

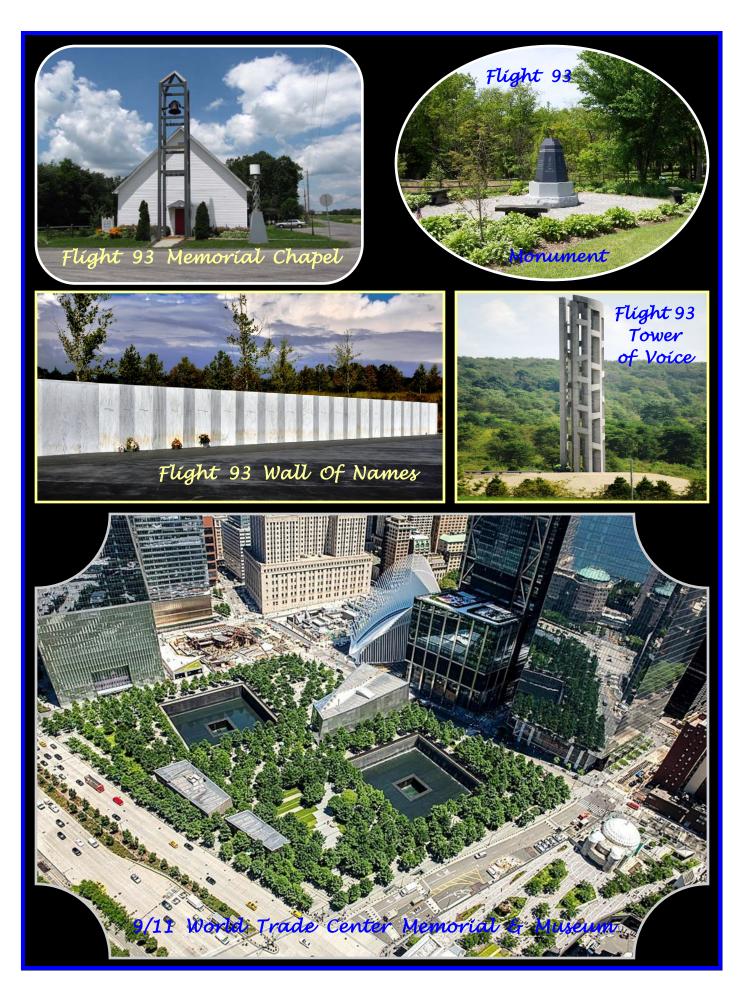
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20 Years Later – We Remember – 9/11/2001



As September 11, 2021, approaches, it is obvious the attack 20 years ago has not been forgotten. Our United Family members have been remembered in writing by **Ron Bertacini**, who has written about Flight 175 and **Dave Detwiler** who has written about Flight 93. **Kathleen Denker**, President of EWR Clipped Wings Chapter has written about the EWR Clipped Wings Activities for 9/11 20th Anniversary. We are sure there will be many commemorations throughout the country. The United crews, the American crews, the passengers, firefighters, police, first responders, the thousands of lives lost in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and on the ground, as well as on the planes will be remembered. Indeed, they are still grieved and deeply missed, but not forgotten

United Airlines Flight 175 by Ron Bertacini ~ United Airlines Flight 175 was a scheduled domestic passenger flight from Logan International Airport, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, California. On September 11, 2001, the Boeing 767-200 was flown by Victor Saracini and Michael Horrocks, (both based at JFK). The crew included flight attendants, Robert Fangman, Amy Jarret, Amy King, Kathryn Laborie, Alfred Marchand, Michael Tarrou and Alicia Titus (Based at BOS).

The plane was <u>hijacked</u> by five <u>Al-Qaeda</u> terrorists and was deliberately crashed into the South Tower of the <u>World Trade Center</u> in <u>New York City</u>, killing all 65 people aboard and an unconfirmed number in the building's impact zone.

Approximately thirty minutes into the flight, the hijackers forcibly breached the cockpit and overpowered the captain and first officer, allowing the lead hijacker and trained pilot to take over the controls. Unlike American Flight 11, whose transponder was turned off, Flight 175's transponder was visible on New York Center's radar, which depicted the aircraft's deviation from its assigned flight path for four minutes before air traffic controllers took notice at 08:51 EDT. Thereafter, they made several unsuccessful attempts to contact the cockpit. Unbeknownst to the hijackers, several passengers and crew members aboard made phone calls to family members and relayed information regarding the hijackers and casualties suffered by passengers and crew.

The aircraft crashed into Tower Two (the South Tower) of the World Trade Center at 09:03. The Flight 175 hijacking was coordinated with that of <u>American Airlines Flight 11</u>, which struck the upper floors of Tower One (the North Tower) 17 minutes earlier. The crash of Flight 175 into the South Tower was the only impact televised live around the world. The crash and subsequent fire caused the South Tower to collapse 56 minutes later at 09:59, resulting in hundreds of additional casualties. During the recovery effort at the World Trade Center site, workers uncovered and identified remains from some Flight 175 victims, but many other body fragments could not be identified.

Now, 20 years after those horrendous attacks on the United States, we commemorate the thousands who died that day, especially the members of our United Family, They are gone, but they are always remembered, never forgotten.

The 81 minutes of United Airlines Flight 93 By Dave Detwiler ~ At 0700 of September 11, 2001, Captain **Jason Dahl** and First Officer **LeRoy Homer**, both based at JFK, were in a secure area of the Newark, NJ terminal planning their flight to San Francisco that day.

In a nearby area the flight attendants were being given their assignments by purser **Debra Welsh**; she and **Wanda Green** would be working first class. **Lorraine Bay**, **Sandy Bradshaw**, and **CeeCee Lyles** would be in coach. The flight attendants were based at EWR.

By 0730 the cabin was prepared and early boarding had begun. It was going to be a light load today, only 37 passengers in a cabin with 168 seats. Forty of these passengers and crew were just ordinary people, living their lives, going to San Francisco, some for business, others for pleasure. None of them knew they would be in a fight for their life today. However there were four men among the passengers who were Al Qaeda terrorists.

They knew they were going to die today along with all the rest of the passengers and crew. Their plan was to hijack the airplane within fifteen minutes from takeoff.

The doors were closed and the plane pushed off the gate one minute late. However the 8 AM bank was heavy this morning and it took another 41 minutes to reach the runway. At 8:42 Capt. Dahl pushed both throttles forward to the takeoff power setting and the two engines produced a combined 73000 pounds thrust pushing the 757 quickly to the rotate speed. Capt. Dahl eased back on the controls and the airplane lifted quickly off the runway increasing speed as it went.

Four minutes later at 8:46 American Airlines flight 11, a 767 out of Boston, crashed into the upper floors of the north tower of the World Trade Center. The crew and passengers on flight 93 were not aware of this. They continued climbing over Pennsylvania until 9:02 AM. The autopilots were engaged. One minute later at 09:03 United Airlines Flight 175, another 767 out of Boston slammed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. Now the world knew this was no accident, this was a terror attack. The crew and passengers on flight 93 were still not aware of what was going on.

At 09:24 an alarming ACARS message arrived in the cockpit of flight 93. It was from a dispatcher in Chicago whose name was Ed Ballinger. The message said "Be aware of cockpit intrusion, two aircraft in NY hit trade center builds". At 9:26 Captain Dahl sent a reply to Ballinger's message which said, "Ed, confirm latest message". Two minutes later at 9:28 there was a disturbance at the cockpit door, the hijacking of United Airlines Flight 93 had begun.

Back in the cabin the four terrorists put red bandanas on their heads. The two assigned to break into the cockpit went straight to the cockpit door. We do not know precisely how they got the door open. Air traffic controllers could hear someone shouting "Get out of here, get out of here" then, "Mayday, mayday, mayday". The pilots fought back the only way they could, they keyed their microphones and yelled out over the ATC frequency.

At 9:31, an unfamiliar voice came over the radio saying "Ladies and gentlemen, here the captain, please sit down and remain sitting, we have a bomb onboard, so sit". The terrorist pilot had hit the wrong button on the radio panel and was transmitting to ATC instead of the PA system to the passengers. The first class passengers were herded to the back of the airplane.

From this point on much of what we know is from the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, CVR.

At 9:37, American Airlines flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon. At this point the passengers started using the airphones attached to the seatbacks. They soon found out about the three planes crashing into buildings. Word spread quickly among the passengers. Now they know what their fate is going to be if they don't do something about it. They quickly take a vote and form a plan. The flight attendants start making pots of boiling water to throw on the terrorists and the men plan to rush forward and take out the two terrorists in first class then break into the cockpit and take over the airplane from those terrorists.

At 9:45, passenger Todd Beamer attempted to call his wife using an airphone but the call did not go through. Then he dialed zero and finally reached the call center supervisor. He made her promise to call his wife at home and tell her how much he loved her and the two kids. During their conversation they prayed the Lord's Prayer together, then recited the 23rd Psalm together.

At 9:57 he ended their conversation and said, "Okay guys, are you ready, let's roll". The next six minutes are chaos, the CVR picks up sounds of a fight near the cockpit door. There are screams, men yelling, things crashing. The fight lasts two minutes. At 9:59 there are sounds of a food cart crashing into the cockpit door, dishes and glasses breaking.

At 10:03 the CVR goes silent, Flight 93 is down.

In spite of all the years of planning by all the terrorists these forty crew and passengers of flight 93 had thwarted their plans and prevented them from using the airplane to murder untold people in Washington DC. Flight 93 was the only one of the four hijacked flights that did not reach its target on 9/11, it was the only one where no one was killed on the ground, and no one was even injured on the ground. These forty crew and passengers are truly heroes and should always be remembered as such.

I can remember way back then how everyone said, "We will never forget". Sadly, many have already forgotten, both the 40 brave folks on flight 93, but also the 2977 who perished on 9/11/01. On this, the 20th anniversary of 9/11, I hope that all of us will never forget what happened that day.

