



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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## *From The Newsletter Manager*

**W**ith deepest respect and profound sadness, I am announcing the passing of **Don Burbank**, RUAEA esteemed president. Don dedicated countless years to championing the interests and well-being of our organization, leaving an indelible mark through his unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and boundless compassion.

Under Don's stewardship, RUAEA fostered a vibrant network of support and camaraderie among UAL retirees; his legacy will endure in the many lives he touched and the enduring principles he championed. One of his recent achievements was rallying other UAL's retiree organizations (RUPA, Clipped Wings, RAFA and AR-ECA) to participate in our annual Convention/Reunion. Through his outreach and personalized friendships, he's crafted compelling messages that highlight the unique benefits and opportunities our Convention offers. Thanks to Don's tireless efforts, we're witnessing an exciting increase in attendance and the success of our annual Convention/Reunions.

As we grieve his loss, we also celebrate a life well-lived, one dedicated to making a meaningful difference. Don's contributions will continue to resonate within RUAEA and beyond, reminding us of the positive change that can be achieved through dedication and care. Our thoughts are with his family and all who were touched by his exceptional life and work.

I would like to thank Don's family for graciously granting permission to share his obituary. ~John



### *Donald Gene Burbank* *June 6, 1945 - August 25, 2024*



*Donald Gene Burbank* passed away at his home in Golden, Colorado, on August 25, 2024, at the age of 79. In true Burbank fashion, when Don was diagnosed with terminal gastric cancer, he told his doctor he would kick cancer's butt. He did so with contagious optimism for more than a year.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Harold & Ella Burbank (Schneider). He is survived by his wife Toby, his brother Jim and his wife Pat, his children Dani, Jeff, and Julie, their spouses Andi and Jason, seven grandchildren, and his beloved dogs.

He was known as Boss, Dad, Papa, Brain, and Coach. His energy and passion for life were evident in his early hobbies of fixing engines and taunting the local sheriff. He continued fixing his entire life but also raced boats, four-wheeled through the foothills of Colorado, and rode snowmobiles, motorcycles, and horses. He also skied, traveled, coached football, and wrangled hogs just to name a few.

Don was a master storyteller, captivating everyone around him with his humor and charisma. He was one of the original "influencers" and could talk anyone into doing nearly anything (stealing cars, riding roller coasters, or jumping off the roof, to name a few).

Don turned his hobby of fixing engines into a remarkable career earning the prestigious FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award for 50 years of service well before he retired. His journey began as an airline mechanic when he joined the Navy at 18—a decision recommended by the sheriff as Don told the story. He went on to work for Frontier Airlines and ultimately retired as United Airlines' Senior Vice President of Europe, South America, and the Eastern United States. Even in retirement, Don remained dedicated to aviation, volunteering to rebuild aircraft at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, serving as flight crew for the B-17, and leading the Retired United Airlines Employees Association as its President.

Don loved animals. His households always had pets—fish, cats, dogs, horses, and more dogs if possible. He also helped his kids raise hogs, sheep, and even cows one year. Don embraced all those around him. After marrying Toby later in life, he took great pride in his blended family welcoming her adult children—John, Alli, Julie—and their children into his life.

Everyone has a story to tell about Don and they are almost all funny or inspirational. Please come share your stories as we celebrate Don's life on September 15, 2024, from 1-4pm at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum. ■

# GENERAL NEWS

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Hi Folks,

Some of you may be at the Reunion or the Reunion is over when this Newsletter arrives at your mailbox. I want to thank everyone that was able to attend the 2024 San Diego Reunion; the event was nothing short of a success.

It was gratifying to see many new people at the Reunion along with the old standby regulars; I contribute this to word of mouth about our past events, along with participation from RUPA, ARECA and Clipped Wings members. The number of room nights (the basis of our Contract with The Dana Resort) exceeded our bookings in the past few years.

Although we have been in San Diego for the past 3 years, many considered it a bargain and found it a great place to vacation. But most importantly for many attendees, it is the camaraderie, the connection with old friends and fellow retirees that are the deciding factor in attending the Reunion. As always, the Benefits Panel Presentation was well received and this presentation is only available at our Reunion. Again, thank you so much for your support.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming Newsletter with pictures of the event, courtesy of our photographers **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** and our Newsletter Manager, **John Chu**.

I do want to mention that we are working hard at securing a location that will host our 2025 Reunion, which is also RUAEA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are having a difficult time procuring a site for our event; we need a city and a site within it. We have had little or no response to our inquiries; any assistance with this process will be greatly appreciated. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please contact myself or any Board Member and I assure you, we will contact you to follow it up.

**Hank Gosselin**  
**VP Conventions RUAEA**

## **From the Executive Vice President** **Saying Goodbye Is Always Hard.**



While on the road for a family trip, I received the news that **Don Burbank** had passed away on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It wasn't easy news to receive and it isn't any easier sharing it with you, but Don Burbank took charge of his last few days and came home to hospice care. Surrounded by his family and dogs, Don passed on to his next mission with the dignity and strength that we've all known Don for.

During this past year, Don met the challenge he had been handed, head on, and was determined to attend the Reunion in San Diego the end of September; while we won't see Don in person, I am fully confident that he will be there with us in spirit. I haven't known Don for as long as many of you, but I've worked with him over the last few years and will miss him and his support as we guide RUAEA forward.

Many you already know that Don supported RUAEA in a few positions, as President of the Denver Mile Highers, Liaison for the national RUAEA Board of Directors and United, then as President/Liaison over the past few years. Don understood the meaning of service to others and had a vision of bringing all retirees together to celebrate each other and the careers we all shared. This vision came to fruition on April 11, 2022 and Don was appointed the first Committee Chair of the newly formed Retired Presidents Committee (RPC). This meeting brought the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA), Retired United Pilots Association (RUPA), Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines (ARECA), Retiree Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA) and Clipped Wings and built the pathway to the first multi-sponsored Reunion in 2022. Don's mantra was "doesn't matter what we did, for whom or where we worked, we all had one common goal, to fly large cylindrical tubes through the air". We all worked toward a common goal, do it safe and do it well.

By the time of this printing, Don's Celebration will have been completed; we would have shared memories,

paid tributes and condolences, and began to move forward with heavy hearts. Let's do the one thing we do best, go forward and focus on future while honoring the legacy we received from those who go before us.

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to Don's family, here are the addresses: **Toby Burbank**, 942 Xenon, Golden, CO 80401 –or- **Sharon Burbank**, 68 Whitehaven Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

### **A Tribute To RUAEA President Don Burbank** **By Captain Don Wolfe, Retired President, RUPA**

I became the President of The Retired United Pilots Association (RUPA) in September 2021. My wife Lori and I were vacationing on the West Coast and had just returned from a walk on the beach when I received a voice mail from **Don Burbank**. Returning Don's call, I was given a warm welcome to my new position at RUPA and quickly discovered that I was talking to an energetic leader with a positive attitude. In closing Don said, "I'm told they call you Wolfman." From that point forward, every conversation began with; "Wolfman, this is Burbank. We need to ..."

Those "We need to ..." discussions started a lengthy list of improvements to the organizations of RUAEA and RUPA as well as to the lives of all United retirees. Three of my favorite visions from Don Burbank are:

1. **Website**: Following the lead of RUAEA, RUPA created a new robust website from the mutual vendor Arc Seven Technology. Our websites are second to none in providing useful information to our members and connecting us with the retiree links at United Airlines. The online membership directory allows us to connect with old friends and allows us to organize "get-togethers" with retirees in our local area.
2. **Reunion**: The first joint reunion of all United retiree groups in 2022 was a tremendous success! Many of us will attend the 2024 reunion this September and plans are underway for the 2025 reunion. **Don Burbank** often pointed out that we worked in different departments and belonged to different retiree organizations, but we are **all** retirees of United. Assembling a large group of retirees at the joint reunion encourages United to send representatives from H.R. and the Benefits department to the event. This offers us an opportunity to talk with those representatives in person.
3. **The R.P.C.**: The Retiree Presidents Committee was a vision of Don's that we discussed during our very first conversation. The idea was to form a committee of Presidents from RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA, ARECA and Clipped Wings to act as a single voice of the retirees of United. Including spouses and family members, the R.P.C. voice to United Airlines is +10,000 members strong. The R.P.C. is the best gift **Don Burbank** gave to us and will serve all United retirees well into the future.

**Don Burbank** was a leader in every respect of the word. He knew how to motivate each one of us. He knew how to encourage us to give our best performance. His positive attitude was infectious to anyone in his presence. Don was a friend to everyone he knew and was an incredibly good friend of mine.

In my heart I know that I have not heard the last from our dear friend **Don Burbank**. I have no doubt that someday I will once again hear the words; "Wolfman, this is Burbank, welcome aboard, we need to ..."

We miss you Don Burbank, God Speed.

### **The Writer's Column** **Boeing Aircraft Model 247** **By George Midwin**



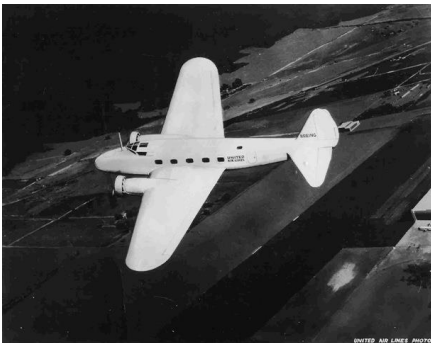
Beginning in the early 1920's, aircraft were primarily designed to carry mail. When the US government changed the method used to set the price of carrying mail, from a total weight method to an available volume method, aircraft design began to change. Regardless if the aircraft had a full load of mail or not, the airline received a fixed payment. Although this proved to be a lucrative business, airlines sought a way to increase profits. Aircraft design began to make space for passengers, just one or two in most cases, which achieved the desired results. Despite the changes, not many citizens were interested in flying in tiny, cramped quarters. However, the ability to cross the country in much less time than the train, appealed to corporations and also had the ability to pay the high ticket costs.

