. Emerson, of Hayward, CA. He felt that the nation had mostly forgotten about the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93. In 2002, Emerson began what would become an extensive effort to create the Flight 93 Memorial in Union City, which was dedicated on December 8, 2007. Emerson and Robert Mowat, of the San Francisco-based landscape-architectural firm Robert Mowat Associates, designed the memorial. Emerson first approached officials in his home town of Hayward about finding a site, but they weren't interested. Emerson then approached city officials in Union City. They were "very enthusiastic" and helped him find the site in Sugar Mill Landing Park. The cost of building the memorial was about \$500,000. City officials were able to find donors for most of the necessary materials and union workers donated their time to construct it. Source: <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/why-union-city-has-flight-93-memorial/1901044/>

Barbara Cunningham has advised me that she has resumed collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America's 14-day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18, 2022 and returning on October 2, 2022. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at www.hollandamerica.com. In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Please note the date change and different RSVP deadlines for the following two meetings.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ▲ Tuesday, December 7 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Please note that this is a day later than our regular scheduled monthly meeting. This restaurant is normally closed on Monday, but in years past the owner opened especially for our luncheon. Due to Covid, he cannot do that this year. This is our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We will collect payment by check or cash at the door. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Tuesday, November 30.
- ▲ Monday, January 3 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** by Thursday, December 30.

Best wishes to everyone for a memorable Thanksgiving. As you look back on 2021, I hope you have many things to be thankful for.

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

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and for you non-believers, Linus and I sat out in the Pumpkin Patch awaiting the arrival of the Great Pumpkin and because we had been good girls and boys, we got the special present that we had been waiting for ... our Christmas luncheon has been confirmed! The Fish Market Restaurant in San Mateo has given us the OK to hold our holiday festivities on Wednesday, December 8th at 12:00pm. We are limited to only 25 participants so drag out that check book, dust it off and shoo away those moths and send your moola to our Treasurer, **Peter Cooper** at 1583 Roberta Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403. Cost per member is \$30 and guests are \$35 per person. We will be able to order off the menu and you can expect a slice of cake and some goodies to go along with the fun. Thanks to President, **Vera Kina**, for persevering (no, she wasn't nagging) and finally getting the go-ahead. Our Pot Luck lunch was really tasty – you missed a good one! Here are our luncheon dates coming up:

- ▲ November 22 – BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
- ▲ December 8 – 12 Noon at the Fish Market
- ▲ January 24, 2022 – BYOBL
- ▲ February 28, 2022 – Chinese “Year of the Tiger” Lunch, more info later

Thanksgiving will be upon us shortly and, I don't know about you, but I have lots to be thankful for. As most of you know, for the last 20 odd years, my friend, Claudia (daughter of **Les Olson** at the SFOMB) and I have driven back and forth to Door County, Wisconsin – she needs her car back there during the summer and back here in California during the winter. (Winters are fierce in WI.) We have traveled the highways, by-ways, back roads and visited many of our beautiful National Parks. We just recently got back home traveling on Highway 90 stopping in Sioux Falls, SD then onward to Custer State Park where Calvin Coolidge stayed during his Presidency. We took a Buffalo Jeep Tour over hill and dale – marveling at the seemingly docile animals that can be quite dangerous if provoked. Miles and miles of farmland and crops being harvested – we all owe a big thank you to the farmers of America as well as the truck drivers who bring those fruits of those farmers' labors to our dining room tables. Yes, of course, we stopped at Wall Drug to get our free ice water. A spin through the Badlands and a stop at Crazy Horse – this is a truly a work in progress – no government funding and watching it emerge over the years has been awesome. Off to Bozeman, Montana, going through Craters of the Moon and the lava fields that reminded us of the Big Island of Hawaii. Big Sky country, lots of Black Angus cattle along the way – didn't see one Elk! Boise was our next stop – having dinner with Claudia's kin in Bozeman and Boise; young adults graduating from Universities and starting out in their first time jobs. Our future looks bright as these younguns' venture out into the world. Homeward bound to Reno for an overnight – no snow on the mountains and buckets of rain from Reno to the Bay Area (that drive is enough to give one a full head of white hair!) Then thunder, lightning, water up the kazoo, flooding and winds whipping up and down the coast and snow in the mountains – we desperately need the rain and snow so I shouldn't complain. The ski resorts are open, restaurants are open, booster shots and flu shots are readily available – will keep on wearing that mask as I

have avoided colds over these long months. Keep America Green – visit all the wonderful places the USA has to offer and garner some terrific memories along the way. (We even stopped to see the Corn Palace! ohhh, ahhh!)

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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The Hangtown Miners are blessed to be in an area with many good places to enjoy tasty food and be able to visit and laugh with friends. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** scheduled our October luncheon at the 36 Handles Restaurant & Bar and they came thru once again! If you weren't able to join us today, you missed out! Our 29 members who were able to come, enjoyed a (very) wide variety of meals. Our servers managed to get orders taken, juggle drinks, full plates, added requests and still look like they enjoyed us! Hey, what's not to like? Hangtown Miners are nice, seasoned adults who love life, laughing and talking! A great combination, wouldn't you agree? They also decorated the tables with very nice glass, leaf shaped dishes filled with candy. Knowing that we all enjoy nibbling on those little candy bars means that sometimes the table decorations – which become part of our choices in the raffle – are pretty empty when they are picked as a prize, they had the forethought to wrap cellophane over the dishes so they remained full! But, there were plenty of candy bars scattered about on the table to be enjoyed by all. Our wonderful president, **Bill Dinette**, extended our thanks to Rudy & Cindy for us.

When the question of birthdays came around, only **Ann Barton** claimed October for hers – to Ann, we say Happy Birthday! While neither of these couples were able to join us today, I see that Happy Anniversary wishes go out to **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (64 years) and **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** (19 years)!

President ~ **Bill Dinette** shared some personal news; a very close friend, who was a retired UAL mechanic, **Tiffin Mullenax**, passed away recently. Tiffin worked in the gear shop many years. To make matters harder, he also lost a relative. Our sympathy goes out to Bill and his family.

It looks like UAL may be needing to hire employees. The mandatory shot order will likely mean that they will have to let go many of the present staff. To keep an airline running smoothly, “holes” in manpower can cause disruptions in all phases of operation. A difficult position for any company!

Dave Garland covered for Bill at the annual RUAEA convention – thank you, Dave! 186 members attended. The hotel, The Dana in Mission Bay, was terrific; the 2022 convention may be held there (Sept 26 – Oct 1) – they're trying to get a good rate again. Other chapters are experiencing the slow steps to get their groups active again; some may not be revived at all.

Francis & Veronica Domaratus have been part of the “team” who put together the beautiful, informative monthly RUAEA Newsletter for 11½ years! But, they're ready to retire and hand the job over to someone else. If you think you would like to take on this position, please let them know. The email to use is ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net. I want to say “Thank You” to them for all the work they have lovingly and efficiently done over those years. Veronica has personally called me to verify something I put in our minutes and she edits everything carefully – makes us all look good! Enjoy yourselves!

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** let us know that **Lindalee Akin** called to say that they wouldn't be able to join us today. Ed was having seizures and is back in the hospital (UC Davis). Their daughter, Julie, spoke to Gina who added that Ed is/was in ICU at the time. They will be taking him off all sedation (which will be tough) and hopefully will be able to go home once they are sure he is stable. Side note: I understand that Ed has communicated that he wants to go home now!

Treasurer ~ Since our wonderful Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to join us today, his equally wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought his monthly report. We will be taking nominations for our 2022 officers (see New Business below) and Tom sent this; “As far as continuing as Treasurer, I would not have a problem continuing but as Jane mentioned (I'd sent out the question to our present officers) if any one wanted any current officer's challenge, I'd be happy to train them in the ways of the IRS Exempt Status for Social Clubs.

Up to the membership.”

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything to report, but wanted to thank everyone for their concern with her health. Yes, I did get the dreaded virus (as did hubby, Bill). I had two days with a headache and was fine after that – Bill was hit a bit harder so had about 5-6 days of feeling lousy and had to deal with a cough and fatigue for another week. We're doing great, again, thank you for your worries!

The annual RUAEA convention was the beginning of the month and **Angie Dellinger** was kind enough to fill in for me there. She said the convention – held in San Diego this year – was wonderful; many activities to be had both as a group and individually too. The correspondents meeting noted that the chapters are coming back slowly – improving. (remembering that our chapters are made up of Senior Citizens (the best people around) and sometimes it can take a while to get our groove back!) It seems that our various chapters tend to follow a similar format to ours, monthly luncheons, meetings and many of them also donate to charities.