EWR Clipped Wings Activities for 9/11 20th Anniversary by Kathleen Denker, President of EWR Clipped Wings Chapter ~ There are several activities that we are involved in for the 9/11 20th Anniversary! There is a large group of EWR F/A's who were fund raisers for our monument in Shanksville for 5 years after 9/11 to help the members of the families of our F/A's and the monument! Some of the people that go are members of CW

and some are not. Many of us go to Shanksville for the anniversary (we went as a large group for the 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th and now the 20th anniversary). Since many of us in our EWR Chapter go to this 2 day Shanksville trip, we planned for our Clipped Wings of EWR to do something different. We will go to the Garden of Reflection in Bucks County PA on September 30 as a group to honor our crew heroes from that sad day; the Garden of Reflection is The Official Pennsylvania Memorial to the Victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The trip to Shanksville is coordinated by a few F/A for getting the bus and hotel for us. As usual, our bus is full but we will be there in uniform for the ceremony on 9/11.

One more thing that EWR CW is involved in is assisting with an essay contest driven by the author of "Reclaiming the Skies" named Tom Murphy. Several of us have reached out to schools and our membership to participate in this contest which is in honor of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. There is going to be a gathering on September 1 at EWR (I am not sure exactly where yet) to bring together the creators of the essay contest with some of the writers and announce the winners. One of our members is actually a Judge in the contest. Several of us in EWR CW will be attending this event! If you are interested in learning more about this endeavor, please let me know and I can get you to the right person. The book is amazing in the connections this self-employed airline trainer writes about.

As you can see, the EWR CW Chapter has not forgotten and continues to honor the crew heroes of 9/11.

Order up: Pre-order available now July 28, 2021



Starting today on select flights, all customers – no matter what cabin of service they're in – can use our award-winning mobile app and website to pre-order meals, snacks and beverages up to five days before they're scheduled to travel. We are the first and only U.S. airline to offer economy customers the option to pre-order snacks and beverages, a reflection of our United Next plan to transform the customer experience throughout our operation.

This technology is an extension of our contactless payment platform that allows customers to store payment information in a digital wallet. Our pre-order option is now available on select flights departing from ORD to HNL (Honolulu), SNA (Orange County, Calif.), SMF (Sacramento, Calif.) and SAN (San Diego, Calif.) and will expand to all flights over 1,500 miles by early fall.

"Our new pre-order option reflects the customer experience transformation taking place across the airline – customers in our economy cabins will have an easy, convenient way to choose their snack or drink, and our flight attendants can move through the cabin faster, delivering more personalized service," said EVP and Chief Customer Officer Toby Enqvist.

<u>How it works</u>: Five days prior to departure, customers will see an option in the Reservation Details section of the United app or on <u>United.com</u> to pre-order food and beverage items available for their specific flight. Customers will also receive an email notifying them when pre-order is available.

In economy cabins, customers can pre-order snacks and beverages from our buy-on-board menu. They will be asked to enter their credit card information but will not be charged until the items are served to them onboard.

In premium cabins, customers can select their meal option directly from the United app or website. Once they make their selection, they will get a receipt emailed to them.

Congratulations to all the teams that have been working us toward this day. This functionality has been years in the making and is the product of exceptional teamwork, product development, user testing, inventory management, frontline training and so much more work. Cheers to each of you!

England reopens to US travelers Aug. 2 July 28, 2021



London is calling! England announced it will reopen to travelers from the U.S. beginning August 2. Visitors must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated with vaccines that have been approved by the FDA in the U.S. and must take a test before departure, as well as a PCR test within the first two days of arrival.

Additionally, passengers will need to complete a passenger locator form prior to traveling to England and provide proof of U.S.

residency. To help make things easier, the Travel-Ready Center (TRC) in the United app will walk customers through the required documents when they book a trip to London. COVID-19 test results and vaccination records can be stored in the TRC.

"Today's announcement is yet another major milestone in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic with the opening of one of the most important markets from the U.S." said International Network and Alliances VP Patrick Quayle. "United has demonstrated that we can operate flights between the U.S. and England safely, and we are eager to help rebuild these economies by facilitating business and leisure travel."

Currently, we operate daily flights to LHR (London Heathrow) from ORD, EWR, IAD and SFO. In August, we'll have six daily flights between the U.S. and LHR, including a second daily flight from IAD and increased service from IAH from five times a week to daily.

We've proudly provided service to LHR for nearly 30 years and have maintained continuous service between the U.S. and LHR over the course of the pandemic. We look forward to resuming additional LHR service in the coming months, as well as launching new nonstop service between BOS (Boston) and LHR.

<u>Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2021</u> <u>The Latest News and Travel Tips</u>



Open or closed? Mask or no mask? Vaccination certificate or PCR test (or both!) Just as we thought restrictions on travel were lifting, the Delta variant is packing a one, two punch into our daily lives again. Former UA colleagues in Australia update me weekly on severe restrictions escalating in Sydney due to an explosion of Delta variant cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Cruise ship staff is isolating passengers who test positive after leaving port while still attempting to maintain a festive atmosphere. Schools were set to reopen with fewer restrictions than those in place for the last 16 months, but many districts are now re-thinking their plans. So, is there any good news? Yes! Please note that the information described below was current and correct as of August 7, 2021. Always verify before you travel as rules can and do change!

<u>United Kingdom</u>: August 2, 2021 fully vaccinated US citizens were welcomed into the UK. Requirements include proof of vaccination and a negative Covid test before departure, a PCR test within the first 2 days of arrival and a passenger locator form. UA flights to

London originate in Chicago, Newark, San Francisco and Washington Dulles.

<u>Canada</u>: Our neighbors to the north have opened the border for fully vaccinated US citizens to enter effective August 9th, 2021. UA will begin operating flights into Vancouver, Toronto, Calgary and Montreal at that time. Proof of vaccination is required but there is no quarantine upon arrival. Land crossings will also open August 9th.

<u>Winter warm weather flights</u>: On the home front, UA will serve 150 warm weather locations this winter. Destinations include Cozumel, Belize, Liberia Costa Rica and Nassau as well as US locations of Key West, Fort Myers, Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville, Las Vegas, Phoenix and San Diego.

<u>Free economy meals to Hawaii</u>: UA flights from Chicago, Newark and Washington Dulles now offer free meals even in economy. Flights returning to the mainland will only include free meals to Denver and Houston.

<u>Pre-order meals</u>: And speaking of meals, the option to pre-order meals, snacks and beverages for purchase can now be made up to 5 days before departure for confirmed passengers who use the United app. Payment is stored online in a digital wallet and is not charged until the meal is actually served onboard. Currently, this option is available on flights from Chicago to San Diego, Orange County and Sacramento but ALL flights over 1500 miles will offer pre-order in early fall.

<u>Trusted Travel Programs</u>: If your TSA Pre√, Global Passport or Nexus cards are nearing their renewal dates be sure to get online now! If you apply for renewal before your current card expires, you will receive a grace period, up to 18 months, to compensate for the possibility of delays in processing your renewal. I recently applied to renew my card and was informed that my current card would remain valid until Dec 2022. But surprisingly, my new card arrived in the mail within 8 days! Go to <u>www.login.gov</u> to begin the renewal (or 1st time application)

<u>Passport Renewals</u>: Not such good news here – passport renewals are taking 18 weeks to process and mail! For expedited service, which costs an additional \$60, the passport office quoted 12 weeks. Please be aware that many countries require your passport to be valid for 3 to 6 months beyond your travel dates. So don't wait to get the renewal process started!

<u>Denied Boarding Compensation</u>: We all know that flying standby can often be "iffy". You may decide to use the myUAdiscount to book a confirmed seat at a 20% discount. Or you may just outright purchase a revenue ticket on Southwest or Delta, etc. Because both kinds of tickets are considered revenue tickets, if an oversell situation occurs you may volunteer to give up your seat for compensation and a confirmed booking on a later flight. Often the compensation amount increases when the number of seats needed is greater. So, if you volunteer first, politely ask that you want the same compensation as that given to the final volunteer. In addition, there are often opportunities to bargain for meal vouchers or lounge access etc., if you just ask.

That's it for this time. Stay safe, everyone.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA

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

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 11:30.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The RUAEA Convention is coming up real soon. Have you made your hotel registration yet? The hotel registration cutoff date is August 27, 2021. The hotel is called Dana on Mission Bay, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive in San Diego. Reservations can be made by calling 800-345-9995 (toll free) or 619-222-6440. Please mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$124 plus tax, which includes breakfast for two. Check in is 4:00PM and Check out is 11:00AM. There is a 48 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Convention based on availability. Regarding transportation from the airport, it is best to use Uber or Lyft or Taxi. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle.

The deadline for Convention Registration is September 15, 2021. The Registration Form can be found in the July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. You can also go on line to <u>ruaea.org</u> website. Tours are scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, Thursday, September 30 and Saturday, October 2. Make your check payable to: 2021 RUAEA Convention, and mail your completed Registration Form and Check to: 2021 RUAEA Convention, c/o **Shirley Claggett**, 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Be sure to include your file number at the top of the form!

There will be a Hospitality Party on Friday, October 1st, which will be subsidized by our Alliant Partners. The banquet on Saturday night, October 2nd, menu is Salmon Piccata, Roast Park Loin, or the Vegetarian Option, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Greens with Vinaigrette, and Dessert, plus Entertainment! The dress code for the Banquet is Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional.

Where did the summer go? I can't believe September is upon us, with children back in school already. As we get older, we appreciate every day that we can get up and are able to do things. Our Re-United Chapter is back planning on luncheons, starting in October. Dakota has already signed up to be the host for an October luncheon. We need other members to help us out by hosting one of the luncheons. We all do like to eat, don't we?

Our Friday, July 23rd Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert had 11 members plus I guest. It was a much needed rainy morning in Arizona, but all the members that had signed up came. The rain didn't stop them! The guest was **Debbie Schulte**, recently retired from the PHX Airport. Debbie also ran the Fantasy Flight in Phoenix for 20 years, and always did a wonderful job. We are glad she is joining our chapter and look forward to seeing her at all our functions.

