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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I received an email from Joan Smith (UAL Manager of Benefits, Pilot Retirement Plans) asking us retirees to consider sending an email to the DOT (Department of Transportation) to support United Airlines' application for service between IAD and CPT (Cape Town, South Africa); this service will be three times weekly and it complements United's service between EWR and CPT. If approved, this route would be the first-ever nonstop service by a U.S. carrier connecting Washington, D.C. with Cape Town.

This email was also sent to active UAL employees requesting their support. UAL and Delta are currently competing for this route and United expects Delta to fight hard to win the right to serve Cape Town from Atlanta; but United's proposed service is better positioned to serve two capitals. Cape Town is the legislative capital of South Africa with strong cultural ties and United's proposal offers our customers more day-of-week flight choices, more itinerary choices, more pricing choices, among many other benefits that United will be advocating to the U.S. DOT.

United expects DOT to make a decision quickly and is asking active employees and retirees to help United win this new route between Washington, D.C. and Cape Town, South Africa by writing or emailing Secretary Peter Buttigieg. Please copy and paste the letter below, add your name and address to the bottom of the letter. Send your letter to email address: [dot.comments@dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@dot.gov). Thank you for your consideration.

**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

Your letter:

*Dear Secretary Buttigieg:*

*Re: Docket DOT-OST-2022-0050*

*I write today in strong support for United Airlines' application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to launch the first-ever U.S. carrier nonstop service between Washington, D.C. and Cape Town, South Africa. United proposes to connect the legislative capitals of each country with three weekly flights, providing important government, business, and cultural travel ties that no other proposal in this proceeding can match.*

*While your Department reviews proposals for the remaining South Africa frequencies, I urge you to consider the various groups of travelers, communities, businesses, and government bodies that stand to benefit most. In this regard, I have no doubt that the public benefits of Washington, D.C., and the connections to other cities across the U.S. that the Dulles hub offers, far surpass what Atlanta (as proposed by Delta) can offer across these same metrics. For consideration:*

- ▲ *Market Demand: As measured by annual bookings, the Washington, D.C. - Cape Town route is the largest route between the U.S. and Cape Town that does not currently have nonstop service and is more than double the size of the Atlanta - Cape Town route.*
- ▲ *Strong Local Community Ties: The Washington, D.C./Virginia/Maryland region has strong cultural ties to South Africa with a South African foreign-born population that ranks in the U.S. top five and is larger than Atlanta.*
- ▲ *Market Size and Community Access: United's flights between Dulles and Cape Town will connect 55 cities across the United States to Cape Town, which represent over 155,000 annual bookings and 92% of the entire U.S. travel demand to Cape Town.*
- ▲ *Increased Capacity and More Choice: Because United currently operates between Newark/New York City and Cape Town on different days of the week than the Washington, D.C. - Cape Town flights would operate, flights from Washington, D.C. will provide the country nearly daily service to Cape Town offered online by a single carrier - United - which means more day-of-week flight choices, more itinerary choices, more pricing choices, and more product choices by United for consumers.*



- ▲ *Broader Reach: United partners with an airline that has a hub operation at Cape Town, therefore United customers will be able to connect at Cape Town to other points in South Africa and to other countries in the southern region of the African continent.*

*Based upon the many benefits of a flight from Washington, D.C. to Cape Town, I fully support this proposal by United Airlines.*

*Sincerely,  
Your Name  
Your Address*

**The Writer's Column**  
**It Happened to Me ~ "Three Days Off"**  
**By Mal Malesardi**



In the continuing series that I've been writing for the RUAEA Newsletter, some occurrences don't happen directly to me; they affected me second hand. This is one of those stories.

The time line is 1969-1970, Apollo 11, Woodstock, and United introducing the 747 into service. It was the summer between my Junior High and High School (ninth grade on the east coast). My father, Mal Senior, as I have mentioned in previous articles, was a mechanic at JFK. Now to the story.

After a day of baseball with friends at the corner school yard, I come home for dinner. My father comes home and says he got 3 days off without pay for an incident at work. This really shocked me as my Dad never had any issues at work. So, over dinner he told us the story.

He was working at the terminal and needed to go to the hangar for a part, this was the main stockroom. He drives a vehicle down and parks it outside the hangar. After he gets the part, he goes back outside and the vehicle is gone. This was a common occurrence with an operation of that size. Some mechanics would leave their tools on equipment so nobody would take "their" vehicle; didn't always work and now you didn't have any tools either. After getting another vehicle and going back to the terminal, he repairs and dispatches the aircraft.

All is good and after lunch, a supervisor tells him to come into the office. He doesn't think much of it, as everything is quiet with no rumors. He is told that, "you took a vehicle to the hangar, where is it?" "Yes, I did, but someone took it and I got another vehicle to get back". "Yes, well, no one took your vehicle." "Ok, you know the story so tell me". Someone found your vehicle trying to drive through the fence over by Eastern Airlines." Now my Dad is concerned, as anyone would be, that it hit someone or an airplane. He was told, no just the fence. "Great", he says "so we're done". "Well, no, you left the vehicle running unattended and it drove away".

Now to clarify this, Ford had an automatic transmission with a shifter on the column. When left in park and running, the vibration would cause the shift lever to slip from park to reverse. This was brought to public attention in 1980 by the NHTSA. This was for 1966-1979 Ford automatic transmissions. A recall was never instituted, and the answer was, a sticker was applied to the dashboard. Never leave your vehicle running unattended; a little late for my Dad. He was then told; you have to take 3 days off without pay.

Some years prior to this, my Dad had started working part-time at a seaplane base in Port Washington, NY. I would go and work with him on his days off when I was available. Summers off from school, and weekends, spring and fall mostly. Winter, when the bay froze, it was one airplane in the hangar at a time for annual inspections. Summer was always busy, shuttling passengers from NYC to the beaches of Long Island.

So, it was off to the seaplane base for 3 days and no baseball. I always enjoyed the planes more anyway. One day we even went to Tony's restaurant and got meatball heroes and ate them on the dock. Who needs baseball? Then after that back to household chores, before baseball at the corner school yard. The stickball in the street in the evening still went on with no interruption.

When my Dad went back to work, his coworkers, thanked him for the overtime. It was a plus for me, as I got to spend 3 days with my Dad. Being around airplanes and my Dad was always a **win-win**.

In the years after this, United dropped the 3 days off penalty. They adopted a 5-point system; get 5 points and possible termination. I even earned myself a couple of points along the way. If you were good for 6 months

or a year, the points were removed. Then I coined the expression, “Never leave the break room, never get a Point”. It never got adopted or received well, but it was a good idea.

I hope you enjoy my stories, if you would like to share a story, submit it to the Newsletter and it will be reviewed by the Newsletter Manager; then it will be published in an upcoming issue.

Until my next article, remember to renew early, keep your address current, and enjoy your newsletter.

**Michael Malesardi (Mal)**  
**Membership Manager.**

**Newsletter At Large Correspondent**  
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A few months ago, I read the article in the RUAEA Newsletter written by **Don Burbank** – RUAEA President, regarding the frustration he was feeling about getting volunteers to help with the business of RUAEA. Having felt that very feeling myself with committees and boards that I have been on since my retirement from United, I felt compelled to write and see how I could help out. Shortly thereafter, I received a note from Don expressing his thanks for my desire to help in any way possible.

Little did I know that my assistance was going to be in the form of becoming the Newsletter Correspondent for an At Large Chapter, but if that is where help was needed then that is where I was jumping in. I want to encourage anyone reading this publication, if at all possible, consider what you might be able to do for this organization. No matter how great or small your contribution can be, I know that it would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Keeping this organization up and running benefits us all. Please help if you can.

My article this issue is going to talk about my most recent trip to Las Vegas. Now that the threats of Covid have lessened, we felt comfortable giving the trip a try. Flights were close to capacity but with many years of service and vacation passes I felt we had a pretty good chance. Flights going to Las Vegas were of no problem. They all went out full but we managed to get on.

I found that many things in Las Vegas had changed. Some smaller casinos were taken over by the big companies (Caesars, MGM) some were in need of updating, every hotel now has resort fees that in some cases were more than the actual room rate. But the most surprising to me was the prices of food. No more great deals or at least I did not see them. Buffets are all but gone. Covid took care of that. The days of the past, what we all enjoyed in Vegas are no more. But the bottom line is that we still had a great time and will return sometime in the future.

The real heart of what I wanted to write about was our return trip home. We arrived at the airport in plenty of time for what should have been a pretty sure thing of getting on our flights. We were standing by for a trip to Denver and then making a connection in Houston. Unfortunately, an earlier trip to Denver suffered a mechanical issue and was going to be delayed hours and possibly cancelled. Needless to say, every open seat on our flight to Denver was filled with a revenue passenger; totally understandable. Our desired flight to Denver left the gate however it returned almost 2 hours later because the Denver Airport was closed due to high winds. Passengers had been sitting on the aircraft on the ground for the entire time. That is when the days of ole slipped back into my mind. The Agents at the gate were absolutely outstanding: Dealing with passengers who wanted answers that no one could yet answer, dealing with misconnecting passengers, passenger concerns about their baggage etc. When all of a sudden, the announcement was made to reboard the aircraft. Denver was now open and they were leaving. Boarding began again and was just about finished when everyone was asked to deplane again but this time due to a fuel line problem. You can imagine the atmosphere now. The gate agents handled everything with class and professionalism just the way we would like it to be. Being there and observing the entire situation brought back so many memories of the delayed flights, cancelled trips, unruly customers and the way employees were going above and beyond to attempt to assist each and every person. They did an excellent job and I know that each one of them was happy to see their shift and that day come to an end. Anyone who ever worked in Station Ops knows the feeling.

As retired employees of this great airline, we all should be proud of the job that we did while we were working, of the employees we helped train to carry on after us and to now be glad that we can sometimes now just sit back and observe these individuals at work during some of the most difficult and stressful times. When every flight comes in and goes out on time it's a great day. But when problems arise, that is when you see us at our best.

Thanks for taking the time to read my article and I hope that I have inspired some of you to get involved

with RUAEA. We need you ...

### **United Resumes Flights between San Francisco and Melbourne** **May 2, 2022**



United announced the return of its nonstop service between San Francisco and Melbourne, beginning with three weekly flights this June. The restart of this route complements United's existing service between Sydney and the airline's hubs in San Francisco and Los Angeles. United will now be the only U.S. airline to offer nonstop flights from the United States to Melbourne.

*"The fact that we retained daily passenger service to Australia throughout the lowest points of the pandemic – and were the only airline to do so – shows our commitment to Australia,"* said Patrick Quayle, senior vice president of international network and alliances at United. *"We are thrilled to resume our San Francisco to Melbourne service and see a bright future ahead for United, for Melbourne and for US-Australia travel."*

Since Australia announced in February that the country would open its borders to international travelers after being closed for nearly two years, there has been remarkable growth in travel demand from the U.S. United has more capacity from the United States to Australia than any other U.S. carrier, and the resumption of the airline's San Francisco-Melbourne service will provide customers with even more access to Australia ahead of the busy summer travel period. Additionally, United's recently announced commercial alliance with Virgin Australia will offer further connectivity to top Australian destinations with convenient one-stop flights.

United has worked closely with the Victorian government on the resumption of this service, as well as on broader plans for the market as demand continues to grow.

*"We're backing more direct international flights to Melbourne because we know the critical role they play in supporting Victorian businesses and creating jobs,"* said Martin Pakula, Victorian Minister for Industry Support and Recovery. *"Having more direct flights from the U.S. means it is even easier for visitors to come to Victoria and enjoy everything we are famous for – whether that's our major sporting events, food scene or cultural institutions."*

United began offering direct service to Melbourne from Los Angeles in 2014 and launched nonstop flights between San Francisco and Melbourne in October of 2019, prior to the onset of the pandemic.

### **United Offers Free Spritz Cocktails on Flights to Italy** **May 2, 2022**



Just in time for summer, United will offer complimentary Spritz Society premium sparkling cocktails onboard select flights to Italy. These new, award-winning cocktails will be available on United's expanded seasonal flights between Chicago and Milan starting May 6 and the airline's summer flights between New York/Newark and Rome starting May 26. Customers can also purchase Spritz Society cocktails for \$2 in the Chicago O'Hare and Newark United Club locations during the first month they are available onboard from that airport.

Spritz drinks originated in the Veneto region of Italy in the late 1800's and have increased in popularity in recent years, with the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States reporting a year over year sales increase of 42.3% for premixed cocktails.

*"Spritz cocktails have become synonymous with summer and offer a taste of Europe. Given the drink's origin, we thought what better place to serve them than on board our flights to Italy,"* said Luc Bondar, United Vice President of Marketing & Loyalty and President of MileagePlus. *"Our customers are going to love everything about these festive cocktails, especially the taste – one of the reasons we chose Spritz Society is their focus on quality natural ingredients."*

Spritz Society sparkling cocktails are made with just six ingredients or less in every can and include real white wine from grapes harvested in California. Available in four delicious flavors, including Blood Orange, Pineapple, Lemon and Grapefruit, each 8.4 oz can contains 6% ABV and 120 calories. During the United limited-time offer, Grapefruit will be available onboard and both Grapefruit and Blood Orange will be available in the United Club locations.

