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GENERAL NEWS

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Introducing New Officers and a Regional Director



Virgil Gooselaw
Past President

Again this year we had no election for Officers and Directors since there was only one candidate for each open position. The open positions have been filled by volunteers. **Don Burbank** filled the President vacancy, **Tom Cunningham** filled the Executive Vice President position and **Ruth Morabito** filled the Mountain and Arizona Region Directors positions.

Our thanks to these folks for filling the open positions, it's greatly appreciated.



President Don Burbank ~ Don is a Denver native and currently resides in Golden, Colorado. He completed school in Denver. After a stint in the Navy, he earned his Aircraft and Powerplant license and began his aviation career with Denver based Frontier Airlines. While at Frontier he became Director of Aircraft maintenance. In 1985, he resigned from Frontier and joined United Airlines in Denver, CO. After serving in many positions, he retired from United in 2013 as the Managing Director of Aircraft Maintenance for the Eastern Division.

Don has received many awards during his years of service, and before his retirement from United he was awarded the Charles Taylor Award for being active in Aircraft Maintenance for 50 consecutive years.

Don stays active in aviation and retiree activities. He flies with the EAA as a Crew Chief on the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" for 4-6 weeks a year. He is the local RUAEA Denver Mile High chapter President and the RUAEA Liaison to help retirees resolve problems they encounter with United. He is busy but takes time to be with his wife Toby and multiple grandchildren.

We welcome Don as our President and cast our support to him.



Executive Vice President Tom Cunningham ~ We welcome Tom into his new role as Executive VP. Tom was born in Bakersfield, CA and resides in Pleasanton, CA. For the last two years, Tom has served as the Northwest Region Director and now is taking on new responsibilities of the Executive VP.

Tom worked most of his career in the Sales Department in various stations, mainly in California. He also served as the President of the IAM Local Lodge 1782. He has received many awards/recognition. He was named "Ticket Agent of the Year", "Tour Sales and Ticket Agent of the Year" and was the recipient of the "William Patterson Safety Award." He is recognized for his steadfast service to United, and spent time working for Delta and American during UAL strikes. Tom retired from UAL in 2001 out of sales at SFOTZ in Walnut Creek, CA

Tom is a member of the local RUAEA Chapter, East Bay Diablos and volunteers for the Odd Fellows of California IOOF. He spends time with gardening, home repair, cooking and travel. He also tends to a wife, Barbara, two daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

We thank Tom for taking the Executive Vice President position and wish him well.



Director of Mountain and Arizona Regions Ruth Morabito ~ Ruth has just recently retired and is excited about being part of RUAEA. We are just as excited about welcoming her into RUAEA. Ruth was born in Eureka, CA and raised in the Pacific Northwest. She currently resides in Eckert, CO.

She began her United journey, hiring on 7/18/1972 as a Food Services Porter in Las Vegas, NV. During her employment with United she excelled and on 8/2/2017, retired as a Sr. Manager Financial Reporting Benefits, working in WHQHR at the

Willis Tower in Chicago, IL. During her career she received recognition and awards. In 1996, she was awarded MVP for the Mountain Region, Company 2001, United We Care Denver, 2008 Implementation Leader – Enrolled Friend Project, 2010 Safety Leadership WHQHR, 2015 & 2017 United Airlines Volunteer Impact Grant.

Ruth is now a volunteer working with RUAEA National and Local. She is on the Board of Directors – President Proventus Place: Providing tools and resources for low income housing families, moving them towards self sufficiency.

Ruth has many side interests such as gardening and travel.

We welcome Ruth and want to be an encouragement in her aspirations.

RUAEA Membership Annual Dues Increase:

membership DUES INFORMATION

The cost of living continues to go up as everyone knows. While RUAEA is solvent at the present time, we do need to look to the future. Your Board of Directors found it necessary to approve an increase in the annual domestic dues to \$30.00 per year. The dues for Canada/Mexico and Foreign will remain the same at \$47.00 and \$52.00 respectively. Canada/Mexico and Foreign members who opt for Web Newsletters only will pay the new domestic rate. Also the charge for both paper and Web Newsletters will remain at an additional \$5.00 per year.

This increase will help us keep abreast with increased printing and mailing cost for our monthly Newsletter. This increase may seem high to some but think of it as just an extra gallon of gas each year. The information you receive via the RUAEA Newsletter is well worth your extra investment in knowing what is happening with United and your benefits. Effective date for the new rate is January 1, 2019.

Remember that you can renew online with a credit card at www.ruaea.org.

2018 RUAEA CLE Convention Wrap Up



2018 RUAEA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio was a huge success. We had 3 days of a variety of tours. All raffles and auctions went well. We ended it with a bang on Friday night with the Avanti band of which Tony Midea is a United retiree. And I must say that the dance floor was full. Alliant Credit Union, as they have for past conventions, shared the cost of the food for which we are thankful. For the Saturday night banquet, we had Cleveland City Councilman Brian Kasey as our Special Speaker. Then after a fabulous dinner, everyone enjoyed the awesome performance of Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin. Yes, I know. But they sounded like them. It was Damion Fontaine as Frank Sinatra, and Scott Botherton as Dean Martin. Were they any good you ask? Everyone enjoyed them so much, and not just their singing. And yes again, people were dancing.

But it must be said that the frosting on the cake were the wonderful volunteers and their dedication. They all worked so hard, as a “Team”. All stations were staffed at all times, ready to do whatever had to be done.

Our Convention Volunteers were as follows: *Co-Chairs ~ Barb Vauls and Dolly Taucher. Event Chairs ~ Joe Moses, Ethel McLaughlin, Sue Broderick, Arlene Taylor, John Taucher, and Tom Duta.* The rest of our wonderful volunteers included: **Beverly Bennett, Kathy Brennan, Marilyn Cicco, Jacki & Gene Craig, Chris & Nancy Deibel, Sharon Gatesman, Doris Haffey, Tom & Marty Hassel, Patti Herb, Bobbie Jefferson, Candy Kane, John & Carrie Kercel, Kathy Kilbane, Jan Kimmel, Linda Klemencic, Pat Laub, Mary Londahl, Jeannette Long, Nancy McLaughlin, Sharon Minelli, Alma Oros, Elaine Pediezzi, Steve Pytel, Carol Seifried, Mary Serpentine, Lezlee Sims, and Marianne Skala.** Good Job Team!

Our “Ohio Buckeyes Chapter” welcomes everyone to come back because there is so much more to see in CLE.

Benefits Panel, September 22, 2018

Michelle Pritchett, United Airlines Employee Travel Representative stated that there are no policy changes at this time:

- ✓ Imputed income invoices are released on a quarterly basis. It is imperative that the coupon along with a check be returned by the due date to avoid interruption to pass travel.



- ✓ Beginning in January, 2019 retirees will receive W2 forms instead of the current 1099. The W2 aligns with current employee documentation.
- ✓ Exciting enhancements to pass travel information will be released by United shortly.
- ✓ Friends Pass travel enrollment change is twice a year. A benefit offered only to retirees and not current employees.

Alliant President and CEO, David Mooney:

- ❖ Alliant has continued membership growth and has now passed the \$10 billion mark in assets.
- ❖ Saving interest has been increased to 1.80% or 1.90% if your savings balance is more than \$100.
- ❖ Recognizing members' disappointment in the closing of several branch offices, they will continue to the evolution to phone and digital banking. The cost is 60% lower than branch bank locations.

Presentations were made by CVS/Caremark, Aetna and Kaiser Permanente. The United benefits annual enrollment will be October 29 thru November 9. Please educate with the literature provided and

1. Learn
2. Explore
3. Enroll.

Business Meeting – Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel
Saturday, September 22, 2018, 0830-0930
Grand Ball Room



Meeting was called to order at 0834 by President **Virgil Gooselaw**. Virgil welcomed and thanked everyone for their support of his Presidency the past two years.

Motion - A motion was made by **Hank Gosselin** to approve the minutes as published and waived their reading. The motion was second by **Tom Cunningham** and all approved.

Virgil spoke on the state of RUAEA as we, like many other organizations, continue to find a decrease in membership. We will continue to work toward recruiting new retirees.

Don Burbank has accepted the position as President. Don retired 3 years ago and still has some good contacts at United. Don stated that while we do have some problems, we can work our way through them. **Tom Cunningham** will be the new Executive V.P. He was formerly the Regional Director of the Northwest Region.

Bylaw changes were approved by the board and must be voted on by the membership.

- ❖ Changes were published in the July 2018 Newsletter affecting Article 7 section 8 and section 15 and Article 8.
- ❖ **Claudia Blancett** is the new Communications Liaison. She is listed in the Newsletter and if you would like to be on her mailing list let her know.
- ❖ Terms of office has changed allowing member to run for more than one office was proposed.

Motion – A motion was made by **Wanda Bryce** to allow members to hold more than one position. It was seconded by **Linda Scriven** and all agreed.

Jim Simon - *Executive V.P.*, thanked Virgil for all of his work on creating our 501 (c) 3. We are having the benefit of saving in several areas.

- Regional Directors are no longer required to travel to the chapter but may do so with prior approval.
- We are proposing a \$3 increase in dues which will take effect at the beginning of the year. The increase must be posted in the Newsletter 60 days prior to the effective date.
- Jim spoke on the benefits of volunteering and encouraged others to consider getting involved. He extended his thank you for the support he has received and what a great pleasure it was to have served.

Pam Ziebarth - *Treasurer*

- ✓ Last year's income was about \$120,000 and expenses of nearly \$107,000 for a surplus of about \$13,000.
- ✓ Expenses were largely due to the Newsletter, which account for about 53%. Website is a little over 12% and board travel is 16%. Remaining 18% goes to various operating expenses.
- ✓ Cash Reserves, which is savings, checking and five CD's are \$216,000 compared to \$201,000 at this time last year; thus \$15,000 more.

- ✓ Current income from dues, contributions and interest is \$75,000 and running about \$9,000 less than last year, at this time. Two big expenses, Newsletter and board travel will impact this situation negatively during the next three months.
- ✓ For the future, we have one of our \$15,000 CD's maturing in December. Suggest we have the board vote on adding \$10,000 and make it a \$25,000 CD maturing at the end of four years.
- ✓ Bottom line is RUAEA is solvent.

Hank Gosselin - *Past President*. Hank has served in many positions in the last 14 years but found the last two years the most frustrating due to lack of volunteers.

- We have not had an election in the last two years for that reason. **Diane Webb** and **Sonda Sandstedt** have been a great help to Hank in recruiting efforts.
- **Ruth Morabito** has stepped forward to become the Region Director for Mountain Region and Arizona.
- Virgil will now assume the position of Past President and since he also works in the Denver office, he still needs everyone's cooperation.

Ron Bertacini - *Site Selection Committee*

- ✓ 2019 Convention site will be at the Double Tree by Hilton Stapleton North. This facility has recently been renovated. The convention dates will be September 24 – 28. Hotel cost is \$129 plus tax, breakfast is included and 10% discount on lunch and dinner. Hotel price available September 22-29.
- ✓ **John Koehl** sends his regards and his regret that he will no longer be able to serve on the Site Selection Committee. We thank John for his years of service and dedication.

Francis Domaratius - *Newsletter Manager*

- ➔ To assure a timely delivery of the Newsletter, all address changes must be received by the first of the month.
- ➔ You can update your mailing address by using the credit card system and making a \$1.00 contribution. The \$1.00 contribution is necessary to activate the system. Your change of address will have to be made no later than the 1st of the month to insure a timely mailing.
- ➔ When calling the Denver office and leaving a message, please listen to the complete message, speak clearly, and leave your name, telephone contact and file #.
- ➔ Veronica thanked the correspondents who attended their meeting and those who contribute throughout the year.
- ➔ Virgil added his appreciation for the contributions of the Denver Secretaries and **Cas Spokas**.

