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## Torgy's Travel Tips

### Is it jam first or last: Cornwall vs. Devon



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**I** never thought there were rules on the manner in which jam is applied to a scone until I traveled to Cornwall and Devon, England. And indeed, there are such rules - even to the extent that instructions are frequently posted in the windows of cafés and restaurants!

Geographically, both the duchy of Cornwall and the county of Devon are located on the Cornish Peninsula in southwest England. Cornwall occupies the southernmost end. Each are blessed with coastlines on both the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel, which substantiates the many shipping ports and the importance of international trade dating back centuries. Recognizable coastal cities are Plymouth (where the Mayflower last set sail for America), Penzance (as in The Pirates of Penzance), Tintagel (legendary birthplace of King Arthur), St. Ives (recall the riddle/poem As I Was Going to St. Ives\*...), Falmouth (port location of Winston Graham's novel Poldark), Port Isaac (the fictional village of Port Wenn in the TV series Doc Martin), and of course, Land's End (England's westernmost point).

Similarly, their inland towns and villages evoke common links to nature and literature. Bodmin Moor, Dartmoor and Exmoor occupy the

higher, mostly agrarian land between the coasts. Visitors can often see the half-wild ponies grazing there upon the common grounds. These are lands made famous in Lorna Doone, Daphne du Maurier's My Cousin Rachel, and Jamaica Inn, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles. They are also home to Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake and Agatha Christie. Walking trails abound in both locations, especially the



South-West Coast Path, which is a national trail. This is a 630-milelong trail that covers the entire Cornish peninsula. It is not for the faint of heart! Walking the entire path, although typically done in stages by most individuals, would result in a cumulative elevation ascent and descent of 115,000 feet. This is comparable to the elevation gain achieved by climbing Mount Everest 4 times!

Devon market towns such as Totnes, Tavistock and Kingsbridge as well as Cornish towns Marazion (with St Michaels Mount just ½ mile offshore), Padstow, and Polperro offer remarkably similar traits. Most all have centuries-old roots in either fishing or tin mining, which prompted ancillary services such as food and lodging. Today, most have thriving market days which draw both locals and visitors to wait in line for fresh fish, vegetables, fruits and bakery goods.

And that brings us back to the question at the top of this article: Is it jam first or last? The answer depends on whether you are in Cornwall or Devon. The typical “cream tea” consists of a pot of tea and a plate with a freshly baked scone accompanied by a dish of the so-called clotted cream (in Cornwall) or Devonshire cream (in Devon), as well as a small bowl of jam. Identical in taste, texture and price, in Cornwall the jam is spread on the scone first, followed by the clotted cream. But in Devon the cream is spread onto the scone first and topped with the jam. Pictures of appropriately assembled scones are prominently displayed on menus, signs in restaurant windows and on bakery countertops. Of course you can assemble yours any way you desire, but rest assured, you will receive some sideways glances from the locals if you deviate from the norm!

And while we are on the topic of food, Cornwall and Devon have another regional bakery item dichotomy: the Pasty (not a typo). A pasty looks like a gi-ant empanada but contains meat and potatoes and sometimes apples (or other fruit) on the other end. You hold it in your hand (or hands), and it tastes like a main course and dessert in one convenient hot, golden-brown package. The semi-circular Cornish pasty is shaped like the capital letter D and is crimped 20 times along the curved edge before it is baked. But the Devon pasty is oval shaped and folds together like a clam shell where it is then crimped at the top. Historically, tin miners in Cornwall and west Devon were brought hot pasties to the mines by their wives. Because the crust is dense and folded, it retained the warmth, and it could be eaten “out of hand”. Stories also indicate that the miners could place a lighted candle under a shovel and re-heat the delicious pasty if necessary.

Many Cornish places and names seem to begin

with Tre, Pol or Pen. I even encountered a “Farm Store”, (retail shop located on family farms and staffed by the farmer’s family) who chose the name Tre-Pol-Pen to honor the local vernacular. In the Cornish language, Tre means homestead, Pol means lake or pond, and Pen means hill or headland. So “Poldark” means dark lake, Penzance (originally spelled Pensans) means Holy Headland, and Trelawney (like Emma Thompson’s character Professor Trelawney in Harry Potter) means the Lawney Farm. If you were a fan of the British series “Doc Martin,” you will surely remember the inept Police Constable Joe Penhale. Translated literally, he would be Joe Moorhead. By the way, there are nearly 2 dozen places in Cornwall named Penhale!

So, how do you get to these places? High-speed trains on Great Western Railway from London Paddington to Penzance, which sits at the end of the Cornish peninsula, take about 5 hours. Local buses connect the smaller villages and there are ample lodging choices, whether you prefer to be near the water or perhaps inland on the moors. Although most travelers opt for a car rental, you may want to reconsider this choice before committing to a right-hand drive vehicle. The roads here are narrow and winding. Most are wide enough for 1 car but are considered 2-way roads. The high hedgerows which line both sides of the road disguise the ancient rock walls hiding within. Swerving to avoid another car could be a costly mistake. The proper protocol here is to stop and politely determine which car should back up to a slightly wider spot in order for the other car to pass through. It’s a way of life in Cornwall.

On our recent visit here, we opted to join a small (14 person) tour group in London for a 5-day trip to Devon and Cornwall, which also included a visit to Stonehenge, Bath and Salisbury Cathedral (which contains 1 of the 4 known copies of the 1215 Magna Carta). The van was perfect for navigating the narrow roads and our driver provided excellent historical and current information everywhere we stopped. Although we are fiercely independent travelers, we never could have learned so much if we had tried doing this on our own. If you’re interested, Go Tours UK offer several 5-day tours using small vans. Their tours begin and end in London. Perhaps the beautiful Lake District or the Cotswolds may appeal to you as well as this tour to Cornwall. Check out Go Tours UK ([www.gotoursuk.com](http://www.gotoursuk.com)).

\*By the way, the answer to the St Ives riddle is 1, because all the others were traveling in the opposite direction!■





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## **GENERAL NEWS**

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### **Letter From The Vice President - Conventions** **RUAEA's Golden Jubilee**



Hi Folks,  
 I want to thank everyone who plans to attend RUAEA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; our Golden Jubilee in Denver. There is still time to register for the Hotel and the Golden Jubilee. A lot of fun activities have been planned for one and all.

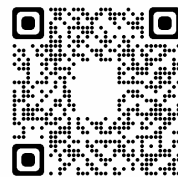
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I hope to meet and greet you all in September.

Hank Gosselin  
 RUAEA VP Conventions

### **Dealing with the Loss of a Spouse** **By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



Losing a spouse is a stressful transition. And the added pressure of having to settle the estate and organize finances can be overwhelming. In this difficult time, it can help to start with a checklist of just who should be notified, to help secure the financial future of you and your family.

**Financial Consultant and/or Estate Attorney** ~ If your spouse had a will (or even absent a will), it's important to discuss your immediate options with your family financial advisor or attorney regarding the estate.

**Insurance Agent or Company** ~ One of the first matters to resolve is how the death benefit of your spouse's life insurance policy, if any, will be paid out. Life insurance benefits are not paid automatically, so you'll need to contact your insurance agent or company to file a claim and to find out what your payout options are. Take time to carefully evaluate these options.

**Plan Administrator for IRAs, 401(k), etc.** ~ The same is true for any retirement plan in which your spouse participated. If he or she was part of a profit-sharing plan, 401(k) plan, Keogh plan (for self-employed workers), or some other plan, you must consider how the benefits will be distributed to you. The most advantageous strategy with an IRA or 401(k) is to roll over the account into a new account in your own name. This keeps the funds tax sheltered until you retire and begin withdrawals. Contact the plan administrator.

**Social Security Administration** ~ You may be eligible to receive Social Security survivor's benefits for yourself or your children. If you qualify, six months of retroactive benefits are available. However, you must file within a specified time period. You may also be entitled to the \$255 lump-sum death benefit. Contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 or at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

**The Department of Veterans Affairs** ~ If your spouse ever served in the military or in some other form of government employment, you and your children may qualify for a separate survivor's benefit. The Department of Veterans Affairs, formerly known as the Veterans Administration, may even provide educational assistance, home loans, federal job preference, or other assistance.

**Federal Employees Retirement System** ~ If you are the widow or widower of a former federal, state, or local government worker, contact the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) or the local organization that coordinates benefits for state, county, or municipal employees.

During this difficult time, you'll also want to stay in close touch with friends and family members and accept their support and assistance. Books, websites, and local support groups are available to help you cope with your recent widow(er)hood. After you have settled your spouse's affairs, you will need to update your plans, to include a new will, estate executor, power of attorney, living will, and other documents pertaining to your situation.

We are here for you in this difficult time. We hope you will reach out to us for assistance if needed: [aris.alliantcreditunion.com](http://aris.alliantcreditunion.com).

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**United Set to Hire More Special Olympics Athletes  
As Customer Service Ambassadors  
July 18, 2025**



United announced today that it will expand the industry's only Special Olympics Service Ambassador (SOSA) program to the airline's hubs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Newark. The goal is to welcome 10 more people into the program and reach a total of 28 SOSA employees across all seven of its U.S. hubs, furthering its effort to create employment opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Former San Francisco 49er and all-time receiving touchdowns leader Jerry Rice was on-hand at United's San Francisco hub today to help recruit, undergo a "boot camp" by some of United's existing SOSAs and get a firsthand look at their responsibilities.

