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2022 San Diego Convention Memories



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and Jim Simon*



*Standing: Susan Owen, Janice Grant, Linda Harris
Sitting: Millie Monson, Mary-Lynn Anderson,
Rachel Barren*



*L to R: Vera Kina, Ruth Morabito,
Hank Gosselin and Sonda Sandstedt*



Honoring Veterans



*Hank Gosselin
and Rosalie Tripicchio*



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*Suede Jensen
and Randy Tidmore*

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

The 2022 SAN Convention was a great success! A huge “Thank You” to our VP of Conventions **Hank Gosselin**, and the Site Selection Committee of **Dave Garland** and **Ron Bertacini**. Last but not least, we want to thank our local RUAEA chapter, the RESANS as they did an outstanding job hosting us.

We are looking at next year’s convention site; as you all know, the prices are very high but hang tight; we are negotiating for a reasonable rate and amenities for you. A big problem we had with our convention was people registered too late and the good rooms were gone. You can register for your room as soon as we say where it is and you can cancel at about 48 hours before with no penalty.

The RUAEA Executive Board is considering numerous things, one of which is the name of our organization; RUPA is helping as much as they can with the 2023 convention.

The RPC (Retiree President Committee), which I serve as chair, is looking at all of us getting together for 2023. ARECA is right in there with us; having all retiree groups talking with one voice helps immensely when I have discussions with the Company.

We will keep you informed through our monthly Newsletter. If you have any great stories, please consider sharing them with your fellow members by submitting them to the Newsletter for publishing. One other thing I want to share with you is that we may have a great volunteer to monitor, and/or, put information on our Facebook page, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** of the Orlando Real McCoys chapter. Thank you, Elaine!

Thank you for being a member of our great organization.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Letter from the Vice President - Conventions

Report on RUAEA Convention 2022, San Diego, October 3rd – 9th



Hi Folks,

The 2022 San Diego Convention was nothing short of a success. All aspects of our scheduled events were well received. The DANA Hotel and staff were outstanding, I heard no complaints.

Yes, it is being considered again mainly due to the responses of many. We are looking at other cities though, and **Dave Garland** has sent our contract guidelines to several sites. We have a very short time to plan a convention for 2023. I have asked the Board to have a final decision by early November 2022, so I can start that process.

As always, we are seeking the best value for our members and a site that has significant lift, in and out. Flying is used mostly by our attendees, along with driving by many. So, we need the flights and free parking.

We did not have a designated photographer to take photos at the convention; I know that many of you did take photos using your phones, which is a way of life now. If you would, please send me the photos you have taken and wish to share; I would greatly appreciate that. We have limited space in the Newsletter to show many photos. However, I would like to produce a collage of these memories for you to have at the next convention. Either text them to me at (253) 653-5946 or email them to henrygosselin@comcast.com.

Thank you. as stated, the next convention will be announced in the January 2023 Newsletter.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Report From RUAEA Treasurer Chris Johnston
The Loose Cannon



The April 2022 RUAEA Newsletter contains a piece I wrote on the 2021 convention in SAN. The closing paragraph of the April 2022 newsletter stated, *“One thing I want you to realize is RUAEA conventions are special. Not only do you get to see people you worked with, you get to meet new people, you get to share stories, you may find through mutual acquaintances that you have friends in common, and there is The Loose Cannon who may pop up at sometime again. I have it on good authority that The Loose Cannon will be at the SAN 2022 Convention. The question is will you?”*

For those of you sitting on the edge of your chair the answer is “**Yes**”. The Loose Cannon did show up, but more on his appearance later.

I decided I would compare the last paragraph from April 2022 to see if my observations were still valid.

I was walking through the Friday Night Fiesta when I heard a voice say my name. I recognized that the voice belonged to **Valerie Gates**, a woman I worked with in SFOJJ 40 years ago. Her husband **Ken** was with her and I had not seen either of them since I left SFOMOC in 1997 when I went to IMC. We chatted for a few minutes and made an arrangement to meet the next day for lunch to further get caught up.

I spoke to **Bob Scoble** at the Saturday evening pre-banquet cocktail part. Bob is a colleague I knew and had spoken to a number of times at SFOMOC. Bob worked in Inspection, I worked in Inventory Management. It was nice to put a face to a name, it only took me 35 years, but, better late than never.

A group would gather nightly around the fire pit at the Firefly Terrace and free flow talk. When it got late we would move the group into **Hank Gosselin**’s room and continue the discussions. The last evening we went to Hank’s room we had about 24 people. We talked about United, Continental, airlines in general and of course, airplanes in general. Two of the people are involved in a B-17 restoration project. After listening to **Don Burbank** and **Glenn Hill**, I think I learned enough about the B-17 that I could probably pilot the plane.

Not all conversations were about aircraft etc. I had a very good conversation with **Sonda Sandstedt**, one of RUAEA’s Regional Directors. Through chatting at the fire pit one evening we discovered a mutual topic of conversation that was beneficial to both of us. We will continue this conversation over the next year. In short, I gained a new friend at the RUAEA 2022 SAN Convention.

Our discussions were interesting, one could periodically hear above the din of chatter, “Oh did you know ...

Or I worked with him in LGA, or Whatever happened to ...” The airline industry is a small tight knit community.

And **yes**, The Loose Cannon did come to the convention. With his lovely assistant **Mallory Dakan**, my daughter, helping with the drawing, **Jacque Foster**, wife of **Steve Foster**, took home a \$750.00 Dana Resort Gift Card. The Loose Cannon has something planned for our 2023 convention. I hope to see some repeaters from 2022, and I am looking forward to meeting new people also.

I think the SAN 2022 Convention was a special event. With a larger attendance than we had in 2021, and the engagement of people attending, I deem SAN 2022 a very successful event. It will be tough to do anything better in 2023, but you will just have to attend to find out how we surpassed 2022!



RUAEA Business Meeting
8:30 am, Friday, October 7, 2022
Mission Bay Ballroom – Dana On Mission Bay, San Diego, CA.

The business meeting was called to order by President **Don Burbank** at 0840. Don welcomed the members and thanked them for attending.

Motion: **Ruth Morabito** made a motion to accept the Business Meeting minutes of October 2, 2021, as published. It was seconded by **Ron Bertacini** and all agreed



to take a look.

Ruth Morabito, Exec. VP –

- We currently have 44 chapters with 8 not reporting. All chapters do have a contact listed in the Newsletter. Regional Directors report that most members are returning this year but we continue to experience declining numbers.
- Our correspondents are crucial to the success of the Newsletter. We encourage them to continue sending their stories and pictures.
- We are always open to suggestions.

Virgil Gooselaw, Past President – One of Virgil's many roles is chair of the nominating committee. He thanked his committee members **Jim Simon** and **Sonda Sandstedt** for all of their assistance. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find people who are willing to volunteer. If anyone has any questions Virgil is willing to share his expertise.

Chris Johnston, Treasurer – We are financially in good shape.

- \$263,000 liquid assets, 20,000 non liquid assets – total \$283,000
- \$79,000 yearly income from dues, gifts and interest
- \$66,000 yearly Expense with \$20,000 for postage
- \$32,000 income for 2021 convention
\$6,200 subtracted for refunds
\$25,000 balance
\$39,000 convention expenses
- \$637 website refresh

Motion: A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by **Ted Tollefsen** and all agreed.

Hank Gosselin – VP Conventions

- The 2022 convention can be considered a big success. We appreciate **Shirley Claggett**, Convention Treasurer and **Ron Paluch**, Registrar for doing an outstanding job, once again. They have been managing their positions for the last 7 years. Our thanks to the local staff especially Co-chairs, **Betty Tomaino** and **Louis Semon**. Betty was unable to be here for the entire time but contributed greatly to our success. **John Chu** was also acknowledged for his work on the Newsletter convention publication. A big thank you to Alliant Credit Union for once again providing us with \$2500 for Fiesta night.
- The 2023 convention location has not yet been determined. The Dana would be interested in our return next year. The cost would be \$10 more a room, which is not bad considering costs are going up everywhere. The Dana management team and staff have been very accommodating. **Dave Garland** has worked with many possible sites in various cities with little success so far. There are still a few more possibilities but a decision needs to be made in the next 30 days. We will continue

to stay on the west coast since the majority of the attendees are from that area.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Diane Webb** and seconded by **Ken Storey**. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 0940.

Respectfully submitted by **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary, 10/15/2022.

Convention Benefits Panel
- October 7, 2022



Thank you to United Airlines and the Alliant Credit Union for their presentations at the benefits portion of our meeting and answering all of our questions.

Representing UAL were **Joan Smith**, Manager Pilot Retirement Plans; **Michelle Pritchett**, Sr. Analyst Policy and Procedures; and **Kellee Allain**, Managing Director, Tech Operations.

Kellee announced a new program soon to be released, “Good Leads the Way.” It is a retiree volunteer opportunity program tapping into our expertise. UAL will be doing extensive hiring and would like to use retiree volunteers for: Career Events, Outreach to students, Outreach to Military, Mentoring and Way Finding Assistance at airports. A Help Hub option is being created on Flying Together for this program.

Michelle reported that 2022 has been incredibly busy. The most popular destinations for pass riders are Hawaii, Las Vegas and Orlando. ZED fare opportunities have expanded with 125 carriers now participating. The opportunity to change your Enrolled Friends occurs every six months with the new deadline being December 28, 11:59 pm. Imputed Incomes invoices were a topic of discussion since over 2000 recently had their pass privileges suspended due to nonpayment. If you are opting for a paper invoice, be sure your address is correct. This information can also be found in Flying together. If you are planning a trip, check out the “Know Before You Go” section. Make sure you check the dress code section as that appears to be an issue recently.

Joan spoke of the relationship that she and **Don Burbank**, Airline Liaison, have established to resolve issues that retirees may have. **Dan Denzer**, Mgr. Health and Wellness was unable to attend this year but has advised there are no changes for the upcoming year.

Presentation for Alliant Credit Union were given by **Malcolm Horn**, Financial Consultant and **Janet Meinheit**, Key Account Manager. They noted that Alliant has partnered with UAL for the last 85 years. In addition to UAL, they are serving many large national accounts giving them greater diversity. They were pleased to announce that the savings interest has gone up to 2%. Their membership now numbers 700,000 and assets 17 billion dollars making them the 7th largest credit union. A two minute presentation from Dennis Devine, CEO, is being added to our website.

The presentations were followed by Q&A and then breakout sessions giving the members an opportunity to discuss individual issues.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary 10/14/2022

United Customers Can Grab-and-Go at New Airport Club in Denver
November 7, 2022



United today announced it opened a new club concept at Denver International Airport designed for busy travelers who want to grab a snack, beverage or barista-made coffee on the way to their flight. United Club FlySM is a first-of-its-kind concept for a U.S. airline and gives a guilt-free option to the more than half of airport club and lounge visitors who like to take snacks to go. This new format comes on the heels of United opening new club locations in Newark Liberty International Airport and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, and reflects the airline’s larger ambitions to create a bespoke club experience that meets the unique needs of travelers across its network.

“United Club Fly is all about elevated convenience. We know there are times when our members are in a hurry and use our clubs to sneak a quick drink or snack, so we’ve created this new format to make it easy for them to do that without sacrificing an upscale club environment,” said Marketing & Loyalty VP and

MileagePlus President, Luc Bondar. *“In Denver, more than two-thirds of our customers are connecting to other places, making it the ideal city to introduce this concept.”*

The new club occupies a smaller footprint than a traditional United Club, and it’s conveniently located on a highly visible corner of the new Concourse B-East expansion. The market-style club features a variety of non-alcoholic drinks, premium snacks and even a place to order a favorite barista-made coffee beverage.

Here’s how United Club Fly works:

- ▲ *Scan to enter:* Self-scan your boarding pass at the automated entry gates.
- ▲ *Select a snack ... or two:* Choose from a selection of premium food options curated with an on-the-go flyer in-mind, such as sandwiches, salads and wraps, yogurt, vegetables, fruit and more.
- ▲ *Order a barista-crafted coffee:* Skip infamously long airport coffee lines and instead get your caffeine fix at the club’s full-service coffee bar, serving hand-crafted coffee beverages brewed with illy coffee blend.
- ▲ *Self-service beverage counter:* Find your favorite nonalcoholic beverages, including sparkling water, soft drinks, iced tea, juices and more. A reusable water bottle filling station is also available.
- ▲ *Skip checkout lines:* Simply take the few items you’ve selected and walk out the exit turnstile – nothing more is needed.

As part of United’s ongoing commitment to renovate and introduce new United Club locations throughout its network and provide a more modern United brand experience, United Club Fly in Denver presents a contemporary design that celebrates the region – a proud United hub for more than 30 years. The ski lodge-inspired space includes art and furnishings sourced from local artists and companies. The air carrier plans to collaborate with additional local businesses in the future to feature unique, seasonal items throughout the year.

