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## *Honoring Centenarian Charlotte Puryear* *By Sharon Simonton*

**W**hat a wonderful celebration we had for one of our Northstater's member, **Charlotte Puryear**. Yes, it was Charlotte's 100 year old birthday on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The sun was shining, no smoke in the air. We had to social distance but everyone wanted to make sure Charlotte had a special day. First, at 11:00 AM, **Sharon Simonton** had planned a birthday parade of cars. Some of Charlotte's friends, the Northstater group and the Chico Model A's, all decorated their cars with signs and decorations in honor of her day. **Nancy Kraemer** from the Chico Model A's group made wonderful signs for the cars.



Charlotte resides at a retirement community, Sycamore Glen in Chico, and as she waited outside for her surprise, the parade of cars, horns, and well wishers, sent her wonderful happy birthday messages as they drove by. After that, Sharon had hired a wonderful singing duo, The Bidwells, to serenade Charlotte with some 40's songs as well as some other favorites. Everyone joined in to watch and clap along with the music and Charlotte had a wonderful smile on her face.

Of course we all sang her Happy Birthday. Her special friend, **Joan Dresser**, handed out individual cupcakes, with flowers on her table and even a crown for this event. Sycamore Glen allowed us to have a small group join with her in a lunch celebration outside in the patio where the staff presented Charlotte with a beautiful birthday cake.

All in all, I think it was a special day for her. Some of our long distance members such as **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** from Sacramento, as well as the RUAEA Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt** from Auburn, California joined in the fun. Thanks to all who helped make her celebration so special.

I would like to tell you a little bit about Charlotte. Charlotte's first job was at Mare Island Supply Dept. in California as a typist clerk in October of 1941. Her husband went to work for United at San Francisco

Maintenance Base. Due to advice from her doctor not to commute, Charlotte moved to San Francisco to be with her husband. She then went to work at Hammond Aircraft in a defense job and then worked at other jobs with Western Pipe, Standard Oil and Union Oil. Her husband came home from Air Transport Command and Charlotte quit working until November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1949 when she joined the United family. She started at SFOGA, located at the Maintenance Base, where she worked until she retired February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983. She worked as a file clerk, accounting clerk, accountant, and then became a timekeeper in payroll. She also helped cover the cashier cage.

Since retirement, Charlotte moved to Paradise, California. A few years later she was at Feather Canyon Retirement Home and then moved again to a retirement home, Atria, in Paradise. In 2018, Charlotte was displaced in the Camp Fire, and evacuated in a bus with other people with just a sweater and clothes on her back. She was taken to Sacramento, put up in a hotel until her nephew from Redding came to take her to his home in Redding. She then stayed at a retirement home in Redding but wanted to come back to Chico. She moved again and now resides in Chico. In the last 3 years, nothing has stopped this beautiful lady from going forward. She has a lovely apartment, resides without any live in help, and see her friends downstairs in the dining area for meals 3 times a day until COVID 19 started. She so looks forward to again seeing her family and friends who love to come and have lunch with her. Her spirit is always positive and she is smart and funny. Thank you to Charlotte for showing us what 100 years can be. Her only question was, "*How will we celebrate my 101<sup>st</sup> birthday?*" ■

# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,  
I'm sorry for not sending the President's letters every month. We certainly have had a very interesting year so far. Between the Corona virus and politics, it's been very tense to say the least. I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

I want to thank **Tom Cunningham** and **Bill Corbett** for all their work and help with RUAEA and all the inner workings of our organization.

I have stayed in contact with UAL about our insurance, pass travel and state of the airline in general. All seem to be OK for now and everything is still as it should be. But, I will stay in touch with them and you.

Hopefully we will be able to start our breakfast and lunch get-togethers soon.

Please let the board know if you have any concerns and we will do our best to help you with them.

Thank you to all the board members and you for being the best retiree group we could ask for.

Don Burbank  
RUAEA President

### RUAEA welcomes new board members

RUAEA welcomes two members who have volunteered to fill vacant positions. **Cleora Conner** is now RUAEA Auditor. **Marji Gabert-Milam** is now RUAEA Regional Director for the Mountain region. We thank both of them for accepting these positions and asked them to tell us about themselves.

**Cleora Conner, RUAEA Auditor** ~ Cleora is one of RUAEA's persons behind the scenes. You may not be aware of the work she does for us as Auditor. She also is the RUAEA Newsletter Correspondent for the Denver Mile Highers. She tells us about herself.

**Cleora Conner** was born and raised in Loveland, CO. Her career was in accounting and banking with 2 management positions in a cash office of a large company and a music store. She was involved with many audits in both banking and businesses. She and her husband Rich live in Johnstown, CO and enjoy time with her sons family, church and friends.

**Marji Gabert-Milam, Mountain Regional Director** and **RUAEA Newsletter Correspondent** for the Sacramento Gold Diggers, tells us about herself.

I spent my childhood as a Navy brat living in many cities on the West Coast and Pacific including Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Living in many cities must have spurred my love of travel and wanderlust, making me seek a career in the travel industry. I was hired at a travel agency in Dallas as a sales rep calling on corporate accounts and was very successful. The sales department at Texas International Airlines took notice and my career started in 1978 with Texas International Airlines, or as the joke went "Texas' threat to aviation".

Texas International purchased Continental and then the mergers started; Frontier, Eastern, People Express and New York Air, and it was off to the races. These mergers gave me the opportunity to work and have exposure to many different departments within the combined Continental system. I was the CO General Manager in SMF starting in 2000 and ended my career at the merger with United, where I retired after 34 years.

I love to travel, and experience new cultures, as it's in my bones. I've traveled to many countries and will continue to do so as long as my aging body will hold out. My dream is to rent a house in central Europe and use it as a base, so that I can travel to many more cities from there.

My children and grandchildren are very important to me and I try to visit with them as often as possible. I help my siblings with taking care of my 93-year-old mother as well. She can be a pistol.

I am currently involved with RUAEA as Secretary, Sacramento Gold Diggers Chapter and am the newsletter correspondent. Also, I volunteer as Server at Casa Gardens Restaurant which funds the Sacramento Children's Home.

### Another Scam Warning

Attention RUAEA members! We have mentioned this several times before but scammers are still trying to get your money. They are very persistent and will not give up apparently.

Remember, **Don Burbank** will never ask you for money, gift cards, any kind of financial assistance. If you receive an email requesting any financial help, do not send any. It is not **Don Burbank**, even if the email appears to come from him. Remember it is a scam! So far, all the emails have been targeting **Don Burbank**, our president. However, if you receive a request for money, gift cards or any kind of financial assistance, supposedly from any of the RUAEA board members, it is a scam.



## **Recognition of Tom Cunningham and Bill Corbett**

An important part of the RUAEA annual convention is the President presenting outgoing board members with a Certificate of Achievement. Of course, due to COVID 19 and the cancellation of the convention this was not possible. **Don Burbank** had to use Plan B and mail the Certificates of Achievement and an accompanying letter to former Executive Vice President, **Tom Cunningham** and former Vice President of Conventions, **Bill Corbett**. On behalf of all RUAEA members, we thank these gentlemen for their years of dedicated service and share with you the letters sent to them acknowledging their contributions to our organization.

Dear Tom,

*Enclosed you will find your Certificate of Achievement. How I wish we were presenting this to you in the business meeting during our annual convention in the presence of the membership. Unfortunately, during these unusual times that just could not happen.*

*On behalf of everyone at RUAEA, I want to thank you for your many contributions and dedication to our organization. The support of your chapters as a Director and suggestions as Executive VP helped to fulfill our goal of communication with and assisting our retirees.*

*Stay safe, stay healthy and we will look forward to seeing you and Barbara at our next convention in 2021.*

*Cordially yours,  
Don Burbank*

Dear Bill,

*Enclosed you will find your Certificate of Achievement. How I wish we were presenting this to you in the business meeting during our annual convention in the presence of the membership. Unfortunately, during these unusual times that just could not happen.*

*On behalf of everyone at RUAEA I want to thank you for your many contributions and dedication to our organization. Coordinating a successful convention is a very demanding job and required many hours and attention to so many details. In addition, there are always the last minute unexpected issues that must be handled quickly and efficiently. Thank you for a job well done.*

*Stay safe, stay healthy and we will look forward to seeing you and Kathy at our next convention in 2021.*

*Cordially yours,  
Don Burbank*

## **Missing Your Newsletter?**

The Denver office is the only place where extra copies of the newsletter are kept. It is staffed by volunteers and, therefore has no specific office hours. Direct any requests or questions to the Denver office by email – [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by phone – (303)780-5022.

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helps us), file number and phone number so we can contact you with any questions. State the reason for your call. Note: Your file number is very important, please include it with any correspondence, including when you pay your dues-write it on your check.

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Tips for staying healthy during the Holidays.

- 1) Staying Hydrated ~ Not drinking enough water could cause hospitalizations especially during the winter months. To make it easier to stay hydrated, have water easily accessible at home and keep water bottles filled before heading out running errands.
- 2) Make healthy choices ~ The Holidays are tempting with homemade snacks that are typically filled with sugar and loaded with calories. Don't overindulge; try smaller portions or maybe start with a salad.
- 3) Drink in moderation ~ Alcohol can impair functions and with certain medications, can have adverse side effects. Please celebrate the Holidays mindfully.
- 4) Keep exercising ~ Try and stick to an exercise schedule, even if it's walking in place, yoga, chair exercises or squats. These activities will keep the blood flowing even on a snowy day.
- 5) Rest after traveling ~ For some of us, the Holidays are sometimes stressful and especially after traveling. You might consider resting a bit after arriving at your destination or maybe take a nap before the festive event starts.

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**New York implements guidelines  
to test out of quarantine  
November 2, 2020**



Recently, the state of New York announced guidelines that will take effect beginning Wednesday, November 4, for out-of-state visitors to test out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine for COVID-19. Re-

member that as essential workers, United employees are exempt from the quarantine, but customers may have questions about how this affects them. The state of New Jersey, home to EWR, has not implemented similar guidelines.

Travelers from New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory; however, covered travelers must continue to fill out the Traveler Health Form. If a traveler's test comes back positive, local health departments will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing. In addition, previous guidance on international quarantines remains in effect.

**United launches world's first free transatlantic  
COVID-19 testing pilot  
October 29, 2020**

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we announced the world's first free transatlantic COVID-19 testing pilot program for customers. From November 16 through December 11, we will offer rapid tests to every customer over two years old and crew members on board select flights from EWR to LHR (London Heathrow), free of charge. Anyone who does not wish to be tested will be placed on another flight, guaranteeing everyone on board other than children under two will have tested negative before departure. The test will be given to passengers traveling on United Flight 14, departing at 7:15 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. At this time, we are limiting this offering to our revenue passengers in an attempt to make sure we can properly plan for and provide adequate testing capabilities for same-day testing. Employees or their eligible pass riders who wish to travel positive-space or space-available, including jumpseat travel, to LHR should ensure they select eastbound flights from/through IAD, ORD, or SFO during the pilot program, or travel on a non-testing day. EmployeeRES and the United app will prohibit booking of these flights. MyUAdiscount tickets will be allowed during this time, as they are revenue tickets.

*"We believe the ability to provide fast, same-day COVID-19 testing will play a vital role in safely reopening travel around the world and navigating quarantines and travel restrictions, particularly to key international destinations like London,"* said Chief Customer Officer and SVP Toby Enqvist. *"Through this pilot program,*

*we'll guarantee that essentially everyone on board has tested negative for COVID-19, adding another element to our layered approach to safety. United will continue to lead on testing, while at the same time exploring new solutions that contribute to the safest travel experience possible."*

We will share customer feedback of this pilot program with governments on both sides of the Atlantic to further demonstrate the effectiveness of these programs as an alternative to mandatory quarantines or duplicative travel restrictions. The rapid molecular Abbott ID Now COVID-19 test will be administered by Premise Health. Appointments for the test are required, and customers are advised to schedule their tests at least three hours before their flight. An on-site testing facility will be located at the Newark United Club near Gate C93.

As we continue to learn more and expand our testing capabilities, we hope to be able to offer similar services to our employees. Employees and their eligible pass riders traveling to LHR should seek alternate routing during this limited test.