Jim Sommerfield - *Web Manager*

- The website was designed and established in 2003, redesigned in 2012 with continuous maintenance by Jim and **Toni Van Kampen**.
- While membership has declined, visits to the website continue to grow with an average of 880 unique visitors per day. The top three are: Benefit contacts, Newsletter and Employee Travel Links.

Bill Corbett - *V.P. Conventions*

- ❖ Congratulation to the Cleveland Committee on a successful convention. We made our room nights commitment, tours were well done and a good time was had by all.
- ❖ **Don Burbank** encouraged everyone to invite friends and family to the next convention as they don't need to be RUAEA members to attend.

Motion – a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Diane Griego** and seconded by **Linda Scriven**. All voted yes. Meeting adjured at 1020.

Minutes respectively submitted by **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary 10/7/18.

Torgy's Travel Tips – November 2018
Kansas City Secrets



3 Tips beyond BBQ ~ Of course, Kansas City is renowned for BBQ mid-west style, with that thick, sweet yet tangy, tomato based sauce gracing perfectly smoked brisket, pork, chicken or turkey. Yum, I can already taste it! But this month I'd like to suggest 3 sites (or sights, perhaps) in Kansas City that just might have you looking at EmpRes to book a quick get-a-way. They are SubTropolis, The TWA Museum and The National Airline History Museum. Here's the story.

SubTropolis is the world's largest underground business complex, carved out of limestone that dates back 270 million years. Now give me a minute to explain why you might want to see this. This gigantic facility is the size of 14 football fields, located 100 ft inside a hill, 10 minutes from downtown. It is the remnant of limestone excavation needed to make concrete and asphalt for freeways, malls and parking lots all over the country. Since the limestone was excavated horizontally (instead of vertically through a shaft), giant pillars about 25ft square, spaced about 40 ft apart were left intact. This created empty spaces between the pillars known as "rooms". So what do you do with millions of sq ft of empty rooms where the temperature is a constant 65 degrees, with no tornados or precipitation? Well, if you were Lamar Hunt, the owner of the Kansas City Chiefs and creator of the American Football League in the 1960's, you'd buy up the property, build an amusement park on the top (Worlds of Fun) and start leasing out the underground rooms to Ford, Pillsbury and Russell Stover. And so he did.

Today, over 55 companies and US government agencies are tenants. All US collectable postage stamps are stored here. Hollywood movie studios store thousands and thousands of original, in-the-can movies such as *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Ben Hur*. TV series such as *Seinfeld* and the old Roadrunner cartoons shows are preserved here. "Automotive Alley" is where new Ford fleet trucks/vans are customized for huge companies like Fed-Ex and UPS. And if you ever have wondered where that ubiquitous "cloud" that stores our photos and data is located, well SubTropolis is one address.

The facility is completely paved and lit, and is open to visitors Mon-Fri 6AM-6PM. The location is 8300 NE Underground Dr, just east of I-435. Worlds of Fun Amusement Park, which is open April-December, is conveniently located (on the surface) 2.7 miles away.

The **TWA Museum** located at Wheeler Downtown Airport in Kansas City, showcases aircraft, memorabilia, flight simulators, cockpit panel simulations and a plethora of reminders of the "good old days" of Trans World Airlines. It's fun to compare our two companies, the similarities and the differences. Kansas City was the world headquarters for TWA so the volunteers who staff the museum have decades of history working at TWA. The museum is open Tues.-Sat. 10AM-4PM. A small admission fee helps support the museum. The location is 10 Richards Rd. and there is plenty of free parking. (Oh, I almost forgot: there will be a new hotel opening at JFK airport in 2019 called the TWA Hotel. Built with the colors, furniture style, logos and accoutrements reminiscent of TWA's 1962 flight center at Idlewild airport, it will have views of JFK's runways, a 10,000 sq ft observation deck with pool and "flight tubes" connecting to Jet Blue flights. Check out www.TWAhotel.com for more info).

Back to Kansas City, located at the same downtown airport is the **National Airline History Museum**, or Hangar 9 as it is routinely called. The museum began in 1986 as the Airline History Museum. In 2011, the word "National" was added to its name making the museum eligible for federal grants and national funding. Two UA pilots sit on the museum's advisory board.

The hangar portion of the museum houses 5 aircraft, 2 of which are in flying condition: a Martin 4-0-4 and a Lockheed Super G Constellation (complete with first class sleeper seats in the rear—way ahead of its time!). Work is underway restoring a DC-3. There is also a Lockheed L-1011 Tri-Star and the original Howard Hughes TWA Moonliner which used to adorn TWA's corporate headquarters in Kansas City. The museum portion houses all kinds of memorabilia including some from UA, near and dear to the hearts of all of us. Their address is 201 NW Lou Holland Dr. And before you leave to savor some BBQ at *Arthur Bryant's*, be sure to check out the nice view of the Kansas City skyline from the south doors of the hangar building.

As a reminder, when listing for flights to Kansas City (MCI) there is nonstop service from ORD, DEN, IAD, IAH, EWR and SFO.

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.

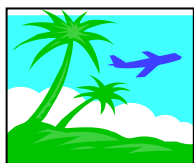
Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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



GULF COAST

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Our meeting was called to order by the Honorable **Conrad Hamilton**, and followed by Christina, our hostess, giving us the special orders of the day. VP **Bill Hayden** and some of the others are only here for the food. LOL

Tommy Zander was given an assignment to go over UAL discounts and where they can be found online. This is really good, with numerous discounts that UAL retirees can take advantage of. This might not have happened if it was not for **Sandi Zander**'s help. Sandi & Tommy were telling us that it won't be long before they will be returning to New Orleans. We will miss them but look forward to their return. Thank you Tommy for your information on the subject.

Conrad brought to our attention that **Ann Delavan** in Maryland sent us e-mail. Ann said that **Bill Delavan** is very ill and needs our prayers while he is receiving treatment. We and all those who flew with Bill are praying for his return to good health, please keep him in your prayers.

Hey, we had birthday cake. Most old people don't like to talk about their age, but do like birthday cake. **Conrad Hamilton** had a birthday. **Mai & Ray Owens** really enjoyed the cake along with the others.

Bill Hayden and **Barbara Serra** were enjoying their lunch, when someone reminded them that they forgot to sell the 50/50 ticket, which made for a good laugh. Their job was completed after lunch with Tommy winning again, yes again. Maybe I will win after he goes back to New Orleans. LOL

Those attending the Birthday party were **Mike & Carla Burke**, **John & Myrl Eisinger** (our hardworking secretary), **Kim Ray**, **Ed Southworth** and **Rita Toucher**, whose husband **Sam** stopped in to say hello.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month. Second Monday of each month. Yes, at this wonderful place, Pensacola NAS, Cubi Bar Café at 1130. Please join us if you are down here on the white beaches of the Gulf Of Mexico.

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Our Birmingham chapter met on Monday, October 8th at the Fish Market in downtown Birmingham. Attending were **Jim & Donna Gooch**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Gay Fowler**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

Birthday wishes to **Donna Gooch** on September 19th and Anniversary wishes to **Herb & Carol Wilbanks** on September 6th.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bobby Cox**.

We continue to send our thoughts to **Joe & Marie Duncan** with Joe not able to attend our meetings. Also our thoughts are with **Ken & Beverly Yeager** with Ken's mom not doing well.

We meet every second Monday in even numbered months. Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, with the date and place not yet determined. If you would like more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

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We're happy that our "Snowbirds" have started to come back to sunny Arizona, and we're looking forward to a new calendar of events which have been planned. We hope many of you will join us for our upcoming Breakfasts and Luncheons each month. Everyone that comes always has a good time visiting with each other and keeping up on things going on with our chapter as well as United Airlines. If you're new to the area, or just haven't come to any of our meetings recently, we would love seeing you at our breakfasts or luncheons. We're open to anyone who has ever worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and is 55 years old or older.

Just in case you receive the November Newsletter early, our October Breakfast is Friday, October 26 at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you plan on attending, please let our Vice President, **Peggy Snowdall**, know by phone at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. The luncheon will be Thursday, November 8 at Zar Kat Restaurant at 4815 E. Main Street in Mesa. This luncheon is being hosted by **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**. You should have received information regarding this luncheon from them; but, if you haven't, please contact Cindy by phone at (480) 924-8118, or by e-mail at cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com. The deadline to RSVP to Cindy is no later than Thursday, November 1st, no exceptions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

We had a lot of fun at the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland and wanted to bring you up to next year's Convention. It will be held September 24 – 28 in Denver, Colorado at the newly remodeled Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Stapleton North. The discounted room rate of \$129, includes Breakfast. You can take the light rail from the airport and the hotel bus will pick you up.

Regarding the RUAEA Newsletter, it has so much information in it regarding United, travel information, and information about former coworkers, you definitely should make sure you are receiving it. If you need to change your address for any reason, you need to contact RUAEA before the first of the month to ensure delivery of the following month's newsletter. Go to ruaea.org. Choose "renew membership". Make a one dollar credit card contribution and change the address where the newsletter is to be shipped. Make sure the billing address matches the address your credit card company has on file. There is a section to check if the billing address is different than the shipping address. Snowbirds will have to do the procedure each time the address is changed. RUAEA dues will increase on January 1, 2019 from \$27 to \$30. These dues are for a 12 month period beginning with the date you renew your membership. You can check the address label on the back cover of

your Newsletter for your due date. If you aren't a member, and want to be, you can get an application form from one of our officers or by e-mail at www.ruaea.org. The credit card option is available online at www.ruaea.org, or you can mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. They accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards. Include File Number in all correspondence. Our Re-United annual dues are \$5.00 each, payable January 1.

Regarding Enrolled Friends deadline – Retiree may change their Enrolled Friends twice a year. If you wish to make any change, the next deadline is December 28 for 2019. Be sure to pay invoices promptly that you receive from United for pass travel segments flown by Enrolled Friends or risk having your pass travel privilege suspended.

We had 20 people attend our Breakfast on Friday, September 28 at the Black Bear Diner. We were happy to see **Barry & Melanie Lubeck**, who are new members from Mesa. Welcome! The October luncheon at Mimi's on Alma School in Mesa on Thursday, October 11, was discussed. We will be able to order from the menu, and pay individually that day. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. and is hosted by **Dakota Morris-Terry**. The November 8 luncheon at Zar Kat, hosted by **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** was also discussed. More information will be forthcoming for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, December 5 in Sun Lakes from **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**. We need one more host for our 2019 winter luncheon schedule.

The Fantasy Flight Golf Tournament to benefit 120 deserving kids from Title 1 schools and deployed Military families will be held Saturday, November 3rd, with a Shot Gun start at 7:30 a.m. at Ahwatukee Foothills Golf Club, 2201 E. Clubhouse Drive in Phoenix. This is a four person Scramble. A Luncheon will follow after the tournament with a silent and live auction. The price for the Golf Tournament and Luncheon is \$99 each. A Foursome Golf and Luncheon registration and group ticket is \$375. The Luncheon and Auction only is \$25. The Luncheon will begin when the golfers are off the course. Estimated time is 11:30 a.m. To register via e-mail, use www.unitedfantasyflight.com, registration closes Friday, November 2nd. For Tee Sponsorship, contact Bob at (602) 315-1141.