United Club members, travelers in premium cabins flying internationally and United Club one-time pass holders will have access to United Club Fly.

United Launches Calibrate: Apprenticeship Program to Grow and Diversify Aircraft Technician Pipeline **November 2, 2022**



United Airlines today announced the launch of Calibrate, an in-house apprenticeship program that will help grow and diversify its pipeline of Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMTs). The inaugural class starts next week in Houston as the airline plans to train more than 1,000 people at about a dozen locations by 2026, with the goal of at least half being women or people of color.

Calibrate is a 36-month program in which participants “earn and learn” getting paid while completing the full-time certification and training process. Since participants get paid while they train, they forgo the expense of going to a technical school – which can cost up to \$50,000.

United will start accepting external applications in early 2023. Interested applicants can sign up to receive more information about Calibrate at <https://careers.united.com/us/en/calibrate>.

“Calibrate is a great opportunity for people who are interested in pursuing a rewarding career as an aircraft technician but don’t have the resources or support they need to attend traditional technical schools or colleges,” said Rodney Luetzen, United’s Vice President of Line Maintenance. *“This program will provide life-changing opportunities, help to diversify our workforce and give us access to an even bigger pool of talented, qualified, motivated people.”*

The apprenticeship program, a joint effort between United, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) and the Federal Aviation Administration, accelerates the path toward becoming a United AMT while also growing the airline’s ranks of Ground Service Equipment mechanics and Facility Technicians.

United expects the second Calibrate apprentice cohort to start in early 2023, also in Houston, and will then expand to more than a dozen locations including San Francisco and Orlando.

The program will focus on helping apprentices gain the skills and knowledge required to test for and obtain their A&P Certificate, including hands-on and classroom training. Additionally, participants will be mentored by United’s world-class technicians, building relationships and acquiring union seniority as they progress through the program.

“The Airline Division has done an excellent job of promoting the Aviation Maintenance Technician craft,” said Sean O’Brien, General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. *“This program creates the*

diversity that the Teamsters are known for and will provide great jobs for not only our current Teamster members, but also the next generation.”

United has about 9,000 highly trained and certified aircraft maintenance technicians globally with combined wages and benefits totaling more than \$140,000 at the top of their pay scale. These are highly skilled jobs – the airline actively recruits from trade schools and the military – and United provides an onramp to this career through entry-level positions. Several United leaders started out as aircraft mechanics, including the airline’s current Vice President of Line Maintenance.

Currently, United has Base Maintenance AMTs, Line Maintenance AMTs, and shop-based AMTs, inspectors and other licensed professionals at 50 locations worldwide. The airline plans to open new line maintenance stations in Raleigh-Durham, N.C. later this year and in Fort Myers-Southwest, FL and Nashville, Tenn. in early 2023.

United and Jaguar Launch the First All-Electric Gate-to-Gate Airport Transfer Service in the U.S. **October 26, 2022**



United Airlines and Jaguar North America today launched the first gate-to-gate airport transfer service powered by an all-electric fleet in the U.S. Starting this month at Chicago O’Hare International Airport, select MileagePlus Premier members can enjoy chauffeured rides between their connecting aircraft in the 2023 Jaguar I-PACE HSE, the first all-electric performance SUV from Jaguar. The vehicles will go into service at United hubs in Denver, Houston, Newark/New York, Washington D.C, San Francisco and Los Angeles by the end of the year. These SUVs are expected to make an estimated 60 trips per day and transfer more than 1,000 United customers daily.

“The new United-Jaguar ground transfer program offers travelers a moment of luxury and ease, while also raising sustainability standards for the airline industry,” said Marketing & Loyalty VP and MileagePlus President Luc Bondar. *“United is working to lead with innovation and purpose that motivates the industry to do better for our customers and communities. Partnering with Jaguar to deploy an all-electric fleet is not only a smart business move, as we know customers consider sustainability when booking travel, it is the right thing to do.”*

United’s ground transfer service is a surprise benefit for select Premier MileagePlus members with tight connections at the air carrier’s U.S. hub airports. A member learns of the surprise upon landing at the airport, where they’re greeted by a specialized Premier Services agent who shows the customer to the vehicle on the tarmac and accompanies them to their connecting flight.

On the tarmac, United customers will experience the award-winning, spacious, all-electric performance SUV that combines a supercar silhouette with the flexibility of an EPA estimated electric range of up to 246 miles and five-seat SUV versatility. Every 2023 I-PACE features Amazon Alexa connectivity that delivers a suite of enhancements to its infotainment interface and Wireless Device Charging.

“We are thrilled to partner with United Airlines to further ignite the passion travelers have for eco-minded exploration, as sustainability and electrifying performance are at the heart of the Jaguar brand,” said Joe Eberhardt, President & CEO, Jaguar Land Rover North America. *“Both United and Jaguar have boldly pledged to advancing transportation technology that will help propel us towards a more sustainable future, and we are excited for travelers to have the opportunity to experience these innovations on the tarmac.”*

The I-PACE now comes with an 11kW on-board charger as standard. Connecting to a 100-kW DC charger can replenish up to 63 miles of range in 15 minutes. All-wheel drive performance from twin Jaguar-designed concentric motors delivers a combined 394hp and 512 lb-ft of torque providing 0-60mph acceleration in 4.5 seconds. And thanks to its aluminum construction and low center of gravity, the Jaguar I-PACE offers an unrivalled balance of all-wheel drive performance, refinement, luxury, and sustainability.

The 2023 Jaguar I-PACE is on sale now in the U.S., priced from \$71,300. Through December 31, 2022, United MileagePlus members can earn 50,000 miles through the purchase or lease a new Jaguar vehicle.

So Simple From Sheryl



It is hard to believe, but the Holiday Season is upon us. The recipe I have for you this month is a wonderful breakfast/brunch recipe that you can make the night before and just pop it in the oven before your guests arrive. Do not let the length of the recipe discourage you from making this. Besides being quite simple, it is delicious.

Bananas Foster Baked French Toast:

½ cup butter, cubed
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
½ cup heavy whipping cream
½ tsp. cinnamon

½ tsp. allspice
¼ cup chopped pecans, optional
3 large bananas, sliced
12 slices egg bread or challah
1½ cup 2% milk
3 large eggs
1 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Place butter in a microwave bowl; microwave covered until melted, 30-45 seconds. Stir in brown sugar, cream, cinnamon, allspice and if desired, pecans. Add bananas; toss gently to coat.

Transfer to a greased 13x9 baking dish. Arrange bread over top, trimming to fit if necessary.

Place remaining ingredients in a blender; process just until blended. Pour over bread. Refrigerate covered, 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 375 . Remove French toast from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake, uncovered until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 35-40 minutes. Let stand 5-10 minutes. Invert to serve.

Happy Holidays to all!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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

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.

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Welcome to the month of November! We hope all is well with everyone. Our October breakfast had 23 in attendance; everyone enjoyed getting together. **Liz Tollefsen** gave a report on the convention and mentioned that next year's Convention date and location were not announced.

We learned our long-time member, **Jim Fauber**, passed away in his sleep recently. He was 92 and our past President 1996-1997. He was missed when he moved to Washington to live near family.

The next breakfast will be November 18 at 9am. Location: Black Bear Diner, 1890 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. If you know someone who would like to join you, bring them along or tell them where we meet. Please notify our VP **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email her at phomfeldt@cox.net a couple days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant.

November Birthdays ~ **Pam Gerstung** (11/22) and **Mark Martin** (11/26).

November Anniversaries ~ **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (11/11), **Donna & John Smiley** (11/20) and **Sandy & Mark Martin Fowler**.

Reminder: Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 11am-2pm and catered by Robert's Catering on his patio. Everyone is asked to bring a White Elephant Gift to the luncheon.

Calendar:

November 18 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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

Calendar:

December 14 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM at **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger's** home in Redding.

CENTRAL COASTERS



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This has been a quiet month for us, so far. It took several days to find a pharmacy that had the latest Moderna shot. We wanted both the Flu and Covid shots done at the same time. Our daughter found a CVS that could do both, after several days of calling around. Lucky for us, we had it done with no after effects. The latest forecasts for the Flu is that it will hit sooner with more powerful results.

Mike Zoldak & Bridget attended the 2022 RUAEA Convention in San Diego and between flying to Massachusetts and San Diego, they had little time to unpack. Mike did say that he toured the Missouri, and since he is quite a machinist, the two hours was not long enough to see what was there.

We had a monthly luncheon on October 19th with 5 members and 2 guests in attendance. **Bob & Esther Bartlett** brought their guest **Mike Stadnick**. **Nina Powers** brought her Caregiver Mayra, and **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. Our president, **Mike Zoldak** and **Bridget** went to a family funeral and **Al & Marilyn Rybar** did not attend due to health reasons.

Joan Schaefer took a trip to Scotland and contacted Covid. Apparently this is the most news that Marcia told me about since she took notes.

As for Halloween, what does a witch ask for in a hotel? Broom Service!

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds gathered for lunch at The Elks Lodge in Indio, CA on October 19. Our hostess was **Kathy Wilson** (wife of the late UA retiree, **David**).

Our next luncheon is scheduled for December 14.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy December and Happy Holidays from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on November 7, we are looking forward to a day of rain and possible thunderstorms tomorrow. Hooray!

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 to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our November luncheon was held on November 7 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. We had 15 members in attendance. It was wonderful to see **Diane Griego** for the first time since our August meeting. Her surgery the beginning of September, as my mother would have said, really knocked the stuffing out of her. Thankfully, one of her doctors prescribed probiotics and Diane states that in four days she felt like a new person. We missed **Jack Smith** who is finishing up a round of radiation. We send healing thoughts his way and hope to see him and **Judi** at our December meeting. **Carol Parks** was dealing with a toothache (ouch!) and **Russ Kennedy** was in San Diego visiting his son who is in the Navy. At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. **Joe & Wilma Leather** collected the raffle money and **Tom Cunningham** called out the winning numbers. Tom has a strong voice, which helps when a lot of people are talking at once and many of us are "hearing impaired." **Nancy Boyle** won the money and the other winners took home a bottle of wine or a book.

Reservoir levels ~ It's time once again for Californians to follow reservoir levels and put on their dancing shoes. Rain Dance time! I invite you to track the reservoir levels with me during the month, especially after a big storm and snowfall in the Sierras. The link is at <https://www.americangeosciences.org/critical-issues/maps/interactive-map-water-levels-major-reservoirs-california>. Go to the fourth paragraph and click on the green "here" to get daily totals. The graphs show current levels and historical average levels for that date for all major California reservoirs. Keep in mind that "historical average" has now been skewed by many years of drought, which makes our actual current levels even more worrisome. Our three largest reservoirs are Shasta, Oroville and Trinity. On November 1, Shasta was at 38% of capacity, which was 58% of historical average. Oroville was 31% and 61%, and Trinity was 22% and 38%. For many years, I went to Ashland, OR every October to see plays. On the way home, it was my tradition to have lunch at The Tail of the Whale off the Bridge Bay exit on Highway 5. The restaurant had lovely views overlooking Lake Shasta, Highway 5 and the railroad bridge. Larry, the waiter, always knew the daily level of the lake. I was always amazed at how far down the water level was from the tree line. What looked like a few inches from the restaurant window was actually a hundred feet or more. Sadly, I haven't been to Ashland for over five years, and the Tail of the Whale has since closed. But I still track the Lake Shasta water level at <https://shasta.uslakes.info/Level/>. As of November 1, Lake Shasta was 919 feet deep, which is 148 feet below full.

Humane backyard ~ From the Humane Society of the United States come these suggestions for creating a humane backyard, which allows people, pets and wildlife to coexist. Provide fresh water all year long with birdbaths, bubbling fountains or a small pond. Offer natural food sources with native plants, bushes and trees. You can also supplement food sources with birdfeeders, especially in winter. Avoid chemical-laden pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides which are harmful to children, pets and wildlife. Make your windows bird safe with window decals or by leaving vertical blinds partially closed. Build a brush pile of leaves, tree limbs and other yard debris to provide shelter for wild animals. Include pollinator-friendly plants to attract bees, butterflies and bats. Put up a bat house. Bats get a bad rap but they are essential to a healthy ecosystem. They are pollinators, seed dispensers, and voracious insect eaters. Attract beneficial insects to your garden.

And most importantly, keep cats inside. Per the American Bird Conservancy, predation by domestic cats is the number-one direct, human-caused threat to birds in the United States and Canada. In the United States alone, outdoor cats kill approximately 2.4 billion birds every year. Although this number may seem unbelievable, it represents the combined impact of tens of millions of outdoor cats, both pets and feral. Cats have contributed to the extinction of 63 species of birds, mammals, and reptiles in the wild. The ecological

dangers are so critical that the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lists domestic cats as one of the world's worst non-native invasive species. Increasingly, cat owners are beginning to understand the benefits of keeping their cats indoors, not only for wildlife, but for the health of their pets.

