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## UA Flight 93

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# NEVER FORGET...

## UA Flight 175

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter from the President



Greetings to the RUAEA membership from the Mile High City. The summer is slipping away, and I hope everyone has had time to spend with family and friends. This is the part of retirement we all look forward to. I was able to spend two weeks in the colorful mountains of Colorado with family and friends. We've been spending time at a favorite camping site and fishing at Dumont Lake (pictured) located near Steamboat Springs, CO every summer since about 1965, yes 53 years. This year the two weeks was somewhat disjointed because of problems with our intranet service at the Denver Office and being in constant contact with our internet provider but such is life.



Our intranet service in the Denver Office has been a problem for over a year now. Much of it is caused by the remodeling of the Training Center and some because of a lack of attention by our service provider. Last week we had to temporarily suspend accepting credit cards because of the problem. Thanks to a knowledgeable technician who identified and located the problem, we may be back in operation within a week or two. Thanks for your patience, it is greatly appreciated!

The Cleveland Convention is just around the corner. I encourage everyone to seriously consider attending the convention. The time is well spent and is another opportunity to visit and be around our fellow workers of past days. Also, there is a lot of good information from the participants of the Benefits Panel presentation. The panel is made up of representatives from United Airlines and many of the companies who provide service to us. There are planned breakout sessions when questions of a personal nature can be asked, and problems resolved. It is worth attending. The convention information is in the June Newsletter.

Also, I'm sure everyone knows about Alliant Credit Union closing most of its field offices. I have heard nothing positive about this move from the membership and many say they are pulling out of Alliant. I have hoped that Alliant would have a change of heart and reconsider this move. Let's hope for the best for the affected employees that they will find stable employment. I think United would be wise to consider these affected employees for any openings with United.

Till next time, enjoy yourselves.

**Virgil Gooselaw**  
**RUAEA President**

### News From The Flight 93 National Memorial By David Detwiler



There are several items of major news this summer at the memorial. Since I am writing this in mid-June, most of this news will have already happened by the time you read this in the September newsletter.

First, N591UA is coming back to the memorial to be buried near the crash site. Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation completed its on-site investigation of the crash in September of 2001, the wreckage has been stored in a

secure warehouse until an appropriate time to return the wreckage to the crash site at Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, PA. It will be buried in a restricted area near the crash site and will not be accessible to the general public or the media.

This is the result of long standing efforts by the families of Flight 93, the National Park Service, and the National Park Foundation.

In September 2015, the National Memorial opened its doors to its Visitor Center and this year will mark the completion of the original design with the dedication of the Tower of Voices, a 93-foot-tall structure with 40 wind chimes representing passengers and crew members. Each wind chime will be tuned to a certain pitch which will result in a harmonious sound. I cannot wait to hear this. If you google Tower of voices you can get some idea of what it will look like when finished.

Going back to the wreckage of N591UA, the National Park Service is going to complete a final search of every piece of wreckage to make sure there are no identifiable objects of the crew or passengers. They are going to handle every piece of wreckage which will be no small task because the 757 weighs close to 130,000 pounds and the wreckage is all small pieces as a result of flying into the ground at 563 miles per hour.

Superintendent Stephen Clark said, the National Park Service is honored to be a partner to the Families of Flight 93 and to preserve the memory of the 40 passengers and crew members whose courageous actions on Sept. 11, 2001 thwarted a terrorist attack on our nation's capital.

Speaking for myself, I am starting my third year of volunteering at the memorial and speaking with people from all over the United States and other countries. I get to tell them about the courage of the passengers and crew and the lives they saved as a result of their actions.

### **SFO Family Day 2018**



**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base has been scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This annual United event is open to employees, retirees and their family members and friends and features aircraft tours, displays, a car show, kids carnival area, plane pull contest, and the 6-jet precision demonstration squadron, the Patriots Jet Team. This year's Family Day will pay special tribute to the 70-year history of the San Francisco Maintenance Base.

**What:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SFO Family Day

**Where:** San Francisco Maintenance Base

**When:** Sunday, October 7, 2018 | 11:00am-4:00pm

**Details:** Every United Airlines employee and retiree can request up to four wristbands starting in late August 2018.

**Contact:** [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com)

**WRISTBAND REQUESTS FOR RETIREES** ~ If you are a United retiree, you may request up to 4 wristbands by sending an email with the subject "Retiree Wristband Request" to [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com). Please be sure to include your name, your employee ID number, email and phone number, and the number of wristbands you are requesting in your request. Your wristbands will be available at "Will Call" on the day of the event.

**VOLUNTEER** ~ Volunteering is a great way to be a part of Family Day! We are looking for people who are willing to help out for a 2-3 hour shift. If you are interested in volunteering, send an e-mail with the subject "Volunteer" to the Family Day team ([sf-familyday@united.com](mailto:sf-familyday@united.com)). Employees, retirees, family and friends are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers will receive a meal voucher and Family Day t-shirt for service!

### **UAL continues its commitment to support U.S. workforce development**



Providing employees with on-the-job training and educational opportunities has long been a priority at United and in the spirit of continuing in those efforts, the company joined other U.S. corporations in signing the White House's "Pledge to America's Workers."

The pledge reaffirms United's commitment to equipping its employees with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the modern workplace. As part of that vision, United expects to invest in the career advancement of nearly 16,000 front-line and management employees over the next five years through leadership development programs such as LEAD (for Level 3 and 4 management), Rise (director level

managers), Elevate (front-line supervisors), Leadership for Supervisors (Tech Ops), LEAP (pilots) and Lead for Tomorrow (Airport Operations), among others. Those are in addition to United's captain upgrade program and flight attendant purser promotion path.

*"We continually invest in enterprise-wide leadership development and functional training, helping our employees acquire the skills they need to stay at the forefront of innovation in the industry," said Human Resources and Labor Relations EVP Kate Gebo. "The act of signing the pledge is a formal nod to the importance we place on our people and the fact that we see them as central to our ambition of becoming the world's best airline."*

### **Kirk Moore Pass Travel Update August 2018**



**1) Did you miss crucial information from the ETC?** Some retirees may not have received important messages from the ETC because their email addresses on file are not correct, their mailboxes were "full" or their email security settings did not allow the messages through.

**Make sure the email address you have on file with United is correct!** There are *two places* to confirm it on Flying Together (check both):

1. Go to [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) > Travel > employeeRES > Quick Links > Employee Travel Profile > Saved employeeRES information box.
2. Go to [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) > Employee services > "Health and insurance YBR". Then go to "Your Profile" (in the very top menu) > "Personal Information". Make certain

your permanent mailing address and phone number are also correct in YBR since United uses that data to contact you about healthcare benefits.

Ideally your email address should match in both locations above.

Alternatively, you can submit a request through Help Hub (link: [helphub.ual.com](http://helphub.ual.com)) and the Employee Travel Center will add you to their YBR list for email updates.

**If the ETC's messages went into your spam or junk folder**, add "[donotreply.etc@united.com](mailto:donotreply.etc@united.com)" to your address book. That way future emails from the ETC will not be routed to your junk or spam folder.

Even if YOU received the emails from the ETC (in June) about Pass Travel Enrollment for Retirees, please share the above information with other eligible retirees who did not. By the way, if your retiree friends want to join a retiree organization, here's a link to a page on Flying Together that lists them: <https://ft.ual.com/employee-services/recog/retirements/retireeresources>

**2) Lesson learned from EF enrollment** ~ Some retirees could not add a new Enrolled Friend during June enrollment because their travel profile in the Dependent Management System (DMS) had too many **inactive** EF names (max allowed is 4).

**Solution:** If you have an available empty slot(s) to add an enrolled friend but do not see "Enrolled Friend" in the drop down menu, first remove "**INACTIVE**" EF(s) by clicking the purple "i" button to the left of their name. Then click "Remove Dependent" on the screen that appears below. Now add a new EF to your DMS by clicking the blue "+" sign and follow the 5 steps to "certify" them. Keep in mind, it can take up to 24 hours before their name appears in employeeRES to be eligible for travel – so plan ahead.

Your "DMS" is accessed via [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) > **Travel > Manage pass riders**.

The enrollment period for EFs for the January 1 – June 30, 2019 travel period is open through December 28<sup>th</sup> (until 11:59 p.m. CT). The ETC will remind retirees in December to take action if changes are needed like they did in June.

#### **Helpful resources from the ETC:**

- ➔ **Visit** the Pass Travel Enrollment for Retirees page:  
<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>
- ➔ **NEW! View** a how-to video on how to elect your enrolled friend(s) for the next travel period. Scroll to "External Video" below the Q&A: <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>
- ➔ **Read** a user guide (pdf) with step-by-step instructions on how to elect your enrolled friend(s) for the next travel period.:
- ➔ **Read** Questions and Answers; scroll down this page:  
<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>

Still have a question? Use **Help Hub** ([helphub.ual.com](http://helphub.ual.com)) to find answers to commonly asked questions and to submit requests to the Employee Travel Center.



**3) Travel with Friends on Other Airlines** ~ United retirees enjoy excellent Enrolled Friends privileges but we are not eligible for “buddy passes”. However, as **Capt. Pat Palazzolo** of **RUPA** points out, we can travel space-available with our friends as “Star Companions” on 11 Star Alliance Airlines! Your “friends” can be anyone (your mother-in-law or your yoga instructor or your Enrolled Friends). To buy tickets for yourself and your friends visit [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) > **Travel** > **“Other airline interline travel”**, then go to **“myIDtravelPurchase”**. Note: “friends” are referred to as “Travel Partners” on myIDtravel and *you must accompany them on all segments*.

You may also accompany your registered Enrolled Friends on Hawaiian Airlines.

**But first read Pat’s article here:** [http://www.rafa-cwa.org/resources/Documents/Pass%20Travel/2018\\_0701\\_Pat\\_P\\_Travel\\_Partners.pdf](http://www.rafa-cwa.org/resources/Documents/Pass%20Travel/2018_0701_Pat_P_Travel_Partners.pdf)  
**Thank you, Pat!**

### **United notched another star as on-time performance trends upward**



Air travel data analytics firm OAG awarded United a coveted 4-star designation for on-time performance in its latest Airport and Airline Star Ratings, a step up from the 3 stars United earned in 2017. United has now surpassed American (AA) and Southwest (WN), and pulled even with Delta (DL) in OAG’s ratings.

OAG’s On-Time Performance Stars Ratings are updated twice each year based on the previous 12 months. From June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018 (the most recent period measured), United operated nearly 1.7 million flights and achieved an 80.7 percent on-time performance, which is defined by OAG as flights arriving within 15 minutes of scheduled arrival time. By comparison, DL recorded an 83.8 percent on-time performance rate while AA and WN finished at 79.4 and 78 percent, respectively.

This upward trend isn’t surprising given United’s focus on on-time departures and the top-tier D :00 finishes United has achieved throughout 2017 and early 2018. It also serves as further confirmation that employees are making an impact when it comes to getting United’s customers to their destinations safely and on time.

### **PetSafe resumes accepting accompanied pets traveling in cargo**



In July, United reached a major milestone in its relaunch of United’s PetSafe program as the company resumed acceptance of certain pets traveling in the cargo compartment, including the pets of military servicemen and women and the pets of other customers traveling on the same flight as their pet parent or guardian.

In March, United began a comprehensive review of its transportation of animals. In May, the company began working with American Humane, the country’s first national humane animal organization, to improve the well-being of all pets that travel with United. The resumption of United’s PetSafe program follows the implementation of several new policies and process improvements to enhance the safety of the pet travel experience.

*“On behalf of pet owners around the world who rely on PetSafe to provide safe and comfortable travel for their pets, I want to thank the hundreds of United employees who collaborated on the PetSafe relaunch,”* said Cargo VP Jan Krems. *“Team members from nearly every United department contributed, and everyone shared the same goals: to ensure all animals traveling on our aircraft are treated with special care and attention and to deliver the best possible experience for our customers and their pets.”*

The next step in the PetSafe relaunch is the acceptance of reservations for pets traveling unaccompanied, which United expects to begin July 16 for travel on or after July 30. United continues to work with American Humane to review all pet handling policies and processes, including in-cabin pet travel; UAL looks forward to utilizing the expertise to help the company further improve the safety and comfort of the pets that travel. To review the changes United made and learn more about PetSafe, please visit [www.united.com/petsafe](http://www.united.com/petsafe).