The Fantasy Flight will be held on Friday, December 7 at the Cutter Aviation Hanger, which is the same place we used last year. We are collecting various items for the children. We are in need of trucks for the boys and Barbie Dolls for the girls, socks that fit Kindergarten to Second Grade children, Gloves for the same size children, Stadium-size Fleece Blankets, plus cute, huggable stuffed animals. All of these items go into a large gift bag, which each child receives. We are planning on having 120 children again this year. Please give any of these items to **Peggy Snowdall** at any of our upcoming breakfasts or luncheons. The children will love you, and it will make you happy too.

Ron Paluch told us at the Convention that on July 9 their home in Mesa was hit by a hail storm, with 70 miles an hour winds, with damage to their roof and carport. Luckily, they were in the Seattle, Washington area at the time. We just never know when something like this might affect us too.

We have the following members who will be having Birthdays in November: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), and **Buss Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to you! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary; they are: **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (11/11/72) and **John & Donna Smiley** (11/20/62). Congratulations!

Calendar:

November 3 – Fantasy Flight Golf Tournament with a Shot Gun start at 7:30 a.m. At Ahwatukee Foothills Golf Club, 2201 E. Clubhouse Drive in Phoenix, followed by a Luncheon and Auction. Register at www.unitedfantasyflight.com. Registration closes Friday, November 2, 2018.

November 8 – Luncheon at Zar Kat Restaurant, 4815 E. Main Street, Mesa. Deadline to register with the host, **Cindy Hilsabeck** is November 1st. Contact her at (480) 924-8118 or by e-mail at cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com.

November 16 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you plan on attending, please let our Vice President, **Peggy Snowdall**, know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net by November 14. Note: This date is earlier because of Thanksgiving the following week.

December 5 – Christmas Luncheon in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**. More information will be forthcoming. Their phone number is (480) 895-7866.

December 7 – Fantasy Flight at Cutter Aviation Hanger.

December 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter in Prescott, Arizona. We want to report a change in our chapter's meeting date. In the future, we will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, instead of the third Tuesday. Our meeting will still be held at the Lone Spur Café in downtown Prescott at 11 AM.

We wish all of our retired brothers and sisters the very best of holiday seasons.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS



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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.

CALIFORNIA

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Finally some sprinkles of rain have finally come to the North State. We are still in a fire watch but hopefully enough coolness and rain will ward off any fire danger.

Our President **Merritt Odor** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our luncheon was held at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Merritt explained that the Lake Almanor get together was cancelled due to scheduling. Merritt thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up the restaurant. We had 23 retirees and spouses in attendance.

Merritt welcomed our guests **Judy Ulrich** along with **Craig & Jan Bailey**. Judy was a guest of **Carl & Grace Franke** and **John & Chris Isbell** brought the Baileys. Craig was a 747 pilot for United and Jan was a 747 flight attendant. Jan just retired a month ago and they live in Cottonwood, California and also have a ranch in Durham, California.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Kent Jorgensen**, **Klarin Odor** and **Carl Franke** all had birthdays in September. Sharon reported that **Charlotte Puryear** will be celebrating her 98th birthday in October. **Carl & Grace Franke** will be celebrating their 54th anniversary, **Chris & John Isbell** will be celebrating 56 years, **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will be celebrating 26 years and **Kent & Billie Jorgensen** will be celebrating 57 years all in October. Merritt led a discussion on donating some of our treasury money to a worthy cause. **Kent Jorgensen** made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Chico Air Museum and **Bill Simonton** seconded it. No further discussion took place; all were in favor. **Dick Hooning** reported that the Chico Air Museum is looking for any airline related books. Billie will take care of going to the Chico Air museum to make the donation.

Vincent & Kay Neidlinger gave a presentation on the Viking River Cruises that they traveled on. They described the ship and the different packages that are offered. The ship they were on held 190 people. They passed around a scrapbook and some brochures about Viking. They had some very interesting pictures and they recommend this cruise line. They also included information on the land excursions. The website for Viking Cruise Lines is Viking.com. Merritt thanked them for the presentation and it is always great to hear about members' travels.

Sharon Simonton spoke briefly about the United deadline for the new insurance information. Retirees can choose any variations from October 29 to November 11, unfortunately at this time no information was available but as soon as Sharon sees something come out, she will forward it to the Northstaters.

A discussion took place on the next meeting/luncheon that will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 11:30 AM. **John & Linda Delaney** graciously, again, offered their home for the Christmas Party. It will be a pot luck, with **John Isbell** offering to cook the ham and **Kay Neidlinger** offering to cook the turkey. The Northstaters treasury will pay for the meat and the rest of the dishes will be potluck. Sharon volunteered to send out a flyer for the party including what side items to bring. It was decided that every member would bring a generic gift not more than a cost of \$15.00 per gift. **Klarin Odor** offered to write a story for our gift sharing game. The group thanked John & Linda again for their generous offer.

Craig Bailey won the 50/50 raffle, which he generously donated back to the chapter. **Grace Franke** won the lunch certificate.

Calendar:

December 5 - Wednesday at 11:30 AM at **John & Linda Delaney's** home. Come join us!



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There was no meeting this month and no news to report. None of our members were able to attend the Convention this year so any information we'll receive will come from the Newsletter.

I did receive an E-mail regarding the Convention's Correspondents meeting. It was good to see so many correspondents that attended. A lot of information came out of that meeting. Apparently our chapter isn't the only one losing members and not getting any new ones. I didn't realize the problems DENTK had with their renovation and I was glad to hear that everything is up and running.

As for the Central Coasters, we have been unable to recruit any new members. Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, has had inquiries out, so far nothing has happened. We learned that LAX had no one to take over their chapter. Any of those members are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Like many cities, the cost of living in our area has made it very hard to buy a house or rent. When we moved to Avila Beach, about 20 years ago, we were a quiet community and only had to put up with tourists in the summer time. After Labor Day we got our town back. As of now we are getting more traffic, hotels, and shops that increase the congestion and makes the locals very concerned. So far we have been fortunate that we don't get the flooding like the Carolinas, but we still have concerns about forest fires. Our new SLO airport is expanding with more flights scheduled and added airlines. Since my wife and I don't fly anymore, it's always great to meet friends and relatives there. We were reminiscing when our family of five flew 1st class wherever we went due to my seniority. Now, since CO was given the job of redoing the standby priority, the few times we flew standby were no longer enjoyable. I'm just glad the Airline is still operating and my retirement checks arrive on time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 17th, hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.

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Tom Sabo hosted the Desert Sunbirds' September Luncheon, held at the Santorini Gyro Greek Restaurant in Cathedral City. Thirty five Sunbirds and two guests, **Jean Jones** and **Alice Papanastasatos** (guests of **Sandy Sereno**), squeezed into a very small Restaurant. But the food was good, and the Proprietor plus one waitress did a nice job getting the lunches distributed in a timely manner.

Congratulations to our Anniversary celebrants! **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** (36 years on 9/8); **Kay & Claude Crabb** (47 years on 9/11); **Jim & Vivien Rotella** (60 years on 9/26); **Chuck & Marji Lamas** (5 years on 10/26); and **Bill & Lia Schultz** (57 years on 10/28).

Our Founder, **Elaine Aggson** (our President for the first 25 years), fell while getting out of her car, and broke her hip. She is home now - on the mend - hoping to rejoin the Sunbirds soon. Our prayers are with you, Elaine.

Ron Lerg won the Birthday Lunch, and **Bill Schultz** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Our host, Tom, added two extra gifts to the drawing - 747 Commemorative Amenities Kits; won by **Al Beuchel** and **Vern Behnke**.

Once again, I was unsuccessful in my attempt to get a subject for our "Featured Sunbird" this month. We'll keep trying!

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Our October meeting was held on Monday, October 1 at the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord. We had 16 members in attendance. The restaurant has a new manager who forgot to write our meeting down on her calendar. They normally open at 11:30 so imagine their shock when we stormed the restaurant at 11:00! Ha Ha. The staff recovered quickly and set up "our" room in a matter of minutes and we were off and running!

Social hour started at 11:00 and we had lunch at noon. At every meeting, **Carol Parks** puts a piece of candy at everyone's place, one of those nice gestures that makes this group special. This month we got Snickers bars. **Wilma & Joe Leather** brought in a basket of juicy Eureka lemons from their garden. **Barbara Underhill** conducted the raffle and **Jan Soderstrom** won the 50/50 prize. As usual, we had an eclectic array of additional raffle items—the ever present wine, Harry & David Pumpkin Moose Munch, and a small houseplant.

After lunch, **Diane Griego**, **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** and Northwest Region Director **Tom Cunningham** talked about the RUAEA Convention September 18-22 in Cleveland. They all had a great time and really enjoyed the tours. Thanks to Diane for attending the correspondents' meeting in my absence. Diane mentioned that she was very impressed with the friendly service she received as a retiree at the airports. We congratulated **Tom Cunningham** and gave him a round of applause for being elected RUAEA's new Executive Vice President.

Getting older is a fact of life. Every group or club I belong to is challenged with attracting new members. Tom discussed the rapidly declining RUAEA membership. We lost many members in the past year. The new board of directors has made increasing membership a top priority. It's up to all of us to encourage our United friends to become a member of RUAEA. The newsletter is a wealth of information for retirees regarding travel, health and other benefits. Even if someone does not live close to a local chapter or is not able to come to meetings, the newsletter helps them stay connected to the United Family. Diane mentioned that some people are not into "joining" clubs or organizations. She has recruited two new members for RUAEA by promoting it as "signing up for the newsletter" rather than "joining." I think this is a great idea!

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association); Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the

word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says “the more the merrier” (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I’d love to travel with again). The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem. There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7. For more information, please contact Rich Bouska direct at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

As I put the finishing touches on my article for the newsletter, I am just back from the 13th Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base on Sunday, October 7. I went to the event with **Rich & Georgia Bouska**. What a fun day it was! I thoroughly enjoyed watching the plane pull and touring the 787 Dreamliner. RUAEA had a table in the vendor area. Members from East Bay Diablos and South Bay were there to spread the word about RUAEA.

Upcoming Meetings: PLEASE JOIN US!

- ➔ Monday, November 5 at 11:00— Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ➔ Monday, December 3 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo’s, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.
- ➔ Monday, January 7 at 11:00— Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. If the first Monday in January is New Year’s Day, as it was this year, we meet on Tuesday because most restaurants are closed that day. Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local 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 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

GOLDEN GATERS

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This is the month of Pro-Tem / Interim / Filler-inner / **Ginger Dahlberg** standing in for several Board member spots. Civic duties kept people away this September. Our illustrious President **Vera Kina** was called for Jury Duty, she was quite confident that she would not be called. Wrong! She was the first person to be chosen and was told the trial would probably be 2-3 weeks long. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** (along with hubby **Jerome**) began training for the up-and-coming election, they have volunteered for quite a few years with the Voters Registration people – long hours ahead for them. Make Sure You Get Out And Vote - ’tis your Civic Duty.

Pro-temper **Ginger Dahlberg** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – the keeper of the Flag was at her trial so we faced East where three flags fly: One at the Library, another at City Hall and one here at the Rec Center - all of which are about 3 blocks away. Our hearts, however, were in the right place – so when in doubt *punt*. September is our annual Picnic BBQ feast – Armadillo Willy’s provided the delicious meal with some left-overs to take home. Y’all missed a good repast.

