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The Writers' Column ~ On The Road With Julie

By George Midwin

Beginning in the late 60's, there was a CBS feature during the evening news titled "On The Road With Charles Kuralt". I decided that this article should have the title of "On The Road With Julie". Just as Charles did many years ago, we have visited many places off the beaten path in search of California historical landmarks; the only difference is, she did most of the driving

Looking for a hobby when I retired, I came across a State Historical Landmark sign. Having seen these by the road side throughout the years, I decided to finally stop and see what this was about. The sign directed me to a monument with a sizable Bronze plaque on it. The inscription detailed events that took place there during the early 1800's. Having been through this area many times, I never really knew much about the history of the area, nor about these signs along the roads.



Office of Historic
Preservation

This led me to do some research on the California Landmarks program. The State created an Office of Historical Preservation. Their responsibility, among many, was to ensure historical events and sites were preserved. Since 1932, 1,115 landmarks have been identified to have the historical significance of becoming a land-

mark. I further discovered that there are many people that have embarked on a 'quest' to visit each of the landmarks. Having an interest in history, but lacking specific details, I decided this would be an excellent hobby to engage in.

Reviewing the location of where these landmarks are situated, I began to map out a route that would take me to those in our immediate area. With my trusty, but somewhat reluctant driver, by my side, we set out. I quickly was able to locate many with very little effort, however that soon changed. The most current information available from the state was in the form of a book from 1996. Much has changed in central California since then and it became increasingly difficult to actually locate some of the landmarks. New construction, new roadways, private property rights are among some of the challenges. Frustrated, I had to find a better method to identify and locate landmarks, before my trusty driver quits on me.

Using AAA maps, Goggle maps, GPS, I was able to more specifically identify where landmarks were located. Using Goggle street view in many instances, I could even see the actual landmark as it stood. This helped a great deal and would become my preferred method to map out future routes. With this new information, I then embarked on the more challenging locations further from home. Despite all this improved process, I learned even more as we traveled into the mountains.

Although I had fairly accurate location details, distances and estimated times, I did not anticipate the actual road conditions. Some roads had not been maintained since who knows when, with more potholes than surface; ruts as

deep as a deer's knee and soft as the sands of Waikiki. Others were not really roads at all, but some semblance of dirty, dusty, narrow ways. However, my trusty driver, after letting me know just how she felt about the driving conditions, over and over, continued on. The main issue she really disliked, was the narrow mountain road at high altitudes, with no guard rails and drops offs, only skydivers could appreciate. Couple that with a vehicle coming in the opposite direction and you have the makings of a perfect storm. Luckily, most of this was out of cell phone range, so Miss Julie could not call a divorce lawyer.

To date, we have visited 653 sites and logged countless miles on our vehicle. We have traveled North to the border of Oregon, South to near the Mexico border and from the coast to the high Sierra mountains. Crossed the desert, traversed the massive agriculture valley and numerous coastal cities. This adventure has taken us to places we never thought we would ever visit, cities with a population of a million or more, to those more remote, ➡



Asistencia Mission

➡ with just 20. We continue to learn about the rich history of California and the challenges the early settlers had. We visit the numerous sites that drew prospectors from around the world, to seek their fortunes in gold, creating towns that no longer exist. Stage coach routes and stations, replaced by the massive effort to construct the railroads, homes of individuals who played a prominent role in California.

Some of the sites visited included a route first used by settlers from the East. This was located on a long dirt road, high in the mountains, leading to a very rocky area. We searched for a considerable amount of time, before locating a tiny monument, a distance off the road. This had been placed long ago by a historical organization. You could still see the ruts created by the wagon wheels.

Asistencia Mission, located quite a distance from a road on private property, looked as if we would not be able to view it. Talking to a person in the nearby town, explaining what we were trying to do, she said she knew the owners and would call them. The owner not only met us, but explained that we were welcome to view the Asistencia and take as much time as we would like, unescorted. This amazed the both of us, that someone we never met before would open their property to us.

After traversing a very narrow, curvy mountain road and prying Julie's hand from the wheel, we visited what remained of a thriving gold mining town. There on the porch of a replica court house, was a gentleman in a rocking chair. I stopped in and he provided some history of the town and a tour of the tiny court house. As I exited he asked I sign the register. When I looked it over I saw no other signatures, to which he stated, "we don't get many visitors".

A forty five mile drive on a very rough road, led to an even rougher dirt road and required crossing a stream. Finally arriving at a long ago abandoned Mercury mine. Few people have been to this site and it was quite exciting being there. This was once the second largest mine in the US, producing the mercury needed to extract Gold from ores.

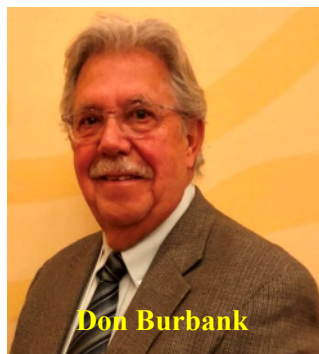
The 1542 landing site of Juan Cabrillo, in San Diego, is located on the restricted Navel Submarine base. Writing a letter to the base commander requesting access, I was asked to complete some forms and after a few weeks, was granted permission. We were met by a sailor who escorted us to the site and then to my surprise, asked if we wanted to see some of the historical parts of the base. This was the easiest drive Julie has had. My estimate of needing 15 min, turned out to be a two hour tour.

There are so many other memorable moments, and some not so, that I could go on. We still have 462 sites to visit, so I can provide an update in the future. My hope is that my driver continues to seek out the remaining sites with me.■

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,
Does it seem like some of this stuff will never stop! COVID, fires, snow, cold.
I want to notify you that Executive Board positions are open this year. We hope to have some of you join the Executive Board and share new ideas and energy with us.

The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and all the other positions that are in the newsletter, except for Vice President of Conventions. Send your profile in to **Virgil Gooselaw** who is in charge of the nominating committee, they then will notify you and the board if you are qualified.

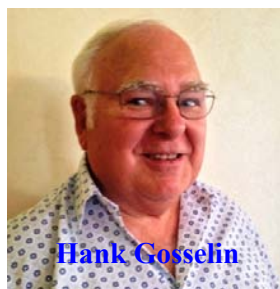
I still have been in contact with the RUPA President, we are going to work on a combined convention for 2023; RUPA will be invited to our 2022 convention along with Clipped Wings and RAFA Flight attendants.

I have been in touch with UAL and YBR over numerous issues from our members with answers, some good and some not so good but at least, we are getting answers.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Letter from the Vice President - Conventions



Hi Folks,
I hope that you all had a healthy past few months. About this time last year, I informed you that we were going to have a Convention in San Diego. Well, we are going to have a 2022 Convention in San Diego. Yes, we will be at the Dana Hotel again. I had an overwhelming response from those who attended the 2021 Convention; they loved the DANA Hotel, its facilities, and location. I received no complaints at all, which is unusual and wonderful.

The San Diego Committee, chaired by **Betty Tomaino** and **Louie Semon**, made the Convention fantas-

tic. **John Cunningham** brought in music that was nothing short of outstanding for our listening and dancing pleasure. I'm really hoping for a repeat.

I know there were many of you who couldn't attend due to COVID, etc; hopefully, all will be able to attend this year.

The Convention dates are October 3-9, with a room rate of \$129, a small increase. Again, no resort fee, free parking and free breakfast, which we all enjoyed. The rest of the Convention Agenda is in the planning stages at this point.

Yes, Betty and Louie will do all they can to make the 2022 Convention a success, they are outstanding people, and I'm sure their committee will have the same attributes. Many members of your RUAEA Board also helped. Help is always needed; any of the RUAEA members in San Diego please consider volunteering to help out, you will find it exciting and memorable.

I must mention the hotel staffs that were nothing short of fantastic. I'm talking about Room Service, Lobby Help, Chefs, Omelet Cook, and of course Bartenders and Waiters. Most of all, I must mention Addy Hur in Sales and Marianna Iturrios, Service Manager; both outstanding people who represent the DANA well. Along with that, they both stepped up and helped us with every need.

In closing, please consider joining your fellow RUAEA members, their friends and family in San Diego for a great vacation. Yes, you too are welcome to bring your family and friends to the 2022 Convention.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA Vice President - Conventions

Introducing Our New Partner **December 13, 2021**



Today we announced a new partnership with Virgin Australia to expand travel gateway between the U.S. and Australia starting in early 2022 pending government approval.

The new partnership gives our customers new connecting options to Australia's most popular destinations, and MileagePlus members will have the ability to earn and redeem miles/points across both airlines' networks. This deal also triples the number of U.S. cities Virgin Australia customers can reach via one-stop connections. The partnership will establish codeshare cooperation across the networks of each airline and extend our large Australian presence, as we offer more flights to Australia than any other U.S. carrier, and were the only major

carrier to maintain passenger service between Australia and the U.S. throughout the pandemic.

"The United States and Australia share a special bond and I'm especially proud that United was the only airline to maintain a vital link between these two countries throughout the pandemic," said Scott. *"Looking ahead, Virgin Australia is the perfect partner for United. Our partnership provides considerable commercial value for both airlines and a shared commitment to offer the best travel experience for our customers."* We currently offer daily direct flights from SFO and LAX to SYD (Sydney), while other services – including direct services to Melbourne – are expected to resume later in 2022. Under this new partnership, our customers will now have access to top Australian destinations including Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

United Becomes Largest Airline to Invest in Zero-Emission Engines for Regional Aircraft **December 13, 2021**



United became the largest airline to invest in zero-emission, hydrogen-electric engines for regional aircraft, the latest move toward achieving its goal to be 100% green

by reducing its GHG emissions 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets.

Through a new equity stake in ZeroAvia, a leading company focused on hydrogen-electric aviation solutions, United expects to buy up to 100 of the company's new zero-emission, 100% hydrogen-electric engines (ZA2000-RJ). The engine could be retrofit to existing United Express aircraft as early as 2028. One potential use is on United's unique CRJ-550, the only 50-seat aircraft that offers first class and other premium amenities, making this leading aircraft even better and marking another first for United.

"Hydrogen-electric engines are one of the most promising paths to zero-emission air travel for smaller aircraft, and this investment will keep United out in front on this important emerging technology," said Scott Kirby, CEO of United. *"United continues to look for opportunities to not only advance our own sustainability initiatives but also identify and help technologies and solutions that the entire industry can adopt."*

Hydrogen-electric engines use electricity created by a chemical reaction in a fuel cell to power an electric motor instead of burning fossil fuel. Because no fuel is burned, there are no climate-harming emissions or carbon released into the atmosphere when the engines are operated.