*"We're excited to work with United to make Spritz Society available to their customers in select lounges and on two seasonal Italy routes,"* said Spritz Society Founder & CEO Ben Soffer. *"Spritz Society puts a fun twist on the classic Italian cocktail and is made with real wine, real flavors, and real ingredients – it's the*

*perfect beverage to enhance the Italian travel experience with United.”*

These drinks will only be available for a limited time when traveling with United:

- ▲ Complimentary onboard two seasonal U.S. to Italy routes: May 6 – August 6, Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP); May 26 – August 26, Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) to Rome Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport (FCO)
- ▲ For purchase of \$2 at United Club locations in two major U.S. airports: May 6 – June 6, Chicago O’Hare; May 26 – June 26, Newark.

**United Airlines Announces Financial Results –**  
**Expects Highest Quarterly Revenue in Company History in Q2**  
**April 20, 2022**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported first quarter 2022 financial results and announced it expects to return to profitability in the second quarter on a robust operating revenue outlook, including total revenue per available seat mile (TRASM) of approximately 17% over 2019, the strongest second quarter revenue guidance in company history. The company expects to be solidly profitable in the second quarter with an approximate 10% operating margin (on both a GAAP and adjusted basis), just 2.9 points less than 2019 operating margin and 3.5 points less than 2019 adjusted operating margin, despite cost headwinds driven by the recent fuel price spike.

As the company’s Pratt & Whitney-powered Boeing 777 aircraft are expected to gradually return to service, the company will continue to add back capacity based on its ability to best serve customers and will take a long-term view of profitability by not sacrificing operational reliability. The company is also seeing indications that business travel is rapidly returning and expects further improvement in international travel, including Asia.

The airline has a bullish outlook on the future – bolstered by this persistent strength of demand and the fact that it is nearing 2019 operating margins – and once again reiterated confidence in its longer term United Next targets of adjusted pre-tax margin of approximately 9% in 2023 and about 14% in 2026. This confidence is underpinned by the company’s current expectation to report a profit for the full year 2022.

*“I am proud of the United team that once again managed to overcome the challenges of the quarter and prioritized high operating reliability for our customers by gradually adding back capacity. Our team continues to do an outstanding job of caring for our customers,” said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. “The demand environment is the strongest it’s been in my 30 years in the industry – and United and its customers will benefit more than any other airline. We’re now seeing clear evidence that the second quarter will be an historic inflection point for our business. It leaves me more optimistic than ever about United’s future.”*

**First Quarter Financial Results**

- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 capacity down 19% compared to first quarter 2019.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 net loss of \$1.4 billion, adjusted net loss of \$1.4 billion.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 total operating revenue of \$7.6 billion, down 21% compared to first quarter 2019.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 TRASM of down 3% compared to first quarter 2019.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 Cost Per Available Seat Mile (CASM) of up 21%, and CASM-ex of up 18%, compared to first quarter 2019.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 operating loss of \$1.4 billion, adjusted operating loss of \$1.4 billion.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 fuel price of approximately \$2.88 per gallon.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 pre-tax margin of negative 23.2%, negative 23.2% on an adjusted basis.
- ▲ Reported first quarter 2022 ending available liquidity of \$20 billion.
- ▲ Reported a decline in total debt of over \$700 million.

**Operational Performance**

- ▲ Finished second among mainline carriers for completion for the quarter.
- ▲ Achieved best first quarter baggage handling performance in the last 6 years excluding the pandemic.
- ▲ Protected 225,000 passengers’ trips with ConnectionSaver in Q1.
- ▲ Achieved the highest Net Promoter Score (NPS) for inflight satisfaction.

**United Airlines and Singapore Airlines expand  
codeshare arrangements to include 19 new destinations**  
**April 25, 2022**



A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER 

Star Alliance members United Airlines and Singapore Airlines (SIA) today announced an expansion to their codeshare agreement, making it easier for customers to travel to more cities in the United States of America, South East Asia and other destinations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Passengers can now enjoy codeshare flights to 19 new diverse and fast-growing cities ideal for both business and leisure travelers alike, tapping Singapore Airlines' and United Airlines' industry-leading networks.

Beginning April 26, 2022, United's customers will be able to connect to nine new codeshare destinations in the SIA Group network. Of these, seven points are in South East Asia. These are Brunei's capital Bandar Seri Begawan, Siem Reap in Cambodia, Kuala Lumpur and Penang in Malaysia, and Denpasar (Bali), Jakarta and Surabaya in Indonesia. They may also connect to Perth in Australia, as well as Male in the Maldives with SIA.

SIA customers may connect on United's flights out of Los Angeles to 10 new codeshare destinations in the US. These are Austin, Baltimore, Boise, Cleveland, Denver, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Reno and Sacramento. This complements the existing connections available on United's network from Houston to Atlanta, Austin, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, New Orleans, Orlando and Tampa.

*"United continues to provide critical links to Asia and we are the only US airline flying direct to Singapore from the US, with our nonstop San Francisco – Singapore flight,"* said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of International Network and Alliances at United. *"We are excited to further expand our partnership with Singapore Airlines and provide our customers greater convenience and access to world-class destinations in the region."*

*"SIA's partnership with United is an integral part of our growth strategy,"* said JoAnn Tan, Senior Vice President Marketing Planning, Singapore Airlines. *"The expansion of the codeshare arrangement will provide both SIA and United customers with a greater array of choices and connections, as well as seamless transfers for their business or leisure travel. This will also help to strengthen the deep and long-standing ties between Singapore and the US."*

This announcement comes amid growing demand for international air travel as more countries around the world ease border restrictions. As travel resumes, customers can look forward to enjoying Singapore Airlines' and United Airlines' new codeshare flights, award-winning service, and the ability to redeem and earn points and miles while flying on both carriers.

Subject to regulatory approvals, the codeshare flights will be progressively made available for sale through the airlines' respective booking channels.

**United Partners with OneTen to Help Create  
One Million Family-Sustaining Jobs for Black Talent Over Ten Years**  
**April 26, 2022**

United Airlines today announced a new collaboration with OneTen, a coalition of leading chief executives and their companies committed to creating one million family-sustaining careers for Black talent with opportunity for advancement over the next 10 years. The collaboration with OneTen comes as United has already hired more than 6,000 people since January and expects to hire an additional 8,000 this year alone – with the goal to add 50,000 people to United in the next five years.

United joins more than 60 companies, part of the OneTen coalition, that have committed to significantly increase the hiring of Black talent without four-year college degrees into family-sustaining jobs by improving their hiring, retention, upskilling and advancement practices to support diverse talent.

*"Joining OneTen will build on our current talent practices to further develop, retain and advance diverse talent to positions across the airline, better reflecting the customers and communities United serves,"* said United Chief Executive Officer, Scott Kirby, who also serves as chair of the Business Roundtable's Education and Workforce Committee. *"I look forward to learning from and working with other companies to close the opportunity gap for Black talent and increase opportunities for underrepresented groups in our workforce."*

OneTen brings together employers, education and training programs and community organizations to create accessible pathways for Black talent into family-sustaining careers with compensation that covers the basic



needs for a family based on the cost of living in each city. As a OneTen member company, United will adopt skills-first hiring and promotion to emphasize the specific competencies a candidate needs to be successful in roles; this will help address the economic gap and systemic barriers for Black talent and help to build a more equitable work environment for everyone.

*“OneTen is taking a different approach to job creation by challenging the status quo and barriers that have impeded Black talent. It can be difficult to think differently about recruiting talent based on their skills, not just their college degree, but that is exactly what we need to do,” said OneTen CEO Maurice Jones. “We are delighted that United has taken on that challenge. Together, we will work to create a new hiring ecosystem that will advance Black talent in the airline industry.”*

United is the only major U.S. airline to own a flight training school. United Aviate Academy opened last year and welcomed a historic inaugural class of future pilots, 80% of whom are women or people of color. United Aviate Academy is a key part of the airline's goal to train about 5,000 new pilots at the school by 2030, with the goal of at least half women or people of color. This unprecedented training commitment will dramatically expand access to this lucrative and rewarding career while upholding United's world-class safety standards.

*“United is leading transformative change by creating greater awareness and access to lucrative, lifelong careers through efforts like our United Aviate Academy,” said United's Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer Jessica Kimbrough. “This collaboration will position United to build upon that leadership role to continue driving sustainable change toward a more equitable workplace and world.”*

### **United Kicks Off Largest Transatlantic Expansion in its History:** **30 New or Resumed Flights in Eight Weeks** **April 26, 2022**

United has kicked off the launch of its largest transatlantic expansion in its history, in anticipation of a strong recovery in European summer travel. In total, United will launch or resume 30 Transatlantic flights from mid-April through early June. This includes adding new nonstop flights to five distinctive leisure destinations no other North American airline serves including Amman, Jordan; Bergen, Norway; Azores, Portugal; Palma de Mallorca, Spain and Tenerife in the Spanish Canary Islands. The airline is also launching five new nonstop flights to some of Europe's most popular business and tourist hubs including London, Milan, Zurich, Munich and Nice. United is also resuming fourteen Atlantic routes the airline has historically served and adding frequencies in six others.

United's transatlantic route network will be more than 25% larger than it was in 2019. With this expansion, United will serve more transatlantic destinations than every other U.S. carrier combined and will be the largest airline across the Atlantic for the first time in history.

*“We have long anticipated a strong demand recovery, evidenced by our large, strategic expansion in Europe, and with these new flights, we're proud to offer our customers more options and access than ever before,” said Patrick Quayle, senior vice president of international network and alliances at United. “United continues to leverage its leading global network in new and exciting ways to help our customers make meaningful memories and experience new cultures around the world.”*

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



Many of you may remember the wonderful “recipe lady” that did the column before I took her place, **Helen Cain**. Looking through my recipes I found a recipe she submitted to the newsletter many years ago. I have enjoyed this recipe many times and I would like to share it with you.

#### **Baked Ham:**

3½ pound ham  
1 cup brown sugar  
1½ cup Coca Cola  
Rub fat side of ham with brown sugar  
Pour Coca Cola over ham.  
Use a pan with high sides

Bake 2½ hours at 450

I use a larger ham so I increase my measurements accordingly. Thank you for the memories, Helen.



## 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.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) and [ruaeatl@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaeatl@qwestoffice.net). If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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### ARIZONA

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We are getting into summer and we hope you enjoy this season whether you are in Arizona or at your summer home.

Our chapter continues to meet for breakfast all year round on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. Many of us enjoy going out for breakfast so if you have guests or know someone who would like to join you, bring them along or tell them where we meet.

If you know any retirees that would like to attend, please notify our Vice President **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email her at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) a couple of days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant.

We had 24 people attend our April 22 breakfast. We all had a fun time but had to say “see you in the Fall” to some of you. Next breakfast is Friday, May 27.

We celebrate the following birthdays in June: **Valerie Fosberg**, **Jay Hartough** and our awesome secretary who asked me to take over her job so she could retire, **Liz Tollefsen**. Celebrating June wedding anniversaries

are **Bill & Molly Norwood** and **Barb & Paul Paymaster**.

Until we meet again ... stay United, healthy and safe!

Calendar:

**June 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by Wednesday, April 20 by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**July 22** – 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.

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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There is no report this month from the California NorthStaters chapter of RUAEA. We hope to see you at the luncheon on May 25.

Calendar:

**May 25** – Wednesday, 11:30 A.M. Place TBD! Come and Join Us!

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Our chapter met on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Red Lobster in Santa Maria. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, who also brought a guest, **Mike Stadnick**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Nina Powers** and her caregiver Mayra. Missing were **John Wessel** because of foot issues making it hard to walk; **Ken & Stella Bake** who spend most of their time in Italy and **Al & Marilyn Rybar** who still have trouble walking any distances.

Mike informed me that the restaurant's food and service was very good.

Not much airline information was discussed. There is talk about UAL returning to Santa Maria because of Vandenberg's AFB space program. So far there is free parking at Santa Maria airport; this should create a lot of traffic from contractors and Military personnel. I hope that this will lessen the passenger loads at San Luis Obispo making it easier for standbys. Also, there was some talk about parking at SFOMB for retirees with a 14-day limit.

It is good that the Honor Flights for veterans have started up again from San Luis Obispo. The flights leave early in the morning on Monday en route to PHX and transferring to a flight to DCA. The flight returns on Wednesday evening and our local TV station is there to welcome everyone back. The local Veterans' Chapter organizes these flights several times a year and I was fortunate to go on one back in 2017. The Veterans could not have been treated any better.. We had police escorts leading our bus through traffic like dignitaries everywhere we went. On our way back, the organizers gave several gifts to us; they were donated by some of the merchants in our area. I will always remember this one experience. I visited Washington several times before retiring and I thought I saw just about everything. However these Honor Flight trips took me to places I never knew before. This was all before the COVID so I imagine some places were off limits. From what I heard this trip turned out very well and with a full compliment of Veterans.

