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## RUAEA's Golden Jubilee, September 27 - October 1



**I**n about two months, RUAEA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will begin. A lot of planning has been going on to make this a special event for one and all that plan to attend. You can register for the Reunion online at [www.ruaea.org/reunion/](http://www.ruaea.org/reunion/) or by US mail (for your convenience, we are reprinting the Reunion Registration Forms in this issue of the Newsletter, page 25 and 26).

There will be two tours of Denver and its surrounding area; along with a tour of the UA Flight Training Center. Daily and nightly Hospitality Room events will include 50/50 raffle, a special raffle for Holiday Inn points worth about \$800 as well as many silent auction items. The United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) will have a display and on screen presentation. In addition, the Mainliner Club and Clipped Wings will have items for sale. As usual, there will be great door prizes nightly, snacks, and a cash bar. We have booked a wonderful lineup of presenters for the Benefits Panel. Two nights of entertainment are planned: The Colorado Country Night features appetizers and music for your listening; in addition, all raffles will be closed out this evening. The RUAEA's Golden Gala Night will feature a sit-down plated dinner, from salad to dessert; and music by the band "Dizzy with a Dame" for your dancing and listening pleasure. We will also announce next year's event during the evening; a great night at a great price.

On behalf of the Reunion Committee, I want to acknowledge our supporters for this year's celebration; the Alliant Credit Union and RUPA help to subsidize this great event.

As in past years, we will have the official RUAEA Business Meeting, where you can ask questions to all the Executive Board Members. In addition, the important Chapter Presidents and Chapter Correspondents Meeting will be held at 3PM on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, there will be a lot of activities for everyone who attend, which includes members of RUAEA, RUPA, AR-ECA, RAFA and Clipped Wings, along with family and friends. I am looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you at this historical event.

*Hank Gosselin* – RUAEA VP Conventions



# GENERAL NEWS

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## **Friendly Reminder**

**You do not need an online login and password to renew your membership online. All you need is your file number and your last name.**

**Go to <https://ruaea.org/renew> to renew your membership online.**

### **UAL Travel Updates**



If you haven't heard yet, starting August 1, the employeeRES pass rider access website will no longer be available. This is the site that pass riders use to make bookings if the employee/retiree set them up with their own username and password. Presently, when a pass rider logs in with their access, they'll immediately see a message asking them to connect with their sponsoring retiree to link their MileagePlus account. This will let them use the United mobile app to create and manage their pass travel bookings.

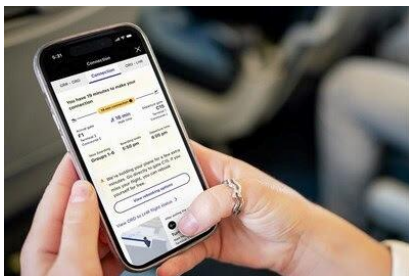
We're planning to feature a United Daily next month to help everyone get ready before the pass rider access site goes away. It's a great time for retirees to make sure their pass riders are all set up and linked. Of course, if a pass rider prefers not to use the mobile app or create a free MileagePlus account, that's totally okay. Just keep in mind, the retiree will be solely responsible for handling all bookings, changes, and cancellations on their behalf.

One important reminder: It's not okay for anyone to share their Flying Together or MileagePlus login info. It's against United's IT security policy and could result in the loss of pass travel privileges. IT takes this seriously—so let's all be safe.

To make things easier, we've created a helpful resource page on Flying Together with step-by-step screenshots and FAQs to guide you through linking a pass rider's account. Here's the link to our page on Flying Together: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2024/09/23/pass-rider-update>.

### **United Mobile App Now Gives People More Information About Their Connecting Flight**

**June 25, 2025**



United is ready for peak summer travel season with the official launch of new, personalized mobile app features that make catching connecting flights easier.

Customers with connecting flights at United's U.S. hub airports can now access a special section of the app that includes a countdown to connecting flights, customized turn-by-turn directions to their connecting gate with estimated walk times, real-time flight status updates, tips for longer layovers, and notifications if United's ConnectionSaver technology has been activated to hold the plane for them.

These features are exclusive to the United mobile app and expand on the airline's ConnectionSaver technology – an industry-leading, AI-powered tool that has saved more than 3.3 million customer connections since launching in 2019. ConnectionSaver automatically identifies departing flights that can be held for connecting customers – without delaying the on-time arrival of the customers who have already boarded. Now, customers have full visibility into their connecting flights right on their phone screens.

United trialed these app features during a beta test period this spring, and during that time, more than 350,000 customers used the new features, achieving a 98% success rate making their connection.

*“We know that giving people more information, in a transparent and easy-to-understand way, can help de-stress the connecting flight experience,”* said David Kinzelman, United’s Chief Customer Officer. *“Our award-winning mobile app is a game-changer during travel, and with these new features, our customers will have even more real-time details about their flight and as a result, have an even better experience flying United.”*

More than 20 million United customers have already booked connecting flights this summer. The new features are much more customer-facing and specify personalized details based on connection type, including:

- ▲ Comfortable Connections: Travelers with comfortable connections are provided personalized status updates to make their connecting flights, including countdown to boarding, gate-to-gate directions and personalized tips to navigate large airports or long layovers such as United Club<sup>SM</sup> location details.
- ▲ Tight Connections: For travelers pressed on time during a connection, the suite of features provides key information to help them navigate to their connecting flight, including boarding time, walking time, gate number and more. Plus, they will get app notifications if their next flight is being held for them with ConnectionSaver, offering more transparency and peace of mind during their travel journey.
- ▲ Missed Connections: If travel doesn’t go as planned, customers automatically receive personalized re-booking options to get them back on their way, giving them options to rebook on a confirmed flight or join the standby list for earlier flights if a seat becomes available.

United will continue to evolve and advance these features to bring even more functionality to customers, including:

- ❖ Additional Languages: These features are currently available in English and Spanish, and the airline plans to launch additional languages in the future.
- ❖ Expanded Navigation Support: Customers will soon be able to enable location services to show their current location at the airport and provide even more detailed, step-by-step directions, making it even easier to navigate through airports.
- ❖ Text Message Updates: United currently notifies customers who opt-in to receive text messages about flight delays and updates customers with connecting flights only if they have a tight connection. In the months ahead, United will deploy text messages to update customers with connecting flights in real time about their connecting flight status and relevant details to make their flights. These more personalized text message updates will provide additional transparency into customer travel plans, reassuring them if they have a comfortable connection or providing tips to navigate a tight or missed connection.

United continues to lead the airline industry on implementing new technologies to improve the customer experience, including:

- ★ Automatic rebooking assistance: Rather than standing in line to speak with an agent or manually searching for alternatives, United’s self-service tools automatically provide travelers with personalized rebooking options, baggage tracking details, and, when eligible, meal and hotel vouchers if their flight is delayed or canceled.
- ★ Real-time weather delay updates: United texts real-time radar maps to help customers understand how inclement weather in one part of the country can impact a flight elsewhere. United is the first and only U.S. airline currently providing its customers these kinds of specific messages, and the airline is sending them with assistance from gen AI tools.
- ★ Industry-leading connectivity in the sky: United started rolling out Starlink Wi-Fi service, the world’s fastest, most reliable connectivity in the sky, for free to MileagePlus<sup>®</sup> members, and it includes game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like streaming services, shopping, gaming and more. United two-cabin regional aircraft will be outfitted with Starlink by end of year, and the first United mainline aircraft will be outfitted with Starlink by end of year.
- ★ Bag tracking enhancements: United integrated Apple’s Share Item Location for AirTag, so customers everywhere who travel with an AirTag or Find My network accessory can seamlessly share the accessory location with United’s customer service team to help locate their luggage in the event that it is mishandled.

**Problems with Probate**  
**By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



Retirement and  
Investment Services

Many of us hope to leave something behind for our loved ones when we pass away. But the probate process is complex. To understand how to better

manage potential probate fees, let's look at what probate is and how the process works.

**What Is Probate?** Probate is the legal process that wraps up a person's legal and financial affairs after their death. During the probate process, a person's property is identified, cataloged, and appraised. In addition, probate makes certain any outstanding debts and taxes are paid. It can be a complex process filled with very specific legal requirements.