Arborists helping to feed giraffes at Oakland Zoo ~ On October 6, I saw an online article entitled "East Bay arborists help keep giraffes at Oakland Zoo well-fed." The Oakland Zoo partners with seven local tree services to obtain tree cuttings for their giraffes. Buena Vista Tree Service is one of the companies and they interviewed owner and arborist Trex Donovan for this article. He believes in recycling and composting as much material as possible. This day, his crew was trimming trees at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. They produced hundreds of pounds of downed branches and leaves. Most of the branches were turned into wood chips and given away for composting and ground cover. A second pile of branches was set aside and loaded into the back of Donovan's truck. This material was taken to the Oakland Zoo and became food for the five giraffes.

Leslie Rao, senior giraffe keeper, said that getting tree trimmings from local tree companies is critical in keeping the animals well-fed. Each giraffe can eat up to 75 pounds of food per day. She bundles the branches and hangs them inside their enclosure to closely mimic their appearance in the wild. The giraffes get fed about every hour to two hours. The two cubic yards of branches Trex dropped off from the Alameda County Fairgrounds will keep the giraffes fed for about a day and a half.

As might be expected, Mabusu, the oldest and largest male, was the first to come over and eat. He wrapped his tongue around a branch and stripped the entire branch of the leaves with one quick motion, pulling them into his mouth with a satisfying crunch. The other giraffes then took turns taking a few bites of the fresh-cut leaves. As Trex Donovan watched the giraffes eating his load of tree trimmings, he said, "Nice to see them eating it and then to see them strip all the leaves off the branches and everything. It's kind of cool. It's fun to be a part of it."

Here is the link to the CBS news article. https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/east-bay-arborists-giraffes-oakland-zoo-well-fed/?%3Futm_source=newsletter. There is also a video link with the article showing Trex trimming the tree, Leslie Rao bundling the branches, and of course, the adorable giraffes just being giraffes.

And now for my therapy dog adventures at SJC. My friend Barbara and her English Cream Golden Retriever Bailey, and I and my Miniature Poodle Bijou, had two visits to SJC in October—the 14th and the 31st. We now have our routine down pat. As airport volunteers, we get free parking, which is a big help. Did you know you can check the availability of parking ahead of time at flysjc.org? Click on parking and it will tell you how full all the lots are. At the TSA checkpoint, we go in the Priority line. We show our badges to the first agent, and then have to deal with the dreaded conveyor belt and the metal detector. This is the only complicated part of our visit. My dog Bijou is in a stroller because, at 15 years old, it's too much walking for her. It's also safer because a lot of passengers are in a hurry and could easily run her over with their suitcases. I have to collapse the stroller which goes on the belt with my purse. We have to go through a separate screening device, with the dogs going before us. We've had to wait as much as 5-10 minutes for an agent to let us through this separate device. I don't like leaving my purse on the conveyor belt while we're waiting but what can we do? When we clear TSA, we then go to the departures board and choose the terminal with the most departures. I can't begin to tell you how much fun we have at the airport. Barb and I both "have jet fuel in our blood." Her dad was a Navy pilot and worked for Delta. I worked for UAL in reservations for 16 years. Going to the airport brings back a lot of happy memories for both of us. On our October 14 visit, we ran into another team, Michelle and Bochy, an adorable French Bulldog. As it turns out, we all live within several miles of each other, so we may carpool on future visits. Our visit on Halloween was even more fun. Bailey the Golden wore a bumblebee costume and Bijou the Miniature Poodle went as a witch. Her costume was an orange and black tutu dress and an orange pointed hat. With her pointed nose, she made a very good witch! Some of the passengers were in costume also. My favorite was a pregnant woman wearing a skeleton tee shirt. It showed her skeleton on the top, and the skeleton of the baby over her stomach. Loved it! We met so many nice people in the hallways and the boarding areas. The passengers love to show us pictures of their dogs and we heard a lot of cute dog stories.

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 tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. At our meeting on November 7, Barbara asked me to thank everyone who has been sending her cards. She is overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. After our meeting, she delivered a very heavy box of 700+cards to the school!

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. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! 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, could you please cut it 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. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday’s mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper.

I would like to thank the East Bay Diablos members who bring coupons to our meeting; and other RUAEA members from all over the U.S. who mail coupons to me. Like **Barb Cunningham**, I too am overwhelmed by the kindness of RUAEA members. Unfortunately, I do not yet have a November count for you. I’m still assembling the November batch which I will turn in on November 12. Another huge number I’m sure, so stay tuned.

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

- ▲ Monday, December 5 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo’s, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. Entrée choices are prime rib, salmon or chicken cordon bleu. We have a special raffle of “nice” prizes and also collect Toys for Tots. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline is Monday, November 28.
- ▲ Monday, January 2 at 11:00. — Meeting place to be voted on at the December meeting. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, December 29.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Here we are just a few days until Thanksgiving and Turkey-day is here. At two minutes after midnight on Halloween ... up went the Christmas lights, Christmas music and sales galore, enticing everyone to buy everything we don’t need! President **Vera Kina** opened our October meeting with her duck horn (do the Canada Geese think this is a mating call?) We had a small turnout, 19 hardy souls, nice weather and two interesting speakers. Here are the final two meetings of 2022 – come join us for a great Pot Luck in November and our December 14 Holiday Hi-Jinxs at The Fish Market.

- ▲ November 28 – Pot Luck Feast – singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8
- ▲ December 14 – Great News! The Fish Market Restaurant has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon. We are restricted to 30 people – members will be accepted first, guests will be on a wait-list basis. Cost for members is \$30 per person, guests \$40 per person. Time: 11:30am. We will order off the menu (no Lobster and higher priced selections.) Drinks are extra: This includes liquor, coffee, tea, sodas. Dessert will be provided. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and win a prize – got a pretty cover-up? – dazzle us all! Goodies galore, lots of fun, good friends, some laughter and a great way to make way for 2023! Please email **Ginger Dahlberg** (see above) and let her know you will be attending – you will need to pay by our November 28th meeting (no credit cards.) Yes, yes ... this is a repeat of our October epistle; please bring exact cash or your check to the November meeting to reserve your seat at the table!

Vera reported on the Convention in SAN – there is talk that the Pilots and Flight Attendants might join us and have representatives at the next convention. No word as to where the next meeting will take place, the Site Committee is hard at work. We’ll let you know where and when.

Peter Cooper, our Treasurer, needs to open a bakery as he supplied us with a delicious dessert for our

Bring-your-own-sandwich lunch today. He whips up some mighty tasty treats. He is collecting dues for 2023.

Our speakers for the day were Tiffany Oren and Frank Fahara – both of whom are representatives for the Foster City William Walker Recreational Center. Tiffany brought us up-to-date information regarding what is happening to the Center. This building is old and in need of repairs – it will take months to get plans put together but we know that down-line, the building is going to be demolished. We have on-going discussions as to what we will do in the future. As of now, 2023 will be no change. You will be advised, well in advance, and if you have suggestions in mind, let the Board know and we will discuss those. Tiffany gave us a run-down of events everyone is invited to: Food Trucks gather and dish out many delicious and varied meals, out-door concerts, Pickle-ball is available to all over at the tennis courts, you can rent a boogie-board (let me know and I will come out and watch you,) special events that have Carnival rides and craft booths, many new restaurants have sprung up, come and watch the Dragon boat races, the Bridge to Redwood Shores is now open so that you can bicycle along the Bay (starting in San Bruno and cycle all along the waterfront past Coyote Point and Foster City ending up in Redwood Shores and a glimpse of the Oracle catamaran.) Frank is in charge of the grounds around the Center – the gardens, walk-ways, benches, roses, gazebos, meeting places – all looking clean and well-maintained. Questions were posed - what the heck can we do about those Canada Geese? Lots of laughs as how to remind them that they are supposed to be flying south. They are multiplying by the droves. They are smart and know that artificial turf soccer fields are surrounded by grass – that's where the parents and friends stand and sit – not a pretty sight. They are bold and are not afraid of the children and dogs – I don't think they are good to eat (they are grass fed though!) They flit back and forth to various grassy areas – and are probably sticking out their tongues at us! (Does a chicken have lips? Geese do!)

Our Historian, **Carol Slater**, gave us a recap of the who-where-and when the Golden Gaters' first met and how far we have come. What once was a huge group of UALers' is dwindling – retirees are moving away – any retirees near you? Urge them to come and join us.

Hope you all got to the Polls and voted. **Barbara Underhill** was unable to join the meeting as she is a volunteer (well, she gets a small pittance) at the Voter Registration Center and is madly counting and processing your ballots.

Kathy Cooper celebrated her birthday and immediately started selling raffle tickets – **Bill Heinrich** and **John Bogdanoff** won buckets of money while **Marian Bruns**, **Peter Cooper**, **Gene Walter**, **Frank Minnick**, **John Garriss** and **Charlie Bogert** (just to name a few,) got to pick goodies brought in by various members. Thanks y'all for those donations.

Jerry & Pat Marsala both got the dreaded Covid bug and were unable to join the gang - please make sure that you get those booster shots and, especially, Flu predictions are that this season will see a great influx of flu bugs invading us. We are now being encouraged to cut out the junk food, cut back on the booze, eat more veggies, and take a walk after dinner. We have finally had some rain – lots of snow in the mountains so the numerous fires have dwindled. Great skiing and water in our reservoirs. So ... life is good. Call a friend, donate to your favorite charity – the holidays are coming up, smile and go see a good flick (the George Clooney and Julia Roberts film is a hoot! Lots of laugh-out-louds – nobody gets shot, nary a gangster, just funny!)

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Okay! Here we go! This beautiful fall month of October found the Hangtown Miners enjoying the delicious food at Mimi's Cafe in Folsom. Quite a variety of dishes brought to the tables – well, there was at least 30 Miners in attendance – and everyone went home full or with a take home box to finish up later. Our president, Rudy Blazius, extended a heartfelt "Thank You" to our host – himself and wife Cindy, of course. This month was a "slow" one as we didn't have any guest join us, no one had a birthday (JR says he's given up having birthdays), but, we were able to say Happy Anniversary to Ed & Lindalee Akin as they celebrate 65 years together this month!

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President ~ Rudy shared with us a bit of info regarding how UAL is helping with relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Ian and Fiona recently. They are flying humanitarian flights to SJU (San Juan, Puerto Rico) and throughout Florida. As we have seen time and again, moments like these demonstrate the strength of our work family and how we shine when we support each other.

Are you planning a trip using your travel passes? While it can be a bit confusing wading thru all the different departments, you can get help. A couple options would be to go to the Help Hub (helphub.ual.com) where you can go to the “Employee Travel” and select the Employee Travel General Inquiry link. Or, you can go to the Travel page (ft.ual.com/travel) and log in with your Flying Together credentials where you will click on the blue chat bubble that appears in the lower right-hand corner and use the virtual assistant to get answers to frequently asked questions. If you need to speak to an agent, no problem! Just type “agent” and you will be connected to a team member to have a live chat. Now, if you want to book other airline ZED tickets you will need to go to the interline page on Flying Together (ft.ual.com/interlinetravel) and log in with your Flying Together credentials. Within each agreement, there is a “Ticketing” section with details on how to purchase tickets including how to request a refund.

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Treasurer ~ We were delighted to have **Tom Kenny** with us today. His report let us know that, as of September 16th's bank statement (our meeting is before our monthly statement arrives) we are doing well. All that being said; we discussed the option to raise our individual luncheon contribution to \$15.00. There has never been anything that I have seen, nor have the other members saying that we would only pay \$10.00 for this special luncheon. So, we took an informal count and all agreed that each member attending the December luncheon will pay \$15.00. I do want to remind you that this special amount applies only to Hangtown Miners. If you plan to bring a guest, you will be responsible to pay the full amount of the meal for your guest. For someone who is retired, Tom keeps very busy! He updated us regarding the Tool Donation Program that he has been organizing and doing a great job with! The tools that have been collected already are on their way to Sacramento City College for their A & P program. Tom has been contacted by two people in the Bay Area who want to donate tools and boxes. He has also been talking to **Dave Garland** about presenting to the Gold Diggers the information about this project so perhaps some of them will want to be part of this. If any of you may know of anyone who would like to donate tools, please let Tom know, tck46@flash.net.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a report as your secretary but keep reading!

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn't have a report under this heading – keep reading!

Historian ~ **Roy & Dawn Martin** were present today and the subject that was brought up last month – should we continue to have this position – was revisited today. The Martins do not wish to continue in this spot and there doesn't seem to be anyone who wants to take it over next year. The question, “Should we eliminate the position of Historian?” was, again, discussed. Part of that decision involves another question – What do we do with the albums (there's 6)? Do we toss them? Do we store them and if so, whose house will they go to? We dealt with the first question; **Rudy Blazius** motioned that we dissolve the officer position of Historian; **Duncan Nielsen** seconded it; motion passed. Rudy said he will store the albums and then each officer will store them in consecutive years. Thank you to every person who has held this post over the past 15 years. You all have contributed your own touch to these albums and we truly appreciate you. Who knows, someone may just want a “project” and put all the info and pictures in the albums on a disc or thumb drive so all that history can be stored in a smaller space.