We were the first airline to announce optional pre-flight COVID-19 testing for customers. Earlier this month, we started offering customers traveling from SFO to Hawaii the option to take a same-day, pre-flight rapid test at the airport or a conveniently located drive-through test, for a fee. The program allows customers with a negative result to bypass Hawaii's mandatory quarantine requirements and enjoy their time on the islands sooner. In the first 10 days, October 15-25, the SFO to Hawaii flights have seen a nearly 95% increase in passengers compared to the prior two-week period. We believe this positive trend illustrates a strong and pent-up demand for travel, customers' willingness to use pre-flight COVID-19 testing and the importance of these programs as a means of opening borders.

And just last week, we participated in a successful test program between EWR and LHR of CommonPass, a digital health pass, aimed at enabling safer travel and the re-opening of international borders. Customers who chose to participate in the program were able to seamlessly provide their COVID-19 test results to relevant governments.

**New Harvard study shows risk of inflight  
COVID transmission very low  
October 27, 2020**



Researchers from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health have found that wearing masks along with diligent cleaning protocols, physical distancing during boarding and deplaning, and advanced ventilation and filtration systems on aircrafts offer significant protection from acquiring COVID-19 through air travel.

This week, the Harvard National Preparedness Leadership Initiative released a new study that assessed the risk of COVID-19 transmission during a passenger's travel journey from gate to gate. The results show that the measures United and other airlines have implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19 during air travel, such as wearing a face covering, cleaning practices and HEPA filters are effective.

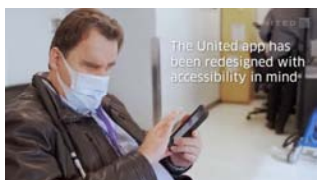
During testing, researchers looked at the effectiveness of various non-pharmaceutical interventions, including onboard ventilation, face masks, social distancing protocols, disinfection of high-touch surfaces and passenger attestations that they do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Each of these layers adds additional protection. The efficient HEPA filters remove more than 99% of particles the size of viruses and refresh the air every 2-3 minutes.

Researchers in the report also recommended that airlines use the ventilation systems continuously inflight and on the ground to further reduce the risk – United is currently doing so.

Finally, the research shows that, when passengers and employees provide health attestations to confirm they are symptom free, that helps mitigate the risk of exposure, in addition to awareness and education campaigns to inform the public about ways they can help minimize risky interactions with other people.

They found that this multi-layered approach actually makes air travel “substantially safer than routine activities people undertake during these times,” like grocery shopping or eating out. In addition, the study references the research findings from the U.S. Department of Defense study on cabin air flow that was conducted on our aircraft.

### **Making our app more accessible** **October 28, 2020**



We're proud to launch a redesigned version of our United app to make it easier for customers with visual disabilities to manage all aspects of day-of travel, including check-in, viewing reservation details and flight status, bag tracking and more.

This latest version of our app is now available to both Android and iOS users, and it offers increased color contrast and more space between graphics. We've also reorganized how information is displayed and announced to better integrate with screen reader technologies like VoiceOver and TalkBack, which are built into most handheld devices. By restructuring the way information is organized on the app, screen readers are better able to convert text to audio in a proper, logical sequence, allowing customers to better understand and navigate our content.

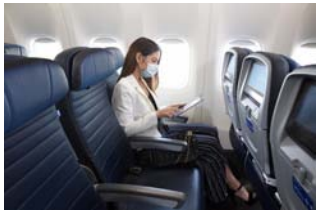
*“The parts of the travel experience that we all take for granted like checking luggage, getting your flight status and accessing a boarding pass can still be a challenge for*

*someone with a visual disability,”* said EVP and Chief Digital Officer Linda Jojo. *“These new accessibility enhancements are part of our continuing commitment to level the playing field, unlock all the customer benefits of our app and give people with disabilities more independence while traveling.”* Senior Accessibility Analyst Ray Campbell is a member of our Digital team who's visually impaired and sits on the board of the American Council of the Blind. He played a key role in helping us redesign the app. *“Optimizing mobile apps for tools such as VoiceOver and TalkBack has been a game changer, allowing people with visual disabilities to fully utilize smartphone technology in their daily lives,”* said Ray. *“It's just as important for someone with a visual disability to easily access day-of-travel information and features as for any other customer. Improving the accessibility of the United app, helps us truly live out United's mission of caring for all customers.”* Our redesigned app includes other enhancements:

- ★ A new back-end platform will that makes the app even faster and more responsive while improving our efficiency when making future app updates.
- ★ Enhanced, personalized day-of-travel experience is now available to all users, not just MileagePlus members. This will allow all users to see a contextualized home screen starting 48 hours before their flight which provides dynamic updates based on where a customer is in their travel journey.
- ★ Redesigned the “My account” section of the app to enable MileagePlus members to easily check balances, track Premier progress, explore MileagePlus benefits, access past activity and more, all in one place.
- ★ New colors are consistent with the refreshed branding colors we debuted last year. The design adjustments make things more consistent and easier to find, like always using a purple bar to highlight the main call-to-action on a page and ensuring alerts and flight status icons appear the same way in every page on the app.
- ★ Tweaked navigation to make the app more intuitive, including making the bottom navigation persistent throughout the app. As an added example, we reorganized the “More” menu, and it now contains the “Inbox” feature, which includes timely messages about boarding announcements, gate changes and other travel updates.

### **Contactless payment on board coming soon** **October 30, 2020**

Safety continues to be our absolute top priority as a company, and we're doing everything we can to keep both our employees and customers safe. We've already done so much to provide industry-leading cleanliness through our United CleanPlus program, including introducing touchless technology, implementing new cleaning procedures, mandating masks for customers and employees, and



more. As part of our latest safety initiatives, we will begin testing a contactless payment method as we reintroduce our Choice Menu on select flights. This new innovation was fueled by feedback from many employees and our customers, and we followed guidance from our partners at the Cleveland Clinic to design a new process for accepting payment on board – with no need for contact!

The new process will allow customers to store their credit card information in advance or inflight, eliminating the need to swipe credit cards and making the process safer and more convenient.

We'll begin to test the new process on select flights from DEN next month.

And more to come ...

We've also heard feedback about additional onboard offerings, like improvements to domestic first-class sandwiches and Polaris pre-arrival meals, and increasing beverage provisions as load factors grow. Our Catering Operations team is working hard to implement additional offerings while following the latest food service procedures and guidelines from health professionals. Stay tuned for more onboard catering changes coming soon!

### So Simple From Sheryl



I have been looking for a Christmas recipe, but most everything I find has been used in many family homes over the years.

Then I decided that maybe something new would be a lovely muffin served with either breakfast or brunch. I hope that many of you will be able to celebrate with your

families. We have pretty much self-quarantined so we will have to see what the world looks like through our masks in December. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happier, healthier 2021.

#### Muffins for Christmas:

In a large bowl, mix 2 cups all bran cereal, 2 cups quick oats, 2 cups shredded wheat.

Pour 2 cups boiling water over mixture. Do not stir, set aside.

In another large bowl, cream 1 cup shortening, 2½ cups sugar, 4 beaten eggs, 1 quart buttermilk, 5 cups flour, 5 teaspoons baking soda, 1 tablespoon salt. I add raisins, but they are optional.

Add cereal mixture and place in closed Tupperware in refrigerator until ready to use. Do not freeze. Mixture may be kept in refrigerator for 3 weeks.

When ready to use, spoon into greased muffin pans.

Bake 20 minutes at 400 . The muffins are good both hot and cold.

This recipe makes a large batch so some time I only make half the batter. Hope you enjoy these delicious muffins.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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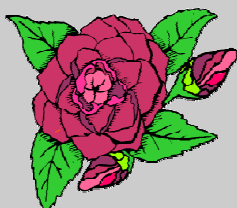
# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

**George Atteberry**, the correspondent for the Gulf Coast chapter has moved to Indiana. The newsletter staff thanks George for his monthly reports. As George is no longer available to write, we hope there is a Gulf Coast member who will volunteer to take over the correspondent position. Please contact the Gulf Coast President or the RUAEA newsletter, [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net).



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Due to the virus, our Birmingham chapter will not meet again until possibly the second Monday in December. We wish all of you good health and look forward to meeting again.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.



## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.



### PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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The Holidays are coming up real soon, but I wonder whether they will be celebrated in the same way this year as they have been in the past. Normally there are a lot of parties and all kinds of activities to attend, but this pandemic has caused a lot of changes to occur. Our Re-United annual Christmas Luncheon has been canceled this year, as has been our normal monthly breakfasts and luncheons. We do miss seeing our friends from our Re-United Chapter. We love visiting and catching up what our members are up to, which members have been ill or passed away, what trips they are planning, if any; what fun things we can do as a group, keeping informed about things with United Air Lines, and of course, listening to our President, **Shirley Claggett**, and her corny jokes! We all like to eat and enjoy being served. Everything is so different now. Don't know how things are going to end up.

I asked our members to fill me in with what's happening in their lives, since we haven't met since last March, so I can pass it on for others to read, and also this helps me fill in my monthly RUAEA Newsletter. So here goes with a couple I heard from:

**Sandi Fowler & Mark Martin** said, "We are happy to say, we finally made our move to AZ permanently in August; the hottest month of the year. We made it thru all those days over 100 this year and are still happy to now reside in Sun Tan Valley. We also moved Sandi's mother here from Illinois and she spent the last 4 months of her 92 years happily relaxing in the warm summer days. She loved it here. Sadly she passed away October

25. *We're so glad she was living with us and we were able to be with her till the end. She was the wife of UAL retiree, deceased, **Ken Goetz**, the senior photographer. They are once again together again in the arms of God. Meanwhile, we're fixing up our new home and getting a lot done I might say, as the virus has keep us at home.*

*One other item to report is another member of our chapter, **Darlene Foster**, my best friend who also moved from Illinois, has passed away October 27. It has been a rough month."*


**Cindy Hilsabeck** said, *"It has been six months since **Ferrol** died and I have been safe at home and well. I do wear a good mask everywhere I go. It was my hope to have a Celebration of Life for Ferrol before now, but hope to have it in 2021. I will set the date and let you know. Thanks for your effort to get our news together."*

Just received my November RUAEA Newsletter, and right away read on the front cover, the article written by **Charles Bogert** on Remembering 9/11, his comments on reflecting back to his thoughts of that day and remembering the "Airline" family we lost. Well worth the read!

Also, **Kathie Torgison**, "Torgy's Travel Tips on Cruises, All-Inclusives and Trusted Traveler Programs". Her comments about the availability of good, helpful information to check is [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). The Destination Travel Guide allows you to filter and view Covid-19 travel restrictions by destination and also checking Map Search regarding locations which helps you check some get-away locations you may be thinking about.

We have Birthdays in December for the following members: **Jim Brigante, Ginny Rockenhauser, Doreen Cloud, Sandi Fowler, Irma Furtney, JoAnn Fearing** and **Peggy Snowdall**. Happy Birthday to you all! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in December: **John & JoAnne Griffin** and **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier**. Congratulations go out to each couple!:

Stay well, wear your masks, and keep in touch with your Re-United friends!



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA




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The Northstaters' RUAEA newsletter correspondent, **Sharon Simonton**, wrote an excellent article on **Charlotte Puryear** and the celebration of Charlotte's one-hundredth birthday. The Newsletter staff decided to place the article on this Newsletter Front Cover so more members will read and enjoy it. We don't very often get to have a centenarian report in the newsletter. We wish Charlotte a very happy birthday and thank Sharon for writing about it.

### Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD



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We will finally get the election and propositions over with in this edition of the Newsletter. Being quarantined all this time, my wife and I are staying in so I'm forced to watch TV from time to time. I find myself getting tired of all the commercials and I holler at the TV with all the unpleasant things the networks think is entertainment. I do use the computer more and I can watch what I want and eliminate any commercials. I think the networks have captive listeners so they pile on all these commercials.