When Charles Lindberg flew across the Atlantic, his feat was communicated around the world. With his

subsequent tour across the country, the interest by the population in flying, subsequently grew significantly. Airlines quickly began negotiating with manufactures to design aircraft to accommodate passengers. A large number of various aircraft took to the skies, among them was the Boeing B-80, and the Ford Trimotor. Although more space was provided to increase the number passengers and their comfort, the 3 engine design created a lot of cabin noise and a rough ride. So much so that airlines would offer gum and cotton to the passengers.

The government revised the mail payment in an effort to get airlines to make improvements. Thus they provided a subsidy to airlines to make aircraft safer, incorporate two way radios, navigation equipment, and carry more passengers. This proved to be the encouragement aircraft manufacturers needed to completely design planes around the passenger. Boeing immediately set about to design such a plane.

In 1926, 31 year old Phillip Johnson became the president of Boeing. By 1929, he had overseen the acquisition of engine manufacture Pratt & Whitney and a host of other companies. Approached with the idea of a new aircraft, Johnson set about to make that a reality. The aircraft would become known as the B-247. While other manufacturers focused of designing aircraft that could carry more passengers, Johnson held the theory that speed was more important, so he envisioned an aircraft that could carry 8 to 10 passengers and capable of flying coast to coast quicker than their competitors. This new plane was to be constructed entirely out of metal, unlike the past aircraft of wood or metal tubing covered with fabric, fitted with just two engines. To reduce drag the landing gear would be retractable. An auto pilot would be installed for night flying. Cabin air would be temperature controlled and other amenities incorporated for passenger comfort. Johnson also added that it needed to be constructed with the utmost urgency. Johnson insisted that this new aircraft exceed the fastest of the current aircraft by 50%, or over 180 mph and capable of a range of at least 485 miles. An initial purchase agreement was reached for 60 aircraft to be built.



In an effort to the reduce the design/construction timeline, Boeing drew upon the experience of an all-metal construction it utilized on an aircraft which it was to build for the military as a bomber. It had a single non braced wing to improve airflow and just two engines, although rejected by the military due to poor performance, this would provide a foothold on fuselage design for the B-247. To improve aerodynamics, a portion of the wing structure would pass thru the lower center of the fuselage, through the cabin, although creating a hump for passengers.

Boeing's greatest concern was weight. A heavier fuselage, retractable gear assembly, avionics, fuel capacity and passenger amenities, would have an impact on the size of engines and their weight, required to achieve a 180 + mph aircraft. Several items of contention between Boeing and United Airlines arose. Boeing pushed for one pilot, while United insisted on two for safety. The width of the aisle between the seats, 9" or 12", would increase the fuselage width and weight. Boeing felt that a toilet was not necessary, but United insisted. Even the need of a mirror in the toilet was argued, with United winning out. However, Boeing insisted on some items to include; no onboard engine starters, no cut-out switches on the landing gear and the aircraft would not be painted, in an effort to save weight.



Once agreement was reached, Boeing began production. Initially many parts were hand fabricated and then drawings made, saving time. Landing gear production, and other tasks, were outsourced. Production worker number increased as well as shift and overtime requirements were agreed upon. Boeing implemented a number of aerodynamic improvements developed by the predecessor to NASA, such as installation of engine cowling and engine placement on the wings. The biggest issue was the power plant and propeller, eventually settling on a three bladed variable pitch propeller mounted to a 550hp radial engine.

On February 8, 1933, and behind schedule, the first test flight was accomplished. The aircraft performed flawlessly. Achieving a top speed of 182 MPH and a calculated range of 485 miles, the B-247 would be the fastest plane of its day (the model 'D' would increase speed to 200 mph and range to 750 miles). The unit cost of \$68K exceeded the cost estimate, but United was so pleased with the aircraft, they were confident they could recoup the costs. The aircraft soon entered service and received a positive response from flyers. The cost of a ticket remained the same flying on previous aircraft; however travel time on similar routes was greatly reduced. A SFO to NYC would only take 21 hours, a savings of 4 hours flying time.

Although United heavily marketed the B-247 and it was the finest aircraft built at the time, the aircraft industry was quickly catching up on the need to manufacture larger, faster planes. With the arrival of the Douglas DC-2 in 1934, the B-247 and all its advances, would soon be become outdated and were being sold. Two excellent examples of the B-247 are on display in Seattle and Washington DC.

### **A Bucket Plan to Go with Your Bucket List** **By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



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John and Mary are nearing retirement, and they have a lot of items on their bucket list. Longer life expectancies mean John and Mary may need to

prepare for two or even three decades of retirement. How should they position their money?<sup>1</sup>

One approach is to segment your expenses into three buckets:

1. Basic Living Expenses — Food, Rent, Utilities, etc.
2. Discretionary Spending — Vacations, Dining Out, etc.
3. Legacy Assets — for heirs and charities

Next, pair appropriate investments to each bucket. For instance, Social Security might be assigned to the Basic Living Expenses bucket.<sup>2</sup>

For the discretionary spending bucket, you might consider investments that pay a steady dividend and that also offer the potential for growth.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, list the Legacy assets that you expect to pass on to your heirs and charities.

A bucket plan can help you be better prepared for a comfortable retirement. We can develop a strategy that may help you put enough money in your buckets to complete all the items on your bucket list. Contact me or my team of Financial Consultants at ARIS to start your plan today. [aris.alliantcreditunion.com](http://aris.alliantcreditunion.com).

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<sup>1</sup> John and Mary are a hypothetical couple used for illustrative purposes only. Diversification is an approach to help manage investment risk. It does not eliminate the risk of loss if security prices decline.

<sup>2</sup> Social Security benefits may play a more limited role in the future and some financial professionals recommend creating a retirement income strategy that excludes Social Security payments.

<sup>3</sup> Dividend payments are not guaranteed and may be reduced or eliminated at any time by the company. Investing involves risk including loss of principal.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual.

### **United Goes Back to School with \$1.25 Million Contribution to DonorsChoose** **August 28, 2024**



United is kicking off the school year with a \$1.25 million donation through education nonprofit DonorsChoose, funding aviation and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) classroom projects across the country. United will triple the amount of donations for DonorsChoose aviation projects submitted by teachers in nine markets and match funding for STEM projects at Equity Focus Schools.

For the second year in a row, United's contributions will help bring aviation and select STEM-focused projects to life as they're posted on DonorsChoose over the next few months. If teachers in the selected cities

are interested in submitting a project to be considered for funding, and viewing 2023 funded projects, they can visit [donorschoose.org/united](https://donorschoose.org/united). Participating cities include Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., New York, Houston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, as well as in Phoenix and across Hawaii.

*“This program is a testament to United’s commitment to diversifying our workforce and removing barriers to STEM and aviation education and careers for underrepresented groups,” said Helon Hammond, VP of Global Learning, People and Community Impact for United. “Last year, we were able to help fund 2,592 projects across our hub cities and target markets. We’re proud to collaborate with DonorsChoose for the second year in a row and continuing efforts to support the organization as their sole aviation partner.”*

DonorsChoose was founded in 2000 by a high school teacher. According to a 2024 survey by the nonprofit, educators spend an average of \$610 of their own money on supplies for their students, and the cost is higher for teachers of color and teachers at Equity Focus Schools. DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers to request the classroom resources they need for their students, and supporters who feel inspired to give can help fund those resources. DonorsChoose ensures the integrity of funding at every step of every project by vetting all requests, purchasing each item, and shipping materials directly to verified teachers.

*“United Airlines is helping the new school year take off on a strong note,” said Alix Guerrier, CEO of DonorsChoose. “By directly funding DonorsChoose projects, United Airlines will fulfill ideas and programs that will inspire students to explore futures in aviation and STEM.”*

With nearly 100,000 employees worldwide, United offers a wide variety of career opportunities within the STEM field ranging from pilots, aviation maintenance technicians, flight dispatchers, and network planners. Last year United also gave \$1.25 million to DonorsChoose in support of aviation projects, making a total of \$2.5 million in just the last two years.

### **United is the first to purchase sustainable aviation fuel for Chicago O’Hare** **August 12, 2024**



Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is chemically identical to normal jet fuel, but it’s made from renewable materials rather than fossil fuels and can reduce carbon emissions on a lifecycle basis by up to 85%, compared to normal jet fuel.

United brought SAF to O’Hare largely due to the Illinois SAF tax credits that Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed into law in 2023 – the first legislation of its kind in the Midwest.

**Disclaimer:** Based on publicly available information on airline SAF purchases in Chicago. SAF is less than 0.1% of United’s overall fuel use. SAF must be blended with conventional fuel in accordance with regulatory requirements. Use of blended SAF results in lower carbon emissions on a lifecycle basis than conventional fuel alone. For further information about our environmental impact, review United’s Corporate Responsibility Report and Annual Report on Form 10-K, available at [crreport.united.com](https://crreport.united.com) and [ir.united.com](https://ir.united.com).

### **So Simple From Sheryl**

#### **Broccoli Salad:**

This salad is nice and quick and I think you will enjoy it even if you do not like broccoli.