Old Business ~ Ready? It is official now, the Hangtown Miners will have their December Luncheon at the Smith Flat House in Placerville on Wednesday, December 14th. **Suzanne Kenny** has been great at following thru with making the arrangements with them. She met with their event coordinator to nail details down. They will already be decorated with a Christmas theme, but we can look forward to round tables with linens, gold chargers at each place setting; lanterns on each table giving a rustic feel; we'll enjoy a “no host” bar where you can order your favorite drink or a glass of wine. I believe we all agreed to having just one appetizer followed by a dinner with salad, mashed potatoes, either grilled salmon -or- sirloin, vegetables, rolls and butter along with

lemonade, coffee, tea and a variety of cupcakes. They will have a table where we can put the food donations and another for the toys/gift cards. We touched on where these donations will go. The food we collect will go to the local Food Bank. Roy suggested giving the toys to the local Toys For Tots. **Sherrie Wolfram** also had a suggestion – The Georgetown Fire Department has really had a work out! The fire came close to the back of their house, but, happily it didn't get to their house – their neighbor was not so lucky and theirs was lost as were 10 on their road. They have an annual Santa Tour where they give toys to the local children. We will decide which organization we want to donate the toys to next month.

Rudy also extended to **John Muir** a big “Thank You” for reserving the American Legion Hall for us – just in case we didn't settle on a new venue for this year.

Bill Gibson shared that he has heard from **Jerry Avallone** that he and **Dolores** are moving to Minden! All the best wishes to you both.

The subject of our annual membership dues came up. First, beginning next month, we will start collecting our annual dues from all of you. You may remember that last year we voted to have a “rule” that if you don't pay your dues by the end of June, your dues will increase to \$20.00. For the past 15 years our dues have remained at \$10.00. If you're married, the dues include your spouse. **Roy Martin** suggested that we consider increasing the annual dues to \$15.00. There really wasn't a lot of discussion by our members, so **JR Heier** motioned that we increase our annual dues to \$15.00; **Patti Kenney** seconded the motion; passed.

Jane Gibson brought the “sign-up sheet” for hosting our luncheons in 2023. I am happy to say that all but 2 months are covered. Just in case you aren't sure which month you chose, here's the line up: January – **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**; February – **Peggy & Chuck Trebnik**; March – **Roy & Dawn Martin**; April – **Diana Bell & Duncan Nielsen**; May – **Doe Pope**; June – **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick**; July – **Angie & Frank Dellinger**; August – *Open*; September – **Heiers & Kenneys**; October – *Open*; November – **Gina Kenworthy**; December – Group effort. Let me know if you can take on either August or October! Thank you to all!

New Business ~ Well, if you missed the Retired United Mechanics Reunion that was held in Minden over October 4, 5, 6, you missed a good time! There wasn't a huge crowd this year but plenty of talking (lots of stories) and laughing to go around with long time friends. **Stan & Darlene Odell** have been putting this event together for the past 6 years. However, Darlene has had some health issues and they decided that this would be their final time to host. Not wanting to lose such a fun time, **Rosemary Heier** and **Jane Gibson** put their heads together and decided that they, along with help from others, would keep the reunion going. **Sue Hohl** has been involved for several years and is willing to continue. The plan is to “delegate” the responsibilities. So, here's hoping it all works out!

Angie & Frank Dellinger attended the 2022 RUAEA Convention in San Diego. Angie reported that everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, the weather was a bit “iffy” a couple days but great the rest. Angie stood in for me at the Correspondence Meeting – a very grateful Thank You, Angie! She also reported that RUAEA's membership is declining and they are talking to both the Pilots retired group and the Flight Attendant's group and considering a possible joint convention for all three groups. Joining forces should be a move in a positive direction. There will be more information coming. They aren't sure yet where the 2023 convention will be or when. There were about 190 this year and if the group expands they may need to get a bigger hotel to have the convention. This is not an easy task as there are many variables to consider.

Are you ready? This is the month we nominate our selection for officers for 2023. Since our present officers are willing to put in another year, this all went quite quickly. For: President; **Jane Gibson** nominated **Rudy Blazius**; seconded by **Duncan Nielsen**; Vice President; **Rudy Blazius** nominated **JR Heier**; seconded by **Judy Fitzpatrick**; Treasurer: **Rudy Blazius** nominated **Tom Kenny**; seconded by **Suzanne Kenny**; Secretary; **Judy Fitzpatrick** nominated **Jane Gibson**; seconded by **Suzanne Kenny**; Sunshine: **Duncan Nielsen** nominated **Suzanne Kenny**; **JR Heier** seconded. All positions were approved.

Phew! My fingers are tired of typing! We are looking forward to the November luncheon which will be at the Olive Garden in Folsom. **Gina Kenworthy** has given me the info which you will find below the minutes.

A big “Thank You” for all the fun things brought for our raffle: **Kenney** – Halloween mug, wine towel & bread board; **Heier** – popcorn; **Blazius** – salt & pepper set; **Gibson** – cookies; **Fitzpatrick** – meat thermometer; **Bell & Nielsen** – Ferrero candy; **Dellinger** – candy; **Kenny** – Halloween decoration; **Trebnik** – fall wreath; **Muir** – gravy boat; **Akin** – spider plant. Blue ticket winner – **Peggy Trebnik**!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close with this observation: *“I tried the Japanese method of decluttering - where you hold every object you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it out. So far I have thrown out all vegetables, my electric bill, the scale, a mirror and tread mill. My husband is living in the garage while I decide on him.”*

And with that I say “Good Night” and see you on November 9th!



RESANS

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Another successful Convention in San Diego and we will be talking about the good times we had and making memories to cherish. At this time I have not been given any news about next year but will pass it on as soon as I hear.

We have some retirees enjoying the fall weather and are out cruising and traveling. **Louis Semon** cruising the Amazon, **John Cunningham** enjoying the South Pacific and Australia, **Rosario Zepeda** is cruising in the Caribbean. Can't wait to hear about their travel adventures when they return!

There are two retirees celebrating their Birthdays in December, **Wendell Johnson** and **Maria Pollack**.

At the Benefits meeting, a lot of uncertainties were cleared up and I have also received some emails and I will try to clarify a couple of items for you.

Help Hub: (helphub.ual.com) you may log in with your Flying Together credentials. Search for "Employee Travel" and select the Employee Travel General Inquiry link. Let us know how we can help and submit your Help Hub form. We will send you updates about your case so be sure and check your email. The Travel Help Hub team is available to you 7 days a week from 7 am to 7pm.

Another subject of concern is that many don't know how to book other airline ZED tickets. Go to the interline page that can be found on Flying Together, (ft.ual.com/interlinetravel). Once again, you log in with your Flying Together credentials. You will see a full list of airlines that United has a ZED agreement and click "IN THIS SECTION" that is located in the upper right hand corner.

Look for the "TICKETING" section that will give you details on how to purchase tickets and also how to request a refund. Be sure and check "FLYZED.INFO" and select the airline of your choice.

The answers to any other questions that may come up, I advise becoming a member of RUAEA and getting the monthly newsletter. Membership dues for one year are \$30.00 and offer the latest tips on travel and other benefits. You may pay by credit card at ruaea.org or mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. You will be glad you did.

I would like to mention that our newest RUAEA member is **Suzanne Owen**. She is not only a member of the RUAEA family but is also enjoying 5 grandchildren!

Calendar:

December 1 - Holiday Luncheon 12:00 PM, Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers met at the Awful Annie's in Auburn with 23 in attendance. President **Dave Garland** opened the meeting thanking **Ed Vanderzyl** for the heads up on the Sizzler Restaurant being permanently closed. Dave related that the RUAEA Convention was great and that several members of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) attended. RUAEA is working with the other retiree groups, ARECA (Continental Retirees) RUPA, RAFA (Retired Flight Attendants) and Clipped Wings to see about combining in a future convention. Each group would continue with its own identity but by combining we would have bigger attendance and hopefully better hotel rates and amenities.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the Norton family have made arrangements for the December Christmas/Holiday lunch and let **Marrilee Norton** fill in some of the details. The lunch will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Casa Las Katarinas in Grass Valley. The restaurant is located at 10100 Alta Sierra Drive just off of Highway 49. We will have a flyer in a separate mailing with more details. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** went over the September and October anniversaries.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** advised that **Judie King** suffered a fall while heading to a cruise. The incident happened at the LA airport and Judie suffered a broken shoulder and a fracture in both knees. She is currently in the hospital in Grass Valley at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital at 155 Glasson Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Judie is in room 233. She will probably have a long recovery time. We are not sure of how long she will be in the hospital. Her home address is 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95959. Angie also reported that **Pat & John Zoboli** missed our lunch due to John having a heart valve procedure.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** reported that the RUAEA Convention in San Diego was a great success. The attendance was good and there were not any complaints, just the opposite. There was a lot of positive reaction and it was one of the most relaxing conventions she had been to. The outside area near the pool with tables and chairs and fire pits made a very comfortable venue for meals or just having a drink and conversation with old and new friends.

Ron Bertacini related a special ceremony at the banquet. Usually the Boy Scouts bring in the colors before we say the Pledge of Allegiance but unfortunately that group was not able to attend. **Louis Semon** had two ladies, both members of Clipped Wings and RUAEA, **Randy Tidmore** (101 years young) an ex-Marine and **Joyce Spivey**, an ex-Navy escorted the two guys carrying the flags to the front of the room by the band. Louis then had all the veterans come forward. After the Pledge, the four lady singers with the band did the Star Spangled Banner. It was one of the most emotional presentations at any convention.

President Dave then enlightened us with significant happenings on October 26th in history.

Birthdays ~ 1855 Charles William Post (October 26, 1854 – May 9, 1914) was an American innovator, breakfast cereal and foods manufacturer and a pioneer in the prepared-food industry. He was the founder of what is now Post Consumer Brands. 1894 John S. Knight WV, publisher (Knight-Rider), 1911 Mahalia Jackson New Orleans, gospel singer (Whole World in his Hands), 1914 Jackie Coogan LA Calif, actor (Uncle Fester-Addams Family), 1917 Felix the Cat cartoon character, 1946 Pat Sajak Chicago, TV host (Wheel of Fortune, Pat Sajak Show), 1947 Hilary Rodham Clinton First Lady.



Happenings ~ 1774
1st Continental Congress adjourns in Philadelphia,
1825 Erie Canal between Hudson River & Lake Erie opened,
1863 Worldwide Red Cross organized in Geneva, 1881 Shootout



at the OK Corral, in Tombstone, AZ, 1922 The first landing is made on USS Langley by Lt. Cdr. Geoffrey DeChevalier in an Aeromarine 39.



1940 First flight of the North American P-51 Mustang; 1941 savings bonds go on sale; 1949 President Truman increases minimum wage from 40 cents to



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cents; 1951 Rocky Marciano defeats Joe Louis at Madison Square Garden; 1958 PanAm flies the 1st transatlantic jet trip-NY to Paris; 1962 The last Boeing B-52 off the assembly line to the USAF; 1964 Rolling Stones appear on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Industry News: United and United Express operate approximately 4,900 flights a day to 362 airports across six continents. In 2019, United and United Express operated more than 1.7 million flights carrying more than 162 million customers. United is proud to have the world’s most comprehensive route network, including U.S. mainland hubs in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. United operates 791 mainline aircraft and the airline’s United Express carriers operate 581 regional aircraft. United is a founding member of Star Alliance, which provides service to 195 countries via 26 member airlines.

United to fly to more destinations across the Atlantic than all other U.S. carriers combined; will add new service to three cities – Malaga, Spain; Stockholm, Sweden; and Dubai, UAE – along with six more flights to popular European destinations including Rome, Paris, Barcelona, London, Berlin, and Shannon. In total, United will fly to 37 cities in Europe, Africa, India and the Middle East next summer, more destinations than all other U.S. airlines combined

United Airlines today continued its transatlantic leadership among U.S. carriers with the debut of the airline's 2023 summer schedule that includes adding new service to three cities named above, United saw historic levels of demand for travel to Europe in the summer peak, up 20% compared to 2019, and is focused on developing its network to serve continued demand strength.

We wrapped up the meeting with the birthday roll-off for the September and October birthdays with **Orville Harshbarger** being the big winner. We then closed with our monthly raffle.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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There is no report this month from the San Joaquiners chapter of RUAEA.

Our meetings are always held on the second Thursday of every month. If anyone is interested in any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210. He will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of retirees.

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Although a small group, we enjoyed a very nice outing on Safari Day, at Kelly Park Zoo. The weather was great for walking among the animals and not too strenuous, as the grounds are very accommodating. The park even had some of the rides available for those daring enough to ride the roller coaster with it's 35 foot drop. We ended up at the café and had a long lunch. Keep this in mind for next year. The event is free and you can bring a picnic lunch if you like, as there are tables throughout the zoo.