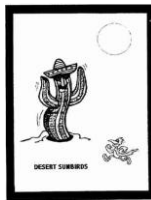
For those computer buffs ~ *"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to use the Internet and he won't bother you for weeks."*

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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Our scheduled meeting for April 13 did not happen so there is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Happy June and Happy Summer from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope that you all had a memorable Mother's Day and are looking forward to Father's Day.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. As I write this in early May, masks and proof of vaccination are not required in restaurants. The SF Bay Area is seeing another up tick in Covid cases but so far the mask and proof of vaccination requirements have not been reinstated. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our May meeting was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek with 18 members and one "newbie" in attendance. We welcomed **Russell Schleske** who retired from the SFO MOC. He found our group thanks to the RUEA Newsletter. We missed **Joe & Wilma Leather** who were visiting family in BOI. The color theme for this month was patriotic colors. This was an early observance of Memorial Day; and to honor active duty military, veterans and fallen soldiers; **Barbara Cunningham** brought in red, white and blue leis for everyone.

We had a bit of a kerfuffle at this meeting but like most things in life all worked out in the end. We arrived at the restaurant for social hour at 11 AM only to find that our "reserved" room had been given to another group. We decided to wait rather than trek across town and try to get into The Old Spaghetti Factory on short notice. Social hour was outside in front of the restaurant while we waited to be seated! Finally, at 11:30, we were seated at three tables in the same room with the other group sitting at one long table. On the down side, we were



all crammed in like sardines and lost part of our social hour. But on the plus side, we had great conversation with five or six others at our table, more than at one long table. About halfway through our meal the other group left and we had the room all to ourselves. We took a vote and decided to go back to The Old Spaghetti Factory for our July and August meetings - see info below.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had wine ... and more wine. **Tom Johnson** collected the raffle money and **Rich Bouska** won the money.

**Barbara Cunningham** has resumed collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes.

**Jan Soderstrom** is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. If you want to help our troops, check out this wonderful charity at [supportourtroops.org](http://supportourtroops.org). Charity Navigator gives them a perfect score of 100 for Finance and Accountability. Per their website, "the Troopons program is a highly innovative program that enhances the well-being of overseas military families by providing food and non-food manufacturer coupons to stretch their hard-earned pay." According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can't wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). Many thanks to **Sheryl Schubert** who has mailed me two envelopes of coupons (Sheryl writes the 'So Simple From Sheryl' column in our RUAEA newsletter). I would also like to thank **Tracey Blanchard**, **Glenda Kennedy** and **Carol Parks** who are bringing coupons to our monthly meetings.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America's 14-Day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18 and returning on October 2. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUAEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

For the next several months, the East Bay Diablos articles will be noticeably shorter. I had hand surgery on April 26 and I cannot use my left hand for much of anything for at least three months. For the medically curious, the surgeon did a cmc arthroplasty, which is removing the small wrist bone below the thumb that is part of the CMC joint and replacing it with a wrist flexor tendon. The procedure took an hour under general anesthesia at a local outpatient surgery center.

Amazingly, my dental hygienist is having the same surgery June 30. Her surgeon told her she cannot lift anything heavier than a piece of paper right after surgery.

I was in a splint for two weeks - could only use my fingers for range of motion but could not use the thumb at all. This was the piece of paper stage. On May 9, I got a cast for four weeks. I still cannot use the thumb but can use the fingers and maximum lifting is 1-2 pounds. I will be typing one-handed until at least June 6 when I get a brace. I will start hand therapy for four weeks, but still no gripping, lifting or pulling with the left hand. If all goes as planned, then the following four weeks will be hand therapy, without the brace, to begin strengthening therapy. It will take up to six months to regain full use of my left hand. I had to commit to the long recovery for the surgeon to operate.

Thank heavens I live in an area with excellent social services and a great network of friends and neighbors

who can help me. I can use Meals on Wheels until I can drive again, and then I can get five frozen meals for \$15 every week at my city's senior center. **Russ Kennedy** drove me to the May meeting and **Glenda Kennedy** has offered to take me grocery shopping and run errands. My friends in Rose Society are coming over about once a week to care for my 50+ roses. Two little girls on my court have offered to walk my dog and put out my garbage cans!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Please join us! Please note the date change for our July meeting.

- ▲ Monday, June 6 at 11:00. — Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego**'s home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The \$25 cost per person will be collected at the door—cash only, no checks or credit cards. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, June 2.
- ▲ Tuesday, July 5 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, June 30.
- ▲ Monday, August 1 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, July 28.

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

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Okay folks, you've been sitting around for the last two and half years, wearing that old ratty sweatshirt day in and day out ... it's time you got some new apparel. Dust off that old valise (are you calling me an old bag?) and come on out to the Left Coast. As most of you know, our summers are famous – the City makes more money selling sweatshirts as our cool fog creeps in often – we wouldn't want you to get cold so come and buy and advertise our great City by the Bay! We are still (every day is different, so come prepared,) needing to, maybe, wear a mask but things are looking up and opening up. Restaurants have done some innovative changes to feeding the masses. We have danced around the May Pole, the trees and flowers are a'bloomin', the pollen is minimal, we cooked up a storm for our Mothers! and celebrated Cinco de Mayo in grand style. There are many great things to do here, many free and some not! Some of those freebies are such fun: Every summer, concerts and performances dazzle us in Stern Grove. Bring your own blanket, picnic basket and sit back and enjoy a cool bottle of wine while you are entertained by talented ensembles on Sunday afternoons in the park; Golden Gate Park has closed off some streets so you can roller-skate, stroll, jog, meander, ride a bike in our glorious park; want some tranquility in your life? – The Japanese Tea Garden (in Golden Gate Park) is now free to enjoy, it used to have a small tea house where you could enjoy a pot of tea and dainty cookies. This little spot of Heaven is a hidden treasure and is close to the De Young Museum. The Band Shell puts on concerts; you can row a boat on Stow Lake; take a Ferry boat over to Sausalito and enjoy some great restaurants; go roar with the lions at our terrific Zoo; spend lots of money at Pier 39 and eat some of our famous Dungeness crab (and don't forget the sourdough bread slathered in butter!) Ah, can't forget the Wine country just a hop skip and a jump north of us. So as Bob Barker used to say, "Come on Down" – we'd love to see 'ya.

**Vera Kina**, El Presidente, keeps us on our toes. She, along with **Charlie Bogert**, have set up a guest speaker for our May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. An Officer from the Foster City Police Department will be giving us some helpful hints on staying safe and how to be aware of the scams that seem to be on the up-rise. Having a plan for emergencies is a must. We will be enjoying a Subway Sandwich lunch (with special goodies) – lunch is \$5 per person. So come join us at 11:00am for some social time, lunch and an informative talk! We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past April, a tasty Coconut cake was enjoyed by all – many fond memories harking back to the good old days at the Mainliner Club where average attendance was in the hundreds – times, they have a'changed! We welcomed a new member, a retired Continental SFO employee, **Gary Chong**. CO has a small

staff here in SFO so it is a pleasure having him join us. We need people to volunteer for offices as several Board positions are vacant.

Future Meetings:

- ▲ June 27 – a jump on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and more. \$7 per person.
- ▲ July 25 – BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch)
- ▲ August 22 – Pizza and fixin's – more info later on

With great sadness, our long-time Raffle/Ticket Coordinator/Charity lady, **Harriet Kunze**, passed away not long ago. Funeral arrangements are being held on May 11, 2022 at 10:30am at Skylawn Cemetery in San Mateo. The cemetery is at the top of Highway 92 on the way to Half Moon Bay. Harriett worked at SFOEG for many years and was a wonderful helper, always willing to help our meetings run smoothly. Keep her family in your prayers and thoughts. She will be missed.

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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What's not to love about April! The first full month of Spring – the Daylight Savings change has already happened; Mother Nature is busy waking up the trees, the bulbs, the flowers, the soil is warming up and those who plant vegetables to enjoy all summer are itching to get those baby plants – especially the tomatoes, into the ground. Fruit trees are full of blossoms, sorry to those with allergies, which gives the bees and hummingbirds plenty of work. Yup, it is a wondrous time of the year! It kind of gets us up and moving again.

**Rudy Blazius** reached out to **Roy & Dawn Martin** and gave them our thanks for arranging this month's luncheon at Fernandos Casa del Sol. It had been a few years since we were at this particular restaurant, but their tasty food and good service hadn't changed. Of course, April is a great month to be born and/or have a wedding. I happen to fall into both of these categories – as well as Roy! Rudy extended congratulations to **Bill & Jane Gibson** (54 years); **Roy & Dawn Martin**; and **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale**. Now, when it comes to birthdays, Rudy sent our "Happy Birthday" greeting to **Ed Akin, Jane Gibson, Frank Dellinger, Roy Martin** and **Sherrie Wolfram**. Happily, we were able to enjoy the company of two guests, **Lynette Ceci** (here with **Thom Biro**) and **Earl Humphrey** (**Sherrie Wolfram's** brother). Welcome to each of you!

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius**, our wonderful president who tries to stay on top of things for all of us, brought us info that is kind of spread out thru our minutes.

*Vice President ~* **J.R. Heier**, in his fun loving way, made sure that everyone who brought something to our raffle received their donator's ticket. Hey, that little ticket can be worth \$20! He also made sure that everyone also had a chance to purchase their raffle tickets. We always have a variety of items to choose from each month. Wine is always a sure pick, but we also get quite an array of other items – wind chimes, serving plates and/or utensils, clocks, eggs – fresh from the hens – candy, lights – just about anything a person could like!

*Treasurer ~* Our great treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to join us today. He will be going in for back surgery on Friday.

*Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson** brought two get well cards for everyone to sign. One is for **Suzanne Kenny** – Suzie just had surgery last week. She is recovering, but not up for trips out just yet. Hubby, Tom, is taking good care of her and after Friday, they will be holding each other's hands while they both keep healing. One card is for Suzie, one is for Tom. We send our "Get Well" quickly thoughts to both of them.

*Sunshine ~* Our Sunshine Lady, **Suzie Kenny**, is not available today – see above!

*Historian ~* Our Historians, **Roy & Dawn Martin**, are keeping our history up to date.

*Old Business ~* Rudy brought us information regarding the Celebration of Life for our departed president and friend, **Bill Dinette**.

*New Business ~* As we have spoken about before, some of our hosts are finding it difficult to book our luncheons at some restaurants. After the "Covid scare" it seems that restaurants are experiencing staffing difficulties. That said, we have two situations affected by that which need to be addressed.



First: In September our hostesses are **Rosemary Heier** and **Judy Fitzpatrick**. They want to schedule our luncheon at Poor Red's – well known for their Gold Cadillac drink! But we need to move our meet date to Wednesday, September 14, 2022. So, please, adjust your calendar for September.

Second: **Thom Biro** has also experienced booking problems. A short discussion ensued regarding changing our monthly luncheon day. In the past, we have had various "standard day to meet". Though we have been at second Monday of each month for some time now, circumstances are pushing us to make a change again. Consequently, we felt now is the time to do just that! **Thom Biro** motioned that we change our monthly meeting day to the second Wednesday of each month; **J.R. Heier** seconded the motion. Majority voted yes, motion passes.

Now, this change will start right away, as in, our May luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Next – **Dave Garland** brought us important information about the 2022 RUAEA Convention. Guess what? It will be held again at the Dana Hotel on Mission Bay in San Diego this year! Dates for the convention? October 3 – 9, 2022. Everyone had a wonderful time/experience there and the agreement with the hotel for 2022 will only be \$5.00 more per night! That will be \$129 per night and it includes 2 breakfasts and no parking fee! You probably already know that San Diego is a beautiful city with many fun and interesting places to visit/see. RUAEA arranges for various tours/trips that you can – or not – join. And, you can attend the convention even if you're not a current member of the RUAEA organization. Keep in mind, that RUAEA is a very dedicated group that does its best to keep all of us up on current programs and/or changes that UAL may be instigating. If you are not already a member but would like to join, you can do so by logging onto [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) or you can send a check for \$30 to RUAEA; 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433.

Rudy brought our April meeting to a close; JR jumped in to run the raffle for us. Thanks to everyone who brought items: **Heier** – candy; **McClain** – jewelry, crocheted pieces; coasters; **Di & Duncan** – wine; **Biro** – wine; **Blazius** – wine; **Kenney** – golf cooler, knife set; **Fitzpatrick** – clock; **Garland** – wine; **Gibson** – solar light; **Kozelka** – white wine; **Dellinger** – Easter candy; **Akin** – plant & eggs.

Don't forget to check out the May luncheon – it's at the Forester! And the info regarding **Bill Dinette**.

All right, Folks, that about does it for this month. There's not many days left in April, but be sure to make the most out of each and every day.



### RESANS

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Our last two monthly breakfasts have had record attendance and we love to see everyone come by. We never seem to run out of good conversation and the inspiration that is passed around among the United Retiree family.

There were no Birthdays for June. **Sherri Powell** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. **Bruce Shropshire** joined us and his visits are always a highlight of our morning.

**Calvin Iida** joined us after spending time in the hospital for surgery and a return for complications. He looks and feels good except for the tiredness and weakness that always seems to follow surgery.