### **IAD-TLV coming in 2019**



On August 2, United announced a new nonstop flight between IAD and TLV (Tel Aviv, Israel) – the first route to be operated between the two cities by a U.S. airline.

Subject to government approval, the route will launch May 22, 2019, the year that also marks United's 20<sup>th</sup> year of service to Israel.

*"As we begin celebrating 20 years of service in Israel, we want to thank our customers and employees who have helped make United the top U.S. airline serving Israel,"* said International Network VP Patrick Quayle. *"We thank the Israeli government for its ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing to serve Israel with this new service for our customers traveling between the U.S. capital and one of the most advanced science and technology sectors in the world."*

This will be United's fourth nonstop flight to TLV, strengthening its position as the U.S. airline offering the most nonstop service between the U.S. and Israel and offering United's customers convenient connections to nearly 70 destinations throughout the U.S.

Flight 72 will depart IAD at 10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sunday, and arrive at TLV at 4:30 p.m. the next day. Returning, Flight 73 will depart TLV at 12:20 a.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and arrive at IAD at 5:50 a.m. that same day. United will serve the route with a Boeing 777-200ER.

### **U.S. airlines change websites referencing Taiwan**

Earlier this year, the government of the People's Republic of China requested that foreign airlines (as well as other foreign-based businesses operating in China) stop referring to and treating Taiwan as a sovereign nation. This week, United, American and Delta have begun making changes to their digital systems to address China's requirements, as it is United's position to abide by and respect local laws and regulations in the markets and jurisdictions in which United operates and conducts business. United's flights to mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will continue to operate normally.

### **Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2018** **Before, After or Instead of an Alaskan Cruise**



As September approaches, the cruise season to Alaska is winding down and maybe, once again, you just didn't get around to making that trip. Or maybe you've had enough of the cruising scene – tired of the endless onboard push to make you buy, buy, buy while you're supposed to be relaxing. I understand. Well I have 3 suggestions for do-it-yourself style trips, all in British Columbia, Canada. They can be used instead of a cruise, or added on for a pre-or-post trip. Take a look:

**Option 1:** The Sunshine Coast to Princess Louise Inlet. The inlet is really a fjord with steep granite walls topped with thick evergreen trees rising out of clear, calm, deep blue water. There is a 5 hour boat trip that traverses the fjord, culminating at Chatterbox Falls. Going ashore at the Provincial Park offers the opportunity to get up close (and I've even seen some folks go behind the falls) as the water crashes into the fjord. Recently a black bear and her cub were seen on the return portion of the trip.

Check out [www.sunshinecoasttours.com](http://www.sunshinecoasttours.com) for lots of pictures of this wonderful area.

To reach this paradise, simply take Hwy 1 (Trans Canada Hwy) from Vancouver to Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal in West Vancouver. Take the 40 minute ferry to Langdale, and follow the signs to Egmont. Your drive follows the beautiful coastline and dips in and out of the small picturesque communities of Sechelt, Garden Bay, Ruby Lake and Madeira Park. There are airbnb and small hotels throughout the area. We recently reserved a beautiful home for 2 nights in Madeira Park, right on the water that worked perfectly for us and our

friends visiting from Perth, Australia. For ferry info see, [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) and note that you can reserve a specific time for CAD \$10 at the time of booking and then pay the actual fare when you board. The fare to the Sunshine Coast (Langdale), is collected only on the outbound journey, the return is free.

**Option 2:** Victoria, BC via ferry. Although Vancouver is the largest city in BC, the province's capital city of Victoria is located on Vancouver Island. Long a stop on the Alaskan cruise route, you can venture here easily on your own time and terms. This beautiful and friendly international port feels like a "wee bit of England". In the spring and summer, the flower baskets adorning the ornate light poles are a riot of color. There are free outdoor concerts near Bastion Square, walking tours of the Parliament Building, the Royal BC Museum, High Tea at the Grande dame Empress Hotel, and on Sundays, the tiny taxi boats perform a "ballet" in the Inner Harbour! And no visit to Victoria is complete without a trip to Butchart Gardens. I counted 9 different languages being spoken around me in the first 10 minutes of my most recent visit. The gardens are open all year and the foliage and blossoms differ with each season. On Saturday evenings in July and August, stay for the Fireworks Show, watched from the Fireworks Lawn. It is a ground and aerial display of unique fireworks sure to have you ooh-ing and awe-ing! For more info, see [www.butchartgardens.com](http://www.butchartgardens.com)

To reach Victoria by ferry, first determine from where you want to originate. From Vancouver, BC Ferries operates between Tsawwassen (a short drive south of the Vancouver airport) and Swartz Bay located 20 miles north of Victoria. The 1 hour 35 minute crossing weaves between several of the Gulf Islands, sometimes coming so close to the islands you can almost hold a conversation with the residents! Again, I would recommend booking a reservation in advance if you travel during the summer or around holiday periods.

From Seattle, the Victoria Clipper catamaran from Pier 69 offers a fast 3 hour cruise directly to Victoria's Inner Harbour. This is strictly a passenger only vessel, which is really no problem as everything is reachable by foot, bus or Uber once you're in Victoria. See [www.clippervacations.com](http://www.clippervacations.com) for more info.

If you want to take your own car from Seattle, choose either the Coho Ferry from Port Angeles, [www.cohoferry.com](http://www.cohoferry.com), or take a Washington state ferry [www.wsdot.com/ferry](http://www.wsdot.com/ferry) from Anacortes. Washington State operates the largest ferry system in the US and the Anacortes-Sidney, BC route is beautiful and extremely popular. The ferry sails through the stunning San Juan Islands and docks at Sidney, BC, a 17 mile drive north of Victoria. The Coho, operated by Blackball Lines is a 90 minute voyage crossing the Salish Sea (Strait of Juan de Fuca) from Port Angeles and docks right in front of the Empress Hotel in the Inner Harbour. Both of these vessels sail through areas often populated with Orca whales. We saw 3 on our last trip in June.

**Option 3:** If you'd really rather skip the whole luxury cruise ship idea, you can still experience the beauty of the Inside Passage by taking BC Ferries from Port Hardy on the northern tip of Vancouver Island to Prince Rupert. During the spring and summer there is one daytime crossing offered every other day and the trip takes 15 hours. The voyage includes stops in the First Nations villages of Bella Bella and/or Bella Coola on its way through the Queen Charlotte Strait. (In the off-season, the voyage is at night and takes 18 hours.) Needless to say, the daytime departure is coveted and reservations are a must. You can reserve a cabin or just relax in the common areas. You cross the same area as the big cruise ships, but on a much more intimate scale. Once you arrive in Prince Rupert you can connect with another ferry to Haida Gwaii (previously known as Queen Charlotte Island), the home of the Haida Nation who have lived on this archipelago for 13,000 years. The island is known for its abundance of wildlife, especially the largest subspecies of black bear and there is a prominent National Park Preserve and Haida Heritage site on the southern part of the island.

You can drive east from Prince Rupert to Prince George on Hwy 16 and then choose to either continue on Hwy 16 to Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise or turn south on Hwy 97 heading towards Harrison Hot Springs, Chilliwack and eventually Vancouver.

Whichever option you choose, you will not be disappointed. Like the saying goes, "*The world is a book. Those who do not travel only read one page.*"

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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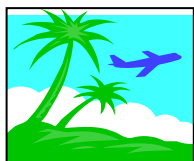
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## LOCAL NEWS

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#### ALABAMA



#### GULF COAST

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We had a great lunch and friendship meeting at the most beautiful Navy Air Museum. To get there we have to enter the Pensacola Naval Air Station. An honor to greet our men and women servicing our country. You can make a day of just touring the museum. We are so fortunate to have this in our area.

President **Conrad Hamilton** introduced the restaurant hostess Christina, who gave us the latest specials on the menu. If ever here try the Italian wedding soup, LOL.

VP **Bill Hayden** sold the 50/50 with the help of **Kim Ray**, who won, her first. Maybe my luck will change if I give a hand next time, ha ha!

**John & Myrl Eisinger** were at the door greeting each new arrival with their name tags, as they have each and every meeting. Great people. Others who showed up for the luncheon were **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl**; **Tommy & Sande Zander** and **Mai & Reo Owens**.

Summer seems to put a lot of our people on the road, and we miss them dearly. Our prayers go out for safe and health travel to each of them.

Please join us on your road trips, we will be glad to have you; second Monday of the month, Cubi Officers Club; Pensacola, FL, Navy Air Museum.

**SWEET HOME ALABAMA**  
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We meet the second Monday of every even numbered month at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. Please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

Mike Richards  
Azures Past President  
Claudia Richards  
Azures Past Membership Secretary

Greetings from warm and Sunny Arizona!

Not much to report as we do not meet in the summer. Many of our members are snowbirds and besides that it's just too darn hot. Our next meeting will be in October.

Although we are still a somewhat active chapter, we no longer have officers. The last group decided it was time to retire and no one stepped up. We then donated our treasury to the local food bank as per our by-laws and became a social club run by the members.

I say our next meeting will be in October because we did have one of our members agree to organize and host it. Other offers to host a meeting were made and then withdrawn so there may be a November meeting and there will surely be one in December when Claudia and I will organize and host a holiday event.

However, a small group of us still meet every other Wednesday morning at 8:30 for breakfast at Tivoli Gardens. 12535 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85375. All are welcome but please call or e-mail **Sherry Muoio** at [PHX22@cox.net](mailto:PHX22@cox.net) or (623) 572-4828 so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. We will be there next on September 5<sup>th</sup> and every other Wednesday going forward. The meeting scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> will be postponed due to the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland.

Lastly, since I am acting as this month's secretary, I'm going to offer a bit of personal news. Our son Kevin and his fiancée Emily were married on July 14<sup>th</sup> in New York. Kevin and his bride were joined by about 150 of us on a party yacht on the Hudson River. It was a beautiful affair and the weather was absolutely perfect. The next morning the couple left for their honeymoon in Bangkok and Phuket, Thailand and we then spent a few days in New York, our old home away from home. Claudia and I then flew home and drove to California to spend a few days with our daughter.

I would like to add, we used the 20% discount tickets to fly from PHX to EWR and return and both flights were full. Can't quite understand why anyone would want to come to Phoenix in the dead of summer but the flights are always full. We wanted to fly out of LGA for old times sake as that is where we both started our UAL careers but EWR has non stop flights to PHX.

That's all for now. See you in Cleveland.

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Where did the summer go? Can't believe September is upon us and fall arriving with children back in school. As we get older, we appreciate every day that we can get up and are able to do things. Our Re-United's Chapter will soon be back to our normal luncheons beginning in October. If you would like to volunteer to host a monthly luncheon beginning in October through March, please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know, as

we need to start setting these up soon. We all enjoy the luncheons at different restaurants during the year. We always have a nice variety of places to eat and visit with all of our members and visitors

We still continue to meet for our monthly breakfast at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ. The September breakfast will be on the fourth Friday, which is September 28. This is a week after the Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Hopefully, you can attend. If you would like to invite a friend, feel free to do so. Also, if there are any retirees from United or Continental in the area, please feel free to join us. We would really like to meet you. We are a very nice, friendly group of retirees, who enjoy getting together; especially when there is food involved. In order to give the restaurant our count, please contact our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) a couple of days before the breakfast.

Hopefully by now, you have made your hotel reservations for the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The theme is "CLE Will Rock You". The deadline for the hotel is Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> before 5:00 p.m. The deadline for the Convention registration is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. All the sign up sheets and information about the tours and dinners is located in the latest August issue, as well as the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, or you can find it online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Make your check payable to 2018 RUAEA Convention and mail completed registration form and check to **Shirley Claggett**, 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Be sure to include your file number. There are a lot of tours set up for all the convention attendees from Wednesday, September 19 through Friday, September 21. There are Hospitality Get-Togethers in the evenings, and on Friday evening, September 21, there will be appetizers served, subsidized by our Alliant Partners and entertainment with a live band for dancing and listening. On Saturday, September 22, there is a RUAEA Business Meeting and a Benefits Panel Presentation following. The Main Banquet, starts with a Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Banquet at 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of your choice of Salmon, Chicken Breast, or Short Ribs of Beef, with Caesar Salad, Assorted Artisan Breads, Vegetable, Triple Chocolate Cake and coffee and tea, with "Frank and Dean", as the entertainment. Doesn't that sound exciting? We always enjoy going to the Convention and visiting another city and its landmarks, and seeing old and new friends; and, of course, eating. We don't have to cook!