The ZA2000-RJ is expected to be used in pairs as a new power source for existing regional aircraft. Under the agreement with United Airlines Ventures, United will pursue a conditional purchase agreement for 50 ZeroAvia ZA2000-RJ engines, with an option for 50 more, enough for up to 50 twin-engine aircraft which would be operated by United Express partners once they are fully developed and certified by regulators as soon as 2028.

“This support by United, alongside our other forward-thinking partners, demonstrates the importance of hydrogen-electric propulsion in the future of sustainable flight,” said Val Miftakhov, founder and CEO and of ZeroAvia. *“The United Express routes powered by hydrogen-electric aircraft will be enabling large numbers of passengers to take zero-emission flights well within this decade.”*

ZeroAvia is accelerating development of its ZA2000 engine and will soon begin ground tests of its ZA600 in a 19-seat aircraft, with the aim of entering commercial service with this smaller engine by 2024. ZeroAvia’s roadmap calls for it to develop hydrogen-electric propulsion for progressively larger aircraft. In September 2020, ZeroAvia completed the world’s first hydrogen fuel cell powered flight of a commercial-grade aircraft. ZeroAvia has already secured experimental certificates for two prototype aircraft from the FAA in the United States and the Civil Aviation Authority in the U.K. and has passed significant flight test milestones.

United’s wholly owned subsidiary, United Aviate Academy, leases state-of-the-art flight-training facility and fleet of Cirrus aircraft at Phoenix Goodyear Airport
December 3, 2021



United Airlines announced the inaugural class of 30 United Aviate Academy students who begin their studies on December 6 at the new flight training academy at Phoenix Goodyear

Airport. The first class, 80% of whom are women or people of color, will complete a rigorous, yearlong training program that sets them up for a career that reflects United’s high standard of professionalism and deep commitment to delivering a safe, caring, dependable and efficient travel experience. United Aviate Academy received more than 7,500 applications from aspiring pilots around the country in less than six months, with nearly 75% of those applicants being women or people of color.

After completing their training at the academy, students will build flight and leadership experience while working within the Aviate pilot development ecosystem

at partner universities, professional flight training organizations and United Express carriers on their way to becoming United pilots.

“We are thrilled to welcome our first class of students to the academy’s new home at Phoenix Goodyear airport,” said Mary Ann Schaffer, United’s chief pilot and member of the United Aviate Academy board of directors. *“The facility ensures we have the resources to expand our training capabilities and that the next generation of aviators will receive industry-leading training toward their goal of becoming a pilot for United Airlines.”*

Following the inaugural class, United Aviate Academy anticipates welcoming between 25 and 50 new students each month and expects to train at least 500 students yearly, with a goal for at least half of those being women or people of color. United currently expects to hire at least 10,000 pilots by 2030.

United Aviate Academy at Phoenix Goodyear Airport ~ The state-of-the-art, 340,000 square-foot facility at Phoenix Goodyear Airport, which United Aviate Academy will lease from the city of Phoenix, will provide aspiring pilots with industry-leading resources, equipment, and accommodations. The facility was previously home to Lufthansa Aviation Training (LAT), and United Aviate Academy will sublease part of its facility to LAT, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lufthansa, a United Star Alliance partner.

Other advantages the facility will offer to United Aviate Academy include:

- Leasing a fleet of late-model Cirrus SR-20 series single-engine aircraft, which feature advanced safety characteristics
- Nearly 50,000 square feet of office space
- Multiple aircraft hangars
- Dormitory rooms for student housing with ample room for expansion
- Proximity to many auxiliary airfields in the Phoenix area
- Favorable weather for year-round flight training

For more information on United Aviate Academy, please visit unitedaviate.com or @unitedaviate on Instagram.

United Airlines Names Nike, Inc. CFO Matthew Friend to Board of Directors
December 6, 2021



United Airlines Holdings, Inc. (UAL) announced that Matthew Friend will join its Board of Directors. Friend, currently Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer of Nike, Inc.; brings more than two decades of corporate finance and strategy experience to the airline's Board.

"As we emerge from the pandemic as a leader in the industry and stand ready to accelerate our business, United will benefit greatly from Matt's deep financial acumen and stewardship of one of the leading consumer brands on the planet," said United CEO Scott Kirby. *"Plus, his years of global corporate experience will help inform our effort to continue to be a force for good across the country and around the world."* *"Any time we bring on a new board member, we're focused on adding experienced leaders with skill sets and unique perspectives that will benefit United,"* said Ted Philip, Chairman of the Board of Directors. *"As the world re-opens and travel demand continues to surge back, the United Board will benefit from Matt's extensive global finance, strategy and business planning skills to help guide the airline as it charts a successful future."*

"United has shown real leadership over the past 18 months and has worked to redefine itself in the eyes of its employees, customers and the communities it serves," said Friend. *"The airline is determined to capitalize on this momentum, and I'm thrilled to join the board at this exciting time in its history."*

Friend was named EVP and CFO of Nike, Inc. in March 2020. Since then, he has helped steer Nike through a significant business transformation. Previously, Friend held the roles of CFO for Nike Operating Segments and VP of Investor Relations. He has also served as CFO of Nike Brand, Global Brands & Functions, Emerging Markets, and as VP of Corporate Strategy and Development. Friend is a member of Nike's Executive Leadership Team and the senior management representative to the Audit & Finance Committee of the Nike, Inc. Board of Directors.

Friend began his career in investment banking with Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Cold weather is here and what better way to enjoy a day than a bowl of hot stew with fresh bread. It is simple, but delicious.

Beef Stew:

2 pounds stew meat
¼ cup flour
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons oil
32 ounces tomato sauce

2 cups hot water
½ teaspoon pepper
2 bay leaves

¼ teaspoon thyme

6 large carrots, 6 large potatoes, 2 onions.

Cut carrots and potatoes in large pieces and quarter the onion.

Roll meat in flour and salt. Brown. Add water, tomato sauce and seasonings. Cover tightly and simmer 1½ hours. Add vegetables to stew meat. Cover and simmer about 1 hour or until vegetables are cooked.

This can be frozen.

Hope you enjoy.■



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

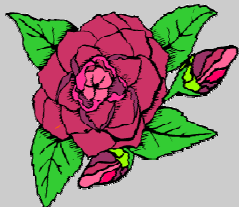
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LOCAL NEWS

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PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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We hope the New Year will be much better for each of our members. There have been many ups and downs with COVID, etc. This is a New Year! We all need to hear **good news**! Our chapter has many good and fun things planned, so hopefully, everything will work out. If you haven't been attending any of our functions in awhile, or are new to the community, we would love to see you at our monthly breakfasts or luncheons. We are a friendly and caring group of retirees! If you have any questions at any time, please contact our President **Debbie Schulte** at (602) 762-2713, or by e-mail at hana-lei52@outlook.com, or our Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be more than happy to answer your questions.

As a project this year, our members brought in almost 500 Christmas cards to be distributed to residents in Nursing Homes and the Veterans Hospital. We plan to do this again next year. I am sure this brought in a lot of happiness to all the residents!

We had 20 people attend our breakfast on December 17th, which was wonderful considering the date being so close to Christmas! Our breakfast in February at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, is Friday, February 25, starting at 9:00 a.m. We have a private room to the left as you come into the main entrance. We hope many will be able to attend. You're welcome

to bring a guest too, at any time. Our Breakfast meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month. If you will be attending the breakfast, please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know by Wednesday, February 23, as she needs to contact the Manager as to how many approximately will be attending, so they can plan too. There are so many people sick etc., so please let Peg know by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

We have the following birthdays in February: **Pauline Montoya, Joe Szabo, Bill Norwood, and Ted Tollefsen**. Ted will be celebrating his 90th Birthday on the 10th! Happy Birthday to all! We have only one couple that will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month and that is **Joe & Karen Szabo**. Joe is a fairly new member of our chapter! His birthday and Wedding Anniversary are both in February! Congratulations! February is definitely a good month!

Calendar:

February 14 - Barleens Dinner Show in Apache Junction on Valentine's Day. **John & Joann Griffin** have arranged for this fun event. Their e-mail is jjgriffual@gmail.com.

February 25 - 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, **February 23** by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

March - Luncheon to be announced

March 25 - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Happy New Year to everyone from the Northstate! Yes, we have finally had rain, some snow in the Redding and Shasta area as well as Paradise and Magalia.

The Northstaters have not met since September, 2021 due to COVID and some weather issues. We are all looking forward to meeting up again and have plans to do so on January 26th.

On a sad note, **Ray Herrick's** wife, **Jean**, passed away in October after a long illness. Our wonderful member, **Charlotte Puryear**, who had her 101st birthday in October, was doing great until she fell and fractured some bones in her back. She had surgery at Enlo Hospital in Chico and was recovering when it happened again. This time it was two small fractures. The doctors did a gluing procedure again and Charlotte is still recovering in the hospital and hopes to be moved to a Rehabilitation Center shortly. As always, Charlotte's spirits are good and she is a fighter.

I do want to send a special thank you to **Pat Zoboli** from the Reno group. She was kind enough to send me information from the convention and I will be sharing this at our next meeting/luncheon in January. Thank you also to **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** for also forwarding information from the convention. As everyone has stated, they will truly be missed and we are so glad to have **John Chu** continue on.

As I said before, the Northstaters have decided to get together on Wednesday, January 26th, at 11:30 AM. We will be meeting at a restaurant in Red Bluff that we had gone to years ago, "From the Hearth". We have our own conference room where we can enjoy a nice lunch and conversation.

On a lighter note, my son and his wife were flying in from Milwaukee to Sacramento on Christmas Day. We had not seen them for 2 years. Unfortunately, he was caught up in the cancellations and Customer Service had routed him ORD, SFO to SMF arriving into Sacramento at midnight Christmas. We offered to pick them up in SFO or Sacramento but John, my son, decided to rent a car in SFO and save us a 4 hour drive and he and his wife a 4 hour layover. He was able to rent a

car from National at a very good price. We ended up having a very nice holiday.

As a retired Customer Agent/Service Director/Supervisor and a Zone Controller, I am so happy not to have been involved with those cancellations, rebooking and chaos, etc. Oh do I remember those days in SFO!

Calendar:

January 26 – Wednesday, 11:30 A.M. at "From The Hearth" Restaurant, 638 Washington St., Red Bluff, (530) 727-0616.



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Another year has passed and so far, we have avoided the virus. Our Chapter had its Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant in Pismo Beach on December 15th. I was not able to attend so our president, **Mike Zoldak** let me know about it. There were only five attending: **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, and **Joan Schaefer**. The usual gift exchange was cancelled but a decision was made to make a donation to a local charity.