With all my free time, I was scrolling through the Internet and opened up "YouTube". I came across a



documentary on Capital Airlines when it was first formed. I remember quite a bit of it but I was most interested in a section about Pellston, Michigan. Around 1955, I went with the Ground Radio mechanic to check radio stations in Muskegon, Traverse City, and Pellston; all in Michigan. These were all stops that Capital made at that time. In this documentary, it showed a pet deer that met the planes in Pellston. It was abandoned as a baby fawn when a Capital mechanic found it. He cared for it until it was old enough to live on its own but it would still comeback when the mechanic called it. Capital and the Air Force shared the airport. When a Capital plane arrived, this deer was the first to greet it. When the door was open, there were times the deer would get in the cabin before the passengers were let out. He was tame enough that he let anyone pet him. I was told that when the terminal building's door was open, at times, this deer would go inside and sleep on one of the couches. I remember that the LIFE magazine covered the story about this deer. So I got to see and pet him at that time since he was so friendly to everyone. I'm not sure how long after this visit that the deer was killed by two Air Force pilots. When the Commanding Officer found out who did it, I heard that he had them shipped to Alaska somewhere for good.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy Thanksgiving as difficult as it might be. So in closing, I'll add this ... *What did baby corn say to mama corn? Where's pop-corn?*




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Well, again we are still in a virtual lockdown. The Sunbirds have cancelled all monthly Luncheons through November. We are still hoping we will be able to meet in December, but that Luncheon may end up with the same fate as most of the others this year.

Every year, at Christmas time, the Sunbirds (at our Christmas Luncheon) have a tradition of collecting gifts for children of the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. **Carole Paquin** has been the leader and force behind this program for many years, but Carole has not been in good health recently, so we hope that either Carole will get better, or that someone will volunteer. I have a feeling that our President, Tom, will get right on top of this, and somehow it will get done. Going back a couple of sentences, we hope Carole gets better ... **period!**

Next month, I will relate a "Work" story I experi-

enced (in the 60's I believe). I can't use all my good "stuff" in one report, so you will just have to be patient for the next issue. Happy Thanksgiving to all who read this, and ... be safe out there!



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA land from the San Francisco East Bay! As I write this, it hasn't totally hit me yet that it's November already, and that the holiday season will soon be here. I've almost written October vs. November on several cards but, thankfully, caught myself just in time!

My dog Bijou and I are still adjusting to the switch back to Standard Time. I generally do my gardening in the afternoon and I miss the extra hour of daylight later in the day. Animals have an incredibly accurate internal clock and they know exactly when important things like meals, treats, walks and their people coming home should happen. It takes me at least two weeks every fall to get Bijou's internal clock switched to Standard Time. Bijou gets dinner around 5:30 and evening treats at 8 PM. She comes to me within about five minutes of those times to let me know "It's Time". She starts whining and giving me "The Look" at 4:30 and 7 PM and I gradually move the time farther back each day until she is back on schedule. In the interim, I'm sure she thinks I'm the dumbest human on earth for not knowing what she wants.

I played Roving Reporter again and called a few members. I asked them to share some happy news with me. **Tom Johnson**, without a doubt, has the best news I've heard all year! He was diagnosed with cancer of the tongue last year, and has since undergone 6 chemo treatments and 35 radiation treatments on his neck. He was on a liquid diet from January to about mid-March because he couldn't swallow. In June, he had three scans, from his head to his knees, and he was pronounced cancer free! Hooray! Tom says he's now about 95% recovered and his next follow-up scan will be in December. He wants everyone to know that the care he received at UCSF was excellent, and that he was also very pleased with the Aetna Medicare Supplemental insurance he has through UAL.

**Russ & Glenda Kennedy** have been keeping busy. Russ has been busy in the yard, trimming trees and removing a big bush. Their son recently moved and he and his wife lived in a hotel for five weeks in between the

closing of the old and new houses. Their two oldest children, ages 10 and 7, went to live with her parents for that time, and Russ & Glenda had the youngest boy, almost three years old. They thoroughly enjoyed having him and “hearing the pitter patter of little feet” around the house. Something tells me Grandma and Grandpa spoiled little Hayden rotten, because Glenda said he never once got homesick or asked why he was at their house. The only family member not thrilled with the arrangement was Peanut, their Chihuahua. After dinner, he is used to spending the evening in Glenda’s lap, and did not like his spot being usurped by Hayden!

**Russ Kennedy** has been a docent at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA for five years. The museum had been closed since mid-March due to Covid-19, but reopened on October 24 when Contra Costa County allowed certain facilities to reopen. The museum is most well-known for its automobile exhibit, but there are several other excellent exhibits that are a must see:

1. “The Spirit of the Old West”: Explore the most prolific time of change in American History through stores of Westward Expansion from the mid-1700’s through the early 1900’s.
2. “Into China”: Exceptional reproductions and fine works of art from China.
3. “Art of Africa”: Explore priceless works of art and beautifully crafted cultural artifacts of sub-Saharan communities.
4. “World of Nature”: Get up close and personal with over 600 species of diverse animals from around the world.

Open Saturday and Sunday only, 10 AM to 5 PM. Must reserve tickets online prior to arrival. Adults \$15, Seniors, Students and Retired Military \$10. Children and Active Military free. For complete info, see [www.blackhawkmuseum.org](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org).

Once again, **Ken Price**, our resident storyteller, has a memory to share with us: What is Skydrol? Aircraft Hydraulic Fluid. Where do you get it in the middle of the Pacific Ocean? United Air Lines in Honolulu.

During the Vietnam War, Travis Air Force Base, located about 50 miles northeast of San Francisco, was a major departure point to support the war effort. The military airlift capacity was limited so various airlines were contracted to help in the supply effort. Many of these airlines were customers of United Air Lines Maintenance Services flying DC-8-63’s. Good old Seaboard World Airlines was one of them and had several aircraft dedicated to full time flying out of Travis AFB.

One of SWA’s DC-8’s was returning to Travis and stopped in Honolulu as the aircraft hydraulic system was low on fluid. The SWA Rep had already consumed the Fly Away Kit’s spare fluid so he went to UAL and asked to buy some. Good old United sold him several gallons and the plane was on its way.

United charged \$75.00 a gallon for the fluid and

when the invoice arrived at SWA’s finance department, they questioned the amount charged. I received a call from the manager and he felt United had taken advantage of the SWA Rep by charging too much. I pointed out to him that the next time SWA needed something in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, maybe the rep should call the manufacturer and have it shipped to HNL. The SWA aircraft could wait for its arrival. The invoice was paid.

**Book corner** ~ Here are some more recommended books.

- ★ Another great humorous mystery series is the Flower Shop Mysteries by Kate Collins. There are 21 books in the series and all the titles are a play on words with flowers, such as Mum’s the Word and Slay It With Flowers. It’s best to read them in order so start with Mum’s the Word. Not only are they good mysteries, but the zany characters will have you constantly chuckling.
- ★ I recently read *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jaime Ford and absolutely loved it. I finished it one night at 2:30 AM—yes, it’s that good. Set in WWII, it’s the story of two twelve-year-olds, a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl, who are the only Asians in their otherwise all white school in Seattle. They become fast friends and are inseparable until her family is sent to an internment camp. In last month’s newsletter, I gave you wrong info regarding my DAR Book Club choices. This book was the October choice. These is my Words: *The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine 1881-1901*, by Nancy E. Turner, is the book for the December meeting. Inspired by the author’s own family memoirs, this is the story of one woman’s life and struggles in the Arizona Territories in the late nineteenth century. Given that the first two books chosen have been wonderful, I’m sure this one will be a great read as well.

**Another adorable wildlife baby** ~ If you haven’t guessed it by now, I love animals. My dream trip is an African safari. The wildlife in Africa is a treasure and I hope the world can stop the poaching of these animals before they go extinct. If any of you have taken a safari that you would recommend, please let me know.

On October 14, Boston’s Franklin Park Zoo welcomed its first baby gorilla. Kiki, the mother, is a 39-year-old critically endangered lowland gorilla. Several days before her due date, Kiki was diagnosed with placenta previa, a condition where the placenta lies over the entrance to the cervix, blocking the path for delivery of the baby. A team of veterinarians from Zoo New England and Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University; and specialists from Brigham and Women’s Hospital sprang into action and delivered a healthy six pound baby boy via C-section before Kiki went into labor on her own. You can see a video and

pictures of the little primate at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/video/boston-zoo-welcomes-1st-baby-gorilla-73737459> and <https://people.com/pets/baby-gorilla-born-via-c-section-boston-zoo/>

**More adorable animal pictures** ~ If you have Facebook, check out the page UPS Dogs. Drivers from all over the country submit heartwarming and hilarious pictures of the animals they meet on their routes. Most of the pics appear to be from drivers on routes out in the country, where they actually know the people on their routes and take time to pet the animals. And it's not just dogs—it's cats, a goat and a baby deer too.

What to do with fresh and used coffee grounds (besides making coffee and throwing them out):

1. Fertilize your outdoor plants. Coffee grounds make great fertilizer because they contain several key nutrients required for plant growth - nitrogen, calcium, potassium, iron, phosphorus, magnesium and chromium. They can also help attract worms and decrease the concentrations of heavy metals in the soil. To use coffee grounds as fertilizer, simply sprinkle them onto the soil surrounding your plants.
2. Repel insects and pests. Certain compounds found in coffee, such as caffeine and diterpenes, can be highly toxic to insects. They are effective at deterring mosquitoes, fruit flies, beetles, ants and roaches. To use coffee grounds as an insect and pest repellent, simply set out bowls of grounds or sprinkle them around outdoor seating areas. You can also keep pests out of your garden by scattering coffee grounds around your plants. They help create a barrier that slugs and snails do not like to crawl over.
3. Cat repellent. Sprinkle coffee grounds and orange peel to deter cats in your garden.
4. Neutralize odors. Coffee grounds can help absorb and eliminate odors. Place a bowl of coffee grounds in your fridge or freezer to neutralize odors from spoiled or fragrant foods. Fill old socks or pantyhose with coffee grounds and tie them off to make portable air fresheners. Place these in your shoes, gym bag, bedroom drawers, under your car seat or anywhere else that may need some deodorizing. Use them to scrub your hands after chopping garlic or onions.

Easy Two-Step Tofu recipe:

1. Remove tofu from package.
2. Throw it out.

Until next month, please continue to take care and stay safe. Get your flu shots, and be sure to get the version for folks 65 and older. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember that, in spite of Covid-19, we still have much to be thankful for.



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Same-old, Same-old. Here we go again. Looks like fall is falling and rushing by and winter snow is hitting us in the mountains. (Hmmm ... what part of our anatomy is “mountains?”) A name change is in the offing – which will it be? Womens’ Valley, Senora Valley, Frau Valley, Femme Valley, Bean Valley, Mujer Valley or Wahine Valley. Take your pick and guess which one I am writing about.

Christmas celebration: President **Vera Kina** has been in contact with The Fish Market in San Mateo and they have advised her that firm commitments cannot be made at this time. We need to contact them at the end of November. Pencil in December 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and, hopefully, we may be able to celebrate luncheon together. We will play by the rules, there may be a minimum number allowed. We will let paid up members on the roster know what is going on. Price is \$20 per paid dues members/\$35 for non-members and guests. We will need a firm commitment from you – you will pay at the door. Please call **Vera Kina**, (650) 574-776 or **Ginger Dahlberg**, (650) 224-1865 or **Gene Walter**, (650) 856-9738 by November 30 so that numbers can be given to the restaurant. You must let one of us to know that you will be there.

Our thanks to **Charlie Bogert** for his informative article “Remembering 9/11.” It brought back many memories for me. Our traveling group of 48, many from different parts of the country, was bound for Portugal and a 2 week cruise/land vacation. I got a call from Chicago passengers who told me to turn on the TV. I was packed and going out the door, many were already in the air meeting everyone at JFK and life changed in a flash. With all airlines grounded, the SFO skies were eerily silent. Lest we forget! Our thoughts and prayers still go out to all those who were so involved that fateful day.

On the lighter side of life, we all can remember the “good old daze” – how can we forget Rare Roast Beef carved before our very eyes (and that great horse radish condiment,) those Mai Tai Menehune swizzle sticks, Chocolate Chip cookies right out of the oven, **George Wyborn** in the SFO cafeteria and his famous bread pudding and his introduction to Tilapia – now on all menus in most Fish restaurants. The SFO Interline Club meetings that gave us life-long friends in the airline industry. The famous Russian River rafting excursions, **Wally Gates** and his Interline trips. Our incredible good for-



tune to visit places we had read about as we grew up. A few of my faves: On the way to Bombay for a spectacular wedding we did an 8 day trek in Nepal (thank goodness for Sherpas, they carried my back pack,) Agra to marvel at the Taj Mahal, cheering at the International Elephant Polo matches, riding those elephants into Tiger Tops. The many (maximum passengers-24) Continental Waterways barge trips all over France (escargots, yummm,) over a thousand people in the Square in Rome to hear the Pope plead for blood for victims of a major earthquake – you could hear a pin drop when he spoke. Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands, Austria – “these are just a few of my favorite things!” Can’t forget our laughter-filled Route 66 bus trip from Chicago to the beaches in Los Angeles – what a hoot!