**Tom Prewitt** returned to join us after his heart issue, Tom is also going through the same healing process as Calvin. We told them time heals all wounds and they will return with the good jokes as before.

**Wendell Johnson** was with us after the sudden recent death of this wife **Barbara**. I have sent out information regarding the Celebration of Life Service for her.

Although we had a large turnout for breakfast, there are quite a few people out traveling ... **John Cunningham** is cruising, **Louie Semon** is traveling in Greece and **Betty Tomaino** is with family in Anchorage. **Rosario Zepeda** is traveling and visiting family in Arizona and **Dino DiBiase** and his wife are preparing to leave on a cruise. Our summer is moving smoothly along.

The Convention Committee is looking for volunteers. If you are planning on attending and would like a good way to meet with friends and colleagues, this presents a good way to be out and seeing everyone and to exchange stories and memories of the past. Please send me an email and I will get back to you on what will be needed. You may be needed for 3 -4 hours on a day of your choice.

Strange Early City Laws: The reason that commands what ought to be done and forbids the opposite.

▲ In 1876, the city made it unlawful to keep more than 50 pounds of gunpowder within one-half-mile of

any residence except in a metal-lined chest on the ground floor inside a building. These chests must not be kept within eight feet of the front door.

- ▲ An ordinance in 1885 prohibited the discharge of any gun, pistol or cannon along the San Diego Bay or from the wharves along the bay.
- ▲ There was a six mile per hour speed limit imposed on any horse or mule team within the business district. No horse or mule could be left unattended in the city unless attached to a dray, truck, car, delivery or freight wagon; or securely hitched or held by a person.
- ▲ Also in 1886, it was unlawful for a keeper of any saloon, bawdy house, or house of ill-fame to remain open on Sunday.
- ▲ In 1887, it became illegal to drive any horse or mule or cattle over the iron bridge at Old Town at a speed faster than a walk.
- ▲ A \$10.00 fine was imposed on anyone who allowed any chicken, duck, turkey or any fowl to enter the premises of any other person in the city.
- ▲ The speed limit for bicycles in 1901 was set at 8mph.
- ▲ In 1902, it became illegal to keep beehives within 600 feet of any city street or highway.
- ▲ In 1904, all male employees of the city were required to be U.S. citizens and live within city limits.
- ▲ Lastly, again in 1904 a law was passed that set the limit of cows to three that could be kept at any residence.

Calendar:

**June 2** – Late Spring Fling Luncheon ~ The Tequila Factory, Old Town, San Diego.

**October 3-9** – RUAEA Convention, Dana Inn, Mission Bay, San Diego

**SACRAMENTO**  
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The Gold Diggers' April meeting was held at Sizzler's in Auburn. We had a total of 25 in attendance including one guest, **Orville Harshbarger's** daughter **Julie**. Sizzler's is a nice venue where we can order whatever, pay our own checks and have a room with a view. Also there is ice cream for dessert.

President **Dave Garland** started the meeting by greeting our guest and proceeded with the officer reports. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that we are still looking for folks to host future luncheons. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** said that **Laverne & Len Haubl** 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was the only one for April. Treasurer **Judie King** advised that the chapter was still solvent. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** advised that she has sent a card to **Ken Norton** who was hospitalized. Ken had a hip replacement and while in the hospital contracted Covid. **Jack Raynor** is still working on a chapter roster. Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** covered some of the detail for the RUAEA convention to be held in San Diego the first week of October; she hoped to see many of us there at the beautiful location.

Dave then regaled us with some trivia. Celeb birthdays on April 27<sup>th</sup>; 1822 Hiram Ulysses Simpson Grant, General in the Union Army and 18<sup>th</sup> US President, 1900 Walter Lantz animator (Woody Woodpecker), 1922 Jack Klugman actor (Oscar on the *Odd Couple*, and *Quincy*), 1927 Coretta Scott King civil rights leader, 1932 Chuck Knox NFL coach (Los Angeles Rams, Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks), Sandy Dennis actress (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*), 1939 Judy Carne comedienne (*Laugh-In* and *Fair Exchange*). Events in history for April 27<sup>th</sup>; 1773 British Parliament passes the Tea Act which led to the Boston Tea Party, US Marines attack the shores of Tripoli, 1861 West Virginia secedes from Virginia after Virginia secedes from US, 1937 US Social Security system makes its 1<sup>st</sup> benefit payment, 1961 NFL officially recognizes Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, 1972 NYC Mayor John Lindsay appeals that John Lennon not be deported. He and his wife Yoko Ono had been in New York and wanted to stay. They had been campaigning against Richard Nixon in protest to the Vietnam War. The administration said he had entered the country improperly due to the fact he had pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cannabis possession which was against our immigration policy. He may have been better off leaving the country.

There were two birthdays in April, **Sherrie Wolfram** and **Frank Dellinger** and Frank won the roll off for a modest reward.

Dave had a few more items of interest for us ... like where did that saying come from.

Turn A Blind Eye ~ Pretend not to notice. Origin; It is believed that the phrase originated with naval hero Horatio Nelson, who used his blind eye to look through his telescope. This way he was able to avoid signals from his superior who wanted him to withdraw from battle. He attacked and was victorious.

Close But No Cigar ~ Almost but not quite. Origin; In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century carnival games were for adults not children, so the winners would get a cigar instead of a stuffed animal. If the person was close to winning but did not succeed they'd say 'close but no cigar'.

Put A Sock In It ~ Stop talking. Origin; In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century people would use woolen socks to stuff in horns of their gramophones or record players to lower the sound, since these machines had no volume controls.

The Whole 9 Yards ~ To do everything possible or available. Origin; During WWII pilots would have a 27 foot chain of ammunition. When a fighter pilot used all of their ammunition on one target they would give, 'The whole 9 yards'.

A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing ~ Beware. Origin; from the Bible, Matthew 7:15 'Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ferocious wolves'.

Go The Extra Mile ~ Under Roman Law a Roman soldier passing by a Jew could order him to carry his pack for one mile. Origin: from the Bible Matthew 5:41, "Jesus asked his followers, if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles".

We ended with our monthly raffle of many donated prizes.

**Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** offered to host the May lunch/meeting at their home. More details to follow on a separate flyer. The date will be Wednesday May 25, 2022. We thank them for offering to host our members.



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

If anyone would like any information about our chapter, San Joaquiners, please contact our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210. Come and join us at any of our luncheons when you can.

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Twenty members and guests attended our May meeting and a good time was had by all. Holders service staff did a great job getting all the individual orders in and brought out in a timely manner.

**Chuck Clayborn** announced that his plan for a move to Arizona will be postponed until next year. Thankfully for our members, this will provide us with his excellent leadership for many more months to come. Nonetheless, members need to be aware that at some point we will need someone to step up and take over his position in the future.

Birthdays for this month include; **Keith Olthof, Maria Boone, Donna Stafford, Julie Midwin** and **Cheri Scales**.

Anniversary wishes this month were sent out to **Louis & Jean Marcolina** and **Ted & Maria Boone**.

As membership dwindles, please encourage others in the airline industry to consider becoming part of our chapter. Keep in mind that RUAEA continues to work with other UAL retiree groups, in hopes of combining our resources to create one organization. RUAEA President **Don Burbank** has held meetings with the various board members of other retiree groups and has received positive feedback. One goal which looks promising is holding a combined convention, possibly in 2023. More details to come out regarding this as the conversations continue.

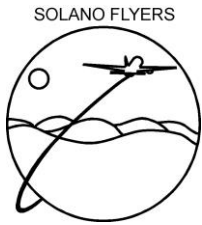
Don't forget to reserve your room in San Diego for this year's convention. If your plans should change you have the option to cancel per hotel policy. This month's RUAEA Newsletter has additional information on tours and events at the hotel, but cancellation policy differs from that of the hotel. San Diego has great weather most



of the year and the hotel is in a wonderful location. You really can't beat the cost, considering all the extras the hotel has waived.

You still have time to sign up for our summer picnic on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Vasona Park. Contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 621-6955 and join us from 1100 – 1500. We have secured the same caterer as in the past, who will provide an excellent BBQ for us. All RUAEA chapters are invited, as well as family and friends.

Our meetings are now once a month, on the first Monday of each month, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at Holders in Cupertino, just off highway 85. You can choose breakfast or lunch from the menu. All are invited to attend.



SOLANO FLYERS

### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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The Solano Flyers met on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Bud's Bar & Grill in Dixon, CA. In attendance were **Pad & Eileen Gardner, Rudy Arsaga, Joanne & Bill Blizzard, Bob Ritchie, Stewart McCale** and son **Stewart McCale, Jr., Eugene Boyce, Frank Uhl, Larry Jackson, Allan Pochop** and **Richard Cox**.

President **Larry Jackson** brought the meeting to order and mentioned to the group that the California Utility Company PG&E has a home protect program available for all Social Security recipients; PG&E would perform an assessment on home insulation, door sealing and other areas in the home that may cause heating/cooling loss. Larry gave the PG&E contact information for those who would like to make appointments.

Birthday celebrants this month are **Stewart McCale, Richard Cox** and **Rudy Arsaga**. The 50/50 winner is **Pad Gardner**.

Twist of Logic ~ The chance of a bomb being on an airplane that you are on - 1/100,000. The chance of two bombs being on an airplane that you are on - 1/1,000,000. Therefore, you should bring a bomb aboard to increase your safety factor.

#### Calendar:

**May 18** - Hide-a-Way Lounge & Grill, 1080 Orange Dr., Vacaville.

**June 15** - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista.

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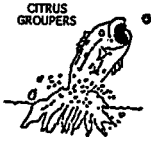
We opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag. Don is putting information on UAL questions in flying together. Any questions about travel, insurance or money call Don.

We had a special treat; the **Gooselaws** brought a wonderful dessert. The convention is the first week of October in San Diego, California.

The 50/50 winners were **Cas Spokas, Gene Sibley, Steve Cope, Yumi Trujillo, Karen Goodyear** and **Tom Ueberschaer**.

Our next luncheon is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ted's Place in Commerce City.

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

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President **Al Fields** opened our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Denny's, asking all members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed a table of CG guys we hadn't seen in a long while: **John Wiseman**, who has been battling cancer for almost a year and his lovely wife, **Barbara**, **Bob Duszynski** and **Chris**. They all looked great! Another table of mostly CO turned UA folks returned to join us. In the reminder for the meeting date, several pictures from the April picnic were shared and maybe it reminded folks how much they missed us! Ho! **Charlotte LeGrand** gave the Treasurer's Report and then Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** shared info she had received. **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** have arrived safely in Ohio ... with tooooo many boxes of stuff and lots of wonderful memories of their 30 years here in MCO! New address: 17289 Station Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028. We miss them already!

Our 'Getting to Know You' guy this month is **Chris Hess**. Chris started his career with UAL as a PT Ramp in '85. 15 years later, he moved to MCO as a Ramp Supervisor. He retired 5 years later and is enjoying life!

Birthday Celebrating for **Karen Bossman**, **Tony Artica**, and **Cathy Llewellyn** this month! And Anniversary Bells and Confetti to **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, celebrating 61 years in May! Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Hope to see you all on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Denny's!

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We had our last meeting of the season on May 6. We won't meet again until October so there will be no chapter reports until Fall. Have a great summer!

New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.

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

Due to some continued concerns about the number of Covid cases in our area, the Sand Dollars have decided to delay their monthly luncheons for a short while. For information about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.



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We met on May 2 at 10:30 at IHOP with 9 members in attendance. Our meetings are becoming social events as everyone enjoys gathering and visiting friends.

Our VP **Bob Lindstrom** took over when President **Beverly Alderdice** passed away last year. Bob is having health issues and has stepped down. **Jon Wilkinson** will take over our meetings. As we said, we are a social group.

May Birthdays ~ **Bob Lindstrom**.

May Anniversaries –**Frank & Helen Kacer** celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

We opened the discussion to UAL news and talked about what is going on - new and old.

Every one liked the picnic last month, they want an encore, we will have another one in October.

Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day!

## Calendar:

**June 6** – IHOP, 10:30

**July** – No meeting

**August 1** – IHOP, 10:30

**September 12** – IHOP, 10:30, we will discuss the October Picnic

**October 3** – Fall Picnic

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

## HAWAII



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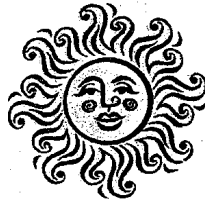
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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

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

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The Boise Gems are thinking of getting together later in May; members will be notified in the near future about a luncheon in May, if the COVID-19 numbers do not increase significantly.

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June—Most likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, the patroness of marriage of women, ergo, June weddings and young people taking the plunge. My grandparents and parents were married in June. I was born nine months later. Not much time for them to get acquainted, but I think they managed. I didn't have a sister for 14 years, so I must have scared them into having another, or, they didn't think they could have another one as perfect. LOL. June is also known for graduations and much prettier weather. All the new buds have pushed their way out of the trees and flowers. What a glorious time to be alive! After our cold winter and spring that was 70 one day and 35 the next with snow, we are very happy to see June come busting out all over. (Thanks, Carousel) We celebrate our Dads, (miss mine terribly, wish I would've listened more), Flag Day, don't forget



out country's symbol, D-Day, the liberation of France, and the first day of Summer. There are many movies about D-Day, The Longest Day, Saving Private Ryan, Patton, and my favorite, Band of Brothers. I even have a poem by N P Willis, from 1867, *'It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses, When pleasant sights salute the eyes, and pleasant scents the noses'*.