*"I've been fortunate to be part of lots of winning teams and world-class organizations, and it's a real honor to be part of a program like this that proves greatness comes from giving everyone a shot," said Jerry Rice. "What I saw today being trained by these SOSAs was dedication, skill, and heart, and that's what makes a team unstoppable."*

United's SOSA program gives Special Olympics athletes the opportunity to earn part-time employment with full employee benefits. United SOSAs welcome customers in the airport lobby and help them find check-in kiosks, bag check locations, and security lines. Post-security re-

sponsibilities include navigating the terminal and using digital customer service tools. *“Our Special Olympics Service Ambassadors deliver a daily dose of inspiration and an extra set of helping hands to our employees while also providing friendly, timely service to our customers,”* said United Chief Operations Officer and Special Olympics board member Toby Enqvist. *“I’m so proud of our SOSA team and look forward to growing at three more of our hubs – they not only enhance the customer experience in a uniquely United way, but also help to foster inclusive, dynamic, and engaging workplaces for all.”*

*“The continued expansion of United’s Special Olympics Service Ambassador program is a powerful example of what true inclusion looks like in action,”* said Zehra Sayin, Chief Communications, Development and Marketing Officer of Special Olympics. *“By creating meaningful, visible roles for our athletes, United is not only enhancing the travel experience for its customers but also helping to shift perceptions about the capabilities of people with intellectual disabilities. We are proud to partner with United as they lead the way in showing how diversity and inclusion can strengthen workplaces, communities, and lives.”* United first launched the SOSA program in Chicago during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in 2019 and quickly expanded to its hubs in Houston, Denver, and Washington DC. Since its inception, the Special Olympics Service Ambassadors program has given Special Olympics athletes the opportunity to gain firsthand experience working as part-time employees for United Airlines. *“As an athlete, I lean on skills like teamwork and communication to excel in my sport and being able to share those experiences and skills with United customers is really fulfilling,”* said Lauren Miller, a current United SOSA in Chicago. *“It’s exciting to know that more people are going to be able to experience this great program for themselves and get the chance to impact passengers on a daily basis.”* United’s Storied History with Special Olympics ~ United has a longstanding partnership with Special Olympics that includes a wide range of sponsorship and event activations including plane pull competitions, localized volunteering, support of the Capitol Hill Day in Washington D.C. and the Global Athlete Congress at the Special Olympics World Games.

As sponsors of the 2025 Capitol Hill Day, United supported Special Olympics delegates championing inclusion and critical funding. Special Olympics athletes led more than 330 face-to-face meetings with Members of Congress in both the House and Senate, inviting their elected officials to partner with them to support inclusive education and health initiatives for people with intellectual disabilities. The event brought together more than 275 participants from 50 programs across the country.

In 2025, United’s Chief Operations Officer, Toby Enqvist was appointed to the Board of Directors for Special Olympics International. His leadership adds momentum to the airline’s shared commitment to inclusion in the workplace and empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities on a global level.

United customers can also support Special Olympics through United’s Miles on a Mission program. To learn more, visit [united.com/donate](https://united.com/donate) where you can donate miles and become a MileagePlus® Member for free.

Accessibility Initiatives at United ~ United Airlines’ implementation of the SOSA program is just one of the many ways the airline has dedicated itself to fostering welcoming and inspiring environments for everyone, both travelers and employees alike.

For over eight years, United has been a Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion and has worked to improve accessibility through measures including:

- The industry’s first digital sizing tool for wheelchairs and reimbursing the difference in fares if a customer needs to pay more for a flight that can accommodate their wheelchair.
- The first U.S. airline to add Braille to aircraft interiors to help millions of travelers with visual disabilities more easily navigate the cabin independently.

Launching a new collaboration last year with United Spinal Association where the organization will help support and advise the airline in its efforts to improve accessibility throughout the entire travel experience.

- ▲ The United mobile app makes it easier for people with visual disabilities to use by offering increased color contrast, more space between graphics and an enhanced display and announcement of information to better integrate with the screen reader technologies like VoiceOver and TalkBack.
- ▲ United’s Inflight Seatback Entertainment screens offer a wide range of accessible features like closed captioning, text-to-speech controls, magnification, explore-by-touch capabilities, audio-described movies, and adjustable and high-contrast text and color correction.
- ▲ United offers day-of travel support for the visually and hearing impaired with Agent on Demand where a customer can use audio, video and chat to get assistance by a United Customer Service Representative.

### **United Airlines Reports Second-Quarter Profit, Sees Third-Quarter Positive Inflection in Both Supply and Demand** **July 16, 2025**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported a second-quarter profit, ahead of Wall Street expectations, and grew both earnings and pre-tax margin in the first half of 2025 versus the first half of 2024.

The company had second-quarter pre-tax earnings of \$1.2 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.2%; and adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.7 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 11.0%. The company also achieved diluted earnings per

share of \$2.97 and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.87, compared to guidance of \$3.25 to \$4.25. Total operating revenue grew 1.7% compared to the year-ago period to \$15.2 billion. Beginning in early July, United has seen a sequential 6 point acceleration in demand and a double-digit acceleration in business demand versus the second quarter. The airline attributes this to less geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty and has updated its full-year adjusted diluted earnings per share guidance to \$9.00 to \$11.00, underscoring the resilience of United's brand-loyal, revenue-diverse business model.

United's diverse sources of revenue contributed to its second-quarter results: Premium cabin revenue rose 5.6% year-over-year; revenue from Basic Economy rose 1.7% year-over-year; cargo revenue rose 3.8% year-over-year and loyalty revenue rose 8.7% year-over-year.

United's operational performance during the second quarter continued to lay a foundation for its overall success. Its consolidated on-time departures (D:00) were highest and seat cancellation rates were the airline's lowest for a second quarter since the pandemic, and hubs in Newark, Los Angeles, and San Francisco all achieved their best on-time departure for a second quarter since the pandemic. In June, United posted a better on-time arrival rate at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) than all other major airlines at LaGuardia International Airport (LGA) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK).

*"Our second-quarter performance was more proof that the United Next strategy is working. I am extremely proud of the team for executing a strong operation and navigating through a volatile macroeconomic period, while still growing earnings and pre-tax margin for the first half of the year,"* said United CEO Scott Kirby. *"Importantly, United saw a positive shift in demand beginning in early July, and, like 2024, anticipates another inflection in industry supply in mid-August. The world is less uncertain today than it was during the first six months of 2025 and that gives us confidence about a strong finish to the year."*

United's proactive schedule adjustments and close coordination with the FAA and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey have restored Newark to its leading place in our operation, and customer demand there has returned to its historic range. The airline looks forward to resuming Tel Aviv service on July 21.

As part of the airline's broader strategy to pay down high-cost debt and strengthen its balance sheet, in July United repaid, solely using cash on hand, the remaining debt from a July 2020 transaction when it secured financing of \$6.8 billion against its MileagePlus assets. This now leaves one of the most valuable loyalty programs in the world unencumbered. At the end of the second quarter, United's trailing twelve months net leverage was 2.0x. The company remains focused on further strengthening its balance sheet and growing margins.

#### Second-Quarter Financial Results:

- ★ Capacity up 5.9% compared to second-quarter 2024.
- ★ Total operating revenue of \$15.2 billion, up 1.7% compared to second-quarter 2024.
- ★ TRASM down 4.0% compared to second-quarter 2024.
- ★ CASM up 0.6%, and CASM-ex up 2.2%, compared to second-quarter 2024.
- ★ Pre-tax earnings of \$1.2 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.2%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.7 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 11.0%.
- ★ Net income of \$1.0 billion; adjusted net income of \$1.3 billion.
- ★ Diluted earnings per share of \$2.97; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.87.
- ★ Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.34.
- ★ Generated \$2.2 billion of operating cash flow.
- ★ Generated \$1.1 billion of free cash flow.
- ★ Ending available liquidity of \$18.6 billion.
- ★ Total debt, finance lease obligations and other financial liabilities of \$27.1 billion at quarter end.
- ★ Trailing twelve months net leverage of 2.0x.
- ★ Repurchased \$0.2 billion of shares in the second quarter 2025, and have repurchased approximately \$0.6 billion of shares year-to-date.

#### Key Highlights:

- Announced Blue Sky, a unique collaboration with JetBlue that streamlines booking across the two airlines and allows customers to use MileagePlus® miles and TrueBlue points across both loyalty programs.
- Flew the airline's largest schedule for a quarter in company history, as measured by available seat miles, growing domestic and Canada capacity by 6.6% and international capacity by 5.3% in available seat miles compared to last year.
- United's Newark operation regained the position of best on-time performance among New York City-area airports in the month of June, thanks in part to the early re-opening of the airport's second runway, strong execution from the Newark team, technology upgrades and hourly flight caps by the FAA.
- Continued the expansion of United's premium footprint, offering a record-high 6.9 million premium seats in the quarter and announcing United Elevated, the airline's newest interior for Boeing 787-9, featuring new United Polaris Studio<sup>SM</sup> suites that are 25% larger than United Polaris® with privacy doors, extra ottoman for companions, 27-inch screens, and exclusive food and beverage offerings to elevate premium air travel.
- Launched Starlink WiFi on some regional flights, marking the first time customers can use the airline's industry-leading, free WiFi.
- Announced a first-of-its-kind collaboration with Spotify that brings 450+ hours of content to United's seatback screens, including the first time Spotify is bringing both video podcasts and audiobooks onboard an airline.



#### Customer Experience:

- ▲ Achieved the company's highest second-quarter Net Promoter Score measure of customer satisfaction since 2021, setting record rates for customer experience with baggage, cabin cleanliness and condition, boarding, the check-in process, gate experience, inflight entertainment, pilot communication, and seat comfort.
- ▲ Opened the United Polaris lounge dining room at Newark, expanding the lounge size to over 30,000 square feet and becoming the only major airline dining room at Newark to offer a la carte meals.
- ▲ Achieved a company high use rate of bag drop shortcut, with 600,000 more customers using it during the quarter compared to last year, enabling a more seamless travel experience.
- ▲ Digital check-in rate reached 83% for the quarter, a 5 percentage point increase year over year.
- ▲ Expanded TSA PreCheck Touchless ID to San Francisco, and announced plans to expand it to Denver, Newark, Seattle and Portland in August.
- ▲ Expanded ConnectionSaver with app notifications when flights are being held, and a centralized hub for turn-by-turn gate directions with walk times at all hubs, layover tips, flight status updates, and a self-service rebooking option for missed connections.
- ▲ Onboarded an exclusive Aperol Spritz cocktail for United Polaris travelers and an improved onboard dining collection for first class travelers on United Express® flights, contributing to a record Net Promoter Score for food and beverage for the quarter.