Our monthly meeting was well attended, with 19 members braving the wet weather, although the owner did have to turn on the one of the heaters. Everyone enjoyed themselves, even if they had to rough it a bit. The owner has been very gracious to us, allowing us to use the entire covered area for our meetings, so the rowdy among us won't disturb the other guests.

Our non-election of officers was held and members have spoken. The current officers, will continue in their positions for another year. It's a good thing too, as there was not a lot of money spent on campaigns. Our fearless leader has done such a great job, that no one wanted to run against him. As for the other positions, no one dared try to un-seat the current officers. Oh well, there is always next year, when you can run for an office. Maybe you can start planning your campaign now.

Our annual Christmas gathering will be different this year. Issues with our regular caterer could not be resolved before the venue had reserved out the site used last year. A search for other places that could meet our requirements, had already been reserved. However, Chuck worked with Bill of Fare and they will allow us to use their facility until closing time at 2PM. It will be order off a selected menu and each member will be responsible to pay for their drinks and meal. We will have the entire covered area for our use. Please notify **Chuck Clayborn**, if you plan to attend.

Chuck is lining up some nice venues for next year, dates and times will be set in the coming months. As well as our annual Vasona picnic, which we will make arrangements for just after the first of the year, to secure the date.

November Birthdays ~ Bill Reichard, Bob Matkovich, Karen Devlin, Bob Devlin and George Midwin.

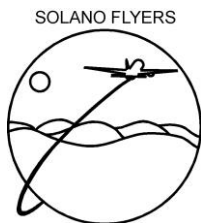
November Anniversaries ~ Tony & Sally Urso, Alex & Margie Klaus, Bill & Rosie Reichard and Bob &

Rita Matkovich.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays!

Calendar:

November 7 - Bill of Fare, on Saratoga Ave., just off Hwy 280.



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The October meeting was held at the Hide A Way in Vacaville with 14 members in attendance.

The 50/50 was won by **Stewart McHale**.

Eileen Gardner celebrated her birthday this month but we have no anniversaries.

Next month's meeting will be at BJ's in Vacaville on November 16.

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DENVER

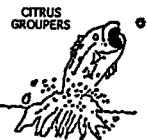
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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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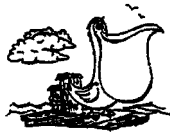
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There is no report this month from the Orlando Real McCoy's chapter of RUAEA.

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Our chapter is taking the summer off and we won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

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

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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our November meeting on November 7 had 7 members in attendance, it was a very social gathering. We decided on a date for our Christmas Luncheon, Wednesday, December 7, 1PM at Outback Restaurant in Trinity. We will send out e-mail to all our members and other retirees.

We wished everyone a "Happy Veteran's Day" and a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Since some of our members won't be around for Christmas & New Year, so we wish you a good time and see you next year.

This was a very laid back get together.

Calendar:

December 7– Christmas Luncheon at Outback, 1PM

January 2, 2023 – IHOP - 10:30

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

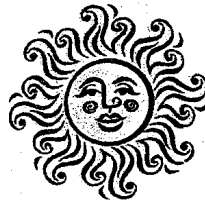
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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We are currently working on our Christmas gathering in early December and will notify the membership shortly. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

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December — We made it! Another day/week/month/year, gone. We survived the pandemonium, right? Yes, we might have gotten bitten by it, but if you're reading this, we did survive. What a year it's been, I won't even go into the bad parts, living through it once is more than enough. So let's congratulate ourselves for fighting through, being careful where we walk, drive, whom we talk to, some of our friends weren't so lucky. Depending how you look at it, they just might be in heaven with their Maker, and very lucky. They're looking down at us between the clouds, checking us out, seeing what we're doing. On the other hand, there may be a few who are looking up at us, through the dandelion roots, saying, 'Where did I go wrong'? At least we won't

have to see them in eternity. Someone asked me years ago, 'Whatever we wore in the casket, is that the same outfit that we'll wear all of eternity?'

Good question, or is it what we were wearing the minute we took our last breath? Pajamas, hospital gown, ball gown, tuxedo, overalls, naked? Oh my! What were you doing? Did you die with a smile on your face? I remember the nuns telling us we would have no earthly shapes, we'd all be white little hearts or round white souls floating around heaven. Since nobody has come back, guess we won't find out until that time comes. Just to be on the safe side, like mom used to tell us, wear clean underwear. Good way to end the year, worrying about what we'll wear in heaven. I'm so silly, it's probably too late to worry if we'll get there, should've been concerned about that 70 years ago. But, there's always hope that God will count up the good things we did. I count about 3 or 4, but they were big! Speaking of funeral attire, many years ago, a coworker went to the wake of a friend. When she got up to the casket, the deceased woman was wearing the same dress as my friend, Maude. She was devastated, could see other people pointing and smiling. She went straight home, took off her clothes, and threw them away. Never forgot that, was rather a maudlin mishap.

The December flowers are the poinsettias and holly, the obvious, along with the narcissus. Lovely red and white blooms, so cheery and pure looking. All of them are symbols of good wishes, hope, wealth, and a fun celebration for the end of the year. The gems of the month are tanzanite, turquoise and zircon. Each one has a bluish-turquoise color to it, all lovely, and come from Tanzania, Sri Lanka, and Iran. The pharaohs of Egypt adorned themselves with turquoise, King Tut's famous golden mask was covered with it. Tanzanite only comes from Tanzania, with shaded of blue to violet. Since the mining is slowing down, the cost is up and the color quality is down, but it's beautiful. Zircon has quality of diamonds, sometimes confusing the buyer. It gives off beautiful hues of yellow, green, red, and blue that makes it a favorite with collectors. Looks like we've gone through all the gems of the year, each one a beauty. I hope you enjoyed the history of them, their descriptions and countries where they are found. Maybe you found a new one that you would like to substitute for your own month. I'll always be an emerald lover, but would accept just about any of them, if anyone is interested ...

The Northside Breakfast had 14 friends, **Marsha Sealock-Weber, Barb Wesemann, Vickie Heuer, Dave Dunham, Margaret Longo, Joan Teister, Jerry Tipperreiter, Pam Boydstun, Virginia Kondraros, Elena & Cesar Guerra, me,** and newbie **Patty Black**. Please come back, **Patty Black!** **Marge Stamm** gave a nice summary of the San Diego RUAEA convention. There were 168 revelers there, all having a great time reconnecting with workers and people they've met over the years. Thanks to the people of SAN for planning it so well, and the Board of RUAEA, with **Don Burbank**, our fearless leader. It's not an easy job getting this all together, so thank you to all who worked so hard to have it go off so seamlessly.

I've had a rough month, bad cold, scheduling parties, lunches, doctors, ran out of bananas, I have to get some wine, talk amongst yourself.

I'm feeling verklempt. Thank you. I might have to leave again ...

Ok, I'm back. The ORDMM mechanics had 13 retirees, **Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Jim Kraft, Bob Zeier, Don Matker, Pierre Lupori, Boris Spitz, Rich Protsman, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, Sharon & Paul Skrudland,** and **me**. We got word that our old buddy, **Lance Albert** hasn't been feeling well, prayers go out to him and his family.

ORDMM Foremen had six people, **Tom Abraham, Bart Kendall, Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, Stan Chmieliwicz,** and **me**. Conversations at both meetings included the loss of **Paul Temple**, one of the best we had.

The Chicago RUPA lunch welcomed 35 pilots, their wives and friends, at Nick's Pizza. We can always count on the UA flyboys to keep up the pace and the conversation going. **Walt Fink, Dick Kane** and **Bob Helfferich** planned another lovely lunch. Pizza, beef, hamburgers, salad, what's not to like, with two of the greatest servers, Monica and Lisa. In honor of Veteran's Day, the fellas wore their old uniforms that they could squeezee into for a composite shot. Thanks veterans for keeping us safe for so many years. You did a very good job keeping those Friendly Skies nice and safe, too. I'm glad I don't know if some of you were the ones that might have dislodged my neck on a few landings. It's best I don't know, ok? Don't want to be disillusioned with your landing prowess.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had 91 members enjoying **Dave Roderick's** famous Sloppy Joe's sandwiches. The members brought delicious sides and a full array of desserts. Everyone is getting ready for their December 1 Christmas Party at the Seville, always a fun party. Open bar ...

Our Skyliner Luncheon is about a week away. I hope many of you will be attending, we have a new singing group, with costumes! Our planners have worked tirelessly for weeks to make it lots of fun, **Virginia Monaco, Joan Teister, Jim Sommerfield, Charlie Lewis,** and my tech advisor/designer, **Toni Van Kampen**.

In 2023, Illinois will have some new laws/rules going into effect. The ODRISA act has an amendment. It's called the One Day Rest in Seven Act. It was enacted to provide employees with a day of rest in each workweek and meal or rest breaks during daily work shifts. The amendment redefines the period in which an employee is entitled to 'twenty-four consecutive hours of rest,' and include new meal break and employer notice obligations, and additional meal for working over 12 hours in a day. The law also increases penalties on employers that violate the meal and rest break requirements. Now, for you 9 to 5 workers, this might not mean anything, but since we are an airline, on duty 24 hours a day, this greatly affects workers in our operational jobs. Many employees work their shift, then stay over four or come in early four hours. Imagine the Thanksgiving holiday just passed. A mechanic, ramp, ticket agent etc, will work their eight hours on day shift, but 9 people from one of that job group calls in sick for afternoons. The boss looks for people to work their Regular Day Off, he gets two to come in, the shift is still seven workers short. They go to the people working, asks them to stay for four more, they agree, but then three more people call in sick from the midnight shift (bad turkey), now the boss, or his Manpower Clerk, has to find more people to cover two engine changes, or a backlog of luggage in the terminal. Whoops, the nice people who stayed four extra are now asked to stay another four, or eight total. They need a 24 hour time period off in that week. Oh wait, it's already Friday, now what? This gets mighty confusing, doesn't it? They will need at least a 24 hour break in there before the work week is over. That's for the boss to figure out, actually, it's for the Human Resources Department and the State of Illinois to work out. They make those Hollywood wages to decide how to fix that, to make the rules that fix the amendment. I wonder what job group that is, it's way over any of my past job group categories. The amendment also states that a new category of employee are excluded, 'those for whom work hours, days of work, and rest periods are established through collective bargaining process.' Yes, the unions, of which we have many, pilots, flight attendants, ticket agents, ramp, mechanics, administrative, and more. I won't bore or confuse you anymore, but basically, a person needs a whole day off after six consecutive days of work. Whew, good luck with those rules. Thank you for letting me retire!

Another new act signed by the governor is the Family Bereavement Leave Act. Covered Illinois employers must provide up to 10 workdays of unpaid leave to employees who are absent due to any of the following events: a miscarriage, an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or an assisted reproductive technology procedure, a failed adoption match or an adoption that is not finalized because it is contested by another party, a failed surrogacy agreement, a diagnosis that negatively impacts pregnancy or fertility, or a stillbirth. Illinois employers now have the task of revising work schedules to accommodate any new rules, hours, meal time requirements and expanded Family Bereavement Act. Considering the State pretty much tells US the rules, we have to go along with them.

The only other law/statute that was signed was the Safe-T Act, that makes a number of reforms to the criminal justice systems, affecting policing, pretrial detention and bail, sentencing, and corrections. It's supposed to take effect on January 1, 2023, but many county Attorney Generals have brought suit against the State and Governor regarding the legality of this Act. The courts will make a decision around December 15, until then, I'm not saying another word. A few years ago somebody accused me of being political, you've got to be kidding, if I was political, you'd know it, your dead uncle in Topeka would know it!

I report the news as I find it, that's it. I only write to keep you informed, all my buddies in Arizona, California, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania. Colorado, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and of course, Illinois. You, that's right, the ones that say you read my column first! I miss you, we had many happy hours working together. I'm trying to keep you informed of your old home state and reconfirm why you left to start with. There, now that's political! Time for more wine!

Have a wonderful Christmas everybody, wishing us all a better 2023, we always wish for the best. Don't we? We deserve it, we've lived through a lot, still have a few mountains or mole hills to climb.

We love our families, so good to see the next generations being born and it gives us more hope for the future, in the greatest country in the world. Yes, we're still the greatest! And a big thank you to all the readers that have picked up your phone or wrote a little note to me, saying you liked my stories. That warms the cockles of my heart. Somebody is actually reading my prose and funny life adventures! Wow! I'll admit, the most letters came from my coffin high school story. Now I know what your sense of humor is, warped, like mine. I'll look for more funny ones. Thank you friends, I'm going to stay healthy to still be with you another year. You, too, ok? Take those vitamins! Be good to each other, we have less ahead than behind.