Sunshine ~ I love being able to call **Suzanne Kenny** “our Sunshine Lady”! Suz has been busy trying to keep track of all you Miners! I know she sent us a nice Get Well card and is planning to post one to **Ed Akin**.

Historian ~ Do you find yourself wondering where a former Miner/friend is? Or would love to take a look back in time? Nowadays, we take quick pics on our cell phones and they're stored there for eons. In the “olden days” we snapped those memories with a camera, took the film roll to a store to be developed and then printed. We took those prints, looked thru them, pulled out the ones that were clearer and had the ones we love (or a vista) smiling back at us, and we tucked those treasures into a (real) book called an album. (In my case, I wasn't that organized and thus have boxes with those wonderful pictures stuffed into them). We could open that album whenever we wanted, fan thru the pages and travel back in time. I love to do that. Well, that's what **Pati Kenney** has done for the Hangtown Miners. Over the past 3 years she has kept track of us, printed pictures of our goings on and she brings those albums to our meetings for all of us to enjoy. However, Pati has decided to turn those albums over to a successor; someone who will have fun with keeping track of our gatherings. We want to say “Thank You” to Pati for keeping our memories intact and not just thrown in a box!

Old Business ~ Have you noticed the variety of Hangtown Miners shirts that are worn at our luncheons? Well, **Thom Biro** took on the task of finding a manufacturer who puts our logo and name, (and you can have your name embroidered on the sleeve too) on the shirts for us. There are plenty of styles to choose from and a huge range of colors. The shirts are a great quality as well. Thom brought the brochures in case anyone wanted to order a shirt(s). If you didn't see the selection, you can get hold of Thom at t.biro@comcast.net and he will get you set up.

Thom also mentioned that this is the time for you to change your medical coverage if you intend to do so. He has Kaiser and was surprised to see that his cost actually went down! (well, that just never happens!)

So, 2022 is barreling down on us like winter! We have passed around our sign up sheet to see who gets to host the 12 months of 2022. (did they make that into a song?) So far we have: January – open; February – **Bill & Pati Kenney**; March – **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**; April – **Roy & Dawn Martin**; May – **Thom & Suzanne**; June – open; July – **Ann Barton & Kerry Kozelka**; August – **Bill & Linda Dinette**; September – **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** and **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick**; October – **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**; November – **Gina Kenworthy**; December – Chapter effort! As you see, January and June need a host! So, let me know which one of these two months you would like to host and I will jot your name on the line! (tired-dogs@comcast.net; (925) 443-0905). If you need any help or suggestions for places to check out, let me know and I'm sure we can come up with ideas. Since some restaurants are having staffing difficulties, it's important to do your research early and make sure they will be open on Mondays. We can move to a Tuesday if it's necessary, but lets try to stay with the second Monday of the month.

New Business ~ Are you ready? October, nomination month for Hangtown Miners! I had sent a note to our presiding officers asking if they were interested in continuing in their current position. Five were agreeable – sadly losing Pati.

The question was extended to those present (29 members) asking if there was anyone who wanted to take on any of the offices. Dead silence. So, we started taking nominations for the 6 positions. We are an enthusiastic, tho noisy, bunch so if you had “first or seconded” a position and I don't have your name down – sorry, there were lots of voices all at once! Let me know and I will make the change and give you credit!

Here we go: President - **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Bill Dinette**; seconded by **J.R. Heier**. Vice President - **Jane Gibson** nominated **Rudy Blazius**; seconded by **J.R. Heier**. Treasurer - **Bill Dinette** nominated **Tom Kenny** seconded by **Rudy Blazius**. Secretary - **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Jane Gibson**; seconded by **J. Fitzpatrick** (Jack or Judy?). Sunshine - **Jane Gibson** nominated **Suzanne Kenny**; seconded by **Bill Gibson**. Historian - **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Roy & Dawn Martin**; seconded by **Bill Gibson**.

This is the list of who we will be voting on for our officers in November for the year 2022. Think it over

until our November luncheon/meeting. If you wish to nominate someone different for any position, be at our November meeting and present your suggestion, we can have a discussion and make changes if it is agreeable to all.

Now, this isn't a "new" subject, actually we have it every year, we are only a month+ away from our annual December celebration. **John Muir** negotiated a decent fee for the American Legion Hall - \$200 – and we're on their calendar. Next step, **food!** We've tried different approaches – one of my personal favorites was when we all made dishes to share, cooked and carved our own turkey and ham all of which was delicious. But, very time intensive! When we can use a caterer instead and get yummy food, why not go with that idea. Have any of you used the talents of a local caterer? Assume they made good food! Let us know if you have any suggestions/recommendations. We need to get this handled sooner rather than later! My contact info is above and in your roster.

Also, **Rosemary Heier** has made a suggestion for some fun at the December luncheon. She and I were talking about doing this a couple years ago, but the shutdown hit and we didn't get to act. What we'd like to do is have everyone come up with a "Crazy Sweater/sweatshirt/shirt/vest/even a hat" idea and wear it to our December Luncheon! Okay, so you fellas may not be so enthused about this plan, but I will (almost) guarantee you will have fun coming up with something very unique. Have fun with it all. Let your imagination go wild! Rummage thru your things and put something together. You don't have to sew things down if you don't want to – safety pins are a great source to attach just about anything! If you don't want to do a holiday theme, go with your hobby or nature (might hold off on safety pinning a worm – well, I guess those of you who fish would come up with a solution for that!). Really, let your imagination soar, reach back into your childhood and have a great time. I really look forward to seeing what you all will bring.

Oh, and don't forget that we bring things to be taken to homes less fortunate for Christmas. They're saying that there may not be so many things on the toy shelves this year, but we don't need anything extravagant, just something a child will like; if shopping isn't fun for you, just grab a gift card (doesn't need to be a big amount) from a local store. Remember, anything you bring will be going to someone in El Dorado County. That goes for our food donation as well. Canned food (check that the expiration date is out a ways) and/or non perishable (noodles and such) work the best. Just a hint, if you have a choice between a can that has a pull top and one that requires a can opener – choose the pull top! A grocery store gift card works too.

With all the challenges we have had for the past two years, we can still reach out to help others. All of you are amazing that way!

Bill Dinette brought our meeting to a close; Rudy stepped right up and pulled the ticket for the donator's prize – Congrats to **Rosemary Heier**. A big "Thank You" to all who brought items for the raffle: **Heier** – wine; **Blazius** – dandle holder; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Dinette** – Booze; **Dellinger** – fall decoration; **Biro** – wine; **Kenny** – fall pasta with vodka sauce; **Martin** – crockpot; **Martin** – wing; **Gibson** – fresh veggie basket; **Gibson** – air plant; **Kenney** – Bath & Body Work pkg; **Kenney** – salted caramel hot chocolate; **Kozelka** – pillow; **Garland** – wine.

Well, that's it for this month I think. There are 4 boxes with pomegranates that need cleaning and Bill's getting ahead of me! All of you enjoy the rest of this month.



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There were 30 retirees in attendance at our November Breakfast. We were joined by new retirees and some who have not been able to be with us for quite some time due to illness and other issues.

Our December Birthday celebrants are **Barbara Tobin**, **Wendell Johnson**, and **Maria Pollack**.

Betty Tomaino gave a review of the Convention and the great time everyone had. Such a great time that they want to return again next year. **Bill Krefft** also talked about the great success due to the great team who worked at the Convention and were always there to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Lunch, which is always a favorite event. As usual, we donate to Toys for Tots and it's fun to see the toys that come in. Most of them, we didn't have when we were growing up.

There are some feelings of uncertainty about the Holidays with Covid still out there but we are thinking positive about getting together with friends and family. We anticipate good memories and the laughter we will remember and always carry with us.

This is the last newsletter of the year 2021 and the best wishes for a blessed Holiday Season and may the year 2022 be the best ever!

Calendar:

December 2 – ReSans Christmas Lunch at Hunter’s Steak House. Note that there is a restricted number that can be accommodated at Hunter’s. Reservations have to be made and confirmed in advance for this event.

January 6 - Breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA.

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met at Sizzler’s in Auburn on October 27th. We had 22 in attendance including two guests, **Marrilee & Pete Molloy**, daughter and son-in-law of **Stephanie & Ken Norton**. We thank **Judie King** for arranging for us to meet at Sizzler.

President **Dave Garland** started the meeting after we had all enjoyed a very nice lunch. VP **Barbara Bertacini** commented on what a great convention RUAEA had in San Diego last month. The weather was perfect, the tours were great and attendance was better than expected. It was great to see ‘old’ friends.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** covered the anniversaries for September, October and November, September, the **Nortons** with 60 years, October, the **Knapps** with 58 and the **Bertacinis** with 31, November, the **Rheams** with 69 years. Ron also mentioned that we need volunteers for hosting next year’s luncheons.