Members have had birthdays (we will sing twice for you next year,) **Walter & Vera Kina** celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary while **Bill & Diane Heinrich** waltzed down the aisle 63 years ago! Sadly, our sweet and funny treasurer, **Ben Vietz** passed away mid-October. He worked many years at the MOC. We will truly miss him – his culinary expertise at St. Paddy’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage feast was one we looked forward to. He reminded us that his Corned Beef was The Best ever – each of us on the Board cooked Corned Beef and Cabbage for the members – he claimed a 3 Star Michelin Star no less.

Always on our travel trips, he complained all the time that he did not want to go but when he got back, that trip was always his “favorite.” Keep his wife, **Linda**, in your heart and prayers as she is having on-going medical problems. Rest in peace dear Ben.

Thanks to the RUAEA peeps for keeping us up to date – we appreciate all that you do and will double your raise in salary soon (do not hold your breath.)

Want a good read? The new Ken Follett, “The Evening and the Morning” all 913 pages are great! Raise your glass (shaken not stirred) to Double O Sevens’ Sean Connery who entertained us all. Those marvelous music masters – all you need is the first few notes and visions of “Lawrence of Arabia,” “Three Coins in the Fountain,” “Sound of Music,” “Jaws,” “Hello Dolly,” and the beat goes on!!

Wear that mask, wash your hands, we wish you well and stay connected to loved ones.

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 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Blue Bird Room, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Vera Kina**, 203 Emerald Bay Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



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



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This is the last newsletter of 2020 and I don’t think anyone will be sorry to see it go. The San Diego RE-SANS group hopes to return in the New Year with our breakfasts and other activities. Since this year will soon be left behind us, I think we should put up our Christmas trees and call it a year!

There are a couple of new enhancements available on [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). For those who missed it, I am going to repeat. On [www.united.com](http://www.united.com), there is now a Destination Travel Guide which allows you to view Covid-19 travel restrictions by destination. Will tell you what medical certification is required, what shops, hotels, bars, restaurants and museums are open and what distancing and masks requirements are in place at that location.

The second enhancement is the Map Search. It will filter your search for locations offering beaches, national parks, hiking, culture and some getaway locations. This is a good reference to have on hand should you get the desire to travel.

We have three birthdays this month and our best wishes go out to them at this time of diversity. How do you enjoy drinking wine through a mask? **Barbara Tobin**’s special day is December 1<sup>st</sup>, **Wendell Johnson** celebrates on December 18<sup>th</sup> and perhaps will enjoy his wine under the Christmas tree! **Maria Pollack**’s birthday is on December 30<sup>th</sup> and she can celebrate with extra wine. One bottle to get the Corona virus year out and on its way and one bottle to bring in the New Year!

**Tom & Marian Sturgeon** are in the process of moving to Rockford, Illinois. Tom is becoming very frail and Marian’s family will be close and able to help her. They are moving into a Senior Assisted Living Community where assistance will be available for them also.

**Betty Tomaino** is doing very well since her Stem Cell procedure. She has also been keeping herself isolated since Covid. She is planning on traveling to Alaska to visit family for the Holidays!

United Masks are now available in the United Shop if you are interested. I believe the wearing of masks will be around for some time. They are also attractive and would be fun to wear. Think of masks as the new bra, they are uncomfortable to wear, you only need to wear them out in public and when you don't wear one, everybody notices!

I would like to give a special thank you to **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**, our Newsletter managers for their inspiration and dedication to make the newsletter an event we all look forward to receiving every month and keeps us in touch with the United family which is still very much a part of our lives.

The RESANS family is still here and we hope to resume our monthly breakfast in the year 2021. May it be a good one for everyone!

#### Calendar:

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

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This month's report contains the following contributions from Gold Diggers members:

From **Francis Domaratius** ~ Troubleshooting and repairing aircraft has its challenges. There have been many unusual problems in my career with United Airlines as an R&E mechanic. One of these unusual problems had to do with a light illuminating in the cockpit while airborne after the seat belt sign was extinguished. The light had to do with the nose gear. Many mechanics, engineers had a chance attempting to solve this problem. Many, many parts were replaced. The aircraft was test flown after each repair. Each time the 747 had a test flight there was never a problem. The only time the light came on was when the aircraft had passengers aboard. Boeing used a very special piece of test equipment to aid UA with finding the problem. The solution was to repair the recently modified handicapped lavatory occupied door switch wiring. Because of Boeing's assistance the light did not come on again after the repair. The light only came on when the seat belt sign was extinguished when somebody went into the handicapped lavatory and moved the switch to the occupied position.

From **LaVerne Haubl** ~ Hearing Aids: I recently got new hearing aids and when I called Aetna about them, they said to send bill to the Aetna address on back of card. I asked about a form for this was told just send

bill, but make copies as it gets lost lots of times. I asked them to send me the form. I still haven't received it. I asked my hearing aid rep and she decided to call Aetna. They faxed her a copy of the form to fill out and send with my bill.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and Happy Holidays. Stay safe and healthy!

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Hello again to everyone!

It seems as though I just did this a month ago. I sure hope this short article is included in the December RUEA National Newsletter. I hope you all had a very happy Thanksgiving and had a fun day with your family eating lots of turkey and all the rest of the good stuff that goes along with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Yummy, yummy! I am really getting hungry for my turkey dinner with my family. It's a beautiful time of year for families to get together and share memories.

I just had a total knee replacement on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Of course, my knee hurts but sooner or later I'm sure I will have some relief and I'll feel better. The Physical Therapy is really tough but I've got to do it.

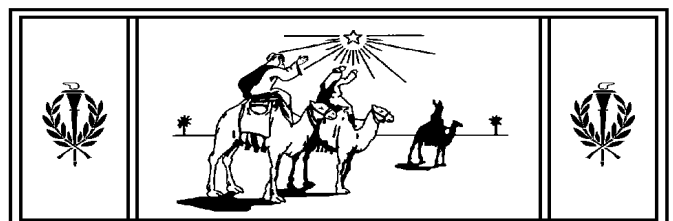
Our President **Steve Foster** and his lovely wife are back east visiting their son. Not sure when they will return. But I bet they will be happy to get home to warmer weather.


I live in Jamestown, California, in Tuolumne County. The COVID Virus has affected our county and as far as I know, we have had 6 deaths. Our condolences go out to all the families of the deceased. We pray there are no more deaths.

I don't have much to report since we are not meeting again until February, 2021. I just wanted to send a short note to keep in touch.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. Let's hope and pray the year 2021 will be a better year for all of us.

If anyone would like any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to answer any question you might have and give you the information about our chapter.





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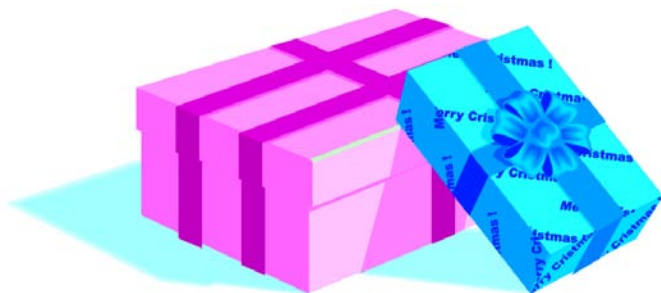
We met two times this month via Zoom and members are getting to be very comfortable with using this technology. New users dial in each time we meet and it's great to see how they are doing. Those of you who have not yet tried this, simply click on the link sent out by president **Chuck Clayborn**. He sends this out one or two days before the Friday sessions. If you are having any difficulties give me or Chuck a call and we can help you connect.

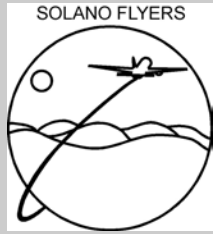
It was great to see **Tony Urso**, who was able to access zoom on his own. That's quite something considering his age and he just began using a cell phone in the past year. Good work Tony. Now we need to get has lovely wife, **Sally Urso**, to join in.

One of the nice things of Zoom, is that you can join our meeting from anywhere and whatever you are doing. That's the case with **Bill & Rosemary Reichard**, who joined us from the pier at Santa Cruz on a very nice day on Monterey Bay. Then there are **Keith & Ann Olthof**, who join us from Ripon, in the central valley. **Lynn Buchholz**, is quite dedicated, joining each meeting, as is **Bob Matkovich**, who updates us on **Jean Jenkins**. It was good to see **Phil Moorehead** again.

A few of our members have been dealing with health issues and have had to be hospitalized. We wish them a speedy recovery and encourage them to join our meetings, in hope that seeing familiar faces will help improve their condition. We were happy to see **George Dye**, after a long absence. He discussed the difficult time he had recuperating from a very serious medical issue, but is in good sprits now. **Ann Olthof** appeared to be recuperating nicely from her surgery and doing well. Maureen & Vern have had more than their share of issues. Vern's primary care, has been provided by Maureen, however she had to have surgery herself. This month has been quite a challenge for the both of them.

Hope to see you at one of our Zoom meetings!





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October 21<sup>st</sup> found the following Flyers at Bud's restaurant in Dixon: **Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Lucy Perez, Frank Uhl**, VP **Allan Pochop** as well as Secretary **Al Pochop**. We were forgoing a formal meeting with limited number of members in attendance; we decided to just enjoy our time together for lunch.

VP **Pochop** noticed at the top of the menu list, "Breakfast served all time". He then asked the waitress if "all time" was correct. She replied "Yes" so he then request "1895 French Toast". Members could only shake their head in disbelief ...

Reviewing the table orders, two members ordered BLT's with fries, another Tri-tip bits with fries, one more BLT with onion rings, then a Pastrami & Swiss with fries; sadly the last member's meal will remain a mystery due to the 6 foot distance rule.

The 50/50 drawing was not held as no tickets available. VP Pochop then suggested that all members place \$5 on the table, and he would pick a number between 1-20 and the closest one to the number he was thinking of would win the \$30; members wisely nixed that suggestion.

Hopefully, next month's get-together will have a larger attendance. Until then.

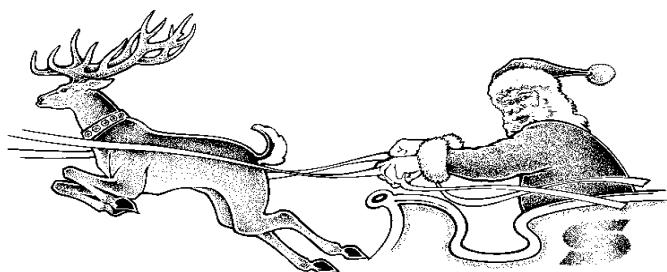
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Once again, we were unable to have our monthly breakfast in November.

Hope everyone is safe and well.





## FLORIDA



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

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Here in Florida, we continue doing our best to follow all the Covid rules and recommendations, always remembering to have face masks, hand sanitizers and to keep

socially distanced, etc. etc. Here in my own condo community, we're having regular 'carport cocktail parties' so we can keep tabs on all the neighbors and cheer each other up since we've had so many travel plans cancelled. It's been interesting to compare notes on our efforts to navigate the one-way isles in stores, never going against the arrows and always waiting in line on the little two-footed circles. Our great-grandchildren will probably not believe our stories. To the best of our knowledge, none of the Sand Dollars have managed to take the trips they had hoped to do this summer, but they're working on default plans for next year.

Unfortunately, **Ginger Hyde** regrets to announce that our Christmas Party will not happen in 2020. We will definitely be meeting again, though it remains to be seen how soon we can start again in 2021.

Meantime, please contact **Ginger Hyde** if you are a new retiree or are planning to re-locate to our part of Florida, and she will give you the latest news on our group. Her email is [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com).

*... Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end ...*



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Anderson Park Shelter #4. We had 6 members attending our meeting and one FurBaby.

Meeting was called to order by **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Again, it was a very laid-back meeting, coffee and goodies. We are sending out Get Well wishes to our members, we miss them.

There are no Birthdays or Anniversaries this month.

Our main discussion centered around our Christmas Luncheon; Beverly called Outback Restaurant in Trinity. Yes we are all set for December 9, 1PM, Outback in Trinity, 10860 State Rd. #54, Trinity, FL 34655. Email invitations will be sent out.