June is Candy Month, something I can wrap my tongue/lips around. Also National Go Barefoot, Olive, Dinosaur, Oscar the Grouch, Adopt a Cat, Accordion Awareness, Dairy, PTSD Awareness, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness; and something we should try, the ever popular Say Something Nice Day. Enjoy the month, supposed to be a hot Summer. Cute days to celebrate are Bubba Day, Doughnut, Flip a Coin, Repeat, Yo Yo, Gardening, Chocolate Ice Cream, Donald Duck, Corn on the Cob, Red Rose, Monkey Around, Go Fishing, Picnic and Panic, Bald Eagle, Take your dog to Work, Hug, Meteor, Handshake, and Forgiveness Day. Hope you found one or two you can enjoy and wrap your heart around.

Our monthly breakfasts are bringing out more retirees. The Northside had 12 happy people, **Ginny Vlach, Marge Stamm, Eleanor Henderson, Vicky Heuer, Margaret Longo, Joan Teister, Barb Wesemann, Marsha-Sealock** and **Paul Weber, Elena & Cesar Guerra**, and newbie, **Cathy Kufar**, and me. Some of our regulars were visiting family for Easter.

The Southside Breakfast was canceled since I only heard from one person.

The ORDMM group had 15 lively gentlemen, **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, LB Neal, Cas Paprocki, Frank Ranier, Paul Skrudland, Jim Vitte, Don Kramlich, Don Matker, Rich Protsman, Pierre Lupori, Dean Hackenberg, Walt Chornomaz**, and yours truly.

The ORDMM foremen included **John O'Connell, Bob Smietanski, Roy Johnson**, and me. Easter and illness kept four others away.

The IAM Union 1487 had over 90 members in attendance. It was a friendly and joyful group. The new President, **Dave Roderick**, found a restaurant that served a Cinco de Mayo buffet bar. It was delicious. Next month they will have Pizza Day. Sign up before the June 2 meeting so enough pizzas can be ordered. There is a \$5.00 charge. Raffles were held; many happy and richer people had a lucrative time.

An old friend of mine, **Peter Gropp**, called me Sunday, I asked him the usual question, 'How are you?' He said, 'What are my options?' Hmmm, I said, 'At this point in your life, it's good or bad, maybe a yes or no. No essay answers since I don't have time to listen to your fall on some ice, your prostate, or a mole on your 'you know what'. Maybe I could give you a multiple choice list; you'd have all the selections you need'. We laughed, then we exchanged problems and woes, laughed some more, talked about our furry children, then told each other how lucky we were to be here and still be friends. But wait, Pete, it gets worse. That's what my mom used to tell me, with a twinkle in her eye. Damn, she was right, again! Ever notice how many things moms said that actually came true? I can remember telling her she had old fashioned thinking, inferring that she didn't know what she was talking about in the modern world. Boy, I was the one that was stupid! Now I try to pass on my knowledge to younger family members, and they give me that same look I had. Oh boy, are they in for a huge surprise. I won't be here to see it, but they'll pass it on to their kids, and get the same look. I know you know what I'm talking about! Unfortunately, we are in a totally different world from the 40's through the 60's. Don't know about you, but I think we lived in the best time, great music, innocent fun, morals, manners, courtesy, cuter clothes, crinolines, grease on the guys' hair, we learned history and real math, and had fun! Boy, we had no idea what was ahead of us! I can remember when my mom was in a nursing home with memory problems. I had qualms of guilt over the way I treated her. I said, 'Mom, I want to apologize to you for when I was younger and was sassy and smart-assed to you. That was nasty, I'm sorry'. She looked at me and said, 'Janice, what are you talking about, you were perfect, you were and still are the perfect daughter'. I smiled at her and thought, Oh my god, she really does have dementia. I miss her a lot, too. I always want to call her and tell her some gossip or family news, but don't have her number in heaven. Perhaps a prayer to our departed family and friends are their phone numbers. I'd like to think our loved ones really do know what's going on with us. Through the clouds, cosmos and stars, they can see their grandchildren and know life continues in our family.

Happy to announce we have new members, **Vicky Heuer, Astina Kokuzian, Anna Meyer, Janet Higdon**, and many of you have renewed your dues. Thank you to all, I hope you enjoy your year with us. We're trying to make it memorable; it's been a long time in the two years of Darkness. Hope you're planning on attending our Summer Luncheon with a Hawaiian theme on June 14, it's also the full moon. You have about a week to get in your money to **Charlie Lewis**. Our dues are still only \$5.00, if you'd like to join, or renew.

Loving old movies? I do, here are some of the best celebrating anniversaries this year. From 1942, 80 years ago, Casablanca, Yankee Doodle Dandy, Mrs. Miniver, Random Harvest, Pride of the Yankees, To Be or Not to Be, Now, Voyager, and Bambi. From 1952, 70 years ago, High Noon, The Quiet Man, Singing in the Rain, The

Road to Bali, Limelight, The Bad and the Beautiful, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, and The Pride of St. Louis. Sixty years ago, 1962, The Music Man, The Longest Day, To Kill a Mockingbird, Lawrence of Arabia, Days of Wine and Roses, The Manchurian Candidate, Gypsy, and Sweet Bird of Youth. Fifty years ago, 1972, Cabaret, The Godfather, What's up Doc?, Man of LaMancha, The Poseidon Adventure, The Candidate, Jeremiah Johnson, and Deliverance. Forty years ago, 1982, The Verdict, Sophie's Choice, An Officer and a Gentleman, Tootsie, E.T., Victor Victoria, Diner, and Annie. Thirty years ago, 1992, A River Runs Through it, My Cousin Vinny, Scent of a Woman, A Few Good Men, A League of their Own, Glengarry Glenross, Patriot Games, and Howard's End. In the 40's, I had a hard time finding only eight to list. By the 90's, I had difficulty finding eight. I'm not a fan of explosions, Super Heroes, blood and gore, but they just don't make sweet little romances or comedies that I'd like. Of course, that's me, my opinion. How about you? I think we were spoiled on the meaningful and the great swashbuckling romances. I can't believe some of these are 70 years old, and I saw them in the theatre, with popcorn at \$.75 cents a box.

Heard from some nice people this month, **John Haferbecker, Delphine & Bill Perry, Judy & Carlton Hibbert, Georgeanne Auer, Jo & Bud Ayers, and Don & Toby Burbank**. They all said Hi, and they're all doing real well. It's always so good to hear from old and new friends.

Our United Aviate Academy in Phoenix is active and on its way to having their first graduating class early next year. They had over 14,000 applications this year, the first class of 106 students is in session. The school is adding 25-30 students a month, with 51% being women and 78% racial or ethnic minority. They are working with 25 leased aircraft, but are purchasing 25 SR20s and placing options and purchase rights for up to 50 more. They're also operating two Piper Seminoles but evaluating possible multi-engine piston additions. Seven Frasca simulators will also be added. The need for more pilots has been on the news lately for all airlines. United will be in a good position with their own school and their own-trained personnel.

Our Fund Donors this quarter are **Edith Heisler, Ginny Vlach, Jean Gill, Jerry Tipperreiter, Kitty Bystrom, Dorothy Reynolds, Mary Lou Gleason, Grace Witt, Jackie Monilaw, and Dave Dunham**.

Our fellow co-workers that have Flown West are **Alfred Mayer**, ORDHF Catering, **Jim Haslem**, ORDMM, **Ken Peterson**, ORDFO, **Mona Kunio**, ORDSW, **Alice Paez**, EXOAQ Finance and Accounting, (mother of **Patti Paez OPBOP**), **Florence Shilts**, ORDPE, and **Joyce Calderone**, EXOAC.

Other people gone from our world are actors, Liz Sheridan (Seinfeld) Robert Morse (How to Succeed in Business and Mad Men), Joanna Barnes (Auntie Mame), Mike Hagerty (Friends), Jerry Van Dorn (Guiding Light), Norman Lloyd (St. Elsewhere 106), comedian Gilbert Gottfried (Aflac Duck), singers Naomi Judd, Jewell, Mickey Gilley, Artist Neal Adams (Batman), Senator Orrin Hatch (Utah), Bob Chinn (Restaurateur).

Old age comes at a bad time.

Last month, this paragraph was inadvertently removed from my Chicago Report. Not sure how it happened, but I'm hot on their trail. Their life will never be the same. Unfortunately, these notables are still deceased. Gone from our world in March, Charles Entenmann, bakery king, Marilyn Miglin, cosmetics queen, actors, Jimmy Lydon (Life with Father), William Hurt (Broadcast News), Emilio Delgado (Luis on Sesame Street), Nehemiah Persoff, Estelle Harris (Seinfeld), Conrad Janis (Mork and Mindy), Mitchell Ryan (Dark Shadows), John Walton (Set designer), Alan Ladd, Jr. (producer), singers, Traci Braxton, C.W. McCall, Taylor Hawkins (Foo Fighters), the one and only Bobby Rydell, Pervis Spann (WVON broadcaster), TV personalities, Elsa Klensch, Jim Ramsey, WGN weatherman, Bob Ramsey, VP and general manager, WGN/WCIU, ever popular Merrie Dee WGN, Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, and Helmut Huber, Susan Lucci's husband.

Ever notice how old people look until you realize that you went to school with them? And you're six months older than they are? Yikes!

Hope we're still saying a little prayer for our fellow co-workers. Some have a long road to getting better. Belief in something higher than yourself can lead to a collective good. Prayers for Ukraine and its citizens are still needed.

#### Calendar:

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

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

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**June 16**). Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**June 2**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.

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The Indy Racers chapter April meeting was held as usual but with a small gathering. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Ron Bretherick** and **Frank Ingegno**. There is no new news to report.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.

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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **May 10** at Emmy's
- **June 14** at Emmy's
- **July 12** at Emmy's
- **August 9** at Emmy's

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

Calendar:

Wear your masks, think safety and stay healthy!

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On Thursday, May 12, the Great Lakes Escapees had our second luncheon of the year at Big Tommy's Parthenon restaurant in Grand River in Novi, MI. **Patty Gates** and **Pam Shamey** hosted the luncheon. We will report on this luncheon next month.

Our first luncheon in two years was held on April 7. How great it was seeing some of our old friends! Attending were **Patty Gates, Camille Wade, Pam Shamey, Marcy Vance, Marguerite Venn, Carol Shaffner, Liz Ronayne, Marlene Heaney**, and **Gwen Dyc**. We certainly had a lot to talk about after a two-year hiatus.

**Jeff Lefleur's** wife, **Carole**, had a bit of a mishap recently that involved putting a gash in her leg. Antibiotics and with proper care she should be back on her feet in no time. This comes after a month long stint of both her and Jeff being sick with a virus. Happy to report both are on the mend. Jeff retired from DTWRR.

**Linda Ward**, retired DTWRR, and **Donnis Reese** have moved into a lovely retirement community. Their new address is Brentwood, #329, 1111 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. We wish them all the best in their new home.

We received news that **Bonnie Booth** passed away on April 3. She retired from DTWRR. Condolences may be sent to her family at 32312 Ogemaw, Westland, MI 48186.

A belated Happy Birthday to **Carol Shaffner** on her milestone birthday!

Thought for the month: "You'll have true happiness when you live to give, not to get." ~ Noa Shaw, Guideposts

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

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

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We are again enjoying monthly meetings. We decided not to meet in January and February due to inclement weather which we didn't really have and then skipped March due to COVID still being prevalent. We had lots of cold weather but very little snow.

Twenty three of us gathered at Legends Patio Grill on April 5<sup>th</sup> for lunch; we had our own space, with good food and service. We agreed to meet here each month unless some other place is desired. We will meet on a monthly basis until weather interferes. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month. **Shirley Payton** will pursue a Christmas venue since Anthony's had closed.

We welcomed a new member, **Carol Lippincott**, who recently moved here from Denver. Welcome Carol.

We are sad to say that we have had three deaths recently: **Larry Nollette**, **Jim Braden** and **Harry Hansen** all passed away in February and March. We wish the families our sincere sympathy.

### Calendar:

**May 3** - Meeting at Legends Patio Grill, 6901 Pacific Street, Omaha.



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

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings quarterly now as we try and get through the Pandemic and dwindling membership and participation. 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 8 members who attended our April meeting at Black Bear Diner.

Reservations for this year – 2022 – have been secured at the Black Bear Diner for the second Monday of each month. Future dates are: May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14. Our December date is not yet finalized.

The lone April birthday was celebrated by **Linda Borchers**. The 50/50 winner was **June Roe**.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 9 at Black Bear Diner at 11:00 am.

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Our meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**, and fortunately, there have been no member's passing in the last month.

**Frank Kokoska** gave an update on what's happening at Newark. Clearly, there is a shortage of personnel and the company is trying to make it up. I think Frank said there are over 200 737 Max's on order, and for all of us who know the business, knows what it takes to start introducing new aircraft. I suppose United will prosper over these growing pains.