I was going through my past airline pins beginning with Eastern Airlines in 1948. I only worked at Midway for a year and was let go due to personnel cut-back and I had the least seniority. I still remember meeting **Eddie Rickenbacker** since he was the president and he traveled all over EAL's routes. I still have a small employee pin from that time.

I then worked for Northwest Airlines in 1949 at Midway and was let go after about a year because my Station Manager hired me without going through the union and when they found out he had no choice but to let me go. Unfortunately I do not have a pin from that airline.

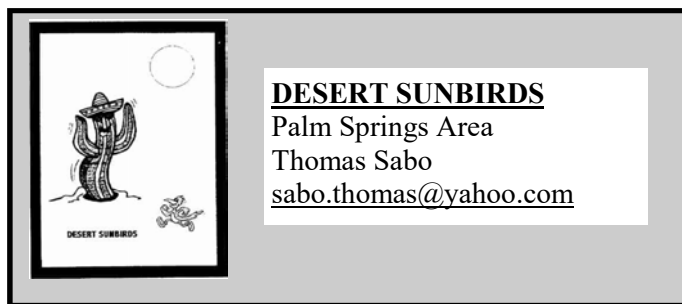
I then worked for Capital Airlines beginning in 1950 at Milwaukee, WI. After a year, I was able to bid an opening at Midway and worked there until the merger in 1961. During that time I accumulated an employee pin plus a 5 year and 10 year pin that had a red stone mounted on golden wings. I forgot about that one.

When I was employed at SFOMB in 1961, sometime during my first year, my manager gave me a UAL 10 year pin. I then received the 15, 20, and 25 year pins with the diamonds. I was looking forward to getting the

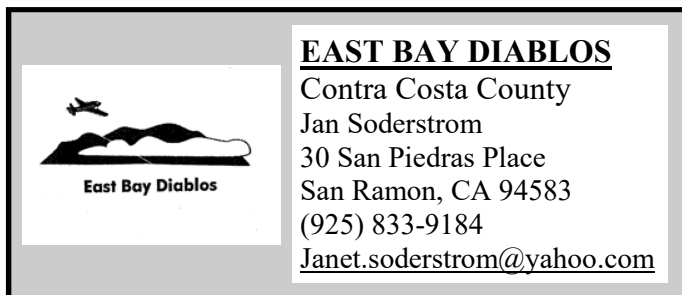
30 year pin with the large diamond set in the middle of wings. However some CEO made the decision to do away with it and they came up with a pin that does not resemble the airline business.

I didn't know what to do with those pins since I'm the only one in the family that would appreciate them. However, one day my daughter and my 24 year old grandson were visiting and I showed them my collection. I'd given my grandson several items from time to time and that includes Christmas ornaments from Hallmark that were miniature airplanes beginning at his birth. He now has 24 of them that he saved and hangs on his Christmas tree every year.

They then said it wouldn't take too much to mount them and make a display that they would keep. Therefore, my collection is at my daughter's that also includes my WW2 memorabilia and the award I received from the mayor of St. Lo at Omaha Beach when I attended the 60th anniversary. At least I know these collector items will not get thrown away.



The Desert Sunbirds did not meet in January so we have no report. We will get together in February.



Happy February from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope that 2022 has been good for everyone so far.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The only thing that could set everything backward is the Omicron variant. As I write this on January 7, masks are back to being required in restaurants and proof of vaccination is still in effect. Also, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you

are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines 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. I am notorious for forgetting who won the money when it comes time to write my article (even though the meeting was only a few days prior). One of my New Year's resolutions is to write down who won the money in our raffle. I remembered to do this at our January meeting so I am off to a great start!

Our January meeting was held on January 3rd at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord with 14 members in attendance. Gosh, the 3rd of the month really crept up fast on us but it was sure a wonderful way to start the New Year. We missed **Tracey Blanchard** who was sunbathing in Maui and **Joe & Wilma Leather** who were visiting their daughter in BOI and doing their darnedest to stay warm. After lunch, we held our raffle and **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** won the money. See, I remembered!

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 he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info.

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. 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!

Update on California reservoir levels. We still need many more big storms this winter to put our reservoirs

in good shape. If you know a Rain Dance, this would be an excellent time to do it.

The CA Dept. of Water Resources provides daily statistics re the reservoirs' percent of capacity and historical average for that date. Both numbers are very important, but historical average is somewhat skewed because years of drought have lowered this number. Shasta and Trinity are now at 30% of capacity, which is 50% of historical average. The water level of Shasta has risen to 918 feet but it is still 148 feet below the full pool of 1067 feet. Folsom is in the best shape at 59% of capacity, which is 141% of historical average. So, get out your dancing shoes and dance to your heart's content.

In California, a new statewide composting law went into effect January 1, 2022. Prior to this law going into effect, Californians were "urged" to compost everything from vegetable scraps and rotten leftovers to paper towels and plates. Now all people and businesses are required to separate things like leftover food and kitchen scraps from their garbage. Banana peels, Starbucks coffee cups, McDonald's hamburger wrappers and French fries cartons—out of the garbage bin and into the green waste bin they go.

A 2016 state law called SB 1383 set goals for diverting organic waste out of landfills and converting it into compost. Already the state is far behind its goals, missing its 2020 mark of cutting in half how much organic waste ends up in landfills compared to 2014. By 2025, 75% of organic waste must be diverted out of landfills. Reducing organics in landfills by 75% would be the equivalent of taking 1.7 million gas-powered cars off the road for a year. January 1, 2022 marked the deadline for jurisdictions to have a plan for diverting organic waste or potentially face fines of up to \$10,000 per violation per day. As a result, some cities are scrambling to get their programs up and running. The new law will roll out gradually and will be implemented at different times over the next two years depending on what city or county you live in. By 2024, the state will begin imposing fines on those who fail to do it correctly. To find out exactly what can be composted in your area, as well as when that process will start for you, check your municipality's website.

Waste management company Recology operates six composting facilities in California. Their 120-acre Blossom Valley Organics facility, about 70 miles east of San Francisco in Vernalis, takes in roughly 1,500 tons of compostable material every day from San Francisco and parts of the East Bay and South Bay. It comes here to be reborn as natural fertilizer used on vineyards and farms.

After plastic bags and other non-organic materials are plucked out by men, women and gargantuan machines with names like The Titan, the remaining organic

matter is placed into heaping piles that eventually break down into dark compost some farmers call "black gold." These heaps that stand higher than a person are spritzed with water and heated and cooled for two months to help trillions of microorganisms turn the solid waste into compost. Giant bulldozers turn the heaps as needed. For the first month, a computer system controls the temperature to help microorganisms break it down. The organic matter spends another 30 days decomposing before it's given a final sift and trucked to farmers where it is spread at the base of grape vines and other crops. The compost helps plants and cover crops grow and put down deeper roots, which sequester carbon deeper in the soil as the plants take in carbon dioxide.

So why is diverting organic waste from landfills to composting facilities so important? Quite simply, to fight climate change. As food and other organic matter break down in landfills, they emit roughly 20% of the state's methane emissions. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas. This is a major concern for the future of a warming and increasingly wildfire-prone California. The EPA estimates that methane from landfills produces 15% of the human-generated methane emissions in the US. This is what happens to organic waste when put in a landfill vs. composting. At first, the matter undergoes aerobic (with oxygen) decomposition and generates only a small amount of methane. However, within a year, the oxygen is used up and anaerobic conditions create methane-producing bacteria. As the microscopic bacteria decompose the waste, they generate the planet-warming gas. Sources: ABC 7News, January 1, 2022, Tim Johns. California's new composting law in effect: Here's what you need to know. Green Matters, January 3, 2022. Sophie Hirsch. California Finally Starts Rolling out its Statewide Composting Mandate.

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

- ▲ Monday, February 7 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 dian-griego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, February 3.
- ▲ Monday, March 7 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 dian-griego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, March 3.
- ▲ Monday, April 4 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 dian-griego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, March 31.

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



GOLDEN GATERS

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Christmas season saw us celebrating our 2021 Christmas Luncheon at The Fish Market in San Mateo – one of our favorite restaurants; great food, wonderful service, attentive staff, and lots of laughter. 27 members celebrated the new coming year with tasty fish entrées and helped bring 2021 to a close. We specially want to thank the Fish Market for allowing us to have our end-of-year meeting. Kudos to our President **Vera Kina** for all the work she has put in this past years – she is truly the Energizer bunny – her batteries seem to last forever!

Here are our upcoming luncheon dates:

- **January 24** – BYOBL – socialize with retirees - help us plan our 2022 meetings.
- **February 28** – Chinese “Year of the Tiger” Lunch, more info – we will be catering delicious Chinese food, so save your pennies for a tasty treat (info at our January meeting.)
- **March 28** – St. Patrick’s Day – Corned Beef and Cabbage feast – more info later.

This is the last of December 2021 - seeing **Art & Linda Barrett** moving to the valley into a large home where they will include their family and grandkids. This move will help them be closer to family and the help they may need as time goes by. We will truly miss them as they have been very active members – traveling on all our trips, and an asset to the group. Know that we will keep you in our thoughts and hearts. Art has announced that he will not grow acres of vegetables in the back yard! Stay well!

We have now had some rain and lots of snow so our reservoirs are slowly coming back to “normal.” It has been nice to be able to eat at some of our great restaurants – their outdoor seating has been a nice change of pace. The new viruses have put us back two-steps – masks on, probable third booster shots, and the flu and colds getting our kiddies in schools catching the “bug” and sharing! I have been very busy doing nothing – and appreciating all the “funnies” that **Dale Harper** sends our way – always good for a very-much needed laugh! Keep up the great work Dale and thanks to you for keeping us “up to date.”

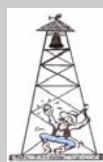
The picture of **Francis Domaratius** and **Don Bur-**

bank with the Midway ship in the back ground brought back memories; I spent my 16th birthday on Midway Island in June of 1951 – my Dad was a Civil Engineer for the Navy and I spent the summer with him. I was the oldest, single, and female on the Island with 500 young, Navy employees. What an experience – ocean water so clear that I could count the grains of sands, lots of Portuguese-Man-of-War in the waters (nasty when they stung you,) storms that brought fish glass balls from the Japanese fishing nets to the shores, was I ever that young? Ahhhhhh, those were the days!

Good news, employees of the SFO MOC are now able to park for two weeks at the Maintenance Base parking lot - you will need to bring your retiree employee badge, go to the Main Lobby to register and get the information you need as to where the spaces are located, only 14 days parking, 50 spots available. If you plan to use this, do a “dry run” to the Lobby at the MOC and get the information you need. I received this information from Charlene Santos who is in charge of Security at the Base.