For example, if someone dies without a valid will, the probate court sees that the deceased person's assets are distributed according to the laws of the state.

If someone dies with a valid will, the probate court is charged with ensuring the deceased person's assets are distributed according to their wishes.

**Probate Process** ~ Every estate passes through probate following the owner's death. Probate can take anywhere from a few months to more than a year. If there is a will, and one or more of the heirs chooses to contest the document, the process can take a lot longer.<sup>1</sup>

Probate also can be expensive. Even though probate costs are capped in some states, they can easily cost 3 to 7 percent or more of the estate's value. That's calculated on the gross value of the estate – before taxes, debts, and other expenses are paid. And if the probate process is challenged, legal costs can rise.<sup>2</sup>

Finally, probate takes place in a public court. That means everything is a matter of public record, so there is no privacy. Anyone can find out exactly what was left behind and how much each of a deceased person's heirs received. They can also review the court records for the deceased person's estate. Those who have concerns for their heirs' privacy may want to take steps to manage the probate process.

**Property That May Avoid Probate** ~ Some assets can be structured, so they may not have to go through probate. Here's a partial list of assets that may avoid the probate process:

- 1) Property held in a trust<sup>3</sup>
- 2) Jointly held property (but not common property)
- 3) Death benefits from insurance policies (unless payable to the estate)<sup>4</sup>
- 4) Property given away before you die
- 5) Assets in a pay-on-death account
- 6) Retirement accounts with a named beneficiary

Need help with your probate process? Please reach out to me or my team of Financial Consultants for assistance: [aris.alliantcreditunion.com](mailto:aris.alliantcreditunion.com).

1. TheBalance, 2022
2. [Investopedia.com](https://www.investopedia.com), 2021
3. Using a trust involves a complex set of tax rules and regulations. Before moving forward with a trust, consider working with a professional who is familiar with the rules and regulations.
4. Several factors will affect the cost and availability of life insurance, including age, health and the type and amount of insurance purchased. Life insurance policies have expenses, including mortality and other charges. If a policy is surrendered prematurely, the policyholder also may pay surrender charges and have income tax implications. You should consider determining whether you are insurable before implementing a strategy involving life insurance. Any guarantees associated with a policy are dependent on the ability of the issuing insurance company to continue making claim payments.

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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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#### **Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry**

I want to thank all of you who attended our luncheon at Sal's on June 12<sup>th</sup>. As usual, I was glad we could get together to visit; that's always a joy for me. I'll try to make our next gathering a little less confusing and I do apologize.

Mitch is working on our Christmas luncheon and a few of the things he wants to take into consideration is how do you feel about having the luncheon at Flemings on a Saturday in Chandler and what you feel is a comfortable price to pay. Please give me your thoughts on this matter. I imagine you wonder why we start planning on the Christmas luncheon so early, but it's time to start thinking about it.

I want to thank all of you who attended our breakfast at Crackers & Co. Café on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout, and the food was good. There were many different items to choose from in comparison to other



restaurants we have gone to. Some people ordered their favorite dish as this used to be our standard breakfast restaurant. Thank you, **Barb Paymaster**, for suggesting this place. Another good thing is most everyone liked it, so we must make a return there.

Now I want to let you know of our next luncheon. The Outback Steakhouse; 2687 S. Market St., Gilbert, 85295, the date is Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar. I've already marked mine, thanks Mitch.

I look forward to breaking bread with you.

I hope you all have a safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Next year, 2026, marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Now that will probably be a huge deal and celebration.

### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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

#### **Calendar:**

**July 23** - Wednesday, event and time yet to be determined. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please join us!



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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.

## EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy August to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on July 7, it's another beautiful summer day, comfortable with a high of 81. We have had wonderful moderate weather so far this summer, with only a handful of days approaching 90. It's only a matter of time till we get hit with a heat wave of "century days" with temps of 100 degrees or more, so we really appreciate the current "balmy" weather.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We 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 July meeting was held on July 7 at the lovely home of **Diane Griego** in Concord with 16 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard**, **Nancy Boyle**, **Barb Cunningham**, **Diane Griego** and **Jamie Orendorff**, **Matthew Griego**, **Tom Johnson**, **Glenda & Russ Kennedy**, **Joe & Wilma Leather**, **Dee Moreci**, **Jack & Judi Smith**, **Jan Soderstrom** and **Sue Von Emster**. President **Russ Kennedy** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and we sang Happy Birthday to **Jack Smith** whose birthday was on July 4<sup>th</sup>. At every meeting, we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Tracey Blanchard** won the money. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had the usual wine collection and a cutting board.

Diane has the perfect setup for outdoor entertaining and we are so fortunate that she wants to host our annual picnic. Over the last couple of years, our numbers have dwindled a bit so that we no longer have enough people to have catered events—our Christmas banquet luncheon or our summer BBQ. Last Christmas, we went to lunch at one of our go to restaurants instead, and this year, we also did something new for today's summer picnic. We had a potluck and it was a great success. We had a shrimp platter, six salads, deviled eggs, pinwheel sandwiches, and **Jack Smith** graciously contributed BBQ ribs he cooked himself in his instant pot. Delicious! Dessert was patriotic in honor of Independence Day - a yellow cake with white frosting and red sprinkles, and Blueberry Dump Cake, plus ice cream with all the toppings. What a lovely spread of food, and everyone agreed we liked the potluck even better than the catered BBQ meal we've had in the past. Add in perfect weather and great conversation and it was a memorable day indeed.

**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 dramatically 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 June 30, I turned in 1886 coupons, one of the best months yet! 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 **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Glenda Kennedy** in CA, **Kate King** in CA, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Samantha Koslosky** in MD, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

"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, August 4 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 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, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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. At our August meeting, we will see if anyone will be out of town for Labor Day, and if necessary, the meeting will be moved to September 8 instead.

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

### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Egads, half the year is gone and we are in the downhill part of 2025. It has been several weeks of Mother Nature playing havoc with the weather – major (tragic) floods, tornadoes, mighty winds, hot and/or cold (take your pick,) and our usual air conditioning of Fog. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is now behind us with not many firework



displays. However, the South Bay area had a drone display which was quite a sight but no noise. Looks like the Drones will replace the fireworks. We could see fireworks locally with the crazies firing off illegal stuff and causing many calls to the local fire departments. Too many dry areas and fires kept them busy (when will people ever learn that fires and injuries are no fun, are costly and painful?). Traffic was wall-to-wall though as many came out to picnic on the lawns around the lagoons and the weather was outstanding!

Our meeting was held in the Foster City Library. We met in the small room and had a cozy group. **Eliza Vargas** read the minutes that were approved as read. **John Garis** let us know that we are solvent and reminding everyone that if you have not paid your dues, they have been pro-rated to \$8 per person 'til the end of the year. Make checks out to **John Garis** and mail them to his address at 550 Compass Circle, Redwood City, CA 94065 as soon as possible as we wish to up-date the roster.

Our July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place in the Library again - this time in the larger area. The elevator is supposed to be fixed by September but I won't hold my breath as the wheels of progress grind slowly! Our luncheon spot is *Waterfront Pizza & Mediterranean Restaurant*, 969 D Edgewater Blvd., Foster City. We will leave at 11:30am for the restaurant. Ask for a senior discount.

September through November will be meeting at The Vibe, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA (behind the Tennis/Pickleball courts,) from 10am – to 11:30am then off to our announced luncheon spot. Our December 8<sup>th</sup> will be luncheon only – Bellinis' Italian Restaurant in Foster City, at 11:30am. Any changes will be posted in the Newsletter and/or by email. Please let **Ginger Dahlberg** know if you have a new email address - I have most of you but I may be missing a few.