Treasurer **Judie King** advised that the chapter is solvent and would be able to subsidize the Christmas/Holiday luncheon. Sunshine **Angie Dellinger**, Historian **Stephanie** and Roster **Jack Raynor** had nothing to report. Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** was unable to attend. **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**, RUAEA Newsletter Manager and Editor, advised that they will be retiring from that position at the end of the year. They also advised that **John Chu**, who has been doing the layout and other technical stuff for the Newsletter has agreed to take over the Manager and Editor duties with the assistance of RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ruth Moribito**.

Judie King raised the question about Chapter officers for 2022 as we usually have a committee to bring forward a slate for the coming year. With the Covid situation and some members still not attending the meetings, the committee never got started. A motion was made to retain the current officers for the 2022 year; the motion was seconded and approved by the members in attendance. Our Secretary also advised that we are looking for members to host luncheons for 2022, as of now two months are covered, January (the **Bertacinis**) and February (the **Garlands**). This leaves March, April, May, June, July, August, October and December open. In the event we have no one to host any given month we will meet at the Sizzler’s in Auburn.

Judie King also brought up that with the passing of **Forester Sinclair** that she is the only one on the bank account to write checks. We have always had an alternate and after the meeting, **Ken Norton** agreed to take on that position.

Vicky Enriquez and **George Taylor** had offered to host the Christmas/Holiday luncheon and have laid the ground work for that luncheon but unfortunately they will be out of town at that time. The **Nortons** along with their daughter and son-in-law have agreed to take on the hosting. Tentatively, the luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 14th at Bill’s Place in Wheatland. Details will be sent at a later date confirming the date, location and menu. We will also be collecting Toys for Tots as we have done in the past. Judie will be collecting dues for 2022 at the December luncheon. Dues are \$10.00 per couple if you are writing a check please make it payable to the Sacramento Gold Diggers.

We only had two birthdays for October, **Veronica Domaratius** and **Ron Bertacini** and Ron was the lucky one in the birthday ‘roll off’ collecting a few extra dollars.

Dave brought us up to date with celebrity birthdays for October 27th, Russian Revolutionary Leon Trotsky 1879, actor Jackie Coogan 1914, cartoon character Felix the Cat 1917 and TV host Pat Sajak 1946. Dave then enlightened us with some history, 1825 Erie Canal opens, 1881 Shootout at the O.K. Corral, 1949 Pres. Truman

increases minimum wage from \$0.40 to \$0.75 an hour, 1951 Rocky Marciano defeats Joe Louis, 1958 Pan Am flies first Transatlantic Jet flight N.Y. to Paris, 1964 Rolling Stones appear on Ed Sullivan show and more.

In the industry, United announced its biggest transatlantic expansion in its history to begin in 2022 with many new destinations. Dave also left us with a thought for the day, *"If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining"*. ~ Guy Finley

We wrapped things up with our raffle of donated gifts.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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The San Joaquiners Chapter met on October 14th at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Modesto. There were 18 members and guests and we all had a great time. The food and desserts on the buffet tables were delicious and everyone went away with a full tummy. We were fortunate to have a private room way back in a corner where we could have our meeting, chat amongst ourselves, and laugh at our jokster's (**Don Nesja**) jokes.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, many of us will have finished eating our Thanksgiving dinner, turkey sandwiches, turkey soup, turkey pot pie, etc. The leftovers are the best! Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Now it's time to look for our Christmas decorations in the attic or in the basement or wherever they might be. It's time to plan for the Christmas holiday. According to the News, we should start our shopping early because many of our favorite items will not be available this year due to the Pandemic. We are making plans for our Christmas luncheon, which will be held at Firenze's Italian Restaurant in Oakdale on December 9th.

The San Joaquiners Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone to join us. Please contact our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 if you would like information about our chapter.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to everyone!

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OK, so Halloween is behind us and two big holidays are just around the corner. Hopefully, these two will be much better than Halloween. At least I will have eaten all the left over candy by then. With only a few trick-or-treaters, we had lots of candy left over.

Well, we had a great meeting in November, with nearly 20 members in attendance. Holders did a good job in preparing the room and the service was wonderful. Despite our Christmas dinner get together, we decided to hold a meeting on Monday December, 6th. The young at heart, **Thelma Graham** joined us as well as her daughter who brought her. The ever present and quite young, who can recall events many decades ago, **Jean Jenkins** was there, joined by her son and daughter in law. Heck, they come so often, they may as well become members.

Louis & Jean Marcolina are moving. Thankfully for us, it is just a short distance from their current home, so they can continue to participate with our chapter.

Don't forget now, our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday, December 7th. We will have a Tri-tip catered with all the fixings at the Scottish Rites Center. Send in your flyer and checks to **Cheri Scales**.

We send get well wishes to **Elfriede Grossman**, who is recovering from a brief visit to the hospital. Our condolences were given to **Bob Mattscheck**, after he informed us about the passing of his younger brother.

A number of members have the same birthday month as me; **Bill Reichard**, **Bob Matkovich**, **Karen Devlin**, **Mary Lock** and **Bob Devlin**. Remember, a birthday is just a number.

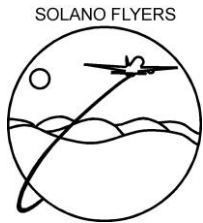
The following members have anniversaries this month; **Tony & Sally Urso**, **Alex & Margie Klaus**, **Bill & Rosie Reichard** and **Bob & Rita Matkovich**. All have enjoyed over a half century of marriage bliss.

Chuck Clayborn has sent out our chapter roster to members. Please help us in updating it with any errors you know you notice and get back to Chuck. Thank you.

With all the issues surrounding Covid these past many months, we have decided to leave all the current officer positions as they have been. However, our fearless president is considering moving out of state in the future and we need to begin to groom someone to take on this position. If you haven't ever been a president or if it has been a long time, please consider taking on this responsibility. Remember, our meetings are only once a month now, so not as daunting a task as in the past, with meetings each week. There are always others who can step up to help fill in for a day as needed, as well.

United continues to add more international destinations to their schedule and restarted many that had been effected by Covid. Hopefully, next year will be safe to travel and explore some new places.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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October 20th found the following members at the Hide-a-Way Lounge and Bar in Vacaville: **Bob Richie, Mike Ward, Allan Pochop, Frank Uhl, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Stewart McCale, Pad & Eileen Gardner, and Diosnel & Luci Perez.**

Eileen Gardner celebrated her birthday this month.

Question for RUAEA readership - **Mike Ward** wonders if anyone knows **Cliff Morton**? If you do, please contact the Solano Flyers secretary by email or phone; and he will forward contact information to Mike.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Pad Gardner**. A bottle of wine was donated by MAA **Al Pochop**, and was won by Secretary **Alan Pochop** which VP **Allan Pochop** demanded another ticket be drawn for suspected ticket stuffing. Another ticket was drawn and the wine went to **Bob Richie**, which he immediately offered for sale and was then purchased by **Pad Gardner** which VP Pochop then complained that Pad was using his money in the 50/50 to purchase demon alcohol. We do not have dull meetings.

Kitchen Helpful Hint ~ When cutting onions and crying, refrain from becoming emotionally involved.

Next Solano Flyers meeting will be on November 17, Our Town Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St. Fairfield.

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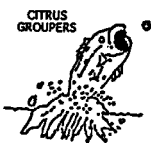
Our next Luncheon will be a Christmas luncheon on December 2nd and we may have prime rib.

We are going to say the pledge of allegiance at our meetings as requested by the membership. **John Chu** will be taking over the newsletter.

Stories about individual experiences by our members are requested. As an example: I traveled on United for the first time since the pandemic in September. I know there have been several bad experiences flying lately. I took a flight from Denver to Sacramento (8:00 AM) on a Wednesday expecting some problems and was able to get through security in record time. No problems and I wasn't PSA pre-check. Enough time to have a breakfast at McDonalds. Still plenty of time to arrive at the gate. I went up to the CSR at the counter and asked what changes had occurred since the last time I had flown. Still the same. I waited to be called for the seat assignment. The CSR presented me with a boarding pass, seat 1D. I was shocked! So I at least had a comfortable seat with a window and a Bloody Mary. Breakfast was served. My flight home was equally uneventful. Except in all the years I've flown, the captain made an announcement that there was a slight issue in Denver. We were on a ground hold because of not enough staff in the control tower. That was a new one on me. We were only delayed for about an hour so it's not too bad.