4 cups chopped broccoli heads, no stems

1 cup raisins

½ cup chopped onions

1 cup sunflower seeds

½ cup bacon bits or crisp bacon can be used

Combine all the ingredients and toss with the following dressing:

1 cup mayonnaise

¼ cup sugar

1 tablespoon vinegar

Refrigerate overnight to blend flavors.

Serves 8-10



## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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We meet every three months for lunch at various restaurants in Birmingham and invite all retired United employees and their families to join us. For more information, you may call me at the above phone number.

### ARIZONA

#### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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#### Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry:

Well, here I am again. First, I want to let you know that we had a nice lunch at Vito's today, with 18 in attendance. The food was good, the socializing was fun, the laughs were plenty, and the pricing wasn't too bad. I'm sorry if you missed it.

It came up again about changing our breakfast restaurant; some in the group would like to change. We have been at the Black Bear for many years. I too think we need a change. The top of the list presently is Mr. Zeke's restaurant in Gilbert. If you would like to suggest someplace else for consideration, please let us know. We will change restaurants; the question is where and when.

I just learned how to store my cut watermelon so that it is not sitting in the juice that drips from it. What! You ask. I, as of today I will store it in my salad spinner. That way it's in a colander and above the juice. Then you can pour off the liquid when you want to. Yea for me!

Now, back to Re-United's, it has been brought to my attention by some that it would be nice to do a group cruise. There are so many interests that someone has even sent a suggestion for a cruise that would be a good plan; a three-day cruise, LAX-MZT on May 2025 on Royal Cruise Line. If you have any thoughts on this or other ideas let me know.

Our breakfast at the Black Bear restaurant today was fun with lots of laughter and telling stories. There were 9 present however, that doesn't make a difference because we have a good rapport. Thank you, to the attendees.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for our next luncheon to be held at Boulder on Southern; 1010 W. Southern Av.; Mesa, AZ 85210 at 11:00 a.m. It's just east of Alma School on Southern. Please mark your calendars. Of course, there will be separate checks, and they offer a military discount.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Just a quick reminder that our Picnic at Woodson Bridge State Park is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 from 11AM to 2PM. Bring own lunch and drinks.

Calendar:

**September 25** - 11:30 AM, Woodson Bridge State Park, Corning, CA. Come and join us!



### **CENTRAL COASTERS**

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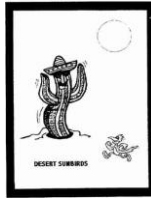
I was saddened to hear about the passing of **Don Burbank**. Retirees really need that connection between us & the company and Don served that position well as "Airline Liaison", a job well done. May he rest in peace!

## **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

Palm Springs Area

Thomas Sabo

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

We try to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email [sabo.thomas@yahoo.com](mailto:sabo.thomas@yahoo.com) for details.

## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**



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Happy October to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on September 7, we have just celebrated Labor Day. We had a mini heat wave last week and everyone is hoping this the last one of this summer. Living in a “semi desert” means we don’t get rain from about late April to the end of October. I am really looking forward to the wonderful sound of rain on the roof once again.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We changed the time of our restaurant meetings to 11:30. We go to The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord every other month. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We are now looking at other restaurants for the other months. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting, which is a catered BBQ luncheon at a member’s home; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo’s in Pleasant Hill. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served an hour later.

Our president **Russ Kennedy** starts the meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting, we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring.

Our regular meeting day in September fell on Labor Day, so we moved the date back a week to September 9. As of the writing of this article on September 7, I do not have the September meeting to report on. It will be included in the November newsletter.

**Barbara Cunningham** is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all the cards he can get.” The students make gift cards, which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you’d like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [barbjc1943@gmail.com](mailto:barbjc1943@gmail.com). Barb has moved and here is her new address: 1782 Calle Del Rey, Livermore, CA 94551-3985. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

**Jan Soderstrom** is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer’s Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too; however, please send in coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they

are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated - food, nonfood, baby and pet; and current and expired

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. In September, I turned in an incredible 1073 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Francis Domaratius** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Mimi Lee** in CA, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

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

- ▲ Monday, October 7 at 11:30. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 4.
- ▲ Monday, November 4 at 11:30. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd. in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, November 1.

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

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Here we are – the Dog Days of Summer slowly fading into Fall. Cooler weather, but we won't hold our breath. This is the season to buy sweatshirts if you plan to visit the San Francisco area as we have our air-conditioning rolling in.

Our August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting found us in our new digs! The remainder of the year will see us across the street from the Rec. Center in Foster City – we meet in the Wind Room at the Foster City Library – great views of the lagoon and an elevator (killer stairs if you wish to trudge up them!) We meet from 10:00am to 12:00noon, we leave at 11:30am for lunch. Our meetings are attended by regular attendees, 17 or 18 of us, who manage to have fun, laugh, commiserate and wish the election was over! Do get out there and vote as your vote could possibly be the deciding vote when all is said and done. After our general meeting, we moseyed over to the Ay Caray Taqueria and enjoyed some good tasty Mexican food. You missed a good one!

Our treasurer, **John Garis**, has paid the “rent” for the remainder of the year, so come join us in our new setting. Lots of parking and easy to find.

Here are the next meeting and luncheon dates coming up:

- ▲ **September 23:** Meeting in the Wind Room then lunch (we will leave at 11:30) at Armadillo Willys', located in the Bridgepoint Shopping Center. They have a great menu (you can google it) and very tasty food. Separate checks are OK, ask for a senior discount. Please let **Ginger Dahlberg** know if you plan to join us at lunch so she can advise their management of possible attendees.
- ▲ **October 28:** Meeting in the Wind Room and lunch at IHOP which is located three blocks away from the Foster City Library. Turn right on Hillsdale Blvd., then turn left on Foster City Blvd. and it is a block and a half on the right side of the Blvd. Last time separate checks were not available so please bring cash (please bring smaller bills, make it easier for the person who will pay the bill.) A senior menu is available. Please let Ginger know if you will attend the luncheon so that the manager can plan his staffing.
- ▲ **November 25:** Meeting in the Wind Room and lunch at Joy Chinese Restaurant located at 1489 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City. There is an extensive menu and Lunch specials are available. Separate checks were available the last time we ate there. Turn right on Hillsdale Blvd. it becomes Beach Park Blvd.

and follow it to the small mall where the restaurant is located. Bring chop sticks.

- ▲ It was voted by the members who were present that we have a Christmas Luncheon ... so ... **December 9**, a Monday, we will not have a meeting but will meet at BJ's restaurant at 11:30am, located in the Bridgepoint Center. More information will follow. Drag out those wild and wooly Christmas sweaters and join us for some fun, laughter and good eats! Yes, we just ate out in November but Christmas is looming in the near future so, y'all come!!

**Membership** – Ginger filled in for **Barbara Underhill**. Too many candles were lit for **John Garis** and **Ginger Dahlberg**. No anniversaries. **Vera Kina** took a tumble and is tending to her bruises and scrapes but is doing much better. Sad news: **Ralph Trullinger** passed away last week; he had not been well for a long time. He was an Inspector at the MOC and had over 40 years with UAL. Services were in early September. Cards can be sent to his daughter-in-law: Cindy Ferguson, 1541 Juniper Way, Milpitas, CA 94030. Both he and his wife, **Bernice**, lived with Cindy for a long time. Our condolences go out to the family. Ralph was instrumental (along with **Aubrey Bliss**) in our transition move from the Mainliner Club to our Foster City meetings. Ralph was President of the group for 4-to 5 years and traveled with us on many trips. Bernice is not well so keep her in your thoughts.

**Andy King** has volunteered to be our Jack-of-all-Trades guy - he helped sell tickets for the raffle today. Winners of \$\$: **Vera Kina** and **Jerry Marsala**. Winners of donated goodies were **Diane Heinrich**, **Ginger Dahlberg**, **Gary Chong** and **Vera Kina**.

Here is a bit of information I'll bet you didn't know ...

*The Last Surviving Kamikaze* ~ During WW11, the cry heard in Japan's elite military was, "Tora, Tora, Tora, (Tiger.) Among the elite were the Kamikaze (Suicide) pilots who had vowed to give up their lives for their country in the most effective way possible.

One of the pilots was a recruit forced to join the Imperial Air Force while he was vacationing with his parents in their homeland. He was originally from Hawaii and his command of the Japanese language was sketchy. His English wasn't so hot either, having spoken Pidgin English most of his life.

After a brief training, he was sent on one of the last Kamikaze missions of the war. When the order to strike came, he heard the commanding cry, "Tora, Tora, Tora!" This immediately brought to mind his former girlfriend named Dora. His mind switched to "Dora, Dora, Dora"; quite a tiger herself, and he deliberately avoided the targeted aircraft carrier, which he had no intention of hitting any way - he being a loyal American.

In this evasive action, he accidentally jammed the controls of his plane, ran out of gas and went into the drink. Rescued, with valuable information for the military, he was declared a hero and sent home to Hawaii. Alas, his former colleagues fulfilled their mission. So **Walt Kina** became the last surviving Kamikaze. He then went to work for United Airlines, tried for pilot training, and, despite his pilot's license, was declared not tall enough, and, thus, he became a mechanic. Lovingly submitted by **Vera Kina**.

*Conundrum of the day:* Have you ever wondered where Father Goose is?