We have the following people who have birthdays in September: **Harry Cloud** and **Shirley Eaton**. Happy Birthday to both of you! My husband, Ted and I will be celebrating our 67th Wedding Anniversary in September. Who said it wouldn't last?

Calendar:

September 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00AM. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservation by Wednesday, September 22, or call her at (480) 396-3317, so she can notify the Manager how many to expect from our group. **September 28 - October 2** – RUAEA Convention at Dana on Mission Bay in Mission Bay, San Diego, CA. **October 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3^{rd} Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2^{nd} 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 or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> NORTHSTATERS

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

Calendar:

September 15 – Next meeting at 11:30 AM. The place is TBD.



CENTRAL COASTERS

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Things are finally opening up in our town as to the restaurants and other businesses. Our church has done away with remote seating and wearing masks. Now we are told that masks are mandatory everywhere due to this new virus variant that is quite contagious. Our beaches are crowded by tourists from the valleys in California because of high temperatures. I also noticed that no one was wearing masks.

We have a very interesting situation at the San Luis Obispo airport. The airport is closed from 6pm. til 6am the next morning for a couple of weeks. There is some runway work and improvements needed in preparation for more and bigger planes. I noticed UAL reduced their departure schedule from 4 flights to 2 flights a day. AAL has the first flight out in the morning and the departure time is listed as 6:01. They keep to that schedule, so far, with no delays.

I discovered an interesting website called "Walking Tours in (you enter what you want to see) and so far I've seen the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty, and The Leaning Tower of Pisa. I've never been to these places in person and now I can without the hassle of crowds or expense. These are not short videos since they leave nothing out. I have a granddaughter and family living in Luxembourg so I took a walking tour of their country. They will be visiting us some time this year. I want her to tell me all about this video. It will almost be like being there.

I've always wondered? Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance. Are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink?

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos group. I'm thrilled to report that, as things stand now, we are back to holding regular monthly meetings! We meet the first Monday of the month all year long.

Our August meeting was held on August 2nd at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord with 18 members in attendance. It was so nice to be back at our old "stomping ground." **Diane Griego** did an amazing job working with the restaurant to confirm our meetings, with a private room and an excellent menu at a great price. The \$20.00 cost includes soup or salad, many entrée choices, ice cream for dessert, beverages, tax and tip. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** were the cashiers and **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money.

The Leathers' daughter was visiting them from Boise and she brought them <u>a</u> <u>lot</u> of corn from her garden. They brought in a big box of "Idaho Corn" for us to take home. What a treat!

After lunch, we held our raffle. **Cheryl Kincaid** won the money and, thanks to everyone bringing an item, we all went home with something. Whoever brought the bottle of Emmett's Irish Cream Liqueur—bless your heart! How did you know that is my favorite?

With **Arnold Hansen**, **Jr**. stepping down as president, we elected **Tom Cunningham** as our new president. Our other officers are **Diane Griego** as Vice President, **Jan Soderstrom** as Secretary, and **Rich Bouska** as Treasurer.

With the Delta variant rearing its ugly head, the only thing constant in our lives right now is change. The day after our luncheon, the rules changed again, and masks are now required inside. Going forward, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by the Friday before the meeting.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA - Retired United Pilots Association. Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. More info to follow in a future newsletter.

Cheryl Kincaid announced that she is moving to Reno on August 23rd. No, she is not a gambler. It's to be closer to family. She has been a steadfast member of our group for a long time and we will miss her terribly. All the best to you, Cheryl, in your new abode and hometown.

<u>Update on China's Wandering Elephant</u> ~ Since March 2020, a herd of 15 endangered Asian elephants have become a worldwide media sensation when they left their habitat and trekked 300 miles northward. Emergency workers, vehicles, thermal imaging and drones were deployed to monitor the elephants' movements and protect local residents. Chinese state television launched a 24-hour live feed of the herd.

Chinese authorities sent police to escort the herd and evacuated roads and villages to facilitate their passage. They used food to distract them from entering densely populated areas during their journey and to follow routes predetermined by officials. In May, "food baiting" began to work and the herd began moving south. In July, an injured baby elephant, who was born on the trek, was rescued after locals spotted the calf alone on a tea plantation. An infected wound on its leg could have been life-threatening without treatment, according to state broadcaster CCTV. Also, a male 10-year-old elephant that strayed from the herd in June was anesthetized and returned to the nature reserve.

As I write this on August 7, China's now-famous herd of wandering elephants is approaching their original habitat in the southwestern province of Yunnan after traveling southward for days. I'm glad they are "home" safe and sound, but I sure will miss hearing about them and their antics.

Attention California Drivers ~ On June 21, the Department of Motor Vehicles announced that Californians who renewed driver's licenses or ID cards during the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible to upgrade to Real ID cards for free.

Due to pandemic concerns, the agency allowed all Californians 70 and older, and those who already reached their limit on out-of-office renewals, to renew online or by mail, but an office visit continued to be required to

receive a Real ID card. The DMV said it would waive the application fee for those who seek to upgrade through the end of the year.

Since March of last year, DMV officials said they have issued more than 5 million licenses and ID cards that are not Real ID to those who are eligible for one. Cards that are not compliant with Real ID are stamped with the words "Federal Limits Apply."

"We don't want Californians to pay the price for not getting a Real ID during the pandemic," DMV director Steve Gordon said in a statement. "While the federal government has extended the enforcement date for a Real ID, there is no need to procrastinate."

In May 2023, the Department of Homeland Security will require a Real ID card or a passport to board flights within the United States or to enter federal facilities or military bases.

Before the pandemic, the rush to get a Real ID ahead of the previous October 2020 deadline led to long lines at offices and prompted a state audit of the DMV. The agency said it has since streamlined the process, by allowing applicants to upload their documents and schedule in-person appointments online.

Additional information about the Real ID application process can be found on the DMV website.

Upcoming Meetings, please join us!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year.

- ▲ Monday, September 6 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Friday, September 3.
- ▲ Monday, October 4 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Friday, October 1.
- ▲ Monday, November 1 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Friday, October 29.
- ▲ Monday, December 6 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Well, we saw the light at the end of the tunnel but somebody hit the dimmer switch and so ... here we are again, we must wear masks indoors, avoid huge crowds, encourage those unvaxxed to be vaxxed, we need to impress those who have not gotten the vaccine to do so. Things to do, restaurants to enjoy, watch our Olympians (were we ever that young?) dazzle us. The Golden Gaters' got the go-ahead to have our monthly meetings and our Winner, Winner Chicken dinner is being held on August 23 – hope to see more members come out. We have a small group so far, so cluck on down to the Foster City Rec Center and join us at our monthly meetings. We must wear masks. I will assume that we (us oldies) have all rolled up our sleeves.

Meetings (unless we hear otherwise)

- September 27 Annual Picnic Ribs and such.
- October 25 Pot Luck bring your goodies for all to enjoy.
- November 22 TBA
- December 8 We continue to stay in Touch with our local Fish Market more info to come.

While we are in a very cautious time avoiding the Delta (and other) viruses, there are many fun things to see and do in this neck of the woods. San Francisco and environs offer lots of spots to visit and enjoy. Our summer concerts in Stern Grove (free) are always wonderful – bring a picnic lunch, a blanket to sit on, one of our lovely California wines and enjoy the variety of shows that are offered. The month of August has us able to ride the famous Cable Cars for free (yup, free) – a super way to enjoy the sights and sounds of SFO. Make sure you get on the Cable Car that is close to the Buena Vista Bar so that you can brag that you had their famous Irish Coffee

— and Ghirardelli chocolate deeeeelicious ice creams. The museums are open as well as Pier 39 (bring a sweater or jacket as our "summer" is when many, many sweatshirts are sold — so what's a little fog?) Have a car? - a must is Filoli Gardens located on Highway 280 in the hills at the foot of our water supply Crystal Springs Reservoir. This is huge estate nestled amongst beautiful trees, gardens and flowers — established by the Roth family in 1917 (gold and wine moguls.) Over 300 hundred thousands of visitors a year — "Filoli" is Fight, Love, Live — features a wisteria tree/vine that covers the back side of the mansion that is stunning when in bloom. Takes your breath away! Wander around the various gardens and tour the mansion — you won't be disappointed. Mosey on over to Half Moon Bay to enjoy the ocean, flower nurseries, and many great restaurants.

Most of our members are staying well (haven't heard any bad news, so keep up the good work!). We had to alert the Fire Department as **Bob Donovan** celebrated his 100th birthday not long ago. Many years ago member, **Bernard** (**Bud**) **Simon** from SFOEA also hit the 100 mark. If I missed any of you 100ites, I'm sorry. Happy Birthday to the both of you – we will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at our August meeting - I will invite the Foster City Fire Chief to oversee the event!

Stay well, support your local restaurants (indoor and outdoor,) if you can- get that walk in every day, hug your kids and grandkids and don't forget to tell those near and dear to you that you **love** them.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS Jane Gibson Secretary tired-dogs@comcast.net

Well, here we are, starting the march through the second half of 2021. July gets to start with a wonderful, national holiday that celebrates the beginning of our country. The "4th of July" isn't just a day/date, it represents the start of a new concept in developing a nation; a country that wants to give each individual a chance to excel, and a chance to be happy. No wonder "marching" music is so peppy and upbeat! No wonder July brings our earth sunshine galore! Okay, so that can be translated to <u>hot</u>, but look at all the fabulous fruits and vegetables that thrive in all that sunshine! You can almost "see" the weeds – oops, flowers – grow right before your eyes. That goes for kids too – so grateful that they wore shorts in the summer – you couldn't tell that they were too short! Ah, the good ol' days!