Our July 27<sup>th</sup> Breakfast was attended by 21 people. We had one visitor and that was **Rita Zarek's** granddaughter, Taylor. Always enjoy seeing guests! One of our members, **Larry Young**, and his daughter, Terry, had just completed their 50<sup>th</sup> Marathon in Kona, Hawaii. They have now been in Marathons in all 50 states. What an accomplishment for them. It has taken them 20 years to do that many. He gave us a very interesting presentation of some of the other ones he did and brought some of the medals and other items he received at the Marathons. Everyone at the Breakfast enjoyed asking him questions and his presentation. **Rich Vehring** updated us on the Fantasy Flight coming up in December. They will soon start having meetings to plan this event. We aren't sure where the Fantasy Flight is going to be held, whether the terminal or, like last year, in one of the hangers. It was great seeing Shirley and Ron back from Washington for their annual summer visit to check on their Mesa home. Everyone enjoyed catching up with their lives while they are gone. They are busy with the Convention coming up real soon with their role as Registrar and Treasurer for the RUAEA Convention.

We have the following September Birthdays to share: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Shirley Eaton** (9/12), and **Judie Preston** (9/12). Happy Birthday to each of you! Our only known Wedding Anniversary is your correspondent, **Liz & Ted Tollefsen** on September 18, it's 64 years for them. Time sure flies!

#### Calendar:

**September 18 – 22** – RUAEA Convention at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

**September 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317, by September 26.

**October** - Luncheon to be announced

**October 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



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

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We look forward to seeing you

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Fires are raging across California with very, very hot weather everywhere. Unfortunately, the hardest hit city was our own city of Redding. Over 1000 homes were damaged or destroyed and many outbuildings. I contacted our Redding members and all are safe and so are their houses. Only 4 members were evacuated for a short time. Thank you again to the firefighters, police, National Guard and also to the many men and women from other states who came to help. This is considered early in the fire season so please keep us in your thoughts.

On a good note, the Northstaters were able to have our luncheon/meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> just as the fires started. President **Merritt Odor** was out of town, so we were led by our Vice President, **John Isbell**. Before the meeting we had a wonderful "field trip" to the Chico Air Museum. We had 16 members and 2 guests participate in the excursion. It is a wonderful place located right at the Chico Airport. The docent that led our group was very knowledgeable and informative. There is even an F-15 inside the museum building among many other treasures; there is also a wonderful room for the Space program. Everyone really enjoyed it.

Our luncheon was held just down the street at Foodies Restaurant. **John Isbell** welcomed 20 members and 2 guests to the meeting. **Judy Ulrich** and **Fiona Lopez**, friends and family of **Grace & Carl Franke** were welcomed. John asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries and **Chris Isbell** will be having a birthday in August. John then thanked **Billie Jorgensen** for setting up the Museum visit and the restaurant.

Due to the acoustics of the restaurant, the meeting was short but the food was excellent and we got to have great conversations with our fellow members.

The discussion for any further donations to a group was tabled due to the restaurant constraints however, the Northstaters did make a small donation to the Chico Air Museum.

It was decided that our next adventure would be to Lake Almanor at the home of **Kent & Billie Jorgensen**. The date for this adventure will be Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The treasury will purchase the meat and everyone else will bring a side dish. Details for this outing will be decided soon and the group thanks the **Jorgensens** for offering their home for the day at the beautiful lake.

It also was decided to hold a September meeting at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact the restaurant.

**Katie Innocenti** won the 50/50 raffle and **Vreny Grunherr** won the luncheon certificate.

If anyone is traveling through the area, please let me know and join us at Lake Almanor in August.

Calendar:

**August 29** - Wednesday 11:00 AM, at the home of **Kent & Billie Jorgensen** in Lake Almanor.

**September 26** - 11:30 AM meeting/luncheon at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos.

Hope to see you at either of our planned event!



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There was no meeting scheduled for July. I just received the August RUAEA newsletter and it appears that the Cleveland Convention has a lot of exciting things to see and do.

I read in one of the correspondents' chapter news that he attended one of the "Honor Flights". I was fortunate to go on one of these flights and all expenses were paid. There are several of these trips scheduled at various parts of the country to recognize WW2, Korean, & Viet Nam veterans. They fly to BWI with visitations to several War memorials. We left on a Monday and returned on Wednesday evening and we could not have been treated better. I had been to DCA several times but I saw and learned more this time. Out of all the places we saw, there was one that was amusing to me. We went to the Annapolis Naval Academy. We were taken to the Chapel and told about all the interesting facts including John Paul Jones burial in the building. I had seen it several years ago and since there was going to be a big function in the Chapel, all electrical equipment was stored there and we were not allowed in the burial location. On the way out I saw a docent at the door and I asked him about not seeing John Paul Jones burial, since I already knew the answer. I told him I had seen it years ago and all he told me is that "the same guy is still there". Any veteran, who has the opportunity to take an "Honor Flight" should do so. You learn a lot about the Veterans war experiences on your flight that you would probably not hear about otherwise.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. The place will be at the Spirit of San Luis restaurant at the San Luis Obispo Airport.

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**Sandy Sereno** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' July Luncheon at Applebee's in Cathedral City. Twenty six members and two guests were in attendance. **Jeanne Jones** was **Sandy Sereno's** guest; **Marge Lenz's** guest was **Irene Knudsen**. And was it hot! Upwards of 110 degrees.

The seating at Applebee's was not conducive to having a meeting, as we did not have a separate room. Of course, as I've mentioned before, we are more of a "social" group, and our members just enjoy getting together.

We did, however, decide to, once again, hold our Christmas Luncheon at the Monterey Country Club. Last year, for the first time, the meal was not up to the standard we had always enjoyed. But the Club promised their service and meal would be back to the standard they have always delivered.

Congratulations to **Gil & Marianne Patterson**, as they celebrate their 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary as I write this, the 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Pat Weiclowski** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing; and the Birthday Lunch was won by **Brigitte Brunken**.

**Sheryll Waiss** - our Sunbird of the Month ~ **Sheryll Davis** graduated High School in 1957, in Santa Monica, CA. To the best of her recollection, she spent the next 12 years in 3 different jobs: Switchboard Operator in the Aerospace Industry; Sales and Marketing Receptionist for a company called "Jack Nadel"; and the William Morris Theatrical Agency.



In 1969, Sheryll moved to Hawaii. She was to live there for six years. Her first job in Hawaii was booking Hotel space for a company called American Express Space Bank. Next was Hawaiian Holidays Tour Operator (selling Tours out of various Hotels, from April '72 to June '73.)

Next was Aloha Air Lines as a Reservations Agent and General Sales from June '73 to September '74. Sheryll then moved back to the mainland. She continued getting jobs that certainly prepared her for her UAL career,

The first was Travelways Agency from December '75, to May '76, where she handled corporate accounts, writing tickets and travel vouchers. The second was with Continental Express, a Charter Airline, operating strictly to and from Hawaii. This was from June '76 to February '78.

And now, finally, Sheryll's United experience begins. She hired on with UAL in February of 1978 - in Reservations (LAXRR). In 1985, she transferred to Passenger - or maybe by then it was Customer Service. It was there that she met, and eventually married **Jerry Waiss**, who also worked in Customer Service. This was in 1987.

Sheryll retired in June of 1999, a career of 21 years. Sadly, Jerry passed away in 2016. But we love having Sheryll as part of our group, and hope she remains so for many more years.



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Our August meeting was held on Monday, August 6 at El Tapatio Mexican restaurant in Pleasant Hill with 20 members in attendance. It was nice to see several members who missed the June and July meetings. **Carol Parks** has had some health issues, and **Rich & Georgia Bouska** had a glorious time on two back-to-back cruises. We officially welcomed new member **Poldi vonMuhlfeld (Uribe)** who was finally able to give her dues check to our treasurer **Rich Bouska**!

**Jan Soderstrom** acted as cashier. Social hour started at 11:00 and we had lunch at noon. At every meeting, **Carol Parks** puts a piece of candy at everyone's place, one of those nice gestures that makes this group special. **Arnold Hansen** stepped up and did the "candy drop" while Carol was gone. **Barbara Cunningham** and **Barbara Underhill** conducted the raffle. **Jack Smith** won the 50/50 raffle. As usual we had an eclectic assortment of additional raffle items - the ever present wine, a bag of mini liquor bottles and chocolate, handmade soap, and a garden welcome sign. After lunch, we discussed changes in travel benefits for retirees and the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Cleveland. We have six members attending Convention this year: **Tom & Barbara Cunningham**, **Diane Griego**, **Arnold Hansen, Jr.**, and **Jack & Judy Smith**. Be sure to look for them and say hello!

I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the Bouskas' two cruises. Their first cruise was the annual Retired United Pilots Association (RUPA) cruise. **Rich Bouska** is a member of RUPA and in fact is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. This year the group went on an 8-day riverboat cruise which started and ended in Paris. The most memorable part of the trip was the shore excursion to Normandy. Everyone I've ever talked to has described the visit to the American Cemetery as one of the most moving experiences of their life. Their second cruise was an 18-day cruise from Rotterdam to Boston with their children and grandchildren. Ports of call included Norway, the Shetland Islands, Iceland, Greenland, St. John New Brunswick, and Halifax Nova Scotia. They crossed the Arctic Circle en route and have a certificate as proof!

Which brings me to the 2019 RUPA Cruise in July. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem.

There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome.

Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo.

Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7.

For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** direct at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net) or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming meetings:

- **September 3** - 11:00, Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room. Although this is the Labor Day holiday, the group voted to still meet on Monday vs. Tuesday.
- **October 1** - 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.
- November 5 - 11:00— location to be determined.
- December 3 - 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](mailto:diangriego@aol.com). RSVP deadline will be provided later.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. If the first Monday in January is New Year's Day, as it was this year, we meet on Tuesday because most restaurants are closed that day. Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

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Egads, over half the year has slipped by, only a short 146 days 'til Christmas - hopefully the fires here on the Left Coast will have been put out and we can get back to normal (whatever that is!) President **Vera Kina** opened our monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a few moments of silence for our Military and Armed Forces as well as for those facing dire times with homes burned to the ground.

Hot off the press: **Sahil Dilawari**, Senior Branch Manager of Alliant Credit Union, will be speaking at our August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting – questions are welcome regarding the closures of the local offices. You must let **Gene Walter** know if you plan to attend as it is our Pizza Feed, phone and price below.

The next 3 monthly menus: (Call Auditor **Gene Walter** if you are coming to the August and September meetings so 'enuf food is purchased, don't want you to starve. His phone: (650) 856-9738.

- ❖ August 27 – Alliant speaker, Pizza, Salad & fixins', food is \$10 per member / \$15 per guest
- ❖ September 24 – Annual BBQ Picnic catered by Armadillo Willys' – Yummy Texas BBQ Ribs, Certified Angus Beef USDA Prime Brisket, Beans, Potato Salad, and the works! Coming? Let us know so that we have plenty of food. \$25 member/\$30 guests. (**Gene Walters'** phone above.)
- ❖ October 22 – BYOBL – Bring your own bag lunch - we'll do Bingo too.

President Vera presents: "Uniteds' Great Generation". Tom Brokaw wrote "The Greatest Generation," a book of the people on the battlefield, on the home front and everyone else who brought our country to success both on and after WWII. United Airlines has their own roster of "Great" employees who have done the same for the company. From the beginnings where airplanes were run with piston engines to the "Super" jets, we would like to present our members' individual experiences, some great, some humorous and some not so great but all were responsible for the great company that exists today.