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00am in the Wind Room at the Foster City Library, corner of Hillsdale Blvd., and Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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*Submitted by Suzanne Kenny (Filling in for our wonderful Secretary, Jane Gibson)*

The term *Hot August Nights* certainly did not let us down this month! We all enjoyed our August luncheon at the Chicago Fire restaurant in Folsom. This was our first time at Chicago Fire as a group and it is a keeper location. We had a lovely private room and friendly staff serving tasty food. Many pizzas, big and small, wings, salads and I had a fantastic meatball sandwich; something to please everyone! Our president, **Rudy Blazius**, called our meeting to order and extended a big "Thank You" to **Robin & Dave Garland** for arranging this luncheon.

Rudy inquired about Birthdays this month? **Duncan Nielsen**, **John Muir** and **Rudy Blazius** are all one year older! Happy Birthday to you as well as any other members celebrating this month! For anniversaries, we

didn't have any couples present who tied the knot in August, but, Jane's records show that **Tom & Gerry Boyle** celebrate 60 years together! Congratulations! No guests today.

*President ~ Rudy Blazius*, our knowledgeable leader, brought a few things for discussion. He also brought a printout of our 2024 roster that he again passed around the tables for members to make notes of any changes should there be a mistake in your info. Once he gives us two shots at corrections, **Jane Gibson** will contact those of you who weren't there and see if you have any changes to make. The most common change is a phone number and it's easy to forget we need to know too!

Rudy reminded everyone of the 2024 UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion in Minden, NV. **Rosemary Heier, Jane Gibson** and **Sue Hohl** are hosting this annual event again this year. The dates are September 17, 18, 19 to be exact. Last year, there was an impromptu get together with many of you at the local Basque restaurant (JT's) in Gardnerville. They have been serving locals and travelers alike for over 60 years. The multi-course family-style meals are traditional, plentiful and palate pleasing. Several people suggested that we make it part of the festivities. So, if you are coming to the reunion think about giving it a try.

*Vice President ~ JR Heier* didn't have any words of wisdom to share, but we heard him loud and clear when he later started the raffle.

*Treasurer ~* Our treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, had a lot of information to share with us today. He starts with "Hot August Nights" are with us! He received the printed Bank Statement in time for this meeting and our present Bank Balance looking good still! So again, as mentioned last meeting, we are about where we need to be based on our average revenue from dues checks and our raffle monies for supplementing our Christmas Luncheon and some Charity for 2024.

After our Luncheon at BJ's last month, they sent us a reimbursement check for \$130.54, which brought up our balance up giving us a generous bump in our revenue for July. I received the check just recently and will deposit that with our revenue from today's August 14, meeting. As far as our Dues Roster status, we are now at an active membership of 38 names with room to grow!

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* was not able to attend our luncheon today, but wants to remind you that the Minden Reunion is just one month away. If you are going and haven't let her know yet, you are running out of time. Please send a message or call to get on the list, (Jane – 925-443-0905) or email her at [tired-dogs@comcast.net](mailto:tired-dogs@comcast.net). Let her know if you plan to be at the barbecue on Wednesday (lunchtime/Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>). Also, let her know what you would like to bring for sharing ... like an appetizer, salad or dessert and if you can bring a pop-up awning or portable table. She also needs to know if you would like to join the group going to the Basque restaurant on Tuesday evening. These wonderful ladies, **Rosemary Heier, Jane Gibson** and **Sue Hohl**, do an amazing job organizing this fun event for us, so please just let them know that you are attending! Rosemary emphasized how important this is for their shopping list to make sure that they purchase the correct amount of food. They are also working on gathering some fun items for a raffle.

If you haven't already made arrangements for lodging at the Carson Valley Inn, you still have time to do so. Reservation need to be booked by August 27<sup>th</sup> as after that the hotel will put the rooms set aside for us back into their general availability. Reservations are to be made on an individual basis by calling the Reservations Department at 775-783-6629 and mentioning our group number 4363 or group name United Airlines Retired Mechanics.

*Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny* gave us an update on the Crozier Fire in El Dorado County that prompted evacuations north of Placerville involving some of our members. As of today, it is reported that it is over 50% contained. **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** were able to return to their home last Sunday evening and all is okay with them. Luckily, they can stay with their son who lives down in Folsom. She tried contacting **Ann & Kerry Kozelka**, but was not able to reach them by phone or email. She is happy to report that all of them are here at our luncheon today.

*New Business ~ Suzanne Kenny* brought up for discussion the planning of our special Christmas luncheon for this year. She suggested that ideas/information should be brought to our September meeting for selecting a venue so that a reservation can be made soon or before October. The past two years we have had our luncheon at the Smith Flat House in the Glasshouse Gazebo for a plated luncheon consisting of an appetizer, Caesar salad, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, choice of two entrees Salmon/Prime Rib, dinner rolls, beverages and specialty dessert. They provided a no-host bar service. The unit price was \$38.00 plus tax and gratuity based on 40 people to give you an idea of the cost. Members paid \$15.00 and our chapter paid the balance. She will contact them for pricing and updated menu choices for this year. She also suggest that we have a better plan for the toy donations as last year, the day of the luncheon, we really didn't know where the beautiful toys were going or who was volunteering to deliver them. After much group discussion, **Patti Kenney** suggested that we move our toy donations up to our November meeting. This will allow for a more timely delivery date

for the toys. I believe that we have donated to the Toys for Tots via the local Fire Departments these past years and to the Georgetown Fire Department following the big fire. This is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy gifts for them for Christmas. **AnnMarie Sutherland** advised us that the American Legion also has a collection barrel, but it usually gets picked up before our luncheon date in December. So, let's work on a definite plan as to where the toys will go and who will volunteer to deliver them before our November meeting.

*Old Business* ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that the Tooling Collection is progressing, though not as much as last year at this time as most of last year's tooling came in after the Minden, Nevada reunion. Hope we can get a reminder out for folks that are coming to Minden that have tools to donate, as with last year, we will meet at the reunion and transfer the tools back to our area for processing to the School. Again, we hope to make a presentation of tool kits to deserving students by Thanksgiving this year. As mentioned before our local EAA Chapter 512, at the Placerville Airport will be working with us on the tooling program again.

More on the tooling front, last month I received an email and phone call from **Ed Pozzi**, in Lake Grove, New York. He was the station manager for JFK, La Guardia and Newark, in the 90's and early 2000's. He read our minutes in the RUAEA newsletter and called wanting to donate tools. Well, I had a discussion with Ed and he had a lot of tools to donate and I discussed what we needed. He discussed how we would handle the shipping and I said we do have a small budget for some expenses. We ended our call and I thought he would let me know what the shipping costs would be before he shipped the tools; lo and behold, one week later I had four boxes of tools weighing roughly 70 pounds in my mail box. Yikes, I thought that will be a bundle! To my surprise, I called Ed and we discussed the shipping which would have been over \$300.00 at FedEx, so he told me he had a "friend" in the shipping business that did it for \$159.00! I said OK, I get it! Lesson learned is that before anyone else ships tools, I/we get prices before they get shipped! By the way, Ed mentioned he has some Ford wrenches and some other tools that he has and he will send, but he'll handle the shipping. So, along with the tools which I estimate to be worth over \$2,500.00 on the used market, he sent a check for \$200.00 as a direct donation to Sacramento City College. With that said, I am asking the chapter to consider a \$300.00 Charity donation to the Tooling Program to cover the shipping costs and to apply toward the purchase of three tool boxes from Harbor Freight to allow us to build four kits for students this year from the tools we have and of course those items left over will go to the tool crib. Rudy then made a motion to donate \$300 to the Tooling Collection Program and **John Muir** seconded it.

We had an update from **AnnMarie Sutherland** who is the president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Last month their special project was the "Backpack Project" for locals. They purchase the backpacks and supplies that are needed by the students to do their school work and fill the packs. At our July luncheon, AnnMarie passed around an empty backpack and asked for donations that would be used to help purchase those needed supplies. The backpack came back with \$118.00! Their project was able to donate over 50 backpacks to local children in need of these school supplies. Thank you for helping out.

Well, that seems to cover our informative meeting for today. Rudy comes with something witty to close things out, so here we go: An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening church service when she realized there was an intruder in her home. Seeing that he was in the act of stealing her valuables, the woman yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" Hearing her, the burglar stopped in his tracks and stood motionless. The woman calmly called the police and explained what was going on. Later, as an officer cuffed the man, he asked him, "Why did you just stand there? All the woman did was yell a Bible verse at you." Bible verse?" the burglar exclaimed. "She said she had an ax and two .38s!"

JR took over the floor and started our raffle. Winner of the donator's prize was **Rosemary Heier**. Let's keep it all in the family!

Many thanks to everyone who brought items today: **Heier** – picture frames; **Kenney** – German beer; **Barton/Kozelka** – wine; **Kenny** – Lava Cap wine; **Trebnik** - Organizer; **Muir** – decorative plate; **Martin** – football serving tray; **Blazius** – vase + flower arrangement; **Dellinger** – vase + flowers; **Garland** – lantern table decorations; **Akin** – eggs and figs; **Wolfram** – flower dish with candy.

Stay cool and enjoy the rest of August!



## RESANS

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This is turning out to be a hot, quiet month. Everyone was out traveling and visiting with family before school which began for many right after Labor Day weekend.

The September breakfast was canceled as our signup for attendance was very low. No one was going to be in town or were busy having family visiting them.

We are getting closer to the Reunion/Convention and hope to see many of you there. Every year it seems to get harder and harder to get out and travel, especially with all the delays and disruptions in the travel world. Even driving has become difficult with the price of gas and road construction.

The Reunion Team is working very hard to make all your efforts worthwhile so you can have a great time with us and that it will make up for all of your effort in getting here.