Our Raffle money winners were **Al Durr** and **Frank Minnick**. Al will be able to beef up his garden as he has been supplying us with both yellow and green zucchini squash. Thanks Farmer Al! If he does "beef" up his yard, he might be able to give some us some T-bone steaks (medium rare please); he won't have to mow his lawn (grass fed beef) – the list is endless: milk, all kinds of cheese, yogurt and the list goes on and on! Thanks to those who brought in "treasures" to raffle off – some winners were: **Carol Slater, Vera Kina, Jerry Marsala, John Bogdanoff, Frank Minnick, Eliza Vargas** just to name a few.

**August 25** – General meeting and social time, The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City then off to *Ay Caray Mexican*, a small Taqueria restaurant located in the shopping center at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Norfolk in San Mateo. **Andy King** enjoys this place as he can stroll over to it from his house!

Anyone heard from **Gene Walter**? Let Ginger know if you have as his phone has been disconnected. Stay well and phone a friend and chat – stay connected!

Conundrum of the Day: *Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune? (Bet you just sang both of those songs – Ha - gotcha!)*

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 Foster City Library June and July only, then the remainder of the year 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**

Jane Gibson  
Placerville, CA  
Secretary

*Reported by **Suzanne Kenny**, filling in for our wonderful and appreciated Secretary, **Jane Gibson**.*

From **Jane Gibson**: Hi! We're home - great time - I want to thank Suzanne for taking, typing and getting these minutes, with pictures, for me. She does as good a job as I could and I really appreciate it!

Greetings to all of you Hangtown Miners! I think summer has unofficially arrived. I remember wearing a sweater to our luncheon last month. When we arrived back home after a short get-a-way down to San Diego earlier this month, we were welcomed with 105 degrees at the Sacramento airport.

As he opened our meeting, President **Rudy Blazius** extended a big "Thank You" to **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** for hosting the June luncheon. Kerry and Ann made the arrangements for us and this, as several years in the past, was a fundraiser for our group. BJ's will donate 20% of food and soft beverage sales back to the Hangtown Miners. This is a great boost to our bank account. Hopefully, you brought your appetites and enjoyed their delicious food, but saved room for a Pizookie!

True to its reputation, June had several anniversaries: **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** (58 years); **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (56 years); **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (24 years); **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (34 years), congratulations

to you all! **Jack Fitzpatrick** is double dipping and also celebrates his birthday in June with **Lynette Ceci**, a big Happy Birthday to you both.

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius** shared information regarding the passing of UAL retirees who you may have known or worked with in the past: SFOOV mechanic **Ruben Revas** has passed away; he worked on the wide body docks. Sadly, **Bob Heffin**, has passed away. May they both rest in peace.

*Vice President ~* **JR Heier** said he didn't have a report this month, however, he did have a bit of info to share. Last month, May 29<sup>th</sup>, JR set up a lunch with several friends from United days. 9 of us met at the Olive Garden in Tracy for good food and a great gab session! So, **JR & Rosemary Heier**, of course, **Bill & Jane Gibson**, **Don & Cindy Bisagno**, **Frank & Betsy Corwin** and **Cari Nishimoto** ate and talked for about 4 hours! Everyone is doing well. Cindy, who you may recall we donated to help her get a special procedure to erase MS from her system 10 years ago, is doing well. Cari has recovered from a serious infection of her left pinkie finger. Of course, we all have a few "miles" on us, but the spirits are good and strong. Thank you, JR for setting up this mini get together.

*Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson**, our forever Secretary is not in attendance today. It may be hard to believe, but Jane and Bill are actually on vacation!

*Treasurer ~* Our Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was ready with information on our Bank Statement for May. Some months of late, he mentioned that our deposit for the raffles have been a bit lower than previous months. The revenue we receive from restaurant kickbacks, like BJ's today, helps our bottom line at the end of the year. So, keep that in mind when booking one of our future luncheons. We recently heard that the Lazy Dog also will reimburse tax-exempt organizations, so if we ask maybe we will be able to find more. Our membership roster is 100% up to date now as all members have sent in their 2025 dues, excellent! He noted that many new retirees are listed in the RUAEA's monthly Newsletter and even several in the Northern California area. If you recognize a name maybe you could reach out to them and invite them to one of our lunches. We have a great group, but it is always nice to welcome a new face now and then.

The Tooling status at this point is keep your ears and eyes open for opportunities as they sometimes come up when you least expect it. We are still collecting for this year and hope to make tooling presentations by Thanksgiving this year. If you hear of something let us know and we will be on it!

*Sunshine ~* **Suzanne Kenny** didn't have any sunshine news to share. **Rosemary Heier** said that she had just talked with **Irv & Sherri Wolfram** to ask if they would like a ride to our luncheon today and found out that they are not able to attend social events at this time. They do miss everyone and enjoy hearing from us. Their new address is Brookdale Senior Living, 780 Harrington Way, #236, Folsom, CA 95630. Irv & Sherri, please know that we are thinking of you and hope that you are both feeling better soon!

*New Business ~* Rudy shared some information on the El Dorado County Fair happening from June 12-15. Open starting Thursday: Noon – Midnight, Friday: Noon – Midnight, Saturday: 10:00am – Midnight, Sunday: Noon – 10:00pm. Thursday is Senior Day and free until 6:30pm, Saturday is the Livestock Auction, Sunday is Father's Day to Experience the Rubicon Challenge. Don't forget the Carnival, Grandstand Events, Concerts, Food, Exhibit and Commercial Buildings. Several members of our Hangtown Miners will be volunteering at the American Legion Beer booths, so stop by for a cold one. Lots of fun for the whole weekend!

*Old Business ~* At our May luncheon you may remember that **Ann Marie Sutherland** brought us a bouquet of red poppies as part of a fundraising project for our veterans. She sent us the following letter.

*Dear Friends of RUAEA,*

*On behalf of Unit 119 of the American Legion Auxiliary, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of \$72 to our Poppy Fund. Your support is more than just a contribution; it is a reflection of the honor and respect you continue to show for our veterans and their families.*

*To Unit 119, the Poppy Fund is a lifeline, ensuring that the sacrifices of those who have served are recognized and supported in meaningful ways. Your generosity strengthens our mission, reminding us that true service extends beyond the battlefield and into the hearts of those who care.*

*Personally, to me, you are all more than mere supporters, you are friends. And friends like you make all the difference in this world. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in the power of remembrance, and for ensuring that this long legacy of service lives on.*

*With sincere appreciation and respect,*

*Ann Marie Sutherland*

*President, Unit 1119*

*American Legion Auxiliary*

**Jane Gibson** wants you to be reminded about the UAL Retired Mechanics' Reunion at the Carson Valley Inn which will be held this year on September 16, 17, 18, 2025. The barbecue will be at noon on Wednesday.

**Rosemary Heier, Sue Hohl and Jane Gibson** are the three amazing ladies organizing this very fun annual event. Only a few months until we gather, so make your reservations soon. If you need help with information contact **Jane Gibson** at [tired-dogs@comcast.net](mailto:tired-dogs@comcast.net).

Rudy's closing message: My Dogs ... I went to sign my dogs up for welfare. At first, the lady said, "Dogs are not eligible to draw welfare." So I explained to her that my dogs are mixed in color, unemployed, lazy, can't speak English and have no clue who their Daddies are. They expect me to feed them, provide them with housing and medical care. So she looked in her policy book to see what it takes to qualify. My dogs get their first checks on Friday. She also put their names on the Democrat voter registry. Is this a great country or what!

Rudy closed our meeting and JR took over with the raffle. The winning donator's ticket today went to **Tom Kenny** who had the magic number! Yeah!

Big "Thank You" to everyone who brought items for our raffle: **Heier** – wine & plaque; **Blazius** - wallet; **Dinette** – plant; **Kenney** – cookie jar with cookies; **Kenny** – duck decoy/wine; **Kozelka/Barton** – table center pieces; **Bell/Nielsen** – vino; **Fitzpatrick** – peanut butter pretzels; **Trebnik** – multi-color solar butterfly; **Woodward** – book light; **Biro** – wine.

Time does fly ... here we are in the middle of the year. This is the time for celebrations, traveling, Father's Day, First Day of Summer and Independence Day all before our next luncheon. Whatever you have planned, enjoy your events and stay safe out there!