Around 1979, **Jim Goodwine** was a manager of operations at the MOC and was involved in the re-engine of the DC8. There needed a decision to be made between a Pratt-Whitney or a "CFM" engine. Among those on the UAL Board was a man named Neil Armstrong. His word of advice was to go with the newest technology. And United added to its success.

Soon after United started flying to Tokyo, **Walt Kina** was on a vacation trip. Somewhere over the Pacific, the elevator on the 747 that led to the lowest deck became jammed where flight attendants were preparing food.

Indications showed that a United mechanic was on board, Walter was asked to help. Manual maneuvering was useless, so he knew that the emergency hatchet was available and the offending protrusion was hacked away. Those on board were assured that all was well and not to worry.

**Eugene Walter** was a fairly new administration coordinator when he was approached by the chief pilot. Gene was told that he didn't look sharp enough and he was given time to prove his mettle. Other opinions prevailed and Gene remained in Flight Ops for over 30 years.

Attention all SFO members, have a story to tell? Let me know and I will try to recognize you in future columns – Vera.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** – minutes for last month were read and approved. Cards have gone out to all of those on the get well list. Let her know if you know someone who needs cheering up.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** sez we are holding our own.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** announced birthdates: **Rex Reelfs, Bob Donovan** (coming up on 100 with 97 natal years,) and guest **Dave Oxendine**. Anniversaries: **Rex & Margaret Reelfs** with a whopping 60 years and **Pete & Kathy Cooper** with 44! **Clark Speetzen** passed away recently.

Thanks to **Bob Donovan** for making up name tags for our new comers, the **Woods** and **Coopers**.

The Auditors, **John Bogdanoff, Gene Walter, Ben Vietz** (in absentia) are silently counting money. (Our thanks to **Helen Goodwine** who is filling in for Ben while he is home recuperating.)

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2018 trips. Interest lists are available, call or email Ginger if you want on the list. A Master "Let's Go" list is being formed – want on it? Call Ginger.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** was, once again, speechless.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave away our 25%/25% to **Pete Cooper** and **Kathy Cooper**. Bingo winners didn't garner enough money, now that the Coopers are rich, maybe they'll spring for an up-grade to Wendy's for those starvin' Bingoites!

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



### HANGTOWN MINERS

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If you weren't able to join us for our July luncheon at Mimi's Cafe in Folsom, you missed out on some delicious food! Since we ordered "off their menu", everyone had "just what they wanted". Selections covering sandwiches, soups, salads, burgers – pretty much whatever your taste buds were craving. Service was friendly and efficient too. President **Bill Gibson** extended a big thanks to **Bob & Dorean Ames** for arranging this luncheon. Now, we all know we are going to have a birthday each year, seems that only **Rosemary Heier** claimed July for her special day. Since we don't have our usual meeting in June, Bill asked if anyone present had birthdays last month; **Jerry & Dolores Avallone** both get to celebrate birthdays in June. Now, when it comes to Anniversaries, I see that **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** celebrated 41 years together July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Again, Bill inquired who chose June (such a traditional month for weddings) to begin wedded bliss. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** marked 51 years; **Frank & Angie Dellinger** have 49; **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** claim 17; **Tom & Suzie Kenny** marked 27; and **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** have passed the 52 year number. We did not have any guests this month. So, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

President ~ **Bill Gibson** wanted to give us an update on how **Ed Akin** is doing. Ed is out of the hospital but still has quite a road to recovery ahead. He goes to physical therapy sessions several days a week. At the moment he is staying at his daughter Cindy's house – she is already set up with the extra safety helps needed for his condition at this time. Ed is walking with a walker, he can eat alright, but, his speech and ability to connect things together in his brain still need work. We send our best wishes to Ed and his family as they deal with all these changes and challenges.

Another reminder that the 2018 RUAEA Convention is September 18-22 in Cleveland. **Nancy DeVore** has offered to represent Bill at the meeting for the presidents of the chapters. If you want to join in the fun (Cleveland Indians baseball game, bus tour and more), contact RUAEA soon!

*Vice President* ~ As many of you already know, long time chapter members, **Joe & Lynda Lima** have moved to Oregon. Their new address is: 5790 Cloverlawn Drive, Grants Pass, OR 95727 – the phone number is the same. We are very sorry to see them leave, but, know that any time they venture back to the area, we hope they will drop by to spend some time with all of us. **Bill Dinette** has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Vice President. Bill said that Joe came by to drop off the raffle tickets and, as Joe skipped down the walk, Bill heard “Hee Hee Hee” as Joe left! Hopefully, the Limas will continue as members and will try to time their visits with their daughter who still lives here so that they can join us for our monthly luncheon. Thank you, Joe and Lynda, for all your efforts with the Hangtown Miners – oh, and **Bill Dinette** said that he will cover the October luncheon!

*Treasurer* ~ Our esteemed treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to join us today. He did send his report with Suzie. Our checking is looking good with \$1,133.23.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have anything she needed to report but did extend a Thank You to **Angie Dellinger** for filling in for Jane at the correspondents meeting at the RUAEA Convention in September. As soon as I get all the information on our current membership, I will get our roster sent to you.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzie Kenny** plans to send a Get Well/Thinking of You card to **Ed Akin** again. We are all concerned for Ed and sending good wishes and prayers that he will continue to recover.

*Historian* ~ **Thom Biro** was absent this month. The beautiful waters of Hawaii called him again!

*New Business* ~ No new business was presented this month.

*Old Business* ~ Bill asked **JR Heier** how the Retired Mechanics Reunion in Minden NV went this year. JR said that there were probably 90-100 people there. Many faces that are faithful attendees but many “new” faces this year. It was a good time visiting with everyone – no fighting or police called – always a good thing!

Our next luncheon will be at a new place. **Bill & Linda Dinette** have chosen the Break Room in Shingle Springs for the Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Please take note that we will be getting together on the second Tuesday in August. Bill also said that this place has a “separate” room that we could use for our December luncheon if we like it and wish to make a change this year. Be sure to come August 14 and see what you think.

Bill called for a close to our meeting; **Bill Dinette** motioned, JR seconded and we prepared for the raffle. **Rosemary Heier** won the donators’ prize. A big thank to all who brought items for our raffle: **Ames** – wine essentials; **Dinette** – wine; **Heier** – set of glasses; (did you guys plan that?); **Blazius** – drink mixer set; **Gibson** – hand soap; **Kenney** – coffee & cup set; **Wolfram** – bird feeder; **Dellinger** – popcorn treat; **Fitzpatrick** – Godiva chocolate; **Barton/Kozelka** – wreath hanger; **Kenny** – muffins.

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The luncheon on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the LaGare, hosted by **Joan Olsson, Jack Donahue, Joan Sheehan, and Ann Sullivan** will be reported in next month’s newsletter.



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It’s hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is coming right down the road.

I am happy to report that **Bob Grissom** has had his final Dialysis treatment and is feeling great, has some of his energy back and says all is good in Minnesota but misses the San Diego retiree family. He was glad to hear that he is not in the midst of our heat wave.

**Barbara Tobin** has just returned from a trip to Hawaii with her daughter Julie, who works for UA in SMF. She mentioned a beautiful Luau that seemed to last forever. Makes one wonder what they are putting in their Mai Tai’s.



**Tammy Tucker** joined us after a long absence and we learned that her mother has recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this sad time.

**Dick Shenk** has returned to the US and is now living in Ohio. His daughter Jael is with him and she is enrolled in school and already taking names on the track team! We wish them the best in their new home.

**Louis Semon** won the 50/50 this month and will put it to good use on his upcoming trip, wherever that may be. He is still looking for a new destination to explore.

**Peggy Van Sickle** is going to have foot surgery and we will be thinking of her and hoping she is up and dancing real soon.

**Gloria Glaeser** joined us and is so excited to get back to teaching so we won't be seeing her again until the next school break. Gloria is teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at a Charter School here in San Diego.

Also remember we have great beaches and good surfing here in San Diego. Come and visit us !!

#### Calendar:

**September 6** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

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#### SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their July 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon, at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-b-que Restaurant in Rocklin, CA. We would like to thank **Lance & Trudy Engeldinger** for hosting this month's luncheon. President **Frank Dellinger** announced that we have 24 members present and 3 guests. **Ellan Alexander** is the guest of **Judie King**, **Ray Andrejewski** is the guest of **Frank Uhl** and **Barbara Dittig** is the guest of **Trudy Engeldinger**. **Barbara Dittig** became a new member.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** announced that our August luncheon will be held at Max's Restaurant and Bar in Auburn. We are still looking for someone to host the January 2019 luncheon. Please call Penny if you are willing to host in January of 2019.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** acknowledged the July anniversaries, **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** (26 years), and **Francisco & Marta Fornells** (64 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for July. She also stated that our chapter would be subsidizing \$5.00 per person at our next luncheon.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** reported that she sent out a sympathy card to the family of **Jean Becker**. Jean's memorial service was held on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley, CA.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** mentioned that there was an item in the paper on **Jean Becker**. She also stated that Max's, our August luncheon is located off of Hwy 49 and I80. It's located in the Holiday Inn and is a very large space.

Roster **Jack Raynor** encouraged anyone that had changes to their email addresses to report them to him so he can keep the roster current.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** asked the members if anyone had any questions on enrolled friends for discussion. She encouraged everyone to use the UA App for Pass Travel.

**Ron Bertacini** encouraged members to make their reservations as soon as possible if they are attending the convention in Cleveland. He also stated to book tours as soon as possible, Ron also mentioned the MLB game between the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox.

**Jim Simon** reported that the DEN RUAEA office is not up and running. There are Internet connectivity frustrations. They continue to try and resolve the issues. UA provides the space and they plan on having very serious discussions about the on-going issues. He asked members to let the DEN RUAEA office know how much we appreciate their efforts.

Frank asked if there was anything else to share and then turned the meeting over to our Vice President **Penny Greenacre** for the raffle.

Thank you all for coming and we will see you at our next luncheon.



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Our July meeting, hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna** was held in Los Casuelas Restaurant in Manteca. President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A special hello was given to some members we hadn't seen in a while; **Pat Passarell, Chris Fountain, Ken Wasela** and **Don Rentzel**. It was good to see them and catch up on what has kept them away from us. **Don Nesja**, the chapter Stand-up-comedian, shared funny stories and jokes with the group to set the tone for the meeting.

Under Old Business, President Bob announced the locations for the November and December meetings. The November meeting is not traditional as our meetings go, we will be attending the Sierra Reparatory production of "Away in the Basement" at Fallon House in Columbia. The plan is for all to see the play individually and find a place for lunch later, if they desire.

The December meeting will be our Christmas luncheon at the Fruityard in Modesto. The cost will be \$22.00 to \$24.00 per person. We will be charged for 30 guests minimum.

Under New Business, **Chris Fountain** spoke about her experience with Aetna Insurance after **Max's** death. The policy number was changed, as was the ID number, and the policy was cancelled. Chris was able to have these errors corrected, but she wanted to let the group know so no one else would have to deal with something like this.

**Sandy Brooks** is updating our chapter roster. Please confirm your information and send any changes to Sandy.

Bob reminded all that our time to select officers for next year is almost upon us. Rudy has offered to continue as Treasurer; Bob has nominated **Steve Foster** for President. **Rosie Walls** has agreed to take over the Secretarial duties. This leaves openings for Vice President and RUAEA correspondent.

**Rudy Reyna** presented the Treasurer's Report, which indicated all funds received by the end of June have been deposited, and all bills by that time also have been paid, leaving us a balance of close to \$800.00. Rudy also noted we currently have 38 active members.

**Pat Passarell** and **Sandy Brooks** celebrated their birthdays with us, and we had no anniversaries this month.

Rudy & Elma hosted a raffle to raise money for the chapter use.

President Bob closed the meeting with thanks for all those attending, and wishes for safe travels until we meet again.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 for information.

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Our Fall Luncheon will be on Tuesday, September 11 at The Scottish Rite Center in San Jose. It's the same place we had our luncheon last year which worked out very nicely. We will have the same great caterer and this year entertainment will be included as well. Flyers have been sent out. If you would like to join us and haven't received a flyer, please let me know or go to our website. Please sign up before September 7.