The next 3 monthly menus:

- October 22 – BYOBL – Bring your own bag lunch -- we'll do Bingo too.
- November 26 – Pot Luck –fantastic cooks shine at this meeting.
- December 5 – Our Annual Christmas special open to all members – The Fish Market is our meeting place. More information to come at the next two meetings.

Interim Recording Secretary – **Ginger Dahlberg** – minutes for last month were read and approved.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** – all bills are paid and we are treading water (and not sinking.)

Filler-inner Membership Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** had birthday greetings for **Al Christian** (who is 89 years young,) **Gene Walter** owned up to 45 years (plus a few more,) and **Norm Woods'** lips were sealed. Congratulations to **Bill & Diane Heinrich** as they celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary – way to go Bill & Diane. Our sad news is that **Betty Bliss** passed away last week. She and her husband, **Aubrey**, were long time members of our group with Aubrey taking the Presidents' helm for several years. We will miss them – our hearts and thoughts go out to the family. We had 19 members join us for lunch with 6 more staying for the meeting and social gathering.

The Auditors, **John Bogdanoff**, **Gene Walter**, and interim **Helen Goodwine** will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting for our Christmas get-together. Let them know you will attend.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported a glorious Disney Museum trip at the SFO Presidio – not a breath of fog or wind and you could see for a million miles! Some laughs as we “toured” the new Warriors stadium being built in SFO – somehow our 30 passenger tour bus entered the construction site – all the workers were looking at us and wondering why in heck a tour bus was on the “Do Not Enter” site. We left – and had our usual ice cream stop at IT'S IT – those tasty treats are soooo good! Come join us – we usually have a laugh or two – and you'll never go hungry. (P.S. No crabby people allowed on trips.)

Historian **Jim Goodwine** was speechless.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** distributed our raffle goodies. Please bring canned food and new, unwrapped toys for her to distribute during the holidays.

Things to Ponder: What disease did cured ham actually have? And here's a timely query: If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons? Talk to you next time! Cheers.

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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Fall 2018 has officially started and the hot weather has returned. However, our September luncheon at the El Dorado Saloon & Grill was great! Since the members of our fun loving group all have (very) unique personalities, their choices for lunch were just as varied, as you would expect! Burgers, salads, (big) plates of fish and chips; this restaurant offered us such choices (and more) – and, they delivered on the taste. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** made the arrangements for us and received a hearty thank from our president **Bill Gibson**. Bill also welcomed 3 guests; **Nancy DeVore** brought **Lynn Mallein**; Rudy & Cindy invited **Roy & Dawn Martin**. Though they were not with us at the luncheon, we want to extend a Happy Anniversary to **Chuck & Sandra Chance**. A rousing Happy Birthday goes out to **Judy Fitzpatrick** as well as **Bob Ames**.

President ~ **Bill Gibson** read a note from **Sonda Sandstedt** (our RUAEA representative) regarding the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Cleveland. **Nancy DeVore** will be representing Bill at the “Presidents Meeting”. Nancy had made arrangements for several tours for herself and a friend who was going to be going with her. However, the friend had to cancel at the last minute and Nancy was offering the (now open) space to any of our members who might like to join her there. **Angie Dellinger** will be filling in for our secretary, **Jane Gibson**, at the “Correspondents Meeting”. Bill covered items from the RUAEA Newsletter.

Bill encourages all of us to join RUAEA. They put together a great monthly Newsletter that will help us to keep up to date on changes going on in/with United Airlines.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report to share with us this month.

Treasurer ~ Our wonderful treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to be with us today. However, his equally wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought us his report. We're pretty much where we usually like to be by this time each year.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report this month. Just another "Thank You" to Angie for filling in for me at the convention.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** also did not have a report, but we did learn that **Dorean Ames** had a slight stroke recently and is doing well. People, when you hear about something going on with any of our members, please, please let Suzanne know. You can reach her by email, tck46@flash.net or phone (530) 626-5660. We have to look out for each other! **Bill Gibson** did not have a recent report on **Ed Akin**, but we trust that he continues to improve. Our Best Wishes to all of you.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was able to attend the luncheon today. Thom handles the ordering of the chapter shirts for us. If you haven't seen or bought one of the embroidered shirts yet, get in contact with Thom so he can show you the brochures and you can pick a style and color. They are really nice! Also, Thom wants to remind you that if you have had any changes to your information (phone/address etc.) please let him know; we'd like to get the roster nailed down – heck, it's almost next year!

New Business ~ Okay, it's that time of the year again. *Nominations for the 2019 Officers* ~ You need to be thinking about who you feel you would like to see in one of the 6 positions. **Bill Gibson** and **Thom Biro** have informed us that they do not wish to hold their respective offices next year. I don't know why, they both do a great job, but, it is not mine to argue. All positions need to have a person nominated for it. At our October meeting we will be taking nominations for all positions. Come and be heard! We will not be voting on the nominations until the November meeting.

Old Business ~ Nothing to cover here.

Our next luncheon will be at the American River Pizza Grill in Cool.

Our president brought our meeting to a close and **Bill Dinette** started the raffle. Thanks to all who brought items to raffle. Now, this is just a tad bit suspect, but Bill had Jane pull the ticket for the donator's prize – lo and behold, Jane had that ticket – honest! **Dinette** – wine; **Wolfram** – scarecrow; **Gibson** – sourdough mix; **Kenney** – wreath hanger; **Blazius** – vase and all the very fun table decorations; **Heier** – wine & ice bucket; **Kozelka/Barton** – bucket; **DeVore** (sorry, couldn't read what it was).

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



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This month we had a light turnout of eleven for breakfast but it was a good time to talk with everyone.

Rosario Zepeda was our only Birthday for October. She is very excited about a British Isles cruise her daughter is taking her on in a couple of weeks. Let's hope the weather is good as it can be rainy and damp at this time of year.

We were so happy to have **Mary Hernandez** join us. It is the first time since **Ralph** passed away. She has been visiting with friends and family in Ireland and we made sure to tell her we want her to come join us as often as she can.

I received a note from **Ken Dumas** who has been living in Thailand for the last several years. He tells me the Tsunami passed by Bangkok and Bali where he has been for the last few weeks. So good to hear that he is safe.

At our previous breakfast, **Bill Krefft** told us about finding his birth Mom after 56 years. We were all deeply touched by his story and I share it with you: *My wife, Rosina and I were both adopted. Rosina by her aunt and uncle and knew very little about her birth parents. I was adopted at 18 months and knew nothing about my birth parents. Thanks to my wife Rosina, who pushed me to search, we found my mother in 2001. She was living in San Francisco and through her help we located my father in Venice, CA. He knew nothing of my existence!*

I had called and left a message on a phone number I received from a relative of my mother's. I stated that "if the date 11/16/44 has any meaning for you, please call me". She called three weeks later and that's the beginning of a wonderful, loving, 18 year relationship.

I got to meet my father a few months into the reunion, and was able to visit with him and family for two years prior to his passing. So many questions have been answered. They met while both worked for Douglas Aircraft as mechanics during World War II.

During my early years, being adopted and moved to an orphanage and then to foster homes, I was quite unsettled. I always wondered who I really was. After 4 plus years in the USAF, I started working for United Airlines as a CSR in Chicago. The process of my search has been a most rewarding experience for me and my family. Not only did I find my birth parents, but I found myself, discovered who I really am, and now, much more content.

I hope to have more stories that are heartwarming for you in upcoming issues.

Calendar:

November 1 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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There is no chapter report this month from the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter of RUAEA.



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Barbara Edkin, who for many months, has been writing our article for the San Joaquiners Chapter, is taking a medical leave of absence. Hopefully she will come back soon and will be feeling great again. We all send her get well wishes. My name is **Rosie Walls** and I will do my best to follow in her footsteps.

Our last meeting was held at Strings Italian Café in Jackson, CA on September 13th. The luncheon was hosted by our President **Bob Scoble** and his lovely wife **Pat**. We were all able to order off the menu and get exactly what we wanted. It's always a fun time when we can get together and visit at one of our luncheon meetings.

President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob reminded everyone that this was the 17th Anniversary of 9/11. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives in that terrible tragedy in our country.

Don Nesja was given the floor to share some of his humor with the group. As always Don's jokes and stories have everyone smiling and laughing.

Our meeting on October 11th at Perkos in Riverbank will be covered in next month's chapter report.

No meeting is planned for November. We will be gathering at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia to see a production of "Away in the Basement". We will have dinner after the play at the Columbia Hotel. If anyone would like to join us, please call the Fallon House for tickets.

Our December luncheon/meeting will be our Christmas Party and will be held on December 13th at the Fruit Yard in Modesto.

The San Joaquin Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of the month at various locations. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living or visiting in our area to join us. Please contact our president **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 or **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 for information.

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First things first! On November 2, we will start having our weekly breakfast meetings at Mimi's Café, 1200 El Paseo de Saratoga in San Jose. Meetings will remain on Fridays at 8am to approximately 9:30am. It's at a convenient location with plenty of parking and a great menu. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Fall Luncheon was at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose on September 11 and was well attended with 55 people enjoying the gathering. We had a moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives on that fateful day in 2001 and a guest of **Marion Gaever**'s, Pastor Mark Brady, gave a heart-felt blessing over our meal and time together. Entertainment was provided by the Left Bank Band who played during the luncheon. The buffet was a step up and amazing as usual being prepared by the same chef who serves for our summer picnics. Thank you to **Ben & Cheri Scales, George & Julie Midwin**, and others who contributed their time and effort and decorations to make this a fun time for all.

South Bay RUAEA was represented at the Cleveland convention by five members: **Roger Casterline, Bill & Sheri Mansur**, and **Dave and Robin Garland**. Dave and I had a great time in Cleveland. We were able to fly the non-stop into Cleveland on Tuesday and the non-stop back to San Francisco on Sunday using our passes and we got TSA pre-check on both flights. Wednesday we ventured onto Lake Erie and traveled by ferry to Kelleys Island and then Put-In-Bay. Thursday we attended the Amish Theatre Show, "Stolen." It was a musical comedy and was very enjoyable. Before the show we had lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant and enjoyed Amish food. That is comfort food! Thursday night we attended a Cleveland Indians baseball game. We had good seats and the field was very modern and nice and it was a beautiful night—79 deg at 11pm! Unfortunately, the Indians lost with the Chicago White Sox's winning 5 to 4. It was still a good night for Cleveland though because a few blocks away the Browns won their football game breaking a long losing streak. Friday morning Dave (stepping in for President **Bob Devlin**) and I attended the Chapter Presidents' and Correspondents' breakfast and meetings, respectively. After breakfast, ensued a trip to the MAPS (Military Aircraft Preservation Society) Museum. They have quite a few aircraft and the tour was quite interesting. Then came the Football Hall of Fame. Seeing the bronze busts of all the Hall of Fame members and other important memorabilia including the next Super Bowl Trophy that will be awarded on February 3, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia was great. Next was Harry London Chocolate Factory. This was the sweetest part of the trip! The factory tour was interesting and the chocolate delightful. On Wednesday and Thursday we arrived at the hotel too late to get in on the 50/50 drawing but on Friday Dave bought 10 tickets and won! The Cleveland Rocks buffet followed in the banquet room with music and dancing. Saturday morning were the business and benefits meetings and in the evening we attended the banquet and thoroughly enjoyed our meals. Entertainment was provided by Frank and Dean—a comedic and singing duo. And yes, they sang Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin songs as well as those of other popular artists of the era and were pretty good. There had been some negativity about having the convention in Cleveland but we were impressed with the convention committee, the hotel, the tours, and the city. We are glad we went as we enjoyed every minute. Thank you to those who put in all the hard work and planning that went into this year's convention!