We will be meeting at Lucilles Smokehouse & BBQ for our July luncheon. **Chuck Trebnik** is working on this luncheon to also be a fundraising event for us.

**Time with friends is priceless.**



#### **RESANS**

San Diego, CA

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Our July Breakfast has been delayed due to a remodeling project by the restaurant. We are still waiting to hear but hopefully, we can get together later in the month.

So far, we are having a quiet summer. **Louis Semon** is home for a short stay and departing for an African Safari in the next few days. **Suzanne Owen** will be in San Diego to visit with family and then back to Tennessee where she currently resides. **Roberta Berchtold** is back with us for a stay of a few months and we hope to see her at our breakfast before she returns to Florida.

ReSans members celebrating birthdays in August are **Debbie Taylor, Ivan Pederson** and **Jackie Schwartz**.

This year's Reunion in September is RUAEA 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee! We will be there with RUPA, RAFA, ARECA, and Clipped Wings. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Denver East which is located at 3333 Quebec St., Denver, CO. The Registration forms and instructions are in the June 2025 issue of the RUAEA Newsletter and the contact is [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com). Don't wait too long to book your room as there are a limited number of hotel rooms at the discounted Reunion rate.

Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are or when the flights are full.

#### **Calendar:**

**August 7** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café.

**September 4** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café.

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

## **SACRAMENTO** **GOLD DIGGERS**

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June 25<sup>th</sup> found the Sacramento Gold Diggers meeting for lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, CA. We had 25 attendees and were served by Alexis who took good care of us. After lunch and most everyone enjoying Spumoni ice cream for dessert, President **Francis Domaratius** started the meeting.

Francis thanked everyone for spending time for the gathering. Francis also thanked **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements. Francis then called on the officers for their reports: Secretary **Ron Bertacini** said that the July lunch/meeting would be at Bennett's Westside Grill in Rocklin on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Ron also mentioned that he lost his notes regarding wedding anniversaries ... there were two, **Angie & Frank Dellinger** with 56 years and **Rose & Hank Wikstad** with 64 years.



Ron also mentioned that during the past weekend, Francis was better known as Colonel Pickering. Francis, Veronica and Ron had been involved in the play, *My Fair Lady* at the Eskaton Village Community Center. Francis was promoted from his original role to one of the stars and did an outstanding job.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that we have meeting places for the rest of the year. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that they and others had attended the Celebration of Life for **George Taylor** and that it was a beautiful gathering. **Vicky Enriquez** and her son were in attendance and Vicky thanked everyone for the cards and notes and that their caring thoughts were appreciated. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is still solvent. Francis called on **Dave Garland** who let us know that he is no longer a Regional Director with RUAEA as now there are only three Directors, East, West and Midwest. Dave's new position is Member Liaison and that he is the contact for members with questions and he will direct them to the appropriate officer to help them.

Francis, then acting on his role as Chapter Historian, covered some history of our group. He remembered when he and Veronica joined the Gold Diggers in 2004 that the attendance for most lunch/meeting was around 100 or more and finding a place to accommodate the group was becoming difficult. Francis recalled a Christmas celebration at Beale AFB Officers Club with about 150 attendees. In 2007, the Gold Diggers hosted the RUAEA Convention at the Hyatt Hotel across from the State Capitol. The attendance was a little over 600. Shortly after that event, the Hangtown Miners spun off from the Gold Diggers to make it easier for both groups to manage their lunch/meeting. This was followed a year or so later that the Solano Flyers established their own chapter, cutting their driving time to the Sacramento area. Just a few years ago, our membership was 85 and now today it is at 35. We are losing some of the older members and new members are very hard to find.

Francis asked if anyone had any news to pass on. **Ron Bertacini** mentioned that he had information that some changes are coming concerning other pass riders. The change is to take place on August 1, 2025 and more details will be posted on the United website in July. The changes are regarding how other pass riders make listings and changes to their listings. They will have to be set up on the United app or the retiree will have to make all the listing and changes for them.

Francis mentioned that there have been recent scams using the email of some of the RUAEA officers. So beware. Ron agreed and that this has happen several times over the past couple of years and that no RUAEA officers will ever ask for monies, gift cards or anything else via an email. If you should receive such an email disregard and delete.

The birthday roll-off was between **Trudy Engeldinger** and **Joyce Spivey** with Joyce being the winner of few extra dollars. We followed with the 50/50 drawing won by our President Francis and then our monthly raffle of donated items.

Here is a little more history for those interested. Happenings on June 25<sup>th</sup> in history ... 1876, the battle of Little Big Horn also known as Custer's Last Stand where the Sioux and Cheyenne led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull defeated Custer's 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. 1935, Joe Louis wins his 20<sup>th</sup> straight fight by knockout in the 5<sup>th</sup> round over Primo Carnera. 1942, Major General Dwight Eisenhower is appointed commander of all US forces in Europe. 1950, North Korea invades South Korea starting the Korean War. 1937, Amelia Earhart has some



mechanical problems and returns to Bandoeng, Dutch East Indies for repairs; this was leg 25 of her attempt to fly around the world. Her plane disappears a few days later on July 2 on her way to Howland Island. There are many theories as to what happened.

Ron (Harry), Francis (Colonel Pickering), Veronica (Mrs. Eynsford Hill).



### SAN JOAQUINERS

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Hello Everyone,

We met at Huckleberry's in Oakdale again on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We had eleven of us in attendance.

One of our long-time members, **Don Rentzel**, passed away recently. We shared a few memories of him from his days in Dock 3 as a Lead Mechanic. Don was liked and admired. Our sympathies go out to his family.

We did get an update on **Rosie Walls**; she is doing fine and living with family in Carson NV. We have not been able to get in touch with Rudy.

Open topic for discussion, we need a President and VP President. Currently, the San Joaquiners' officers include: *President* ~ Open Position, *VP* ~ Open Position, *Treasurer* ~ **Bob Scoble**, *Secretary & RUAEA Correspondent* ~ **Rosie Walls**, *Sunshine Lady* ~ **Chris Fountain**, *Jokster* ~ **Don Nesja**, *Roster* ~ **Sandy Brooks**.

Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ there were no birthdays or anniversaries for the month of June.

Hope to see you all on July 10<sup>th</sup> for our next luncheon. **Steve & Jacque Foster** are hosting and we will gather at El Torero Mexican Restaurant, 2869 W, Hwy12, Burson, CA. So, we can let the restaurant know how many to expect, please call or email either **Steve & Jacque Foster** or **Bob Scoble**.

Our next meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM will be at El Torero Mexican Dining & Cantina, 2869 W. Hwy 12, Burson, CA 95252; (209) 772-8995. We have been there before.

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In June, we held our annual picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. It was a very nice day, not too hot and not too windy as well. Twenty seven members and their guests attended, eating tri-tip, chicken, beans, potato

salad, corn on the cob, green salad, French bread, watermelon, water and soda.

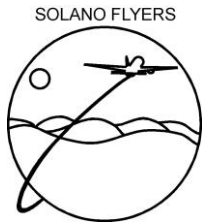


Thanks to **Jean Jenkins**, who brought a couple dozen colorful, in UAL colors, cup cakes for dessert; no one left hungry! Many thanks to **Chuck Thuner** and **Bill Reichard** for assisting yours truly with the cooking.

Long time member, **Tony Urso**, who has been unable to attend our monthly meetings for some time, joined us with his son; it was great to see him again. Thanks to all attending and making it a great day.

Our monthly gathering saw just a few members in June and we are looking forward to more members attending our July meeting. Of course, it's summertime and people have other commitments.

Those attending the picnic are: **Chuck Thuner, Bill & Rosie Reichard, Karen Behle, George & Juliana Midwin, Bob Mattscheck, Tony Urso Jr., Tony Urso III, Sita Kaufusi, Merle Sweet, Jean Jenkins, Rick Jenkins, Karen Jenkins, Charles Owen, Sharon Sausedo, Jay Cacioppo, Ben Scales, Jeff Scales, Hiroko Caster, Sue Kimerer, Don & Dot Boyer, Darlene Ikeya, Bob & Karen Devlin and Logan Devlin.**



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We met at the Black Bear Diner on June 17<sup>th</sup> with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, Robert & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell, Eileen Gardner, Bob Richie, Stewart McCale, McKinley Nelson, Sr. and Joanne & Billy Blizzard.**

The 50/50 winner was **Robert Allen.**

Birthday celebrant was **Joanne Blizzard.** There was no anniversary.