There are no birthdays this month.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion!

### Calendar:

**October 10** – Breakfast at Pt Loma Café. 10:00 AM. If you will be around after the Convention, you are welcome to join us. Please R.S.V.P to me so I can advise the Cafe.

**September 27 – October 2** – RUAEA Reunion/Convention. Looking forward to seeing you at the Dana Inn, Mission Bay.

## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Left Picture: **Francis Domaratius, Julie Heyneman, Ron Bertacini, and Orville Harshbarger** (sitting).

Right Picture: **Robin Garland, Marji Gabert-Milam, Elsa Powers, and Dave Garland.**



Left Picture: **Louise & Lyle Auerbach.**

The Gold Diggers met at Casa del Lago in Granite Bay where we had 17 members and one guest, **Elsa Powers**, who came with **Marji Gabert-Milam**. A few members were unable to attend due to illness, we wish them a speedy recovery. President Jim opened the meeting after a nice lunch, thanking **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements and also thanked our server Andrea. Jim also thanked the members for their contributions for the raffle.

Officer reports began with VP **Barbara Bertacini** reporting that we are set for lunch venues the balance of 2024. The October lunch/ meeting will be at Skipolini's in Rocklin, hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger**. There will be no lunch/meeting in November due to Thanksgiving; and the Holiday lunch meeting on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Casa del Lago in Granite Bay.



Left Picture: **Frank Dellinger, Trudy Engeldinger, Barbara Bertacini, Jim Simon, Pat Guinn, Tom Miehle, Angie Dellinger.**

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that his records showed three wedding anniversaries for the month of July, **Trudy & Lance Engeldinger** with 49 years, **Rosemary & Dan Figueroa** with 58 years and **Marie & Skip Jenkins** with 63 years.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is still solvent thanks to income from the monthly raffles. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she sent a sympathy card to the **McKinney** family. Historian **Francis Domaratius** had nothing new to report other than we are all 'still making history'.

Regional Director **Dave Garland** reported that the RUAEA Reunion information is on the RUAEA website along with the ability to register online and pay with a credit card. Just go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) and you can not only register but choose your meal choices for the banquet and choose which tours you would like and also sign up for the Western Night.

Jim asked if anyone had any old business ... nothing and then any new business ... nothing again. Jim made a motion that we have a 50/50 raffle as well as our regular raffle to help subsidize some future lunches. The members approved his motion and we will give a try at the October lunch. Jim moved on to the birthday roll off with and there was only one birthday, Jim's ... he rolled the dice and received his small reward. We finished with our monthly raffle with many great options.

We would love to have members from other chapters who may be in the greater Sacramento area to join us. Just let us know you if you would like to come visit and we will be glad to see you.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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### **Submitted by Bob Scoble**

Hello Everyone,

The San Joaquiners held their monthly get together at Huckelberrys Restaurant in Oakdale with 11 members in attendance. There is not much new going on with the group. As usual, we had a great lunch at Huckelberrys and shared stories about our individual goings on.

The group currently has no declared President or Vice President, but Bob and Steve continue to keep the party going. Our monthly get-togethers were enjoyed by everyone because our hosts have done a great job selecting and scheduling places to meet. Thank You to the work of our monthly host volunteers.

**Don Nesja**, our chapter jokester, provided a number of humorous stories for the group to share a laugh over. **Rosie Walls**, our secretary, is still in Minden, NV with family; recovering from a mild illness. We all wish her well and a speedy return.

Bob shared the upcoming larger get-togethers; the Annual RUAEA Reunion in San Diego and the Annual Mechanics Bar B Que in Minden, NV. Both events are a week apart this year.

Speaking of get-togethers, our next get together for the San Joaquiners will be hosted by **Bob & Pat Scoble** at the Good Friends Restaurant in Valley Springs on September 12 at 11am. As a reminder, the restaurants address is 9 California St., Valley Springs, Calif. Please call or e-mail Bob or Steve your RSVP so we can give the restaurant a count for their set up.

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Our September meeting had 13 members and guests in attendance. Although a few of our guests are considered members, as they attend most of our meetings and it is a pleasure to have them join us. Thoughts were with **Helen Seidl** and **Don Burbank's** family. Helen, a long time member with her husband, was very active in our chapter. Don, his dedication to RUAEA will be greatly missed.

**Chuck Clayborn** told us that December 1<sup>st</sup> could well be his last day with RUAEA South Bay Chapter. This gives us a little bit of time to encourage someone to move into his position. The president's office is key to keeping the chapter together and we must have that position filled. I will remain as correspondent and will help the person taking the office. We have a very good place to hold meetings, so the president would only require notifying the restaurant manager of our next meeting. Send E-mail to members and work on a script for the meeting. It will not require a great deal of time, but just some dedication to the task. Unless someone can come up with another place for our Christmas luncheon, then BJ's will be the location. The annual picnic, I will handle the reservations and with some help prepare the food; so some of the future work for the president is already set. Please consider stepping up.

**Birthdays ~ Joyce Malia; Alice Rostirolla; Tony Urso; Robin Garland; Don Boyer; Dave Walb; Charlotte Cacippo; Rita Matkovich; Rita Matkovich; and Sherry Mansur.**

**Anniversaries ~ Kathryn & Frank Mazzola.**

The RUAEA Reunion in San Diego will be reviewed in next month's newsletter and possibly, an announcement regarding next year's location will be made.

The summer went by so quickly, but as the weather is still good don't let these good days pass. I will be on a 10 day road trip with my trusty side kick, looking for historical landmarks as I get ever closer to completing this venture, including the reunion in San Diego.

SOLANO FLYERS



## SOLANO FLYERS

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The Solano Flyers met on August 20. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson, Jim Ellison, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Frank Uhl, Eileen & Pad Gardner, Gerald Williams, Gene Boyce, Chauncy Blaine, Rudy Arsaga, Bob Ritchie, Stewart McCale, and Richard Cox.**

*Birthdays ~ None this month.*

*Anniversary ~ None this month.*

Winner of the 50/50 was **Stewart McCale.**

Next month's luncheon will be on September 24<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with the event in Minden.

## COLORADO

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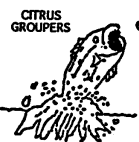
**Paul Goodyear** was elected as the Mile Highers President and **Jane Ayers** will serve as the Vice President.

We will not have a meeting in October due to the Reunion. At the November meeting, we will sign up for the December Christmas party which is December 5<sup>th</sup> at Ted's Place.

50/50 winners ~ **Ray Shoults, Cleora Conner, Mark Sheveland (2x), and Bonnie & Matt Ohr.**

Our next meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Tedz Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Commerce City; (303) 287-7544. There will not be a meeting in October due to the reunion.

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

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



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We had a busy meeting today. After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, our group of 16 got right down to business. President Al asked about whether we wanted to have a fall picnic? It was decided that we would have a November Picnic (hopefully it will be **cool** by then ☺). The Date: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1130 – 1500 at Cypress Grove on Holden Avenue! We will be looking forward to all the "good eats" and good fellowship!

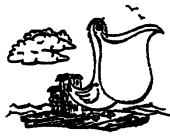
Then we went right ahead and made plans for the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's! The Date: December 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3PM. This year has been a tough one for many of our members ... so let's get out and have some **fun**!

The Loving Couple, married 57 years on September 10<sup>th</sup> is **Tom & Peg Cannata**! Huge congrats and many more year of happiness together!

Birthdays you ask! September 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Angel Montalvo** and September 17<sup>th</sup> – **Charlotte LeGrand**! Have lots of cake and ice cream on your special day – Celebrate!

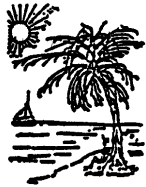
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We are taking the summer off; our next meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at our usual venue LYNQ restaurant here in Ft Myers.

We wish everyone a great summer.



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There is no report this month from the Tampa Bay chapter of RUAEA.

### Calendar:

**October 7** – Next meeting at IHOP, 10:30

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There was no early September meeting as it was delayed till September 23, 2024. I'm sure everyone systemwide had a great visit to San Diego for the Reunion.

There is one Birthday for October. Happy Birthday to **Arnold Lasko** on the 25<sup>th</sup>. No Anniversaries celebrated in October.

We are in the early stages planning our Christmas party which will be held on December 9; more information to follow.

Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween already, where does the time go?

Good health and many cheers from the Treasure Coast, Stuart, Florida!

### IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Happy Fall to everyone! Our President, **Rick Dempsey**, will not be attending the RUAEA Convention later this month. We wish those attending the Convention in San Diego a wonderful time!

## ILLINOIS

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October - Goblins and witches time again! Let's see, what should I go as this year? Yoda? Wicked Witch of the East? West? I have the red sparkly shoes. I went looking for a mask; saw a nice one of an old lady, complete with a gray wig. But when I looked in the mirror, I realized I could just go as myself and save \$29.00. You can just be absorbed with the aroma of leaves, smoldering leaves, and a sweet chill in the air, not December chill, just an October sensation. It's sometimes hard to decide which season we like the most. Winter is ok when it's just a little cold with a little snow, especially that first snow, it's so white and clean. The kids wake up and are all wide-eyed and smiling because it snowed. Whooo! Then the first car goes down the street and ruins the scene. The kids want to build a snow-person and throw snow balls. But it's a soft snow, no balls, next time.