The 50/50 winners this month were **Walter Hansen, Nancy Goodyear, Paul Goodyear and Tom Goodyear (2x).**

FLORIDA



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

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Today we welcomed back President **Ernie** and First Lady **Cheryl** and we all stood for the Pledge. As always, Ernie asked all veterans to stay standing and he noted their service will be remembered especially this coming Veterans Day, November 11th. Today we welcomed more retirees from UA! Guess the word is out! Joining the new folks were regulars **Mack Chandler, Joe & Barb Fitak, Dick & Cathy Benson, Ted & Charlotte LeGrand, Tom Cannata, Al & Lois Fields, Ted LeGrand III, Patti Clark, Linda Agnello, Retta Finn, Elaine Tillman-Mannella ... Bonnie Cook, Tom Crawford, Bobbie Catton, Bruce Owens, Dennis Schuster, Karen Bossman, Ray Patino, Alan Anderberg, Chris Surmacz, John Surmacz, Howard Peterson and Patti & Randy Howell**. These folks came from far and wide just to lunch with us, so we hope they enjoyed the meeting enough to come back again for our January 7th, 2022 meeting. Denny's at Noon – Be there!

Sadly, our Vice President of many years, **Ken Michels**, passed away on October 8th. There may be a service handled by the Neptune Society, but we have no details as of now. Ken & Shelby volunteered at the St. Cloud Cares Program at the Church of St. Luke & St. Peter every week, packaging meals for school kids for the weekends. Shelby asked that the McCoys \$50 donation be sent to the church for this program, as it was special to Ken. Shelby's address is 1401 Wood Lake Circle, St. Cloud, FL 34772

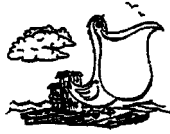
Denny's, once again, quickly served 30 meeting attendees in a timely manner. I must say, it's nice to sit and be served! Treasurer Char gave her report and our coffers are pretty full since 42 folks have paid her in advance for the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's for December 7th, at Noon.

Our Birthday Balloon recipients for November are **Patti & Monty Clark** and **Jim Feeney**. Anniversary Lovin' Couples are **Charlie & Sharon Ringer** and **Jim & Audrey Weeks**. Congrats and lots of happiness to all!

The Real McCoys meet at the Denny's just north of the airport on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of our April Picnic & the Christmas Luncheon). Mark your calendars and join us – you'll be glad you did. Our first meeting of 2022 will be on January 7th, 2022 at Noon.

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The second meeting of the season was a huge success. It was held at a new location, Summerlin Café with 17 members in attendance: **Wallis Alves, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed Clarke, Joanne & Tom Halt, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Rick & Jane Marton, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry Pryde, Roger Schonewise, Ralph Thinnies, and Wes & Nancy Fetzer.** Although we were seated in the main dining room, the service was good and the food delicious. Management assured us that next month we would be in the adjoining back room. It was previously decided that dues would not be collected this season. We also didn't have the usual 50/50 drawing.

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

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Due to some continued concerns about the number of Covid cases in our area, the Sand Dollars have decided to delay their monthly luncheons for a short while. For information about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our November meeting was held on the 1st. The Pledge of Allegiance was said; there were 10 members in attendance. We had no birthdays or anniversaries this month; it was a very laid back meeting.

Old Business - Dues \$5.00 member. The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 8, Wednesday, 1:00PM at the Outback, 10860 FL 54, New Port Richey, FL 34655; (727) 376-5100. If any members know retired UAl people, please invite them. Please RSVP before December 6th for head count, (727) 934-1862.

We discussed donations for our charities, news about UAL and other airlines.

Jon Wilkinson is retiring from Kids & Kubs.

Lunch/Breakfast was served. We wished all Veterans a Happy Veterans Day and all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Meeting was adjourned and we held the 50/50 drawing.

Calendar:

December 8 - Christmas Luncheon ,1PM at Outback

January 3, 2022 – IHOP

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

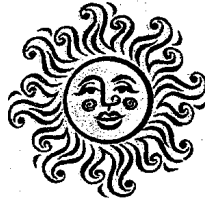
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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The Boise Gems are looking forward to seeing our members at our Christmas Luncheon in December. It will be good to see everyone once again, as we have not had a meeting in two months.

We wish all RUAEA members a Happy Thanksgiving in November and a joyous Holiday Season in December.

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December—My very favorite—Twinkle Month. The year has ended, hopefully **you** are all still here, or maybe reading it from Cloud #16. What a year! I thought 2020 was over, and it ‘Dittoed’ itself. Please God, let 2022 be a coup for me and **you!** Remember when we’d interview for another job, or have our evaluations? Our interviewer would ask, ‘Well, where do you see yourself in five years?’ Ha, what a joke, would you have seen this mess back in 2015 or earlier? I’m not sure any human on this planet could’ve known this would happen. Guess we just have to pray it’ll all be over soon. In the mean time, I’m going to plan on seeing my beautiful family this month and enjoy all the little children I can play with. I have a new great-niece this year, along with my one-of-each twins to hug and play with next to the tree. I hope you have the same joy with your families this month, whatever you celebrate, as long as we’re together and having fun. New Year’s Eve, I’ll stay up until after midnight, say goodbye to another loser year and pray for a better one. I’ll wish the same for my family and all of my wonderful friends that have stayed with me over my crazy life. I lost a few good friends this year, I hope they’re watching and guiding me so I don’t do anything really stupid. I’ll still do dumb stuff, only slower. I found some pictures from Christmas Past. Wow, I look so young, they were from another me ago.

By now, all the Skyliner members received my letter that we had to cancel our long-anticipated Christmas Luncheon. Lots of discussion and ‘what-ifs’, ‘what-not’, ‘buts’, ‘and why nots’, went into the decision. The Board and I talked for almost two hours deciding what was best for all of us. I think the deciding factor was that Encore, our chorus group entertainment, canceled all of their performances through the end of 2021. Hopefully, this will be over by March, and we can celebrate with a stupendous Spring St. Patrick’s Day Party. We’re wishing for the best.

December is Bingo, Write a Friend, World Food Service Safety, and Safe Toys and Gifts Month. Cute days to celebrate are, Santa’s List, Bathtub Party, St. Nicholas on the 6th, Christmas card, Human Rights, Noodle Ring, Toilet Paper Appreciation, Poinsettia, Monkey Day, Chocolate Covered Anything, Look for an Evergreen, Go Caroling, Bah Humbug, and Bacon Day. We celebrate Wreaths Across America on the 17th, Winter Solstice and Global Orgasm Day on the 21st, Christmas on the 25th, Kwanza on the 27th, and Make up your Mind, Dishonor List, Champagne, and Unlucky Day on the 31st.

We can’t talk about December without remembering Pearl Harbor Day on the 7th when 2,403 soldiers and civilians were killed. Some of you were young children, and some signed up for the service the next day. As FDR said, ‘A date that will live in infamy’. It crushed us but it also made us work and live strong together. As the Japanese General Yamamoto said, ‘All we’ve done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve’. Oh, did they ever. This is the 80th anniversary of that fateful day. This year’s theme is, Valor, Sacrifice, and Peace. Activities will include a wreath presentation on the USS Arizona, from the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, a Freedom Bell Ringing at the USS Bowfin, a performance of the Pearl Harbor Mass Band, a USS Oklahoma Memorial Ceremony on Ford Island, and participation by top American leadership from all branches of government. Another place of interest on Pearl Harbor is a tour of the USS Missouri where the Japanese formally surrendered on September 2, 1945. You’ll have to check listings for various TV tributes leading up to that day. PBS always has a concert and ceremonies from Arlington Cemetery. VFW’s across the country usually honor the surviving soldiers, along with placing wreaths on the graves of the fallen. Individual cities list dates and times of these in the paper or their websites.

The Northside Breakfast drew five people, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Jan Gawenda**, and ‘haven’t seen in a while,’ **Margaret Longo**.

The Southside Breakfast had three, **Barb Wesemann**, **Bill Corbett** and **Sylvester Gant**.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had 77 retirees at their Sloppy Joe Day in November. **Dave Roderick** was the chef extraordinaire with his secret, delicious recipe. Thank you to all the members who brought side salads and sweet treats to accompany the sandwiches.

Karen Carney reminded everyone about the gala Christmas Party on December 2, at the Seville in Streamwood. That luncheon is always so festive and popular. There will also be a food drive for the Hanover

and Schaumburg Townships Food Pantries, please bring non-perishable food, or, you can give a cash donation. There will be valet service to park your vehicle. Your membership dues should reach the treasurer, **Bill Perry** by January 31, 2022. His address is in our directory.