I don't know the reason, perhaps the heat, but we don't have anyone who celebrates their anniversary in July. We do have some birthdays, however! Raise your glass to toast; **Doe Pope**, **Dave Garland** and **Irv Wolfram!** Happy Birthday to you all! (actually, that extends to any of you who were born in July, but couldn't join us)

President ~ I'm so tickled that we are back to a (somewhat) routine and our president, **Bill Dinette**, brought us some information this month from UAL such as Employee Benefits Annual Enrollment and Summer Travel.

 $Treasurer \sim Since our location for this luncheon - Beef 'N Brew (excellent food, by the way) - was near$ **Tom Kenny**'s workplace, Tom was able to join us today. He was happy to report that our checking account has increased. This is good! There are only 2 members who we have not received annual dues from. I will be in contact with them to see if it was just an oversight, or if they have decided to drop. Once we have that nailed down, I will send out our roster.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have anything to report but she wants to say, again, how great it is to see everyone. There were 32 Hangtown Miners attending today – lots of smiles and laughter to enjoy.

Sunshine ~ Suzie Kenny let us know that Lindalee Akin is recovering from breast cancer surgery. Her hubby, Ed, and daughter, Julie, were here and report that she is doing well. Suzie does a great job in this position but trying to keep up on what all of you are doing can be a challenge! Let her know if you are experiencing anything unusual whether it be a good thing or a not so good thing!

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** brought our albums to the luncheon – which she does most times – if you have not had a chance to look thru these books, take a few minutes next time to look back over the years and smile at all those familiar faces.

Contributions ~ **Roy Martin** took the floor to thank us all for allowing him and wife, **Dawn**, to continue as Hangtown Miners members. In case you may not understand this, Roy & Dawn were coming just about every month as guests of **Rudy** & **Cindy Blazius** and they have such a good time and are so fun to be around, so we figured we would let them be "honorary" members and are sure glad we did!

Just a little add-in from me: Bill & I actually took a trip up to Idaho this year. We have friends who moved there last year, so, off we went. But they weren't the only friends we were able to visit! So many Californians are looking for a change! We were able to meet up with a guy who Bill knew and actually went to school with in Williams, and who is also a retired UAL employee, **Joe Sweely**, and his lovely **Pam**. Joe worked plant maintenance at SFO for many years. He's living the "good life" on 10 acres and I'd like to say he's "staying out of trouble" but, well, if you know Joe, that's a stretch! Great guy and gal! I'm sure there's more UAL retirees in Idaho, just haven't tracked them down yet.

Also want to remind you of the United Airlines Retired Mechanics reunion that's coming up in September. It was moved from June but is still in Minden NV. September 14 – 17 with the delicious barbeque on Tuesday, September 15. Darlene is organizing this again – Thank You, Darlene – and here is the info she sent out:

Hello all,

I have finalized the date for this year's reunion. It will be September 14th - September 17th at the Carson Valley Inn. The BBQ will be on Wednesday the 15th in the RV park. The cost this year will be \$6 per person for lunch. We thank you in advance for bringing either a side dish or dessert of some kind. Water will be provided. After missing 2020, looking forward to seeing you again this year.

I have attached the block for hotel, lodge and RV park reservations. Please use the number provided. 1-775-783-6629, Group Number 3043, Group Name - United Airline Retired Mechanics.

If you have any questions email or call me at (530) 692-0505 (imthemama57@man.com).

Your group coordinator

Darlene Odell

Our raffle is officially back! Apparently not everyone realized we were having it this month (you aren't "required" to bring an item for it) but we had fun with what was there. A big "Thank You" to everyone who did bring something to raffle: **Blazius** – wine; **Dinette** – wine; **Dellinger** – cookies; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Kenney** – coaster set; **Gibson** – wind chime; marigold plants on the tables as well. Oh, the donator's prize was won by **Bill Gibson** – only I was between Rudy and Bill so guess whose pocket it went into! Oops, I forgot – Rudy, I have your clipboard! You can stop looking for it!

Are you ready for "Hot August Nights"? Okay, so it'll be noon, but you get the gist! **Bill & Linda Dinette** have arranged for us to have our August lunch at Coloma Club Grill & Saloon.

I guess that's it for now. Keep cool, stay healthy, laugh often, stay out of trouble – enjoy your life – it is precious.



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Yes, it really happened! After a year and a half, the Resans family finally had a breakfast that we have looked forward to for such a long time. We were restricted in numbers but everyone was so glad to get together.

There were a lot of hugs and good conversation going around. The food and service at the Pt. Loma Cafe were great as usual. It was good to see some of the staff that have served us in the past and made us feel so welcome.

I have just one September birthday and that is **Peggy Van Sickle** celebrating her special day on September 29th. This takes place during the Convention so she will get a lot of good wishes.

Gloria Glaeser told about a new hobby she is pursuing and doing very well. Felt crafting. She takes pieces of felt and cuts them in to leaves and petals and makes beautiful, artistic looking floral that she mounts on a felt background. The colors were beautiful and the felt gives a three dimension look that really pops and gets your attention.

Much of our conversation was about the upcoming convention. **Betty Tomaino** was able to answer many questions and I hope we may have acquired some more volunteers.

We still have work to do and all are working diligently to make this an unforgettable event to be enjoyed for all. The hotel location will make you feel you are on a tropical island so come prepared with your "beachy" clothing.

Just a couple more weeks and we will be seeing you in our beautiful, sunny San Diego!

Calendar:

September 2 - Breakfast pending at this time.

September 28 - October 2 – RUAEA Convention, Dana on Mission Bay

SACRAMENTO
GOLD DIGGERS
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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on July 28th at the Lincoln Chinese Restaurant. We had twenty-nine in attendance with four guests. President **Dave Garland** started the meeting by thanking **Orville Harshbarger** for hosting the luncheon with the assistance of **Vicky Enriquez**. He then introduced the guests; **Otto Kennedy** and his sister **Phyllis McCoy** of Sacramento, guests of **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor**; also **Barbara** & **Ron Lawrick**, guests of **Barbara** & **Ron Bertacini**, they were visiting from Henderson, NV.

Treasurer **Judie King** reported that the chapter is solvent. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** had nothing to pass on as she had not heard of any members with issues. With that, **Stephanie Norton** reported that she recently had a pacemaker. Then **Orville Harshbarger** let us know of his scary experience. He was out doing yard work and thought he was keeping himself hydrated with the high temps we have been experiencing. Suddenly he found himself laying on the ground and some neighbor sprinkling him with water. Orville had passed out due to heat exhaustion and then spent five days in the hospital for heat stroke and dehydration.

There was no Secretary or Historian report although since the last meeting, **Barbara Bertacini** has volunteered to be Vice President for the rest of the year and **Ron Bertacini** has also volunteered to finish the term for Secretary.

There were two birthdays for July, **Sidnee McKinney** and **Dave Garland**, Sidnee won the birthday roll-off and was a few dollars richer.

Dave enlightened us with the famous birthdays of the past as well as 'This Day in History'. Dave also advised that we 'older' folks can look forward to an increase in our Social Security benefits in 2022 as it has been reported that it will be the largest increase since the 1980s.

The August luncheon/meeting will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on Wednesday August 25, 2021. The restaurant does not open until 11:30 so plan accordingly. Also we will be able to order off the menu and have individual checks. It will be hosted by **Barbara** & **Ron Bertacini** and please send them an email if you plan to attend as the restaurant will need a head count five days prior to our event. Send your response to sgd@surewest.net by August 20, 2021.

Dave left us with a couple of thoughts; "Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil? Because it's pointless!" and "Not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path."



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

We would like to extend an invitation to all retirees to attend our luncheon meetings. If you would like information about our Chapter, the San Joaquiners, please contact our President **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210. We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love for you to join us

SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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Our meeting on July 5th was a bit chaotic, as we did not anticipate so many members to be in attendance. In addition, the restaurant had a huge crowd and some customers were seated at tables in our room. However, we all made it work out OK and we had a good time.

Having learned what a crowd can be on a holiday, we will not hold our September 6th meeting at Holders. Instead we will have a picnic at Vasona, the following day, September 7th at 10:00am. Since all the covered areas are reserved, we will have a couple people go early and secure some tables by the boathouse. This will be a 'bring your own' drinks and food. There are plenty of trees in the area, but you may want to bring a lawn chair. Hope to see all of you there!

We have set the date and place for our annual Christmas luncheon. It will be at the Scottish Rite Temple on December 7th and will be catered by the same person that has done our picnics in the past. We will not have the bidding for prizes, as in the past, but we may hold a bake goods bidding. Be sure to mark your calendars. All RUAEA members in the area are also welcomed to attend and we will have a sign up later in the year.

Chuck Clayborn has done a great job holding Zoom meetings and we are thankful for all his efforts to keep the chapter going through these trying times. To that end, it has been decided to end the Zoom meetings, with July 23 being the last date. This was a great way to keep in contact with those members who no longer live in the area or are unable to attend in person meetings. We may hold periodic Zoom meetings so we can remain in contact with those members. An E mail will be sent out in advance.

It is with sadness that we report the loss of another member, **Donna Sesock-Miller**, who passed away earlier this month.

It looks as if we will have a significant number of our members in attendance at the RUAEA convention. We all look forward to seeing other RUAEA members and enjoying some of that wonderful San Diego hospitality and weather.

For those of you following the project on the two hangars in Santa Barbara that myself and RUAEA member, **Pete VanGilluwe**, have been working on to convert to a museum, good news.

We have met with members of the city council and received positive responses. Additionally we have the former airport manager and a former member of the historic commission joining our organization. Our next step is to seek 501c3 Non-Profit status.

One final thing, it's time to begin thinking of officer positions for next year, particularly as president. Please consider taking a position, especially if you have not been an officer for a significant time.

All RUAEA members are welcome to attend our meetings, held on the first Monday of each month. We meet at 1000, at Holders Country Inn, 998 De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129.



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July 21st found the following Solano Flyers at the Our Town Café in Fairfield: **Bill & JoAnne Blizzard**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **Diosnel & Luci Perez**, **James Ellison**, **Stewart McCale**, **Eugene Boyce**, **Allan Pochop**, **Rudy Arsaga**, and **Rob Richie**.