#### Operations:

- ❖ Achieved the airline's best on-time departure rate for consolidated and mainline flying since 2021, with the second best on-time departure rate amongst the eight largest U.S. carriers for a second quarter and best performance at Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston hubs.
- ❖ United was granted five additional gates at Chicago O'Hare, given the airline's increased flying out of the hub.
- ❖ Achieved a 100% completion day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> across mainline and express flying, with United Express operating 28 days of total completion across the second quarter.
- ❖ Recorded the second best on-time arrival performance for a second quarter at Newark, Houston and Chicago hubs since 2021, and the best at Los Angeles.
- ❖ Saw the lowest second-quarter seat cancel rate since 2021 and the third lowest in company history.

#### Network:

- ★ United launched the largest international expansion in its history, inaugurating service to eight new destinations: Nuuk, Greenland; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Faro, Portugal; Puerto Escondido,

Mexico; Palermo, Italy; Dakar, Senegal; Bilbao, Spain; and Madeira Island, Portugal.

- ★ Announced three new international destinations and two new routes to existing destinations, making United the only U.S. airline with service to Bangkok, Thailand; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; and Adelaide, Australia, all subject to government approval. United also plans to inaugurate routes from Denver to Mexico City and Denver to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- ★ United added seven new international routes to existing destinations, including Denver to Rome; Washington-Dulles to Venice, Italy; Washington-Dulles to Nice, France; Los Angeles to Beijing; San Francisco to Panama City, Panama; San Francisco to San Jose, Costa Rica; and Guam to Taipei.
- ★ Launched 12 domestic and four Canada routes in the quarter, including new routes to popular outdoor destinations such as Washington D.C. to Albuquerque, N.M.; Houston to Portland, Maine; Chicago to Billings, Mont.; and Denver to Wilmington, N.C.

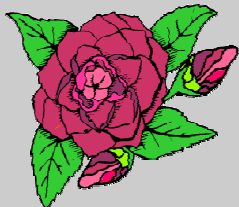
#### Employees and Communities:

- ★ United supported the transport of 136 responders to response and recovery efforts to nearly 20 different disaster events in partnership with Airlink in the second quarter, including the Myanmar-Thailand earthquakes and the Los Angeles wildfires that impacted more than 150,000 people worldwide.
- ★ Nearly 2,000 employees volunteered more than 10,000 hours during the quarter in local community activities including beach clean-up, care kit creation, food security and other events.
- ★ United transported 327 million pounds of cargo, including approximately 9.8 million pounds of medical shipments and over 440,000 pounds of military shipments.
- ★ Graduated United's first cohort of Innovate apprentices, a two-year digital technology and cybersecurity pathway to full-time employment at United.
- ★ United and the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) announced they reached an agreement that, if ratified, will deliver industry-leading pay, signing bonuses and scheduling improvements.
- ★ United was named Global Traveler's Best Eco-Friendly Airline for the fourth consecutive year, and won the Outstanding Innovation category for its commitment to scaling sustainable aviation fuel.
- ★ Kate Gebo, executive vice president of Human Resources and Labor Relations, was appointed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation's national board of directors.■



# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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## ARIZONA



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#### Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry

Our breakfast at Over Easy on Friday was a nice group, though small, but always enjoyable.

Here is the information to add to your calendar for our next luncheon. August 7<sup>th</sup> at Slate Bistro & Bar restaurant located at 4415 E. Village Pkwy, Gilbert 85298, we'll meet at 11:00 a.m. I hope to see everyone if possible so mark your calendars now, if you please.



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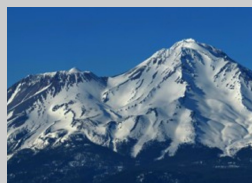
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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can

e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at [rpdgarlic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarlic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information. We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA



### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The Northstaters went on a wonderful adventure for our July meeting. The weather was a perfect 89 degrees and for Redding in July, that was amazing.

Fifteen of our members, spouses and guests went to the Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding. Once in the museum, we went to the Walk On The Wild Side Animal Show which was held outside in a beautiful setting. It was a wonderful display of small animals and birds, tricks and also very educational. We watched how an owl could fly inches from your head and saw a porcupine up close and personal. We saw a raccoon use its tail to balance and climb. Birds flew right in front of us and no one in the audience could stand up for the entire show so as not to distract the animals. It was truly a great show to see.

After the show, we proceeded to Jeffs California Cattle Company in Redding for a delightful lunch. We did not have a meeting but were able to socialize with our fellow members and spouses. A nice time was had by all.

I received an email from **David W. Del Testa**. He wanted to know if anyone who worked at the SFO Maintenance Base might have memories to share of his late father, **Guido James Del Testa**. Sometimes he went by the name of Buddy or James. He worked as a mechanic from May, 1960 until his death in October, 1972. He came to United from the Army and Southern Pacific Railroads. He started as a mechanic and ended up his career as a foreman machinist. He was quite sick at times at the end of his career from 1968 onwards.

If anyone knows of this person and has any memories or anything to share, please contact me and I will pass the info on to David. He lives in Pennsylvania and I have his e-mail and phone contact.


**Merritt & Klaren Odor** wanted to talk about our next get-together in September. We usually have a picnic and will be looking at couple of places near De-



Gamo Park in Chico. The date will be Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact Chico Recreation Department for any sites that we could reserve.

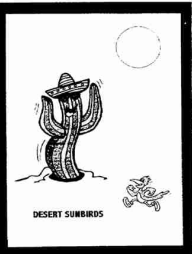
Calendar:

**September 17** - Wednesday, 11:30AM for a picnic. Place to be determined.



**CENTRAL COASTERS**  
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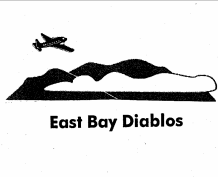
There is no report this month from the Central Coasters chapter of RUAEA.



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

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



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Happy September and Labor Day to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on August 7, it's another beautiful summer day, comfortable with a high of 85. Below normal temperatures have continued for another month, much to everyone's amazement, with

only a handful of days approaching 90. We have three days of 90 and above coming up, but then it's back to moderate temps in the low 80's for the next 10 days. I'll take it! We are hoping the weather gods will not make up for lost time and send us a massive heat wave of many days over 100 degrees.

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. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We went to the Lazy Dog for the first time last September. Everyone enjoyed it so that is now our other "go to" restaurant. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our August meeting was held on August 4 at the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord with 13 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest **Carla, Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Russell Schleske, Jan Soderstrom** and **Sue Von Emster**. It was great to see **Russ Schleske**, who missed our July meeting because he was traveling. We missed **Carol Parks** who was not feeling well; and **Barb Cunningham**, who took a nasty fall and has bruised ribs. We hope both ladies will soon be feeling better. Falls really are a big threat and we need to do everything we can to avoid them. Watch every step you take even when on familiar ground. It may seem like you are "babying" yourself, but you are not. You are protecting yourself from a nasty fall, serious injury, and even broken bones.

What a wonderful meeting we had on August 4! As luck would have it, it was **Joe Leather's** 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday! We passed around a card and everyone signed it. After we ate our meal, we gave Joe the card and sang Happy Birthday. **Wilma Leather** brought dessert—mini cupcakes plus a bag of shortbread for us to take home. The cupcakes were so delicious and the frosting melted in your mouth. I asked Wilma if the cupcake were made from a mix or from scratch. As I suspected, she loves to bake and they were made from scratch! When was the last time you had cake made from scratch? Or baked one? I can't even remember when! My mom made cakes for all our birthdays and my favorite was her

Happy Day Cake recipe. It has been years since I made a cake from scratch, but Wilma has inspired me to do it. I got a new mixer a while back and have yet to use it. Maybe I will “christen” it mixing up cake batter and frosting.

At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. **Rich Bouska** won the money. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had the usual wine collection, a vanilla candle, and a chocolate chocolate chip cake donated by **Sue von Emster**. Yep, two chocolates is not a typo. I won the cake in the raffle and it was delicious; dense chocolate cake with chocolate chips. Thank you Sue for such a yummy treat!

**Barbara Cunningham** collects 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. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty. If you have cards you’d like to donate, please hold on to them for now as she cannot deliver cards again until school opens in the fall. I’ll let you know when you can resume mailing cards to her.

**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. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. One thing we can all agree on is that the cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer’s Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Please help me spread the word about this worthwhile project. The number of coupons in the newspapers has dropped dra-

matically so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On July 26, I turned in 165 coupons. Luckily, I am getting more coupons now and will have more to turn in at our first fall meeting on September 6. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. If it weren’t for the RUAEA folks sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Tracey Blanchard** in CA, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Francis Domaratius** in CA, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Beverly McAlister** in CA, **Georgia Rutkowski** in NV, and **Jim Taylor** in FL. Also, some coupons arrived anonymously at my place at our August 4 meeting. Thanks to whoever brought them.

“Dumpster Diving.” Have you heard this term before? The Coupon Chair in my DAR chapter does this. She goes to her post office occasionally and goes through the wastebasket where people toss out their junk mail as they go through their mail. She pulls out the flyers with coupons and takes them home. **Carol Koslosky**’s granddaughter **Samantha** is an incredible Dumpster Diver! She goes through the trash in her apartment complex mailroom and pulls out the coupon flyers other people throw away. This month she sent me six bulging envelopes of coupons which contributed greatly to the final count. So, for those of you who live in apartments or assisted living facilities, please consider rescuing abandoned coupons from your mailrooms. You may only get a handful of coupons in your own mail, but you can get many times that in your mailroom.