The ORDMM Mechanics Breakfast had a whopping 15 men, and me. **Jim Kraft, Rich Protsman, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Paul Skrudland, Jim Vitte, Don Kramlich, Cas Paprocki, Gene Hale, Bob Zeier**, and ‘haven’t seen in a while,’ **John DeGrange, Pierre Lupori** and **Frank Rainer**.

The ORDMM Foremen included **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Stan Chmeliwicz, Glenn Hill** and me. Lively conversation at all groups was sparked by the increase in our insurance and medicine plans. Needless to say, that was not well received. Margaret talked about the SAN convention and what a great time everybody had. Maybe next year will be even better if we can leave our masks at home.

One good news item, **Joan Teister**, has proudly announced that her son, **Keith** from DCAFO, has made Captain on the 737 equipment. Congratulations, Keith, the Teister family is truly a United family, her mom, from ORDHH, and her brother, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, from EXOKF. Some of her nephews have worked here over the summer.

Norm Wilkinson, OPBOP, celebrated his 90th birthday with his family last month. Congratulations for making the Big 9!

We also have to congratulate the Women’s Basketball team, The Chicago Sky, for winning the Championship this year. How exciting that ladies from Chicago and Joliet, were on that team. It was their turn, the Bulls, Bears, Sox, and my beloved Cubbies all had their time in the spotlight, it’s the ladies time to hit the basket of fame.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month were: **Bradley Mash, CHISS, Joe Coco, EXOAD, Jan Miller, Phyllis Ann Hamilton**, and **Mary Susanne Doyle, ORDSW, Connie Belmonte, ORDHH, Henry Tedder, ORDJL/PITMM, Saul Davis, Joe Seemiller, Bob ‘Smuz’ Smuzkiewicz**, and **John Fiala**, four great ORDMM mechanics. Also gone from our world are: General Colin Powell, Secretary of State, actors James Michael Tyler (Friends), Pete Scolari, (Newhart), Betty Lynn (Thelma-Andy Griffith), Val Bisoglio (Travolta’s dad in Saturday Night Fever), singers Jay Black (Jay and the Americans), comedian Mort Sahl, (at the hungry i) social satirist, Ado Campeol (invented tiramisu).

Just want to pass something that happened last month, maybe you can relate. You know how some families have conflict in them? You don’t, wow, lucky! At least 55 years ago, a few members of my family had an argument, one member walked out, never to be heard from until their brother died. They briefly acknowledged each other, and left. So, I kept in touch with them on anniversaries and holidays. Saw no reason not to, we weren’t mad at each other. Last month, my aunt’s husband died, a very nice man, who was kind to me and made me laugh. Some of my family said, ‘Oh no, you can’t go!’ Why? It’s time to end this nonsense, I bet some don’t even remember why they disagreed. So I went, gave my sympathy to her son, he was so happy to see me, he knew who I was, and who my mom was. We exchanged some childhood memories, then he said, ‘Go say hi to mom’. I said hello to my aunt, she looked at me through her 92 year old eyes, said, ‘And you are ...?’ I told her, Janice, you could see her mind was working to think who I was. I said, ‘Janice, your niece’. She repeated my name, her eyes sparkled a bit, and said, ‘Where have you been all these years?’ I said, ‘I’ve been looking for you.’ She grabbed my hand, smiled and said, ‘You’re Roses’ daughter?’ I could see there was a little memory issue, why not, she’s 92! It was a special moment, very special. We talked a little about old times, dating Jerry, her husband, trips we took, my babysitting her two children. I was so happy I went to see her; she looked wonderful, as classy as ever. If I didn’t, when something does happen to her, I’d wish that I had gone. She mentioned nothing about any argument or unhappy times. Guess you can see where I’m going with this, is there someone that you haven’t seen in a while? Somebody you miss? Slip off the ego, pride, whatever you want to call it, call them, I bet they’d be happy to hear from you. Yes, I know, some rifts are impossible to fix, even from 100 years ago. Let’s just say, we’re old, let’s leave this world with no past baggage. Chances are they’re your age and don’t even remember what the problem was. Reach out, at least you can say, you tried. Going to heaven could be an effort, climbing all those steps, going through clouds, this might make it easier. You might not even have to visit Purgatory. (Don’t think the Church has purgatory any more.)

Since this is the end of another year, I have to thank all my readers for the kind words you’ve sent me these last 12 months. You’re so kind and considerate. Your encouragement makes me try to be better and find more information to pass on to you. I’m just so happy that you enjoy my recurrent monthly musings. If my parents and teachers were still alive, they’d be so proud, and I bet they would thank you all personally. I love passing on whatever I find out. Needless to say, I’m delighted you understand my sense of humor. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday, a New Year we can truly look forward to, and let’s all spit in the eye of 2021

forever! We have **all** been through a lot in our long lives; we deserve cheerful and jubilant years ahead of us. Hope there are many.

What does this mean? It's the Olden Days. Old friends should not be forgotten, especially at the end of the year. It's time to reflect on the past year, old friendships, and hope we'll be around for another year with our dear family and friends. Sure hope so.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?

We'll take a cup of kindness yet for days of auld lang syne.

Happy New Year, fill up your journal with 365 great memories.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**December 16**) Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Christmas Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**December 2**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers Chapter October meeting was held on October 12th. In attendance were **Hannelore Brabo, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank Ingegno, Ed Loftus, Frank & Rita Prins, Charles Theiss** and guest **Richard Carey**.

During the meeting, we discussed plans for our Christmas Lunch. It was decided to have it at Charbonos Restaurant in Avon Indiana on December 14th. No other new business was discussed.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- December 14 – Christmas Luncheon, Location to be determined.
- January 11, 2022 at Emmy's
- February 8, 2022 at Emmy's
- March 8, 2022 at Emmy's

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Greetings to All!

Autumn in New England has brought out beautiful tree colors provided by Mother Nature. The temperature was even good until the end of September, when the weather really cooled down. Well, it is the season after all!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday.

Paul & Mary Ward enjoyed celebrating their anniversary last month. They are proud of their oldest grandson being accepted to the US Space Force, serving six months in Hawaii; smart and lucky!

Judy Kearney, a Nor'Easter member since COVID-19, has yet to attend any of our functions because of it, sent the following: "She and her husband Jim sold their home of 48 years in Salem, Massachusetts and moved to a continuing care retirement community in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Jim was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's, the reason for the move. They feel lucky to land at The Commons, in a standalone cottage in a very friendly community. They will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in January and finally welcomed their first grandchild, a girl, Ruby Larkin Kearney, last August. The proud parents, their son, Patrick, and wife, Olivia, just bought a house in Jackson, Wyoming. They will seriously miss their granddaughter!"

Merry Christmas to all! I hope everyone gets what they would like to get this holiday. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we didn't hold our annual holiday luncheon. Here's hoping 2022 will be better and we get back to normal. What's normal anymore?

I am wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

December Birthdays ~ **Oscar Bauerle, Jack Casey, Thomas Snyder and Roy Templeton.**

There were no December anniversaries.

Calendar:

Canceled meetings, but be sure to get your COVID-19 shots and boosters

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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How great it was to get together with the gals to spend time renewing old friendship with former DTWRR reservationist **Cindy Berlin**. She left Detroit years ago and headed to Hawaii where she and her husband opened a Dairy Queen. They have since retired to North Carolina to be closer to their daughter. Those attending the get-together were **Cindy, Marcy Vance, Anna Noeske, Nancy Burke, Carol Shaffner, Pam Shamey** and her sister, **Karen**, and **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann**. It was great getting together!

On a sad note, retired supervisor, **Dollie Sellers'** son, Tony, passed away last month. Eight days later her youngest son, Chris died. Our sympathies go out to Dollie and her family.

Last month also saw both **Camille & Bill Wade** having surgery. Bill's heart procedure was successful. Camille is doing well after foot surgery.

Gay Givens (DTWRR) had heart surgery and is home recovering.

It's good hearing from **Linda Ward** and **Donnis Reese** who now live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

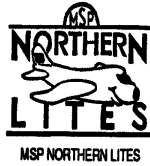
Thought for the month: *Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.* ~ Pope Francis

Be thankful for all our blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

MINNESOTA

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After reading last December's report about the isolation going on then, I'm really happy to report that the Northern Lites have met a couple of times in the last few months. Well, some of us, anyway. The pandemic ain't over 'til it's over, I guess, and lots of people are still being cautious.

Our October "meeting" was held again at Lucky's 13 in Mendota, not too far from MSP. We had 24 retired UALers come for lunch and visiting, mostly us Oldies, but some younger, more recently retired, folks, too. We're soooo glad to see some of the newer retirees being willing to join us even though they may never have actually worked with us. There are enough of them who did work with us to bridge the gap. Hopefully, they will encourage some of their colleagues to come as well so that our chapter doesn't just fade away for lack of warm, interested bodies.