We also talked about having our monthly meetings at IHOP; Beverly will call to see if we can have the meeting room again starting in January 2021.

We closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Stay safe!

### Calendar:

**December 9** - Christmas Luncheon, Outback, 1:00



## **TREASURE COAST**

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Another month has passed us by with little progress on the COVID scene. We seniors are doing our best to confine the spread and wish the younger generation would do the same. I get it. Everyone is sick of the masks and lack of freedom but we need to get ahead of this. My daughter is a nurse over in the Tampa area. She gets so frustrated with the fact that some people refuse to wear a mask. She has seen first hand what Covid patients and their families are going through and it breaks her heart. Just when it looked like the numbers were starting to go down, they started up again.

It seems like not so long ago I stood in line as a kid with my siblings to get the polio vaccine during that pandemic. My mother & father were born during the Spanish flu outbreak during which some of their family members were among the 500,000 that died.

A message from our President **Al Popek**: *"Here we are in the home stretch of 2020. It couldn't go by fast enough, as it sure is one for the books. Between the election, Covid and a possible storm heading for Florida, it's a wonder everyone isn't in the nut house."*

*At this time I would like to thank and commend **Charles Bogert** for the super front and back cover story about 9/11 published in the November RUEA Newsletter. It was so well written and brought back many memories. Here on the Treasure Coast in the town of Fort Pierce, Florida, on the river, is a beautiful memorial statue of UAL flight attendant Cee Cee Lyles who was on Flight 93. Each year on 9/11 there is an emotional Memorial Service in her honor at the site. Thinking back, after 9/11, when they permitted flying again, after many deep thoughts about not canceling our Hawaiian vacation and getting on a plane, Janice and I were on the first flight out of Miami heading to our destination. When the plane departed the gate in Miami the airport fire department had two engines spraying the aircraft with two steady streams of water going over the plane from each side. As we went under the water the ground crew, standing in a row, all saluted as the flight departed. Needless to say, we had the entire plane almost to ourselves all the way to our destination without any problems getting in First Class.*

*With the holidays almost here already, we are planning and trying to figure out how things will work out this year with Covid. Since we are living in Florida our sister Debbie will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner outside with each family having their own table. Luckily their property can accommodate the smaller group than usual*

*because of Covid restrictions. If it rains there is no plan "B" and we all stay home and have hot dogs and beans! The same rules will apply for Christmas dinner at our house.*

*Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and a Happy, Healthy and stress free New Year 2021 Many Cheers" ~ Janice and Al.*

I recently heard from **Mardele Celestin** who writes: *"I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying life as much as possible. I've had to postpone my knee surgery again, but was able to get shots again so I am able to get around (pun intended), since I'm quarantined at home, unless I absolutely have to go out. So happy that my sister is a mile away and we have dinner, social distancing of course. We did pay our final respect to Steinmart, our favorite store which went out of business. On Election Day I will have cataract surgery and am praying for good results so next time we meet I will see what everyone really looks like. Happy Thanksgiving."* ~ Mardele

From **Sharon Kirk**: *"It's hard to believe it's already time for another newsletter. Believe it or not, I am still shredding. My son's roommate moved out so we are busy fixing his house. We painted the inside and we are mostly finished with the outside painting. If it would stop raining maybe we could get it done. We have done so much to it and we have so much more to do. Renovations and fixing up costs more than you think! I have a great handyman and he has been kept very busy. I think I have already paid him enough to send his son to college for a year."*

*I met **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Di & Pauley Liebisch** for lunch. We had a great time. Nothing better than great friends and good food. It was so good seeing them. It's been too long. This pandemic is beyond awful. We are all getting cabin fever. There doesn't seem to be any let up. The cases just seem to be escalating. Is there anyone left in Florida that doesn't have it? Europe is having a second wave of it as well as Brazil. I think we are all so weary of it.*

*Phil and I have birthdays just a day apart so we went to our favorite restaurant to celebrate, Italian of course!*

*Hope all is well with everyone. Stay healthy and safe. Fondly" ~ Sharon*

We have no birthdays or anniversaries in December. We will fondly remember our members, **Millie Rossi** and **Betsy Damon** whose December birthdays were celebrated before they passed away. We are thinking of their families.

We are hoping to return to a meeting schedule in 2021, but who knows what the future holds.

# **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

## HAWAII



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

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



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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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Our Christmas Luncheon has been canceled due to high numbers and thus still sheltering in place. Our next scheduled meeting will be in February 2021. When we decide on a date, members will be notified the latter part of January.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe.



## ILLINOIS



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December—Are we quite finished with 2020, or what? Holy Cow, what happened? Usually, in December I asked you what you did, if you stayed healthy, what you accomplished, did you travel? For some silly reason, I can't even think about asking you any of those questions. We are all ready for Weight Watchers or Alcoholics Anonymous! Or maybe both! This has been quite a year. First the China Virus, Democratic Debates, riots and protesting, unending phone calls for the election, now for health insurance. We had the Election to end all Elections. Have they stopped counting yet? Now we're settling down for a nice Christmas holiday and the end of the year. Every December, I say I'm staying up late on the 31<sup>st</sup>, to make sure it really ends. This year, that crystal ball in New York's Time Square better come down all the way, nobody stopping it half way or anybody shooting at it, and rest comfortably. I'm totally sick of the virus, masks, election lies, the words, 'Russia and China', sick people, no lunches or breakfasts, no happy meetings, restaurants closed, people that I don't know at Jewel picking out my potatoes and mushrooms, so I can pick them up later, done, finished and sick of it! Otherwise, how ya doin' old friends? All that, and we're still here, be positive! I hope we keep it that way. Enough of my diatribe, I wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year, 2021 just has to be better, let's pray on that! I hope you kept in touch with your old friends that you don't see too often, I did, it was a great feeling to talk to them, and see that they were good and never had a hint of the Virus. In turn, I was so happy to get calls and emails from old friends too. Maybe not all was lost, we had extra time to reach out and touch someone we haven't talked to in a while. Can't look a gift horse in the mouth. Thanks to all that reached out to me, too. Thank you to all of you that wrote or called and remarked on my column. I'm especially happy so many liked my Mask Soliloquy, even I laughed when I was writing it. Can always use new ideas, drop a line.

Let's end the year on some happy thoughts! December 5<sup>th</sup>, Prohibition ended! I'll drink to that! The 6<sup>th</sup> is St Nicholas Day, I always got an orange, nuts, pfeffernusse cookies, and G-shaft candy, didn't like any of them, the 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Day, never understood how that could happen to us, but every decade is filled with sorrow for us. Time to thank the Armed Forces people. The 8<sup>th</sup> is



Brownie Day, should sweeten us up, Christmas card day is the 9<sup>th</sup>, are we still sending them? The 12<sup>th</sup> is Ding-a-Ling Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> is Monkey Day, 15<sup>th</sup> is Cat Herders Day, the 16<sup>th</sup> is National Chocolate Covered Anything Day, I like that one! The 21<sup>st</sup> is Humbug and Look on the Bright Side Day, isn't that a little incongruous? It's also the shortest day of the year, thank God, Spring is coming! Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, hope we can get together with family and friends and not hide in the attic, like on Thanksgiving. The 28-29<sup>th</sup> is Chocolate Day, there's something I can sink my sweet tooth into. The 30<sup>th</sup> is Bacon Day, who doesn't like bacon? And New Years Eve, please God, don't repeat 2020, that's all we ask. Throw caution to the wind, stay up until 12:10. December is also National Tie month, Operation Santa Paws, World Aids Month, Human Rights and Bingo Birthday Month. A little something for all of us.

Our breakfasts were well attended, folks must be getting bolder and better, the ORDMM get-together had **Jim Kraft, Bob Palm, Paul Skrudland, Fred Seibert, Dick Hoppel, Harry Kargenian, Bob Hardin, Rich Protsman, Glenn Hill, Stan Chiemelowic, Bob Smietanski, Bart Kendall, Bob Larson**, and yours truly. Our North-side breakfast had **Marsha Sealock-Weber, Lynne Hilderbrand, Virginia Kondros, Dave Dunham**, and yours truly. Can't stay away from a good breakfast and great conversation.

We'll see how many come in January, join us, start the year out right, we're still fun people. I also had the pleasure of having a few lunches with **Pat Muha**, we got to catch up with 'stuff', and spread a little gossip. She's in great shape, and wishes everybody happy holidays.

I asked a few people if they had any memories from past Christmases, I got a few responses. From **Carol Faust**, *'The only one I can think of was a looong time ago. It was my turn to do Christmas, my sister-in-law brought the dessert, two pumpkin pies and one mince-meat. I set the pies on top of the stove where I thought my six month old Lab puppy couldn't get at them. We were eating in the dining room, when I heard a plop. Went into the kitchen, and there he was eating a whole pumpkin pie. Don't know how he managed to get it off the stove, but he did. Since only two people liked mince-meat, the other 14 had to share one pumpkin pie. It was the best Christmas our dog ever had'.*

Another respondent was **Norm Wilkinson**, *'Our family has celebrated Christmas for the 67 years which Diana and I have been married. Our children, spread from MA to HI, our grandchildren, and now even our great grandchildren, enjoy the tradition of decorating the tree with ornaments accumulated from their own choices, from Diana and myself, from our parents, and even some very special, carefully tended ornaments from our grandparents. It is a beautiful, magical, spiritual time. But in my heart for Diana and me, the most special Christmas of all was December, 1954. I had been discharged from*

*the Navy in October, returned to MN to make a temporary home in government housing, and return to the University of Minnesota to continue my studies. We were dirt poor and had decided we simply couldn't afford Christmas that year, but on Christmas Eve, we decided we simply couldn't not afford to celebrate, so went out and found a scraggly tree just as the lot was to shut down, created some makeshift decorations, found a few ornaments and tinsel at a store still open, and made what in my memory was the most beautiful magical and spiritual Christmas of all'.*

My Christmas that was amusing was back in 1958, my mom was pregnant with my sister, Jean. We had just moved into our new house. My mom had gone shopping early so she wouldn't have to worry about it, with moving and all. She put all the boxes away in a 'safe place' because my sister, Sue, was only 3 years old, and still believed, we couldn't ruin it for her. It was time to go to our grandparent's house, and the presents were not to be found anywhere. We looked in moving boxes that hadn't been opened, the basement, closets, drawers, the car, outside, the milk box, everywhere. Mom finally looked into her cedar chest, sure enough, all the beautifully wrapped presents were there, waiting to be plucked up and taken to grandma's house. Everybody was waiting for us, dinner was delayed, mom never lived that down. A few years later, we couldn't find a Santa. All the uncles had done it more than once, they nominated me! What? You can't be serious; I must have had enough adult beverages in me because I agreed. I wasn't very good, the kids were skeptical, but wanted their presents. I was having fun with it, so I got in the car and went to the local liquor store in my Santa suit, for more wine. Made a big hit there, too. Met a lot of cute guys ...

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

Any movie fans? Twenty years ago, the big movies were Castaway, My Dog Skip, Gladiator and The Patriot. Thirty years ago, Pretty Woman, Hunt for Red October, Ghost, The Exorcist, Home Alone, and Dances with Wolves. Forty years ago, Caddyshack, The Shining, Airplane, 9 to 5, Somewhere in Time, and Ordinary People. Fifty years ago, the best were Patton, Love Story, Mash, Tora, Tora, Tora, Airport, Kelly's Heroes, and Planet of the Apes. Sixty years ago, Ocean's 11, Psycho, Spartacus, Never on Sunday, Butterfield 8, Elmer Gantry, and The Apartment. Seventy years ago, All About Eve, Harvey, Sunset Boulevard, Born Yesterday, The Gunfighter, and Cinderella. From 1940, 70 years ago, Waterloo Bridge, The Philadelphia Story, Pride and Prejudice, My Little Chickadee, Shop Around the Corner, and Grapes of Wrath. In 1939, some of the best movies ever, were made, The Women, Goodbye Mr. Chips, Wuthering Heights, Ninotchka, Love Affair, Wizard of Oz, and Gone with the Wind. How the Academy chose the best picture and actors that year is a puzzle. I realized one

thing looking these up, the newer movies can't hold a candle to some of these oldies. The further back I went, it was harder to keep them to five best, or favorite. I like a good actor, then a good story, plenty back there. Now, they're all with CGI and shoot-em-up explosions, and people half dressed. (Oh my) I hope you enjoyed a little trip down Hollywood Boulevard, remembering perhaps, your favorite. I get TCM, and end up watching an old black and white movie over any of the sitcoms on today, cannot relate to them.