Then comes along Spring, ahh yes, little crocuses, daffodils and tulips popping their little heads through the frozen ground, even through the snow, peeping out, saying to themselves, "Is it ok? Is it safe?" What strong little babies, an example for all of us, be strong, face the cold and unknown! Then all the flowers just explode as if overnight, beautiful colors, bursting with happiness. They're saying, "Hey people, look at us, aren't we pretty? You waited six months for us." Greens coming up everywhere, our bushes, grass, weeds, even our beloved dandelions, ha! Then Summer is here. No coats, boots, gloves, finally, but the bugs are back! No cicadas this year, thank goodness! Did you have a lot? I didn't but my nephew in Orland Park was surrounded by them. After a beautiful summer with about 10 days in the 90's, we're back to September, gorgeous colors of the leaves and bushes everywhere. I think Fall is the prettiest, but Spring is a close second, gone are months of no sun, wind and cold. A welcomed sight. Now I can put my gachkies away (wool underwear).

The gems of October are tourmaline and oak, both lovely colors. The flowers are the marigold and cosmos. You'd think mums or sunflower, but I guess the Flower People put them in another month. The full moon is October 17, it's called the Hunter's Moon, the time when the native Americans and new settlers hunted so they'd have food for the winter. Kind of obvious back then. Rosh Hashana is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Yom Kippur on the 12<sup>th</sup>. In Chicago, we celebrate Casimir Pulaski Day, he was a hero in our Revolutionary War, back in 1765. He came from Poland to help us, nice guy. October 16<sup>th</sup> is Bosses Day, but we don't have one any more, unless you count your wife, lol lol, October 19 is Sweetest Day, the 29<sup>th</sup> is National Cat Day, and my beloved Halloween is the 31<sup>st</sup>. Have a great Halloween when you can be somebody else for the day, maybe an angel or a zombie. I was an undertaker one year, silk hat and all. Love Halloween!

Our Northside breakfast at the Rose Garden had a dozen retirees. **Dave Dunham, Charlie Lewis, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Ginny Vlach, Virginia Kondraros, Elena & Cesar Guerra, Jerry Tipperreiter, Toni VanKampen, Deb Jaret, Dona Nefczyk, and Jan Gawenda.**

We talked about the heat, our aching bodies, the beautiful Full Blue Moon, trips we took, not too many more, except Toni who is still going strong. Then we just talked about the people that aren't there. See? You should show up.

The mechanics of ORDMM met at Maxfied's, including **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Walt Chornomaz, Cas Paprocki, Fred Seibert, Boris Spitz, Bill Durr, Don Kramlich, Paul Skrudlund, Rich Protsman, Ron Geibel, Jim Vitte**, and "long time no see", **Bob Zeier**. Lots of talk about fixing things around the house and yard; reminiscing about planes fixed at ORD, friends that aren't with us anymore, and their family get-togethers.

The ORDMM supervisors breakfast had eight people, **Stan Chmielewicz** and his daughter **Jennifer, Glenn Hill, Sue & Bart Kendall, Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham and Jan Gawenda.**

The 1487 Union met at their lodge, there were 61 members in attendance. Two members were given a certificate pin and gold card pin for 50 years continuous Union membership, one certificate was given for 25 years of service. All members brought food to share, Meet and Eat! There was delicious food and a ton of desserts. Lots of food to even take home. Thank you members! October will be a Brown Bag and Bingo meeting. They're also starting to sign up paid members for the gala Christmas Party on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Seville. Plan your table and choice of food.

Our Skyliner Luncheon at The Belvedere was a success. We had their infamous Squash Soup, and Pork Schnitzel to go with the Alpine Thunder entertainment group. They are so captivating with their long horns and

lederhosen, along with their quips and humorous remarks. It was so good to have them back again after a few years. Everybody clapped along, laughed and really enjoyed themselves. Next time we have them, you should really come and laugh along. Some people even got up and danced, with their partners or even alone. Come and join us next year! Looking forward to seeing you all on December 10<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Luncheon featuring Steve Oprisko, with his dulcet tones and his very classy tuxedo. We had him in the Spring and asked him back by popular demand. A class act and very funny remarks in-between his classic tunes from the 40's-50's-60's, and Christmas tunes were very popular. Everybody sang along. The Mainliner Club will be there with all their hats, shirts, novelty items and calendars too. Bring a few dollars and credit card, they always have some nice items for gifts or for us!

Yes, we will have the squash soup, of course. I know a few people have asked for salad, but when 95% ask for the soup, what do you think we're going to order? Majority rules, sorry. Since the city of Elk Grove bought out and tore down the Avalon, our choices of banquet halls has decreased. At least the Belvedere has kept the cost of the meal down with a decent price. You would not believe what the other restaurants want to charge, waaay over \$30.00. I have to thank **Jim Sommerfield** and **Rene Bakus** for working with the staff at the Belvedere; we're trying to be mindful of your wallets during these times. We weigh all the possibilities every luncheon, yes we do. Hope to see you in December. Invitations will be going out this month with all the particulars.

United is building another training center for its flight attendants near Dulles Airport. It will be a 20,000 square foot facility in Chantilly, a few miles south of IAD. The center will meet the training needs of cabin crew based at Dulles, Reagan, and Baltimore airports. The center will have classrooms, mock airplane cabins and aircraft door training stations to simulate real-life emergency situations and evacuations as well. This is the same as we have in Houston and Chicago. The old Res building on Touhy has refigured the cafeteria and does recurring training, as well as in Houston. That center was renovated doubling the size at the cost of \$32 million. The plan was to hire thousands more pilots and flight attendants, but the plan was changed and only 800 pilots were hired, and 600 attendants were hired. The Denver Flight Training center expanded by about 150,000 square feet. They added six more flight simulators to the facility, bringing the number of sims to 52. TK, as it's called, is the largest training center in the world and is opened 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The whole building is quite impressive and huge, to say the least.

Our fellow workers that flew West last month include **Elaine Lies**, CHIRR, **Richard Johnson**, **Ben Koshey** (supervisor), and **Steve Ruaen** (Lead) ORDCG, **Kenneth Shabino**, ORDCS, **Dan Wisniewski**, and **John P. Del Carlo**, ORDMM, **Scott Vogel**, (EWR/IAD/ORDFO), **Allen Mumford** (ORDFO/LAXFO), and **Mark Redman** (dept unknown).

Other notables of our life are actors, Gena Rowlands (The Notebook), Alain Delon (Purple Moon), John Aprea (Godfather 2), Betty Bridges, (Good Times), Sports, Chi Chi Rodriguez, golfer, Johnny Gaudreau, NHL star and his brother, Matthew, (bicycle accident). TV personalities, Jack Conaty, Chicago's Channel 32 political writer, Peter Marshall (Hollywood Squares), Rudy Franchi, (Antique Roadshow), Phil Donahue, (father of the daytime talk show), Wally Amos (Famous Amos Cookies), Sergio Mendez (Brazil 66,), lyricist Will Jennings (My Heart Will go On), and actor/singer heartthrob, James Darren, in the Gidget movies.

One final word about the passing of a friend and President of RUAEA, **Don Burbank**. What a guy, hard working, funny, filled with stories on any subject. He started with UAL in 1985 as a Maintenance Foreman in DENMM after leaving Frontier, working there as a mechanic and supervisor also. After four years, as Manager of Aircraft Manager, he moved to SEAMM, then to ORDMM, where we met, then onto IADMM, where he retired in 2013. He was awarded the prestigious Charles Taylor Award by the FAA for 50 years in Maintenance in the airline industry. For his Final Tour, he was also involved with EAA in OSH KOSH, flying the B17's and B25's, around the country with tour stops. Beautiful old airplanes, he loved flying, definitely a "Fly Boy". We'll all miss him and his impressive personality. He did a lot for RUAEA as its president for many years. No one will fill his shoes any time soon. Thank you for Flying United. Copy that!

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, **(October 10)**, second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, **(October 3)** 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. **(October 17)**. Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00, 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake. **(November 12)**.

Skyliners Fall Luncheon, Belvedere, 11:00, 1170 W. Devon Ave, Elk Grove, **(December 10)**

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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Our latest chapter meeting was held on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Alan Miller, Frank Ingegno** and **Ralph Barnett**. We did not discuss any new business or events. Due to ageing and relocating members, our meeting attendance has been shrinking. Our chapter business is now primarily a social club where members meet for lunch once a month. Our activities have been reduced to just the monthly lunch meetings. For the benefit of the chapter, we need new members. If you're United or CO retired in the Indianapolis area, please consider coming to one of our meetings; contact information is stated below.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **October 8** at Emmy's
- **November 12** at Emmy's

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easters chapter of RUAEA.

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Since the death of our coordinator, **Marlene Haney**, we are looking for someone to volunteer to pick up the reins and continue with the newsletter and scheduling luncheons. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, might be interested. Contact me at [bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net).

Thought for the month: *"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances."* ~ St. Vincent de Paul.

## NEBRASKA



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

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Las Vegas Silverliners will be hosting the annual Holiday Luncheon Party on Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM at Durango Hills Golf Club, 3501 N. Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89129. All UA/CO retirees are welcome to join us. Please mark your calendar.

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If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our Luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Mary Chandler** at [honolulmary06@yahoo.com](mailto:honolulmary06@yahoo.com) or **Arlene McCroy** at [apolloguy@aol.com](mailto:apolloguy@aol.com) for information about the next get together Luncheon.



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We did not hold a regular meeting in August. Nine members and 2 guests got together at Lake Tahoe at the cabin owned by **Larry & Barbara Leusing**. The 2 guests are neighbors of the Leusings in Lake Tahoe. The weather was beautiful and cooler than Reno; it was a welcome respite from the searing high temps. Hamburgers and hot dogs and sides were provided. Everyone enjoyed being at Carnelian Bay.