It was great to see **Steve & Ida Mayo** again. They'd made the trip up from Fairmont, MN, about a 3-hour drive. We know that during the winter months, given the usual weather-related driving problems, we probably won't see them again until spring. **Wayne & Karen Cole** joined us before their annual trek south for the winter. The rest of us seem to age but Wayne looks the same as he did 25 years ago. How the heck does he do that?!

Joe & Arlene Kelley live about 35 minutes' drive north of us (**Rich & Connie Glattly**), so the four of us rode together from our north-central MN homes. That in itself was a real pleasure, taking the scenic route back north after lunch. No one was in a rush to get back, so we made a stop at Osprey Wilds, an environmental learning center west of Sandstone, MN where Rich volunteers a lot of his time and talents. He showed us around, especially the maple syrup facility where sap is collected and boiled every spring for syrup to sell to the public.

Although the previous month, our former El Presidente, **Lee Storlie** (who bailed on us and moved to Iowa), had made the road trip north and surprised everyone at Lucky's, he wasn't able to do that again. But believe me; he was talked about, up one side and down the other! His side-kick, **Jim Simon** (another bailer), got his share of comments, too.

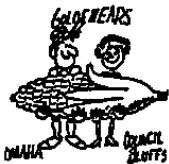
The efforts of **Pat & Mark Juberien** to interest some of their newly-retired friends in joining us is really important and treasured. We were happy to see **Jody Larson, Linda Orfield, Sue Kramer, Melissa Noonan** and **Marge Fleming** at the last few get-togethers. Now if we could just entice Bonnie, Pete, Randy, Bob (gotta give him a pass ... he's Down South helping his Mom), Karla, Joe and Trudy to show up and join the rest ... Just think, they could get talked about, too!

Now, about the future Lite get-togethers: After polling the members by email and receiving about a dozen replies, it was decided to suspend any official, planned lunch meetings for the winter months due to dicey driving conditions sometimes. However, since everyone seems to like the venue (Lucky's 13 in Mendota), people are encouraged to make arrangements with others and show up for lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Or just show up! Who knows how many retired UALers you'll find?!

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

NEVADA

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After 20 months of COVID-19 lockdowns, mandates, government restrictions and directives from our elected leaders, the Silverliners had their first luncheon meeting. The turnout of our members was very good for the first luncheon with 23 in attendance which included 3 new members. We were at a new location in Henderson and things were a little hectic setting up in our new surroundings. As things settled down and after we had lunch served, we got down to Silverliners business. We had the Pledge of Allegiance and I asked the members to remain standing after the Pledge. A moment of silence was requested as **Elenore Vasko** at that time read off the names and dates of our members and friends we lost in the past 20 months.

Our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** got up to speak to the members about the new location and the menu for our next luncheon on December 9, which will be our Christmas party. Jeannie also thanked all the members that had shown up today. She also introduced the new members to everyone and spoke of a few more people that are interested in joining the Silverliners but were unable to attend the lunch today. Jeannie also mentioned to all members that we are asking for you to fill out a form that has an emergency contact other than spouse or partner. We had a member pass on this year and he lived alone, we had no one to contact to get details of the cause or final service details. So, now we are asking for a phone number or address of someone in the family or a friend that we can contact in an emergency.

Our member **Alex Klaus** and his wife **Margie** attended the Convention in San Diego, so he got up and talked about some of the things they did while there.

We also celebrated **Mike Vasko's** 90th birthday with a cake that his wife **Elenore** brought to the lunch. Mike's birthday is actually on Halloween but we were not together at that time so we celebrated it today. Happy Birthday Mike and a lot more!

We have very devoted members, **Chris & Jim Czaplewski**; they drove in for our luncheons from Mesquite, NV to Henderson, NV. That is a 194-mile round trip and 3 hours on the road, God Bless them and keep them safe in their travels.

Our Vice President **Mary Chandler** was not at the lunch because she was on a tour of South America countries with another organization she is a member of. She promised she will be back for our Christmas Luncheon.

To close out the Luncheon we had the 50/50 drawing and **Alex Klaus** won 2 of the 3 drawings, but he donated his winnings back to the Silverliners treasury, thank you Alex. We closed by reminding everyone of the Christmas Luncheon on December 9th and for our members to be safe driving home and stay healthy.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. 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 or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 12 members at our October meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including **Barbara & Larry Leusing**, back from Africa!

October birthdays were celebrated by **Barbara Leusing, Donna Perkins** and **Pat Nettles**. The 50/50 winner was **Dottie Robbins**. **June Roe** won the little ceramic fall pumpkin.

This will likely be our last Christmas Luncheon at the Tamarack Casino. Tamarack will honor our previous contract meaning: No prices will change, we can select choices from 3 entrees, the lunch will be plated, a no host, cash bar will be available and the minimum requirement is 30 people. The minimum number is 30 paid. I will be sending out the signups November 1 with reservations and payment due by about November 20. If we do not have 30, we will have to cancel. At this point, feel free to invite others to our luncheon and yes, their lunches will have to be paid by you or your guests. The cost to everyone is \$18.00 P/P.

NEW JERSEY

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Our meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. A moment of silence was held for the passing of **Art Curren** of EWR ramp service. We also welcomed a new member, **Gary Triano** of EWR ramp service.

Bill Gula and **Frank Kokaska** gave a great report on what was going on at the airport. It seems more flights are being added, and there might be a turn to normality.

Bill Gula won our 50/50. As usual there will be no meeting in November; however, our next meeting will be on December 8. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you there.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts, as long as life remains"*.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hello from the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter. We did not have a November luncheon due to an increase in Covid-19 cases and the number of illnesses. But we are working on our December Christmas party and hope to see everyone December 1st at Williams on the Lake.

The past year and a half has been very challenging for our chapter and around the country. The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to rethink our approach to setting up our luncheons. Through all the challenges, our members and chapter officers came together to support one another. We did whatever it took to not only get the job done, but push ourselves to meet rapidly changing demands so that we could effectively meet the needs of the chapter.

We are taking this “Stay Safe” mindset into the rest of 2021, into 2022 and beyond. We are working on getting our 2022 luncheons setup for the first half of next year.

Our thanks to the RUAEA staff in keeping everyone up to date. We do appreciate all that they do. And a special thanks to **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**, RUAEA’s Newsletter Manager and Editor for their inspiration and dedication to make the newsletter happen.

If you’re reading this, it must be December. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the day with friends and loved ones. Now you can concentrate on Christmas and New Year.

We Ohio Buckeyes would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. Let’s hope and pray things can get back to normal soon without have to wear a mask and keep six feet apart. From the Ohio Buckeyes team, **Dolly & John Taucher, Judy Spooner, Judy McKnight, and Bernie Garrah.**

Calendar:

December 1 - William’s On-The-Lake in Medina - Cost is \$21.00

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER’S

Portland

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Our group has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has yet to re-opened, and with the continued surge of COVID cases there is little chance that it will happen soon.

Once again, a little humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in until I officially retire. Enjoy!

- ☺ My problem is, I want to workout 1 time and lose 100lbs.
- ☺ How to Parallel Park: Park somewhere else! Follow me for more life tips.
- ☺ Birthdays are good for your health. Studies show that people who have more birthdays live longer.
- ☺ Sure, I drink 8 glasses of water a day ... once they’ve run through some dry roasted coffee beans and have been filtered and brewed properly.
- ☺ At my age, I’m good at multitasking. I can listen, ignore, and forget all at once.
- ☺ I just sold my homing pigeon on eBay, for the 22nd time.
- ☺ One day I will start behaving myself ... but not today! Tomorrow’s not looking good either.
- ☺ Maybe money doesn’t buy happiness. But I’m accepting donations to test that theory.
- ☺ It’s weird being the same age as old people.

- ☺ Dogs think: “They feed me; they care for me they must be gods.” Cats think: “They feed me; they care for me I must be a god.”
- ☺ I wish I could lose weight as easily as I lose my keys, pen, cell phone, temper, and even my mind.
- ☺ My wife didn’t order anything from Amazon yesterday, so today the delivery guy knocked on our door to see if we’re okay.
- ☺ I don’t need a personal trainer. I need someone to follow me around and slap food out of my hand.
- ☺ Sometimes the thoughts in my head get bored, and go for a stroll out through my mouth. This is never a good thing!
- ☺ If you ever hear me ask for decaf coffee, I am signaling you that I’m being held against my will!
- ☺ I burned 2000 calories today ... that’s the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I take a nap.
- ☺ I didn’t clean in October. I just told everyone that the dust and cobwebs are part of my Halloween decorations! Follow me for more life hacks.