Some of our friends flew to that big airport in the sky: **Warren TenHaken**, **Carl Johnson**, and supervisor, **Jack Schramm**, ORDDM, **John Morrissey's** wife, **Helen**, ORDDF, from ORDCG, **Jon Christensen** and **Oleste Smith**, **Jim Hartigan's** wife, **Ann**, EXOPO. Also gone from our world, Yankee's Whitey Ford, Red's Joe Morgan, Roberta McCain, (John's mother), Tom Kennedy (Name that Tune), our beloved Alex Trebek from Jeopardy, funny man Norm Crosby, Rhonda Fleming, Marge Champion, James Redford (Robert's son), Conchetta Ferrell (2 and a Half Men), Spencer Davis, Chicago's own Joel Daley, newscaster on Channel 7, and the sexiest man on the planet, Sean Connery, now in heaven.

Masks are like pants. If you're not wearing any, then you are exposing others to something they'd rather not deal with.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, anything else you'd like to celebrate! Stay well, my friends! Praying for a tremendous 2021.

These get-togethers in the Calendar section are all pending, determined on the situation of the state's Covid restrictions. An email blast will be sent to confirm. Hopefully we'll get rid of these restrictions soon,

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**December 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**December 3** - IAM Christmas Luncheon, The Seville, 700 S Barrington Rd. Streamwood, 11:00 A.M.



## INDIANA

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter October meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. In attendance were **Deanna Boeke** and granddaughter, **Hannelore Brabo**, **Bob Duty**, **George Atteberry**, **Ed Loftus**, **Mario Bregante** and **Frank Ingegno**. The chapter business discussed included:

- 1) Planning our Christmas celebration luncheon scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Members present cast their vote on preferred menu selections. A follow up vote will be taken at our November meeting to get input from members not present at the October meeting.
- 2) Due to this Covid situation, we were forced to cancel our October trip to the U.S. Air force Museum ☹. We hope to reschedule for some time next year. We also discussed planning a barbeque picnic sometime next summer at one of the local parks.
- 3) Members present at October meeting voted in favor of having our January and February monthly meeting at the usual time and place. In past years those meetings were canceled due to concerns of driving in inclement winter weather. Meetings will be a go unless bad weather forces cancellations. Meeting go or no go emails will be communicated in days prior to meetings, based on weather forecasts.
- 4) **Bob Duty** won the 50/50. He was so kind and generous to donate his winnings to the chapter treasury. Thank you Bob!

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indy area are welcome to check us out. Just come to one of our monthly lunch meetings. The more members we have the more fun things we can do.

The next Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Buca di Beppo. Our future meetings schedule for 2020 is:

- January 12, 2021 at Emmy's
- February 9, 2021 at Emmy's
- March 9, 2021 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider breaking bread with us. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. For more information, please contact **Frank Ingegno**, [figenius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:figenius@sbcglobal.net).

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Greetings to all! No members meeting again, so no meeting news. One of our regular meeting attendees, **Frank DeStefano**, recently had major surgery at The Massachusetts General Hospital and recuperated nicely in rehab. Frank is now home and you can send get well cards at 11 Elm Ave., Salem, MA 01970.

I hope everyone got out and voted. I've heard this year's voting was important. But in my opinion every time and vote is important! Hopefully everyone got to see the candidate of their choice elected.

It was three years ago on Thanksgiving I had my stroke. I did all Italian cooking for the event and didn't get to eat any of it. What a way to spoil a holiday! Here's hope that everyone had an excellent and safe Thanksgiving.

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, a day that will live in infamy, is called Pearl Harbor Day. It's also the day I enlisted in The US Army, in 1959. I can honestly say I grew up in the military. Just think, there is a whole generation of young people who have no idea what this means!

I hope everyone has the merriest Christmas possible without being with friends and relatives due to Corona Virus. The use of phone and E-mail should help somewhat. We can only hope next year we'll get back to normal. To all my fellow and lady UAL retirees, have a very merry and safe Christmas and happy and safe New Year!

December's birthdays ~ **Oscar Bauerle, Jack Casey, Thomas Snyder and Roy Templeton.**

December's anniversaries ~ None listed.

### Calendar:

Stay safe and stay healthy!



**Get this Christmas present to-day**

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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I received a note from **Lori Rubino**, the daughter of **Sharon Jacob** (DTWRR retiree). Sharon would love to hear from her old United friends. It always lifts her spirits. She has a new address: 760 Robar Circle, White Lake, MI 48386. Or you can follow her on "**Sharon Jacob's** Facebook page". Her family is keeping it updated and it includes pictures.

If you are getting bored and want to try out your culinary skills, check out [Cheesecakefactory.com](http://Cheesecakefactory.com). They have posted over 25 of their recipes from Chicken and broccoli pasta, Korean fried cauliflower, Vegan cobb salad, to Cheesecake S'mores.

For those that are interested, the Boca Area Post Polio Group has a very informative website and newsletter that they publish monthly. It not only has information regarding the latest updates on health issues for post polio patients but also issues that concern everyone. The latest newsletter has an article on Avoiding Public USB Charging Stations and a Virtual Abilities Expo. Their email address is [BAPPG@aol.com](mailto:BAPPG@aol.com).

Thought for the month: "*Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. Veterans day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.*"

Stay strong and well.

## MINNESOTA



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Another month went by without seeing our friends. What a bummer! The only good part about this is that no news is good news and I haven't heard a peep from anyone. The only thing I know is that we (**Rich & Connie Glattly**), made a road trip to Savannah, GA to see our grandson and his beloved get married. A lovely setting under huge trees strung with Spanish moss and some funky nuttiness from those two and their friends made for a fun time. Soooo glad we went!

A stop along the way to visit relatives was a welcome diversion. A planned visit with another friend in Georgia had to be cancelled because she had close contact with a friend who was hospitalized with Covid and had to quarantine herself. Darn.

Since the virus has spiked here in MN as in other places, the Powers That Be have deemed it unsafe for us Oldies to be out and about amongst 'em. Just like our small-town newspaper here where I live, I'm the glue that holds our little UAL community together. Give me a call and let me know how things are going, what you're up to, etc. If there's no news, how can I do my job?

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The Silverliners have cancelled their December Luncheon meeting due to the Governors Directives and restrictions placed on the restaurants, but hope we can get together in February of 2021 for the next Luncheon.

The year of 2020 will be a year we all will never forget. We have been confined to our Homes, told that it is mandatory to wear a mask or face a fine; we must keep 6 feet apart. We are mandated that there are no more than 10 people in a group. We could not visit loved ones in nursing homes, restricted on going to church, weddings and funerals, but groups protesting had no restriction on looting, shooting police and burning down businesses, and if we have a gathering it must be outside but still "Social Distance".

We the Board have done our best to keep all our members informed and up to date on what the Directives are from the Governor's office and how they affect us.

We just want all our members to stay safe and healthy during this time, so when a vaccine is developed and a sense of normalcy returns to the world we can once again get together.

The Silverliners hold our luncheon/meeting(s) on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on February 11, 2021, the doors open at 11:00am. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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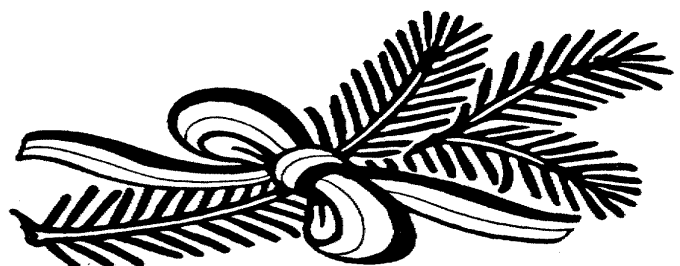
Sierra Roundup will not be having any meetings in November and December 2020. We are teetering on the edge of lock down due to slight increases of COVID in our area and a continuing ongoing rise in Las Vegas.

### NEW JERSEY



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The Garden Staters have canceled our meetings until the first of the year since we have been notified that our meeting place at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains has been permanently closed. As soon as we find a suitable place for us to meet, I will be sending our regular chapter reports.





## NEW YORK



**BUFFALO CHIPS**

### BUFFALO CHIPS

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Hi, I just want to let you know that we are all healthy, wearing our masks and keeping a social distance with the world. So far, we have had no call that anyone had tested positive. We have agreed to hold off on meeting until they get the group size higher than 10.

I do have one request. While reading the October issue of the Newsletter, I noticed that I need to change phone numbers. I still have the one listed but since the boss took the trip in to the western sunset there is no one to answer it; unless I see a call was left, I only check it occasionally to clear the robo calls. The new phone number is my cell, (716) 418-6887. It rarely leaves my side.

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

### NEW YORK METROS

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

## OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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I don't know about you, but this COVID-19 is getting old fast. It's hard to believe that just 2 years ago we had just finished our 2018 RUAEA Convention here in Cleveland. That was the good old days, seeing so many people and having so much fun.

I received a phone call from our RUAEA Regional Director, **Jackie Monilaw**, asking for an update on what

we have been doing (if anything) and if we had anything planned for the rest of the year. As you know, we cancelled our December Christmas party. We do not meet in January, but as far as the rest of 2021 goes, we are not planning anything at this time. Jackie has told me that one of her chapters is considering dismantling the chapter. We do have plans, but they are on hold for now until we see where this pandemic leads; hopefully far, far away. I must say that at this time we have absolutely no intentions to shut down. We feel that what we have is too important to give up without a fight. And I will also tell you this, that in a matter of minutes we'll be set up and **ready to go!** We know that our members miss the meetings. We are keeping in touch with our membership via email, phone, and a few cards. As for our world (as we know it), only time will tell.

By the time you receive this article it will be December, and time to shop for gifts, visit with family and friends, and celebrate the "Birth of Christ". On behalf of all Ohio Buckeyes, we wish you a "Very Merry Christmas", a "Happy, Healthy, and Better New Year" (better than 2020). God Bless and stay Safe.

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Another month of self-isolating under our belts. We continue to monitor recommendations from the medical/scientific experts (ignoring social media and political pundits!) before deciding when it will be safe to resume meetings, especially considering that our age puts us in the highly vulnerable category. Our meeting site remains closed and I do not anticipate being able to consider resuming our meetings until sometime next year. We are sad to report that member **Jim Masog** passed away August 20<sup>th</sup>, from Cancer. He was a lead mechanic at PDXMM working midnights. That's all the membership news that I have for now. While we wait to gather again and laugh in person, I will again provide a few chuckles.

☺ I think it's adorable that they're putting jokes on the side of snacks now. Like listen to this one: Serving size 3 cookies!

☺ Did you know that young people have theirs and now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- ★ ATD = At the Doctor's
- ★ BFF = Best Friends Funeral
- ★ BTW = Bring the Wheelchair

- ★ BYOT = Bring Your Own Teeth
- ★ CBM = Covered by Medicare
- ★ CUATSC = See You at the Senior Center
- ★ DWI = Driving While Incontinent
- ★ FWIW = Forgot Where I Was
- ★ GGPBL = Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- ★ GHA = Got Heartburn Again
- ★ HGBM = Had Good Bowel Movement
- ★ LMDO = Laughing My Dentures Out
- ★ LOL = Living on Lipitor
- ★ OMSG = Oh My, Sorry, Gas
- ★ TOT = Texting on Toilet
- ★ WAITT = Who Am I Talking To??
- ★ GGLKI = Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!

☺ My mind is like my internet browser: 19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no idea where the music is coming from!


☺ Home COVID-19 Test:

1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine, then drink it and see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste and smell it, that confirms you don't have COVID.

(Last night I did the test 19 times, and all were negative, thank God. Tonight, I am going to do the test again because this morning I woke up with a headache and feel like I'm coming down with something!)

Until next month remember: Also highly contagious is Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Hope all are safe during this time of pandemic, also the election had us on edge.

Our luncheons have been cancelled as the hotel where we have lunch is not taking group reservations. You will be notified when we are meeting again.

We have lost a few friends over the past few months. **Ted Artz, John Brigg and John Krumpf.** We send sympathy to their family and friends. Since we are not having meetings we will not be collecting dues this year.



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


## TENNESSEE



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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA. For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.