The SFO Maintenance gathering will be held again in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn. John and I plan to go to the picnic. It is always nice to reconnect with other maintenance retirees.

**Barbara Leusing** received a card from **Donna Reid**. She remains in Tahoe, one of her sons lives with her and she has her sister visiting occasionally to help her. Donna indicated that she does not drive much these days. She continues to be active in her artist group. She sent well wishes to all.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for contacting Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant and making reservations for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 for our September meeting.

**Pat Zoboli** has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon date with the Peppermill for Monday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at 12:00 p.m. Menus will be distributed at our October meeting, with selections and pre-payment due at our November meeting.

The August birthdays are **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**.

Our next meeting will be on September 9 at 11:00 am at Murrieta's on S. Virginia St. See you there.

## NEW JERSEY

### THE GARDEN STATERS

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#### Submitted by President Frank Warzocha

We had 16 attending our luncheon this month, we opened with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for two EWR retirees; **C. Moon** who was very active attending our luncheon thru the years and **Ken Holder**'s brother **Jeff Holder** who past away in Los Angeles. Ken worked in IAD, EWR, LAX and LHR; he also opened up other European United stations.

**Mike Hanley** won the 50/50 of \$18 and he donated his wining back to our chapter which was very nice of him; he then won the door prize of a lottery ticket and that ticket won \$25 dollars. That's what you call a lucky day.

Our next luncheon will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains.

#### From Marty Etler's memories, August 1964:

As I watched this year's Democratic National Convention in Chicago and heard the various speakers, my mind slipped back to August 1964 when the Democratic National Convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In November 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson became the President. I remember although there was a period of mourning, there was a nationwide hope that Johnson would succeed in the presidency.

I don't know if any of you have ever been to the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, it is immense. To hold 7000 people there is nothing, the new one they built is even bigger. Violet and I were given tickets for the opening day, from one of our political friends who couldn't be there on that day, so he gave them to us. Violet was elated; she really loved all the action that was going on.

As we got to our seats, it was so noisy in the auditorium, you could hardly think. If you wanted to talk to anyone, you had to shout because there was so much noise. About 7 o'clock, the chairman tried to bring this convention to order with about 5000 people in attendance; I saw a small man come up to the podium and take his position to speak, I found out later it was Senator Pastori from Rhode Island.

With all the noise, he started to speak, and when everybody realized it was a eulogy to the late John F. Kennedy, the place came to an eerie silence. He talked in a clear resounding booming voice, something that Violet and I had never heard; he talked for about 20 minutes and stopped. There was absolutely no sound in this giant auditorium, then someone started to clap and more people clapped and soon there was a resounding echoing noise all through this auditorium.

People were standing on the chairs and whistling and yelling and trying to be heard; even Violet was standing up and clapping for all her worth. I finally got up on a chair and I did the same thing. Normally I'm not a guy who goes for this type of thing, but I was caught up in the whole atmosphere to show appreciation.

On our way home the next day, there was silence in the car, and finally Violet said, "Well what do you think". I said it is one astounding memory that both of us will have for the rest of our lives. There were many times when we talked about this special day, and now it has come back to mind.

On November 5, 1964, Lyndon Baines Johnson faced Barry Goldwater for the general election for president. Johnson won the election with more than 16 million votes. I had never seen an election like that, and I doubt if I ever will.

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

### NEW YORK METROS

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Another great lunch with 14 of us gathering at The Davenport Press Restaurant.

President **Ed Pozzi** brought up the possibility of meeting every other month, or not meeting in July and August. Decision was made to stay as is.

The 50/50 winners were **Emma Melazzo, Bobbie Lee, and Mario Lagasi.**

Celebrating September birthdays are **Ileana Falcon, Roberta Manfredo, Emma Milazzo, Nunzio Milazzo, Mary Green, Kathi Kennedy, William Halgarda, Joyce Smith, and Sal Vascellaro.**

Our September anniversaries are **Ileana & Jose Falcon (45), Rose Ann & Sal Vascellaro (56), Theresa & Rudolf (64), Janet & Elwin Vancleemput (66).**

A teacher took her first grade on a field trip to the Chicago's Museum of Natural History. One mother asked her son how was it. He replied that it was great and the whole family should go see the dead circus.

### Calendar:

**October 2** – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press.

## OHIO

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## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had 25 folks attend our August meeting. Good food and great conversations were enjoyed by all. We acknowledged two gals' birthdays, **Ruth Larson** and **Pat Smith** (Pat won the free lunch) and two guys' birthdays, **Bruce Deford** and **Steve Borbely** (Steve won the free lunch). **Barbara Martin** won the 50/50

drawing. **Linda & Larry Tracy** celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Linda won the door prize.

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ Sometimes I forget how rich I am. My hot water works on a dime, my A/C works when I need it to, I can go to any grocery store and purchase what I please to eat, I have a clean kitchen to cook in, I have a clean shower to bathe in ... sometimes I forget I'm beyond blessed.
- ☺ You cannot buy Happiness, but you can buy fabric and that's pretty close!
- ☺ Either today is a full moon, or my neighbor forgot to close his bathroom curtains again.
- ☺ Got myself a big-screen TV at the Labor Day sales. Of course, I also had to get the big-butt recliner to go with it.
- ☺ I absolutely love iced coffee! Oh wait ... never mind, it's a White Russian. My bad.
- ☺ One of the benefits of being my friend is that you can come to my house in your pajamas, no make-up and looking like crap. I won't judge you because I will also be in my pajamas with no make-up and looking like crap!
- ☺ The plural of "margarita" is "darn good time!"
- ☺ It's National Margarita Day! Guess I won't be cutting back on my salt intake anytime today.
- ☺ I've decided not to read Fifty Shades of Grey. The book title sounds exactly like what's happening to my hair!
- ☺ Best thing about an RV? It's harder for relatives to visit a moving target.
- ☺ I go out all day, looking fabulous and see no one that I know. I go out for 5 minutes, looking like crap, and it's a freaking class reunion.
- ☺ Used to be "rock around the clock", now it's limp around the block.
- ☺ Why don't they call "downward facing dog" what it really is ... "upward facing butt."
- ☺ My summer workout program was a piece of cake! Sometimes two pieces. Butter cream day was a killer.
- ☺ I asked, "Alexa, what do women want?" The thing has not shut up for seven days.
- ☺ The secret to happiness is to have a bad memory.
- ☺ I got a birthday card from the funeral home ... I'm not impressed. They only want me for my body.
- ☺ I farted on the bus today and four people turned around ... I felt like I was on The Voice.
- ☺ We do not throw away perfectly good food in this house. We put the leftovers in Tupperware, put the Tupperware in the fridge, let it go bad, then throw it out.
- ☺ Two hours into my first day of work as a Wal-Mart greeter, an ugly woman came in with her two kids. Hearing her swear at them, I said, "Good morning. Welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice kids, are they twins?" The mom answered, "Hell no, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why would you think they're twins? Are you blind or stupid?" I replied, "I'm neither blind nor stupid. I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart." My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.
- ☺ No one is more determined than a woman rearranging furniture by herself.
- ☺ Always remember the good times in your life. Like when your knees used to work.
- ☺ A man received the following text from his neighbor: I am so sorry Bob. I've been riddled with guilt, and I have to confess. I have been helping myself to your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you do. I do not get it at home, but that's no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt, and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't ever happen again. Bob, in complete shock, did not know what to do. A few moments later, a second text came: Damn auto correct! I meant "wi-fi".
- ☺ I was in a Chinese restaurant last night and it suddenly went dark. The waiter came over and said, "You all need to start clapping". We thought that was pretty weird, but we all started clapping and the lights came on! I asked, "How did that happen?" He replied, "Old Chinese proverb, many hands make light work."
- ☺ Angry wife's note to husband: Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 34 and the ingredients are at the store!
- ☺ Putting me on speaker phone is taking a huge risk!
- ☺ Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
- ☺ I went someplace really expensive this summer vacation ... the gas station.
- ☺ A golfer brought along an extra pair of socks just in case he got a hole in one. (groan)
- ☺ I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win. No pun in ten did. (eye roll)

- ☺ People who make me laugh until I'm physically in pain are my favorite kind of people.
  - ☺ I just killed a huge spider running across the ground with my shoe. I don't care how big the spider is, no one steals my shoe!
  - ☺ Friend 1: "Do you sing in the car?" Friend 2: "Yes, but only when I'm going in reverse ... I'm a back up singer." (a groan and an eye roll)
  - ☺ Killer whales have recently started attacking boats. Police fear it's "organized" crime.
  - ☺ My car broke down between the marina and the Hallmark store. Now I'm stuck between a dock and a card place.
- Until next month!

#### Calendar:

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

#### **September 12**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

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Our summer has all but ended. Hate to see it end (except for the 100 degrees weather). We came through without serious storms.

We're looking forward now to the 2024 Convention. We haven't been able to be there recently, now we can. Hope to see old friends and catch up.

Our luncheon won't come up until the second Monday in October. So glad to get back to RUAEA in Philadelphia.

Our October Birthdays are **Steve King, Judy Melvin, Donald Shadwell, and Walter Sollberger.**

November Birthday: **Harold Turney, and William Vacca.**

Everyone have a good month!

Keep Safe, and Keep Healthy!

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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 Salt Lake Retirees chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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In my last article, I announced that I would no longer be writing this article. Since I am now writing this article, I suppose that statement was incorrect. We have not yet found a replacement for me and I will continue to write until we do. Ours is a very active local chapter and we definitely want to keep in touch with our United family around the country (and world when possible). I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who read my column and to thank the other chapter correspondents who keep the rest of us up-to-date with the National activities.