Anniversaries ~ Diosnel & Luci Perez, and Pad & Eileen Gardner.

Birthday ~ Bill Blizzard.

A bottle of wine was donated by the Perez.

50/50 Drawing ~ Tickets were shaken and mixed; VP **Pochop** then selected **Luci Perez** to draw the winning ticket with the request "Luci, you're looking for ticket 397". Luci then delivered ticket number 397. There was

no outburst of rage, threats, shouting, swearing, etc.; the members remained very, very quiet as they have been conditioned by the amazing uncanny ability that the Vice President has, to consistently become the monthly 50/50 winner. But, it was noticed that the VP, then slipped Luci a dollar. Hummm!

Luci then drew the ticket for the bottle of wine; Luci won, she then refused, and the second ticket winner was **Bob Richie**.

Calendar:

August 18 – Meeting at the Black Bear restaurant, 111 Sunset Ave. Suisun City

September 14 – 18 - UAL gathering in Minden, NV. The BBQ is on Wednesday, September 15 in the RV area.

September 28 – October 2 – RUAEA Convention in San Diego

COLORADO

<u>DENVER</u> MILE HIGHERS

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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with 26 in attendance. We will continue to meet for lunch on the first Thursday of each month. Don introduced **Patty Weakland** whose husband worked for UAL and recently passed away.

August 11th at Aurora reservoir will be a UAL get together at 9:00 AM; food will not be provided.

August 26th is the UAL tech ops retirement party at Riverdale Regional Park (Adams County Fair Grounds), 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton, CO 80601. Time 11AM to 7PM; food and beverages provided.

Our 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter this month are **Kathy Sibley**, **Rich Conner**, **Ed Moore**, and **Yumi Trujillo** (2x).

Our next meeting will be September 2nd at 11:00 AM at Ted'z Place Restaurant in Commerce City, 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022; (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70, exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA

THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES



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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rcapozzi@rocketmail.com.



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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We are hoping that the crazy weather predictions for today were the reason for our lunch gathering being kinda slim. Seventeen members and guests gathered at the Golden Corral. Our guests today were the brother of **Ted LeGrand**, **Ralph LeGrand** and his wife, **Peg**! Warm welcome! President Ernie held the flag for our Pledge and then we got right down to business.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** reported that the coffers are still low and that we have 24 currently paid up members. Joining us today was **Montague Martin**, MCOCG retiree and his wife, **Mary**!

We moved on to the Secretary Elaine's report on her findings regarding Maggiano's contract for the Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday December 7th from Noon − 3PM. It has been determined (by our financial situation ⊕) that this year, the Chapter will not be able to subsidize the party. But, **good news**, Maggiano's cost per person for the wonderful menu selections provided ... including dessert! ... will remain the same as in 2019! Hurray! So, make your plans to attend the Christmas Celebration and keep us posted, as we will you, as the time gets closer.

Special prayers for healing to **Jim Mummah** and **John Wiseman**. And a hugs blanket of prayers for all in our United Family, both those we know about and those we don't. God Bless you all with good health or a return to it.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.

THE SAND DOLLARS

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The Sand Dollars won't be meeting until October, but anyone looking for information on our group may contact **Ginger Hyde** at <u>ASDIP920@aol.com</u>, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on August 2nd with 10 members in attendance. Pledge was said; we then had a very laid back meeting.

There are no birthdays this month. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** celebrated their 54th anniversary on August 26.

Jean Linehan and her son traveled to Jackson Hole, WY for a granddaughter's wedding; it was held on a horse ranch. Jean said that she had her first horse ride. They also went rafting; big adventure. The wedding ceremony was beautiful. There were no other travels.

We discussed our upcoming Fall Picnic. Bring dishes to pass, chicken will be provided. We will have sign up list at the next meeting.

We talked about all of our illnesses and family problems. Jean talked about **Bill Linehan**'s service; she thanked those who attended. We also talked about UAL.

Breakfast/Lunch was served - 50/50 was played.

Meeting closed.

Calendar:

September 13 – IHOP. Please note that this is a week later

October 4 - Fall Picnic, 11:00AM, Anderson Park Shelter #4. Anyone can come early to help set up.

TREASURE COAST

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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

PAU HANA KUPUNA

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

<u>IDAHO</u>



BUISE GEMIS

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The Boise Gems met for lunch on August 10 at The Pad Thai House Restaurant in Boise. **Dave & Carol Adams** hosted this meeting. At this writing, we have 13 members participating. Since this meeting is after the Newsletter deadline, the meeting minutes will be reported in next month's Newsletter.

Our next official meeting will be scheduled in October. Details will be sent to members at a later date in September.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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September—the month of heat, slowly turning to yellow, orange, and brown leaves on the trees. Yep, Fall is coming in about 21 days. Our closets have a variety of short sleeves, long sleeve and no sleeve shirts. Add to that shorts, and long pants. Time to put away the chiffon dresses, white clothes and airy blouses. I don't understand who dictated to the world about 'don't wear white after Labor Day.' If it's hot, wear what you want. If it's cold, windy and you need your coat on, you'll look silly with white boots or sandals on. I think we're old enough to figure that out. If you emulate Wal-Mart shopper dressers, you're on your own. September can be nice, yes, it's still hot, but has a different feel to the air. Remember our first day of school, we all had new dresses and shirts, all long sleeves, lord, we were sweating! Were you raring to get started on arithmetic? Just looking at those pages, seeing X, Y, and Z's was so confusing. I still don't know Y, nor do I care. Or Parallelograms, what was the reason for that? Have you ever used one, or found one? It's a word from 1560, maybe the Romans used them then. Totally useless!

The September flowers are the aster and morning glory. When I saw asters coming up, the mums and Fall were close behind. The birthstone is all different color of sapphires, long association of royalty and romance. The first holiday is Labor Day. My dad used to say, it's labor day every day in the maternity ward. Funny days include, No Rhyme or Reason day, Emma M. Nutt, Pink Cadillac, Bacon Day, Pet Rock, Salami, Teddy Bear, Aunts Day, Pet Memorial, Grandparents, Bald is Beautiful, Scooby-Doo, Batman, Wife Appreciation Day, Dogs in Politics Day, Happy Goose, finished off with Ask a Stupid Question Day. Please tell me you fit into one of those days. Bacon Day is for everybody! If anybody wants to try flying to Germany, Oktoberfest is in Munich starting September 8 to October 3. Actually, it's all over the world now. It was so popular; everybody wants to get into the act! (Jimmy Durante)

Lots of news at United ~ New airplanes, from supersonics to electric ones with only 19 seats. That's going to take one heck of an extension cord from ORD to Moline. What happens in bad weather, when the planes are stacked up for landing instructions? Will they let the battery/electric operated ones land first? You can tell I don't know the first thing about electric or non-gas planes or cars. We'll see how many of these planes they actually receive. We've been down this road before, haven't we?

Northside Breakfast had seven retirees, **Toni VanKanpen**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Barb Wesemann**. **Marge Stamm**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Peggy Maromaty**, and me. Many got together with their families over the July 4 holiday. So much fun to listen to all the conversations, from family, to travel, illness and, of course, the weather. At this stage of our lives, we all have some ailment or inability to move quickly, but we're all so happy to see each other. In case you were going to fly again, we are still allowed to park in the Chicago Res parking lot on Touhy Ave. There is a space to the west of the building that is marked, WHQ Parking. It's where it always was, no changes.

The Southside Breakfast had the regulars, **Bill Corbett**, **Sylvester Gant**, **Barb Wesemann**, **Gwen Brookings**, her friend, Brenda, and yours truly. Sylvester and Bill had some interesting news about the Chicago Public Schools. Since the union now knows how to use remote teaching, there will be no more 'Snow Days'. Teachers will simply teach from home to kids at home. That was the most fun, wasn't it, staying home, now they're coming into our homes. Bill also gave us an update on his successful heart surgery in January. It was two years ago he had a pulmonary situation. You better take care, Bill, you're running out of necessary body parts. Barb is flying to northern California to visit her sister. Gwen and Brenda are life long friends from church. Sylvester is gearing up for driving a school bus this month. Some of the stories he tells are funny and heartbreaking. Great, lively conversations.

The ORDMM mechanics had a whopping 19 people for breakfast! Good times have returned, **Jim Vitte**, **Rich Protsman**, **Bob Palm**, **Harry Kargenian**, **Dean Hackenberg**, **LB Neal**, **Fred Seibert**, **Paul Skrudland**, **Don Kramlich**, **Pierre Lupori**, **Jim Kraft**, **Frank Wenig**, **Dick Hoppel**, **Don Matker**, **Ron Pryor**, 'long time, no see', **Al Low**, and 'just stopped by to say hello', **Walt Chornomaz**, he's planning his next cruise, now that the ports are opened. Even **Dave Stoves**, from Florida stopped in, and me.

The MM management group had **Stan Chmieliwicz**, **Bart Kendall**, **Tom Abraham**, **Jan Gawenda**, and 'long time no see', **Ann Pepper**, **Jackie Anderson**, **Roy Johnson**, and **Judy** & **Dave Stoves** from Florida. Dave & Judy told us how wonderful it is living in Florida, wants us to all move down there, enjoy the weather and low taxes. Roy, Ann and Jackie brought us up to date on their health and living conditions. Jackie is moving a little further west so her family can keep track of her. How sweet, they really care about their mom, packed up her things in no time at all. A lot of people are moving closer to their families, good idea, it's their turn to watch us, and worry if we're not home before dark.