**Marty Etler** had his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday recently, and at this meeting everyone stood up and sang Happy Birthday. I didn't know this was going to happen, but I liked it just the same. **C. Moon** of EWR CG won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25, at the Stage House in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"There are many bold pilots, and there are many old pilots, but there are not many old and bold pilots."*

## NEW YORK

### BUFFALO CHIPS

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

### NEW YORK METROS

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#### *The following meeting minutes were submitted by President Ed Pozzi.*

The New York Metros met on May 4, with 12 members in attendance. The weather was perfect and we can't explain why more members did not come to the luncheon. President **Ed Pozzi** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary **Caroline Manelski**'s younger brother passed away, no further details were given. The 50/50 winners were **Jim Richardson** and **Diane Pozzi**.

The Secretary position is open as Caroline is retiring.

#### Calendar:

**June 1** – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hello everyone! Did you miss us last month? It has been a very hectic time for us, and we apologize. I really don't remember ever missing a month of sending in our article. Here we are, the beginning of May, 2022, and it's still **snowing**. They say the temperature may possibly hit into the 40's, but don't count on it. I guess we will skip Spring, **again!** Our Monthly Luncheons are originally set for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, with the exception of "Ash Wednesday", and "4<sup>th</sup> of July".

**Month #1** - On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we gathered on at the Brown Derby in Middleburg Heights. They are not opened for lunch, but they do reserve the restaurant for our lunch. Needless to say, they are very attentive. We only had 38 members in attendance. As always, the food and service were great. This luncheon was not a buffet, but set up as "plated". The servers hand delivered to each member their meal choice hot from the kitchen, directly to their table. The main choices were #1-Sirloin Steak; #2-Baby Back Ribs; #3-Tilapia; #4-Pork Chop. Are you hungry yet? As usual, we said "Grace" before the meal.

Next on the schedule were **Bernie G.** and **John K.** conducting our 50/50 drawing; and there were 3 lucky winners. I really should say 2 winners. That is because "winner # 1 + #2 was **Bernie K.** And finally, winner #3 (as everyone held my breath) was **Nancy M.**

We thanked **Jeff & Judy S.** for hosting the luncheon. "Good Job Team!"

We brought everyone up-to-date as to news about members and other things. As you probably have noticed, we have been holding back on publishing members names. We know that no other Chapter has withheld names.

The reason is all of the identity theft going on. From having all contacts and their phone numbers stolen, Credit Card hacked 4 months in a row, also email info stolen, bank account hacked, Microsoft refusing to activate their Office software because the customer refused to give their date of birth, Social Security number, passwords to accounts, and picture of self. Yes, you read correctly, and there's more. So, we are just putting first name and initial of last. There are so many thieves out there, it's pathetic.

Month #2 - Next - Our luncheon on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina. It is a beautiful place with a wonderful view. We had only 38 members in attendance. It was cold and raining, but the food was great, and so was the service; and was enjoyed by all. Again, this luncheon was served to us at the tables instead of a buffet which was nice really nice. We said "Grace" before the meal.

After lunch, **Bernie G.** and **John K.** conducted our 50/50 drawing and the 3 winners were **Jacki C.**, **Sharon G.**, and **Bernie K.**

Next was the meeting part of our luncheon. We thanked **John & Carrie K.** for hosting the luncheon. They did a fantastic job, as usual.

Since our last luncheon in April, we had 2 more members pass away: April 17<sup>th</sup>, **Lois W.** (former photographer). April 21<sup>st</sup>, **Betty H.** (spouse of **Charlie**). That makes 3 members so far in 2022 (including **Jeannette L.** who passed away January 26, 2022.)

We Ohio Buckeyes want to wish all retirees a "Healthy, Safe, and Fun 2022. Our Prayers are truly with all of you.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

**June 1** - Creekside Golf Course in Brecksville.

**July 6** - Diamond Event Center.

**August 3** – Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville

### OREGON



#### OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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I am delighted to report that 41 folks were able to attend our lunch meeting, our first meeting since February 2020! I understand that a good time was had by all. Some of our leadership team are working in the background trying to get us back to Colwood sooner rather than later. Fingers crossed!

We now have details for **Inge Pempeit** Memorial Service. It will be held on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM at Riverview Abbey Funeral Home, 319 S. Taylors Ferry Road, Portland OR.

And now, a little humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in until I officially retire. Enjoy!

- ☺ I'm adopting a healthier lifestyle, so I parked and walked inside to buy donuts instead of using the drive-thru.
- ☺ Warning: Continued consumption of wine may lead to sophistication, cultural awareness, worldly concern, youthful ambiance, and possibly severe happiness.
- ☺ Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth!
- ☺ Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you wasted on nonsense.
- ☺ I know I don't have to be sarcastic, but the world has given me so much material to work with, I would hate to be wasteful!
- ☺ I am a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in a body that doesn't.
- ☺ My darling lady, when are you going to realize being normal is not necessarily a virtue; and not very fun either!
- ☺ A good mood is like a balloon ... One little prick is all it takes to ruin it!
- ☺ Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out, but I can usually shut her up with cookies!
- ☺ Night sweats are hot flashes that occur while you are asleep, because catching on fire during the daytime just isn't enough.
- ☺ I think it's weird how some days I feel reasonably healthy, and other days I feel like a busted can of

biscuits.

- ☺ Between Saving Private Ryan (\$70 million), Interstellar (\$165 million), and The Martian (\$108 million), America has spent nearly \$350 million trying to rescue Matt Damon!
- ☺ Trying to make protein shakes but they keep coming out as margaritas.
- ☺ I just sold my homing pigeon on eBay ... for the 22<sup>nd</sup> time.
- ☺ When I was little my mom used to feed me alphabet soup claiming I loved it. I didn't really, she was just putting words in my mouth ...
- ☺ I got called "pretty" today! Well actually, the full sentence was "You're pretty annoying!", but I like to focus on the positive.
- ☺ Things that used to hurt my back: 1. Jumping off of garages, 2. Crashing my bike, 3. Falling out of a tree, 4. Diving in the shallow end, 5. Contact sports. Things that hurt my back now: 1. Sneezing, 2. Washing the dishes, 3. Brushing my teeth, 4. Tying my shoes, 5. Rolling over in bed.
- ☺ Doing crunches twice a day now. Captain in the morning, Nestle in the afternoon.
- ☺ The umbrella was originally going to be called just brella, but the inventor hesitated.
- ☺ Do you know that awesome felling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night, and wake up felling refreshed and ready to take on the world? Yeah ... me neither!
- ☺ Today's interpretive dance was brought to you by "There's a spider on my shirt!" It will be followed by "OMG where did it go?!"
- ☺ I hope, when I inevitably choke to death on gummy bears, people just say I was killed by bears and leave it at that.
- ☺ Some people just make you feel better when you're around them. They are sunshine for your soul and medicine for your mind.
- ☺ I've finally reached the Wonder Years: Wonder where I parked the car? Wonder where I left my phone? Wonder where my glasses are? Wonder what day it is?
- ☺ I have one cup of coffee each morning just to start the day off right. The other ones are to keep me out of jail, help me form sentences, and fuel my razor-sharp wit.
- ☺ As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"
- ☺ A man is suing Smart Water for not making him smart, and I'd like to formally announce my lawsuit against Thin Mints!
- ☺ I saw an old dude with a fishing rod outside my local bar fishing in a puddle. He looked so cold! I said to him: "Come in for a drink and get warm". As we sipped our double whiskeys, I thought I would humor him. I asked, "How many have you caught today?" He replied, "You are the 8<sup>th</sup>!"
- ☺ Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller!
- ☺ I understand that Starbucks is planning on selling beer and wine. Apparently, it's getting difficult to sell sober people a \$12 cup of coffee.
- ☺ The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."
- ☺ If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- ☺ So, I was at Wal-Mart earlier. A lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but she couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" He replied with a straight face, "No ma'am, they're dead." Made my week.
- ☺ If Cinderella's shoe fit so perfectly, why did it fall off in the first place?
- ☺ The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there are no eggs under the tree!
- ☺ How do people go to sleep as soon as they close their eyes? It takes me 3 hours, 11 pillow flips, 7 different positions, 2 trips to the bathroom and a partridge in a pear tree.
- ☺ I hate it when I mean to buy seedless grapes, but instead I accidentally get ... well you know ... Oreos.
- ☺ I'm on a plane and the lunch choices are white meat chicken or German sausage. Unfortunately, I'm seated in the last row. I'm hoping for the breast but preparing for the wurst.
- ☺ I got thrown out of my local park after arranging the squirrels by height. They didn't like me critter sizing.
- ☺ On HGTV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been "getting ready to vacuum" for a week now.



- ☺ Apparently laying in bed and yelling “Coffee pot activate” is not a thing ... Why is this not a thing yet?
- ☺ Fun Fact: If you refill a wine glass before it’s empty, it still counts as 1 glass.
- ☺ It feels amazing to walk into a store and buy whatever I want without looking at the price tag. Thank you, Dollar Tree!

#### Calendar:

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

### PENNSYLVANIA

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We have been meeting for lunch the second Monday of the month for the last few months.. We are having luncheons at Lehmans Tavern and Restaurant in Essington, PA. We have had about 20 for each luncheon.

**Tom Anderlonis** is back in the hospital again; he has had a rough time of it. **Catherine Ferraro** has been under the weather for a few weeks; she lives in the residential community where I live in Media.

The Alumni Association has had a few deaths recently ~ **Fred Hall, Elizabeth Thompson** and **Daniel Gane**.

Have a wonderful summer.

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Picture below from the PIT Stoppers Christmas luncheon held at JW Hall’s December 2021.

Seated: **Naomi Ruschell, Al Ruschell, Vic Ference, Russ Miller.**

Standing: **Jim Weber, Diane Weber, Verna Alex, Julie McConaghy, Mary Jane Stewart, Bernie Juth, Cheri Bodnal, Liz Griffith, Lorraine Keith, Beverly Barwell, Olga Karmazn, Joan Ference, Jack Tinney, Treatie Karwoski, Betty Tinney,** and Chapter President **Dave Beatty.**



I received word that **Ron Stephany** passed away April 21, 2022; Ron was an Air Force veteran and worked in both PIT and IAH.

May Birthdays ~ **Dee Chiochi**

May Anniversaries ~ **Vic & Joan Ference**

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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

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

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Hey, you Emerald City Slickers, I think we have definitely earned that moniker considering all the rain and cold temps we've had so far this year! But we're crossing our fingers that the sun will finally shine; the mountain will be out as we look forward to our Summer Picnic! It will be nearly a year since we've seen each other. God willing, the health mandates will continue to ease. So here's the skinny on the picnic: July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the lakeside home of **Kathy Skarbo**, 1611 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St in Burien. Look for our UA sign at her driveway but please park along the street. The cost is \$10 P/P. Be vaccinated, masks optional (at this point). We will start serving the food at 12:30 and the table will be loaded with fried chicken, ribs, baked beans, salads, chips, watermelon and sweets. Water and pop will be provided, but you're welcome to bring a beverage of your choice. **Important:** RSVP by July 1<sup>st</sup> to Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** at (360) 459-8048.

As we look forward to more good times, President **Ken Storey** has made special arrangements with the owner of Angelo's Restaurant in Burien for us to celebrate the holiday season there on December 13<sup>th</sup>. During the pandemic, the restaurant was forced to close and has since reopened, but only for dinner service. Because of Ken's persuasive manner, Angelo's will open just for us on that day for lunch at 12 Noon in our normal meeting room. Thank you, Ken!

For you retired mechanics: Just a reminder that the mechanic's breakfast group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 8:30AM at Trotters Restaurant in Auburn. Address is 825 Harvey Rd. NE, Auburn, WA 98002. This is a pay-your-own affair and averages 20 mechanics in attendance. Call **Ken Storey** at (206) 244-9026 for more info.

**John Haferbecker** and **Dave Jones** are working on a new edition of Contrails which should reach you all in mid-June. In the meantime, get out your calendar and circle 3 dates: July 1<sup>st</sup> - RSVP deadline for summer

picnic, July 12<sup>th</sup> - date of picnic and December 13<sup>th</sup> - holiday luncheon. It will be great to see everyone again!

### LILAC CITY FLYERS



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

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.

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My reports always seem to me as if they are late. I am writing this on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May so that you will be reading it at the beginning of June. The Dulles Loungers Luncheons are always scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia. By the time I write this we are already planning the next month's gathering. That is fine for this issue because I am so excited to tell you about our plans for June. Each year, June is the month that we have a different sort of party at a different place. We try to do something fairly unique in June because it will be our only gathering in the summer. **Judy Dunlap, Kerrie Schneider, Linda Scriven** and I have been brainstorming for months, trying to find the perfect venue. We have found and booked 'The Bungalow Lakehouse' in Cascades, Virginia. This restaurant is only miles from Dulles Airport and is perfect for a cocktail reception. We have reserved the main dining room, but I'm sure that we will also be spending a bit of time on the screened in veranda admiring the lake and watch the swans play. Another distinction is that this party will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (June 15.) The main dining room was already booked for the week before and it was too perfect to pass up. Flexibility is the reward for being retired. The party is being paid for with our dues and our proceeds of the 50/50 drawings that we have each month. Everything will be included except alcohol. We will, however, have a cash bar available.