## UTAH



**SALT LAKE RETIREES**  
Rich Papworth

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

## WASHINGTON



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As the coronavirus continues to rear its ugly head, with cases multiplying across the country – and in fact the world – there is no end in sight for social distancing, wearing masks and maintaining other safe practices.

This is especially hard on older populations such as RUAEA members and chapters. Not only are we more at risk for illness than other groups, but also many/most of us are not computer-literate enough to meet virtually or to follow our friends and fellow retirees electronically.

Sadly, we have lost two of our stalwart Emerald City Slickers, **Dona Westpfahl** and **Phyllis Lindblad**. Both were regular attendees at chapter meetings until sidelined by circumstances and/or illness. **Dona Westpfahl**, 90, wife of retired United pilot **Chuck Westpfahl**, died unexpectedly September 26. The Westpfahls have lived in the Seattle area for all their 64 years of marriage and had, recently moved to Judson Park, a local retirement community. **Phyllis Lindblad** (SEARR) passed away October 20 following a long fight against cancer. Her daughter Laurie reported a peaceful passing while Phyllis was in hospice care. Also noted in an obituary, retired captain **Mark Gilkey** died September 8, just days before his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, **Janet Riemenschneider**, a former United stewardess. In addition to other interests, Mark was a member of RUPA. After years in military service, he flew for United for 31 years, retiring as Captain on the 727.

The next retiree to be featured in the "Member Highlight" column in Contrails, our Seattle chapter newsletter, was **Ken Tank**, presenting another unusual story revolving around a retired United Airlines Emerald City Slicker. Ken's unique experiences with the company and, indeed, with his "other" lives don't run parallel to those of most retirees in the chapter. You'll find this account is not nearly as technical as the previous three reports on **Dave Jones**.

Memories of being "up in the air" go back to age 11, when Ken's mother took him on his first airplane flight, a Wisconsin Central Airlines DC-3 from his hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Midway Airport in Chicago, then the city's major airport. He recalls that the fare was about \$18. Shortly thereafter, another flight took them to Michigan and Detroit's Willow Run Airport aboard a Lockheed Constellation operated by Capital Airlines, sealing a determination to become involved with an airline as an adult. Never a stellar student, Ken was later to be diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia, which were not widely known during his youth. Nevertheless, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1963, which happened to coincide with **John Haferbecker's** alma mater and graduation year, though they didn't know each other until working at United years later.

Ken's checkered career(s) began when he headed west the day after graduation and got a job in reservations with TWA in San Francisco. Next was a stint as a ticket agent at the Taylor and O'Farrell bus transfer station serving the airport. Disrupted by stints in the National Guard, the Army Reserve and then the Air Force Reserve, Ken resigned from TWA after three years, bought an ID75 ticket around the world for \$300 and vis-

ited every continent except Antarctica. It was a grand 3-month excursion to the South Pacific, Asia, Pakistan, Egypt, the Holy Land and Europe on 21 different flights.

Thinking he'd seen the end of his traveling days, Ken took a job with US Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and spent seven years working in Watts, San Jose, and finally Seattle. He'd worked his way up to US Public Health Advisor for the State of Washington when they wanted to transfer him to Forrest City, Arkansas. He had decided to quit when he was fired for refusing that transfer. Ken worked four years for the School of Engineering at the University of Washington as a job placement counselor. United Airlines arrived on campus to recruit prospective employees, deciding for Ken that he needed another career change – one that offered him the opportunity to travel again.

January 22, 1979 Ken came aboard with United. Stay tuned – there's more to come in the next newsletter.

Best wishes to all, as you and we celebrate during this very different – and maybe difficult – holiday season. Whatever your religion, creed, or affiliation, may you find some peace and contentment in December's special observances. Happy Holidays!


#### Calendar:

Chapter meeting cancelled until further notice.

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|  | <b><u>LILAC CITY FLYERS</u></b><br>Sharon Holmes<br>5120 N. Riblet View Lane<br>Spokane, WA 99212<br>(509) 924.4959 (H)<br>(509) 953.5088 (C)<br><a href="mailto:ghshic@quixnet.net">ghshic@quixnet.net</a> |
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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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|  | <b><u>THE DULLES LOUNGERS</u></b><br>Washington, D.C.<br>Mari McColl<br>Past President<br><a href="mailto:marimccoll@aol.com">marimccoll@aol.com</a> |
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There is no report this month from the Dulles Loungers chapter of RUAEA.

## NATIONAL



### CLIPPED WINGS

Barbara Dunkelman

Secretary

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Hello RUAEA,

This is my first time to write an article for your newsletter. I received my newsletter today and was so impressed; it certainly has a lot of information. I will be writing for the next two years and I hope I can do half as good a job as **Peggy Griffin**.

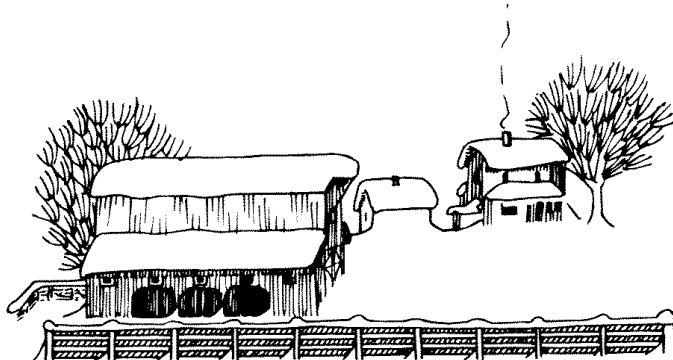
With the Covid outbreak there have not been as many meetings; however, some of the Chapters are doing virtual meetings which seem to be working well. The new National Officers are meeting every other week virtually. The officers are President **Peggy Griffin**, Vice President **Barbara Dunkelman**, Secretary **Barbara Bertacini**, Treasurer **Roxine Lukens**, and Editor **Carolyn Radin**.

The National Clipped Wings Convention was a great success and it was held virtually. There were 3 sessions with 118 members present. Clipped Wings has donated \$12,823,292 to charities since 1950, which is really a tremendous amount!

In November, we will celebrate Founder's Day in honor of our First President, **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, who was elected at the first convention in 1951. She sadly passed away in 1980 but her memory lives on.

On October 28, there were two Halloween parties held virtually. They were great fun and enjoyed by all, with many creative costumes. I also attended the LAX virtual meeting and enjoyed the opportunity of meeting their chapter members. Although many of us will not be able to be with our families and loved ones this Thanksgiving, I want to wish each and everyone a blessed, healthy, and a happy holiday.

I hope this gives you a little more insight to Clipped Wings. If you know of any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedcleppedwings.org](http://www.unitedcleppedwings.org). ■



## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2020**:

Coats, Laura, DENRR, 1250 Richfield St., Aurora, CO 80011

Davidson, Chris M., SEASW, 5322 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Seattle, WA 98105

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Sumo, Harry, 66 Baldwin Ave., Newark, NJ 07108

Work, Douglas, 42178 Pearson Ranch Loop, Parker, CO 80138 ■

# Welcome!

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **October 2020**:

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Fallon, Robert Fatovic, Gloria D. Fenderson, David Folkers, Dave L. Garland, Cathy J. Gilbert-Silva, Thomas E. Gilles, Elaine Gomez, Elizabeth M. Gorney, Thomas A. Hassel, Harold W. Hedrick, Ludwig Heier, Evan F. Holly, Pati L. Hudgens, E. Stephen Jennings, Cecile M. Johnson, Robert G. Kaczor, Walter B. Kina, Robert K. Koch, Lilly Kodama, Joseph J. Kollar, Ruth J. Larson, Mardell Leeper, Amelia Leever, E. Tina Lewis, Edward E. Liesse, Kathleen T. Loftus, David E. Jim Love, Gernot H. Luneberg, Robert Maloney, Samuel A. Margolis, Peggy Maromaty, Art Martin, Terrence M. McCaughey, John J. McFarlane, Fred R. Miller, Mary V. Moir, Maureen A. Neidle, Ronald H. Nichols, Beatrice T. Okino, Georgia E. Phillips, Donald Preston, Dorothy M. Reynolds, George Richter, Mike Romer, Harvey A. Rucker, John Sabol, Patricia Schaefer, Milton D. Schafer, Lowell E. Schissler, George K. Schwind, Donna Marie Simpson, Joyce Smith, Margaret C. Snyder, Carol Sostarich, R. F. Ron Sours, Charles Stahl, Alan J. Stephenson, Harry I. Takaki, Daniel T. Takata, Arlene A. Taylor, Conrad M. Terry, John G. Thomas, Patricia Ann Thomson, Uta Tipper, Jeanette K. Tomomitsu, Leonides D. Tubis, Sally M. Van Cleave Mendralla, Edward L. Van Patten, Paula D. Wanska, Karen S. Williams, Irene H. Wszalek Scheuerell.■

*Thank you*

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Retiree – **Bretches, Terry L.**, 10/16/2020, DENTK, father of Terrilyn Willette, Terresa (Dan) Rearick, and Cindy Kihorany, 10716 Corona, Northglenn, CO 80233

Retiree – **Deviney, Richard A.**, on 10/27/2018, PHLFF husband of Virginia M. Deviney, 114 Hayes Mill Rd., Apt. B308, Atco, NJ 08004

Spouse – **Hartigan, Ann P.**, on 9/18/2020, wife of James J. Hartigan, WHQPO (deceased), 3000 Garlands Ln., Unit 3452, Barrington, IL 60010

Retiree – **Hersh, Jack S.**, on 12/27/2019, SFOOM, husband of Sabine Hersh (deceased) and Raciell Hersh (deceased), 212 Beverly Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070

Retiree – **Hotchkiss, Johanna E.**, on 10/12/2020, DENHH, father of Jack Hotchkiss, 6374 Brooks Drive, CO 80004

Retiree – **Johnson, Frank L.**, on 3/2020, SFOBL, husband of Sharon E. Johnson, 2638 Stony Pt. Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Retiree – **Leopold, Gary N.**, on 9/5/2020, SFOGQ, husband of Mary Lou Leopold, 905 Anta Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

Retiree – **O Grady, John J.**, on 11/3/2020, ORDMM, husband of Martha Lou (Bragan) O Grady, 5536 N. Monitor, Chicago, IL 60630

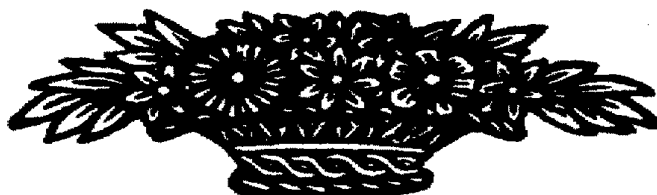
Retiree – **Schramm, John W.**, on 11/8/2020, ORDMM, husband of Patti M. Schramm, 328 Mockingbird Ave., Port Pierce, FL 34982

Retiree – **Ten Haken, Warren G.**, on 10/3/2020, ORDMM, husband of Charlotte A. Ten Haken (deceased), 2730 Green Way Ct., Pekin, IL 61554

Retiree – **Tipper, Michael T.**, on 9/12/2020, SEAGQ, husband of Uta Tipper, 31116 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Federal Way, WA 98003

Retiree – **Wehman, Myrtle C.**, on 8/21/2020, LAXMK, her husband passed in 1993 and she is mother of three children, Michelle, Bernard and Penny, she will be missed by many friends, 3440 Monte Carlo Ave., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

Spouse – **Westpfahl, Dona F.**, on 9/26/2020, wife of Charles L. Westpfahl, SEAFO, 23600 Marine View Drive S., Des Moines, WA 98198■



## Letters & Notes



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

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

Frans Ten Bosch, Richard Baltsen, John Brinnon, Joyce Calderone, Patricia Clayton, Georgeann Del Castillo, Trudy Engeldinger, Robert Fatovic, Robert Figlewicz, Wayne Greenhill, Ardell Furuta, Thomas Hassel, Evan Holly, Robert Kaczor, Fred Kellerhals, Walt Kina, Sherry Lee, Bobby Lowden, Jonie Manley, Jerry Meierkort, Joan Palumbo, Donald Preston, William Rankin Jr., Dorothy Reynolds, George Richter, Marlene Rosenberg, Kenneth Shabino, Donna Simpson, Jeanette Sterbutzel, Winnie Stone, John Thomas, Joan Velotta, Sharon Wagner, Sally Welter

### **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.)*

#### **Charles Esqueda, 719 Maple Ave., S. San Fran, CA 94080**

We enjoy reading the Newsletter.