The IAM 1487 had their Summer Picnic on August 5, with 16 new members, and a total attendance of 92. That's great! **Dave Roderick** did a fabulous job getting new people to come, and it worked. There was a 50-cent grab bag, raffles, a horse race, and a delicious lunch of hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, and all the salad sides and sweet things that go along with it. The Union Executive Board did the cooking, **Tony Licciardi**, president, **Greg Klujewski**, recording secretary, **Rosario Licciardi**, Conductor Sentinel, **Sam Gonzalez**, **Laraine Brooks-Tyner**, and **Dena Pena**, Trustees, and **Shelia Peck**, Communicator. Our new members are **Margaret Carvey**, **Paul Domino**, **Rose Ferretti**, **Diane Gedeon**, **Richard Johnson**, **Dinesh Kapoor**, **Dominic Maratto**, **Debbie Monfeli**, **Kenneth Mudamalle**, **Simon Paul**, **John Popp**, **Erlinda** & **Stephen Rauen**, **Richard Rasmussen**, **Nancy Reif**, and **Cathy Yokem**. We all welcome you to the Retiree Club, where we always have a fun afternoon.

Our RUPA Lunch was held at Nick's Pizza in Crystal Lake. Four new people were there for a total of 51 pilots and friends. The newbies were, **Karen Gammill**, wife of Capt. **Bud**, who passed a few years ago. **Marcy Trojak**, **Bud Utendorf**, and **Cindy Berkeley**, first female pilot at UAL, starting in 1978, and retired after 41 years. Other notables were **Howard** & **Marj Nelson**, **Ken** & **Muriel Bergsma**, **Jan** & **Walt Fink**, **LeRoy** & **Eva Bair**, **Bob Helfferich**, **Dick Kane**, **Ken Voelker**, **Dave Graham**, and his son, Chris, **Warren Jepson**, our photographer, **Larry Cabeen**, **Steen Munter**, **Bob Kelly**, **Brian Leiding** from Florida, and yours truly. Those fly-boys sure were happy to be out, lots of laughter and talking of what they did for 18 months away from their friends. I wonder what they'd do if they were flying now and the passengers started fighting in the aisles. I'll ask them next time they meet in September, when **Jackie Bange** will be their speaker. She's quite a 'sky enthusiast'.

I have to say hello to two ladies who were kind enough to call me, and I can't remember their names. One was from Cleveland, but started out in Ft. Wayne, then Denver, a very colorful and kind lady. The other from DEN, was there her whole career. I thought it was Beatrice or Bernice. Wrote both names on the back of an envelope, now can't find that darn envelope. Have you done that, too? Well, thank you for your calls and nice little chats. Sorry I lost you. Others include Marie Burda, Loretta Howard, Rich Holke, Norm Wilkinson, Bob Gruitch, Nancy Naranjo, Ken & Sandy Browlee, Joe Herold, and that nice man in Nigeria who is worried about my expired 1999 car warranty. So good to hear from you all!

At the end of July, the Experimental Airplane Association (EAA) held their annual AirVenture Show in Oskosh, WI. United chartered in their new Boeing 737 Max 8, and made a few announcements. On board were guests from Aviate, 30 students from Tuskegee NEXT Foundation and AeroStars, United Summer Associates, and our Business Resources Groups. The focus was to expose youth to the possibility of becoming a pilot, pique their curiosity and further United's commitment to diversification in the field of aviation. The group at EAA had over 400,000 aviation enthusiasts that fly in 10,000 aircrafts every year just for the week-long event. You know there are many present and retired UAL pilots in that group. They have so much fun seeing each other there every year, most come in their own planes. That old saying, 'A good time was had by all', truly describes this gathering. People were allowed to walk through the new 737 to get a good look inside. Bill Thacker's daughter got engaged there. The whole family flies, the young couple met there about four years ago. It's only fitting they got engaged there, too.

Our friends that have flown West last month are, **Jim Herrera**, ORDCS, **Frances Jones**, WHQAN. Also gone, from our world Bob Moses, NAACP, actors, William Smith (Laredo), Rick Aiello (Sopranos), Jay Pickett (soaps), Comedian, Jackie Mason, Ron Popiel (cute gadgets), Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO president.

Where were you on September 11, 2001? I was getting ready to celebrate my 40th anniversary with UAL. Turned on the TV, saw what we thought was a small plane that lost its way. So many people, their relatives and friends affected. I personally didn't know anybody that was in the Towers, the Pentagon, or in Shanksville. Did you? I think we all knew somebody that knew somebody, but not personally. We can never forget the horror of the actions of that day. It hit everybody in the gut, what to do, where to turn? It's like Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy Assassination, the Oklahoma bombing, the Cole destroyer bombing, Benghazi, and other terrible attacks on us and our country. We cannot forget, and shouldn't, too many crazy people out there who want to ruin our beautiful country. After the attack, stores were selling all kind of red, white and blue merchandise.

Now we're lucky to find different size flags for our home. What happened? Did we forget to remember the devastation to our country and spirit? Hope not, over 3,000 people died, more than Pearl Harbor. Our enemy has not stopped, still working against us, but they want to be citizens. Strange, what are they up to? There will be commemorative ceremonies at each site. At this writing, details are not available.

For it's death that gives life meaning. Because one day we will not be here, and many of our days have already come and gone, we should do all that is within our power to make this moment count for all its worth. Yesterday is gone, Tomorrow is not promised. All we have is the time that's given to us, so let's live there, and focus on that. Stay well, enjoy your life.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**September 16**) Third Thursday IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**September 2**) 11:00 A.M. **September 14** – RUPA Luncheon, Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 A.M. 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin.

INDIANA



INDY RACERS
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On July 13th, the Indy Racers had our annual picnic at Avon Town Hall Park. We enjoyed barbequed hamburgers and attendees brought side dishes for all to share. It was a fun afternoon of reminiscing and conversation. I must admit, the weather did present some challenges. During the day a couple of storms literally blew through making the barbeque a challenge. Good thing is the shelter was very large so we and the bbq were able to stay mostly dry. Once the storms passed the weather was perfect!

Among those present were new attendees **Bill Carson** and **Simon Jahner** and their wives. Bill is a retired UA lead mechanic from the IMC Dock 1A. I had the pleasure of working with Bill back in the day. It was good to see him again. Simon was furloughed from United Training Department when the IMC closed back in 2003. He subsequently developed a career in Real Estate. He returned to UA as a mechanic a few years ago and retired at ORDMM in 2020.

A picture of our picnic group is included. Going from left to right and back to front simultaneously are Bill



& Darlene Carson, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Amy (daughter of Charles Theiss), Charles Theiss, Ron Bretherick, Rita Prins, Susanne Ingegno, Frank Prins, Frank Ingegno, Allan Miller, Sharron Miller, Simon Jahner. Simon's wife Janet was behind the camera, taking the photo. Truly a great day out with friends.

It was great having all attend the picnic and we hope other retirees will consider coming to our future monthly meetings and possibly becoming chapter members. Any United/CO retirees are welcome to join us for lunch and will consider joining the chapter. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting and reconnecting with United friends.

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

Our future meetings schedule for 2021.

- > September 14 at Emmy's
- > October 12 at Emmy's
- November 9 at Emmy's
- December 14 Christmas Luncheon, Location to be determined.

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MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Due to the current number of Covid-19 new out breaks, our treasurer **Bill Vanderwal** is now wondering if it's safe to have two luncheon meetings this year. I'm worried if we will hold the Christmas meeting. I hope we do!

Our oldest Nor'Easter, Oscar Bauerle is now living in a nursing home. Currently Oscar is in good spirits.

Jack Regan, husband of our own **Jayne Regan**, passed away on July 24. Jayne & Jack attended meetings regularly and gave offerings to the Newsletter. Jack will be missed.

September Birthdays ~ Robert Anderson, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Gerald Peters and Paul O'Mara.

September Anniversaries ~ Joan & Ron Twing (48 years) and Dick & Dayle Vee (40 years).

Calendar:

Meeting canceled until?

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Welcome August.

Our retiree group has not resumed our monthly luncheons. We are hopeful that we will do so in the near future. In the meantime, be kind to each other. Keep our United family in your positive thoughts and prayers.

Thoughts for the month:

"Keep your actions positive, because your actions become your habits."

Keep your habits positive, because your habits become your values.

Keep your values positive, because your values become your destiny."

~ Gandhi

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive, to breathe, to think, to enjoy, and to love." ~ Marcus Aurelius

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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As I prepared to begin this month's chapter news, I reread last year's submission and thought what a difference a year makes! Not! Take a look ...

"By the time you see this, Dear Readers, the picnic at the Brennans will just be a fond memory. Since it's yet a week away when I submit this missive to the wonderful editors and producers of the newsletter, next month's issue will have all the lurid details of a bunch of masked folks (except when eating or drinking) visiting outside in lawn chairs. We will have missed all those who couldn't make it or chose not to risk catching the Nasty. True to form, however, your ears should have been burning at some point that day."

<u>This</u> year, we planned a meeting and lunch at the Perkins Restaurant in Forest Lake. <u>This</u> year, we're all thankfully vaccinated but dealing with a resurgence of a nasty variant of the Corona Virus. There have been quite a few folks RSVP to **Mary Brennan** so we're hoping to be able to have a decent sized group. Once again, I have to submit this to the newsletter editors before the event, so the outcome and juicy gossip will be reported **next** month.

I get calls occasionally from **Jim Simon** and **Lee Storlie**. Jim is sweltering out in the Sacramento Valley, dreaming of the cooler weather in Wisconsin and visits with his pals at the Northern Lites. Lee keeps trying to convince me that he's <u>really</u>, <u>really</u> happy down there in Iowa, but I know better. He's missing his pals "up north", no matter how many amenities he has at his new digs. Well, we want both those two yahoos to know that we miss them, too.

Most of the country, I think, has been suffering with airborne smoke from the Canadian wildfires. We, here in MN, have really been impacted because of the way the jet stream flows. Up here in the North Woods where I live, except when a skunk strolls through the neighborhood, it's very rare to have other than sweet, clean air to breath, so living in an ashtray for the last three weeks has been a struggle. Dealing with COVID wasn't enough, I guess.

Okay, folks, my phone number hasn't changed nor has my email address. Let me know how your lives are going and I'll continue to struggle every month to keep us connected.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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There is no report this month from the Las Vegas Silverliners chapter of RUAEA.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The next confirmed Luncheon is planned for October 14th. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and 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 or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 8 members present at our July meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

On Monday, September 13th, our meeting will be at the Black Bear Diner this year. Due to fluctuating circumstances due to COVID, we did not plan an alternate site for September.