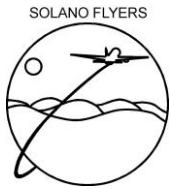
On Sunday, October 7 we're looking forward to another celebration—Family Day at SFO and United's 70th year as a Maintenance Base. Several from our chapter plan to attend. I will report on this event in next month's newsletter.

We will meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Our last day there will be October 26 and we start the following Friday at Mimi's Café (see above). Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

November 2 - Breakfast at Mimi's – 8am

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon



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September 12th, we find the following members at Red Robin Restaurant, **Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Stewart McCale, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Paul Schwafel, Allan Pochop, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, and Richard Cox.**

President Poolos is at home convalescing, is that another word for malingering? I don't know.

Jack & Linda Hornfischer report that they attended the South Bay Chapter for a prime rib lunch, with friends **Bob (Walley) & Karen Devlin.**

As usual, we have limited chapter information to pass along ... but we do enjoy our time together.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by our Secretary, **Joanne Blizzard.** Congratulations, "it pays to be a winner".

October 4th meeting location: Rock & Brews, 190 Nut Tree Pkwy, Vacaville - 11am-1pm

November 1st meeting location: Waves Restaurant & Lounge, 301 Main St., Vacaville - 11am-1pm

"Whenever you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

~ Sherlock Holmes.

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting and reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides income to the chapter so we don't pay dues. 32 attended our breakfast today. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Larry Rehfeld, Matt Ohr** and **Richard Conner (2x).**

Congratulations to **Don Burbank** on his appointment as RUAEA President; we thank **Virgil Gooselaw** for being President and all the time you gave to us.

We voted to keep **Don Burbank** as our Chapter President. The 2019 RUAEA Convention will be held in Denver, September 2019. Volunteers are needed. We also voted to have our Christmas party at Ted's Place this year instead of the Holiday Inn.

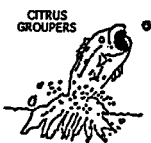
Lou Gusto passed away. He was head of the HR in San Francisco.

We welcome back **Tom Goodyear** and it's good to see you are recovering from surgery. We also welcome **Nancy Bain.**

A RUAEA app will be coming soon for your phone or tablet to access UAL website.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, November 3rd at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA



THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES

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Submitted by Kathy Faust

Our first meeting of the season was held Thursday, September 20th at Waterfront Inn with 14 members in attendance. President **Joe DiStaso** called the meeting to start with the pledge of Allegiance. As we waited for our lunch to be served, there was a roar of conversations going on. We hadn't seen one another for three months and everyone was talking at the same time.

Of all the vacation stories going on around the table, one took the cake. I'm not going to mention any names because I didn't ask her if I could put it in our newsletter. She and her sister who works for United were going to Detroit for her niece's wedding. Well as fate and overcrowded airplanes would have it they couldn't get on a flight to Detroit. So they flew to Dublin, Ireland instead First Class. Needless to say, they had a wonderful time. On their return three days later they got up at 3:30 am to go to the airport for the first flight out because the Pope was arriving that day and flights were being delayed or cancelled. Security was tying up everything and it took them 3 hours to check in and get through security. Needless to say, it's a memory that will last forever.

The lunch was wonderful as always. Joe & Gail brought a delicious chocolate birthday cake for **Dick Bligh**'s birthday but he wasn't there. Happy Birthday Dick, we all enjoyed your cake. Hope you had a wonderful day.

We will not have a meeting in November but we discussed when and where we would have our Christmas lunch and meeting. We locked in our date of Thursday, December 6th at the Waterfront Inn at 11:30 am.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 25 at the Waterfront Inn at 11:30am. Hope to see you all there.

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

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We had a full table at Red Lobster for this month's luncheon! The beautiful fall day was just what we needed to get out and visit with our fellow retirees and their guests.

Birthday greetings were in order for **Marion Wickersham** and **Sydney Morgan**. Company anniversaries were celebrated by **Herb Gardner** (35 years), **Steve Moddle** (53 years) and **Marion Wickersham** (51 years).

And finally our group the Sand"Dabs" celebrated 22 years of existence. Happy Birthday Sand"Dabs!"

Gloria Marcantoni was the lucky 50/50 winner.

President **Dick Coughlin** gave his UAL report and **Frieda Coughlin** gave the Treasurer's report.

Calendar:

November 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

December 6 - Christmas luncheon at the Smyrna Yacht Club. Details to follow.



THE ORLANDO
REAL McCOYS

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The Real McCoys met on September 4th. Highlights of the meeting, you ask? Birthdays: **Angel Montalvo** (9/2), **Charlotte LeGrand** (9/17), and **Barb Halterman** (9/23). Anniversary well wishes to **Tom & Peg Cannata**, celebrating 51 years! Wow!

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 310 Nona Restaurant, 10783 Narcoossee Road (just past Moss Park Road). The menu will include your choice of: Pasta Primavera, Chicken Piccata, Salmon, Prime Rib, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad; included are iced tea, soft drinks, and coffee. Adult beverages available for purchase. Final vote will be taken at the October meeting. All this for \$36.00/pp!

Our October 2nd meeting began with the Pledge, then Treasurer Char gave her report. Because of the hot summer - we hope - the attendance at the luncheons has been reduced and so too, our coffers. After discussion by the membership, the annual dues were increased from \$10 per year to \$20. Beginning January 2019. We hope that this infusion will allow us to continue to subsidize the annual picnic in April and the Christmas Luncheon also.

A dear member and friend, **Endel Vann** passed away very suddenly on August 9th. **Gerry** is devastated and surely would appreciate prayers and hearing from us all. Address: 375 Apache Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

Final vote on the Christmas Luncheon was taken and unanimously accepted! A New Location that we are certain all of you will enjoy! Come get your photo taken by the Christmas Tree! Please see location and food details above. Because of those darn coffers, the pricing for this year will be as follows: McCoys Chapter will subsidize \$11.00 for each member plus 1 guest. Each member plus 1 guest will pay \$25.00/pp. This will allow us to donate \$250.00 to each of three charities that will be selected at the Christmas Luncheon. Hope to see you there!

Big Birthday Month! **Betty Davidson** (10/19), **Al Fields** (10/17), **Lois Fields** (10/30), **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (10/24), **Mack Chandler** and **Connie Lenard** (10/25) and **Cheryl Vosges** (10/26).

Ah, those chilly winters up north, haha!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd.

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We started our new season on October 5 at KJ's Steakhouse for lunch. It was a lively meeting since we hadn't seen each other since May. Attendance was minimal due to "snowbirds" still up North. Attending were **Lynna Baker**, **Rosemary Blake**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ray Jensen**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Ric & Jane Martin**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, and **Diane Roberts**. **Linda Kitzmiller** came to check us out and decided to join. Welcome Linda.

The 50/50 raffle first prize was won by **Jane Martin** who opted to take a bottle of wine instead of cash. Second place winner was **Ray Jensen** who was happy to take the cash. Ray went on to win several more times, but refused to take more prizes. He wasn't greedy, but thought he might go out and buy a LOTTO ticket since it was obviously his lucky day.

We have an agreement to have all our meetings for the 2018-2019 season (October through April) at KJ's. Since they have two meeting rooms it works well for our privacy. We meet the first Friday of the month at 11:30 for lunch.

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

Our next luncheon will be in October, and we meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or anyone who is thinking of moving to our beautiful area of Florida. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, October 1 for our annual Fall Picnic with 11 members in attendance.

We decided to do something different for our Fall Picnic. It was a potluck with members bringing a dish to share and with it being so hot in the Tampa area; we had a lot of salads and good desserts. The new shelter had a nice breeze and a wonderful view of Lake Tarpon.

President **Beverly Alderdice** called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Secretary and Treasurer's report were read.

Birthdays: **Noemi Guzman** (10/7), **Ethel Cargill** (10/10), **Peggy Manuel** (10/15) and **Bill Linehan** (10/24).

Beverly went to the RUAEA Convention, she gave us the low down on what is going on. Seems all Chapters are having the same problem.. We all want members to join. Next year's Convention will be in Denver.

We will discuss where we want to donate to a charity at our next meeting. Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

We all commented that this Shelter was great and everyone said that for the Spring Picnic, we should try for this place again.

Calendar:

November 5 - IHOP - 10:30 AM

December 12 – Wednesday, Christmas Luncheon - Outback - 1pm

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Members will gather October 16th at Dubois Park in Jupiter for our semi-annual picnic. We normally have a great turnout as everyone looks forward to these events. Fun, Food & Frolic with a Hawaiian theme.

I sent out a request for member input for the newsletter this month since we won't be together for a regular meeting. I heard back from **Bob Langevin** and **Sandy Ruggiero** whom we previously reported are leaving the end of October for Italy and a cruise in The Greek Islands. We all thank Bob for getting out all the picnic info to everyone. Be sure if you are attending the picnic to get in touch with President **Al Popek**.

Al & Janice Popek are still awaiting their new roof following last year's hurricane, they have been told it is going to happen in early October. Hopefully the weather holds out for the installation.

At press time, we haven't heard Convention reports from our attending members. We'll have to hold off on that until next month.

Treasurer **Diane Liebisch** is currently collecting dues. If you haven't yet sent her your check please do so. Make your check out to her and send it to her address.

October birthdays include **Michael Carragher** on the 6th and **Arnie Lakso** on the 25th. **Ed & Vicky Snyder** celebrated their anniversary on the 7th.

Calendar:

October 16 - Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter 12 Noon

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

December 12 - Christmas Party, The Twisted Tuna, 12 Noon

GEORGIA



DIXIE FLYERS

DIXIE FLYERS

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On October 3, 14 Dixie Flyers met for good food, fellowship and talk about what's happening at United. We didn't have much to report about that.

It would have been 16, but our chief of operations of years gone by, **Don Sullivan**, passed away, and was cremated. A memorial service was held October 4. **Willie Foles'** wife, **Bobbie**, passed away. Willie is now in an assisted living home. **Bill Allen** passed away, wheels up for the last time.

Fred Cron held the 50/50 raffle which was won by **Don Shelley** who donated his \$22 to our charity, the Promised Place, a home for battered wives and children.

Jerry Tuttle is recuperating from pneumonia. I hope he did not get it after attending **Marge Heider's** funeral memorial service on August 28. He came on a motorcycle in a short sleeve shirt. **Fred Cron** went to Grand Junction because his brother, who he just visited last month, passed away. He was the only one on board who wore a tie. It was the one he wore in customer service.

Next meeting of the Dixie Flyers will be on Wednesday, November 7th at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia, 2PM, (770) 716-2628.