Be informed, get those inoculations (we need to keep our Grand kiddies safe,) don’t forget the flu shots and the Shingles immunizations keep the Faith, Love one another!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, I’m late enough typing up these minutes so I can ask: “How was your Christmas?” Talk about a wild and crazy last several days! But, that’s okay - in fact, it’s kind of “normal” for me!

Back to our wonderful December luncheon. We all can relate to that warm, cozy and friendly atmosphere we get to enjoy when we are able to spend time with friends and/or family. Sometimes our friends are our “extended” family! That feeling is what I find whenever we have our luncheons, but, there is just something about our December get together that makes it extra special. The colors, lights, music, delicious food all contribute to the fun. As always, there’s plenty of chatter that covers pretty much any topic imaginable! Since the

Hangtown Miners are retired UAL employees with the majority of those being mechanics, and many of those mechanics worked together or in the same departments, there's always a lot of stories/memories about "the good ol' days"! Thank you to all of you for being such good representatives for your work.

This year we added some extra fun to our day! Everyone was encouraged to come up with something fun to wear. We have many creative folks in our group. Now, I do understand that, generally, one part of a couple may not be as enthused as the other might be, but I thank you for going along and getting into the spirit of the day. Many flashing lights (love those battery operated strings) sparkly and embellished designs. **Rosemary Heier** brought lots of extra items to decorate the room with so we had lots of garland and decorative pictures. **Jane Gibson** handled the table centerpieces - a lucky person at each table got to take it home!

Joe & Lynda Lima, former members who moved to Oregon, sent a nice Christmas card/greeting via myself with best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2022 year.

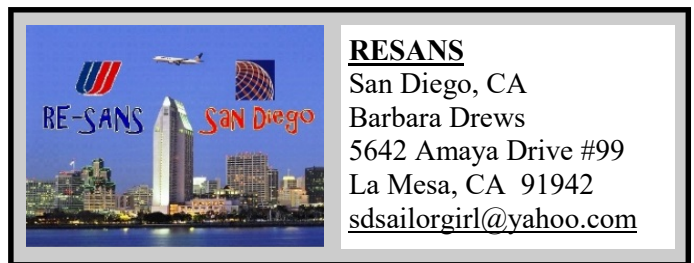
We didn't have a regular meeting, but **Rudy Blazius** greeted everyone and extended congratulations to **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** and **Dale & Donna Pope** for their December anniversaries. There are (at least) four of you who have birthdays in December. I did not have my notebook with me and I'm an "old person" so I don't remember the names, but we send you a "Happy Birthday" all the same! Rudy also shared with us that our faithful leader, **Bill Dinette**, was not able to join us due to an appointment with a surgeon. He is doing much better, should be home from the hospital now and, I hope, is listening to his doctor and Linda's instructions. Gina gave us an update on how Ed's doing. He is back home with Julie, doing lots of therapy, getting stronger, walking better but not quite ready for social events yet.

If you haven't sent in your annual dues, please do so right away. Our by-laws now include this: Annual dues are \$10.00 per retiree (spouses are included without extra fee) when your dues are paid by March 31st. After that, dues will be \$20.00! If you're not sure whether you have paid yet, you can contact **Tom Kenny** to see your status. Should you still need to send in your dues, please make out a check to Hangtown Miners (\$10.00) and send it to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667 (contact info is 530-626-5660 or tck46@flash.net)

Can't believe I'm saying this, but, our next luncheon will be on Monday, January 10, 2022! We will be getting together at The Forester Pub & Grill in Camino, CA. This will be a "choose from their menu and pay that day".

As we wind down yet another year - hooray for all

of us - please, be safe when you celebrate. Have fun, keep warm, stay healthy and happy and we will all see each other in a new year with lots of adventures to look forward to each day.



Our first breakfast of the New Year and we got the 2022 off to a good start. There were lots of great conversation and reminiscing about our holidays and years past. There were eleven in attendance including four new retirees.

There was discussion on boarding seats for standbys that are assigned by the computer; it seems that it is a computer function that does a mass onload with no regard for seniority. A couple of them told me they were assigned middle seats in the back with no consideration for seniority, active or retiree. It was suggested that we need to bring this to the attention of RUAEA to discuss when they meet with the UA board.

Our February Birthdays include **Louis Semon** and **Paul Zadrozny**. Both were absent but we wish them the best and a good start to the New Year.

Everyone was concerned about **Tom Prewitt** and his heart attack on January 2nd, I have been in touch with Tom; he is still in the hospital and may need another stent. I told everyone that he is so touched and strengthened by all the prayers that are coming his way.


Betty Tomaino and **Louis Semon** are both out cruising and we await for the good stories they will have when they return.

We are hoping for a good month and a great get together next month. If you are in San Diego on the first Thursday of the month please join us at the Pt. Loma Cafe. Send me an email so I can let you know if we have a Covid close down.

Calendar:

February 3 – Breakfast, Pt. Loma Café, (619) 226-0255, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92106



 <p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</p>	<p><u>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</u> Sacramento, CA Ron Bertacini Secretary sgd@surewest.net</p>
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The Gold Diggers had their Christmas/Holiday luncheon on December 15th at Bill's Place in Wheatland. Although the restaurant is in the midst of renovation, they were able to accommodate us. We had a total of 39 attendees including many guests. **LaVerne** and **Diana Lee** were the guests of **Dave & Robin Garland**, LaVerne is a retired flight attendant from Delta, **Marji Gabert-Milam's** guest **Elsa Powers** was recently retired from the United Club in SFO, **Bryan Gann** and **Marilyn Long** were the guests of **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor**, **Louise & Lyle Auerbach** were the guests of **Barbara & Ron Bertacini**, Louise retired from United at SFO. Guests of **Stephanie & Ken Norton** were daughter **Marrilee Norton** and husband **Pete**. **Orville Harshbarger's** daughter was also in attendance and reported that her dad had a mini stroke and was hospitalized but was now home and recovering.

The luncheon was hosted by **Marrilee Norton** and **Vicky Enriquez**. Marrilee's assistance was much appreciated. After a nice meal of prime rib, President **Dave Garland** opened the meeting recognizing the guests and thanking all in attendance. Dave also expressed many thanks to **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** for the many years of dedication to the RUAEA Newsletter. Their eleven and a half years have given us many great Newsletters. VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that we have hosts for January and February 2022 but that the rest of the year is open. The members are welcome to host at their favorite place they just need to let us know what month they would like to host ... we have March to December open with the exception of September (Convention time) and November. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported on two anniversaries in November, the **Reinmiller's** 52 years and the **Rheam's** 69 years. Treasurer's report was by **Ken Norton** and the chapter had subsidized the luncheon for the member. He was also collecting dues for the 2022 year. Our Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she had sent a card to **Judie King** who is recovering from a very serious bout of the virus. Judie had been hospitalized for several days but is now home recovering. **Jack Raynor** passed around a sheet for any updates for the Gold Digger Roster.


Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** was unable to attend but passed on her holiday wishes to the group. Sonda reported that she is holding her own but has

started a new treatment plan requiring a three hour infusion on Wednesdays. She hopes to be able to join us in February. We also heard from **Harold 'Mitch' Mitchell** that he and wife **Barbara** have been unable to attend as he has been dealing with a cancer. We wish him well and hope he will see improvement in 2022.

Dave gave our history lesson for the day, with celebs birthdays on December 15th, 1861: Charles Edgar Duryea ... who ... well Charles built and operated the first gasoline powered car and was the founder on Duryea Motor Wagon Company, 1933; Tim Conway ... comic McHale's Navy and the Carol Burnett show; 1940 Nick Bouniconti NFL linebacker for the Miami Dolphins and 1970 Lawrence Funderburke NBA player for the Sacramento Kings. Also on this date in History ... 1791 Bill of Rights ratified when Virginia gives its approval, 1836 Patent Office burns in Washington D.C., 1877 Thomas Edison patents the phonograph and 1973 Pirates of the Caribbean ride opens in Disneyland.

Vicky Enriquez won the birthday dice-roll as she was the only member present with a December birthday. We finished with a raffle, group picture and bagging a large collection of toys for the Toys for Tots program and to be delivered to the appropriate locations. We wish that all of the RUAEA members have a wonderful holiday and look forward to 2022.

January luncheon/meeting will be on Wednesday January 26, 2022 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, hosted by **Barbara & Ron Bertacini**. The restaurant does not open until 11:30 we will be able to order from the menu with separate checks. Senior menus will be available. Please let Barbara & Ron know if you plan to attend by Saturday January 22, 2022 either by email at sgd@surewest.net or phone (916) 788-0468.


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The San Joaquiners Chapter wants to extend a very Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with his or her family and friends and are staying safe from Covid. Remember to always wear your mask and be safe.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on February 11.

Until next month, take care and everyone stay well.


The San Joaquiners Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone to join us. Please contact our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 if you would like information about our chapter.



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There is no report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter of RUAEA.

We all look forward to being able to once again have members who have been reluctant to attend our meetings in person, due to this terrible virus, will find improved conditions in the coming year. If you would like to join us, please feel free any time. We meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00. The restaurant is located at 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose, just off highway 85.



SOLANO FLYERS
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The Solano Flyers December 15th meeting was at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield. This was no meeting; then again we do not have conventional meetings. The Flyers meet every third Wednesday of the month; we enjoy

our monthly time of 1 to 1½ hours together, and pass along information of United that may benefit retirees.

As there are hundreds of retirees living in the area, our membership is less than two dozen, and continues to decline; it's sad to say.

Birthday ~ Frank Uhl.

Anniversary ~ Larry Jackson.

50/50 ~ Rudy Arsaga was the winner.

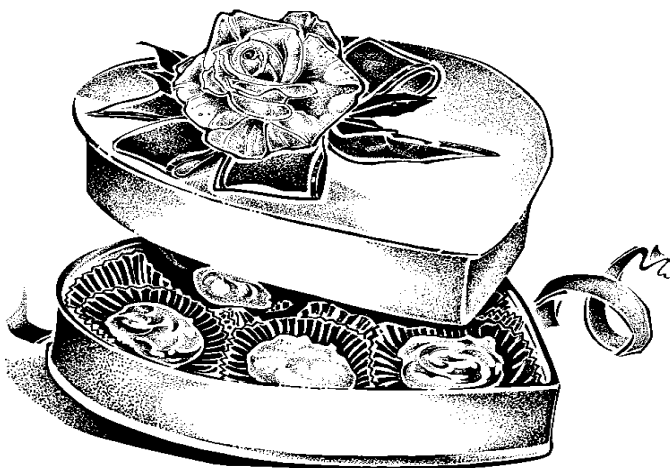
Attached below is our Christmas Luncheon picture:

Seated Left to Right: **Luci Perez, Joanne Blizzard, Bill Blizzard, Frank Uhl, Larry Jackson, and Rudy Arsaga.**

Standing Left to Right: **Allan Pochop, Diosnel Perez, Pad Gardner, Eileen Gardner, Stewart McCale, Bob Richie, Jim Ellison, and Eugene Boyce.**

Calendar:

January 19 - Meeting at Hide-a-Way lounge, 1080 Orange Dr. Vacaville, 11AM.