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

- ▲ Monday, September 1 at 11:30 (Labor Day). The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, August 29. Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!
- ▲ Monday, October 6 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate

checks. Must RSVP to Jan Soderstrom at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Until next month, watch your steps and do everything you can to stay healthy!



### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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The Golden Gaters closed out July with some dandy weather. This is the last time we meet in the Foster City library as we will be using the facilities at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA. The building is located behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball courts on Shell Blvd., ample parking is available. A short meeting and social time from 10AM to 11:30AM then off to lunch at a local restaurant.

Our July meeting was held in the Library and 18 lively members joined in with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with a few minutes of silence to remember our troops, first responders and those who need our thoughts and prayers. President **Ginger Dahlberg** presented the remainder meetings of the year as follows:

- **August 25** – Meeting at The Vibe, social time and raffles then off to Ay Caray Taqueria restaurant located in the Shoreview shopping center at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., and Norfolk in San Mateo.
- **September 22** – Meeting at The Vibe, social time and raffles, Armadillo Willy's restaurant located at 2260 Bridgepointe Center. Good Real Texas BBQ and ribs, ask for a senior discount.
- **October 27** – Meeting at The Vibe, social time and raffles, Joy Taiwan Chinese Restaurant located at 1489 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City, CA (take E. Hillsdale to the end which then becomes Beach Park Blvd.)
- **November 24** – Meeting at The Vibe, social time and raffles, IHOP Restaurant (take E. Hillsdale Ave. to Foster City Blvd, turn left, restaurant on the right.)
- **December 8** – No meeting, this is our Christmas celebration at 11:30AM at Bellini Bistro, 1465 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City (same shopping center as Joy Restaurant. E. Hillsdale to the end which then becomes Beach Park Blvd.) Pull out those flashy Christmas sweaters and come enjoy good food and fun people.

2026 meetings and restaurants to be posted later. Mark your calendars, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

We still have no word on the repairs of the elevator and Wind Room usage, will keep everyone posted. A new roster is in the making and will be available at the September meeting.

Treasurer **John Garis** deemed us solvent and reminded all that dues for the remainder of the year are \$8 per person. Checks made out to **John Garis** and mail to his address at 550 Compass Circle, Redwood City, CA 94065. Dues for 2026 are \$15 per person. You may also pay John at the meetings. 25 members have paid – bring a UAL/CO retiree, we like to see new members. We welcomed 2 new members, **Byron Holley** and **Judy Tonda**. Byron brought his daughter, Dawn, who is a current flight attendant with UAL.

Recording Secretary **Eliza Vargas** read the minutes of our last meeting which were approved as read.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reminded us that **Bob Donovan** is 104 – Wow! Happy Birthday Bob, we hope you are enjoying your new apartment. **Diane Heinrich** and **Dee Peters** have had a stint in local hospitals – hope they are getting better. Cards were sent to them. **Lydia Rolfe** took a tumble after celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and is sporting colorful bruises – take care Lydia, you are in our thoughts! Let Barbara or Ginger know if anyone needs some TLC. Attendance today is 18.

Auditor **Vera Kina** – books are looking good.

Tickets/Raffle – **Vera Kina** and **Barbara Underhill** - winners of the money were **Judy Tonda** and **Ginger Dahlberg**. (They donated their winnings back to the treasury.)

Seen chatting during our social time: **Al Durr** (local farmer and produce grower,) **Linda Kasada**, **Bob Goetz**, **Ben Ramos**, **John Bogdanoff**, **Jerry Marsala**, **Charlie Bogert**, **Pat Ortega**. Most of the men are car buffs and they swap stories and lies! Foster City (as well as the surrounding cities) has car shows that are well attended by our members.

We have about 138 days until Christmas so start saving your moola – looks like prices are going to be high this season. Stay well, get those shots - -Covid booster, RSV, Shingles – we are becoming pin cushions. Call a friend and **smile!**

Conundrum of the Day: *“If you are an average American, during your whole life you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.”*

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 10:00AM at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.





### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

Placerville, CA

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Secretary

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Greetings to each and every one of you! So, are you enjoying this extraordinary July? We have had sweaters/sweatshirts on here! Now, I'm not exactly complaining since sleeping has been delightful, but our tomatoes really need some heat so they can/will ripen! All our veggies are behind – no wait, we have had some zucchinis. I know, I know, don't jinx it, Jane! I'm guessing that our next 2-3 months are going to really "cookin".

The weather was very delightful on July 9<sup>th</sup> when we all gathered at Lucille's Barbecue and Grill in Rocklin. This was the first time I, personally, had been to this establishment, but I have heard plenty of praise for their meals; I can say that I was not disappointed. Our servers were great, plenty of room for our group of 26, and the food was good and hot (when it was supposed to be hot!).

After we all dined, and our monthly meeting began, **Rudy Blazius**, our esteemed leader, gave **Chuck & Peggy Trebnik** a big "Thank You" for arranging this lunch. Oh, I believe that I heard that we, Hangtown Miners, will be given a "rebate". Several years ago, **Tom Kenny** plodded thru all the paperwork to get our group the classification of a non-profit group getting the designation of 501c7. This allows us to ask if a restaurant does fundraisers and if we could do that too. BJ's also will sponsor fundraisers – if you have this designation, ask about it.

Moving along, we had a guest, **Carrie Nishimoto**. Carrie began working at UAL in 1966! and the best part is that Carrie decided to join our group. So, a hearty "Welcome" to her! Our only member present who has a birthday in July is **Rosemary Heier**. If you too celebrate in July, we say "Happy Birthday" to you too. Even though they weren't at the luncheon, we still send a "Happy Anniversary" to **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** – 48 years!

*President* ~ Rudy didn't have a report for us this month – however, he always has things that "come up/out" during the discussions.

*Vice President* ~ Our very own, **JR Heier**, didn't have a "report" to share, but, he did want to give us some words of wisdom. It revolves around the challenges we all are experiencing as we have these wonderful birthdays to celebrate – aka, getting older! None of us "wants" to have a health situation crop up, but it's bound to happen – do not ignore any change you notice.

Address those changes right away. Prompt attention can be the difference between a "small" and a "big" problem. Our eyes are so susceptible to age related changes; you mustn't ignore getting care. If you should need it, JR knows a good place in Folsom where they do an MRI of the eyeball and it will show if and/or where you may have a problem. If you get "freckles" - spots – you need to have the problem attended to right away.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** extended to **Suzanne Kenny** a very big "Thank You" for covering for her in June. As always, Suzie, you did a great job with taking notes, putting them together and getting them to me to send to you! She did note that it can be a challenge to hear all that is said/shared, as our wonderful group of friends really enjoys chatting with each other! As one of three organizers of the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion, I spoke for my co-workers (**Rosemary Heier** and **Sue Hohl**) regarding the upcoming September get-together. We have about 50 people who I have heard from who plan to attend. We are asking for pop-ups and tables. I have sent out another reminder and plan to send a last one in August. If you're interested in joining in on the fun, let me know, [tired-dogs@comcast.net](mailto:tired-dogs@comcast.net); (925) 443-0905.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** shared that our bank account is feeling "on target" for this time of the year. This amount does not include today's raffle money, or the rebate from BJ's. Tom can give you a copy of our 501c7 designation that you can take with you when you're scheduling a luncheon. It doesn't hurt to ask if they can do a fundraiser. Most restaurants may need to have the confirmation info to send to their corporate offices. We still have our tool collection. It's slow for the moment, but we do have some more, potentially, to donate. You know, we can use tool boxes too!

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn't have a report – which means you all are doing great – right!? However, we did learn that day that **Kerry Kozelka** wound up in the hospital the day after our June luncheon. He is doing fine now – thank goodness! Folks, if you have something going on, I know that the last thing you have on your mind is "Call Suzanne" - but, once things have calmed down, please give her a buzz so she can keep on track of all of us!

*Old Business* ~ Nothing to cover here.

*New Business* ~ While we didn't have anything in this section either, we do have a special member, **Ann Marie Sutherland**, who stays very busy helping our active soldiers and veterans. She is president of the American Legions Auxiliary so she is constantly on the go. She wanted to thank us for our generous contribution of \$78.00 which was collected last month. Today, she brought Christmas cards for us to fill out and they will be sent to our active military. May seem like this is a bit early for this, but boxes are always being assem-

bled and it can take a while for our military to get them. Ann Marie also wanted to remind all of us that the Placerville American Legion was having a barbecue on Friday – and there will be a live band as well. If you are in the area, just kicking back with nothing to do – go, go and have a good time.

There were no other contributions. So, Rudy got some chuckles (and groans) with these:

- ☺ Do you ever wake up, kiss the person sleeping beside you and feel glad that you are alive? I just did and apparently will not be allowed on this airline again ...
- ☺ Exchange of Text Messages: Husband: You are negative; Wife: And you are stubborn, arrogant, a low life, care about no one but yourself and your friends. All you are interested in is your own self, all your life not fulfilled even one of your promises. It is only I who is putting up with such a miser and insensitive man. You good for nothing, fat, ugly man. Even your hair transplant failed. Husband: I was just informing you that your Covid test is negative. Wife: Oh. ... sorry!
- ☺ Tonight I'm gonna have possum soup made from Himalayan Possum because I found himalayan on the road.
- ☺ I changed my password to "incorrect". So, whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".
- ☺ The richest wealth is Wisdom. The strongest weapon is Patience. The best security is Faith. The greatest tonic is Laughter. And, surprisingly all are free.