A very interesting article in the April 2022 RUAEA Newsletter was brought to my attention by **Michael O'Meara**. We now have a bag drop shortcut. Go to the United app and select the # of bags that you are checking. At the kiosk, put your bags on the scale and scan your boarding pass. The UAL agent will then apply the tag, and you may proceed to the gate. Another change and improvement is in our sign-in page in Flying Together. A new portal will make it easier and secure for us as well as for the company. The password will expire only once a year rather than every 90 days. To me, that is great news. The new password should be between 15 and 45 characters, counting spaces. A suggestion is that you write a phrase rather than letters and numbers (for instance, I love my job at United, or my cats name is fluffy.) the reason for this is that longer passwords equal better security. A password of eight characters can be hacked or forgotten. Using a phrase makes it harder to hack.

The picture below is a Viet Nam War Commemoration Plaque. The 2<sup>nd</sup> pictures down on the right are of **Everette Alvarez**, the longest held prisoner of the Viet Nam War. At our April 13 meeting, we were privileged to have this very gracious gentleman as our guest speaker. He kept his positive attitude and talked about his career(s) both before and after the war. He told us of his homecoming after his release from the infamous Hanoi Hilton. United Airlines flew him home and he was met by a lovely, young Red Carpet (before there really was a red carpet) CSR **Tammy Ilya**. They talked. She kept him company until she walked him to his next flight. She gave him her card. One month later, when he was released from the hospital, he called her and asked her to be his date at a White House Reception for him. What a love story. What a first date. Of course, they married and have become Dulles Loungers. After he told us this beautiful story, he opened the floor for questions. We

heard about his plane being shot down, and of the dark days of his confinement and isolation. Even though we asked many questions, they were answered truthfully, but he always came back to the positive: the camaraderie with other POWs and how they developed a sign language to keep each other strong ... and to finding the love of his life upon his return.

Our 50/50 winner in April was **Henry Ayers**. He won \$27 which he graciously gave back to the chapter. Thank you for being so generous, Henry.

Our Sunshine Committee member, **Mary Bet Collins**, was absent from the meeting in May because she was having shoulder replacement surgery that day. She is usually the one sending the cards of encouragement, but I believe she could use a little herself at this time. A card can be sent to her at 1287 Auburn Grove Lane, Reston, VA. 20124

**Karen Johnson** just celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She also just moved to be near her family. Her new address is 1 Sykes Rd., Apt. 328, Arlington, MA 02474.

Sad news ~ **Lee Hershey Boyd** (IADFO) flew West on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He was a Boeing 727 pilot at UAL for 32 years. In his retirement he volunteered as a docent at Udvar-Hazy and Space Center. A memorial service was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home. Donations may be made to Udvar-Hazy at [airand.space.so.edu/donate](http://airand.space.so.edu/donate).

**James Hartley** (IADCS) passed away on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Contributions can be made to Grace Baptist Church, 14242 Spriggs Rd., Woodbridge, VA. 22195 (in his name.)

I waited to show you the promised picture for last. Just like **Everette Alvarez**, I want to always leave you on a positive note.



Calendar:

**May 11** ~ Meeting, always the second Wednesday of the month.



## NATIONAL



### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

I hope this monthly Clipped Wings Newsletter finds you all well and thinking spring is just about here. Some areas in the country just won't let old man winter leave.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day. For those of us lucky enough to still have our Dads, be sure and give him a special hug, and celebrate all the Fathers on June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the summer solstice.

Everyone is getting so excited about our Clipped Wings Convention at Portland on August 31-September 3. This is going to be a great one as Portland has been planning it for 4 years. It's time to reunite with our friends and make new ones!

Here is a great quote ~ *"The good deeds you do for yourself will die with you. The good deeds you do for others will live forever."*

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org). We are a fun group even when we are apart and Zooming.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of April 2022:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of April 2022:

Haren Acharya, C. Arguedas, Irma Atanasio, Karl Besteder, Herman O. Bressler, Amelia G. Briones, Donald S. Chang, Stanley Chmielowiec, Elizabeth Clary Ferris, Richard E. Cornman, Douglas A. Cowan, David J. Cranfield, Your Cause Donation, Vernon Lee Eberly, Helena M. Ferdinandus, Mary Florent, John Florent, Judy Ford, Jean A. Gill, Karon Gilles, Robert K. Gillman, Taketosji Handa, Lowell E. Johnston, Mandy McClain, Norma J. Misner, Paula S. Moody, Paul E. Olson, Betty J. Opbroek, Warren Parthen, Susan Patti, Merrillon A. Pinna, Allan O. Pochop, William G. Royle, Margaret Selland, Pascal C. Soriano, Darlene Spalla, Casimir P. Spokas, James H. Staib, Marilyn M. Thompson, Theodore Tollefsen, Darlene Toomey, Ronald A. Wallace, Diane Wallick, Herbert C. Wilbanks.

# OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

- Retiree – **Bergner, Lee Stewart**, on 4/19/2022, DENDE, father of Jessica Bergner, 6020 Brentwood St., Arvada, CO 80004
- Retiree – **Calderone, Joyce A.**, on 4/17/2022, WHQAC, wife of Frank T. Calderone (deceased), 1513 Shelton Ln., Crystal Lake, IL 60014
- Retiree – **Chiocchi, Carl A.**, on 3/20/2022, PITCS, husband of Dolores (Barone) “Dee” Chiocchi, 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061
- Retiree – **Ewald, Robert G.**, on 12/13/2021, SFOPD, husband of Eleanor Ewald, 4240 Town Center Blvd., Apt 218, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
- Retiree – **Haslem, James M.**, on 3/12/2022, ORDMM, husband of Phyllis J. Haslem (deceased), 2150 W. Golf Rd. Apt 336B, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
- Retiree – **Jones, Claudette**, on 4/11/2022, DENMK, mother of Tyrone Jones and Eugene Jones, 16363 E. Fremont Ave., Apt. 911, Aurora, CO 80016
- Retiree – **Loftus, Edward J.**, on 2/8/2022, INDAD, husband of Concisa A Loftus (deceased), 3750 Tansel Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46234
- Retiree – **Mayer, Alfred W.**, on 4/5/2022, ORDHF, husband of Barbara Mayer, 614 North Carlyle, Arlington Hts., IL 60004
- Retiree – **Paez, Alice M.**, on 5/3/2022, EXOAQ, wife of Raymond Paez (deceased), 2201 Lakeway BL#1, Austin, TX 78734
- Retiree – **Peterson, Kenneth**, on 4/13/2022, ORDFO, husband of Shirley Peterson, 45W016 McDonald Rd., Hampshire, IL 60140
- Retiree – **Shilts, Florence M.**, on 1/27/2022, WHQPE, wife of Robert Shilts, 29326 Winding Brook Dr., Menifee, CA 92584
- Retiree – **Von Nordenflycht, Arvid**, on 4/8/2022, LAXFO, husband of Susan Von Nordenflycht, 28849 Blythewood Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Robert Bledsoe, Amelia Briones, Kathleen Brown, Richard Deilke, Joe Herold, Elizabeth Hooley, Dave Garten, Sharon G. Hill, Victoria Lee, Janet Lockhart, Gloria Rosskamp, Sharon Schweizer, Carol Stoop, Sheila Webb, Kay Weber.

### **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.)*

#### **Erma Atanasio, 4833 Front St., Castle Rock, CO 80104**

Having spent years in limbo, I am back in Colorado.

Due to the high cost of living here, I had to relocate to Colorado Springs.

I probably will not be able to attend the monthly luncheons but perhaps I can make it to some of the special functions.

#### **Vernon Eberly, 23206 59<sup>th</sup> Pl. S., Kent, WA 98032**

Thanks for the reminder that I am late. I thought I had everything under control.

I am now 24/7 caregiver for my wife, Mary. She started with Alzheimer's about 5 years ago. I guess I am dropping a few balls along the way!

Use the extra money as necessary.

I miss the smell of fresh cut golf course grass and the smell of being around those beautiful United planes.

## Notes

### Jan Gawenda



#### Arvid (Arvi) von Nordenflycht Obituary

Gustaf Arvid von Nordenflycht (Arvi) passed away peacefully at home on April 8, 2022, age 81. Arvi was born in Berlin, Germany to Wolfgang & Anna Liisa (Hytinen) von Nordenflycht. He had a lifelong love of planes, trains and automobiles and as a young boy, he dreamed of becoming a pilot. He spent his childhood in Germany and his mother's home country of Finland. In 1957, he emigrated to Vancouver, Canada, with his mother and sister. He learned English working as a pin setter in a bowling alley and delivering telegrams by bicycle. He then became an auto mechanic at a repair shop while finishing his high school

diploma at night.

All the while, he pursued his dream of becoming a pilot, taking lessons, accumulating hours, and making life-long friends at the local airport. In 1964, Arvi was hired by United Airlines and soon moved to Los Angeles, where he would stay for the remainder of his career, retiring in 2000 as a 747 captain.

Living in Manhattan Beach, he met Sue, a United flight attendant. They married in 1967, moved to Rancho Palos Verdes in 1971, then spent 54 years together, traveling as often as possible. Arvi's love of travel and his career in the skies took him to every continent and over 65 countries. Flying was not just a career but also a passion. He loved flying his private Cessna out of Torrance Airport on adventures to Catalina Island, all around California, and even to Alaska and Churchill, Manitoba. Sharing his passion with others, he volunteered with the Young Eagles, helped establish the Torrance Airfare, and served on the board of the Western Museum of Flight.

The trains and automobiles were not neglected, though, as he constantly tinkered on his 1966 Buick and turned first a spare bedroom and then his backyard into sprawling model railroad layouts. He also found time to volunteer with a variety of community organizations. He served on the RPV Transit Advisory Committee, coached youth sports, served on the PTA, and supported the Norris Theater through Bravo. He was an early adopter of VHS video cameras, becoming the unofficial videographer for many PV Children's Theater productions.

Often described as a "character", Arvi was gregarious to say the least, made new friends wherever he went, and loved to tell a good story or three. In his retirement years, he socialized with a monthly bowling group at Gable House, the Del Amo Flyers, the airport lunch bunch, Red Barons, and weekly Friday picnics at Point Vicente.

He was a dedicated husband, enthusiastic father and grandfather, and a loyal friend. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Susan (Hogan); children, Andrew (Haeryung Shin) and Alisa Todd (Matt); and 3 grandchildren: Serafina, Martin, and Jackalyn. He also leaves behind his sister, Kirsten Williams (John), of Vancouver, B.C. and many, many friends near and far.

A celebration of life will be held at 1pm on June 12 at the Western Museum of Flight at Torrance Airport. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Western Museum of Flight or to your favorite charity.

### Geraldine R. Adams

Thanks for the job that you do. I enjoy reading the newsletter and keeping up with what's going on at UAL.

### William Fritsch

I was hired in March of 61 and retired in April of 1998. I'm just renewing my membership.

### Laura Jean Marquis

I'm just renewing my membership.

### David J. Cranfield

Whoa! I've been retired for 20 years. I'm healthy and still lovin' it.

### Karl Besteder

I'm a snowbird in Florida, I'm going back North so please send the next issue to the new address.

**Charles T Cole**

Sharon and I have been a part of RUAEA since the 2004 Convention at Seattle when we were Registration Committee Co-chairs. I am currently the RUAEA Northwest Region Director and a past Director of the Mountain & Arizona Regions. We enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter for retiree information as well as all the chapters' reports. We are looking forward to the San Diego convention.

**Elizabeth Clary Ferris**

I am looking forward to post pandemic travel.

**Ted Legrand**

I continue to be a proud and active member of the Orlando retiree group - The Orlando Real McCoys.

**Angela M. Mogavero**

I just tried to renew my subscription to the RUAEA newsletter, which expired 3/20/22, but when I tried to sign in a message said my membership expired in 2008? What is going on?

From the Membership Manager, Mal Malesardi: We don't know why it showed 2008. Your membership status shows that it is current and your next renewal date is 4/4/2024.

**Karon Gilles**

Karon & I moved to Portland in May last year but we still have our home in Los Angeles. We are in our cottage at Rose Villa and the cottage number is 3006. It is a good community and there is a fabulous restaurant onsite. All the food is prepared here. We want to receive both the paper and digital issues.

**Bruce Shropshire**

I am enjoying the Retired Life.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE ...**

# The Contact Column



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

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

## **Employee Travel Center**

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

## **United Airlines Technical Service Desk**

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

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

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

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

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## **Alliant Credit Union**

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## **VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time)** 1-800-877-7195

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



# ***RUAEA CONVENTION 2022***



***San Diego ~ America's Finest City!***



***Welcome to the 2022  
RUAEA Convention  
San Diego, CA  
October 3 - October 9, 2022***

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# **Welcome to the 2022 RUAEA Convention**

RUAEA and the RESANS would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. There is a lot to pack into this wonderful time of year, so we encourage you to come in earlier or stay later to enjoy all the tours and festivities. The Convention is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family, including; RUPA (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation), Clipped Wings (Former & current UA Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots), ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **E**mployees of **C**ontinental **A**irlines), RAFA-CWA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **F**light **A**ttendants - **C**ommunication **W**orkers of **A**merica), the IAM Retiree Association and Golden Penguins (Former Continental Flight Attendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city, tours and camaraderie we all share at the Convention.