Our fellow workers that flew West last month, are **Mona Kunio**, ORDSW, **Ralph Unrath**, ORDCG, **Dennis Hodor**, ORDHN/ORDCG, **Jim Hane**, ORDCG/MCOCG, **Erme Giurato**, EXOKG, **Ken Bucholz**, ORDMM/GC, and from ORDMM, **Paul Temple**, one of the finest mechanics and human beings that ever worked at United. I know we can say that about all of our friends, so indulge me, he was great, and a recipient of

The Charles Taylor award before he retired after a 50-plus year career at UAL. Also gone from our world include singers, 50's Rocker, Jerry Lee Lewis, Aaron Carter, sports players, Curt Gentry (Bears), Bruce Sutter (Cubs), Jules Bass (Frosty, Rudolph shows producer), Actors, Dame Angela Lansbury, Robby Coltrane (Harry Potter's Hagrid), Leslie Jordan (Will & Grace), Chicago businessman, John M. Smyth, and WGN-TV's weather man, Roger Treimstra.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00 A.M. 111 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove (**December 8**). Second Thursday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**December 15**). Third Thursday Southside Breakfast - Canceled permanently

IAM 1487 Christmas Lunch - the Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood, (**December 1**), 11:00 A.M.

Skyliners Luncheon - **December 6**, The Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, noon lunch.

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We held our most recent meeting on October 11th. Members attending were **Richard Carey, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank Ingegno, Frank & Rita Prins and Ron Betherick.**

We discussed plans for our Christmas lunch to be held on December 13th at Charbonos Italian Restaurant in Avon, Indiana.

Regarding recent trips, I'd like to share one. Recently, my wife and I visited the "Space Coast" in Florida. We stayed at a resort on Cocoa Beach.

We visited the Kennedy Space Center for two days. For those who haven't been there, it's a lot like Epcot at Disney World. It's interesting, entertaining, and educational all in one. There's the bus tour of the space port. Then inside the various buildings you'll find many entertaining, educational, interactive features that detail the history and future of NASA in awe inspiring ways. At the Space Shuttle Center, visitors can learn about the shuttle history and view one of the shuttles on display. You can even take a simulated space launch ride which puts you in the shuttle during launch. It's cool.

In another building there is a ride similar to Epcot's "Soaring" ride. There are 4 different space flights to choose from.

Also throughout the Visitors Center there are scheduled presentations, talks and meet the astronaut events. I highly recommend visiting the Kennedy Space Center. There's a lot to see and do so I also suggest a two day visit.

While there, see a launch if you can. It just so happens there were two launches while we were there. The first was the SpaceX Falcon Heavy. We were in perfect viewing position for this launch. On a bridge high above ground level, west of the launch pad. Unfortunately, it was very foggy so we didn't see anything (real bummer!) Sure did hear it though; loud roar with 2 sonic booms.

The second launch went off in middle of the night. We watched it from Cocoa Beach (farther away than our earlier launch). We saw it fly up to the clouds then disappear in the clouds then appear again higher up. When it launched, it lit up the entire northern sky and looked like a torch flying east over the ocean; eventually going behind clouds for good. Not perfect viewing but still very cool. Could hear it even from that distance. Would love to see one when weather is perfect. It's still on the bucket list. Highly recommended!

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

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **December 13**, Annual Christmas Luncheon at Charbonos Italian Restaurant, Avon, Indiana
- **January 10, 2023** at Emmy's

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The Nor'Easters finally had our first luncheon meeting since this pandemic began. It was arranged by our Vice President and Treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal**. However, we only had sixteen members present, where as we used to see thirty to sixty members. But, we're all getting older, there aren't any new retirees coming in and some have already gone permanently to the big airport in the friendly skies.

It was good to see **Irene & Bob Kimball**, **Norma Betters**, **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal**, **Ron & Joyce Heisler**, **Sarah Pitt-Wooll**, **Lew Shakley**, **Helmut (Moose) Umbley**, **Gladis Willis**, **Gisela Bauerle**, **Kay Robinson** and **Dick Vee**. We got a visit from **Andy & Carol Montalto** who was unaware of the luncheon.

Our chapter has decided not to collect dues any longer and will spend down the treasury. But, we're still active and want our members to be aware. Currently **Dick Vee** is acting President as well as Secretary.

I want to advise of the passing of **Oscar Bauerle** in June at ninety three years young. Oscar was active until several years ago and will be missed,

Calendar:

December 7 - Christmas luncheon at Jimmy's Steer House

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Marcy Vance has volunteered to have the November luncheon on November 17th at 12:30PM. It will be held at Granite City Food and Brewery, 39603 Traditions Drive (near Haggerty and 7 Mile) Northville, MI. You can RSVP to Marcy at (734) 377-3410, text or phone call. You can also email to marcyvance@yahoo.com.

Friends meeting friends: **Carol Shaffner**, **Camille Wade** and I drove to Jackson, MI to have lunch with former UAL retiree **Jeff LeFleur** and his wife, **Carole**. What a nice time we had reminiscing about "the good days" and remembering fellow employees. The day was lovely and the weather was beautiful for a drive. We are looking forward to meeting up again in the spring.

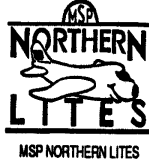
We are so thankful for all the blessings that we have received. Please keep our United family in your prayers. There are many who are in need of our positive thoughts.

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

MINNESOTA

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Greetings from the Northland, dear readers far and wide. Blessedly, I have no bad news to forward this month. But then, I don't have any news at all, actually, other than that the time has come for your correspondent to shuck off the traces and blow this pop stand.

Mixed metaphors? Well, I'm sure you get the drift. This old girl is retiring after 26+ years of trying to be the glue that holds the MSP retirees together through the auspices of RUAEA. Issues with my vision make it much harder for me to see what the heck I'm typing plus I can't safely make the drive down to the Cities anymore to attend the monthly gatherings. In addition, I'm getting little to no communication from the rest of you who still populate the planet. Just sayin'...

In order for there to be news from the MSP Northern Lites in the Newsletter, someone will have to step up and take over. If you're interested, contact **John Chu**, RUAEA Newsletter Manager at johnqchu@hotmail.com. Monthly reports may be emailed to him by the 7th of each month to be published in the following month's Newsletter. It's a pretty easy job, really, except for always being the bearer of bad news occasionally.

It's been a fun ride, Folks!

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

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We were happy to have 16 retirees join us for the November luncheon at Legends Grill. The food was good as usual but the service was dealing with lack of help as so many businesses are. They are doing the best they can. We are looking forward to our Christmas Celebration coming up on December 7th at Cascio's Steakhouse, 1620 S. 10th Street at 11.00 am. We hope for a big turnout.

The weather in Omaha has been beautiful this fall. The trees have pretty well lost their leaves and it looks like things are about to change but it has been one of the better falls in history. We wish all of you very happy holidays and a peaceful and successful new year. If we can get through the political issues we should be able to handle anything. Blessings to all!

NEVADA

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I hope this report finds everyone in good health and safe. I would like to thank **Mary Chandler** again for getting us together on October 11 at the Durango Country Club. We had a nice turnout of 25 members. The

food was good but most of all we got to see our friends whom we haven't seen in months and got caught up on the latest news from everyone.

Mary Chandler also sponsored a silent auction to raise money for the Silverliners Treasury and that went very well. **Georgia Rutkowski** was in charge of the 50/50 raffle and handing out the prize money. When **Chris Czaplewski** won a draw, she donated the money back to the Silverliners in a gesture that her husband **Jim** usually did when he won a draw. **Eleanor & Mike Vasko** had a guest at the Luncheon, **Donna Huddlestun**, a retired UAL employee.

Jeannie Rolland gave the financial report that we have some money in the bank and doing OK. I read off the Birthdays for October and gave out special thanks for **Chris Czaplewski** for traveling here by herself and the Silverliners condolences for the passing of her husband **Jim**. I also mentioned that we still have no President, Secretary or Treasurer for the Silverliners and that this year may be the end of the RUAEA Silverliners Chapter. This will happen because of no support and interest in the governing of the Silverliners into the future. Jeannie, Mary and I have done our best to keep the Chapter together but it is getting harder for us to do it all. It is our hope the Silverliners continue on into the next year but that hope right now is very slim.

At the Luncheon, Mary mentioned she set up a Luncheon in December for a Christmas get-together, on December 6th at the Durango Country Club.

At the close of our Luncheon, I asked for items from the floor and none were brought up. So, we closed the Luncheon and bid farewell to all and told them to be safe driving home and that we will see them here on December 6.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever someone sets one up. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to hear from you.



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There were 14 members at our October 10 meeting at The Black Bear Diner, including two members we have not seen for a while; **Donna & Bill Perkins** attended our meeting for the first time in months. It was good to see them.

Larry & Barbara Leusing kindly shared some wonderful cake made by a local Italian bakery using the previous owner (an Austrian baker) recipe. It was wonderful.

Pat Zoboli has talked with the Peppermill about our December luncheon. They have advised us that they will not do individual bills. Therefore, we need a system that assures we will receive everyone's money prior to our luncheon. Details coming at our October meeting. Please bring your ideas on how to make this work.

The October birthdays were **Barbara Leusing** and **Donna Perkins**. The winner of the 50/50 was birthday girl **Donna Perkins**. **Teresa Rhine** won the Halloween dog statuette. **Larry & Barbara Leusing** celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on November 14 at 11:00 am back at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

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Our monthly meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. There was plenty talk about United pulling out of JFK on the 27th of October. **Franck Kokaska** gave a good report on what was going on at EWR. He spoke of union negotiations with the company and the need for new employees.

I don't know if anything has changed much about employment, but when I walked into United's original hangar on March 23, 1953, they offered me a job right away. I worked for United 38 years, and retired in 1991. I used to love to come to work because every day was a new experience.

I do remember when I walked out of hangar 14 for the last time, I thought I was going to be filled with lots of nostalgia, but the only thing I remember was if I was going to beat the traffic home. Just a side note, hangar 14 was built in 1957, about three years ago they tore it down for new building. I can't remember in all my years at Newark that building expansion of the airport has never stopped.

Anyway, we have had discussion on our next meeting, and it was decided to have it on November 30. We will decide later if there will be a meeting in December.

The ever popular **Diane Johnson** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be November 30 in Scotch Plains.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"The things we love stay locked up in our heart, and live as long as we have life."*

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 METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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

OHIO

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Well it looks like Winter is starting to head this way. Temperature is 70 one day, then down to low 40's, the next day if we are lucky, it's only in the mid 50's. And watch out because they are starting to talk about "snow". They say ... "Oh, but it won't be too bad", because it should melt pretty quickly. Well, 2 weeks before Halloween, they predict temperatures only in the mid 40's. Great! But we are Ohio Buckeyes, so we can take it. But, we don't have to like it.

In June we tried a new restaurant, "Creekside". Everyone really enjoyed it. The food was great, and so was the service. Well, guess what? We found another (new to us) restaurant that was also recommended which just so happens to be located in the same city (Brecksville). The Restaurant's name is "Simon's Restaurant". Boy, we got another winner.

We set it up for October 5th, and the luncheon was fantastic. We had 34 members in attendance at Simon's, and our hosts for this fabulous luncheon were Judy & Jeff. They took the time to check out the place, look over the menu, and choose such great meal choices. Everyone really enjoyed the food, and the service can't be beat. Simon's will be at the top of the list for 2023.

Yes, it was great, but I wish that more members could have attended. The sad part is that our attendance has really dropped to about half of what it was just 3 or 4 years ago. The big reason being our members "Health".

Birthdays ~ We only had one attendee, Jean H., with an October Birthday. So we asked her to stand, so that we all could sing "The Song" to her.

We hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy, Safe, and Happy New Year.

Calendar:

December 7 – Williams On-the-Lake, Christmas party, hosted by **George & Nancy**.

January-2023 - Winter break. No luncheon.

February and beyond - To be announced.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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I'm sorry to say that I have no group update this month. At the last minute I was unable to attend had have no report from any of the attendees. I certainly plan to be at our 11/10 meeting and I hope we see more of you there.

In the meantime another bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ I drive so badly that when I'm driving, the GPS doesn't speak, it prays.
- ☺ I put a glass of wine in each room of our house and called it a Wine Tour. Follow me for more entertainment advice.
- ☺ Current Status: Compassionately caffeinated ... this means I'm drinking coffee not just for myself, but for the good of all. You are welcome.
- ☺ SCUBA is an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. What you may not know is that Tuba is also an acronym – for Terrible Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
- ☺ If I clean the house, it just gets dirty again. But if I make a quilt, it stays made. Just saying ...
- ☺ Someday we old folks will use cursive writing as a secret code!
- ☺ I never argue. I just explain why I'm right, with conviction.
- ☺ An apple a day keeps anyone away if you throw it hard enough.
- ☺ I just want to drink my coffee and have nobody pet my peevess today!
- ☺ If thieves wear Sneakers, and artists wear Sketchers, then linguists must wear Converse.
- ☺ I'm still waiting patiently for the wisdom that's supposed to come with old age.
- ☺ The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.
- ☺ I went to an aerobics class the other day. I stretched, bounced about; fell over a few times, it was agony. By the time I actually got my leotard on the class was over.