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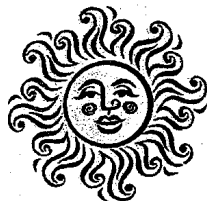
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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

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November—our naked tree month, isn't it? October still had brown and gold leaves on the trees, now they are gone. The buds for the spring have pushed them out and are waiting now for March so they can blossom again. When I first heard that in sophomore biology, I had no idea that's how it worked. All winter those little buds are cold and frozen for months. Then comes the spring, lo and behold, those buds explode and magnificent shades of green leaves, pink, white, yellow and red flowers emerge. However, let's talk about Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Black Friday, more fun! First on the calendar, November 4th, we put our clocks back an hour. The rule is, Spring forward, Fall backward. That's followed by Election Day, on the 6th. That will be interesting. Wish we could vote in a more peaceful attitude in the country. That starts with us. On the 11th, we celebrate the millions of Veterans that have fought for our great country, alive and deceased. Hope there are a few parades that we can attend. If not, at least wave the flag in your hand or your front yard. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your service and willingness to die for America if necessary. We love you all! Are you cooking for your family this Thanksgiving, or have you reached the age that you're invited out and just have to bring the rolls or pie from Baker's Square. A few years ago, I was told to bring their apple and French Silk pies. I bought them on Wednesday, and then left them in the refrigerator on Thursday. I was about 25 miles from my house before I realized I didn't have the pies. My one job all year, one simple task, and I screwed up. The next year, they told me, 'Just bring yourself, aunt'. So I brought along my best friend, Fannie May, nobody complained. The next day is my favorite holy holiday, Black Friday, no fighting with anybody, just go out and have fun seeing my best sales girls. Avoid the rush, buy for the cats and me, go home, have some wine and relax. Whatever you do on the holiday, enjoy, talk about old times, tell the grandchildren stories about their great grandparents, let them know you didn't stand in line for hours for a Princess phone, and still answered the

wall phone, even without caller ID. Cameras were for pictures, phones were for talking. Computers? They weren't invented yet, most never even heard that word.

The Northside breakfast had an even dozen attending. **Bob Kalicki** announced that he and **Pat** have a new great grandchild, Theodore James, which makes the magic number up to nine, with 14 grandchildren. **Bob, Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni VanKampen**, talked about their trips to Gettysburg and shared unknown facts about the Civil War. **Cesar & Elena Guerra**, and **Virginia Kondrars** talked about beauty products. **Sandra Piwowarczyk** and I just took it all in. **John Pasakarnis** looked good after his bout with shingles. **Dennis Zachara** and **Dave Dunham** talked about collecting money for the IAM Christmas luncheon.

At the Southside breakfast, nine were in attendance. **Mary Brandt** is in rehab after a fall fracturing her hip and pelvic bone. **Marge Schmitt** has a new great grandson, Elroy, named after her famous husband, who once was the correspondent for the Skyliners. What a great tribute to a great guy. **Bill Brookins** had surgery on his leg to unclog his artery. **Bill Corbett** told us about the CLE convention. Sounds like everybody had fun going through the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Nautica Queen Cruise, the Cleveland Indians and White Sox game and the Saturday night banquet. Next year's convention will be in DEN. The raffle was won by **Marge Schmitt, Marge Caliendo**, and **Ed Ward**.

The ORDMM group had **Bob Hardin, Harry Kargenian** and **Bob Palm** return. **Bob & Sue Palm** took a driving tour of the Northeast states to see the fall colors. **Bob Hardin** is getting ready to return to his estate in Florida.

The RUPA lunch at the Golf Club of Illinois was again very elegant. **Walt & Jan Fink** do a wonderful job of planning and keeping the event so beautiful. **Bo Ellis**, Chief Pilot at ORD, was the speaker. He gave a video presentation of what's new at ORD, including the expansion, new uniforms, and new airplanes. We had a moment of silence for those who fell victim to the 9/11/01 terrorist attack. It was the 17th anniversary that day. There were 75 folks enjoying the view and lunch, including **Jim Rosater, Frank Zachary**, who kept us supplied with popcorn, **Marj & Howard Nelson, Phyllis & Ray Potsic, Terry Cubberly, Muriel & Ken Bergsma**, and my BFF, **Jim McCusker**, who is moving to Florida. So sad, we'll all miss him, keep in touch, Jim! Their next luncheon is November 13 at Nick's Pub in Crystal Lake.

IAM 1487's lunch had about 100 people. **Diane Webb**, Skyliner president, introduced their next president to the group, **Jan Gawenda**. Diane also made a very compelling invitation to the group to join the Skyliners. She was very successful in that 17 people signed up for only \$5.00. What a deal! All of you can have the same thrill and enjoyment of being members. Look on our website, Chicagoskyliners.org for an application and you can see our upcoming events and dandy pictures of passed luncheons and other events, taken by world famous photographer **Howard Nelson**. Look at the big smiles of everybody there. They are so happy, I hope you join; you too can be this happy, promise. Our biggest party, the Christmas luncheon is coming up, you don't want to miss that one, and it's hosted by our own, **Virginia Monaco**, United's own **Perle Mesta!** **Judy & Carl Hibbert** took a leisurely cruise around Italy, which sounds lovely! **Eleanor Vegeais**, had hip surgery and is recuperating quite nicely. Our November luncheon will serve **Dave Roderick's** famous sloppy Joes.

It's always so nice to hear from old friends by phone, email, or in person, **Harold Ogle, Ruby Singer, Mary Szabo, Bob & Debbie Graham**, and **Paul Weatherford**. Thanks for reminding me of the good times in the good old days.

The new Syliners members include **Jean Gill** (EXOOU), **C. Joelle Soder** (ORDMK/CHIRR), **Kathy Loftus** (ORDCS), **Jacqueline Mathes** and **George Bracke** (ORDSW), **Wayne Walusiak**, and **Sigmund Chrzanowski** (ORDFO), **Carol Maday** (EXO Freight Sales), **Jerry Pryde** (EXOKA), **Bill Gatesman** (ORDMQ), **Wanda Hale** (ORDMK), **Gene Hale, Dick Hoppel, Paul Skrudland** (all from ORDMM), **Gary Olson** (ORDFF), **Jean Spejcher** (OPS), **Dolores Randmark** (CHIRR), **Ralph Wiggins** (ORDPV), **Bill Linz, Ruben Rodriguez, Robert Twarowski, Charles Yearman, Robert Bugos, Tom Richards**, and **Dave Roderick** (all from ORDCG). Also joining us are, **Barbara Van Arsdale** from British Airways, **Jim Arnold**, Eastern Airlines, and **Bill Schreiber**, from Northwest Airlines, a very warm Uniting welcome to you! Thank you all for joining our Fun Club! Don't forget to tell your friends.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month included, **Greg Kettler** (ORDFO), **Elizabeth Barker** (ORDMK), **Billy Stewart** (ORDCG), **Jose Santillan** (ORDHN/MK), **Bob Ryan** (ORDCG/OO), and **Paula Bloom's** husband, **William** (CHIRR). Also gone from our world are Christopher Lawford, Bill Daily, Peter Donat, Will Jordan, Marty Balin, and from Chicago, Jon Burge and Lorraine Morton (Evanston Mayor).

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**November 14**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**November 1**), First Thursday of the month.

November 13 - RUPA Lunch—Nick's Pizza and Pub, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake

December 4 - Skyliners's Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, IL, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

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Our September meeting was held on Tuesday, September 11 at Emmy's Pancake House. In attendance were the following members and guests: **Wanda Bryce; Jack & Carol Conway; Bob & Myrtle Duty; Jim Gibson** and guests **Bill & Barb Stout; Ed Loftus; Joan Romano; Charles Theiss** and guest **Anthony Theiss;** and **Tony Urbanovic.**

Because I was among the missing, **Wanda Bryce** provided some information about the lunch group. The discussion was centered around the remembrances of members' activities and emotions on 9/11. I have chosen not to publish any information specifically pertaining to members statements about the event.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 1230 for lunch and a business meeting starting at 1330. The location will be Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center, Avon, IN 46123. The main agenda item will be the Christmas Party. I for one cannot believe this year has gone so quickly.

MASSACHUSETTS

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Submitted by Sarah Pitt-Wooll

Our members have travelled a lot since our last report

The **Sugas** (BOSSW/CS) retired, had a lovely time exploring South Africa.

Joan Twing (BOSCS) retired and she and her husband also hit the road. They decided last January that August in Palm Coast, FL was way too hot for them, so they struck out and took a 31-day trip in which they helped their younger son in Boston celebrate his 30th birthday and then saw some of the National Parks in the East. They tell us that Kitty Hawk in NC was a favorite. They also stopped to see the memorial for our flight #93 in Pennsylvania. Well done, emotional (they said that even large crowds were hushed) and the tasteful presentation makes it well worth a visit.

Meanwhile our own **Norma Better**s went to the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland and had a great time meeting some of our locals who are not yet members as they live in Florida part of the year, but we are sure Norma has convinced them to look us up when they visit the NorthEast. One of the things she particularly enjoyed was a tour to the Amish country, whereas she said "people lined up for some awesome baked goods". She also met up with other members she had worked with at the LA Convention in the past.

Our chapter had its quarterly luncheon on the 2nd of October and it has been reported that we had 18 attendees and they tried a new venue on the south shore.

Our erstwhile Treasurer **William Vanderwal** is having to make a go of it without his lovely wife **Elaine** temporarily, as she suffered a fall and needed hip surgery. Reports are that she is doing well and is in rehab for a few weeks, so we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 4th at a favorite spot near Boston and we look forward to a good turnout for that.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Fall is here and the days are getting shorter. It is a good time to renew old acquaintances and join us at our next get-together. **Gay Givens** hosted the October luncheon on the 11th at Station 885, 855 Starkweather St., Plymouth, MI at 11:30 am. We will report on this meeting in our next chapter report.

Sue Craig and **Carol Slade** hosted our September luncheon held at Applebee's in Livonia, MI. It was a fun time with **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Denise Thorsby**, **Gail Buchanan**, **Pam Shamey**, **Patty Gates**, **Joan Robinson**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Marlene Heaney** and **Gwen Dyc** attending.

Larry Smither has retired and is enjoying his newfound freedom. You can reach him at 154 Golfview, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

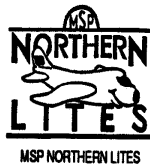
We are sad to report that two of our retirees from DTWRR have died in the last couple of weeks. **Marlene Dallas** passed away on September 21, 2018. Her memorial service was held on Saturday, October 6. She is survived by her son, Milton.

Carol Breneau died on Saturday, October 6. We have no further information at this time.

MINNESOTA

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The September meeting brought a subdued seven Northern Lites. Our good friend, **Andy Holen**'s memorial service was being held in his hometown of Onamia, MN that day. Not many attended from our group as Onamia is a 2-hour drive from the Cities. His burial was taking place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis the following day and about 20 Lites gathered there to honor him. Afterward, they had lunch at the American Legion Hall where Andy had been a member for many years.

We were also saddened to see a delayed obituary for the passing of **John Beveridge III** ("Johnny B") on August 30 at the age of 96. Johnny worked the weights and balance of MSP departures for many years. His cheery attitude and generous heart made him a joy to work with. Condolences may be sent to his family at 868 Oriole Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124.

Janet Meyer is suffering with joint issues. Total shoulder replacement in November, her knee is shot and her back is giving her fits. Hmmm. I'm thinking more surgery after her shoulder heals. We're rootin' for you, Janet.

Hope to have better news next month ...

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave. Maplewood, MN. Take I-694 to Exit 51 (White Bear Ave.) south to Woodlynn Ave. (about 2 blocks), left and into the strip mall across from Maplewood Mall. You'll see Aldi's Market nearby.

NEBRASKA



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Nineteen stalwart souls attended the September luncheon at the Golden Corral in Council Bluffs. We were happy to see some folks that we hadn't seen for a while, **Gwen Williams** and **Paula Livingston** attended. The food was good as usual, and the accommodations were nice. The winners of the 50/50 were **Rita Purkapile** and **Harry Hansen**. Each received \$14.

Several of our members are not quite up to par so I've been checking up on them to see what their status is: **Marge Edwards** is currently still at Hillcrest Care center in Millard recovering from hip surgery. I talked to her recently and she sounds great, she is going home soon and is happy to be doing so. She thanks everyone who visited and sent cards. She really appreciated them.