Solano Flyers Christmas Luncheon

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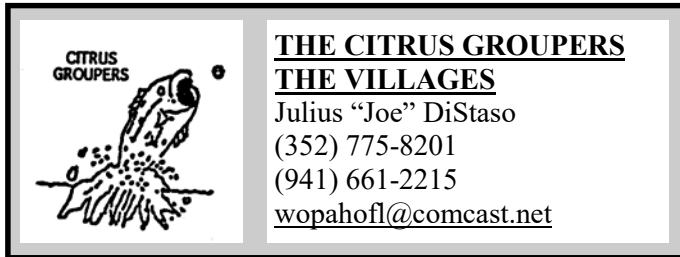


Our January lunch was cancelled due to snow. Our next meeting will be on February 3rd at Ted's Place in Commerce City at 11:00 AM.

The Mechanics meeting is January 21 at Ted's Place 8:30 AM and February 18 at Ted's Place, 8:30 AM.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

FLORIDA



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

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



Our President **Al Fields** welcomed 24 members and guests to the first luncheon of the New Year, held at the Denny's Restaurant by the airport, and followed that by the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed **Richard Vinson**, **Stan Halterman** and **Dan Raciak**, whom we hadn't seen in awhile ... and everyone else too!

The Pres., with help from Treasurer Charlotte and Secretary Elaine, took a moment to remember everyone of the Real McCoys who passed away in 2021. That list

included **George Gleason** on 4/1, **Jim Mummah** on 8/27, and **Ken Michels** on 10/7. PS. None were COVID related.

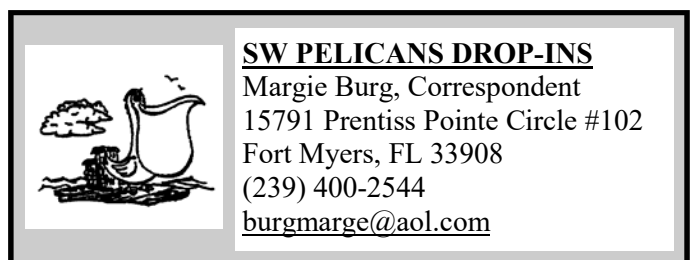
Sadly, we also lost a good friend and colleague on December 30th, **Kenny Weisz**. **Tom Cannata** shared of his close relationship with Ken for over 40 years, beginning when they both worked in Sales in the '80's. Ken later went to Apollo Sales & Service here in MCO, then to COVIA, which he retired from. He will be missed by so many of us from that era ... a charming, handsome guy. His wife, Eileen and daughter, Katy, will certainly miss him. Their address is: 305 Venetian Palms, New Smyrna Beach, FL. 32168.

First order of business was to confirm our Christmas charity contributions. Both Russell Home for Atypical Children and the VA were selected for the year and all concurred that we donate \$300 to each charity.

Our Getting-To-Know you guy is **Richard Vinson**. Richard began w/Capital on January 7, 1960 in MSP, from the cold-up there, he worked his way south to MEM, HSV, SAV, JAX, and finally MCO where he retired. Loves to fish and found a buddy to go with every Monday morning ... all are invited to join him! He's glad to get back to being a member of the Real McCoy. Us too!

Birthdays you ask? Yes! We now have 2 Toms, both born on January 5th – **Tom Cannata** and **Tom Crawford**, and **Diane Lewis**. **Bark Fitak's** special day is January 23rd! Enjoy your day! Eat Cake!

The McCoys are planning our Annual Picnic for April 5th at Cypress Grove Park. BYOM (bring your own meal). The next meeting at Denny's will be February 1st. See you all then!



Our regular meeting was held on January 7 at the Summerlin Café; due to COVID and Flu, some members were unable to attend.

Wally Alves, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed Clarke**, **Gary Crittenden**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Rick Marton**, and **Paul & Ingrid Olson** enjoyed a good lunch and lively conversation. It was great to see **Gary Crittenden** after a long absence. The **Olsons** both had the COVID virus at Christmas even though they had both been vaccinated. Many members of our families had the same problems during the holidays. We hope that the future will bring some relief from these illnesses.

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 Cafe, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.



THE SAND DOLLARS

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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, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our January 3rd meeting was held at IHOP with 6 members in attendance; it was a very informal meeting. We wished all a very Happy New Year. We talked about UAL and what was going on with our lives. Everyone agreed that we didn't know what day it was. Holidays - all caught up in the celebration.

Helen Kacer will have surgery on our next meeting date; we wished her well.

Breakfast/lunch was served. We all had a good chat.

Calendar:

February 7 – IHOP, Trinity, 10:30

March 7 – IHOP, Trinity, 10:30

April 4 – Spring Picnic, more information to come.



TREASURE COAST

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The Treasure Coast Chapter was to start up our monthly meetings on January 4th but the meeting was cancelled until further notice due to the rapid rise in Omicron here in the Treasure Coast and South Florida. As things get better, we will resume the meetings once again. Location and date to be announced.

Until then, stay well and safe.

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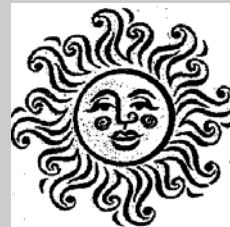


HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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

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



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more.

If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@icloud.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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BOISE GEMS

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Our next scheduled meeting will be in March 2022. Members will be notified of the date and location toward the end of February.

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February—Ahh, the month of love, cold and snow. Everybody stay up to watch the New York Ball Drop? I was up, but was watching The Thin Man, and forgot. Sounds like it went as planned, the New Year got here. Chicago advertised a long and spectacular fireworks along the lakefront. I saw a nice display on the river by the Marina Towers, but nothing wild and crazy on the Lake. Maybe I missed it watching channel 9. When I turned on 7 and 5, all I saw was fog or smoke from the fireworks. It wasn't any lengthy display, over 20 minutes, it was over in 10. Oh well, maybe I'll be here next year to watch. We always say that, don't we? Next year, Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Sox, all of us die-hards, we'll hope. Hope springs eternal!

Love-according to Webster, it means loving someone without having expectations or limiting beliefs. It means caring for someone, putting their needs before your own, and having a genuine desire for their happiness. I hope all of you have experienced that feeling somewhere along your years, with someone, either giving or receiving.

So, what's on deck for February? America Heart Month, along with, An Affair to Remember (Best movie), Black History, Great American Pie, National Cherry, National Weddings, and my favorite, Spunky Old Broads Month! Ground Hog Day is still with us, The Day the Music Died, (plane crash of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper), Stuffed Mushrooms, Make a Friend, Shower with a Friend Day, Pizza Day, Lincoln's birthday, Presidents Day the 21st, Ferris Wheel, (in February?). We only have 28 days this month, so make the most of them. The flowers of the

month are iris and violets. The birthstone is the beautiful amethyst, the color of most violets, and some irises.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Cold months bring clear skies. Venus and Mars will be bright in the night sky. The full moon will be on February 27. The Indians called it the Snow Moon because of all the snow expected in February. Some also called it the Racoon Moon. Even the Big Dipper will be visible. I haven't seen the Big or Little Dipper in ages. I attributed that to living so close to ORD. Maybe some day I can see the North Star again.

The Northside breakfast had six attendees, **Peg Maromaty, Marge Stamm, Virginia Kondraros, Jerry Tipperreiter, Dave Dunham**, and yours truly. Conversations were of cataracts; almost everybody has had that surgery. Also the demise of EXO and all the fun we had there, growing up, so to speak. We came in as babies, but left smarter, organized, and oh so well traveled. The holidays were great, families were united after months apart. One of the ladies had a very popular plumbing company in to do work, they charged her an arm and a leg. When she asked for an itemized receipt, they said they didn't give them. I'm only mentioning this so you make sure you get what you're paying for. Swindlers are everywhere, not just the scammers on the phone or mail. We all fall for something once and awhile, even I did about a year ago. I ordered a kitty bed for 'only' the postage, \$12.95. It sounded legal, but never got my fuzzy kitty bed. By the time I remembered, the post was gone ... surprise! A good reminder to use your credit card versus a debit card, you can ask them to trace it and get your money back. Always read the small print.

The Southside breakfast was canceled. Only one person responded. We need more people interested to continue. Since the weather has really been cold, we understand if you're hesitant to go out, me too! But I hope in March when the weather gets a little warmer, we'll have our regular group back. I miss your smiling faces and your wonderful laughs.

The January RUPA meeting was canceled because **Walt Fink** didn't get the minimum amount of participants to satisfy the restaurant. The speaker for the day, **Glenn Hill**, will present his program on the B17 at another luncheon.

The ORDMM mechanics breakfast had eight. **Rich Protsman, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, John Kovacik, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, Cas Paprocki** and me. Conversations are always about motors, weather, aches, pains and engines. Working outside for 35 years, it was important to know what the weather would be. The ORDMM foremen's breakfast had seven retirees, **Glenn Hill, Stan Chmieliwicz, Tom Abraham, Rich Smietanski, Bart & Sue Kendall**, and me. The IAM 1487 had a very cold day for their first meeting of the year. There were 54 members that attended

and enjoyed a hot dog lunch, compliments of the IAM. Two more people joined the club, but two others passed away, **Gilbert Romero** and **Renee Prost**. **Karen Carney** wants nominees for all offices on the Board. Dues must be paid by January 31 to remain in the club.

All groups are wishing for a better year, good health and happiness. We're losing way too many people from the whole United family. Writing obituaries and posting them is not what I want to do for 2022. Keep breathing!!

Any of you that live in the Northwest suburbs may know that one of my favorite grocery stores is closing. Valli Produce, on Golf Road, has sold their business to another family company. They said it would be run just like they have always run it. I'll miss them, gosh, I know all the help, they always assisted me finding my right eggs, broccoli or mushrooms. Their deli department had the lowest prices anywhere I'd ever seen. Jewel is double on so many items. Oh well, time marches on. I'm sure they have plans for themselves after being there for over 30 years. When I first started going there, it was so small, like less than half of what they have today. Progress. What's that saying, the more things change, the more they remain the same. True about so many things.