- ☺ The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.
- ☺ Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, “I know it’s hard. You’re going to be okay. Here’s a coffee and 8 million dollars.”
- ☺ The happiest people don’t have the best of everything ... they just make the best of everything they have.
- ☺ Some things are better left unsaid, which I realize right after I say them.
- ☺ It’s almost time for bed, so I guess I’ll just check my email, Etsy, Instagram, Facebook, and one full season of a TV show on Netflix real quickly.
- ☺ My cleaning style can be described as, “I like to move things from one counter to another counter.”
- ☺ If I ever go missing, I want my picture to go on beer bottles instead of milk cartons. This way my friends will know I am missing.
- ☺ I tried to start my day off without coffee; my court date is currently pending.
- ☺ I love those people who can make me laugh during those moments when I feel like I can’t even smile.
- ☺ Sometimes, the amount of self control it takes to not say what’s on my mind is so exhausting that I need a nap afterwards.
- ☺ If you see me in a restaurant eating a salad, I have been kidnapped and I’m trying to signal you!
- ☺ Yeah, I’ve got O.C.D. = OLD CRANKY AND DANGEROUS
- ☺ I really miss the 90’s when bread was still good for you, and nobody knew what kale was.
- ☺ I named my two dogs Rolex and Timex. They’re my watch dogs.
- ☺ At this point if I get picked up by aliens I’m just going to go ahead and consider it a rescue mission instead of an abduction.
- ☺ Men say that women should come with instructions. What’s the point of that? Have you ever seen a man actually read the instructions.
- ☺ Beer is now cheaper than gas. Guess it’s time to drink, don’t drive!
- ☺ I’m almost a millionaire. I have all the zeros, now I just need a one!
- ☺ Laughter is like a windshield wiper; it doesn’t stop the rain but allows us to keep going.
- ☺ I don’t do drugs and I don’t drink. At my age, I can get the same effects by standing up too fast.
- ☺ Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?
- ☺ Never, ever, ask a woman who is eating ice cream from the carton how she is doing.
- ☺ At my age, rolling out of bed in the morning is the easy part. Getting off the floor is a whole other story.
- ☺ My new diet plan: Make all of my friends cupcakes. The fatter they get, the thinner I look!
- ☺ No one ever warns you how often you’ll whisper “righty tighty, lefty loosey” to yourself as an adult.
- ☺ I prefer not to think before speaking. I like being just as surprised as everyone else by what comes out of my mouth.
- ☺ Why can’t the house clean itself? It seems to get dirty by itself!
- ☺ I am not short. I am a people McNugget.
- ☺ It’s a five minute walk from my house to the pub. It’s a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering.
- ☺ Eyelashes are supposed to prevent things from getting into your eyes, but when I do have something in my eye it’s always an eyelash. Eyeronic!
- ☺ I read a new study that linked coffee to a longer lifespan. Awesome. I’m going to be immortal.
- ☺ I am pleased to say my house doesn’t have any unhealthy snacks in it ... because I ate them all. Please don’t break my self-righteous mood.
- ☺ Gas prices are so high that the mailman is working from home. He called my yesterday to read my bills to me.
- ☺ 8:00AM: Too tired to think. Noon: Too tired to think. 5:00PM: Too tired to think. Midnight: How do dragons blow out candles?
- ☺ Me at 16: This radio station is playing my song. Me at 21: This bar is playing my song. Me now: This grocery store is playing my song.
- ☺ I don’t want to adult today. I don’t even want to human today. Today I want to do dog. I’ll be lying on the floor in the sun. Please pet me and bring me snacks.
- ☺ W.I.N.O.S: Women In Need of Sanity
- ☺ Lasers were once a huge scientific breakthrough; now we use them to play with cats. Computers were once a huge scientific breakthrough; now we use them to look at cats. Conclusion: Science was made for cats.

- ☺ Instead of cleaning house I just watch an episode of Hoarders and think, Wow my house looks great!
- ☺ Grandchildren just make you feel better when you're around them. They're sunshine for you soul and medicine for your mind.
- ☺ Once you have seen a woman take off her bra without removing her shirt, it makes more sense why they should be in charge of things.
- ☺ My super power is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.
- ☺ I came home and my dog peed a little because he was happy to see me. None of my friends pee when they see me. I must be surrounded by fakes.
- ☺ Instead of calling my toilet the John, I call it the Jim so I can say that I go to the Jim at least twice a day!
- ☺ We all know that mirrors don't lie ... I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.
- ☺ Today's Housekeeping Tip: Always keep several get well cards on the mantel. That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean.
- ☺ They say you are only as old as you feel. Well, I feel like I was exhumed from the Egyptian tombs, slept wrong, woke up tired, fell down a flight of stairs, stubbed my toe, and landed in poison ivy.
- ☺ Yesterday I completed a chore that I've been putting off for 5 months. I took me 20 minutes. I will learn nothing from this.
- ☺ Staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming.
- ☺ Why is it that my clothes only get stuck on the door handle when I'm in a bad mood?
- ☺ I don't have insomnia. I have a good book and no respect for tomorrow.
- ☺ When I go to someone's house and they tell me to make myself at home, the first thing I do is throw them out because I don't like visitors.
- ☺ I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.
- ☺ I'm so old that I have dialed a rotary phone, listened to music off an 8-track tape, watched a black and white TV with foil on the rabbit ear antennas, and went through a whole day without taking a picture of myself.
- ☺ You'll hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me because you saw that sign 2 miles ago like I did.
- ☺ My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I forgot to do.
- ☺ With time, women gain weight because we accumulate so much knowledge and wisdom in our heads that there is no more room in there and it distributes it to the rest of our bodies. So we aren't heavy, we are enormously educated, cultured and happy. Beginning today when I look in the mirror I will think, Good grief ... look how smart I am!
- ☺ They can put people on the moon, but they can't make a bottomless coffee cup? Come on Science!
- ☺ My husband just told me he wants a divorce. Actually his exact words were, "I think it would be cool for the whole family to live in an RV and travel the country for a year." But tomato, to-mah-to.
- ☺ The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have started asking humans to prove that they aren't a robot.
- ☺ I like to play this game called nap roulette. It's where I take a nap but don't set an alarm. Will it be a 30 min nap? Will it be a 4 hour nap? Will I wake up tomorrow? Nobody knows. But it's risky and I like it.
- ☺ You can't blame anyone else if you fall in your driveway ... that's your own asphalt.
- ☺ I correct autocorrect more than autocorrect corrects me!
- ☺ Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter? A: Pumpkin π . Sorry. I'll see myself out.
- ☺

Calendar:

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

December 8

PENNSYLVANIA

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There were 25 members at our October meeting. Thank you to the **Erin Pub** for filling in on such short notice after hearing that we had to change our location. We will once again have our luncheon there, since Lehmans Tavern is still not ready after the fire.

It was good to see familiar faces after waiting all summer. It's hard to believe that we only have two more get-togethers before the end of the year. We will be going to the Media Theatre to see Sound of Music on November 20th. Our November luncheon is scheduled for November 14th.

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The Pit-Stoppers Christmas luncheon will be held Wednesday December 7, at J.W. Halls; cocktails 11:30-12:30, lunch 12:30.

We are sad to report that **Tom Malley**, PITCG retired, passed away October 10, 2022. Tom was always fun to work with; he used to drive the airport authority nuts. In the summer after loading a flight, he would drive around on his open tractor under the potable water cabinet, then turn the water on and cool himself off! My nickname for him was Smurf, because he was small in stature, but big in personality and heart.

From **Mary Jane Stewart**: Once again, the 2022 RUAEA SAN Convention was a huge success. My son Brian, his wife Reba and good friend **Wilda Squires** were all able to attend this year making it even more special. Brian started his airline career with United at O'Hare airport then moved to USAIR when they expanded service in Cleveland, giving him the opportunity to return home. He is now a Crew Chief with American Airlines in Charlotte and my grandson Kevin is also with American in Charlotte as an Inspector. So we have become a true airline family and I like to remind them that it all began with me. As a reminder we welcome all airlines to join us. The entertainment was great with dancing three nights, delightful tours, yummy food and there may have even been a drink or two thrown in for good measure. It was so much fun seeing all of those I have met throughout the years and made some new friends as well. I enjoyed meeting representatives from the other retiree organizations and look forward to seeing them at future conventions.

October Birthdays ~ Doris Abbas, Joan Ference and Bernie Juth.

October Anniversary ~ Bill & Johnna Chicots.

November Birthdays ~ Karen Moliterno, Lillian Lapceovich, Mary Jane Stewart and Georgia Garcia.

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

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UTAH

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

WASHINGTON

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Hoping to see many of you at our Holiday Luncheon on December 13th! If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to **Bonnie Frey** at (360) 459-8048. We will meet at 12 Noon, at our pre-Covid location: Angelo's in Burien. They are opening early just for us, so it is imperative that we notify them of the correct number of members attending. The cost will be \$20 + tip and each person will pay their own at the restaurant. We will have a 50/50 raffle for a little bit of fun.

On a sadder note, beloved retiree **Jim Fauber** passed away October 7th, 2022. Jim was born and raised in Charleston, W. Va. as an only child. In 1946, at the age of 17 he joined the Army Air Force (the Air Force was not yet a separate military branch) and worked his way up to Sergeant. When he reached the rank of Corporal, he was put on flight pay and was classified as an "Aerial Engineer" (Flying Mechanic) and assigned to the B-25, A-26, P-61, B-17, DC-3 and DC-4 airplane types. He was also selected to appear in the movie "12 O'clock High" starring Gregory Peck, Gary Merrill and Dean Jagger, among others. In 1949, Jim was discharged from the military and he enrolled in the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK and graduated with his A&E (Aircraft & Engine) license which he used to hire on with Capital Airlines at the Washington, D.C. airport.

In Washington, D.C. Jim married his first wife, Vivian, to whom he was married for 25 years until she passed away from cancer in 1976. After one year in DC, Jim transferred to Charleston, W. Va. where he worked for 9 years until the Capital-United merger in June 1961. Once Jim was with United, he had a choice of stations he could transfer to, and he picked Seattle and worked there as a Lead Mechanic. He retired in 1987 with 36 years of service to Capital and United. It was in Seattle that he met his second wife, Bonnie, at a dance. Jim originally didn't want to go to the dance, but his daughter, Kay, talked him into going after much discussion. They were married in 1977 and enjoyed 39 years of marriage until her passing in 2016.

Jim assisted in dealing with a 727 airplane hijacking in August 1972 that started in Reno, flew on to Vancouver, BC and ended up in Seattle. While the hijacker was in the cockpit giving instructions to the pilots,

the flight attendants quietly had the passengers exit the plane, which angered the hijacker. Jim's role was to work with the FBI and to show them how to disable the aircraft to keep it in place. It ended with the hijacker being wounded by an FBI agent.

After retirement, Jim & Bonnie moved to the Phoenix, Arizona area and Jim became very involved with the retired United employee organization named RUAEA (Retired United Airlines Employees Association) and Jim was elected to be Executive Vice President in 2000. He focused on selecting the locations for holding the RUAEA annual conventions that met his standards of safety and convenience of location. He was a tough bargainer in securing fair hotel rates for the members, and also good rates for the tour buses. One of his bargaining techniques was to make it perfectly clear that most of our members were not wealthy well-paid pilots. Consequently, he ended up with reasonable contracts. He also believed that his following the maxim "timing is everything" contributed to his success as a negotiator.

He did a lot of traveling during this period. A key trip was the one he made to Boulder, CO to meet with the Spectrum Data Corporation owners and to get them to agree to set up a RUAEA website for no charge if he gave them the right to run the website. He then picked two United retirees to help maintain the website which is still in use today. Jim & Bonnie used to spend their winters in Arizona, where they hosted Christmas Parties for the local RUAEA chapter. Jim was also the Phoenix chapter president every-other year, switching with **Bud Hubbard**.

In 1997, he was General Chairman of the RUAEA annual convention held in Phoenix. From 2002-2004, Jim was elected the President of RUAEA and organized a large convention held in Seattle in 2004, which was a huge success. Jim came to know some of the officers of United, including then CEO, Glenn Tilton. Their relationship was so good that after a meeting together, Mr. Tilton took one of Jim's business cards and gave it to his secretary saying: "Any time Jim calls me put him through, unless I'm in a meeting."

During the United Airlines bankruptcy from December 2002 until February 2006, Jim was busy keeping retirees informed on subjects like pensions, medical insurance, flight passes, etc. and RUAEA grew to 11,000 members with the employees knowing that RUAEA was devoting its efforts to making sure retirees were treated fairly. Jim, although retired, spent a great deal of his time in serving our membership. United retirees have a lot to be thankful for Jim.