That was a fun end to our meeting, now on to our raffle! JR had the ticket for the Donator's Prize and guess what – Rosemary had the right number! Thank you to everyone who brought an item to be raffled: **Guinn** – potholders, towel; **Heier** – potpourri in a container; **Trebnik** – Citronella bucket and candle as well as the table decorations; **Kozelka** – white wine; **Blazius** – wine; **Dinette** – measuring cup; **Gibson** – brownie mix; **Kenney** – wine with holder; **Nielsen** – champagne; **Kenny** – wine.

Are you ready for a different cuisine? **Bill & Pati Kenney** are hosting next month at the Lotus 8 in Folsom. Don't forget to let them know that you will be coming!

As we approach yet another month, please, take care of yourselves. I know we are doing our best to stay active, to keep busy, to eat well, to have fun, and that's wonderful, but, time can creep up on us. We need to look out for one another too. If you haven't spoken to a friend or a family member recently, pick up the phone and just check in with them. We tend to put off those little things, but life can throw a curve ball and we need

to be sure that our team is ready to cover for us. Touch base. Your smile will lift your heart.



Summer is going by and everyone is trying to stay warm and cool. So far, we haven't had the heat and the bad fires which are causing turmoil upstate and we hope they don't make it this far south.

**Louis Semon** sends his best to everyone and says he will be thinking of us as he is enjoying his Safari in South Africa.

We have one September Birthday; **Shakira Zamani** will be celebrating on September 15.

Do you know why geese fly in a V formation? As the bird flaps its wings in flight, air swirls around its wingtips, creating upward lift at the same time air moving off the bottom pushes downward. If you have noticed birds flying in the V formation, you will notice each goose is slightly behind and above the bird ahead of it. This goose rides the extra lift provided by the bird it is following. This conserves energy that is required to flap its wings and enables it to fly farther.

Flying in the V formation allows the geese to maintain visual contact with each other and this helps keep the group intact and flying as a single unit.

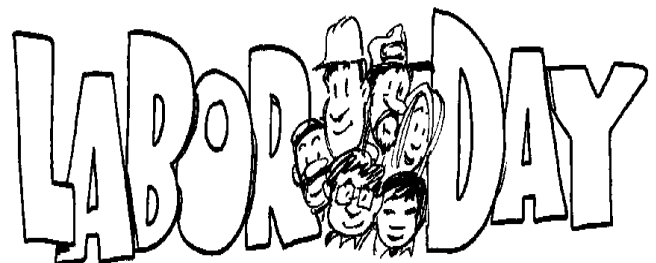
Military aircraft have patterned their flying formations in the same manner. Researchers have studied the pros and cons of conserving fuel by reducing drag on the airplane as compared to the adverse effects of flying directly in another aircraft's wake.

I have too many hidden talents ... I wish I could remember where I hid them!

#### Calendar:

**September 4** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café. All welcome but need an R.S.V.P.

**September 27 – October 1** – RUAEA 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in Denver, CO



**SACRAMENTO  
GOLD  
DIGGERS**



**SACRAMENTO  
GOLD DIGGERS**

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We had 14 members and two guests that attended our July luncheon at Bennetts Westside Grill in Rocklin, CA.

We thanked **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for arranging for our July Luncheon meeting at Bennetts Westside Grill in Rocklin, CA, they were unable to attend as they were traveling with family.

We had two guests at our meeting, **Ken Lux** and **Steve Throne** that spoke to us about "Flights To Freedom" and "Human Trafficking". Because of California roads, California is a place where human trafficking is easy to manage. "Flights to Freedom" is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works on rescuing and reuniting the children from the trafficked Human being dilemma.

**Sidnee McKinney** and her son, **Brian McKinney** were in attendance to speak about **Jack McKinney's** passing a year ago.

There were no anniversaries for the month of July. Birthday roll off was won by **Dave Garland**.

Tammy was our courteous server.

Next month on August 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be at "The Old Spaghetti Factory" in Roseville, CA at 1130AM.

My thanks to **Francis Domaratus** for covering for me and making notes of our meeting.

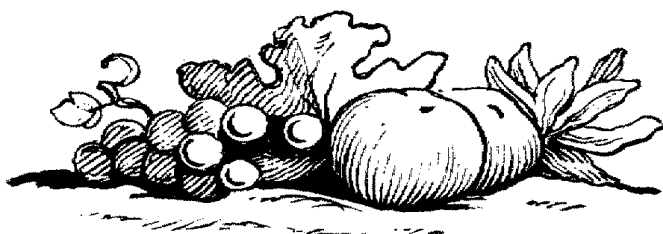


**SAN JOAQUINERS**

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Hello Everyone,

Just a reminder our next lunch gathering is August 14. The **Millards** are hosting us at the Fruit yard in Modesto. Address is 7948 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto. Please email or call and let them know you are able to join.



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There is no report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter of RUAEA.



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We met at Bud's in Dixon, CA on July 15<sup>th</sup> with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, Robert & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Schutte, Bob Richie, Stewart McCale Sr., Stewart McCale Jr., Rudy Arsag, Frank Uhl, Diosnel Perez** and **Joanne & Billy Blizzard**.

The 50/50 winner was **Rudy Arsaga**.

Birthday celebrant was **Billy Blizzard** and **Michiko Allen**. There was no anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at BJ's in Vacaville.

**COLORADO**



**DENVER  
MILE HIGHERS**

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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 20 people were in attendance. RUAEA President **Ruth Morabito** was in attendance; she brought along Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets for the Reunion. Volunteers are needed to work Registration Tables and Raffle Sales.

Paul and Ruth reminded everyone to register and make room reservations. There will be more information next month regarding parking, etc.

July Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ None

50/50 Winners ~ **Pete Angelos, Vee Hansen (2x) Ray Shoults, Rich Shudlow** and **Frank Krasover**.



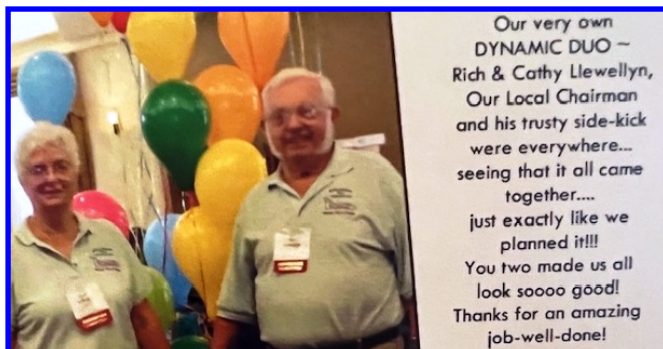
**Pete Angelos** shared that ZED Fares are now available on Jet Blue for retirees.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am, Tedz Place, (303) 287-7544. We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

## FLORIDA

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President Al opened the meeting after everyone had eaten with the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed 2 retirees from our old MCO ranks; **Sue Nash**, who just retired on August 1, 2025! She is certainly figuring out the “no more work ... I’m retired” routine right away! And **Paul Crotty** from our old MM group, who had been keeping a low profile, but might just enjoy our monthly get togethers and join our lively group!



Sadly, we lost a very dear member, **Cathy Llewellyn** on July 7, 2025. Former president, **Rich Llewellyn**, and Cathy moved from MCO back to CLE about 4 years ago. Cathy had a stroke, slipped into a coma and passed away with Rich at her side. Many may remember this loving couple from the 2010 RUAEA Convention held here in Orlando. A Celebration of Life will be held in Ohio on August 16<sup>th</sup> and the Real McCoys have sent our donation to “Ride to End Alzheimer’s”. Rich’s address is 17289 Station Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028

Our annual fall picnic will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Grove Park, beginning at 1100 with burgers and dogs ready to eat at 1200 sharp! We always draw a big crowd, so mark your calendar and plan to join us at 290 Holden Avenue, Orlando 32839. You’ll be glad you did ☺

I always say, “Please continue praying for all of us that need it” - then I realized that that’s all of us! So, prayers for all who are ill and hurting and sad, and everyone else too.

Join us for our next meeting/luncheon on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Denny’s on So. Semoran Blvd. in our private room at noon-ish! Pretty lively group if I do say so myself.

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We are taking the summer off; we will reconvene in October for our next meeting. Have a great summer!

	<p><b><u>TAMPA BAY CHAPTER</u></b>          Trinity, FL          Janis Lindstrom, Acting          Secretary          587 Waterford Circle W.          Tarpon Springs, FL 34688          (727) 934-1862  <a href="mailto:lindekatz@aol.com">lindekatz@aol.com</a></p>
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Four members attended this month’s gathering. It’s was a social get-together.

We are losing two members - **Pete & Linda Karg** - they are moving to WV; closer to their son. We will miss them.

We talked about our travels and UAL, we just had a nice sociable meeting.

Calendar:

**September 8- IHOP - 10:30**

## IDAHO



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Ten members of our group were able to attend our July gathering at The Waterway Cafe in Palm Beach Gardens. Our President **Diane Liebisch** and husband **Paul** shared that they will be leaving on a cruise. Treasurer **Carolyn Lindgren** and husband **Dave** looked great following their respective surgeries. Also in attendance were **Diane Brodis**, **David & Barbara Damon**, **Sharon Kirk**, **Barbara Dodenhoff**, and Correspondent **Mary Kay Wetherington**.

We still have many members dealing with illnesses or being confined to home. We've lost touch with many members as our numbers dwindle. We hope that they will reach out to let us know how they are doing.

It was decided that we will continue gathering quarterly and in December for a holiday celebration. Our next luncheon meeting will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at Carmine's in Palm Beach Gardens. The December location is to be decided.

Birthday Wishes in July to **Anne Kenda**; in August to **Jim Hanley**; in September to **Diane Liebisch**, **Diane Brodis** and **Joyce Smith**.

Suffering through a brutally hot summer, we are all looking forward to Fall and Winter when we have few complaints.

## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—If you are planning to be in HNL in October and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo!