A few weeks ago, after I read the story in the Daily Herald about United's EXO being sold and demolished, I thought I'd take a ride over there. The front gates were opened, so I took pictures of the building, the front door, the lake, and the Training Center. Then I went north on Linneman Road to the guard shack. I pulled in, the guard came out, I asked him if I could drive in, take a few pictures of the door to the main building, the door to the North building, and the overpass connecting them. Told him I worked there for many years, was retired, and would just like a little memory of the old building. He said he had to call his boss. He was on the phone a while, maybe calling a few people. He came back, said since this was private property, I would be trespassing, and I couldn't go in. I kinda pleaded, he said his boss wouldn't allow it, it was against the rules. But, but, yabut, yabut, c'mon man, just three little pictures, please! Nope! So I made a u-turn and drove out. I drove west on Dempster hoping to see the back door of the North building, but with busy traffic, I only got one picture, mostly the front seat of my car. About two weeks later, I saw a picture on Facebook of two employees standing by the guard shack, saying the gates were closed and it was over. Guess I'll never get my pictures.

Our fellow UAL'ers that flew West last month are **Mary Lynn Kapcia**, ORDCS, **Mike O'Neal**, ORDCG, **Fran Flynn**, OPBCM, **Renee Prost**, wife of **Ray Prost**, ORDCG, **Gilbert Romero**, ORDHN, **Jan Werner**, wife of **Ron Werner**, ORDFO, and the one and only **Tom Wiley**, ORDMM.

Many notables passed this month, including singer Mike Nesbit, (Monkees), authors Ann Rice and Joan Didion, Senator Harry Reid (Nevada), Dr. Lester Fisher (director of Lincoln Park Zoo), Archbishop Desmond Tutu (South Africa), Sports legends Dan Reeves (football player and coach) and John Madden (football coach and sports commentator), actor/director, Peter Bogdanovich (Last Picture Show), actors Cara Williams, Sally Ann Howes (Chitty Chitty Bang Bang), Joan Copeland (Search for Tomorrow), and two famous and well respected stars, Sidney Poitier (Lilies of the Field), what a talented and kind man, and Betty White (Life with Elizabeth, Mary Tyler Moore, Golden Girls, Hot in Cleveland, animal activist, and beloved wife of Allen Ludden). What an explosion of caring and sadness on the death of this special woman, she really was an American Treasure.

In the words of Robert Frost, 'In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on'.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**February 10**). Second Thursday of the month.

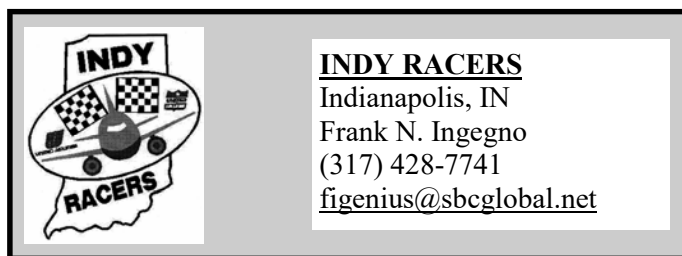
Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**February 22**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**February 17**) Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**February 3**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday. Hot Dog Day.



INDIANA



The Indy Racers chapter December meeting was also our Christmas celebration luncheon. We celebrated "Italian style" at Charbono's Italian restaurant in Avon Indiana. A Chris Kringle gift exchange added fun anticipation to the event.

As usual, it was great fun celebrating Christmas with old friends. Included is a group photo from the event. Pictured from left to right around the table are **Rich & Barbara Carey, Allen & Sharron Miller, Charles Theiss, Frank & Rita Prins, Myrtle & Bob Duty, Amy**, daughter of **Charles Theiss, Frank & Susanne Ingegno**, and **Barbara & Bill Stout**.

Regarding member travel news, I'd like to mention **Frank & Susanne Ingegno's** early December trip to Florida; part of our visit included 2 days at the Kennedy Space Center.

For those aviation/space geeks out there I highly recommend visiting the Kennedy Space Center. It had been over 10 years since my last visit and there are many changes. In my opinion they've "Disneyized"

some of the exhibits making them entertaining while being informative and educational at the same time. The exhibits detail NASA's space program from its history including the Moon landing and Space Shuttle program to future journeys going to the Moon and on to Mars. Some of the speakers included astronauts, retired engineers and retired military pilots. They also have a Space Shuttle simulator ride where you are seated in the simulator during a simulated launch. If you time your visit right, you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to view an actual launch from the on-site viewing areas. We missed a launch by one day (bummer). It's a very cool and interesting place.

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


Our future meetings schedule:

- **February 8** at Emmy's
- **March 8** at Emmy's
- **April 12** at Emmy's
- **May 10** at Emmy's

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Greetings to All!


Due to the Covid pandemic, we have not had any meetings and there have not been news from members.

I am scheduled for a hip replacement and some knee works in January so I'll be recovering in the next 3 months. I hope to be back in April.

Calendar:

Canceled meetings, but be sure to get your COVID-19 shots and boosters

MICHIGAN




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Our monthly luncheons have been suspended indefinitely. We look forward to when we will be able to attend them again.

Thought for the month: Happiness is not about getting what you want all the time; it's about loving what you have and being grateful for it.



MINNESOTA



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Well, we thought it was coming to an end, didn't we. Now that the Delta mutation has just about run its course, here we are in the midst of a massive, worldwide surge of a mutation of the virus called Omicron. I foresee us living with variations of this virus for the foreseeable future, kinda like the flu. So much for eradicating the darned thing ...

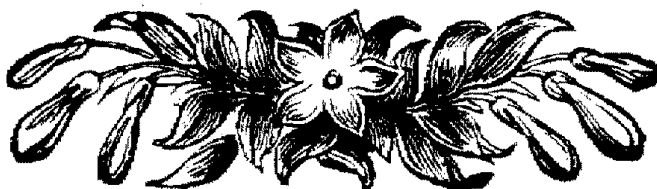
Since we have just recently been attempting to gather again, the recent up tick in COVID cases has some of our members scurrying back into isolation and are once again prisoners in their homes or assisted-living apartments. Maybe a note or a phone call would make things a bit better for them until things ease up. A few of them are listed below:

- **Al & Mary Kilian** ~ 1011 Feltl Court #134, Hopkins, MN 55343, (952) 929-4072
- **Ray Thoreson** ~ 9 Mile Creek Senior Living, 2301 Village Lane, Bloomington, MN 55431, (612) 327-0805
- **Bernie Hazekamp** ~ 4232 Blackhawk Rd. #439, Eagan, MN 55122, (651) 330-9787
- **JoAnn Eichacker** ~ 10751 So. Ocean Blvd., B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957

Our ex-patriot Minnesotan, **Lee Storlie**, has been sending me photos of his new digs in Ames, IA. He's busily making new friends amongst the residents and staff but we're glad that he hasn't forgotten his roots up here in the Frozen North.

Another season of disappointment with and for the MN Vikings is now combined with yet another season of disappointment with and for the MN Twins. Hope springs eternal, but I, for one, have lived in MN 61 years and have only seen the World Series won twice and have never seen a MN Super Bowl champion. And let's not even talk about the Timberwolves ...

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Luckys 13, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311



NEBRASKA



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

NEVADA



It is now December and we had our first Luncheon in October in over a year. I have not heard from any members on any activities they are doing or have done. Letters were sent out to all members reminding them of the next Luncheon on December 9, 2021. Along with the letter was included a Membership List and a Birthday/Anniversary List which they were asked to update and or correct the information. Well, we had the December 9th Christmas Luncheon yesterday and we had 23 members in attendance. That number is a far cry from the 45+ members we usually get at our Christmas Luncheons. We normally have a representative from a local charity or organization attend and we present them with a donation. This year due to the COVID we were not doing that because we were unsure if any government restrictions may be directed at a group gathering at this time.

The Silverliners paid half the cost of the meal as a "Thank You" for their support of the Silverliners during the year. Our Vice President **Mary Chandler** had a silent auction of 4 items to raise money for the Silverliners and that went over very well. She also supplied door prizes for the members so everyone left with a gift, a big Thank You to her, it was also her Birthday. We also had our 50/50 drawing along with a special gift drawing for wrapped gifts.

Our member **Ingeborg Levy** baked very delicious cakes for our dessert and it was the best dessert we had in a long time, again a big "Thank You" to Ingeborg.

Now for the Silverliners business, our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** and Secretary **Don Rutkowski** announced they are stepping down from their position after 3 years of service. We both felt it was time for new leadership to take over. We have not had a President for the past 3 years. Both Jeannie and Don shared the position to keep the Silverliners going. Not having all the members present we did not hold a vote for replacements. A letter & email will be sent out to the members for nominations and then a vote will be held.

The Silverliners will try to hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. Now with COVID and declining membership we are on hold for when we will meet next; that will be addressed at a future date. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.

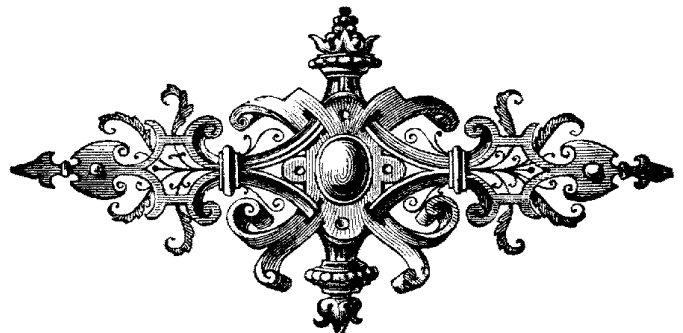


There were 30 members and guests at our annual Christmas Luncheon at Tamarack Casino.

We had a nice array of gifts – from our 50/50 cash to several bottles of wine and many, many other wonderful items. It seemed that almost everyone left with at least one gift.

It was nice to see everyone arrayed in their holiday attire but we did miss a few familiar faces. The meal was delicious as always. The weather cooperated and we had no snow falling. The Sierra Roundup sent a check for \$50 to the Northern Nevada Food Bank as our annual donation.

We hope to continue our meetings at the Black Bear Diner but that has yet to be confirmed. Stay tuned. Meanwhile, our dues continue to be \$5/person for 2022. Please send them to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502.



NEW JERSEY



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We have no Garden Staters meeting in January or February. Instead, I will send one of my essays for the newsletter.

No good deed goes unpunished ~ An eagle and a blue jay met in Chicago for a convention. After the convention was over, both headed to O'Hare airport for a flight back to Newark. Since the weather was really bad, many flights were canceled. The eagle said to the blue jay "look I am flying east, if you want a ride, hop up on my back".