Our next meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Bud's in Dixon, CA.

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 21 people in attendance.

Paul has met with the Executive Board of RUAEA regarding the reunion. He reminded everyone ~

- ★ Sign-up sheets for volunteers should be available at our next meeting.
- ★ Everyone was reminded to make their reservations.
- ★ The UA Historical Foundation will have things on display.
- ★ Tours of the Training Center, Historical Foundation and Mainliner will be offered.

July Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ **Kathy Malesardi** and **Nancy Bain** are celebrating birthdays.

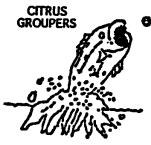
50/50 Winners ~ **Jackie Kudrow, Nancy Bain, Ray Shoults, Vee Hansen, and Matt Ohr.**

We learned that in October, 2025; the installation of new Entertainment Systems on the United Fleet will begin. The new system should be much more reliable and have much better quality.

**Duane Corrolla** provided a nice gift for all in attendance – Thank you!

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM, 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



### THE CITRUS GROUPEERS THE VILLAGES

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

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



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We had a very welcome **surprise** guest at our luncheon meeting today ... **Cheryl Vosges** joined 17 tried and true members of the Real McCoys! It was so wonderful to see her and plenty of smiles and hugs were shared. Cheryl's update for us was that Ernie "appears" to be in the final approval stages for VA living. This is after nearly 7 months of health care. Praise God. Prayers and cheery cards/notes still very much welcome! 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829.

Our coffers are full? And our Charity Fund grew today by \$33.00. 50/50 winnings of \$33.00 were awarded to the winning ticket holder, **Ted LeGrand III** and so very appropriate too, because Ted will be celebrating his Birthday on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Cash is always a nice gift, huh!

Birthdays this month also included Ted's Dad, Ted, with an award winning 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Laurie Bork** will be blowing out the candles on July 22<sup>nd</sup>! Enjoy your day, folks!

Our Anniversary Couple **Al & Joanne Mollett** will be sharing 25years together on July 25<sup>th</sup>! Through thick and thin, always a smile and a story to tell! Congrats you two! Eat cake ;-)

**Dennis Schuster & Debbie** joined us today and Dennis was able to give us some insight in what "Heavy Checks" would likely entail at the future MRO campus' new 300M facilities. Apparently, ground has already been broken, so we are hoping to hear/read more on Orlando's future.

The last UAL Flying Together news is that eRES is being updated and effective July 31, 2025, pass riders and dependents will fully transition to using our award-winning (their words, not mine!) mobile app to book and manage their travel.

Read more at <https://ft.ual.com/news/2025/06/26/important-eres-update-for-pass-riders>

### SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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



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Four members attended this month's gathering, it was a social get-together.

Happy Birthday to **Jean Linehan** on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are sending good wish to **Helen Kacer** as she is having surgery on July 7<sup>th</sup>, I will send a get-well card.

We talked about UAL during our meeting.

#### **Calendar:**

**August 4** - IHOP -10:30

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

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

### **HAWAII**

#### **HONOLULU MENEHUNES**

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Aloha 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!

### **IDAHO**

#### **BOISE GEMS**

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

## ILLINOIS

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August—it means ‘of supreme dignity or grandeur’. No wonder it was named after the first Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar. It’s also for the harvest, symbolizing a time of plenty and gratitude; a time when all of the tomatoes, corn, green vegetables, apples and other delicious food comes to ripeness. It’s also the time when our kiddies go back to school. Remember when we were kids, school started the day after Labor Day, like clockwork; but somewhere in the last 5-10 years, they started going back in August, and get out in May. People born in August are also known to be more positive, and are natural leaders with immense confidence and charisma. Well, la-de-da, aren’t you lucky? The first part of the month is astrologically Leo people, that probably adds to that.

Let’s just say, you’re special and a delight to know. Your birthstones are peridot, an olive green, sardonyx, a reddish brown with white banding, and spinel, which comes in a variety of colors, including red, blue and pink. The flowers are gladiolus and the poppy. The pretty little poppy symbolizes remembrance and imagination, while the gladiolus represents strength and integrity.

Let’s not forget the moon! The full Sturgeon Moon will peak on Saturday, August 9, but you can start seeing the peaking of the moon on the 8<sup>th</sup> and lasting until the 10<sup>th</sup>. Isn’t that nice the moon considers that we might have a cloudy sky one of those days? It’s named after the giant lake sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain, because that fish was readily caught during the summer and was an important food staple for Native Americans who lived in that region. The sturgeon are not as abundant now as they used to be, mostly because of intense over-fishing, pollution and damage to their habitat. But, they can live up to 150 years, quite a feat for a fish, or any living thing. You probably heard about that turtle in Gibraltar that had her first babies at 97? What a woman!

Have you been following the eagles at Big Bear in California? What a story. The mom and dad, Shadow and Jackie, had two little girls, Gizmo and Sunny in March. Now they finally fledged, that’s their first flight, and are flying all over the place, learning to catch fish in the lake and fly. Eventually, they will find their own nests and not come home. They’ll start their own families and teach them to fly, build a nest and find food, just like their parents, and us! Nature and humans, all the same. With the state of the world, we’re all fixated on the lives of these beautiful eagles, it’s fascinating. My friends from United are all fixated on these captivating flyers. And why not, we are in the flight business. I bet we’d all love to take flight someday and look down at our beautiful world.

We’ve all become friends on this website, with our curiosity about these stunning symbols of American strength; but we all feel bad that someday the kids will fly away and not come back. We’re hoping they visit for the holidays or will show off their babies. Remember years ago, we used to say, ‘How can I fly like an eagle when I work with a bunch of turkeys’? They had T-shirts and signs all over work. Still remember, and we knew who we were talking about, too.

I’m just going to put an “Out of Order” sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

The Northside breakfast had a dozen friends at Rose’s Garden. **Dave Dunham, Charlie Lewis, Jerry Tipperreiter, Ginny Vlach, Paul & Marsha Sealock-Weber, Lynn Hagele, Kathy Cufar, Dona** and her daughter, **Nanette Nefczyk, Deb Jaret, and Jan Gawenda.**

Our ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfields with 14 men, **Bill Durr, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Walt Chornomaz, Boris Spitz, Rich Protsman**, and returnee, **Don Matker**. Our waitress, Ruthie, celebrated her 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary that day. She’s a wonder always remembering everybody’s order every month for at least 15 years. Thanks Ruthie, don’t leave.

The ORDMM foremen that attended in June were **Glenn Hill, Tom Abraham, Sue & Bart Kendall, and Jen Chmieliwicz**, Stan’s daughter, who sat in his seat, keeping us company. We’re so glad she feels comfortable joining us even after Stan has passed away. She’s a very loving lady, having taken care of him for years. Last month, only Tom and Glenn showed up. Maybe July will improve, but all our clubs or groups are having this issue. People are moving closer to family or warmer climates, getting sick, or dying. Can’t help it, being in this lovely age group. At least we’re still here, right?

The IAM 1487 Union had a pizza lunch with 73 people. Everybody has a good time with pizza! Next month will be a Summer Fun Day, Hawaiian Style, plus our White Elephant Sale. Time to get your old, needless treasures together, put one into a non-see thru bag and bring it in. They'll sell it for \$.50 and profits will go to our treasury for incidentals. Lunch will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork, all the extras are provided by the Union. It'll be fun, as always. If you know any union friends that are not members, please bring them along. They can join for \$15.00 and stay for the fun, raffles and the chance to see old coworkers. The best part!