### BOISE GEMS

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

## ILLINOIS



### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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September—‘*Oh, it's a long, long while from May to September, but the days grow short, when you reach September. When the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame, one hasn't got time for the waiting game. Oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few, September, November. And these few precious days, I'll spend with you, these precious days, I'll spend with you.*’ For those of you whom have been following my column for the last 10 years or more, I like to start this month's column with this song. The words are so meaningful. As I get older, I read something else into the words. We learn something new every day, even at our tender ages. It's like we realize something new every minute. So much happens in a year, here we are, and still around, but are our friends and family? Have we survived them? Are we still with them, enjoying our lives together, or in some cases, are we still speaking to each other? It's sad, but it does happen. Do we have time to rectify that? I hope so, we need them at our funeral, to smile and say goodbye. Mine is pre-planned, how about you? Can't leave that task up to your relatives that don't know what you want. God forbid they put you in clothes that don't match, or forget your favorite teddy bear or baseball that you caught at your teams' game. I need my cat's ashes and my sparkly shoes.

The gem for September is the sapphire, which is normally blue but comes in other colors. It's associated with royalty, wisdom and fidelity. The flowers are the aster and morning glory. The aster looks a lot like the daisy with a yellow center and a variety of color petals. They symbolize love and patience. The morning glory are known for their trumpet-shaped flowers that come in various colors. They symbolize love, affection and the

fleeting nature of life. They open in the morning and are closed by afternoon; fleeting.

The moon in September is called the Corn or Harvest Moon, for obvious reasons, and will be full on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, right around sunset. An extra special feature is that it's a Lunar Eclipse, right after sunset on the 7<sup>th</sup>, should be a beautiful sight. Get your lawn chair ready, and pray for a clear sky. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the moon's diameter will be larger because the moon's shadow is smaller.

The Northside breakfast had six retirees, **Deb Jaret, Charlie Lewis, Dave Dunham, Jerry Tipperreiter, Dona Nefczyk, and Ginny Vlach**. Talk was about the summer, the weather, and small trips that we've taken, or want to.

Our ORD Maintenance mechanics met at Maxfields, **Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich, Fred Seibert, Ron Geibel, Rich Protsman, and Dean Hackenberg**.

The ORD Foremen had only four people, **Tom Abraham, Glenn Hill, and Sue & Bart Kendall**. We were expecting **Linda & Dick Kolloff** from Florida, but they had a family issue that kept them away; next visit.

The IAM 1487 Retirees had a BBQ lunch in July. About 90 members came for a delicious lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork and BBQ pork. It was a Hawaiian themed afternoon with lots of leis, palms and other Hawaiian decorations. The Union Hall looked just like Honolulu. Well, kind of. They even had six new members. Everyone had a great time. Next months lunch will be Thursday, September 4, members will bring their own lunch, union will supply the extras. Don't miss it!

The RUPA pilot's lunch was held at Nick's Pizza in Crystal Lake. There were 49 attendees enjoying pizza and other delicacies that they specialize in. New retirees **Tom Broderick**, his wife, **Stacy**, and newly weds, **Ole & Kirsten Sindberg** were there. Also **Paul van den Heuvel**, and **Jim Hall** from SFOLM came in. Other guests were **Ken & Robin Wentworth, Herb & Faruza Hunter**, he's the voice of Chicago's Air and Water show that was held on August 16-17. **Mike Hepparin** and his son, **H.M. Hepparin**, from Southwest, joined them since he'll be retiring very soon. See, people can't wait to join the RUPA Club. **Bob Hilfferich** announced there's a new RUPA lunch group in Mukwonago, WI. Their next meeting is October 14, if anybody would like to join them.

The Skyliner's December 9 luncheon is coming along. Invitations will be going out in October. Just thought I'd send a reminder that it's almost here and to keep the date open. I don't have the price or the menu available right now, but I do have the entertainment! You're going to love that. It's Wayne Messmer, yes, that Wayne! How about that? He sings the National

Anthem for the Cubs, and the Wolves hockey team. He has also sung for the White Sox, Blackhawks, Bears and the Sting. I'm very proud that we were able to have him sing for our little club. We'll have a great afternoon. He'll have some good stories and fabulous songs to sing. Be sure to come and enjoy the delicious food and entertainment at the Belvedere Restaurant.

In the last few weeks, there have been a lot of airline problems, accidents, fires, canceled trips, all kinds of troubling news on all airlines. But recently, United made the news cycle when we canceled our domestic flights for most of the day on August 6. Anybody who worked at ORD, or any airport, knows what a mess that probably caused. One newspaper said it was due to a 'computer glitch', and listed Unimatic.

I know I've been gone awhile, but I thought Unimatic had nothing to do with Reservations. That was Apollo, until Continental took over, then they put in their res system, which I don't remember their name. Our Apollo was a better system but CO insisted. It messed up our reservations for months. Do you remember that? Please say, yes! I guess it just bothered me that they would blame a computer system that doesn't exist any more. Wonder who wrote that story that would remember our little Unimatic, a system that was wonderful, many departments used that.

Gone from our United family last month, all from ORD Ramp, **Stephanie Craig, Sheldon Holden and Emanuel Juedy**. Also gone from our world, actors, Loni Anderson (WKRP), Eileen Fulton (As the Word Turns), Jimmy Hunt (Cheaper by the Dozen), Malcolm-Jamal Warner (Cosby Show), Doug Roberts (Hairspray), sports figures, Hulk Hogan, wrestler, Lee Elia, Sox and Cubs manager, Ryne Sandberg, beloved Cubs all-star, singers, Connie Francis (Everybody's Somebody's Fool), Ozzy Osbourne (Black Sabbath and wild personality), Jane Morgan (Fascination), Cleo Laine (On the Town), Tim Lehrer, satirist and singer, David Gergen, political advisor, composers, Alan Bergman (The Way we Were), Chuck Mangione, flugelhornist, (Feels so Good).

I think you all know that I'm a big Cubs fan. Sadness hit all of us when Ryne Sandberg passed away July 28, at the young age of 65, a baby to most of us. In January of 2024, he discovered that he had metastatic prostate cancer, did treatments for many months, until he announced he was cancer free in August of that year. However, in December of 2024, he found that the cancer had returned and spread to other organs. He continued to receive treatments and remained optimistic about his prognosis. He received a statue in front of Wrigley Field on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the iconic 1984 'Sandberg Game'. Maybe you remember that game against the Cardinals. The Cubs were losing 7-1 earlier in the game. Ryne had five runs, drove in seven runs




and launched a pair of game-tying home runs in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> innings. They ultimately won the game 12-11. What a joyous day. He was a legend and an icon in the world of baseball across the country, not just Chicago. What a career he had, what a man and so generously giving to children and the less fortunate through his charitable foundations. I used to write nice things about him on one of the Cubs Facebook accounts. He actually wrote back to me often. At first, I thought it was a scam, but found out it was really him. Any profits he made on his shirts and other merchandise went to his charities, for cancer research, children's causes, Cubs charities and other health researches. He and his kindness will definitely be missed. Sympathy to his family. And Go Cubbies!

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**September 11**), second Thursday of the month.  
IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**September 4**) First Thursday.  
ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**September 18**) Third Thursday.

### INDIANA

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There is no report this month from the Indy Racers chapter of RUAEA.


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

Our future meetings schedule:

➤ **August 12** at Emmy's

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I haven't heard from any of my fellow NorEaster since our luncheon meeting; but no news is good news.

Mother Nature has given us a great summer in New England, but a little warmer than normal. We are still planning on another luncheon in the fall.

I hope all my fellow retirees have enjoyed summer so far. Stay well and enjoy!

### MICHIGAN

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**Marguerite Venn** will be hosting a retiree luncheon on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 1PM at Annie's Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 33427 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia, MI.

DTWRR retired supervisor **Cathy Dewey** passed away on July 11, 2025. She had recently moved back to Michigan from Florida. It was nice to see several of her colleagues at her memorial.

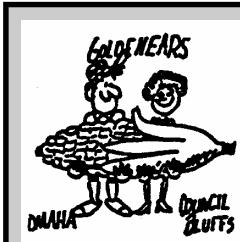
It was just a gathering of some old UA friends, but it was special. Eight of us met at the Coaches Corner in Livonia, MI to renew old friendships. Attending were **Maggie & Tim O'Connell**, **Pam & Tom Shamey**, **Brendan Heaney** and **Shannon Anderson**, husband and daughter of the late **Marlene Heaney**, **Patty Gates** and **Gwen Dyc**. We shared stories and laughs and had a great time reminiscing.

Your United friends were asking about you. What's new? What is going on in your life?

Thought for the month: *"Happiness is not about getting what you want all the time. It's about loving what you have and being grateful for it."*



## NEBRASKA



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19 Goldenears met for lunch on August 6 at the Pizza Ranch. Due to the decline in attendance, we will not be meeting in September and October. Our next meeting will be the first Wednesday in November, the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, our retiree **Andy Vassios**, passed away on August 7, he was in the United Family for 45+ year. Most of us knew him as the manager in Omaha.

## NEVADA



### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, [apolloguys@aol.com](mailto:apolloguys@aol.com) or **Mary Chandler**, [honolulumary06@yahoo.com](mailto:honolulumary06@yahoo.com).



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There were 10 members at our July 14 meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

In case you have not heard, the TSA will no longer require everyone to remove their shoes. This change comes 20 years after the attempted "shoe bomb" incident.

The UAL Maintenance Gathering will once again be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. The

Gathering will take place September 17, 18 and 19. The picnic will be on Wednesday, September 17. John and I will be attending. If you would like additional information, let us know and we will forward the email to you.

Thank you to **Barbara Leusing** for volunteering to gather information about possible picnic sites for our September meeting. We can discuss the options at our August meeting.