The eagle and the blue jay got into position, headed down a portion of the runway, and soared right up through the clouds and made a beeline to EWR. When they got to Pittsburgh, they flew in for a well-needed stop. Within 10 minutes, there were both on their way; however, the eagle could see bad weather headed to the Northeast. As predicted, the control tower at EWR notified the eagle that there was only a 50 foot ceiling at Newark and he would have to make an instrument landing.

The eagle gracefully flexed his wings came through the clouds and did a beautiful three-point landing and made it quite easily to the terminal. The blue jay dismounted and said to the eagle, I will see you around. The eagle said "hey wait a minute, don't I get a word of thanks?"

The blue jay smiled and said "Yeah, you did okay, but my cousin Charlie who was a chicken hawk, would have beat your time by 45 minutes, and besides you didn't even ask me if I could bring my luggage along." The eagle just stood there and smiled. He remembered his old mentor Mr. Aesop, you know the one, the guy who made up all those fables, who was teaching him that no good deed goes unpunished. He thought to himself, he should have been paying much closer attention.



NEW YORK



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

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



NEW YORK METROS

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We did not meet in January. The next meeting will be February 2nd at Davenport Press.

OHIO



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As usual, we do not have a luncheon/meeting in January, and this year we elected to play it safe again and pass up our February luncheon also. We are still contemplating on March. Here in Cleveland the Hospitals are filling up again and the majority of the people being admitted are those whom for whatever reason did not get the vaccine shot to protect themselves. We had a few members even after being vaccinated come down with Covid. I'm writing this in late December and according to the news, they are saying it may get a lot worse around and after Christmas and New Year's with family gatherings. I hope and pray that they are wrong. We are taking a "Stay Safe" mindset throughout 2022 and beyond. We are now well into the Omicron variant and it is said to be spreading quickly in other parts of the world. They are also saying it is the second most contagious virus on the planet. At the moment it seems the

Omicron variant is what everyone is getting now. I hope everyone will get vaccinated against the Covid and continue to stay safe.

Cleveland also called for the National Guard to help staff the hospitals with medical qualified people in late December. The hospitals and Emergency Rooms are filling up, and only necessary surgeries are being performed.

The meaningless shootings (killings/injuries) of innocent little children and adults, for no reason at all, are crazy, stupid. We pray for all the victims and their families.

As if the Covid is not enough to have to protect ourselves from, the "Scammers/Thieves" are still with us. I must say I'm getting tired of all the phone calls. Financial scams can happen to anyone at any age, any time - and they're on the rise. Be suspicious every time you receive a call, email, text or any other type of communication that you receive. Even from what looks like it came from a family member or friend (*of course - excluding the family & friends phone call). *That did happen to a chapter member*). Coming from someone saying they are from "whatever" organization collecting donations. Some of them maybe legit, but how can you tell? To help protect yourself, always be suspicious. If it is some charity that you would want to donate money, be careful and call them to verify it is indeed who called you. Credit cards are another target. A chapter member had their credit card compromised (hacked) 4 times a year ago. The original card plus the first 3 replacement cards. The chapter member constantly checks their account, so was able to stop it each time. And each time received a new card with a new account number. But the thieves got into the new card the first 3 times, and used the new card each time. The third card had a charge on it even before the cardholder received the new card. So, they told the bank that it sounds like an inside job. Oh - Yes, that was the last time it happened. Card #4 in safe and secure. You can keep your card locked until you are in line to check out, then use your cell phone to unlock your card. Next: as soon as your card payment is accepted you lock it up again. Note: With the card locked any auto pay accounts can still get paid, or if you return an item the credit can be put back on the card.

Be very careful with your personal information.

You can buy a shredder and use it for everything with our information on it. We even shred the RUAEA monthly newsletter which goes all over the world and has a lot of information like names, addresses, and phone numbers. It seems like all you have to do is Google a name and you can find out a lot about them. You can never be too safe.

Someone I know went online to checkout a website called "MyLife". Put in their name to see what info was

in their data base. Guess what? They knew everything. Date and place of Birth, all past addresses, marital status (spouse name), family members (names), occupation, where worked, membership in organizations, etc., etc. The only thing not mentioned was blood type.

We are still hoping things start turning around so we can get on with our regular business and be together enjoying ourselves with family and friends. Our chapter is slowly getting smaller with illnesses and deaths, with no new retirees added. If anyone has any news of a chapter member needing help, please call one of the officers. You also, if you know of any airline employee who may be interested in joining our group, please let us know. You may also contact us using the chapter's email address above. We are trying to keep everyone up to date through emails.

Attention all Ohio Buckeyes members: Your 2022 dues are **due now**. If you have not paid, do not wait. Please U.S. Mail them to your president.

Happy Valentine's Day to one and all!

Calendar:

February – No meeting

March thru July - Right now, it isn't even Christmas yet. But by the time you get this you should have it.

August 3 - The Chalet in Strongsville

OREGON

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Our group still has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has yet to re-opened, and with the Omicron variant raging through the country, no telling when that might be. We continue in a holding pattern.

A bit of news:

- **Dave Drayton**, retired PDXCG bag room employee, passed away in November.
- Also received word from **Paul Russell** that **Paul Lewis'** wife **Anna** passed away on December 9th at the age of 82. There will be a memorial in the Spring.
- **MaryLou Falbo** had a stroke, they were able to get her to the hospital within 20 minutes and Providence gave her a new medication that did a good job on her recovery, she has no speech

problems or any other deficits from the stroke. She spent 5 days in the hospital and is now home doing well. She celebrated her 90th Birthday on December 26th.

- **Ray Reed** had a debilitating stroke and was discharged home with hospice. Ray is 87 years young. If you wish to send a card his address is PO Box 1907, Estacada, OR 97023-1907. No phone calls please.
- **George Thomas** reports that his wife, **Elaine**, has suffered from a variety of health issues in the last few months including a hospitalization for dehydration and anemia, followed by a fall after discharge that resulted in a broken femur, and now has a rod in her leg which she is still recovering from. She remains in a care center, and he is very grateful that they take such good care of her.

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

- ☺ I wish I could Google my own mind and just type in stuff like “What are my favorite movies” or “What was the name of the place with the really good egg rolls”.
- ☺ Did you know that Christmas trees are happiest when you take all the lights off? The are delighted!
- ☺ If bacon does not solve the problem, then more bacon must be added.
- ☺ Tip: How to keep brownies fresh ... Eat them all in one setting. Follow me for more life advice.
- ☺ I cannot even imagine the self-control required to work at a bubble wrap factory!
- ☺ For anybody else that got coal for Christmas, maybe we can link up and get the grill going or something.
- ☺ I might wake up early and go for a jog. I may also win the lottery. Odds are about the same!
- ☺ I finally got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- ☺ Potatoes make French fries, chips, and Vodka. It's like the other vegetables aren't even trying.
- ☺ February 22, 2022 (2/22/22) falls on a Tuesday so we'll be able to call it a 2's day! I know, I'm a dork, but I'm really excited about this!
- ☺ Most people think that T-Rexes can't clap because they have short arms, but really it's because they are dead.
- ☺ It's been months since I bought the book, “How to Scam People Online”. It still hasn't arrived!
- ☺ I'm opening a gym called Resolutions. It will have exercise equipment for the first two weeks of the New Year and then it turns into a wine

bar for the rest of the year. Clever, I know!

- ☺ This year I decided to make realistic resolutions. I am certain I will succeed!!

- Eat too much
- Drink too much
- Do not go to the gym
- Buy shoes
- Do not try to sleep all night
- Misplace things
- Wear PJ's most of the time
- Do not lose weight

Calendar:

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

PENNSYLVANIA

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It has been wonderful seeing old friends again at our luncheons. We had the last one until April at Lehmanns tavern in Tinicum. We will have our next one in April.


We donated food to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Prospect Park. At Christmas, we donated boxes for the veterans in Coatsville and food boxes for needy families.

We have had some deaths in 2021, **Jerry Boland** and **Elijah McDaniels**.

Have a Happy, Healthy New Year!



UTAH



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Submitted by Mary Jane Stewart

The group enjoyed their holiday luncheon at J. W. Halls restaurant. President **Dave Beatty** conducted the meeting and presented a beautiful and delicious holiday cake. Door prizes added to the festivities. One package included a lovely Clipped Wings bracelet. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Al Rushell**. **Mary Jane Stewart** shared some of her experiences from the RUAEA Convention. Our thanks to Secretary **Julie McConaghy**, for her creative invitation and coordination of the event.

Bill Chicots has retired again, this time from Shults Ford wholesale parts department as of December 31, 2021.

December Birthdays ~ **Bob Wagner, Marge Morton, Mary Jane Stewart, Vic Ference and Georgia Garcia.**

January Birthdays ~ **Betty Musko, Steve Moliterno and Betty Tinney.**

TENNESSEE




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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.

For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.






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

WASHINGTON



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The New Year started with distinction in Seattle as SeaTac airport racked up the most delayed and canceled flights in the world! A "perfect storm" of highly unusual heavy snowfall coupled with a record surge of Covid cases in all areas of airport and flight operations caused massive disruptions for days.

Although we had to suspend our Toys for Tots drive for the 2nd year in a row, we did make monetary contributions to Northwest Harvest and to the YMCA in SeaTac. Both of these organizations provide needed services to those facing food insecurities and to families needing a safe and enriching location for their children after school or during unexpected school closures due to Covid.

Many thanks to our longtime correspondent **Gay Liesse**, who is retiring from writing this column after 11 years of diligent service! As our chapter membership ages, our pool of available volunteers has diminished and with Covid breakthrough infections on the rise we will continue our pause in chapter activities for the foreseeable future. We are hoping to continue our summer picnic tradition.

Hello from Gay Liesse


*I have officially retired as correspondent from the Emerald City Slickers, RUAEA's Seattle chapter, after 11 years of not missing a month. I have appreciated my association with the Newsletter staff (especially **Veronica Domaratius**, who never missed a beat) and especially enjoyed the Correspondents' Meetings at annual RUAEA conventions. I hope to reconnect with you all at future meets.*



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

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It is a little late to welcome you all to 2022. Still, since this is being written in January, I am going to wish you a year ahead full of health, peace and love.

Our January luncheon will be held at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia. This is our usual and constant meeting place when times are good and the pandemic is not raging. The restaurant has taken great pains, since our return and their reopening, to keep the restaurant clean and safe. Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. January 13th and February 12th will be our first two meetings of this year. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you are a local and want to come see how our luncheons go, you are welcome. If you are from out of town, you are welcome to drop in on us as well. You are all invited, and all welcome.