Jim Braden is "so far, so good". He has received 5 chemo treatments out of a planned course of 12. He has dealt with a few minor issues but doesn't think he has had it too bad yet. He also says thanks for the cards.

Mel Harrison remains at the Harper House Residence, 7415 Cedar Street, Omaha. I visited her yesterday and she is doing just fine. She welcomes visits.

Van VanHouten's status is stable. He has had a bad month or so since having the abdominal surgery. He developed infection through his body after the surgery which settled in his knees that had been replaced several months ago. After that was treated, he fell hitting his head and returning to the hospital for another week. He is currently back at the nursing home and doing amazingly well.

Charlie Cheloha called to say that he has been suffering from kidney cancer. They removed the kidney in May and he now has a clean bill of health. He still has trouble walking. He says he needs a new knee. Our best to you Charlie.

We also have lost some members this month: It's with a heavy heart that I report the death of my husband of 55 years, **Keith Cornish**. He passed away here at home with his family by his side on August 26th. He was one of the most enthusiastic United employees (back in the good old days). A very disgruntled one as the events overtook his company. He made a life goal of being liked by everyone and I think he met that goal.

We also received word that **Al Hostetter** passed away in August. He had worked in many places in the system. He started with United in Des Moines, but also worked in Omaha, Orlando, Ontario and Phoenix. Both men were buried at the Omaha National Cemetery. A beautiful place.

Our next meeting will be at the Olive Garden on October 2 will be covered in the next chapter report. This is a great place to meet with delicious food and you can accommodate your price range easily. I hope to see a large turnout. Let them know you are from UAL retirees when you arrive. They are arranging a space for us.

Birthdays for October: ~ **Lorraine Stanfield** (3), **Sandy Bender** (3), **Margie Stiles** (9), **Judy Nekonchuk** (13), **Kathy Faust** (15), **Mike Stiles** (19), **Ken Bender** (21), **Barb Soseman** (25). Happy Birthday one and all.

Calendar:

November 6 - TBD

December 4 - Anthony's Steakhouse, hosted by **Ev** and **Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held no meeting in September but the Board Members, at their own expense, went to Mesquite, NV to recognize and thank our past Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** and her husband **Jim** for all their work in supporting the Silverliners in the past. They were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and a gift card. While we were there we also celebrated our Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko**'s birthday which occurred on the same day. Jim's brother Chuck was visiting from Waukesha, WI; this was the first time in 20 years Jim and his brother have gotten together for an extended visit. We had a wonderful visit covering Silverliners business and a great time was had by all.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on December 13. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am; if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 23 members and 5 guests at our September meeting at Miguel's Mexican Restaurant in South Reno. The guests were **Maurine Williams**' assistant; **Margaret Scholl** and **Marti Dean** were guests of **Kathy Robinson** and the **Scaifes**' return guests, **Pam & Fred Olesek**.

Our monthly meeting day and location has changed for November. The November meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at the Denny's at the intersection of Nugget Ave. and McCarran in Sparks.

New Medicare cards are now being issued to residents in the state of Nevada. The new cards will not be using your social security number. Keep an eye out for it.

Our Christmas Luncheon has been reserved for December 5th at the Tamarack Junction. The price remains the same. Entrée options include chicken, salmon and beef tips. Look for the reservation sheet with the October newsletter in mid-October.

September birthdays were celebrated by **Joan Baillie**, **Ray Knutson** and **John Zoboli**. The 50/50 was won by **June Roe**. The wines were won by **Frek Olesek** and **Margaret Scholl**. Other gift winners were **Fred Olesek**, **June Roe**, **Donna Reid**, **Linda Borchers**, **John Zoboli**, **Bill Perkins**, **Duncan Scaife**, and **Lyda Klemm**.

John and I will not be at the October meeting because we will be in Kauai.

NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Worzocha**. **Bill Gula** from the IAM local 914 at Newark was there to give a presentation about the proposed fuel tax for United Airlines at Newark. He said this would add about another \$40 million expense to United if this passes. Does anybody have any idea how we can free ourselves of taxes? Don't answer!

Kathy & John Daily gave a report from the recent convention in Cleveland; it was most comprehensive. They said on their way back home they stopped at the flight 93 Memorial Center in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Needless to say, once you see it; it is quite moving. They also said that the next convention will be in Denver, Colorado.

Tina Scularti won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be at Snuffy's on October 31. Needless to say it would be good to see new and old faces.

*****From the great prophet Leroy, "*Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear; brilliant is knowing which to believe*".

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

On September 13, twenty one Chippers arrived at La Bella Sicilia for a traditional home town feast of, Antipasto, Pasta (Large Ziti) smothered in Marinara Sauce, Plenty of Chicken Wings, and Pizza with and without Pepperoni.

Several of the group that are normally missing at this time of year hung around for the day ~ **Joan & Rocky Janoski** delayed their winter stay in Florida; **Doug & Gale Dannebrock** delayed their trip home to Florida. **Marlene Schaeffer** showed up for the first time since **Norm** passed on, everyone was happy to see her. **Jim Golombek**, fresh from rehab with a new knee, made a grand entrance. **Noreen Andrews** showed up with her usual smile after a day at dialysis the day before. **Frank & Mary Ann Palumbo** found their way to everyone's favorite Pizza and Pasta restaurant.

Not much was accomplished in the business end of the meeting as everyone was interested in the food and exchanging greetings.

The best part of the lunch was the leftovers, anyone that wanted to take a meal home, did.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 12:00 noon at Russell's Steaks Chops and more. Reservations have to be in by November 29th. Anyone passing through Buffalo who would like to join us at Russell's, please contact me at (716) 418 6887 or email jerste130@msn.com.



NEW YORK METROS

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We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for our gathering of 25 Metros. We are such a nice well-behaved group. There isn't too much to report. **Nick Manfredo** is so lucky with his scratch-off Lotto tickets. The latest was only \$60, but—hold on—it was X10. I have a winner for \$3 x 3 and I'm thrilled.

I am sad to report the passing of **Ed Ellis**. He was hospitalized with chest pains, had a stent put in and was sent home, but died the next morning. Our prayers go out for him and his family.

Our 50/50 winners were, in order, **Bob Lee**, **John Green** and **Ron Feingold**.

It's time to get out our Halloween outfits for trick-or-treat. Emma says to nix the candy and ask for money. Our treasury is running low.

None of us attended the Cleveland convention. I am anxious to hear where next year will be.

Calendar:

November 7 – Meeting at Davenport Press

OHIO

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Here it is September already and we had our luncheon on the 12th at a beautiful restaurant in North Royalton called Carrie Cerino's. The day was partly cloudy and in the 70's. It was attended by 63 members and the buffet was excellent which included baked fish and chicken. Thanks to **Nancy & George Oncu** for hosting. Dolly (our President) said "Grace". After, a 50/50 drawing was held by **John Kercel** and **Bernie Garrah**. Our three winners were **Don Elster**, **Gene Craig** and **Cathy Pytel**. Lucky, lucky!

From CLE/RR & CLE/TR we welcomed new member **Ed Hall**.

We thanked **Arlene Taylor** for conducting the August meeting as Dolly wasn't feeling well and wasn't able to be there. Arlene had been VP for 9 yrs. and Dolly knew she could handle it.

We lost another member, **Vera Hall** who had been one of our 'life members'. We also had a moment of silence for the Anniversary of 9/11. It has been 17 years.

Mike Minnelli had Cochlea implant surgery recently, we wish him well and **Barb Vauls**, as we know had a stroke in July and is still recovering and then on September 6th, had a bad fall, and now is recuperating from that also. As you know, everyone is dealing with something. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers. Last month we mentioned the granddaughter of **Sharon Gatesman** had been born with Myotonic Dystrophy and we were taking donations towards her care. We raised a total of \$1,750 ... we do have such generous hearts.

As for the convention, the tours were a big hit. I heard that everyone really enjoyed the tours. Some included a tour of our City. Then there was our Friday night "Party" with the live band, "Avanti" led by **Tony Midea** (a UAL retiree). And Saturday night was the Banquet, besides great food, we had entertainment by one of our favorites "Frank & Dean" to serenade us. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

In response to several requests: Our October 3rd luncheon will have a guest speaker, Craig Villwock, sent directly from AARP. As you know "open enrollment" will begin soon, and the topic will be secondary health insurance coverage with United Healthcare, which is sponsored through the AARP. There will be handouts.

Happy Birthday to **Sharon Gatesman**, **Beverly Bennett**, and **Lois Walter**.

A Happy Anniversary wish to **Don & Kathy Elster** (52 years), **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** (51 years), **Tom & Carol Hamlin** (56 years) and **John & Carrie Kercel** (29 years).

Calendar:

November 7 - Michael's Place; hosted by **Tom & Marty Hassel**

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had 65 folks join us for our September luncheon. The food was great and the company even better. It's fun to hear all the chatter and laughter during our social time. A giant thank you to **Paul & Kathy Russell**, for picking up the ice cream and toppings for our ice cream social. We also want to publically thank **Dennis Cline** for transporting some folks to and from their cars in the golf cart. What a wonderful service to provide to members with ambulatory challenges.

This month member **John Van Reenen** brought his friend, **Donna Heinz**, and we saw member **Jim Masog**, who had not attended in quite some time, and **Maudie White**, former PDX employee; came to visit. It's always fun to see new faces at our meetings. I was also recently informed that I inadvertently omitted welcoming 5 new members who joined us back in May: **Judy Bird, Dorothy McDowell, Bill & Lori Putman**, and returning member **Bill Arbaugh**. My apologies to all five and a big welcome to our group!

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to pass along as well. **Marion Deasy**, spouse of **Frank Bullis**, passed away the morning of August 11, 2018 from complications stemming from a broken hip that occurred on June 8th. Marion worked at LAXCS and retired from PDXCS. She was 87 years old. A service was held on Saturday, August 18 at 11am at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA. If you wish to send a card, Frank's address is 601 NW 110th Way, Vancouver, WA 98685-4119.

Angela Brown informed us of the death of her husband, **Reese Brown** (PDXCS). He was born on November 10, 1950 and died August 11, 2018. A Memorial for Reese was held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684. If you wish to send Angela a card, her address is 3039 Moss Landing, Oxnard, CA 98684.

Be sure to join us next month and enjoy our guest speaker from the National Weather Service (NWS). And remember to bring your donations for our charitable giving to Shepherd's Door.

This month's quote from our President was provided by member **Kathy Russell** from a Charles Schultz Peanuts cartoon: "*Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening; it just stops you from enjoying the good.*"

After President **Terry Hotchkin** shared the latest information from our NW Director **Tom Cunningham**, the meeting was wrapped up with **Cliff Blare** regaling us with more humor. His supply seems to be endless and is enjoyed by all. Thank you again Cliff!

Anniversaries: **Joe & Betty Alff** (10 years); **Sam & Bill French** (48 years); **Pat & Dave Smith** (52 years) and **Irma & Harvey Larkin** (68 years).

Birthdays: **Jack Hooper, John Van Reenen, Ray Reed, Harold Miller**, and **Barbara Martin**.

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Debbie Tafua**, *Men's Birthday* - **Ray Reed**, *Women's Birthday* - **Barbara Martin**, *50/50*: **Juanita Null**.

Calendar:

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

November 14 – Share some of your favorite, or funniest, Thanksgiving memories.

December 12 – Our holiday celebration with entertainment.