**Pat Zoboli** will talk with the Peppermill about our December luncheon.

There were no birthdays in July. The 50/50 winner was **Allen Robbins**.

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

## NEW JERSEY



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There is no report this month from the Garden Staters chapter of RUAEA.

## NEW YORK



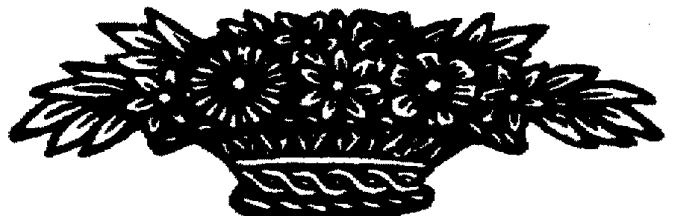
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There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips chapter of RUAEA.

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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#### Submitted by Caroline Manelski

Cassie here, filling in for Donna, ably assisted by my nephew, Chip, who will wrap it up for publishing.

**Donna & Ron Feingold** got caught playing hooky. I suspect they both couldn't remember where they misplaced their credit cards and keys. They're doing okay, and we'll see them next month.

Though not current Metro members, please keep **Ann Hluboky** (New York) and **Marian Fazio Johnson** (Florida) in your prayers. Both are in rehab but hope to return to their homes soon.

There were fifteen guests at today's luncheon.

Anniversary this month: **Donna & Ron Feingold**

Birthdays this month: **Elwin Vancleemput, Don & Rosemarie Arnoni, Frank Ferrara, John Klos, Robert Lee, Stan Blonairz and Barbra Mafeo.**

50/50 winners: **Suzanne Lagasi** - \$20, **Ed Pozzi** - \$15, and **Ray Forester** - \$10.

Reminder: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Annual Christmas Party. Last day for reservation is the day before Thanksgiving.

#### Calendar:

**September 3** – Meeting at Davenport Press.

### OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at The Brown Derby Restaurant in Berea, Ohio on August 6<sup>th</sup> with 38 retirees in attendance; everyone loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together.

In attendance were President **Sue Broderick, Bernie Kazimer, MaryLou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Barb & Frank Wachs, Shirley McCarthy, George & Nancy Oncu, Ben Bogucki, Betty Krischker, Candy Kane, Mick Hoban, Ed Hall, Kathy Kilbane, Ron Weisbarth, Jack Wright, Jeff Wright, Bernie Garrah, Tom Duta, Sharon Gatesman, Steve & Lee Rak, Sharon & Dave Simpson, Donna Feierabend, Ralph Bruggeman, John & Jean Hughes, Don Struck, Tom**



**& Sandee LeMaster, Kay Preston, Sam Bennett** along with his daughter and son Jeff. Everyone enjoyed the choice of steak, ribs or fish for their meal. Yummmooo, I say. Then to top it off, dessert was a warm brownie with ice cream, chocolate syrup and whipped cream on top. I ate mine standing up as I was told that calories don't count if you are standing, just saying.

We started our lunch with a special thanks to God. One of our members was in the hospital and she is a very important part of our group, we understand she is doing well and on the road to recovery. We asked God to watch over all people and hold them close.

Sue forgot birthdays and anniversaries **again**. Note to self, try, try again

50/50 winners ~ 3 nice pots of \$48.00, each went to **Jean Hughes, Tom Duta, and Ben Bogucki.**

We were very happy to see so many people attending.

The Ohio Buckeyes Schedule is as follows, if you are interested in attending or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you.

- ★ Simon's Restaurant – September 3
- ★ Planted Flag – October 1 (2 AF Veterans are owners)
- ★ Mahle's – November 5
- ★ Diamond Event Center – December 3 (Special visit from Santa planned)

Thank you for flying United, and God Bless us all!





## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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30 people showed up for our luncheon in July. It was great to see **Harold Miller** who picked up **Shirley Walker** on his trek from the coast. Women in attendance with July birthdays were **Karen Pfeifer**, **Louise Robillard**, and **Rosalie Betschart**. **Mel & Barbara Martin** celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 21. Louise won the birthday free lunch and **Len Blodgett** won the door prize free lunch. **Harold Miller** won the 50/50.

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that **Jeri Blodgett** lost her valiant fight after her brain bleed, and the resulting surgeries, on July 17<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, the Celebration of Life has yet to be scheduled.

**Lois Gruenberg** (spouse of **Carl Gruenberg** - also deceased) passed away July 20<sup>th</sup>, at home surrounded by family. She was 86 years old. The family will have a service in Michigan.

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

- ☺ A man was driving down the freeway in his Corvette going 80 MPH when he saw flashing red lights from a state trooper in his rearview mirror. Without thinking about it, he floored it and took off at 100 MPH. When he finally pulled over, he said, "Officer, I'm so sorry. I don't know what I was thinking." The state trooper said, "Listen, it's Friday at 4PM and my shift is over in 30 minutes. If you give me a good reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The driver thought about it for a few minutes and said, "Officer, years ago my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back!" The officer said, "Have a great weekend."
- ☺ I'm done drinking coffee for good. Today I started drinking coffee for evil.
- ☺ Wife: "It's funny, on the inside I feel one way, but when I look in the mirror, I feel different than how I look on the outside. Know what I mean?" Spouse: "Huh? Sorry ... on the outside I look like I was listening, but on the inside, I was thinking about corn dogs."
- ☺ During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director "how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?" "Well,"

said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said, "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," said the director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want the bed near the window?"

- ☺ Did you know that 10+10 and 11+11 are the same thing? Because 10+10 is twenty and 11+11 is twenty too. (groan)
- ☺ Mind: I gotta do this thing. Body: You did something yesterday; that's enough things.
- ☺ Morning forecast: Slightly exhausted with 100% chance of needing coffee. Scattered sarcastic comments through the afternoon.
- ☺ My friend told me that she wouldn't eat beef tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth ... so I gave her an egg.
- ☺ I've talked the talk and walked the walk. Now at this age, I'm just going to sit the sit.
- ☺ I may appear nonchalant, but I assure you that I am chalang about a lot of things, actually.
- ☺ I got fired from my job because I kept asking whether they preferred "Smoking" or "Non-smoking". Apparently, the correct terms are "Cremation" and "Burial".
- ☺ You know you are old when you're entering your birth year online and have the spin that thing like you're on the Price is Right.
- ☺ I just told my grandkids that I'm way older than Google. They think I'm joking.
- ☺ Me: "It's not how many times you fall down; it's about how many times you get back up again." Cop: "That's not how field sobriety tests work."
- ☺ A little boy tells his nursery school teacher that he found a dead cat. "How did you know it was dead?" Asked the teacher. "Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move." Says the boy. "You did what?" Shrieks the teacher. "You know," explains the boy. "I leaned over and went Psst in its ear and it didn't move."
- ☺ I got an email saying "At Google Earth, we can even read maps backwards", and I thought ... "that's just spam ..."
- ☺ Gas prices are so high that I went to the car dealership and test-drove 3 cars to run my errands. Follow me for more money-saving tips.
- ☺ I picked up a hitchhiker last night. He asked, "How do you know that I'm not a serial killer?" I replied, "The chances of two serial killers in one car is astronomical."
- ☺ The fact that somebody looked right at a purple onion and named it "Red Onion" really irritates

me!


- ☺ Sometimes I like to mess with my grandchildren and hide their stuff where they can't find them. Like I put the coats on the coat hooks and their shoes on the shoe rack.
- ☺ After a fight, the husband was in his man cave throwing darts at his wife's photo, but he missed every time. His wife shouted from upstairs, "What are you doing?" He responded, "Missing you!"
- ☺ You say introvert. I say state of the art social filtration system that improves the quality and purity of interaction by preemptively reducing contamination.
- ☺ My husband asked me why I speak so softly. I said I was afraid FB was listening. He laughed, I laughed, Alexa laughed, Siri laughed, the Tesla laughed.
- ☺ The police sent me a picture of me speeding. So I sent them a picture of a check. They sent me a picture of handcuffs.

Until next month!

#### Calendar:

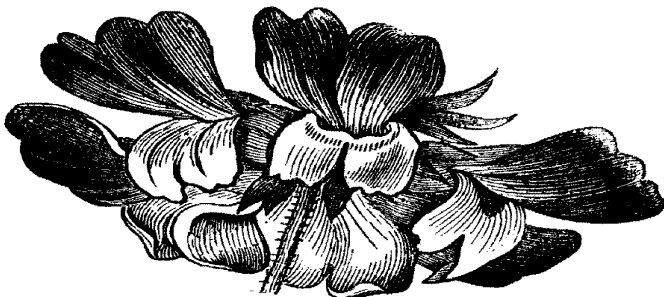
**August 14** - Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

### PENNSYLVANIA

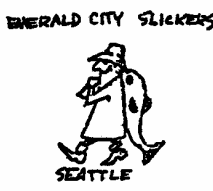
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Today is August 1<sup>st</sup>, it's so hard to believe it came so fast. We take the summer off and don't meet again until October. We enjoyed our 3 months of get-togethers and can't wait to start up again. We love reading all the news.

Have a great rest of the very hot summer!



### WASHINGTON

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Our annual picnic on July 8 at **Kathi Skabo's** home in Burien was attended by 22 members and guests; as usual, we had a few no-shows.

In attendance were **Chuck & Sharon Cole, Shirley Claggett, Ron Paluch, Hank Gosselin, Jay Holland & guest, Ken Tank, Ben Watson, Maury Irvin, Arnie Chaetzke & wife, Jay Schubert, Rosie Bepener, Ken & Judy Storey, Jim Small, Maryann Anderson and Kathie Torgison.** We had a corn-hole contest, almost everyone participated in the game; the winners were **Hank Gosselin and Ron Paluch.** The prizes were an antique United Airlines bag and a bottle of wine called "The Second Cheapest Wine".