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Today is a crisp Fall Day. It is beautiful in every respect: The variation of color of the leaves from yellow, to orange to red is spectacular; the feel of the air is crisp and clean; and the taste of the air-yes, the taste- is so



fresh and chilly. Welcome to November and prepare for December; so many things to celebrate during this, the beginning of a season of celebration. It is a time for giving thanks for so many blessings that have been bestowed, and a time for sharing those blessings. It is moments like this that have me reminiscing about my career with United Airlines. United was not a job that simply paid the bills. United was a career, and is a way of life. United is a family. I'm grateful for every one of you and consider this my gift from you.

On November 9th, **Carl Alford** attended his 2nd Dulles Loungers luncheon as its President. I was not there but I was told by **Kerrie Schneider** that he handled it like an old pro. He is a people's person and handles his new position with the comfort and grace that we knew he would do. Kerrie also shared her notes of the day with me.

30 members gathered. **Gloria Runkles** won \$29 in the 50/50 drawing and graciously gave her winnings to the chapter. Birthdays were acknowledged and each celebrant was gifted the traditional birthday glass filled with candy. We have had this tradition for quite a few years now, so everyone, by this time, probably has at least one birthday glass in their cabinet. **Gunn Chensinski** was not at our June end-of-the-year party where we acknowledge and thank our volunteers. Gunn has been in charge of distribution of our door prize tickets ever since the beginning of her membership. At the October meeting, Gunn was thanked for her volunteering nature and given a small gift of thanks.

Alice Feng brought in several items to purchase from the Mainliner Club.

Each year in November, the Dulles Loungers collect gifts to be donated to Toys For Tots. Each year, two or three Marines come to collect the gifts plus a monetary donation from our members. We also write a generous gift check from our treasury. This is an annual event for our members to give joy to these less fortunate precious children.

By the time this article is delivered, many of us will be busy preparing for Christmas, Hanukkah and other important holidays. There are trees to be decorated, cookies to be baked and presents to be bought and wrapped. There are many celebrations this month, celebrated in many different ways. Just please remember, make **love** the most important activity of the month.

May your holidays be bright and your New Year greeted with joy.

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CLIPPED WINGS



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Happy Holiday Season to all RUAEA Members!

Clipped Wings wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Flying can be a challenge this time of year for us pass riders, so plan well and enjoy your well deserved and truly appreciated benefits.

November at Clipped Wings was a special month as many chapters celebrated "Founders Day". This is dedicated to our Clipped Wings founder **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, who in 1941 contacted 7 other former United Airlines Stewardesses to retain flying days friendships. This group of ladies began multiple charity pursuits and the name Clipped Wings was chosen to reflect what happened in those days when we married or had to retire at 31 years old. Today, as most of you know, we are a National 501(3) (C) organization with over 1000 members in 27 chapters across the country. Clipped Wings supports people with developmental disabilities.

December is the time for our chapters to donate to charities that need some kindness and generosity while also enjoying some holiday cheer with their members!

We do want to continue the connection, so if you know anyone interested in finding out more about Clipped Wings, please find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. The website has more information about "who we are" and "what we do". Please feel free to contact me as well, if you have any further questions. We are a group that enjoys having fun while doing great things for others!

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- Retiree – **Wine, Danny R.**, 10/13/2022, LAXFO, husband of Marne Wine, 3751 W. 136th Ave., Unit T1, Broomfield, CO 80023

Letters & Notes



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

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Barbara Bertacini



As soon as I returned home from our meeting last Wednesday, I realized that I failed to mention a very special memory from the RUAEA Convention. Every year for the Procession of Colors (Flags) at the Final Banquet, has been very meaningful. This past October, two of our Clipped Wings members with one from our SMF

Chapter were part of the presenters! CW **Randy Tidmore** SAN and **Joyce Spivey** SMF were asked to be part of this presentation ... Randy as having served as a Marine and Joyce for her time in the Navy. Randy is 101 and she wanted Joyce to be with her for this presentation. Several men from various chapters represented Veterans as well. Once everyone had walked to the front of the stage, other veterans attending were asked



to come join the group. We all said the Pledge of Allegiance and then the band played and a group of 4 ladies from the band beautifully sang the Star Spangled Banner. It brought tears to most everyone's eyes as it was so meaningful!

Thanks to Joyce who also helped with bringing the fundraising items from Vicki and thanks to Cheryl for also helping with the selling of these items. We brought in \$212 for our SMF Fundraising.

After attending the RUAEA Convention for a week, Ron and I drove to Palm Desert to visit with other friends who we had worked with during our time with United. Some of you may know **Nancy Chaves** who had been in the SJC & SEA Chapters; and **Gail Schiffman** who also was in the SJC Chapter before moving to the PHX area. Along with their husbands, we celebrated Ron's 85th birthday and our 32nd wedding anniversary. We also visited with **Dan & Peggy Bonetti** and later **Peggy Schissel** who now lives in the Henderson area before returning home from our 2 week road trip!

Hope you all are doing well and staying safe, it was good to see so many of you attend our October luncheon meeting. Hopefully, we will see most of you again for our November 16th meeting in Grass Valley.

Best to you all!

Marne Wine, 3751 W. 136th Ave. Unit T-1, Broomfield, CO 80023

I wanted to let you know my husband, **Dan Wine**, passed away on October 13, 2022, from late stage Parkinson's. He began with United Airlines in the Denver Training Center, as a draftsman, in 1960. He learned how to fly, with the help of his fellow co-workers, and eventually worked his way through the Boeing airplanes, retiring as Captain on the B-747. He also was a test pilot for United, based in SFO, as well as a line check airman. He retired in 1997. He is survived by his wife, **Marne**, two grown children, two grown step-children, 12 grandchildren, with another on the way, and 7 great-grandchildren. He felt privileged to fly for United, and was grateful for his airline friendships.

Howard Campbell, 2900 Camero Dr., Lincoln, CA 95648

I do not know why it has taken me so long to join RUAEA but I finally did.

Pat and I have just moved from North Carolina to live with our oldest son in the Sacramento area. He is a lead A&P at SMFMM.

A special hello to **Virgil Gooselaw**, he was a special friend and mentor to me when I was in DENMM. I also note that **Gene Sibley** and **Jim Spate** are mentioned in the Denver Column of the Newsletter. I am glad to see they are still active.

Maryann Fazio, 1 John Anderson Dr., Apt. 316, Orlando Beach, FL, 32176

Thank you for keeping us informed. We closed our Sand Dab group in Florida after Covid 19. I miss our meetings and everyone.

Betty Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472

I enjoy reading the Newsletter and having all the necessary phone numbers to call, if needed.

Sorry, I am late; I have been in the hospital with a new knee replacement.

Thank you to all for a wonderful job well done.

Ole Jensen, 1761 Lake St., San Mateo, CA 94403

Enclosed is check for 1 year RUAEA dues. Somehow, probably due to old age as I am coming up on 94 years, I forgot.

United Airlines holds a very special place in my heart, after my 38 years working as a Machinist at the San Francisco Maintenance Base.

My traveling days are over, but I have many fond memories of traveling on United. I like to keep up to date through the newsletter.

Russell Jobst, HCR 2 Box 6403, Keaau, HI 96749

Sorry this is a bit late. I have had 5 heart attacks thence the heart is 92% clogged.

Thanks for your patience.

Georgia Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013

Thanks to all of the hard working dedicated people, who keep the newsletter coming every month.

I started working for EXOCU (Credit Union) in October of 1956. Our office was over the hanger at Midway Airport. EXO then moved to a beautiful building in Elk Grove Village. It had big windows overlooking a fountain with swans swimming around in it.

I just heard that the building has been torn down and the pond filled with dirt. There is a data center campus going to be built there now.

It makes me very sad remembering all the years I enjoyed working there and walking around that pond during my lunch period.

I retired in 1990.

Notes

Thomas E. Brett

Marcia passed away on 9/25/22. I would like to renew her membership so I may keep up with her friends.

Ronald Bertacini

This was Barbara's and my 25th RUAEA Convention and it was a very good one. We are both doing well, took a short cruise in July and got Covid but it wasn't too bad. Grandchildren are growing, some getting married and bringing us great-grandchildren. We are blessed.

Marne Wine

I am actually signing up as a spouse of a retiree who recently passed away. He has been a member in the past but I do not believe he kept his membership current.

Thomas E. Reidt

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Barbara L. Rothermal

I am living the dream in bucolic McCormick, SC, the west coast among Sumpter National Forest and Thurmond/Clarks Hill Lake. Thanks for all you do for us!

Marian Bruns

I love the way RUAEA keeps **all** retirees connected. I'm late in renewing this year due to being stuck in Nepal for several days due to late monsoon weather - is that a good enough excuse? :-)

Thanks to all of you who work so hard for this organization.

Beverly Brubaker

I moved to AZ two years ago and am still working on getting set up the way I want. Loving the AZ more consistent sunshine after moving from WA! Getting a whole new education about the environment here but live in an active adult community so lots of activities to enjoy - great retirement life!

Lesly Rockwood

Hi, I'm a participant of VSP2 on July 1, 2020. I'm hoping to keep informed and proactive for keeping updated with changes of Company and benefits that I enjoy.

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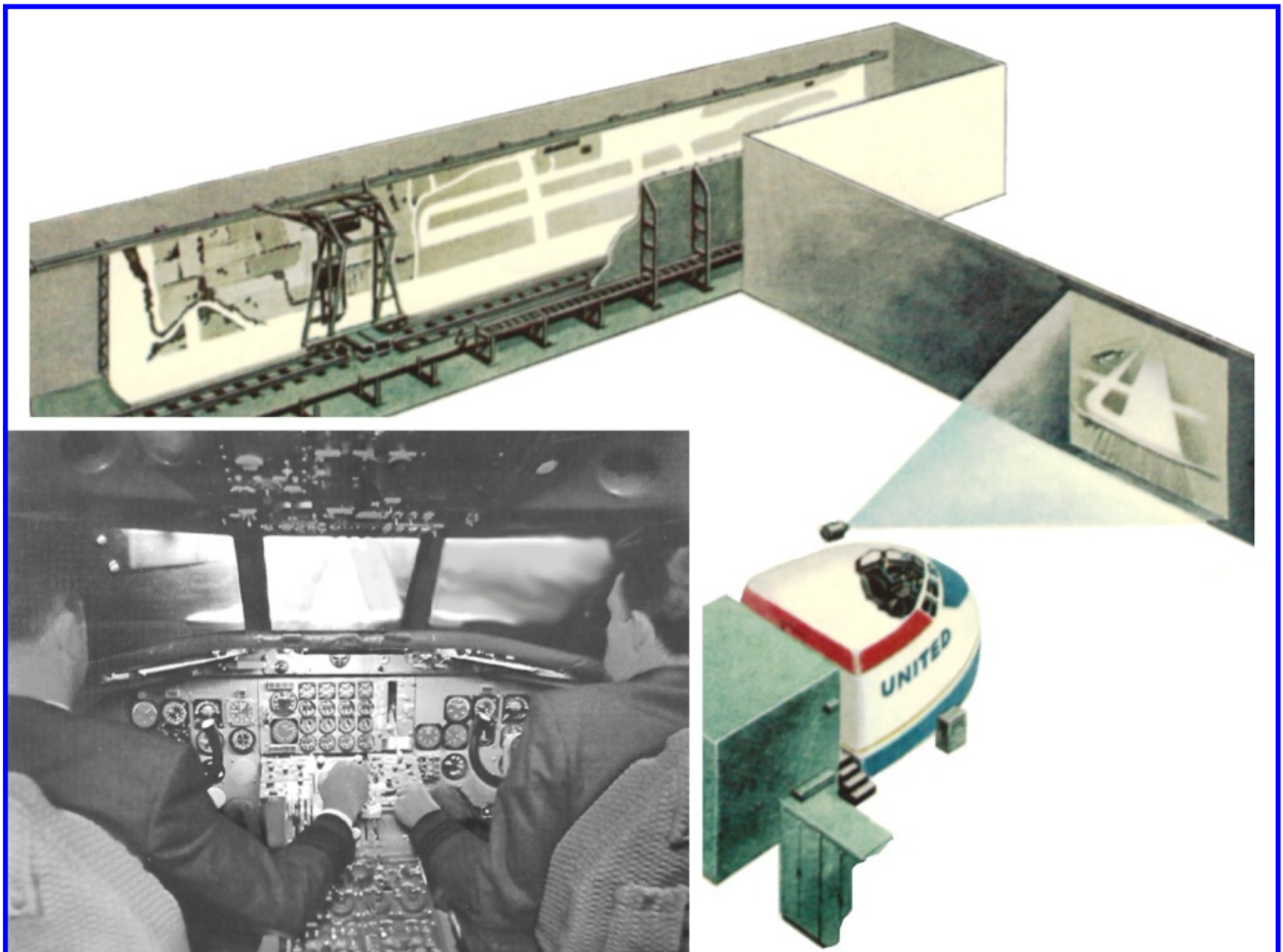
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By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.



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