Our hotel is the **DANA on Mission Bay**, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, 92109. Check the hotel information on page C4. **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.**

The Hospitality Suite in the Mission Bay Ballroom is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales.

The **RUAEA Banquet** will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 in the Mission Bay Ballroom. We will not be offering table assignments this year but will have a signup sheet available. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends. **Remember that the RUAEA Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment.**

There are a variety of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sites with your friends is always fun. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many things to do and see in the San Diego area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do something on your own. The hotel is offering the convention rate three days prior to three days post-convention based on availability.

**See pages C 6-7 for details and sign up early.**

Representatives of the **United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF)** **may be present**. Donations are always welcome and donations are tax deductible, as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

Members of Clipped Wings **may be present** to represent current and former UAL/CO Flight Attendants. They will have items for purchase. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics.

Representatives of the Mainliner Club **may be present** to have airline items for sale.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or **Hank Gosselin** – VP Conventions at [henrygosselin@comcast.net](mailto:henrygosselin@comcast.net).

## **Transportation Information**

For travel to and from San Diego, don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Other carriers serving San Diego are Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Jet Blue, Southwest, Spirit, and Sun Country. ID90 is available on most carriers. Be sure to check Travel in Flying Together for booking and listing information. One of the best ways to access flying-together and the travel section is to go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) and click on the link.

## **Ground Transportation**

**The hotel does not have an airport shuttle, other options are:**

- ▲ **Yellow Cab 1-888-710-3391**
- ▲ **San Diego Airport Taxi 1-858-227-9272**
- ▲ **Get an app on your cell phone for Uber or Lyft (in most cases this would be more economical)**

# **San Diego Convention Information**

## **50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE**

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality room, at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Friday at 6:15 PM. The special raffle will feature gift cards. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Don Burbank**, RUAEA President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday morning 7:00 – 8:00 AM, at the Marina Cove Room. . RSVP **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or email [stewartmaryjane@aol.com](mailto:stewartmaryjane@aol.com) prior to September 26, 2022.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**John Chu**, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday morning 7:00 – 8:00 AM, at the Marina Cove Conference Room. RSVP to **John Chu** at (303) 810-6586 or to [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) by September 26, 2022.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, 8:30 – 9:30 AM, in the Mission Bay Ballroom. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Don Burbank**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

This presentation will be following the Business Meeting, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Presenters from United Airlines Benefit Departments along with Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt, and Kaiser.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages 9 and 10. Tours are subject to cancellation due to lack of participation. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for canceling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the Convention. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

**Registration fees are non-refundable.** For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by **September 26, 2022** at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or write to her at 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **October 3, 2022**. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Convention if there is no cost to the Convention. **Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 48 hour cancellation policy. Also your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 48 hours prior to arrival.**

**The Retired United Airlines Employees Association**  
**October 3 ~ October 9, 2022**  
**DANA on Mission Bay**  
**1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109 ~ (619) 222-6440**



Welcome to the DANA on Mission Bay next to Sea World and a mere 15 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Almost all of the rooms have been renovated in 2019. If a main floor room is required, please request it at time of booking. The property is also adjacent to a marina where water activities are available for rent. The hotel has two pools, and space for patio dining. The rooms have many amenities, see those listed below. The hotel has also offered many perks, such as free parking, no resort fee, and breakfast for two per each night of stay.

**Hotel Amenities:**

- ⬆ **Parking fee waived (\$25.00 value)**
- ⬆ **Resort fee waived (\$32.00 value)**
- ⬆ **Breakfast included (2 vouchers per room per night)**
- ⬆ **Bayside Pool & Spa Plus Tropical Pool & Spa**
- ⬆ **Guest Rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, coffee maker with complimentary coffee & tea, iron & ironing board plus a hairdryer. Free Wifi**
- ⬆ **Reservations can be made by calling 800-345-9995 (toll free) or (619) 222-6440. Please mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$129 + tax which includes breakfast for two per room night. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals. Your card will be charged for the first night stay 48 hours prior to arrival**
- ⬆ **You can also go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) for a link to make an online booking**
- ⬆ **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty**
- ⬆ **Check in: 4:00 pm and Check out: 11:00 AM – There is a 48 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations**
- ⬆ **Reservations must be made by September 1, 2022 to guarantee the Convention rate**

*These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Convention based on availability.*

**Airport Transportation:** Best to use Uber or Lyft or Taxi

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# RUAEA CONVENTION 2022

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER 3 ~ OCTOBER 9, 2022

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday	October 4	12:00PM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 9:30AM 10:00AM – 5:00PM 12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Tour sales – Mission Bay Ballroom Executive Board Meeting – TBA RUAEA Board Meeting – TBA Hospitality Room Available – Mission Bay Ballroom
Wednesday	October 5	8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM  9:30AM – 3:00PM 2:00PM – 5:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM –	Registration – Mission Bay Ballroom Tour Sales – Mission Bay Ballroom 50/50 & Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Ballroom Tour 1 – Midway and Tom Ham's Lighthouse Tour Sales – Mission Bay Ballroom Hospitality Get Together – Mission Bay Ballroom 50/50 Raffle Drawing – Mission Bay Ballroom
Thursday	October 6	7:00AM – 8:00AM  7:00AM – 8:00AM 8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 9:30AM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 9:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM –	Correspondents' Meeting – Marina Cove Conference Room Presidents' Meeting – Marina Cove Room Registration Tour Sales 50/50 & Special Raffle Sales Tour 2 – Scenic La Jolla Tour 3 – Bali Hai Polynesia Adventure Hospitality Get Together 50/50 Raffle drawing – Mission Bay Ballroom
Friday	October 7	8:00AM – 11:00AM 8:30AM – 9:30AM  10:00AM – 12:00PM  12:30PM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:00PM 6:15PM –	Registration on Request RUAEA Business Meeting – Mission Bay Ballroom Benefits Panel Presentation – Mission Bay Ballroom Benefits Breakout Session - TBD Fiesta Party – Mission Bay Ballroom 50/50 and <b>Special Raffle Drawing</b>
Saturday	October 8	10:00AM – 2:00PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM 7:00PM – 10:00PM	Tour 4 Harbor Excursion Cash Bar before Banquet RUAEA Banquet with Entertainment – Mission Bay Ballroom



## **RUAEA 2022 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

### **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### **USS Midway Museum & Tom Ham's Lighthouse – \$89.00 P/P** **Tour #1 ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.**

The USS Midway was commissioned in 1946 and decommissioned in 1992. It served in three wars, Korea, Vietnam and was the flagship in the Gulf War with Iraq in 1991. The ship is in excellent condition, including scores of vintage aircraft. All the ship compartments have been reconditioned for inspection. This USS Midway Naval aircraft carrier museum is the finest in the world. Our group will board together at 10:00AM. Everyone will receive a complimentary set of light weight audio phones, allowing the group to fan out to their favorite exhibit. At each exhibit simply press the button on the audio set and it will tell all the information back to each individual. The group will meet at 12:00 Noon, we board the motor coach and proceed to Harbor Island to Tom Ham's Light House restaurant for a delicious luncheon with a scenic view and excellent service. After a leisurely luncheon, we will proceed back to the Dana Inn with plenty of time to enjoy the afternoon.

## **RUAEA 2022 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

### **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### **Scenic La Jolla Tour & More – \$79.00 P/P** **Tour # 2 ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.**

This tour showcases some of the most scenic spots in San Diego. La Jolla translated from Spanish means the jewel. The tour will also stop for thirty minutes at Mount Soledad, 900 feet above sea level with a 360 degree view, looking directly at the Pacific Ocean and all of San Diego. The tour will proceed to Coronado, we will enjoy a 12:00 noon light luncheon at Village Pizza, located directly on the harbor. The view is postcard perfect, the food delicious, service excellent. The tour proceeds to Cabrillo National Monument with another thirty minute stop to explore and enjoy more dynamic scenery, this time looking south all the way to Mexico, including the only entrance from the Pacific Ocean into San Diego harbor. Then we are back to the Dana.

#### **Bali Hai Restaurant ~ Polynesian Cuisine at San Diego Bay Harbor – \$99.00 P/P** **Tour # 3 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.**

It's off for a fifteen minute ride by motor coach to the Bali Hai restaurant, established in 1953. It is one of the most scenic restaurants in San Diego located on the harbor looking directly at the city skyline. The private dinner takes place in the Hawaiian Village, the food, service and ambiance are all excellent. After dinner we will be entertained by a Hawaiian Dance review, to round out this special event. Then back to the Dana for a restful night.

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# **RUAEA 2022 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Harbor Excursion – \$79.00 P/P**  
**Tour #4 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.**

We board the motor coach to journey to the Harbor cruise. The cruise is narrated and covers the majority of the harbor, including several military bases and dozens of points of interest. Just before mooring, the harbor excursion passes by the bow of the USS Midway for a special close up. During the two-hour cruise, everyone on our tour will enjoy a box lunch at their leisure, complete with dessert and beverage. After the sightseeing cruise, it is back to the Dana with time to rest up for the evening festivities.

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## **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

***Co-Chairpersons – Betty Tomaino and Louie Semon***

***Tour Chair – Rosina Krefft***

***Publicity Chair – Barbara Drews***

***Registration Chairs – Jackie Schwartz and Barbara Drews***

***Entertainment Chairs – John Cunningham and Louie Semon***

***Decorations Chair – Rosalie Tripicchio***

***Raffle Chair – Peggy VanSickle***

***Registrar – Ron Paluch***

***Treasurer – Shirley Claggett***

***RUAEA President – Don Burbank***

***RUAEA Vice President Conventions – Hank Gosselin***

***RUAEA Assistant VP Conventions – Ron Bertacini***

***RUAEA Site Selection Committee – Dave Garland and Ron Bertacini***

***RUAEA Newsletter – John Chu***

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*Fiesta Night ~ Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*Tortilla Chíps, Salsa, Guacamole,  
Cheese Quesadilla, Chicken Skewers & More!  
Some Latin Jazz*

*Subsidized by our Alliant Partners*

*Passport to Fun  
BANQUET ~ Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*MENU*

*Mixed Greens w/ Vinaigrette  
Salmon Piccata -or- Roast Pork Loin*

*Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables*

*Vegetarian Option*

*Dessert*

*Plus Entertainment!*

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Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount
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## 2022 San Diego Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is September 1, 2022\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is September 26, 2022\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number			Department Retired From:	
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 4 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
<b>Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes)</b> <b>Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____</b> <b>Enter email address:</b>				

### **Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.
5. **No credit cards** can be accepted for payment of convention events in advance or at the Convention.

Date – 2022		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b>					<b>\$15.00</b>	\$
<b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>						
	Fiesta Night				\$25.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
	Salmon Piccata				\$55.00	\$
	Roast Pork Loin				\$55.00	\$
	Vegetarian Option				\$55.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2022 RUAEA Convention**  
 Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2022 RUAEA Convention,**  
**c/o Shirley Claggett, 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198**  
**Email – [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com)**

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**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is September 1, 2022\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is September 26, 2022\***

**Tour Registration**

Date – 2022	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Oct. 5	Midway – Tom Ham’s	1	89.00				
Thurs., Oct. 6	Scenic La Jolla	2	79.00				
Thurs., Oct. 6	Bali Hai Polynesian Night	3	99.00				
Sat., Oct. 8	Harbor Excursion	4	79.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-9</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE CONVENTION DIRECTORY YOU MUST REGISTER BY  
September 19, 2022**

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



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### The Douglas DC-4E Super-Sleeper



This (greatly shortened) article originally appeared in the "Douglas Service", third quarter 1986 ~ Once airlines began operating aircraft that produced a profit, it was inevitable that they would start planning for broader horizons. Their chief intention became Nonstop Transcontinental Service.

Even before the DC-3 made its first flight on December 17, 1935, studies were being made to determine the requirements for such a vehicle. At the forefront of these planners was W. A. Patterson, President of United Airlines.

In 1935, Mr. Patterson called on Donald W. Douglas to inform him that United wanted the Largest, Most Modern Transport in the World.

larger than any other aircraft in production, and more luxurious than any alternative method of travel.

Douglas told Patterson that such a plane was not only possible, but had been in the minds of Douglas engineers for some time. He explained that the cost of developing and building such an Experimental Model was so great that it would be quite an undertaking for any aircraft manufacturer, even if the cost was shared with one airline.

Douglas suggested that a group of interested airlines combine their ideas of just what was required in a plane of this Size, Comfort and Safety. If all these specifications could be combined in one great airplane, the burden-of-cost could be shared among those airlines.

Patterson returned to his Chicago offices and initiated a very unusual conference. At his bidding, competitors who fought for every passenger, sat around a conference table and jointly developed specifications for the New Super Transport.

*By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired.*

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