Calendar:

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

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The first luncheon was held for our retirees in October. It was so good to see everyone; we had 56 people in attendance. It was a free lunch so that might have helped when we sent out the email about sending in your reservation.

Our condolences go to the **Lentz** family about the loss of **Gordon**.

Joe & Gail Bradley attended the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. They were there one night and got word that Joe’s brother was dying. So they had to go home and did get to see him before he died. Our sympathy to them from all their friends at UAL retirees.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Submitted by Mary Jane Stewart,

There will be several reports in the Newsletter about the San Diego Convention so you know by now that it was a great success. I personally had a great time seeing old friends and making new ones. It is so nice to meet the family members that come along for the fun. We had a 2 year old boy drawing raffle tickets and a 99 year old lady out on the dance floor. The tours were great, the bands had us up on our feet and there were plenty of stories to entertain us. So no excuses for not coming and don’t say you wouldn’t know anyone because you can’t leave without making a new acquaintance or two. So I hope to see you there next year.

The Pit-Stoppers holiday luncheon will be at J.W. halls, December 8, 11:30- 12:30 cocktails and catching up time, 12:30p lunch. **Julie McConaghy** will be sending out mailers for those who usually attend. If you are in the area visiting and would like to come, call Julie at (724) 356-3427.

Bill Chicots has been battling a COVID-19 diagnoses since October 5th, no hospitalization was involved just all the symptoms published, the one that is lingering is severe fatigue.

November Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Pat Wagner** and **Jim & Diane Weber**.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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

UTAH

SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

WASHINGTON

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We had hoped it would never come to this, but there is nothing to report from the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle's RUAEA chapter. There has been no suggestion of possible future meetings or activities. Those in charge are contemplating a December issue of Contrails, our local chapter newsletter. We'll keep our collective fingers crossed that we will have a better sense of the future for Pacific Northwest retirees.

In the meantime: **Ken Storey** is recuperating from his serious bout with COVID-19. **Gay & Ed Liesse** are happy to report that their experience of flying Alaska to and from San Diego for the RUAEA convention in no way came close to **Kathie Torgison's** column on her recent trip in the November issue of this newsletter. Do read her hilarious account if you haven't already.

Congratulations and a great big thanks and welcome to **John Chu**, who has agreed to manage the RUAEA newsletter after the well-deserved retirement of **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. Local chapter correspondents are used to working with John and look forward to enhancing that relationship.

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the remaining winter holidays – whichever ones you celebrate - find you in good health and good spirits.

Happy Holidays!



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Hello everyone. November has arrived and brought with it the crisp air and fall colors. Also, it is giving us yet another chance to meet up and enjoy each other's company. There was a luncheon in September at the Golden Corral which brought together 12 of our members. In October, 28 of us gathered, 6 were visitors and hopefully, future members. Those visitors were **Mona Patrick**, **Theresa Whitcomb**, **Nasreen Mustaqin** (IADCS), **Terri Powell**, **Carol Khan** and **Effie Frost**. Many of our guests were from RES and look forward to seeing some of their buddies from RES at the November luncheon. Yes my friends, there is a November luncheon. On Wednesday, November 10th, we will be gathering at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. We would love to see you all there.

Toys For Tots ~ At our November meeting, we will be collecting toys and cash for needy children for Christmas. Several Marines will be in attendance to collect the gifts for distribution. We have done this every year for many years and will continue in honor of our own resident Marine, **Ralph Baggett**. We lost Ralph 2 years ago, but remember him, his pride in having been a Marine and his contribution to the continuation of this chapter.

Kerrie Schneider is recovering from Legionnaires Disease. What a shock to hear that she had been hospitalized with this deadly disease that most of us thought was a disease of the past (80's). No sooner than her stating that she was feeling better, she had to go back to the hospital to have a heart monitor implanted (she and her husband, **Dutch** both now have in-sync heart monitors.) Finally, we are seeing some color returning to her cheeks. **Faye O'Meara** is on the mend and planning to join us in November with her husband, **Michael**. **Ina Ayers** had her right knee replaced at the end of October. Sending best wishes to all of you from your friends from the Dulles Loungers.

Henry & Ina held a fabulous Fall Festival on the 17th of October. (Days before Ina's surgery). It was quite a shindig held at their farm in Marshall, VA. There was a great 5 member Blue Grass Band named "5 of a kind." There were bales of hay for seating and for decoration. There were pumpkins and harvest leaves. I would guess that there were over 100 in attendance. The food tent (with tables and chairs for indoor dining) was flowing with scrumptious foods of all kinds. There was BBQ pulled pork, fried chicken and a wide variety of sides. Henry's famous potato salad was a great hit, as usual. There was so much food that a separate tent was erected for the desserts alone. There must have been 20 cakes, accompanied by cookies, candies, cupcakes and fruits. It was both child and pet friendly. The weather was perfect for us.

At the moment, we have only one officer for the Loungers. **Judy Dunlap** has offered to continue in her position as treasurer. We have a wonderful support group which we are hoping will continue in their positions for at least another year. We are in need, however, of a President and a Vice President. I am willing to stay on as VP in a supporting role, but we desperately need someone to step up to the plate as our leader, now that Cathy has left the position. It is imperative that we keep the Dulles Loungers Active.

Hope to see you at the Golden Corral at 11:30 on November 10.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

Barbara Dunkelman

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Hello RUAEA,

November was the beginning of our new fiscal year. We welcomed some new members.

Hanukkah ends at sundown December 6.

Winter arrives and it is being said it is going to be a bad winter. Let's hope the weather forecasters are wrong. In some areas of the country, it makes it hard for our members to meet. We were just getting in the swing of meetings so we want them to continue.

Christmas is December 25, so I hope you all have your stockings hung for Santa to fill them.

December 26, is Kwanzaa.

Clipped Wings made a beautiful video for the Committee for Dulles.

The book "The Forgotten, The Flight Crew of 911" is written by **Barbara Dorger**, a UAL F/A. It is about the events of 911 told through her eyes. It is a must read.

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

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2021**:

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

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

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

Retiree – **Bennett, Frank A.**, on 7/29/2021, DENFO, son of Ellery & Hazel Bennett (Deceased), 3710 Allison CT, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Retiree – **Coco, Joseph E.**, on 10/14/2021, WHQAD, husband of Eileen Coco (Deceased), 257 Antofagasta St., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Retiree – **Davis, Saul L.**, on 10/12/2021, ORDMM, husband of Elaine Davis (Deceased), 7240 Jonquil Terrace, Hanover Park, IL 60133

Retiree – **Fiala, John E.**, on 10/23/2021, ORDMM, husband of Margaret (nee Ryan) Fiala, Palm Harbor, Florida

Retiree – **Folkers, David H.**, on 8/28/2021, CHISS, husband of Jo Ann Livingston, 38449 S. Skyline Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739

Retiree – **Hamilton, Phyllis A.**, on 9/16/2021, LASSW, mother of Ryan Foley, 2147 Running River, Henderson, NV 89074

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Spouse – **Konter, Patricia M.**, on 10/25/2021, wife of Roland L Konter, ORDMM, 317 S. Division St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Retiree – **Seemiller, Joseph J.**, on 11/1/2021, ORDMM, husband of Sally Jones, 303 Hickory Ln., Kirkland, IL 60146

Retiree – **Tedder, George H.**, on 3/2/2021, PITMM, husband of Doris J. Tedder, 635 E. Mc Murray Rd., Mc Murray, PA 15317

Retiree – **Westbrook, Linda**, on 10/30/2021, CHIRR, friend of James G. Grocco, EWRCs, 107 River Renaissance, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

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:

Robert Berger, Richard Bresett, John Brinnon, Mary Bueker, Levita Burnette, Patricia Clayton, Georgeann Delcastillo, Virginia DeViney, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Homer Hudelson, Garle Harlow, Russell Jobst, Karen Kearns, Norm Kirby, Dale Lister, Ruth Larson, Herman Lewerke, Beverly McAlister, Ronald Nichols, Fred Olenak, Joan Palumbo, Carolyn Parks, Geraldine Pronko, William Rankin, Sherry Riffel, David Rinkenber, Mary Robinson, Edward Rodriguez, Sue Sealey, Teddy Smith, Edward Taylor, John Thomas, Uta Tipper, Sharon Wagner, Peter Waid, Joey Zarr.

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.)

Paul Andersen, 41 Primrose Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Your letter reminding me to renew my membership came 10/9/2021. I apologize, and very much appreciate the extra effort to remind me. The Newsletter got covered up and therefore, overlooked.

The newsletter updating about United's and other airlines travel, masking and policy changes is very important information, because I am not on the internet at all. I am 85 and had to look in my check book, to double check, that I did mail the fee.