Our Christmas luncheon this year is scheduled for Monday, December 6, at the Tamarack Casino. Although the Tamarack Casino is still owned by the Carano's, there is a new managing company in charge. Pat will discuss the plans for this year. They will honor our contract but it is quite possible this will be our last Christmas Luncheon there.

A July birthday was celebrated by **Pam Wight**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Linda Borchers**.

The Northern Nevada Food Bank sent a thank you card for the \$50 donation our chapter made in December 2020.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters' meeting at the Stagecoach Inn was opened with a flag salute by our President Frank Worzocha

A Moment of silence was held for **Joe Hegner** who passed away last month. We welcomed two new members of our United family to our meeting, **Suli Nistorenko** and **Stephanie MacCloud**, both of customer service.

Frank Kokoska brought us up to date as to what was happening at Newark. **Bill Steinbecker** won the 50/50. A treasury was reported at \$786, but we tend to grow it.

Our next meeting will be at the Stagecoach Inn on August 25, at 12 PM in Scotch Plains.

From the great prophet Leroy ~ "It's better to lie than to tell the truth, provided you don't get caught."

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS



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

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes held their August annual picnic at the "Chalet" in our Metroparks – Mill Stream Run in Strongsville. The weather was just perfect and we had a lot of catching up to do with our members from far and near. We were a little below our usual picnic attendance with only 96. But that number included 7 members from Arizona, California, Florida, and Virginia.

We had three very happy winners in our 50/50 drawing with each receiving \$49.00. At the picnic all members were given an envelope containing their name badge, and 4 individual "sheets" for each of the last 4 months of the year. The sheets outline in detail the site of each luncheon, menu, and cost. All of which we hope everyone will enjoy. We are always willing to try new places, and we encourage all members to recommend any restaurant that they find where they experience great food and service, with preferably a party room to accommodate us, to let us know and we will check it out. Some restaurants require a minimum number of people to reserve the room. We are also having trouble because some restaurants are short on staffing workers. Our chapter officers are working hard, trying to have a different restaurant each month. This helps keep our attendance up instead of going to the same place each month. Sometimes we may have to repeat one for some reason we have no control over.

Many of our members are in need of your prayers. If you know of anyone that needs some help with something, anything, please contact Dolly or John. If we are not able to help, we will try to find someone that can. Many of our members are alone and some are not able to drive or leave home. Unless they have a family member or friend to help them, they are stuck. However, at times a chapter member has stepped in to help. And that means the world to them. They know that they are not alone.

If you are ever in the Cleveland area and are interested in attending a luncheon or special event that we have scheduled, please contact us through the email above. We are sure that you will have a good time. We wish all a safe and fun filled Labor Day.

The following are upcoming luncheons thru December 2021:

- ▲ September 1 Brown Derby Restaurant in Middleburg Heights
- ▲ October 6 Mahle's Restaurant and lounge in Westlake
- ▲ November 3 Fuji Grill n Buffet in Parma
- ▲ December 1 Christmas Party at "Williams On-The-Lake" in Medina

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Well, despite my enthusiasm, we have not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has not yet opened, so there is nothing to report from our group. Consequently, last month was not my last newsletter as I reported. I will officially bow out when meetings resume, since I will not be able to attend for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, until then, I will continue to provide some humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in.

Enjoy!

- © I'll call it a smart phone the day I yell "Where's my phone?" and it yells "Down here! In the couch cushions!"
- © My body knows how old I am, but my mind refuses to believe it!
- © I told my boss that 3 companies were after me and that I needed a raise! He asked which 3 companies? I said, "Gas, Electricity, and Water!"
- © Do you ever feel like your body's 'check engine' light has been on and you're still driving it like "nah, it'll be fine"?
- Advice to Old People: Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up!
- © Lazy is a very strong word. I like to call it "selective participation"!
- ② A true friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even though they know you're slightly cracked!
- © I woke up, got out of bed, and had coffee. I think that's enough for one day.
- © If you're trying to impress me with your vehicle, it better be a food truck.
- © If a bag is not reseal-able then it contains one serving. I don't make the rules. I do interpret them.
- © The older you get, the more precious time and friendships become.
- © Last night I told my spouse that I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on machines, and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. She got up and unplugged my computer, took my cell phone, and threw out my wine.
- © Finally old enough to do what I want. Too tired now to actually do it.
- © I am currently unsupervised. I know, it freaks me out, too, but the possibilities are endless!
- © My body creaks so much; my doctor just wrote me a prescription for WD-40.
- © I am a master multitasker. I can Listen, Ignore, and Forget all at the same time!
- © I am so lucky that people cannot hear what I am thinking!
- © I keep hitting 'Escape' on my computer keyboard, but I'm still here.
- © I don't avoid housework. In fact, I see it all the time. We're just not speaking to each other right now.

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

Calendar:

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

PENNSYLVANIA

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Finally, we are planning a luncheon on October 11 at a new venue; Lehman's Restaurant, 400 Wanamaker Ave., Essington, PA. The Clarion is not able to assist us due to pandemic problems. Members will get a notice from **Kathy Edwards** about time and meal choice. You will respond in the affirmative we hope. This meal will be free to encourage people to come. I will be there!

Hope all are well! Kathy is hoping to go to the convention in San Diego.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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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

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

WASHINGTON

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At this writing, Emerald City Slickers are looking forward to greeting each other for the first time since March 2020. The Seattle RUAEA chapter will meet for a catered barbecue/picnic at the Burien lakefront home of **Ken & Judy Storey**'s friend **Kathi Skarbo**. Thanks for your continued hospitality, Kathi!

What had recently begun to be scheduled as an annual affair after a hiatus when former hosts aged out, the summer picnic got off track along with so many other chapter events. It's great to anticipate seeing more than 35 attendees, vaccinated and masked when appropriate.

The future of the Emerald City Slickers remains to be seen. There's no talk of disbanding the chapter – it has been mostly consideration of when it might be safe to resume regularly-scheduled events and what those events should be. It sounds like an interesting conversation for the picnic. Like the rest of you, we aren't getting any younger and are more cautious where our health is concerned.

A hearty thank you to all those involved in planning and conducting the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. Those of us traveling south from Seattle look forward to reuniting with other UAL retirees and are ready to get out and enjoy the great tours being offered.

We've lost another faithful member of the Seattle chapter with the June 23 death of **Fern Lockhart** (SEAHH) at the age of 94. Born in rural South Dakota, Fern moved to Seattle with her parents at the age of 16 and later enjoyed a mid-life career with United Airlines after raising her family. During their 65-year marriage and especially following retirement, Fern and her late husband John traveled the world, shared motorhome adventures and actively participated in their communities. Fern was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

See you at convention!

Calendar:

Nada. Our only scheduled event will be history by the time you read this.



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Our chapter met in June at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. As you can see in the photo below, it is a beautiful place to spend a lovely summer day. Sadly, it is also a good-bye party for our President **Cathy**

Gilbert-Silva (sitting in front.) Cathy & Larry are selling their historic log cabin in Delaplane, VA to be near their only child, Trevor and his wife, in Nashville. They have been formulating this idea for a couple of years now, so it should have come at no surprise. Still, once they made the final decision, they went at lightning speed to de-clutter, sell and go! Thank you Cathy for your great contribution to our chapter.

In Cathy's absence, I have volunteered, on a short term basis, to step in and coordinate the chapter activities.



As of September, we will return to the Golden Corral for our luncheons on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We have received the "all clear" and are anxious to once again return to our familiar pattern.

I received a note from **Hank Heuser** that our beloved **Kerrie Schneider** is in the hospital with viral pneumonia. She has spent a couple of weeks there and is anxious to come home

I try not to write about myself in this forum, but I have been totally out of touch with all of my dear friends at United and RUAEA for the past two months. The last couple of years have been extremely hard on all of us so I am writing this not to receive sympathy but rather to let the readers of this column have an explanation for my shirking of my duties to them. My brother-in-law passed away after a long and painful struggle. My sister has needed a

lot of support and my other sisters, brother and I have tried to give that to her. After his funeral, I received the call that my 34 year old niece had committed suicide. In addition, I have a child who has bi-polar disorder and the stress of losing two very loved family members has been too much for her to handle. Again, I am not looking for sympathy. We all have our crosses to bear. I am just asking for understanding of my absence.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA.

As summer is in full swing and most of us have been in a heat wave, we are also noticing more and more of our chapters meeting in person. It is such a good feeling to be able to meet with our members as we have missed seeing one another and many of us are enjoying the human connection an in-person meeting gives. Covid numbers are unfortunately on the rise with the Delta strain, so please be safe and practice good hand hygiene; wear your masks, and social distance. August is a busy travel month; hopefully you are able to spend time with loved ones, friends and families. Schools will be starting soon, so enjoy these hot summer days, and have fun doing whatever it is that makes you happy!

Many of our readers may not know that Clipped Wings supports people with developmental disabilities. As of June 2021, our national organization has donated \$13,180,087.01 and provided 548,081 volunteer hours equaling 62.52 years. We are an impressive group that has touched the lives of many, many people with the help of all of you! Thank You!

August Trivia: Did you know that the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence was signed on August 2nd, 1776? George Washington was chosen to represent Virginia at the First Continental Congress on August 5th, 1774 and on August 7th, 1789 George Washington established the Department of War. Lastly, George Washington was appointed Colonel and Commander of Virginia, August 14, 1755. For all of our Jeopardy players, I hope this August trivia helps you.

Please remember to support us while you shop through SmileAmazon so we can continue to help those with developmental disabilities.