Not sure if you know, but the company doesn't give us a list of the retirees any more, like UAL used to. There aren't very many ways to let new retirees know about the Union and Skyliner clubs. This has to be a word-of-mouth thing, so please, if you have family or friends that would like to come with you to either club, please tell them we exist. For the Skyliners, look in your computer under, [chicagoskyliners.org](http://chicagoskyliners.org), then membership. You can join by check or credit card. Cost is \$10.00 for the year, single or a couples' membership. Without more members, the club will unfortunately, cease to exist. The Skyliner's Christmas Luncheon will be December 9, at The Belvedere Banquets. Invitations will go out in October.

As of Monday, July 7, 2025, the TSA no longer requires passengers to remove their shoes when passing through security checkpoints. For context, this hasn't been necessary for a long time for those with TSA PreCheck. Furthermore, enforcement of this has been inconsistent in recent years, with many non-PreCheck checkpoints not requiring shoes to be removed either. However, this is now an official policy across airports and checkpoints in the United States.

The only exception to this rule is for those who are unable to present a REAL ID, as those passengers are subject to extra screening (REAL ID requirements were finally implemented as of May 2025). Furthermore, if you have to go through secondary security, then you can also of course be asked to remove your shoes.

The May RUPA meeting was held at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin with 56 in attendance. The speaker was Captain Bob McCormack, from ORDFO. He spoke of the flying in the inhospitable Antarctica with all the dangers of flying with ice, snow, crevasses, limited visibility and 'runway clutter'. Even the audience of seasoned pilots were stunned by some of the problems Bob encountered. Better he than me, was the sentiment often heard. A new member was **Joe Bunker**, from Delavan, WI. **John Vanderwest**, who just moved here from the Pacific Northwest. **Jim Kehoe** came up from his home in Mexico, and **Frank & Tammy Korczyk** were returnees from Ocala.

How about Mt. Kilauea on the big island of Hawaii erupting again? Lava is flowing quite heavily. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> time it's erupted since December of 2024. That's a lotta lava. Be careful if you're planning a trip there, it could also affect your flight plan. Can't have lava in an engine. By the way, that beautiful Banyan tree in Lahaina is being pampered and showing great signs of new life in the roots after that terrible fire in 2023. It's getting lots of love every day by the citizens and looks like it might even be smiling.

Just a reminder about scammers! They are still out there, with every clever guise of getting your personal information. Recently, I was told my Tollway account was closing for non payment, also from the DMV for not paying my license. Even getting them from 'friends' asking if I'd get something for them from Amazon with my Pay Pal account for their relative while they're out of town. I blocked them all and warned my real friends that they were hacked. Or maybe 'I' was hacked! We really have to be aware of dishonest people. If you don't know the number on your caller ID, just don't answer. If it's real, they should leave a message. Or even emails, from really big companies, Xfinity, iCloud, asking for credit card info. Look at their email address, it's not from them, it's from strange personal names or a bunch of numbers and letters, with a dot com, that's very phony. One was sent to me from Xfinity, but the address was from, [debbiebennet@virginmail.com](mailto:debbiebennet@virginmail.com). I don't think so ... As my friend **Walt Fink** said, 'If they want you to do something right now, or want immediate payment so you don't lose your account etc, it's normally a scam.' Be wary of sneaky Larry's.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month are **James Krass**, department unknown, **Yolanda Theresa Salcedo** and **Annie Dodson**, ORDCS, **Frances DeFrancesco** and her sister, **Lorraine Lechel**, both worked in ORD Kitchen and Cabin Cleaning; they died within one day of each other. **Patricia Peleschak**, wife of **Bruce**, ORDMM, also **Bob Griep**, and **Bill Carlson**, ORDMM foreman. Also from ORDMM, one of the most colorful mechanics, ever, **Don Mack**. Everybody knew Don for his wide smile, jokes, striking good looks, and his Corvettes. He always had a beautiful Trans Am or his Vettes, until he couldn't slip in and out of them easily. He'll be missed.

Other notable celebrities gone from our world/era, include, actors, Christopher Robinson and Joe Marinelli, (General Hospital), Trent Dolan (Days of our Lives), Chicago-born Michel Madsen (Reservoir Dogs), Lynn Hamilton (Sanford and Son), Julian McMahon (Nip and Tuck), Kenneth Colley (Star Wars), Leonard Lauder, CEO of Estee Lauder, chef Ann Burrell (Food Network), music composers, Lalo Schiffrin (Mission:Impossible),



Mark Snow (The X-Files), personality, Jimmy Swaggart, (evangelist), Bill Moyers, journalist, sports, Dave Parker (HOF baseball player, CVG/PIT/OAK), Ed Mickelson, Cubs, Bobby Jenks, White Sox, businessmen, Frederick Smith, founder of FedEx, Mary Alice Dorrance Malone (heiress to Campbell Soup), singers, Sly Stone, (Sly and the Family Stone), Ron Woodridge (The Searchers), Lou Christie (Rhapsody in the Rain), teen heart-throb, Bobby Sherman, (Julie, Do ya Love me?), and the one and only, Brian Wilson, who kept us dancing and singing in the 50's and 60's, from The Beach Boys.

Prayers go to over 100 people and their families in Texas, who died from the devastating floods. The most affecting us and the country, are the over 20 young children that are missing. A lifetime of tragedy and sorrow for many families. The whole county of Kerr and the state of Texas is in shock. I can't even imagine. As I write this, they are predicting more rain in Central Texas. God bless them all, prayers for strength to get through this.

GO 1<sup>st</sup> Place CUBBIES!!!

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**August 14**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**August 7**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**August 21**). Third Thursday.

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

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

## MICHIGAN



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We had our first luncheon this year, commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DTWRR Escapees on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It was held at Ford's Garage in Novi, Michigan.

Thirteen former employees and guests attended: **Carol Shaffner** and her daughter, Stacey, **Camille Wade**, **Mary Bosch**, **Gloria Alexander**, **Patty Gates**, **Mary Moir**, **Marguerite & Tom Venn**, **Denise Thorsby** and her husband, **Charlene Anderson** and myself.

In memory of **Marie Cook**, founder of our group, and to continue tradition, scratch lottery tickets were given to each attendee. We're happy to say that a couple of the tickets were two-dollar winners but we're sorry, no one walked away with a giant jackpot.

We had fun chatting, looking at old photos and renewing old friendships.

Continue to enjoy the summer. Do let us know what is going on in your life that we can share with our United family.

Thought for the month: *"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."* ~ Henry Ford

Stay where your heart smiles!

## NEBRASKA



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

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The 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 8 members at our May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and 11 members at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Black Bear

Diner. These notes include some comments from the May meeting that John and I did not attend. I want to thank **Kathy Robinson** for stepping in to take notes.

On a sad note, **Mary Withers** passed away on Easter Sunday with her family in attendance. She was a long-time member and really enjoyed helping out in any way she could. **Kathy Robinson** lost her brother **Larry Kelly** on May 31<sup>st</sup> in North Dakota. She had gone to see him shortly before he passed, knowing he was gravely ill; we want to extend our condolences to her and her family.

The lone May birthday is **Bonnie Royle** and the lone June birthday is **June Roe**. The May 50/50 was won by **Marti Dean**, a friend of **Kathy Robinson** and the June 50/50 was won by **Linda Borchers**.

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

## NEW JERSEY

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### *Submitted by Frank Warzocha, The Garden Staters President*

We had a total of 15 members at our luncheon, the heat wave kept some members from coming. When I entered my car for the drive home, the temperature reading was 105 degrees.

Overall, we had a good time talking about the United we knew; Marlene, our newest member, told some stories of her experiences as a customer service supervisor.

Our next luncheon will be on July 30<sup>th</sup>, everyone have a safe July 4<sup>th</sup>!

## NEW YORK

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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

### NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We had a beautiful day for lunch on July 3. Eighteen members gathered, including a new member.

We welcomed **Dave Levine**; he worked in the aircraft maintenance at JFK/LGA. We hope his wife **Amy** will come next month with him.

I forgot to mention last month that **Suzanne Lagasi** finally cleared medical and was able to go back to flying for JetBlue; she was a United employee.

Once again, **Chip Kieronski** joined us with his aunt **Cassie Manelski**.

Happy Anniversary to **MaryAnn & Joe Lilly**, **Helena & Lester Darmstadt**, **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth**.