We've been missing our sunshine lady, **Maureen Snyder**, and hubby, **Vern Snyder** lately at our weekly breakfasts. They both have been having some health issues that hopefully are short-lived. **Hiroko Caster** had hip surgery recently. We hope you have a speedy recovery and are back on your feet in no time.

Several in our chapter have been traveling lately with **Keith & Ann Olthof** taking a jaunt to Las Vegas to visit their daughter. It was a bit hot there but not unexpected for this time of year. **Ted Boone** was in San Antonio area for a family reunion. Highlights while there include visiting the River Walk in San Antonio and the National Museum of the Pacific War located at the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in Fredericksburg, Texas. **Chuck Clayborn** reported on his 2-week trip to Florida in July and said when departing, “the airport was shut down due to lightening and we had to spend the night before we could fly home the next day.” **Thelma Graham** traveled by car to Montana to celebrate a friend’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. They became friends while attending nursing school many years ago and have stayed in touch all this time. A rather unusual travel story was shared by **Dave Garland**. A package he was sending to Petaluma, California overnight (~80 miles to the north) took a rather circuitous route to get there visiting such spots as Golconda, NV, Wamsutter, WY, Gretna, NE, Grove City, OH, and Independence, KY before heading back to California by way of Champaign, IL, Orrick, MO, Danville, KS, and Mountainair, NM. It arrived almost 2 weeks later.

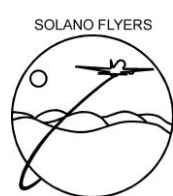
We are thankful for the rescue of the 12 Thai youth soccer players and their assistant coach from a cave in northern Thailand that became flooded while they were exploring it in July. After being trapped for more than two weeks, all were taken to a hospital and discharged a week after the daring rescue operation. Wildfires seem to be hitting California a bit early this year with several blazing out of control in both northern and southern parts of the state. The Mendocino Complex Fire in the north has now been declared the largest fire in California since 1932 with 283,800 acres burned thus far.

Plans are in place for attending the upcoming RUAEA Convention. We are looking forward to a fun time exploring the Cleveland area and catching up with retirees we’ve met in the past and new ones as well. We’re hoping for good weather during our time there.

We meet every Friday at Holder’s Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

#### Calendar:

**September 11** - Fall Luncheon at The Scottish Rite Center, San Jose



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Fosters Big Horn Bar and Restaurant at Rio Vista was the meeting location for the following Flyers, **Robert & Michiko Allen, Frank Uhl, Louis Pell, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Allan Pochop, Coustantino Poolos, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, and Jamie Schwafel**. President Poolos, using veiled threats, was able to control the group for a successful meeting ... great going Deno.

Birthdays: **Bill Blizzard, Luci Perez and Jamie Schwafel**.

Back to Foster Big Horn, there are over 300 animal heads on display, I doubt if a vegetarian stops by for a lettuce sandwich and I bet it is off limits for a PETA member. As these trophies animals were taken back in the 1930’s, today many are on the endangered species list; <http://fostersbighorn.com>.

President Poolos suggested that **James Ellison** draw the ticket for our 50/50, and the holder of the winning ticket, President Poolos. Wow!

As the riot subsided, no evidence of collusion, nor Russian connection, we decided to adjourn until next month.

#### Calendar:

**August 8** - Rauls Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield.

**September 12** - Red Robin, 186 Nut Tree Pkwy. Vacaville.

## COLORADO

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting, he reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides income so we don't pay dues. **Virgil Gooselaw** will take care of the aluminum in the absence of **Tom Goodyear**.

There will be no meeting in September due to Labor Day weekend and the restaurant will be closed. The Wings Over The Rockies event was canceled due to low participation. We will look forward to it at a future time.

**Tom Goodyear** is home and doing well. **Charlie Hassler** is home but has asked for no visitors or phone calls at this time. **Rich Conner** had surgery and is doing well, his next surgery is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>.

We voted not to return to the TK cafeteria (Training Center) due to difficulty getting into the gate (badge is required), the distance between the parking and entrance to the building which is on the South side, and that they require a count of the people attending (for their breakfast plans) which is impossible to do.

All Alliant Credit Union offices will be closing except for 2 in the Chicago area. Denver's Alliant location will close on October 3<sup>rd</sup> so all transactions will take place electronically.

The RUAEA internet at TK is having difficulties and should be fixed soon.

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Ginger Spate**, **Larry Rehfeld** (DENMM), **Ron Cannon** (DENMM), **Ray Shultz** (DENMM), **Doug Colbert** (DENCg), and **Yumi Trujillo**.

Congratulations! **Don & Toby Burbank** got married April 9<sup>th</sup>.

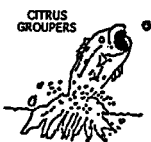
Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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A group of 17 attended today's luncheon, including our newest member, **Kathy Royer**. Kathy retired from ORDFO a few years ago. Welcome Kathy! We hope she will continue to be a regular! Unfortunately, our president **Dick Coughlin** wasn't able to attend due to a medical procedure. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he and **Frieda** return next month. Our Vice-President **Steve Moddle** filled Dick's shoes in fine fashion including the joke telling. Good one Steve!



Birthday wishes were extended to **Herb Gardner** and **Gloria Marcantoni**. No one attending was celebrating an anniversary.

**Steve Moddle** gave a great UAL report discussing new aircraft orders and deliveries and also the importance of saving fuel.

The 50/50 was won by **Penny Logan** and even though our Treasurer **Frieda Coughlin** wasn't with us, she sent in her report.

Calendar:

**September 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**October 4** - Same as above



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Our usually accommodating Golden Corral slipped a notch and "gave" our lunch/meeting room to another group, so we jammed into a smaller room - so small, in fact, that **Joe & Barb Fitak** were upgraded into the hallway outside our room. **They** called it First Class!

I counted twice, 'cause we were pretty rowdy today, and still came up with just 26 sign ins. **Angel Montalvo** brought his pretty young granddaughter, Andrea, to lunch and we all enjoyed meeting her! We moved into our now vacant bigger room for the meeting and President Ernie called us to order and to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at about 1415 hours.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report and then Secretary Elaine was called upon. She read directly from the GoFundMe page created by **Gary Mills** and updated by him 8/1/18:

- "Therapy progressing so can walk with walker and transfer to step bike.
- Improving and moving one step closer to getting home. Still need more work
- And will be learning to walk."

Anyone who knew Gary and worked with him, we are asking that you reach out and help him to achieve his goals. His wife, Judy, had a stroke a couple years back and he really needs to be home to help care for her. Thanks in advance for your donation.

Elaine brought up the RUAEA Convention being held in CLE September 18-22, 2018. They have great tours lined up **and** a Cleveland Indians baseball game too!

The Birthday Gal this month you ask? **Shelby Michels** celebrating on August 15<sup>th</sup>, yeah!

Our "Getting to Know You" fella is **Ted LeGrand**! Ted joined the Air Force back in '55, was discharged on a Friday and started with UAL the very next Monday, back in '59! He worked CHIFF for several years and then UAL saw that talent and moved him right up to EXO - and he stuck there until he retired. WOW, he's got a lot of seniority! Seems that Ted was a jack-of-all-trades and master of a bunch of them too! We are all just glad he was where he was when he was ... and that now he's here, lunching with all of us! Great career, Ted!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Upcoming luncheon will be September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Our next luncheon will be in October, and we meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or anyone who is thinking of moving to our beautiful area of Florida. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: [drjekyl.hyde@aol.com](mailto:drjekyl.hyde@aol.com).



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, August 6 with 9 members in attendance. Our meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Anniversary ~ **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** (August 25, 51 yrs).

We sent a Get Well/Thinking of You card to **Bill Linehan** who was in the hospital but is now home.

Informal meetings ~ We discussed upcoming Picnic in October, Pot Luck Luncheon; the Convention in September, President Beverly will be attending; Christmas Party in December, where we will hold the Luncheon and we will discuss that more at the Fall Picnic.

The meeting was adjourned.

#### **Calendar:**

**September 10** – IHOP, 10:30

**October 1** - Picnic - Anderson Park, 11:00

**November 5** – IHOP, 10:30

**December** - Christmas Luncheon (Date to be discussed)

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Our August meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Duffy's South Stuart with 14 members in attendance. President **Al Popek** led everyone in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

As we were getting settled in, **Diane Liebisch** received a message from **Jim Morehead** stating that he was heading to the hospital. After a lengthy bout of illness and recovery, he felt he wasn't quite ready to resume his normal activities and felt he was in need of medical care once again. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Jim. You've certainly been through a lot.

**Pattie Connell** and **Tom Odom** have returned from their cruise. They visited Norway, Denmark and Copenhagen. They had great weather for their two week trip. In October they will visit Normandy and Cornwall. They are planning another cruise in December on the new Celebrity Edge.

**Paul & Diane Liebisch** just returned from Barcelona and Venice. They will cruise again in September and recommend Vacations To Go for booking.

**Bob Langevin** and **Sandy Ruggiero** are back home from their Alaska cruise. Bob shared some fantastic pictures. He said the highlight of the trip was Glacier Bay. They also spent several days in Vancouver. They'll be off in November for the Greek Isles.

**Jane Kerr** has returned from her driving trip to New Jersey. We were pleased to see her at the meeting.

**Dave & Carolyn Lindgren** enjoyed their 17 day re-positioning cruise that took them through the Panama Canal. They had such a great time they hated to disembark! While in Seattle they toured the Boeing plant, something they have always wanted to see. They loved the Holland America ship they were on.

**Al & Janice Popek** are still waiting for their roof replacement needed since last year's hurricane. The roofer explained that due to our recent rains and tremendous heat, workers were hard to hire. They are thinking it will finally get accomplished in September. Good Luck! Unfortunately, they wanted to attend the Cleveland Convention and now they're not sure if they'll be able to.

**Dee & Arnie Lakso** will be attending the convention. At this date we are uncertain who else might be going. Normally we have a good turnout.

After many, many years as acting Treasurer, **Diane Liebisch** is passing the cash box on. **Carolyn Lindgren** has graciously accepted the position which will begin in January. Thanks to Diane for her outstanding work.

Carolyn & Dave have welcomed their second Great-Grandchild. Congratulations!

At our September meeting, final plans will be made for the October picnic. A sheet will be passed around for everyone to sign up for their favorite dish. Also in September, dues will be collected for 2019. **Bob Langevin** will be sending out directions to Dubois Park prior to our trip there.

**Al Popek** will be making arrangements for our Holiday Party in December at the Twisted Tuna. Our time slot will be from 12noon to 4 P.M. You are welcome to stay after for cocktails on the patio. It's a truly beautiful setting on the water.

50/50 was won by **Janice Popek**. The Progressive was won by **Pattie Connell**.

Happy Birthday in August to **Al Popek** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Maureen Carragher** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Mary Jane Wise** (13<sup>th</sup>), **James Hanley** (15<sup>th</sup>), **"Dinos" Xifaras** (25<sup>th</sup>) and **Frank Wise** (27<sup>th</sup>).

Calendar:

**September 4** - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart 12:30

**October 16** - Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12noon

**November 6** - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart 12:30

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

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

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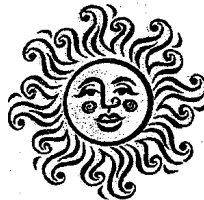
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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested,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

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

## ILLINOIS

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September—Time for those yellow, orange and brown leaves to show up on the trees again. The most beautiful season of the year, Fall! Well, right after Spring, Summer and Winter. Thank God, there are only four! Last year, Fall was a little late, **Ginny Vlach** and I took a ride up to Lake Geneva and the leaves were still green. At least we had a fabulous lunch and enjoyed the Lake. I certainly hope you've all had the joy and pleasure of seeing one of the most peaceful and relaxing areas of the Midwest. It's so great to unwind and just sit and watch the water ripple onto the beach. Why go to the Caribbean when we have Lake Geneva so close? Guess I'm a little prejudiced to this place ... Let's see what holidays we celebrate in September! A Holiday we get off, Labor Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, who am I foolin'? We get them all off, 365 of them. Ha! Grandparent's Day and Rosh Hashanah, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Our 9/11 Day when we remember our Flights 93 and 175 being hijacked by al-Qaeda, and we lost 16 crew members. A day we will never forget, nor should we. Yom Kippur, the 18<sup>th</sup>, National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the first full day of Fall, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Looking to the skies, the Cassini Mission will be over after 20 years of traveling the sky to Saturn, and will plunge into its atmosphere on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I doubt we'll see that dramatic conclusion of Cassini from here, but Mercury and Mars will be our morning stars with the full moon on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The pictures Cassini sent back to and from Saturn were beautiful, more startling than anyone could ever have imagined. I hope you saw some of them. We'll never see them again unless you take a trip there, and our hunky dory passes aren't good that far. Ha, doubt you'd get First on that either.