While reading your letter I must have experienced what is called a "Eureka Moment". I knew I had some old United writing paper, and what better time to use it, to write to RUAEA and thank you for all the time that has been contributed. I found 2 sets but have no recollection of where they came from.

The encouragement to join a Local Chapter of RUAEA was tried twice. But it felt like I did not fit in because my whole career with UAL for over 34 years was spent in San Francisco.

I have been joining a group of line mechanics for a monthly luncheon for many years. This started before retirement, but the pandemic, restaurants closing, no group seating, mask wearing etc. has stopped a lot of the socializing. I am trying to do my part to end the Delta Variant by complying when I can.

Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051

Once again, I had a “Whoopsie” in failing to renew my membership by the official date. I guess it is either my having too much fun at 78 years of age, or memory failure in spite of the expiration date appearing on the address label. I guess I just jump into the latest news within the newsletter.

This COVID pandemic has really thrown a monkey wrench into all our lives with its socialization restrictions causing us to be super cautious, at least in our case. We left our “snow bird” home in Green Valley, AZ back on June 15, 2020 and now are planning to return within the next week or two, as we have doctors’ appointments. I don’t ever remember seeing so many doctors when I was actively employed prior to 1999. I guess that is the new “social life” at this stage.

We are hoping that next year will be different and we will feel safe to attend the RUAEA Convention wherever it will be held. We have many fond memories of attendance and seeing old friends from the “good old days”.

Thank you for all the efforts your staff puts forth in providing an excellent source of information and other retirees input in the newsletters. It is greatly appreciated

John D. Cantieni, 2860 Country Dr., Apt. 150, Fremont, CA 94536

It is birthday time again, my 91st.

It has been a busy time at the Cantieni’s house. Our large home and big yard was getting too much for us to handle. I use a walker and my wife’s heart is not good, so we decided it was time for a change.

We have moved to Gogir in Fremont, about 5 miles from where we lived for 58 years. We have an apartment in the independent living wing of the complex, with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a kitchenette, living area and a patio. It is not the space we are used to but very comfortable. No laundry, house cleaning or cooking for the wife and no yard work for me. There is a menu for the 3 meals each day in the dining hall. Also, there are many activities to join, only if you want to.

It has been hard down sizing, but with our 3 children’s help, it went pretty smooth. My wife had so much of her artwork, which was given to friends or donated, as well as lots of furniture etc. Our dog is still confused, no cats, squirrels or ducks to chase, but he is getting use to it, and has made lots of friends also.

We are looking forward to getting rid of the masks soon. Here they are very careful with our safety, so I am sure it will be a while yet.

Till then, be safe and Happy Holidays to all.

Edie Johnston, 18249 Lyles Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740

I so look forward to receiving the newsletter, and hope you are able to continue to keep it going.

I have PD and just got out of a care facility after a month. I had been hospitalized due to bronchitis and a touch of pneumonia.

I had hoped to go to the San Diego Convention. I bet everyone had a great time. Maybe next year, I will be strong enough to attend.

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120

My husband, George and I both retired from UAL. George had 49+ years at ORDMM and I had a shorter time, 25 years at CHIRR.

We sure hope things get better soon and safe due to Covid after two years.

We were taking 3-4 cruises a year and had to cancel all of them due to the virus. We feel much safer just “staying at home” the first year and now we are bored silly, the second year.

One of our sons also lives in Elgin, but our other children and families live in different states, unfortunately!

We finally got to meet up with a few local friends for lunch this summer, especially safer eating outside. We sure are tired of wearing these masks, but it keeps us healthy.

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Healthy New Year.

Pat Marsala, 540 Georgetown Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402

Hi, Martha,

This letter is from the 4 people who sat with you and your delightful family at the Banquet. We enjoyed our time with your family.

My husband, Jerry, wrote the following letter and I am emailing it for him:

San Diego RUAEA Event ~ Just a few lines to thank the convention selection committee, convention workers and the Dana Mission Bay hotel staff for their outstanding work, making this such a successful event. The hotel price, staff, service and food were great.

The group of retirees from all over California and the USA were a terrific group of individuals.

The tours were well attended and enjoyed.

You can count us in for next year's convention. I would recommend all who can make it next year to try and attend.

This was our first, but will not be our last.

Jerry Marsala and party (**Pat Marsala, Al Durr** and **Linda Kasarda**), SFOMB Bay Area Retiree

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United has initiated a computer generated seat assignment system for standbys.

Although automating the process, it does have a major flaw. If you are traveling with someone, the computer will prioritize seating those folks together. For example, my wife and I were number 1 on the list to board. SPA sees 2 seats together in Row 37, mean while, the more preferred economy plus and exit row seats are being assigned to those further down the list.

If you find yourself in a similar situation, kindly ask the agent if they can override the problem, ours could not.

Note: This is true. I checked with a friend of ours who works as an agent. She said to do everything before; if at the last, nothing can be changed. Martha

Elaine Ptak, 9674 Moonlit Sky Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147

I celebrated my 80th birthday in May. The family took us out for a wonderful lunch at Nora's Restaurant.

We get together every week with **Jerry Meierkort** and **Arlene McCroy** at a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, we return home and play a card game called Hand and Foot.

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An Angel in Disguise!

Every Saturday morning my wife, Helen and I do our weekly shopping. We park at Safeway, and I do shopping there and Helen walks a block away to Trader Joe's for more shopping. After I finish, I drive to Trader Joe's to pick her up.

Last Saturday, I drove there to pick her up. There is a Credit Union next door to Trader Joe's and I noticed a tough looking guy in line with tattoos up and down his arms. I opened the trunk as Helen came towards our car with her shopping cart but at the same time the tough looking guy stepped out of line and came towards Helen. He spoke to her and I saw her smile and the next thing I saw was the tough guy loading the trunk with Helen's bags and then he returned the cart back to Trader Joe's.

When she got into the car, I asked her if she knew him but she told me she did not. He told Helen that he liked to do something good every day and she was the lucky recipient that Saturday.

Notes

Ronald Bertacini

We had a great convention in San Diego.

Thanks to Veronica and Francis for a great job over the years doing the Newsletter! Hope someone of our younger members can step up and take over. We need to keep the Newsletter going.

Carol James

Just lost my UAL pilot husband (Gordie) and want to continue receiving information. I'm also a long standing member of Clipped Wings!

Gustavo A. Moreno

Thank you for all the updates in the monthly newsletter. Nice way to stay in touch with our fellow retirees.

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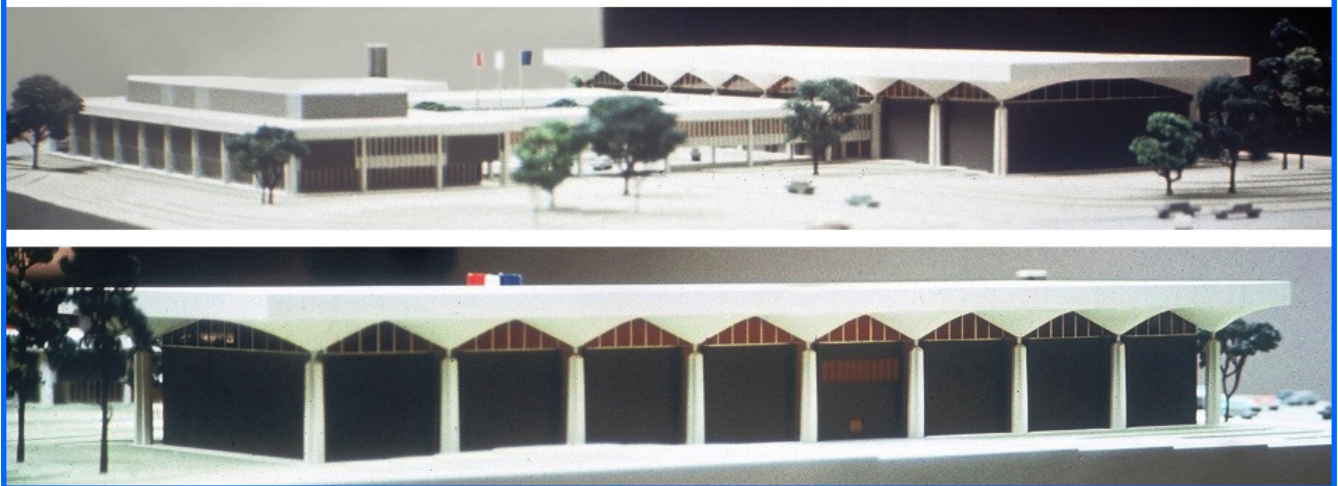
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The United Airlines Flight Training Center



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