Birthday wishes go out to **Janet Van Cleemput**, **Richard Holdsworth**, **Desmond Brennan**, **Nick Manfredo**, **Bob Cardenas**, and **Ed Pozzi**.

How many of you remember having Mello Cups and saving the points?  
Till we meet again!

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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There is no report this month from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter of RUAEA.

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.

- ★ Brown Derby – August 6
- ★ 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

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In June, we had 30 in attendance at our monthly luncheon; lots of fun conversations and a few prizes. Surprisingly, no one in attendance had a June anniversary. Birthdays were **Emily Newberry**, **Jerry (Abe) Knott** and **Kent Uhl**. Emily won the birthday drawing. The door prize drawing was won by **Len Blodgett**. Rosalie won the 50/50 drawing. Mr. President Paul was unable to join us as he was on the East Coast. A friend brought **Russell Stinnett** up from Keizer, OR. It was great to see him!

**Jerri Blodgett** continues on her very long journey to recovery after several brain surgeries. Please lift her and her loving, supportive family in your thoughts and prayers.

We were recently notified that **Fred Mustacchia** passed away on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Fred worked in Load Planning at PDX. He passed peacefully in Hospice Care in North Royalton, Ohio.

We were also informed that **Timothy Igoe King**, of Portland, Oregon, died Sunday, June 29, 2025, in Seattle. He spent decades working a union job with United Airlines.

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

- ☺ A bus station is where a bus stops ... A train station is where a train stops ... On my desk, I have a work station ...
- ☺ Hey, I'm sorry I stopped in the middle of that sentence. My brain decided to flush its cache, and I totally forgot what this conversation was about.
- ☺ Being my friend is accepting that sometimes I reply to a text right away and sometimes I look at the text when I'm in the middle of doing something and then forget to respond for 5 days.
- ☺ I thought about going jogging but Proverbs 28:1 says, "The wicked run when no one is chasing him". So there's that.
- ☺ There are two kinds of people – those who pack 10 days in advance before the trip and think through everything, and the ones who wake up the day of the trip and decide to do all their last-minute laundry. And these people invariably marry each other.
- ☺ What if coffee is addicted to me and I'm just the victim? Ever think about that?

- ☺ Doing nothing is so difficult t... I never know when I'm done.
- ☺ I've entered the snapdragon part of my life. Part of me has snapped and the rest of me is draggin ...
- ☺ I used to be able to do anything in one night. Now it takes me a week just to do nothing.
- ☺ First week working at the bicycle factory and they've already made me the spokes person.
- ☺ I'm not saying that I'm old but I just had to increase my font to Billboard!
- ☺ I bought a little bag of air today ... The company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.
- ☺ You're supposed to be doing something else right now, aren't you? Yeah, me too.
- ☺ I wanted to study psychology. But I realized I have more potential as a patient.
- ☺ My grandson is visiting and made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic, so I just changed the Wi-Fi password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.
- ☺ Remember, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your shoes will still fit. Follow me for more life advice.
- ☺ Did you know that if you garden naked, your neighbors will build a privacy fence at no cost to you. Follow me for more tips!
- ☺ I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents because spare parts for old models like ours are no longer in stock.
- ☺ I'm not sure who needs to know this but even if a bear wears shoes and socks, he will still have Bear feet. (groan)
- ☺ My wife was like "why don't you treat me like you first treated me when we started dating?" So I took her to dinner and a movie ... then I dropped her off at her parents' house.
- ☺ I am giving up drinking for a month. Sorry, that came out wrong. I am giving up. Drinking for a month.
- ☺ Two incomes are better than one so make sure your partner has two jobs. Follow me for more financial freedom advice.
- ☺ I used to think that drinking was bad for me ... so I gave up thinking.
- ☺ My wife is singing in the house ... I am standing outside so the neighbors don't think I'm hitting her.
- ☺ I misspelled "I'm unstoppable" and my phone autocorrected to "I'm unstable" and honestly, that's fair.
- ☺ Kid: Grandma would say yes. Mom: Well, it sounds like my mom is cooler than your mom.

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.

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

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



## UTAH

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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

As usual, the Mechanics breakfast is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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#### *Submitted by Carl Alford, President*

We held our Annual Party on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Logan's Roadhouse in Manassas, VA. Our 32 attendees were treated to great food and top-notch service. What everyone enjoyed most, though, was the opportunity to gather and chat with friends on a truly beautiful day.

Our president opened with a moment of silence for a beloved predecessor, **Linda Scriven**. Afterwards, "Linda Stories" were shared with the group and among tablemates. Coincidentally, it was "Make Life Beautiful Day"; Linda certainly lived every day like this, and Carl urged us to follow her example.

Since the Loungers do not formally meet in July and August, we had 21 birthdays to celebrate at this luncheon. Our summer anniversaries were **Henry & Ina Ayres** and **Mary Beth & Bud Collins**. We also recognized the non-officer volunteers who keep things running throughout the year by sending birthday and anniversary cards, keeping notes, taking pictures, distributing raffle and door prize tickets, and sharing items from the IAD Mainliner store. With a sincere "thank you," Carl presented a bottle of wine to each of the following: **Ruth Blackwell; Gunn Chencinski; Eileen Clarke; Mary Beth Collins; Alice Feng; Cheryl MacDonald; Nasreen Mustaqim** and **Sharon Wright**.

In June, we elevate the nature and value of our door and raffle prizes. **Lynda Dunn** was the winner of a fantastic Foot Care Basket. **Judy Dunlap** won a beautiful Skin Care Basket. A real Bonsai Tree was included in the Garden Basket that was won by **Mary Beth Collins**. **Marie Libby** will be enjoying the goodies in the Snack Box that was this month's door prize. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Dawn Ryan** who graciously donated a portion of her winnings back to the chapter.

Having been the only nominee, **Carl Alford** was unanimously elected to lead us for another year. He reminded us of RUAEA's Annual Convention in Denver this fall and encouraged us to join this worthwhile organization.

Our next meeting will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Manassas. As always, we look forward to hearing everyone's stories of summer adventures when we reconvene. Please join us to share your own.



Attached photo is the June party attendees with June/July/August birthdays. (L to R): **Janet Branton, Ina Ayres, Eileen Clarke, Judy Dunlap, Mary Beth Collins, Nasreen Mustaqim, Kate Connelly, Kerrie Schneider, Lynda Dunn, Tom Melgaard, Gloria Runkles, Dutch Schneider, and Harry Rogowitz.**

### NATIONAL



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It's inspiring to see how Clipped Wings chapters across the country are making a tangible difference in their local communities, all while staying true to their primary mission of supporting the National Special Olympics Parent Grants. These dedicated members don't just sit idly by; they're actively improving lives through various philanthropic endeavors.

**Local Chapters, Local Impact** ~ Here are just a few examples of the incredible work being done by Clipped Wings chapters:

- ★ **Atlanta, GA:** Member **Loni Doster**, through collaboration with Soldier's Angels, presented a donated used car to a veteran on a local TV station. This gift was life-changing for the veteran, who previously faced a grueling 15-mile round trip walk to work.

- ★ RSW (Southwest Florida International Airport): This chapter has been a powerhouse of fundraising, contributing to a diverse range of local charities including The Cause Foundation, Fostering Success, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Eva's Closet and Foundation, Valerie's House, and the Alliance for Period Supplies of SW Florida.
- ★ SAN (San Diego International Airport): When the city of San Diego celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the SAN Clipped Wings chapter stepped up to assist the Traveler's Aid Society by helping to staff their information booth at the airport.
- ★ EWB (Newark Liberty International Airport): The EWB chapter is deeply involved in their community, raising money for Mary's Place by the Sea, a vital gathering place for women with cancer. Their "Gift of Life Donor Program" initiative is a true labor of love, with members cooking dinners for the families of organ transplant recipients as they recuperate. Additionally, they generously volunteer their time and talents at various swim meets throughout the year, including the State Games held at The College of New Jersey.
- ★ LAX and ORD are working together in both funding and delivery of gift cards for the families attending the MSP SO in June 2026 to help defray the heavy costs of sending their athletes to the Games. Thank you everyone for all your efforts.