Our Northside Breakfast had 15 attendees. Our newbie was **Harvey Bruning**, ORDMM, who was celebrating graduations in his family, a grandson from Valparaiso, and a granddaughter from Carthage High School in WI. **Jerry Tipperreiter** attended four birthdays last month, two sons, a granddaughter and son in law, all in a two-week period. That's a lot of candle blowing. Good thing they weren't all Jerry's candles. **Joan Teister** had two birthday celebrations, one in Kansas, and one in Wheaton. **Dave Dunham** reported that **John Pasakarnis** has shingles. **Marlene & Marvin Anderson** took trips to Michigan to visit family. **Jim Sommerfield** talked about his trip to Kannapali, Maui, with his family and **Shirley**. He was wiped out by a wave while enjoying the beach one day. He said, 'I'm just not as young as I thought I was.' Join the group on that one, Jim ... **Bob & Pat Kalicki's** family celebrated their great grandson Carter's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and had a ball. Watch out, Bob, he's going to think those fireworks are just for him, until you break his heart someday and tell him the truth. Now here's the coolest family reunion I've ever heard. **Toni VanKampen** and 43 members of her family went to Trinidad and Tobago for a weeklong family reunion. Her father was born and raised there, so they connected with cousins still living there, and enjoyed seeing the Islands together, LOL, and I was so impressed with my cousins in Rock Island!

Our Southside Breakfast had 11 retirees, including two visitors, **Diane Webb** and **Ann Harris**. **Sylvester Gant** brought his granddaughter, Genesis, with him, who just happened to pull his number in the raffle. Other winners were **Ed Ward** and **Bill Corbett**. **Barb Wesemann** took a Mystery trip with her Bridgeview Prime



Time Travel Club to Covington, KY. Points of interest included the Gangster Dueling Piano Bar, St. Mary's Basilica, Newruff, where they saw a distillery, Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum. They had dinners on a BB Riverboat, some very prominent restaurants, and a Candy Factory, where they make Gummy Bears. That would've been worth the trip for me! Conversation went to our dear **Agnes Pearson**, who has been sick since Mother's Day. Little did we know that on the next day, Agnes would pass away from a heart condition. She was married to **Jim Hartley**, EXORA, for many years. After he died, she met **Bob Pearson** at church; they started dating, and were married over 25 years. Agnes had just turned 96 in June. She took care of the Southside group, checked on them, sent cards, and called if she was concerned about someone. I can't tell you how much her beautiful face and personality will be missed. She was one of a kind. We'll look forward to seeing Bob again next month.

The IAM 1487 had their July meeting on July 5. There were 83 members at the Brown Bagger. One of the retirees, **Lorraine Engelhart**, turned 100, July 23. **Karen Carney** asked the group to bring a card to our meeting or to send it to her in Florida. So, the next time you attend our meeting, bring a card, it would really bring a smile to Lorraine's face, all those cards for her! The Union's August Meeting, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, was a catered affair. Games were played, gifts were won, and we all had a great time. The Horse Derby was its usual fun game. The White Elephant Grab Bag earned our coffers a nice amount of dollars for future parties. Thank you to all who brought in school supplies for three different schools in Des Plaines. Our next meeting is September 6, and will be a Meet-N-Eat, in other words, bring your own lunch. Desserts are always welcomed.

Some of our friends that flew West last month are **Ray Bensen**, ORDMM, **Jim Lehman**, ORDCG, Capt. **Dick Emery**, ORDFO, **Agnes Hartley Pearson**, and **Ed Pawlak**, ORDCS, a family member, a very smart guy, amusing and facetious. He was a very well-liked person and ticket agent. He'll be missed here, but he's with his beloved Dolores, who passed a few years ago. Also gone is **Mike Pasquerelli**, ORDMM/ORDIQ, a close friend of mine. As I've said before, some of our friends will go before us, but some hurt just a little more than others. He taught me how to drive on the Field at ORD, even between the engines of a 747, but don't tell anybody ... Mike was so serious about his work, but was very funny. When he smiled and laughed, his face lit up and his little teddy bear tummy just shook with delight. The liver cancer ate away his little tummy quite a bit, but we talked and emailed up until the end. He was a true friend. Also gone from our lives include Tab Hunter, Nancy Sinatra, Sr., Adrian Cronauer, Charlotte Rae, and Chicago's own Stan Mikita.

My body knows how old I am, but my mind refuses to believe it. Enjoy September before the October winds blow in.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**September 12**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**September 6**), First Thursday of the month.

**September 4** - Skyliner's Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, 1170 Devon Ave, Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

**September 11** - RUPA Luncheon, Illinois Golf Club, Algonquin, 11:00A.M. 1575 Edgewood Dr.

**December 4** - Skyliners's Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, IL, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers held their annual summer party on July 14. The party was hosted by **Charles Theiss** and his family at their home in Fishers, IN. While Charles was being the consummate host, his son Anthony was the chef, attending to the bar-b-cue, and his daughter Amy-Christine was in charge of the kitchen.

Because this was a planned non-business party, there were no notes taken and attending members spent the afternoon conversing and relaxing.

On behalf of the Indy Racers, I want to thank Charles and his family for their hospitality.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1230 for lunch and a business meeting starting at 1330. The location will be Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center, Avon, IN 46123.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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#### Submitted by Irene Kimball

Happy Summer from the Nor'easters!

Happy Birthday to our very own **Irene Kimball**!

We waited for it and we made it! The beautiful New England weather has arrived and Nor'easters are healthy, out and enjoying every minute. We are travelling and entertaining. Grandkids are coming and spending time. Life is good!

The **Vanderwals** went to the Island. The **Wards** cruised to Jamaica and Grand Cayman in June. The **Twings** were off to Cuba. The **Tippings** were at the Cape. The **Kimballs** went to Denver and to Cape Cod. The **Sugas** adore Japan and made a return visit. Sarah hosted family from England.

**Kathy Tucker**, **Don Latter**'s wife, is competing in The PanMass Challenge and, in the process of biking 150 miles in two days, she is fundraising for Dana Farber. Go get 'em, Kathy! Fabulous you! Fabulous cause!

Good news from Houston. **Phyllis Turner Aston** reports that husband **Rob**, who had been ill last winter, is now doing very well and back playing with his band. They are enjoying the pool, once again, after having to rebuild the house post hurricane.

**Norma Betters** will be heading out to the convention next month and hopes some other members will join her.

We are working on the details of our next get together, stay tuned.

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our Escapees July luncheon was held at PF Chang's and hosted by **Joan Benoit** and **Carol Shaffner**. Attending were 1<sup>st</sup> timers this year: **Geri Wimshurst**, **Nancy Woolen**, **Gail Kirkendoll**, **Debbie Palmer**, **Carol Slade**, **Sue Craig** (so happy you were able to attend with your knee). Also attending were **Camille & Bill Wade**, **Gwen Dyc**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Joan Robinson**, **Patty Gates** and me. Also, Carol brought treat bags filled with cookies and chocolate. They were delicious and made for a wonderful dessert. So great to see everyone!

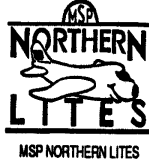
I am hosting the August luncheon on August 9 at Bar Louie's in Laurel Park Mall. I will be reporting the event in next month's newsletter.

**Joyce Lyons** husband, **Dan**, passed away. Cards can be sent to Mrs. **Joyce Lyons**, 23330 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Hgts., MI 48127. There is not going to be a funeral or memorial per Dan's wishes.

## MINNESOTA

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The “hard core” met at The Golden Corral for what they knew would be some decision-making about the future of our group. In recent years, our numbers have dwindled; current members are having health and transportation issues, winter months bring fewer people feeling comfortable driving in nasty weather, the recent retirees aren’t joining us and a poll of the soon-to-be-retired folks at MSP didn’t offer much hope of new members.

After we were fortified by a good meal, discussion centered on whether we should continue as a chapter of RUAEA, remain as just a “lunch bunch” or discontinue the monthly gatherings altogether. After getting feedback from everyone present, it was determined that the meetings every month were a valued event and that membership in RUAEA is the “glue” that holds us all together. **Mike Cunningham** volunteered to take over **Lee Storlie**’s position as President of the chapter but would prefer not to conduct a meeting every month.

Everyone agreed that having someone different conduct the meetings has been fun and interesting. We will still continue to meet at The Golden Corral, no change there. Having no meetings during the winter months was not a good idea, according to the majority. When inclement weather arises in the winter, it was agreed that we’re all big boys and girls, so we can decide to attend or not. *No one will attempt to notify anyone about a cancellation due to weather.* If you’re the only one there, well, enjoy your lunch and we’ll see you next month!

Unfortunately, no one volunteered to take over the other officer jobs of secretary, treasurer and chapter correspondent. **Bud Ayres** is willing to continue as treasurer, **Mary Brennan** and I made a face about remaining in the jobs of secretary and correspondent. Both of us have held those jobs since our retirement, 28 and 22 years respectively. We’re both tired of the responsibility but we value the chapter’s existence. So, we’re stuck with the jobs. In my case, there may not be a submission monthly to the newsletter ~ fair warning! I don’t want to hear any whining, now...

Dr. **Janice Meyer** has been dealing with some auto-immune issues recently which took her resistance to low levels, landing her in the ER. Then her rotator cuff tore, so now she has that to deal with. As she says, “Ah, the vagaries of aging!”

**Bernie Hazekamp** is also on the less-than-prime list; in addition to the chronic back pain he’s been having for some time, now he’s been diagnosed with the early stages of macular degeneration. Hopefully, the condition can be stopped in its’ tracks.

Some sad news ... **Mitzi Balogh**, wife of **Joe Balogh**, passed away July 13<sup>th</sup> at 92 years of age. She had suffered a fall and was hospitalized with a fractured hip but succumbed to the trauma of the injury. There will be no obituary published and her service and burial was Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> in Henning, MN where Mitzi grew up. She was buried next to her sister. Condolences may be sent or called to Joe and his son, Brian at 18501 Woolman Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343. Phone ~ (952) 474-5192.

**Delores Coorman**, former MSPFF, passed away as well but I have no contact info for condolences to be sent.

**Mary & Jim Brennan**’s daughter, Susan Hooker, participated in a 300 mile, 5-day bikeathon fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, her 11<sup>th</sup> year doing so. Mary & Jim met up with Susan and her team after one of the day’s riding to help celebrate their accomplishments. Our chapter voted to contribute \$100 to her efforts.

No one attending had a July birthday, so we just had the raffle. Instead of saving a portion of the take, we decided to blow the whole amount. Seven people got a \$10 prize. See what you’re missing by not joining us?

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave. Maplewood, MN. Take I-694 to Exit 51 (White Bear Ave.) south to Woodlynn Ave. (about 2 blocks), left and into the strip mall across from Maplewood Mall. You’ll see Aldi’s Market nearby.

## NEBRASKA



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It wasn't a large group, but a mighty one. Twenty individuals attended our luncheon at the Pizza Ranch hosted by **Marge Edwards**. A good time was had by all as well as good food and service. We used the time to gather information on the health of those who are not able to attend at this time.

The winners of the 50/50 were **Marge Edwards** and **Betsy Anderson**. I need to correct my statement last month. I listed the winner as **Shirley Mahoney** and instead it was **Betsy Anderson** then also. Betsy has the hot hand.