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We were so glad to get together after the winter and summer off. We were happy to hear our speaker in October. **Carole Wagner Mallory** shared her story from Hometown to Hollywood. She is a super model and actress hailing from Springfield. PA.

We are sad to report three deaths: **James Fanto**, **John Paagano**, and most recently **Donna Lynn**. Our sympathy to the families.

Of course as we age we do have a sick list. I hope we have not missed anyone. **Al Edwards**, **Dee Burrs** and **Marcia Ems** need our cards and prayers.

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

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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.
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WASHINGTON

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The first meeting of the year (September through May with no meeting in December) was a great time for renewing acquaintances after our summer break and reminiscing about "The Good Old Days" for 45 members of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA. Luncheon meetings are held at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien, Washington on second Tuesdays.

The September meeting was held on infamous 9/11 with a moment of silence dedicated to thoughts of that tragedy after recitation of “The Pledge of Allegiance.” **Kathie Torgison** read CEO Oscar Munoz’s comments and added a story she’d heard from a passenger three days after the event while she was in uniform behind the United Airlines counter. It’s possible that further tragedy had been averted.

President **Ken Storey** will have a sidekick for the new year, as **Kathie Torgison** has agreed to share the role of “fearless leader.” Our co-presidents both travel and have other commitments, so it should be helpful to have backup to carry the load when one or the other is missing. We are not a very formal organization, so there isn’t much need for business meetings or committees. We like it that way!

Other officers for the year include **Phyllis Bowman**, continuing as Vice President and membership chair, and **John Haferbecker**, acting secretary, who handles meeting reports and articles for the chapter newsletter. Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** and Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** serve as money manager and reservations specialist, respectively. **Virginia Dice** spreads rays of sunshine to those who need a lift while RUAEA Newsletter Correspondent **Gay Liesse** produces the column you’re reading right now. We owe a big thank you to these and all our other volunteers.

One of Kathie’s first major contributions was the introduction of a small-but-mighty portable microphone that is easily transferred from one speaker to the next. Acoustics in our meeting room are not the best and, except for those with booming voices, speakers often are inaudible to many and their remarks go right over the heads of listeners straining to catch every word. It’s doubtful that any Slicker can claim hearing that is *improving* with age!

John Haferbecker related a story from about 1995 when he worked in the Flight Kitchen, around the time Dobbs House purchased the kitchens from United. The gist of the tale, without many of the entertaining details, is that a special Air Jordan flight with the Crown Prince of Jordan aboard, made a brief service stop in Seattle. John was asked to provide special food items for about 50 people aboard the flight and set about procuring the requested menu – Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonald’s hamburgers!

We look forward to reports from the Cleveland convention from those who attended at the October meeting. Thanks to Ken and Kathie, who attended the meeting of RUAEA chapter presidents while **Judy Storey** represented the chapter at the meeting for chapter correspondents. They brought back useful ideas and suggestions, though it’s sad to be reminded by many chapters that national and local membership is in decline.

World WarII Veteran **Don Hanson** was treated to an also-infamous rendering of “Happy Birthday,” as he turned 96. Don’s partner, **Sharon Penwell**, though not as old, celebrated her own birthday the day before. **Vern Bozarth**, also present, was 97 over the summer.

October and November meetings will find **Ed & Gay Liesse** collecting toys and non-perishable food donated by members to the chapter’s 4th annual drive for the Marine Toys 4 Tots drive to provide Christmas gifts for needy children and food to be delivered to a local food bank. Cash donations also are accepted, making it easier for some to contribute.

Each meeting also features a display of books that members have finished reading to share with others who might be tempted to pick up an offering by a favorite author. Publications that remain at the end of the meeting are donated to the public library. Table space may be at a premium at the next two luncheons, as seasonal charitable donations compete for space with door prizes and reading material.

Speaking of door prizes, the most popular prize in September were several bags of delicious, fresh plums donated by **Vivian Anderson**. **Bill Gordius** once again walked off with the 50/50 winnings, donating a portion to the chapter treasury, which continues to maintain a healthy balance.

Profiles of UAL retirees here in Seattle have been put on hold for this month, though catching up with those already reported in the local chapter newsletter will be a challenge. The brief biographies will be included as there is column space.

With the holiday season’s being busy enough for most of us, the Emerald City Slickers decided years ago to forgo a December get together, so there will be a break between November and January meetings. Greetings – especially Thanksgiving and Christmas - from the Pacific Northwest and the Emerald City Slickers..

Calendar:

November 13 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

December - No meeting

January 8, 2019 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA! I am your new correspondent from Clipped Wings for the next two years, and I am excited to be here. **Karen Williams** left some big shoes to fill, and I will do my best to make her proud. First a bit about myself ... I was a Flight Attendant for 35 years until a back injury caused my retirement. All thirty-five years I was based out of ORD. Originally from Aurora, Colorado, I moved to Chicago in the winter of 1972 for training. I met my husband that summer, and it is where I stayed. I joined Clipped Wings after I had to retire. I thought it might keep me busy ...and the longer I stay, the busier I have become. It is all good.

Clipped Wings just had their National Convention in September hosted by the EWR Chapter. What a great time we had. ORD Chapter hosted the Welcome Reception with a Speakeasy named, of course, the Charlie Whiskey. The evening was filled with feathers, boas, pearls and lots of flapper dresses. MIA hosted the opening Breakfast where the Rev. Dr. **Olivia Stanard**, former EWR Flight Attendant, gave the invocation. A very moving speech was given by Ed Root and Emily Schenkel, both are Board Members of the Families of Flight 93. BWI selected a beautiful dinner cruise about the Hudson. The clouds of Florence left the New York area just in time for a beautiful view of the night lights of New York City skyline. Our last night at convention brought about the installation of our new officers. **Karen Williams** is now President of Clipped Wings along with her new board: **Roxine Lukens** - Treasurer, **Terri Crowell** - Secretary, **Beverly Bunn** - Quarterly Editor and myself as V.P. The evening ended one of the best conventions with a Comedy Night. **Tim Hayes** was our Emcee along with ventriloquist, John Pizzi. These two gentlemen had us rolling on the floor with laughter.

Now that the fun is set aside, it is time for business. I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me at my email address or if you need more information about Clipped Wings membership you can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

Thank you for letting me share our fun and I look forward to the next two years.

Wishing you all blue skies!

Fondly, Peggy

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **September 2018**:

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **September 2018**:

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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- 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.

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Letters & Notes



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

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

Patricia Austin, Nadine Carter, Shirley Claggett, Diane Douglas, Ardell Furuta, Evan Holly, Homer Hudelson, Gerald Marsilio, Linda McCormack, Ruth Opitz, Elizabeth Ann Pepper, William Rankin, George Richter, Michael Romer, Michael Zoldak

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.)

Lois Dick, 2310 9th Ave., Unit A1002, Longmont, CO 80503

It is dues time again.

It has not been the best year health wise for me. I ended up in the hospital in May for a week. They told my kids I would not live; and, be gone in 2 weeks with heart problems. Well, I guess I did not hear that bit of news; because I am still alive and doing the best I can. It is not quite as good as new, but I am still kicking!

I still enjoy the newsletter but do not recognize a lot of names any more. Wish I could still fly like I once did. One of my daughters moved to Maui, HI to care for a new great grand baby. I really miss her, but know she is enjoying being with her daughter and her new baby.

Best wishes to all. I hope you are all doing well in spite of advancing age.

Anita Hekking, 7994 Elgin Ln, Dublin, CA 94568

Just a note of thanks for reminding me that the RUAEA dues are due.

After my husband Johannes passed away March 2017; I have had knee replacement surgery. I need to have back surgery which at age 80, I am not looking forward to.

Nancy Johnson, PO Box 187, Milaca, MN 56353

I retired from United Medical in 1995, after getting the office set up at the new airport and it is finally opening.

I am still selling real estate in MN.

I lost my husband in June, so I need to keep busy.

Thanks for your good work.

Arthur Martin, 9586 Indigo Creek Blvd., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

I have now been retired for 20 years after 39 years of service.

The RUAEA newsletter is the only way I can follow United. You folks do a terrific job and great service to all members of RUAEA.

Keep up the good work and thank you.

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We belong to the South Bay Chapter of RUAEA. We meet weekly for breakfast and a short meeting. We love our group of friends and cannot imagine our lives without them.

We also have 4 luncheons a year; our next date is 12/11/18 for our annual holiday party. Please check out our web site www.southbayruaea.org.

We would love to see old and new retirees attend our meeting or luncheons. Our motto is the more the merrier.

Thanks for all the work you do.

Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427

Just a note to say thanks for the newsletter. I look forward to it each month.

I am now in my 14th years of retirement and still no sign of old age. Well, that might be stretching it a bit but I do feel great. The Alzheimer's disease is taking its toll on my wife, JoAnn. It is now into 5 years and is slowly taking her mind away. I am keeping her here at home with me and not giving up on her. I am getting plenty of help from Hospice services here in Martinsburg.

She responds well to words of kindness and love like she always has. Alzheimer's has not severed the connection I have with her. I know the foods she likes and she is eating well. A nurse comes every week to check on her and two ladies come twice a week for bath time. I have a caregiver that comes on Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm to stay with her. So I can get out running errands and doing the shopping. Everything is working out well.

She has been the best woman in my life and we just celebrated 33 years together ... I have learned after you meet the right woman, it is easy going from there.

Donna Wade, 1271 Carswell Ave., Elk Grove Vlg, IL 60007

Thanks for all your amazing work for us retirees.

I had a nice summer with a trip to my son's near Modesto, CA. We had a week going to wineries, art walks, antique stores, amazing restaurants and a visit with a granddaughter and family near Reno, NV.

I bought a ticket as I thought it might be too iffy flying on a pass. Then in August I took a trip to Indianapolis to see another granddaughter.

My best to all retirees and the great people who keep us connected.

Notes

Linda Flores

I retired from CLE under Diane Stanley. My daughter, who is 38, had open heart surgery immediately after birth. She required more surgery at age 2, after which she suffered a stroke and lives with me. My younger

daughter had a son, also with heart issues. I have been helping her with these issues. I have not travelled, let alone know how to print passes. I need help to be able to get a pass!

Michael Hyde

We are always looking for members for our Sand Dollars group in the Bradenton/Sarasota area. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month from October to May for an 11:30am lunch at various restaurants in the area. We have members coming from a 40 mile radius. We have a good time. If you are new to the area or just visiting, come join us. For more information, please contact Ginger Hyde at (941) 360-6671.

William Grubbs

Dolores passed away from massive total organ failure and sepsis on 2/17/18. She always read the newsletter from cover to cover, keeping up to date after 43 years.

Audrey Zakaria

My husband and I retired the same day, 10/1/2002 from United. He had 36 yrs and I had 25. It was a great career. We moved from the Bay Area to the Sacramento area in 2016. We are enjoying good health, our 2.6 acres and seeing our grandchildren in Portland, OR.

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

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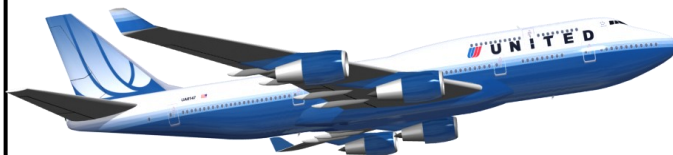
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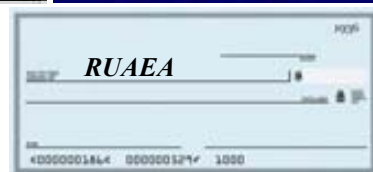
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