Our September 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon has not taken place as of this writing, but we are all eager to resume our monthly gatherings. Of course, September 11<sup>th</sup> is a most somber and meaningful day in our country and always close to the hearts and minds of our airline family. We will observe that day with sadness, but will celebrate the resilience of those of us that are still here and carry on this great tradition of family and friendship.

Get well wishes go out to **David Bryce**, otherwise known as *Discount Dave*. His health problems began with a ruptured appendix in July. He had emergency surgery and two days later, he had a heart attack. This was followed a week later with yet another surgery for internal bleeding. He is now in a rehab facility and hopefully being inundated with get well cards and letters. Dave is a beloved member of our community and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery. A get-well card may be addressed to him at 513 Northampton Blvd., Tom's River, NJ 08757.

We have received news that **Larry Dupree** has passed away. We have no details at this time. Larry was a speaker at our April 2024 luncheon. He was a diabetic and had written a couple of books on the subject. He was very knowledgeable and well studied on the subject and was able to educate many of us on the subject.

RUAEA President **Don Burbank** succumbed to cancer on August 25<sup>th</sup> and a celebration of his life was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Don was the Aircraft Maintenance Manager at SEAMM, ORDMM, and IADMM before his retirement.

Our next luncheon will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone to join us at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia. We meet there every month at 11:30 with our business meeting at noon and the social gathering continuing until the last member leaves.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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Our collective hearts here at Clipped Wings are heavy with sympathy for the loss of RUAEA's esteemed President **Don Burbank**. Our heartfelt condolences are sent to his family, friends and his RUAEA team. Don's leadership has guided this organization for many years and he will be remembered for his wholehearted dedication. His Celebration Of Life to be held at the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum is fitting and will be very special. We at Clipped Wings have "lit several candles" in his "Guestbook" and will keep his memory in our thoughts and prayers.

Clipped Wings is a 501(c)(3) with 28 Chapters. We are retired, former and current United, United Express, PanAm and Continental Flight Attendants who would like to "continue the connection". Our National Philanthropy is Special Olympic Parent Grants. As mentioned in our last article, our Biennial convention will be in St. Louis, MO on September 17-20. We look forward to gathering together for this very important event and want to applaud our STL Chapter for hosting!

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our great organization. You can find us on Facebook at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org) and on Instagram at [clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual). Please direct this information to anyone who may enjoy our camaraderie and philanthropy!



## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2024**:

Susan Adams, Elmwood Park, IL  
Lemuel Balico, Stockton, CA  
Robert Barger, Winter Haven, FL  
Sheila Bride, Petaluma, CA  
Donald Duane Cornella, Brighton, CO  
Joan Edelmann-Brand, Redondo Beach, CA  
Peter Ford, Milton, FL  
Teresa Hailey, Decatur, GA  
Pauline McAlister, Bloomington, MN  
Diana Molden, Aurora, CO  
Camron Pate, San Diego, CA  
Theresa Pavlek, St. Charles, IL  
Mary Rose, Chicago, IL  
Lois Slyman, Chicago, IL

# CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **August 2024**:

Geneva Brenton, Sheila Bride, Marilyn Cheadle, Robert Colpitts, Barrett Davidson, Richard Deilke, Marylou Dyer, Charles Eaton, Tennyson A. Fuller, William Hindman, Loretta M. Hoops, Theodore G. Jung, Linda L. Kim, Kathryn K Kuehl, Donald Lupei, Sharon L Minelli, Jeannine Mooney, Forrest G. Morris, Terence A. Murphy, Jerry Pryde, Patrick Readey, Fred Rezendes, Jean Rufin, Art Rugh, Ruth Slayden, Edward L. VanPatten, Ingrid Vincent, Paula Wanska, Jay G. Warbiany, Janet G. Weith and Jon Wilkinson.

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Spouse – **Bogucki, Marilyn**, on 1/10/2024, TPACG, wife of Bronislau B. Bogucki, 11045 Moshie Ln., San Antonio, FL 33576

Retiree – **Burbank, Donald “Don”**, on 8/25/2024, DENLM, husband of Toby Burbank, 942 Xenon, Golden, CO 80401

Retiree – **Clay, Kendreth (Kyne)**, date of death unknown, DENMM, wife of Ken Clay DENMM, 4209 E. 131<sup>st</sup> Pl., Thornton, CO 80241

Retiree – **McKinney, Jack F.**, on 7/30/2024, SFOCE, husband of Sidney McKinney, 217 Calaveras Ct., Roseville, CA 95747

Retiree – **Merrick, Alexander Tubbs**, on 11/25/2005, DENTK, husband of Mikiko, 1597 S. Salem Cir., Aurora, CO 80012

Spouse – **Seidl, Helen**, on 8/21/2024, wife of Anton (Tony) Seidl, SFOEG (deceased), 18941 Mellon, Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070

Retiree - **Somplack, Jon**, on 7/9/2024, SFOBL, husband of Alice Somplack, 2065 Land End Loop, Roseville, CA 95747

Retiree – **Talochino, Leo**, on 8/24/2024, JFKMM, husband of Diana Talochino, 16 West First St., Freeport, NY 11520.

## 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:**

Hemry Brunjes, Shirley Claggett, Christina Dailey, Ruth Duffey, Carol Estus, Jack Hadden, J.N.King, Donald Matker, Sidnee McKinney, Bette Mock, Alfonso Morales, SuMiko Oi, Leilani Rose, Dennis Saxon, Mary Ann Schaefer, Patricia Tyler, James Whitman, Carol Whittemore, and Mike 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.)*

## Notes

### **Irwin Brand**

My husband Irwin Brand died in 2023.

### **Vincent Sullivan**

I'm still flying for a small airline JSX, based at BUR. We operate EMB-145's in a 30 seat configuration under Part 135. JSX has a partnership agreement with UAL.

### **Sheila Bride**

I am a former flight attendant with UAL and my husband is a retired pilot.

### **Marilyn Cheadle**

I am enjoying a second year in SoCal with my family after so many years in NYC on my own. I'm keeping in touch with many UA retirees.

**Sheila Price**

My late husband, Jay Philip Price, died on 10/4/2022.

**Camron Pate**

After retiring from United Airlines, I became the first African American woman to register in the Port of San Diego as a Longshoreman in 2007. I became the First woman in Local 29 to be a Titled Officer; I served two terms as Secretary/Treasurer 2015-2016.

Last year in 2023, I was selected by Pasha Stevedoring Company as a Company Pick; I became the first African American woman to become a Registered Marine Clerk.

I was an active member in the ILWU Southern California District Council, whereby I was elected as Legislative Representative. In addition, I have served as a Delegate in the 79<sup>th</sup> District for Shirley Weber. I have served as an Alternate for the San Diego Democratic Central Committee.

**Pauline McAllister**

I was a Flight attendant for Continental 9/1/83 and I retired from United on 7/1/2020.

**Jon Wilkinson**

I'm over 90 now and I still feel like I am in fairly good health. I'm still president of the Tampa Bay charter of RUAEA. I quit playing softball three years ago when I injured my shoulder in a game and am enjoying life to its finest. I just want to thank each and everyone who were with me during my 37 years at UAL.

**Kathleen Denker**

As Vice President of Clipped Wings, I am very grateful for RUAEA and the amount of information that is presented to members in the Newsletter!

**Ingrid Vincent**

Being in my 23<sup>rd</sup> year of retirement, things are going well for me. Cruising is taking up a great deal of my time and for that I am very thankful. Thank you for bringing us all the United updates, it is much appreciated.

**Jeannine Mooney**

I've been retired from UAL since 1998 after 35 years at the San Francisco Maintenance Bases. We haven't traveled much in the last few years because age does have its problems. We kid each other saying our social life is one doctor's office to another.

We have done some traveling by car to see our children and grandchildren. We threw a couple mini-vacations in there too. We are doing fine for old people and hope that lasts a lot longer than it did for most of our friends.

We both enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter and wish to continue receiving it. You do a great job with it and we appreciate it. I got the red notice so I am renewing my subscription. Anyone wishing to contact me can do so at e-mail address, [dmooney02@aol.com](mailto:dmooney02@aol.com).

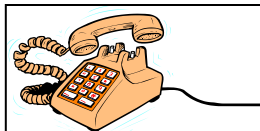
**Donald Duane Cornella**

I would like to sign up and participate in the United Airlines Retiree organization; I retired with 32 years of service in Tech Ops and Airport Operations

**Susan Adams**

I would like to rejoin RUAEA.

# The Contact Column



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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

## **Employee Travel Center**

- ▲ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at  
<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ▲ Submit questions using Help Hub at  
<https://helphub.ual.com>
- ▲ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
- ▲ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant  
from any Travel page on Flying Together

## **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

*\*Do not use for pass travel questions\**

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## United Airlines Historical Foundation

"Preserving the Past,  
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**Shown are two recent additions to the Denver United Airlines Historical Foundation's Historical Exhibit in rooms A102 – A104.**

We continue to have many visitors to the Historical Exhibit on Fridays which is "Wings Day" at the Flight Training Center. It's especially interesting to see the children's reactions to the model airplanes. ■



### "Cigarette Cards"

Showing all International Airlines in 1936. Donated by (Retired) Colonel USAF "Buzz" Carpenter.



### "Baggage Tags"

These Tags are from various Airlines with Airport Codes. Donated by Mr. Robinson.