**Hilde Bennett Schwan** is now at home. I talked to her today and she says she is "*doing pretty good*." Her original problem was her hip which needs to be replaced; it's still a problem. She encountered so many heart issues, which were discovered while doing the work-up for hip surgery that they were never able to work on the hip. So, walking is difficult to say the least. I'm sure she would welcome some calls to wish her well, (402) 334-3481.

**Van VanHouten** had abdominal surgery last month and is currently staying at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliot St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 328-9500. I'm sure he would welcome cards or letters or visits.

I received a call from **Jim Braden** recently and he told me that he has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He has been undergoing a variety of tests and biopsies but is ready to start chemo in the next few days. He thought the treatments would be one day a week. If you would like to contact Jim, his address is 406 Clayton Street, Box 406, Macedonia, IA 51549, (712) 308-2431.

**Larry Nollette** continues to "hang in there." He receives chemo on a three week cycle which causes some side effects for a time after the treatment. He said he drives very little so doesn't get out much to any functions. His phone number is (402) 250-5585.

**Mel Harrison** continues to be at the Harper House Residence. When I last talked to her she said she was doing very well and if she gets much better they will kick her out of there. Go for it Mel! Her address is 7415 Cedar St., Room 16, Omaha, NE 68124, (402) 343-8616.

**Keith Cornish** also says he is "hanging in there." He is as mobile as the length of his O<sub>2</sub> tubing. He has been blessed with so many visits and cards. Thank you to one and all. 6501 Rainwood Road, Omaha, NE 68152, (402) 571-6031.

Our next meeting will be on August 7 at Fernando's Cafe, 12 Noon, 1600 Washington St., Blair, NE. Hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**. This will be a buffet as we have had before. The cost is \$13 which includes chips and salsa at the table as well as Ice Tea, Lemonade or water. There is no need to call ahead of time, just come. It would be nice to see some of the infrequent attendees from the Blair area. It's right in your backyard.

Birthdays for the month of August: **Shirley Mahoney** (27), **Sue Manhart** (28), **Shirley Payton** (29), **Helen Taylor** (30), **Ruth Saffer** (30), and **Ralph Westadt** (31).

### Calendar:

**August 7** - Fernando's Café in Blair, NE, hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**

**September 4** - TBD

**October 2** - Olive Garden, hosted by **Myrtis Olds** and daughter

## NEVADA

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There was no meeting in July but the Board Members got together and finalized **Mary Chandler** as our new Vice President.

Being a fairly new member of the Las Vegas Silverliners, I was curious as to the significance to the year 2012 printed on our Membership Badges. So, I asked our resident Historians **Eleanor & Mike Vasko**, they informed me that the 2012 represents the year the chapter name was changed from "Las Vegas Gamblers" to the Las Vegas Silverliners. It seems that our Secretary at that time, **Wilma Gutwald**, and her husband **Dennis** felt the name Gamblers was not meaningful for the group so they put the issue up for names and a vote of the membership and the "Silverliners" came out the winner. So, Thank You Wilma & Dennis.

I also found out today that **Lois Miller**, wife of **Max**, has been hospitalized for over a month and not doing well; she is and has been on dialysis. Our prayers and thoughts are with her and her family.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on October 11. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am; 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](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.



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There were 12 members at our July meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, our meeting will be at Miguel's, a Mexican restaurant on S. Virginia at the Summit Sierra Shopping center, where Dillard's is located. Each member will pay their own tab and it will include the tip. We will meet in a separate room at the restaurant. Thanks to **Larry & Barbara Leusing** for arranging this location in lieu of our annual picnic.

Our Christmas luncheon this year will be on Wednesday, December 5, at the Tamarack Junction. There will be a social hour at 11:30 am and lunch at noon. Prices will remain the same this year. The entrée options will be beef tips in mushroom sauce, Chicken Parmesan, and Salmon with lemon butter. This year we will be paying for the room. Flyers will be sent out with the October newsletter.

A July birthday was celebrated by **Pam Wight**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Dottie Robbins**. **June Roe** and **Donna Perkins** each won a bottle of wine and **Barbara Leusing** won the extra gift. Each month, we will have extra gifts for our raffle.

Baker extraordinaire **Bill Perkins** brought more of those delicious lemon flavored Italian cookies.

Our next meeting will be at the Black Bear Diner on August 13. See you there!



## NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute by Vice President **John Diely**. A moment of silence was held for two of our former members who have just recently passed away: **Al Eviskitas** who was a ramp supervisor at EWR, and **Jim Walker** who was an electrician in our building and maintenance department at EWR. Both will be long remembered.

As a footnote to history I bring this up. This coming August 6 and 9 will be 73 years since two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. Those two bombs, and the destruction they had caused, signaled the end of the terrible conflict of World War II. Does anyone remember?

**Gerry Johnson** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on August 29 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

\*\*\*\*From the great prophet Leroy: *"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Despite the weather report of storms and rain, 31 Metros gathered for our summer picnic. The usual cooling breezes were a bit strong, blowing around chairs, plates, napkins, cups, (some filled with coffee) even food. **Sue Fleming** got up for food and her chair blew across the tent, hitting the bench on which I was sitting, and actually folding the chair into its closed position. **Frank Ferrara** had his cowboy hat tied snugly under his chin, protecting his coif. We ladies all sported the same wildly blown hairdo, but the weather held up and we had our usual great time.

The **Feingolds** flew in just the day before, from a wonderful trip to Scotland, not suffering any jet lag. Ron wouldn't strip down to his kilt. So shy! Donna had some great pictures of the royal yacht and Balmoral castle.

Guests attending were **Mario Lagasi**, the **Pozzi's** grandson; **Eric Koch**, son of **Harold** and **Ursala**, and Ryan, grandson of the **Ammons**. Eric had a great bunch of pictures of the demolition of our hanger at LaGuardia. Wow! The whole airport is unrecognizable. Thanks for your help with the cleanup, Mario. And thanks to all who contributed their labor, as well. 50/50 winners were, in order, **Sue Fleming**, **Werner Wolf**, **Eric Koch**, (we always have a winning guest) and **Helene Ammon**. Saw some of those bills flying around out in the kids' baseball field, I think. Did you get them back?

Happy 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the **Feingolds**, and 53<sup>rd</sup> for **Ursala & Harold Koch**. Best wishes and may you enjoy many more.

Happy birthday to **Frank Ferrara** and **John Klos** and the many others who couldn't be present.

I close with the saddest news of **Carol Manley-Davis'** sudden and unexpected death. As many of you know, she was such a support for **Ron Weick** up to his recent death. She was waked August 2<sup>nd</sup> and her funeral was Friday the third. Our prayers and condolences to her loved ones. She will be missed and remembered by many. Ed also reported the death of Ed Devlin who passed away in South Carolina. I have no further information on him.

We'll be back indoors at the Davenport Press on September 5. Labor Day already and I just got my new bathing suit! But I always loved "Autumn in New York".

Stay well everyone.

Calendar:

**September 5** – Meeting at Davenport Press

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There were 60 Buckeyes in attendance at our July 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Williams on the Lake. **Vince & Norma Malena** made arrangements for this luncheon. The weather was very nice and we had decided to have it here when the weather was nice because it's on a Lake and the scenery is so much nicer in the warm weather. We have big windows on the side facing the lake. **Arlene Taylor** said Grace and did a beautiful prelude reminding us we need to be thankful for the everyday "gifts" we enjoy and take for granted. A great lunch followed.

Sitting in for our 50/50 Chairpersons, **Dave & Marie Placko**, was **Joe Moses** and **Bernie Garrah**. Our lucky 50/50 winners were **Barb Wachs**, **Hannah Beish**, and **Judy McKnight**.

President **Dolly Taucher** announced that one of our members, **Sharon Gatesman**, her 6-month-old granddaughter **Harper** has never left the hospital since being born on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Harper has Myotonic Dystrophy. She has a trachea tube in her throat for breathing and a feeding tube into her stomach. Dolly had a jar out for donations if you would like to help with the outrageous medical bills that her son has. Also, we will be collecting donations at our annual picnic on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations through the US Mail are also accepted with checks payable to **Randy Gatesman**.

One of our long-time members, **Steve McCurley**, lost his wife (**Patricia McCurley**) on July 24 in Medina, Ohio. Services are private and our prayers go out to Steve and his family.

People who have medical problems include **Pat Hendy** who had surgery and is recuperating at her daughter's. **Barb Vaults** had a stroke just recently so both need prayers.

Birthdays this month are **Elda Custer**, **Tom Duta**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Norma Malena**, **Shirley McCarthy**, **Barb Vaults** and **Betty Warner**.

Anniversaries: **Jeff & Judy Spooner** (53 yrs.) and **Betty Warner & Chuck Tenwick** (6 yrs.)

**John**, **Dolly**, and **Barb Vaults** had a meeting with **Jonathan Gooda**, United General Manager here at CLE. Jon had ordered his staff to include in the package for United Employees when they Retire info and applications for both Ohio Buckeyes Chapter and RUAEA. Jon had said that he will publicize our Convention and is planning on attending the Convention. Unfortunately, we have just been informed by Jon that he is being transferred to Newark. Dolly and John are now planning on meeting with the new General Manager to see that everything that was planned will continue.

All Ohio Buckeyes members are looking forward to seeing all of you at RUAEA's 2018 National Convention right here in CLE. So, come see our city. We think you will love it.

We have distributed our luncheon schedule for the remainder of 2018 to all members.

Calendar:

**September 12** - Carrie Cerino's; hosted by **Nancy & George Oncu**

**October 3** - Old Oak Bible Church; hosted by **Jeff & Judy Spooner**

**November 7** - Michael's Place; hosted by **Tom & Marty Hassel**

**December 5** - Diamond Event Center; hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

## OREGON



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July was the third year of our switch to an “indoor picnic”; we had 59 in attendance, with good food, lots of laughter, and tons of prizes for the majority of the group. In addition to our annual indoor picnic prizes, a small group stayed after to play some indoor games. Member **Rosalie Betschart** taught us a new card game: Left, Right, Center. Lots of fun. We look forward to more “indoor games” in the future.

This month's quote from our President: *“A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and sings it to you when you've forgotten the words.”*

To be expected at upcoming meetings

- ❖ August – Jokes and quotes and airline trivia
- ❖ September – Ice cream social
- ❖ October – Speaker from National Weather Service
- ❖ November – Share some of your favorite, or funniest, Thanksgiving memories.

*Anniversaries* ~ **Roy & Joan DeCamara** (30 years) and **Mel & Barbara Marti** (60 years).

*Birthdays* ~ **Rosalie Betschart, Terry Hotchkin, Louise Robillard** and **Sam French**.

*Drawing Winners* ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Louise Robillard**, Men's Birthday – None, Women's Birthday - **Louise Robillard, 50/50 - Anita Uhl**.

### Calendar:

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

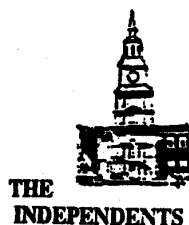
**September 12** - ?speaker from NWS (not yet confirmed)

**October 10** – Speaker from National Weather Service

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Summer over already! This has been a quiet month for Philadelphia. I have received no news from anyone. Our meetings and luncheons will start again on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion hotel in Essington at noon. Hope to see you then.

Our sick list remains the same: **Marsha Ems, Al Edwards, Betty Pyle**, and Mr. & Mrs. **Jim Fanto**. I hope someone is going to the convention. If I were in better health I would love to.

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

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On July 9<sup>th</sup>, we lost our beloved member **Al Barkmann**. Al was such a fighter but, cancer took him from us. Al retired from UAL in 1993 with 35 years of service at WHQWS. He will be missed by all Tennessee Rocky Tops.

**Notes:** Report of our July 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon and business meeting that was held at Puleo's Grill in Knoxville. Our hostess was **Marlene Scott**, the decorations were great and our favors were fun. We all received a small airplane that whistles

Our President **Pollie Klosky** reported that UAL's second quarter beats analysts' estimate by \$0.17 per share. **Stan Wood** who won the 50/50 donated his winnings to our chapter, thanks Stan.

Happy Birthday to **Barb Chapin** (10/28), **Crista Mann** (11/12) and **Mary Wood** (11/30).