The Mechanics get-together was on July 10 with 12 people in attendance. As usual, this meeting is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

On a sad note, **Lloyd Towne** passed away in July; he and **Ken Storey** went way back when they worked at Boeing on the B-52 and the 707.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Here in the Maryland/Virginia Metropolitan area, we greet our September meeting both with great enthusiasm to see our Lounger friends and with a bit of trepidation to say goodbye to the great fun and the freedom of our summer months. The traveling that many of us did will be talked about for years to come. The carefree days will also be put aside to get back to the hustle and bustle (and the joy) of our daily lives.

Several of us went to Greece in July. **Kate Connelly** flew to Athens and then ventured out to tour Greece by land. She loved it and really got the feel of the entire country as well as some of its marvelous islands. I also flew to Athens (a week later) and spent 4

days in Athens seeing the city and its ancient buildings and shrines. I then took a 7-day cruise visiting the beautiful islands, which each had its own flare. Once we have our September luncheon, I hope to hear all of the great times, in detail, that each of our friends experienced. Time spent in varying places in this country and around the world. **Dutch & Carrie Schneider** have many tales to share about their travels, but their big news is that they have sold their home of many years in Manassas, VA and will be moving into a great townhouse in nearby Haymarket, VA in a few months.

Several of our members took a very serious and meaningful visit to Shanksville, VA. I have attached a most moving and beautiful essay of that visit:


*“Debbie and Terry keep track of their Pittsburgh FBI office and tell of this book. United Airlines hired this former FBI community outreach specialist to support the government, families and the law. She was a “first responder” and spent 12 successive days at the site.*

*She speaks of her PTSD, and her healing through Faith and writing.*

*Her name is “Lillie Leonardi” and she was struck by not what she saw, but what she didn’t see ... no bodies, no wreckage ... just silence. In the midst, rising from scorched earth, she wrote of seeing fields of “angels”, wings arched skywards in solemn rows ... rising from scorched earth. She kept it secret for two years as she fathomed that had she mentioned it at the time, some would have thought she lost her mind and asked her to go home. “Haunted”, as I was hearing of the “vaporization” of the crew, reminds us that in places touched by loss, grace sometimes lingers.*

*May we carry her “grace” with us as we remember.”*

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**No Matter the Size of Our Chapters, Good Works Abound** ~ It’s truly inspiring to see the incredible spirit of generosity and community engagement alive and well within our Clipped Wings® Chapters. From coast to coast, no matter the size of our individual chapters, the dedication to “good works” is evident, making a tangible difference in the lives of many.

You might think that only the largest chapters, with

their greater numbers, can undertake significant charitable endeavors. But time and again, our smaller chapters prove this notion wrong. What they may lack in sheer membership, they more than make up for in passion, creativity, and a deep commitment to their local communities.

But here’s the beautiful truth: The impact of our good works isn’t measured by the number of volunteers or the size of the donation. It’s measured by the kindness extended, the needs met, and the lives touched. Whether it’s a few dedicated individuals making a regular contribution of their time or a large group raising significant funds, every act of service, every gesture of goodwill, is invaluable.

As I finish up my first year in a two-year term, it’s that time of year when all chapters submit their Annual Reports. As I review them, I am in awe of so many wonderful acts of kindness and dedication to fundraising, both for their local philanthropy efforts and our overall national philanthropy, Special Olympic Parent Grants.

Here are just a few of the many charities Clipped Wings® supports across the country: Soldier’s Angels, Spina Bifida, Tunnel to Towers, Cause, Mary’s By the Sea, Valerie’s House, Fostering Success, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Friends of Cats, San Diego Food Bank, Acres of Hope, Compassion Planet, and so many more.

None of this work is possible without incredibly creative fundraising—all a labor of love by so many in our organization.

Please remember to check us out at:

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- Business Facebook: United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendant, Inc.
- Instagram: [clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual) is our “handle.” Contact **Linda Mitchell.■**



## NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your renewal date

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **July 2025**:

John Degiovanni, St. Augustine, FL  
Robert Fields, Houston, TX  
Frank Gross, Streamwood, IL  
Rory Kay, Warrenton, VA  
Anna Poon, Charlotte, NC  
Paul Singer, San Diego, CA ■

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **July 2025**:

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Thank you!

## OBITUARIES

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- 3) Last Station worked
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- 5) Address

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

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Spouse – **Plumb, Cheryl Lee**, on 6/18/2025, wife of William M. Plumb, IAHHM, 137 Ridge Rd., Manvel, TX 77578



**Cheryl Lee Plumb** ~ age 76 of Manvel, Texas. Cheryl was born September 8, 1948, in Seattle, Washington and had been a resident of Manvel since 1989 (36 years). She owned and operated a small antique business in Alvin and Pearland and will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Cheryl is preceded in death by her father, Len Honeycutt Sr., mother, Dorothy Honeycutt, and beloved stepmother, Shirley Honeycutt; brothers, Jon Honeycutt and Kevin Honeycutt.

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Mike Plumb; sons, Steve Stewart and partner Jenni Jorgensen, Chris Stewart and wife Neva, step-daughter Michelle Midgley and husband Chris; sister, Linda Krohn and husband Mike; brothers, Len Honeycutt Jr. and wife Debbie, Glenn Rands and wife Margarita; grandchildren, Noah Stewart, Alexis Stewart, Jacob Stewart, Logan Stewart, Kyle Midgley, and Cody Midgley; along with numerous extended family and friends. ■



## Letters & Notes



We appreciate your letters and notes. Please keep them coming. Send them to:  
RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207  
-or- [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com).

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

Barbara Jean Andrews, Charlie Hafner, Janet Jolley, Melvin Manrose, Ron & Joan Miller, and Lois & Merle Pitman.

### **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.)*

#### **Ranelle Brandt, E10209 County Road P, Westby, WI 54667**

Thank you for helping me with my membership issue and thank you the RUAEA staff for your diligent work for all of us at RUAEA. We love to get the Newsletter.

#### **Charles O'Brien, 36500 Wild Rose Cir., Selbyville, DE 19975-3733**

I retired in 2000 after spending 35 years in BWI and IAD. I haven't traveled since the merger between UAL and CO. Thank you for all your work to keep us retirees informed.



#### **Otis & Vicki Derrough, PO Box 4340, Bellingham, WA 98227**

We want to thank the RUAEA staff for keeping us together. We loved the U.S. Air Mail, Elko, NV picture in the July 2025 issue.

## Notes

### **April King**

I'm enjoying retired life, using my travel benefits to visit my family who all live out west. I'm in good health and grateful for all my friends and the advantages available by living in such a great city!

### **Robert Brown**

We continue to enjoy our retired flight privileges and are looking forward to the Retired United Airlines Employees Association Reunion in Denver this year.

### **John DeGiovanni**

I worked in Safety at WHQSY (Willis Tower).

### **Kenneth Decker**

Retired from CO in 2005 after 42 years of service in Kansas City, mostly in Customer Service Ticket Counter, Gate Agent, and Lost and Found. I stay active by managing my rental property, volunteering, gardening, and enjoying 14 grandchildren, some near me, others in other states.

### **Sharon S. Montague**

I like reading the newsletter, see what's going on with the few people I know (including obits).

### **Robert Fields**

I just retired last year and saw this website and would like to join RUAEA.

### **Inara Witt**

Thank you for the news about the company, I always enjoy reading the whole newsletter, especially news from 'home', Chicago! Jan does a wonderful job of writing about the group.

There are not many more people left of my era, except the really young ones, just got to be 92 and it's hitting me like a ton of bricks, but I'm still functioning fairly well. Travel by plane is out if the question, just too difficult standby. My daughter lives on Oahu and has to jump through hoops to get back and forth, like yesterday to Lihue and then Hawaiian home.

Keep up the great work and thank you again!

### **Arlene A. Taylor**

I'm living the good life out in Arizona. I enjoy hearing about and keeping up with fellow retirees.

### **Camron Pate**

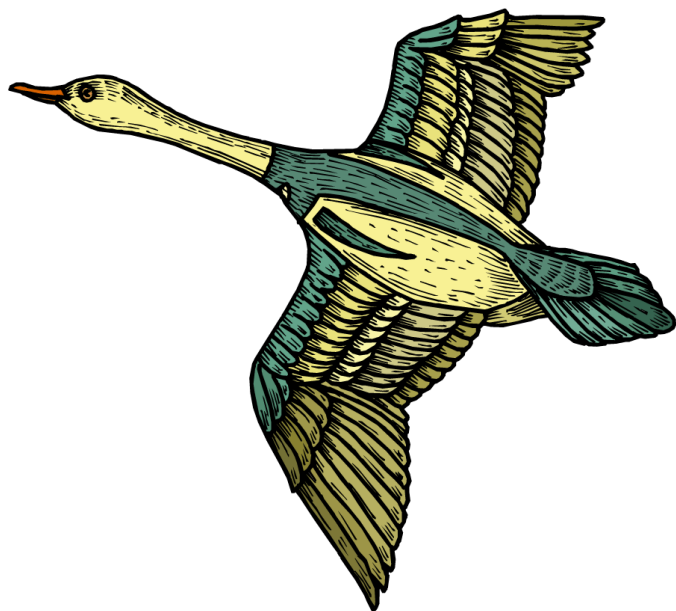
I started an Export Business to Guyana and Suriname.

### **Frederick & Ruth Schnittker**

After 47 years of independently owning Land Air Associates, John has finally retired. It has been a most productive life for him all these years with United and owning his own business. His son John was instrumental in making this move for his father and now he is able to stay home and relax along with his wife Ruth. May God bless you all!

### **Sheila Bride**

After spending a major part of our life with the airlines, we want to stay connected to the industry although our traveling days are on hold for now. It's great to read the news about what is happening. ■



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

### **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729, [esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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

### **Employee Travel Center**

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

### **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

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