With 27 chapters and nearly a thousand members nationwide, it's clear that good works abound within Clipped Wings' local communities.

**Looking Ahead:** National Special Olympics and Beyond ~ The philanthropic spirit of Clipped Wings continues into the future. Preparations are currently underway for the National Special Olympics in June 2026, which will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Many of our members from across the country will be coming together in The Twin Cities to volunteer in a host of positions from registration, to all things sports and so much more. If you're going to be in the area next June reach out to one of our local chapters to see how you can help us out.

Adding a fun twist to their traditional gatherings, Clipped Wings is also planning a Convention Cruise in September 2026. This 4-day cruise will depart from LAX, sail to Catalina Island and Ensenada, and return to LAX, offering members from across the country a unique opportunity for fun, camaraderie, and a productive business meeting.

It's inspiring to witness the ongoing dedication of Clipped Wings members as they continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

Please remember to check us out at:

- Facebook Clipped Wings® Chat Corner
- **unitedclippedwingsinc.org**, Crew Lounge **unitedwings.org**
- Business Facebook: United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendant, Inc.
- Instagram: **clippedwingsual** is our "handle." Contact **Linda Mitchell**.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Judith Cafferky, Maple Park, IL  
 Susan Deshetler, Dublin, OH  
 Sandra Dillon, Naples, FL  
 Lynn Miller, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Gayle Nevins, Santa Fe, NM

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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## OBITUARIES

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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

Please note that the obituary for **Ronald G. Robertson** is a reprint from the July issue with corrections:

- Retiree – **Carlson, William J.**, on 6/15/2025, ORDMM, husband of Caroline (Barbeau) Carlson, father of two children, Robert Carlson and Cathy (Douglas) Solway; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, 701 Parkside Circle, Streamwood, IL 60107
- Retiree – **Kilian, Alcuin F.**, on 5/3/2025, MSPOZ, husband of Mary Ann Kilian (deceased), father of Janet Ost, Janet's address: 16991 Claycross Way, Eden Prairie, MN 55346
- Retiree – **Mack, Donald D.**, on 6/25/2025, ORDMM, father of Dean and Alan Mack, 1331 Summersweet Ln., Bartlett, IL 60103
- Spouse – **Pochop, Peggy Jo (Gerster)**, on 2/23/2025, wife of Allan O. Pochop, SFOCE, 119 Carlsbad Circle, Vacaville, CA 95687
- Retiree – **Robertson, Ronald G.**, on 5/8/2025, City Manager, SMF, husband of Shirley Robertson; father of Rhonda Watts of Woodinville, WA and Rick Robertson of Bellevue, WA. 62042 E. Amberwood Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739



## Letters & Notes



We appreciate your letters & notes. Please keep them coming. Send them to:  
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### **WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Jean L. Cali, Julie Felix, Charlotte Flagg, A. J. Gburek, Jay M. Hartough, Raymond Klapatauskas, Eddy Lara, Janet Lockhart, Richard Papp, Alice June Roe, Frank Ruiz, Josephine R. Sanders, Charles S. Stahl, and Connie Staton.

### **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.)*

#### **Theresa Butkus, 3968 Newport Way, Arlington Hts, IL 60004**

Keep up the good information, especially the Travel Section for retirees by **Kathie Torgison**.

#### **Irma Anatasio, Front Street, Unit B189, Castle Rock, CO 80104**

I'm enclosing a replacement check for the one stolen by the cyber criminal. I took a ride to the Training Center, hoping to give you information regarding the person who is targeting people on UAL website. Letters I have sent to the Corporate Office of UAL via FedEx are being intercepted. The person doing this is a former United employee. No doubt he was terminated from UAL and is probably trying to get even. He targeted not only retirees but also United customers.

Check out the website 'Live and Let Fly', where UAL customers have written in claiming they have been scammed. Even my doctor was scammed of \$50,000.

I'm sending my Newsletter to my sister who is coming to the Reunion in September.

### **Notes**

**Jane Roberts**



I retired in 2003. At first, I flew a lot on passes and discounted flights but since Covid, I have not flown at all. I would like to start traveling on United again, but feel rusty on the procedures. Also, I would like to get in touch with some retired flight attendants.

**Dixon Sturtevant**

After many retired years, my wife and I would like to try standby flying. We are looking to this group to provide informed suggestions and hints.

**Judy Page**

I'm preparing for the Reunion in September! I had a lot of fun in San Diego last year!

**Jo Ann W. Jody Hubbard**

Being retired longer than I worked for United is sobering; how did I get here so fast? Whenever I drive out to DIA, get inside the Terminal and then on the concourses, it feels like I just left yesterday with the exception that I don't see anyone I know. I'm thankful for the 20UAdiscount which seems like the only benefit from my retirement. I haven't attempted to fly standby for years. I have said I would have a better chance doing standby for a baggage cart than for a flight.

I'm thankful for all of the wonderful memories my years with United provided and especially cherish the memory of the great folks I had the privilege to work with over the years. Prior to working for United, I worked for Northwest Orient Airlines.

**Geraldine R. Adams**

We have enjoyed reading the newsletter and keeping up with the world of UAL. We continue to enjoy living in St. Pete Beach, Florida and have fully recovered from the storms of 2024. We hope that the hurricane season of 2025 will be kinder to our area.

**Lorraine Barbara Butow**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that we are moving to Virginia.

**DON'T MISS IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

# The Contact Column



## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

## **Employee Travel Center**

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

## **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

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

## **Insurance Questions-see number on back of your insurance card**

**PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

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(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

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(M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)

Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount
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**2025 RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA Reunion Registration Form**  
**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025\***  
**\*The deadline for Reunion Registration is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

File Number	Check if Member Of					Retired From: Department & Domicile		
	<input type="checkbox"/> RUAEA	<input type="checkbox"/> RUPA	<input type="checkbox"/> ARECA	<input type="checkbox"/> CW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Last Name:		First Name:			Name Tag: (If Different)			
Street Address:					Are You a Veteran?		Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
City:		State:		Zip:	Phone:			
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Email address (to be used for receiving Reunion updates or Tour information changes)								
Would you like your email address or cell published in the Reunion Directory?						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Enter email address:					Cell phone:			

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **File Number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. There will be sign-up sheet for banquet seating. Each table seats 10 people.

Date – 2025		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> ***Fee Required for each Attendee***					<b>\$18.00</b>	\$
	Colorado Country Night				\$40.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
	Lemon Pepper Chicken				\$70.00	\$
	Braised Beef Short Ribs				\$70.00	\$
	Vegetarian Option				\$70.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**See Registration Form Page 2 (C-10) for information on how to  
register and pay for the 2025 Reunion.**

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### Tour Registration

Date – 2025	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Sunday, Sept. 28	Denver City Tour	1	40.00				
Monday, Sept. 29	Foothills Tour	2	70.00				
Wed., Oct. 1	Flight Training Center (Suggested Donation)	3	20.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-9</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE REUNION</b>							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE REUNION DIRECTORY,  
YOU MUST REGISTER BY  
September 15, 2025**

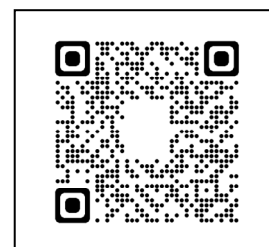
Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.

**You can register and pay for the Reunion by the following two methods:**

**1. Register and pay online with Credit Card at <https://ruaea.org/reunion> or use attached QR Code.**

**2. Make Check Payable to: 2025 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:  
**2025 RUAEA Convention, c/o Shirley Claggett,  
1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198.  
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**D** ENTK A/V Department ~ The event actually happened to an "Overseas National Airlines" flight. The graphic was created by the DENTK A/V Department to be taped by the Video Department for Classroom Training. – One "close-up" had the Captain swimming to the (accidentally detached) Slide Raft. – One showed a Flight Attendant assisting Passengers onto the Slide Raft - One showed a Passenger clinging to a Tire. Another had Passengers on the Wing, with no Slide Raft.



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