### **Calendar:**

**September 20** – Luncheon/Meeting, for location please contact Pollie at (847) 757-5261.

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Members and guests of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, enjoyed a perfect day with a lakeside barbecue picnic at the Lake Burien home of **Kathi Skarbo** July 10. A blazing sun was tempered by a cooling breeze off the water. The catered menu of barbecued chicken and ribs, plus all the trimmings, added a few calories to our summer diets.

We appreciated having **Larry & Janis Bozarth**'s bringing his dad, **Vernon Bozarth** down for the event from their homes in Bothell. Vern rejoined the chapter just a couple days before his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we look forward to seeing him at future luncheons.

**Tom Lucas** (SEACG) has reported the July death of **Greg Vaughn**. Though not a member of our local chapter, Greg formerly worked in the Flight Kitchen and then Ramp Services. In addition to a son and a daughter, Mr. Vaughn is survived by his brother **Fred Vaughn**, also a former UAL employee.

You may recall the name **Dwight Call**, who became president of Westin Hotels in 1983, when they were affiliated with United Airlines under the “reign” of **Eddie Carlson**. Mr. Call retired in 1988 and passed away at the age of 88 in July.

Second to be featured in Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**’s “Member Highlight” column in *Contrails*, the Seattle chapter newsletter, is **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), who holds the unofficial title of “longest-serving chapter president,” having held that office from 2007 through 2010.

After growing up in a small Wisconsin town, John graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1963 with a degree in business and an army rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. After a six-month stint with a Chicago CPA firm, John was summoned by the army to Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio to undergo Medical Service Corps officer training.

While stationed in Texas, John met his future wife, **Adelaida (Addy)**, stationed there for officer training in the Army Nurse Corps. For the next two years, John served in Italy and Addy in El Paso and Denver. With the luck of the draw, John’s first class return to the US was aboard the SS Independence, a cruise ship serving Mediterranean ports of call. The couple was married near Detroit in 1966 and 30 years later took a Hawaiian anniversary cruise on that same Independence.

Following military service, John returned to the Chicago CPA firm before accepting a position with United Airlines at EXO Accounting, moving on to Staff Assistant in Personnel. With his desk in proximity to the VP of Personnel and the Executive Suite, John got to see many of UAL’s top officers of the day, including **Pat Patterson, George Keck, Charlie Mason, Percy Wood** and **Clark Luther**. Among other “celebrities” John met along the way were Pope Paul VI and Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley. He even worked with **Frank McAnulty** (featured in last month’s column) for a time. John’s company service at EXO featured budgets, Awards Dinners and the opportunity to earn an MBA at Northwestern University.

John became Business Manager of the Seattle Flight Kitchen in 1974, so John and Addy and their 3 children, Ann Marie, Bret and Wynn, set up housekeeping in Kent, WA, where their youngest son, Joel, was born a month later.

John enjoyed the significant change from EXO offices and worked with Manager **Joe Steger** and Executive Chef **Bruno Good**, with everyone’s getting involved with the initiation of and training on a new computer system known at FAMIS. The station grew even busier with the introduction of international routes to Tokyo and Hong Kong. In the early 1990s the Portland Flight Kitchen also became John’s administrative responsibility before Dobbs took over. When Seattle fell under their wing, John stayed with Dobbs for 2 years.

John returned to United as a Reservations Agent in 1996 and retired from there in 2003. As many of us do, the Haferbeckers found United to be a great company to work for, meeting many special people along the way and enjoying travel privileges.

Luncheon meetings resume on second Tuesdays from September through November and we look forward to beginning the “new year” of seeing old friends, making new ones and reminiscing about the good old days.

See you in September!

#### Calendar:

**September 11** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

**October 9** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

**November 13** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s



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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.



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There is no report this month from the Dulles Loungers Chapter of RUAEA.

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### CLIPPED WINGS



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*"The Athletes became our friends and often amazing Role Models as we witnessed a sports competition that represented heart, focus and determination at the highest levels. Medals and awards were accepted with gratitude and pure happiness."* Quoted from a CW volunteer at the Special Olympics USA Games held in SEA in July 2018. The dedication and hard work of our SEA Clipped Wings Chapter assisted by friends who traveled in from other CW Chapters helped to make the games a huge success. Our awesome SEA Chapter started their preparations for these S/O Games two years in advance.

It really does take a Village. Our CW volunteers were an important part of the 3,000 Athletes, 1,000 coaches, the athletes' families and many, many other enthusiastic volunteers who emulated these special individuals by cheerfully giving their time and very best efforts for the success of the games. Add to this an Opening Ceremony attended by an enthusiastic crowd of thousands cheering for the athletes as they proudly marched in during the celebration. In addition to the cheers there were also some teary eyes filled with admiration among the parents and spectators. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to each of our CW members for their participation in Seattle.

If you enjoy having fun, staying connected with your airline friends and participating in events that are inspiring, heart-warming and just plain fantastic, Clipped Wings welcomes you to join us as a member. Our National and Local Support of Special Olympics is only one example of the caring endeavors of our 29 chapters located throughout the USA. If you are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member just get in touch with us via our website @ [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org). We're already looking forward to Orlando 2022 S/O USA Games!

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## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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### **WE HAVE RECEIVED 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.)*

#### **Karl Besteder, 18 Brookside Rd., Tunkhannock, PA 18657**

As I am writing this, I reached the age of 80 yesterday.

Half of my life was with United Airlines retiring after 40 yrs. and 4 months. I remember the year 1961 when my first daughter was born, a bouquet of flowers and a blanket arrived, given to me by United.

I had many trips flying 1<sup>st</sup> class. Those days are gone forever. With the acquisition of Continental and their frequent flyers, United's Business class and First class are always full. I recently got back from Amsterdam with a 12 day cruise on Holland America to the Baltic Countries. Travel was on United purchased through a travel agent. My question: I was allowed one bag but if I booked using my discount and getting a cheaper fare I was allowed 2 bags. Can this not be corrected to allow 2 bags?

On my last flight using a pass, my companion and I were the last to board the flight. She was seated in the rear of the plane and I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row. The person next to me said why don't you move up, we both will have more room. With the plane still at the gate I moved up to the next row. The stewardess said you cannot sit there, they are priority seats. After showing my United Retirees ID problem solved.

Why didn't the agent seat us together? I did not expect this treatment. At my age now I would be happy with 1 domestic and 1 international ticket per year.

Enough said thank you.

**Richard Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603**

Thank you so much for the reminder on my RUAEA dues. Sometimes I get so busy that I forget some important stuff.

I really enjoy the newsletter every month. It is my life line to information about United Airlines.

Thank you for all the work that you do to put the newsletter together. I am sending a little extra with my dues to use as needed.

My wife Karin and I are still active in the Salvation Army, and it keeps us busy; but it is a fun busy. We have met so many nice people who also volunteer with the Salvation Army. We have been members since 1989.

**Richard Burke, 2120 Frances Dr., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742**

Just a note of thanks for your time and efforts in getting the newsletter out to us each month.

It puzzles me why more retirees don't make an effort to join their retired co-workers at lunch once in a while.

**Donald Morgan, 245 Coronado Dr., Corona, CA 92879**

Well, I made it another year. I turned 91 on July 11, 2018.

I had another stroke and am in a wheelchair now, chairing around at Vista Cove Nursing Home.

I never had a crew I did not enjoy. I hope someday to fly again.

I enjoy talking airplanes with friends.

Our family is still growing and our get-togethers are a great source of joy.

Thank you for all your hard work on our newsletter.

**Barbara Sakely, 891 Cross Creek Dr. N., Roselle, IL 60172**

Getting this newsletter together and in the mail each month has to be a full time job. A big thank you to all those who have a part in making it happen; your efforts are appreciated. I especially enjoy Sheryl's easy recipes, all the travel and computer tips and **Marv Berryman's** back page.

My 18 years of retirement have been wonderful. I don't fly very often but I do take at least a couple of road trips each year to neighboring states.

Flight Attendant, **Joy Geddes**, from PCA, CAP and UAL recently celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday at a memory care facility in Arlington Heights, IL.

**Ken & Toni Taylor, 3508 Rockwood Ct., Greenville, NC**

Ken and I have permanently moved to Greenville, NC.

Ken has been retired for 18 years and we continue to enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter and keeping up with Company news and friends each month.

We thank the staff of RUAEA for their excellent work and wonderful newsletter. It is truly a testament of the professionalism of everyone at RUAEA

**Edmund Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074**

Greeting to the many folks at RUAEA and our heart felt thanks for all your efforts very much.

Seventeen great years into the Golden Ages and things are going well. We can't say this in so many places anymore but God Bless You and the United Families. Enjoy the summer.

**Notes**

**Audrey Alexander**

I have been removed from UA for 15yrs. I went back to school and have been working at Methodist Hospital in Memphis for 12 yrs. as a Pharmacy Technician CphT. Life is so good. RUAEA has been fantastic with informative info that a retiree needs. Keep up the good work.

**James Ferrance**

I recently had left hip replacement surgery which was a great success. It gave me a new lease on life at my young age of 77. I keep busy as an avid reader and am involved in several projects for myself and my family

members. I truly enjoy receiving the RUAEA newsletter as it is a wonderful link for so many things connecting us with our past and current and future. I send many, many thanks to the entire RUAEA staff and the chapter correspondents who do such a wonderful job to keep us all in the link. Kudos to all!

**Arnel Narciso**

I am glad that I found this website to connect my life with UA even as a retiree.  
Please let me know how I can request for an ID card.

**Dave Parshall**

To all who knew **Catherine Blair**, she passed in 2013. She worked S.F. bay area ticketing for 30 years. Sorry for not writing sooner. I have moved to Portland, OR, and I'll soon move to north Georgia.  
Thank You for all the updates to pass travel and flying together, I always read cover to cover.

**Victor Pignata**

Thanks for all that you do.

**Levirt Quarels**

I hope to make my 90 year old Birthday on August 8. I am planning on having my Birthday Party at The Pool. There are several 90<sup>th</sup> year olds in my neighborhood; we will be thankful and count our blessings.

**Frederick Schnittker**

Thank you for keeping us informed on important UAL information and news from former employees.  
My wife and I are still working at our own business Land Air Associates. We are mostly working on antique automotive engines.

**Robert Schwartz**

We love reading the RUAEA newsletter and really appreciate all the hard work that you put into it to make it such an outstanding informative newsletter.  
Thank you! Bob & Yvonne Schwartz

**Dolores Spain**

I have been a member of the FL US Coast Guard Auxiliary for 28 years. I am the Ocala flotilla staff officer for 4 positions and the Division public education officer. I teach safe boating classes, complete vessel safety checks, marine visits, and input member missions in the CGAUX data base. I keep up with UAL news on line and thru the RUAEA newsletter.

**James Weeks**

Just trying to stay cool, it has been really hot here.

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For flight information and to list or change listing  
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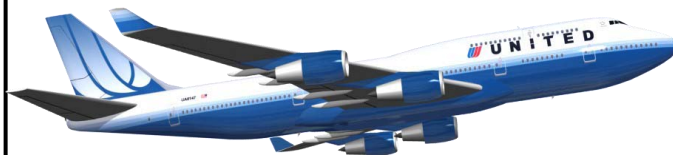
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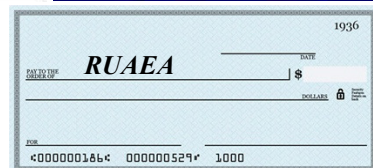
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Colorado's and Denver's largest "industry" is the vacation business. In addition to its own attractions, Denver is a natural gateway to choice scenic spots, sports centers and mountain playgrounds. Every season has its special appeal and visitors stream into Denver year-round on their way to dude ranches and national parks, to ski resorts, to hunting and fishing areas, to ghost towns and restored towns. And everywhere is the Majestic, Breathtaking Beauty of the Rockies.

United's "Denver Family" totals more than 1,600 individuals, about equally divided between station and headquarters.



*There are approximately 80 UAL telephone Sales Agents providing around-the-clock reservations for Denver travelers.*

*By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Ret., from the August 1954 United Airlines News magazine.*

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