We are a fun group either meeting in person or Zooming. Have a wonderful rest of the summer and stay safe and healthy.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

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

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- Retiree **Fornells**, **Francisco H**., on 5/18/2021, SFOWR, husband of Marta Fornells, PO Box 276734, Sacramento, CA 95827
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- Retiree **Herrera**, **James**, on 7/26/2021, ORDCS, husband of Dolores Herrera, 1332 S. Rebecca Rd., Lombard, IL 60148
- Retiree **Jones**, **Frances J**., on 6/17/2021, WHQAN, significant other of Tad Wesley Jones (deceased), 4316 Keevenshore Dr., Florissant, MO 63034
- Retiree **Kocak**, **Marlene E.**, on 6/4/2021, DENRR, wife of Jerome M. Kocak, 3503 Morningside Way, Lorain, OH 44053
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- Retiree **Schlanger**, **John J**., on 7/10/2021, DENGQ, husband of Sylvia P. Schlanger, 16535 E. Harvard Ave., Aurora, CO 80013
- Retire Vincent, Gerald (Jerry), on 7/17/2021, SLCCG, husband of JoAnn Smith Vincent, Salt Lake City, Utah

Letters & Notes



Hi Members,

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

Martha Gooselaw Letters/Notes Editor 7401 MLK Blvd. Denver, CO 80207-2433 marthagoose@comcast.net

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Gary Kellogg, 3368 Corning St., Newbury Park, CA 91320

Thanks for the reminder that my subscription is expiring. I have been pretty much tied up with Chemo treatments for liver cancer the last 10 months and completely forgot.

Other than that, retired life has been good.

This year I celebrated 65 years married to the girl of my dreams and 21 years retired.

I enjoy the newsletter to keep in touch with long lost co-workers from DTW and LAX, though I don't see many mentioned now-a-days.

Beatrice McCarthy, 147 Hibiscus Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Greetings to all you good people working to keep RUAEA running.

Sorry to be so late with my dues, but if it had not been for your special red message, I would be even later.

That is what comes from reaching 92 (40 years with UAL in DENTK, mostly).

I plan to attend the convention in September. It should be a good one in San Diego and hopefully I can see some old friends.

Charles O'Brien, 36500 Wild Rose Cir., Selbyville, DE 19975

Thanks for all the work you do to keep us informed.

I retired on 9/1/2000 after 35 years of service in BWI, IAD, and DCA.

RUAEA is the only link we have to UAL after retirement as the nearest airport is a 3 hour drive one way.

Jim Simon, 2842 Lindbergh Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648

Every year I write dozens of checks to pay bills and expenses on a monthly basis but I only send one check a year to RUAEA for my annual membership. I enjoy writing it out because I think about how much I have been through with this organization over the many years since my retirement in late 1998. I have served as Midwest Director and most recently as your Executive Vice President. I have enjoyed both of these roles; experiencing the many joys and accolades I have received from so many of our members, staff and board members. It has always been a pleasure and great experience to have been able to be such a part of the wonderful group of United retirees.

I am very concerned about the future of our organization due to its limited growth and the loss of previous members who have passed and gone on to friendlier skies in heaven above.

I am looking forward to our convention this fall in San Diego. For me, it will be a convention where I will fully enjoy taking excursions, meeting with old friends and reminiscing with co-workers on years gone by. I will not be tied up in any meeting or requirements of being on the board but will certainly avail myself to any who wish to have discussions with me on my opinions or thoughts about our future and continued existence.

This is a wonderful group of selfless and dedicated people that made United the wonderful airline that it had become. Today, it is filled with tasks of problems and concerns due to cultural differences that are very overwhelming and in many cases, beyond belief. I, like most of us, am grateful that I served during the many years of harmony and fellowship that made United the premier airline of our time. And with that, I hope that our organization will continue to survive for years to come, even though we are slowly fading away.

My best wishes to all and I will see you in San Diego.

Ed Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

My greetings to the staff of RUAEA!

I hope this finds everyone associated with compiling the newsletter in good health and on the way to a return to normalcy. We are deeply appreciative that through two years of the Covid pandemic, you folks have not missed a single issue.

I have completed my 20th years in the good ranks of retirement and look forward to many more.

Other than having my knees barking at me, I think I am doing well.

I still enjoy the outdoors, fishing, hunting, gardening and following my 8 grandchildren in their activities.

Thanks again for every one's efforts to keep us retirees informed on the latest with United. It was a good 42 years working for a good company and I hope that they grow even stronger.

Geraldine Vann, 11700 Samantha Ln., Apt. 249, Huntley, IL 60142

I totally forgot that dues need to be paid; thanks for the reminder.

It seems we are all coming back from a complicated and confusing year from the pandemic.

My heartfelt thanks for keeping the RUAEA newsletter going; it means a lot to keep us informed and bring us together. You have done a magnificent job; and thanks to the correspondents for all the local news and witty articles.

Those were great fun years working at ORDCS. They were a fantastic group of people to work with and remain friends.

Keep RUAEA and the Newsletter going.



Forrest Faught

I try to keep up with what is happening in the industry.

James Ferrance

I just turned 80 on July 3rd. I am getting cataract surgery on both eyes; one down and one to go. What a marvelous difference and a new lease on life.

Thanks to everyone in RUAEA for keeping us up to date with so many things.

Joan Krolak

I loved my years with United. Thank you for keeping us up to date.

Betty Mastley

I have been retired for 26 years and United has been good to me and my family.

Richard Nelson

It is summer, get out and enjoy yourself!

Sheila Price

I am just enjoying retirement.

Levirt Quarels

I am getting ready to have my 93rd birthday on August 8th. I still do some traveling but not as much. United has been good to me and my family.

Susan Quigley

I have missed the newsletter and news of my former employees.

Douglas Saunders

Now that this Pandemic is slowing down, I want to visit family and friends around the USA. I am 81 years old and in good health, so I still have the time, I hope.

I am renewing my UAL password and I really need to be able to know what the current rules and regulations pertaining to me while I travel and what UAL requires of me. My wife passed in 1995, so I still have my widower benefits still to enjoy.

Gina Savvides

RUAEA newsletter is a wonderful resource for us. I especially benefit from the tech support on how to navigate the Flying Together website provided as well as the travel advice column. I even enjoy the quick and easy recipes.

Thanks so much for all the hard work and dedication of the volunteers of RUAEA, who not only keep us informed but also fight for the rights of all retirees who gave so much to make United a great airline.

Richard Tokumoto

I am staying safe for the summer months, but may travel in the fall. I hope things look up and all retirees get a chance to travel safely.

E. K. Williams

Here I am in my 85th year, looking back to DCA Ramp Service with Capital in 1956 and all the people who encouraged and supported me since.

Inara Witt

We are dong well at 88 and 92 respectively. We both read the Newsletter faithfully and enjoy seeing what goes on with the different chapters. Unfortunately, the Redwood Empire chapter is dissolved at this time. Thank you so much for keeping us informed.

Paul Zadrozny

Thank you for your support.

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

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1-877-825-3729, <u>esc@united.com</u> (email) 1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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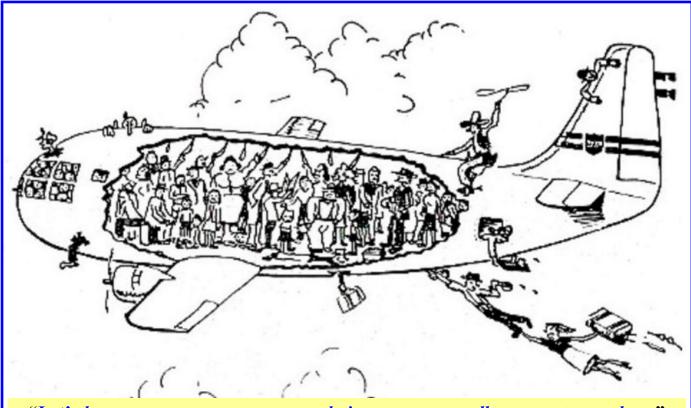
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"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"



"Let's have more passenger accommodations so we can sell more seats per plane." ~ Harold Crary, Vice President - Traffic and Sales



"An Engineer's Life is not an easy one". So said W. C. Mentzer, Vice President – Eastern Operations (left) and W. W. Davies, Acting Director of Engineering, at the conclusion of their part on the 1947 Sales Show Program.

The cartoon, which 'point up' the widely divergent ideas of United's various departments and administrations as to what is necessary in a new airplane, were flashed on screen as Mentzer and Davies held imaginary conversations with other United Airlines officials.

The cartoonists were L. D. Hagstrom and R. S. Yopp of Chicago Engineering.

The other departments and administrations included: Passenger Service, Flight Operations, Cargo Service, Communications, Finance and Maintenance.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired.

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RUAEA Convention 2021 Entertainment

Attendees at this year's RUAEA convention will be entertained by the following lineup:

❖ Friday Night Beach Party will feature "The Zinchiladas": The Zinchiladas are a lively group of Diego musicians that specialize in providing an upbeat mood for any event or venue. They call their music Fusion Flamenco, Latin, and Gypsy Jazz. Their unique acoustic sound blends the stylings of Artists such as the Gypsy Kings, Paco de Lucia, and Django Reinhardt and is accessible to people of all ages backgrounds. Formed organically over the past few years when Barry & Melanie Jaquess began playing with Alex Lopez in a guitar trio format. They were soon joined by "J.C." John Cunningham



Percussions. They often feature other San Diego musicians as guest artists at their performances. With guest Percussionist, Alden Merrill.

❖ Saturday Night Banquet will feature "The American Flyboys Band": The American Flyboys Band was created in 2009 as a small jazz band. The group eventually morphed into a 16-piece Swing Jazz Band and have been swinging ever since. The group adopted the name, The American Flyboys, to honor the men and women of the "Greatest Generation" who sacrificed so much while dancing and singing to this great music. While swing music is its core, the band plays a variety of music that keep its audiences engaged and their toes tapping. The American Flyboys, featuring vocalist Julie Eisenhower, performed at the 2018 San Diego County Fair, the 2018 GI Film Festival, hosted by KPBS, Spirit of 45 Day Remembrance Celebration in Balboa Park and various other venues around San Diego.



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