I started working at United Airlines SFO maintenance base on 9/24/1968 and worked there for 10 months.

From there I transferred to Air Freight in 1975 and worked there for 7 years. After that I transferred to Ramp Service in SFO and retired there in 2003 after working for United Airlines for over 37 years. I had

some great times with all of my co-workers over the years.

My wife and I just celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June; where did the time go? We have 3 sons, 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 1 great grandson born 1/21/2020, Kilian.

I enjoyed working for United Air Lines in SFO. I miss seeing my co-workers that I worked with.

#### **Bernard Juth, 1450 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Apt. 305, New Brighton, PA 15066**

I hope all is well with all the great people there.

I have many good memories of attending all of the great conventions with my wife, Jeri. One highlight I remember is Hank's bible studies.

#### **Diana Kaiser, 448 San Nicolas Way, Saint Augustine, FL**

Thank you for all of the great informational articles in the newsletter. I have also enjoyed the recipe column.

Larry and I moved to St Augustine, FL in 2006 and have enjoyed the beauty of the beaches and the tranquility of Florida's life style. We both have taken up golf and enjoy playing.

We keep busy with our grandkids and enjoy their summer visits. Our son; Kurt is a pilot flying with a company who flies for United Airlines.

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe during this year.

#### **G. H. London, 1705 Rogers Dr., Tupelo, MS 38804**

Hello to everyone. I have made another trip around the sun.

I celebrated my 89<sup>th</sup> birthday in September.

I have now been retired as long as I worked for United Air Lines, 32+ years.

Keep up the good work.

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

I hope everyone is safe and well.

Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication.

I retired from HDQCU in January 1990, after many great years (33) with United Air Lines.

I will be 93 years old in January and I still remember all of the wonderful people that I am able to call my co-workers.

#### **Patricia Schaefer, 434 Noble Faire Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33573**

We have been here in Sun City, FL since 2004. It is a lovely place with great people.

The only unfortunate part is that we are aging poorly. Health wise we don't get around as we used to. Both of us use walkers; my darling of 62 years, at times

is in a wheel chair when we are taken out for outside activities, doctor's appointments, dining out, etc.

We are blessed with a wonderful caregiver, Cindy and wonderful neighbors, and our love for each other, age spots and all. Most of all, we are happy.

**Sue Sealey, 7760 S. Buchanan Way, Aurora, CO 80016**

Thank you for all you do to keep us all informed. I really appreciate it, especially during this strange year.

I enjoy the Covid jokes by those with a good sense of humor; it lifts my spirits. Thanks to them and thanks to all of you who keep the newsletter coming.

**Notes**

**George Atteberry**

I am going to join the local Indy Racers of Indianapolis. They need new people.

**Ron Bertacini**

We always enjoy the Newsletter and appreciate all the work that goes into each issue.

Barbara and I are doing well during these unusual times. We had two granddaughters graduate from college and visited with them to celebrate their accomplishments, one in Ohio and the other in Arizona.

**Lynda Fassino**

Presently I am enjoying music classes via ZOOM, traveling and missing my United family.

**Margaret Griffin**

I was elected President of Clipped wings. I am very excited about our new multimedia group. We are trying to reach new members and keep our current members through Zooming, Facebook and our website. It will be an exciting two years.

Hopefully, we will be able to have a real 2022 convention in PDX.

**Sharon Johnson**

To let you know, Frank passed away in March 2020. He hired on with United September 14, 1964 and retired November 2001. He had 37 years with United.

I am his wife, Sharon and would like to continue receiving the newsletter.

We were married 54 years when he passed.

**Mary McCarville**

A great big thank you to all who help to keep us informed with all of the latest valuable information!

**John Sabol**

I am just staying safe for now.

**Cathy J Gilbert-Silva**

In these crazy times it has been even more challenging to keep up with any news outside of Covid-19.

Thanks to RUAEA, Flying Together and **Dale Harper's** news digest, the day to day positive news is refreshing.

Since I write the newsletter for the Dulles Loungers, my goal has been to share UA news along with a healthy sprinkling of humor. Hence the usual four pages of the newsletter have grown substantially.

We all need a chuckle and thanks to fellow Dulles Loungers sending me a boatload of laughs. I am happy to share the funny side of this pandemic.

My love and I continue to stay safe as possible even though several doctors and hospitals have been part of our life recently. We try to protect ourselves and others by following protocol.

**Harry Sumo**

My retirement is OK so far and going well.

Thanks to all for the time spent to publish the newsletter.

**Marie Pesak**

Hi to all my 2500 F/A pals who retired with me on June 30, 2003. I hope all is well with you.

**John Thomas, 810 Gonzales Dr. 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132**

Standby benefits: Several years ago we were on our way to Chicago. We usually try for the first flight around 6 am. We did not get on the first flight, so we headed for a cup of coffee. My wife, Helen, noticed a woman sitting by herself who was also standby. Helen went over and asked her if she would like to join us because we had quite a wait for the next flight.

Annie joined us and told us she was on a buddy pass. She said she had been a Stewardess for American before she got married. She knew all about standbys. We chatted away and before we knew it was time to head for the next flight. Helen and Annie exchanged addresses and telephone numbers and we said we would keep in touch. Our names were called and we said goodbye to Annie and hoped she got on the flight. Several other standbys were boarded and finally Annie. A couple of minutes later the customer agent came on and Annie was taken off the plane.

After we got back to San Francisco, Helen called Annie. She told us that she got on but the supposed seat was really occupied by a lady who had gone to the bathroom. Over the years since, we have seen each other frequently.

Now to the present: We had not seen Annie since January because of the virus. Annie wanted to get together because she knew that my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday was coming up. Westlake Joes was now open with inside dining, so we made reservations for four because Annie's neighbor, Sonia, who we knew was joining us. At the last minute, Sonia had to cancel but Annie was there with a big red bag for me.

Last year she had given me a book, "The History of Hamilton AFB", where I had been stationed for three and a half years. Annie lives close to the base.

This year's gift was really special. Annie and Sonia decided to make Scottish Shortbread for me. There were three separate bags of shortbread with a note explaining how they were made. #1 was their first attempt, it was not very good. #2 was better, but not shortbread. #3 was black because they wanted to be politically correct. Finally there was a box and when I opened it was #4, it was to die for, and was as good as Walker's Shortbread. Annie told us that she and Sonia had a great time and laughed all the way through the process.

This is what can happen when you are on standby and miss a flight.

### **Douglas Work**

Doug and Sally took P-VSL2. Doug's last trip was October 8 from ANK-DEN B-737. Sally's last trip was October 24, RSW-DEN A-320.

Both pilots sat on the jump seat to enjoy the view one last time! Doug had 31 years; Sally had 28 years. We both have enjoyed reading the RUAEA newsletter over the years, and always gleaned some helpful information from it. ■



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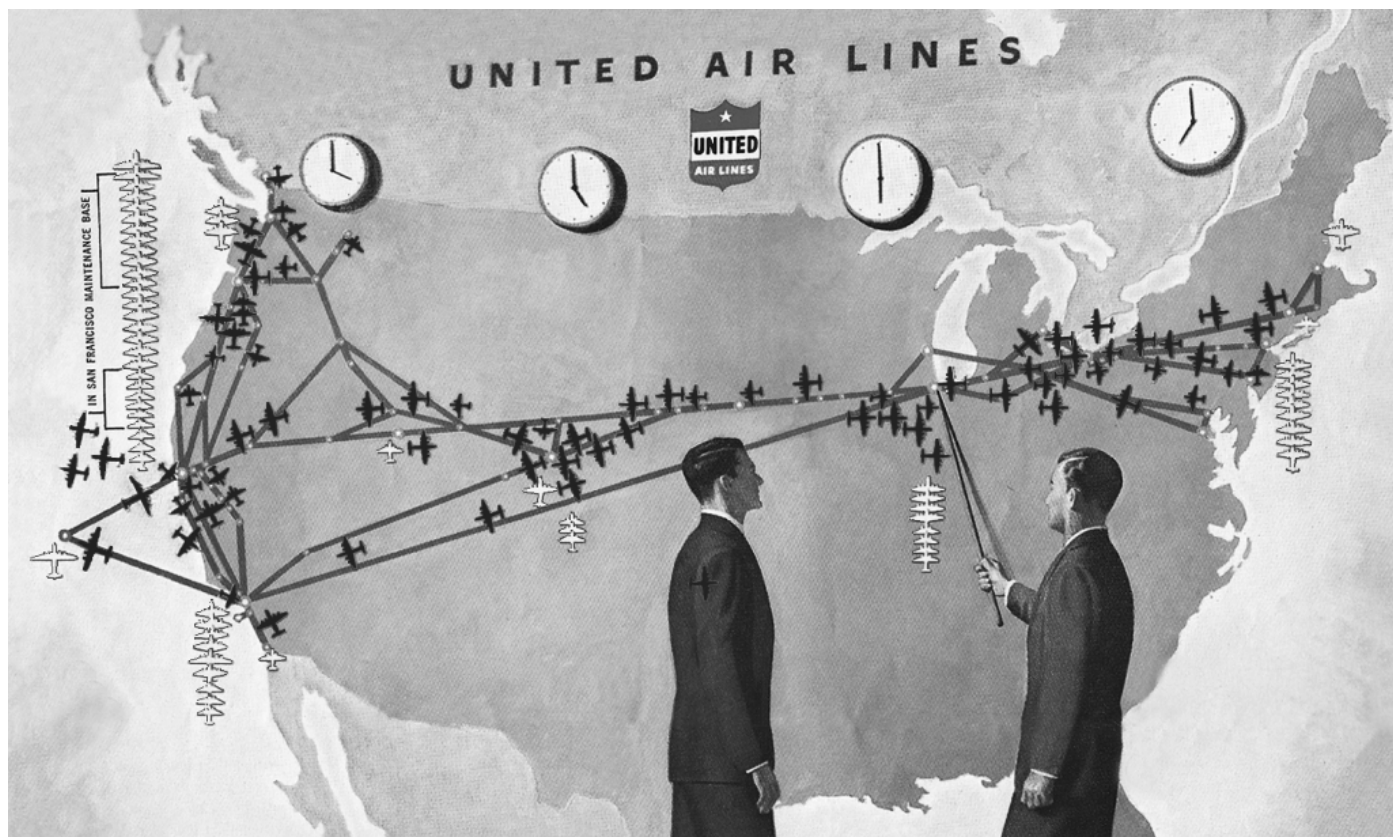
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## *Something To Ponder* *A Poem by Jim Simon*

*Whenever it's over, I'm sure we'll all see,  
A difference in attitude and self harmony.*

*These past long months that have come not to end,  
Might just be the beginning of a new comprehend.  
What I mean is that things which now have been tossed,  
Will be appreciated much more before they were lost.*

*We might think of relations and closeness of friends  
And spend more time thinking and making amends.*

*We'll appreciate gatherings and dinners together,  
That will no longer be canceled because of bad weather.*

*We'll become more appreciative and kinder to all,  
Just knowing they're there and awaiting our call.*

*We might be forgiving to those that we knew,  
Who haven't been cordial during this fatal flu.*

*And maybe have compassion for those led astray,  
By entities that have plagued us with destruction and  
decay.*

*Cities in turmoil by protest and despair  
Led by leaders that don't seem to care.  
They need our thoughts for guidance and prayer  
Because with out it - We'll have nothing to share.*

*This once was a nation with pride in our song  
For the national anthem where we all sang along.  
But now in this day of self righteous feud,  
I can no longer support this bad attitude.*

*I do have compassion for those feeling oppressed  
But I won't support violence and civil unrest.  
Like so many others I've come to conclude,  
That your purpose in gathering was not what I viewed.*

*The riots have stained this beautiful land  
and placed shame upon us with blood in the sand.*

*I'll be glad when it's over and our lives can again,  
Become the normality where once we began.*

*I'll appreciate more the blessings I've shared  
With friendships and relations that can't be compared.*

*I'll also be blessing clean air to breathe,  
After the fires that came - and will finally leave.*

*So in a few words let my final thoughts say  
These words of expression to you all today.*

*I've missed my relations with so many friends  
And our times together which always have been —  
The wonderful events I look forward to  
And hope that those times will soon be anew.*

*And even though some of you have not heard from me,  
You now know you're thought of - in care lovingly.*

*And so with that I'll just say hello,  
I'm thinking of you - just thought you should know!*