For our December luncheon, we were graced to be joined by a member, **Angela Knight** (former IADCS), renowned Opera star and acknowledged teacher of voice and piano. She led us in our holiday songs with the assistance of **Kerrie Schneider** and **Linda Scriven**. Angela also sang "O Holy Night" as a solo. It was all so much fun and inspirational. We feel so honored to have Angela as the friend that is willing to share the incredible gift of her voice. Needless to say, we were not the only people at this restaurant at the time. When Angela began to sing, other people began to listen. After our carols were done, many of them, including the Manager, came over to tell us how much they enjoyed our songs.



On January 16, 2022, Angela will be presenting and performing in "Queen of Hearts" a musical which she has written to honor the life of Princess Diana. The show will be held on Sunday, January 16, at 2 pm and a VIP Showing at 6pm. The venue is the Middleburg Community Center. You can purchase tickets at "Queen of the People's Hearts" on Facebook.

We had over 40 members at this luncheon. Slowly our numbers are growing again as people are beginning to have confidence that it is safe to venture out. We are vaccinated, boosted, and masked. We aren't hugging and kissing as much as we used to, but we pray that this level of connection will be able to continue. **Linda Scriven** won \$38 in our 50/50 raffle. The chapter's share of the raffle went to our excellent wait staff.

So nice to see **Ina Ayres** back from her knee replacement surgery. She seems to be getting around quite well. **Dutch Schneider** has been through several dental surgeries. On one occasion he was in the dental chair for over three hours! We hope that the surgeries were successful and that the only reason he ever has to go back to the dentist is for cleaning. **Kerrie Schneider's** heart monitor has shifted in her chest and is now visible and uncomfortable; wishing you a quick fix, Kerrie. The **O'Mearas** have both had their share of winter woes but are hoping to attend our luncheon next week. They come up from Richmond, so that depends on the weather.

Last week, D.C. Metro area along with Southern Virginia, had it first snowstorm of the year. There were 6 to 11 inches, depending on where you were (and who tells the story). Route 95, which is the main route out of town, had about 50 miles shut down because of ice and accidents. Cars, trucks and semis were at a dead stop for up to two days. Our former Governor Tim Kane, was stranded for 19 hours. Most cars were kept running for heat and many ran out of gas. It was a rather frightening and chaotic challenge for many. We had another snowfall on January 7th in the wee hours, but it only produced about 3 inches in the Metro area. It was enough to build a snowman but not so much that the shoveling was too strenuous.

Stay warm and safe, and enjoy the coming year.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

I am still in the warm, sunny Florida weather visiting my daughter. I know February is the shortest month of the year but there sure is a lot to celebrate during this month. Many of us will await our winter's fate to see if the Groundhog will see his shadow on February 2nd. We hope the old groundhog gets it right this year! The month is busy with many Presidential birthdays' observed on President's day February 21st, but Lincoln's birthday is the 12th and Washington's is the 22nd. The 14th is that special day we celebrate our loved ones on Valentine's Day, cue the champagne popping and flower delivery.

Portland is very busy planning for the best Convention ever! Mark your calendars now for August 31st - September 3rd. We hope everyone is getting so excited to have a real convention, as it was missed last year with Covid, so start making your plans to attend and socialize with all the Chapters.

More and more chapters are meeting in person, which is great. We now have 955 members in Clipped Wings. We would like each member to try and get a new person to join; just think what our membership would be like and the growth we would experience.

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. We are a fun group even when we are apart and Zooming.■

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **December 2021**:

Martinez De Vargas, Fernando, SFOCE, 123 Orange Mill Ave., Ruskin, FL 33570
Sanches, Mauro, ORDHN, 410 12th Ave. NE, Unit 3, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701■



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Retiree – **Wiley, Thomas (Tom) M.**, on 12/31/2021, ORDMM, husband of Maryanne Wiley, 7910 352 Ave., Burlington, WI 53105

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Letters & Notes



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

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

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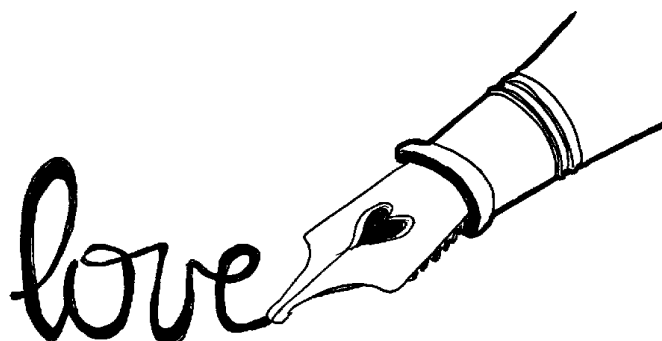
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Blanche Eichorst, 1502 W. Orchard Pl., Arlington Hts, IL 60005

A million thanks to all of the people that work so diligently getting this wonderful newsletter out to us every month.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022.



Mike Mewkalo, 160 Park Blvd., Millbrae, CA 94030

I look forward to the Newsletter each month to learn what is happening at United and with my former co-workers.

I am thankful for United hiring me on March 10, 1940 as a jet engine and aircraft mechanic. I was trained in the Air Force.

I am 95 years old, retired for 35 years from United and 55 years from the Air Force. I am thankful for United Air Lines.

Footnote: I was drafted into the Military in February of 1945. I retired in 1988 after 23½ years.

Sue Riedl, 604 Hillpoint Way, Brandon, FL 33510

Thank you for all the information sent out to all of us. I really like keeping up with and do notice some names I remember through my husband, **Dick Riedl**.

You are doing an excellent job. It is a lot of work, as Dick and I used to send out over 300 letters when we put out the Florida Newsletter, many years ago.

I appreciate all your work and hope you have a very Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

My best wishes to all of you that work so hard to keep us informed.

Sheryl Schubert, 3541 Bear Canyon Cir., Sedalia, CO 80135

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for all the years of hard work that Veronica & Francis have given to our Newsletter. You have been the glue that has helped hold us together.

I will miss our little notes and phone calls. Veronica, you were so diligent in proof; words cannot express the gratitude I feel for all the years of hard work that Veronica and reading my recipes in Simple by Sheryl. Questions like, "Sheryl, did you mean to say that you could use orange juice or sour cream in the banana bread?" "Sheryl, did you really mean that the meat could cook at only 225 degrees for eight hours?" Yes, I had both of those recipes correct, but thanks for checking.

I will certainly miss you, but you have earned a break and I hope you will now have time to relax, travel and lead a "normal" life.

Ken Storey, 16039 12th Ave., SW, Burien, WA 98166

I am almost back to normal, after having Covid. I just got my sense of taste back and about 90% of smell back. I had Covid pneumonia in both lungs.

For those who don't believe in vaccines, I did not have to stay in the hospital. Having both shots made a lot of difference. So you can return all the flowers you were going to send, and get your money back.

Judy and I have a 3 week (Seabourn) trip planned for February 22nd. Stay healthy.

Notes

Don Clark

What a great idea, including interesting stories we have after so many great years at United in the Newsletter. Maybe just a couple per issue.

George Klocker

It's great to receive the newsletter every month. I enjoy reading about what's going on with the airline, even more enjoyable to hear about old friends, and what they are doing. I have been retired almost 23 years now and enjoying it.

I enjoy camping with my travel trailer, (and wife of course) and will go at the drop of a hat. My wife and I have seen a lot of the country, met a lot of people along the way. RVing is a wonderful way to go.

Charles Lewis

Well, I've been watching the sun rise and set for 92 years now, and I've recently noticed that it takes a tad more energy to do things these days than it did a couple of years ago. Regardless, I'm still going to the gym 3 mornings a week. Got to keep up my strength as best as possible.

My wife and I no longer have the energy or the desire to get on an airplane; those days are a thing of the past. Maybe someday we might have a change of heart. Who knows?

I want to thank each and every one of you who do such an outstanding job of putting together, and publishing, the Newsletter. It's always a joy to read what is going on in the various RUAEA chapters. And, I sure hope that early in 2022 we will see the COVID problem disappear.

Thomas F. Boyle

I hope things get back to normal soon. Keep up the **great** work.

Mauro Shanches

United offered me opportunity beyond my dreams. I can still recall when I started at EXO in the mail room in 1971. I can hardly express how grateful I am for being able to join RUAEA. Thanks again.

Nalini M. Shah

I appreciate the reminder that this is my month to renew. Thank you for keeping us connected with United and giving us all information. Wishing everyone a Happy Holidays!

Edward E. Liesse

Sorry I missed the renewal! I was in the hospital at the time!

James B. Morehead

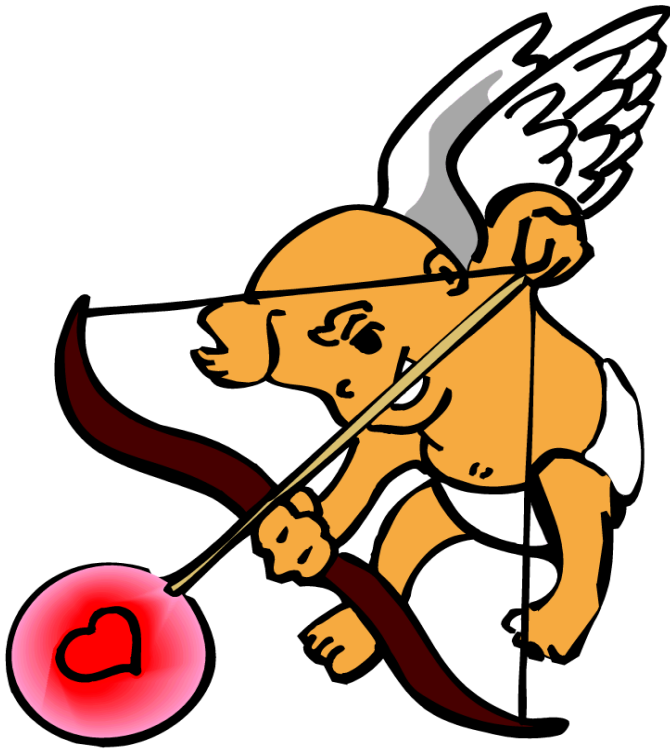
I'm doing great except you might have heard we lost our pensions from my only adult employer over the years. Some people lost little to nothing and a lot of us lost **a lot** that we worked for!

Richard D. Vehring

Thanks for all the great work you guys do!

Raymond Knazik

I do appreciate the RUAEA newsletter staff in all they do. Great job folks! My wife and I always enjoy every issue.■



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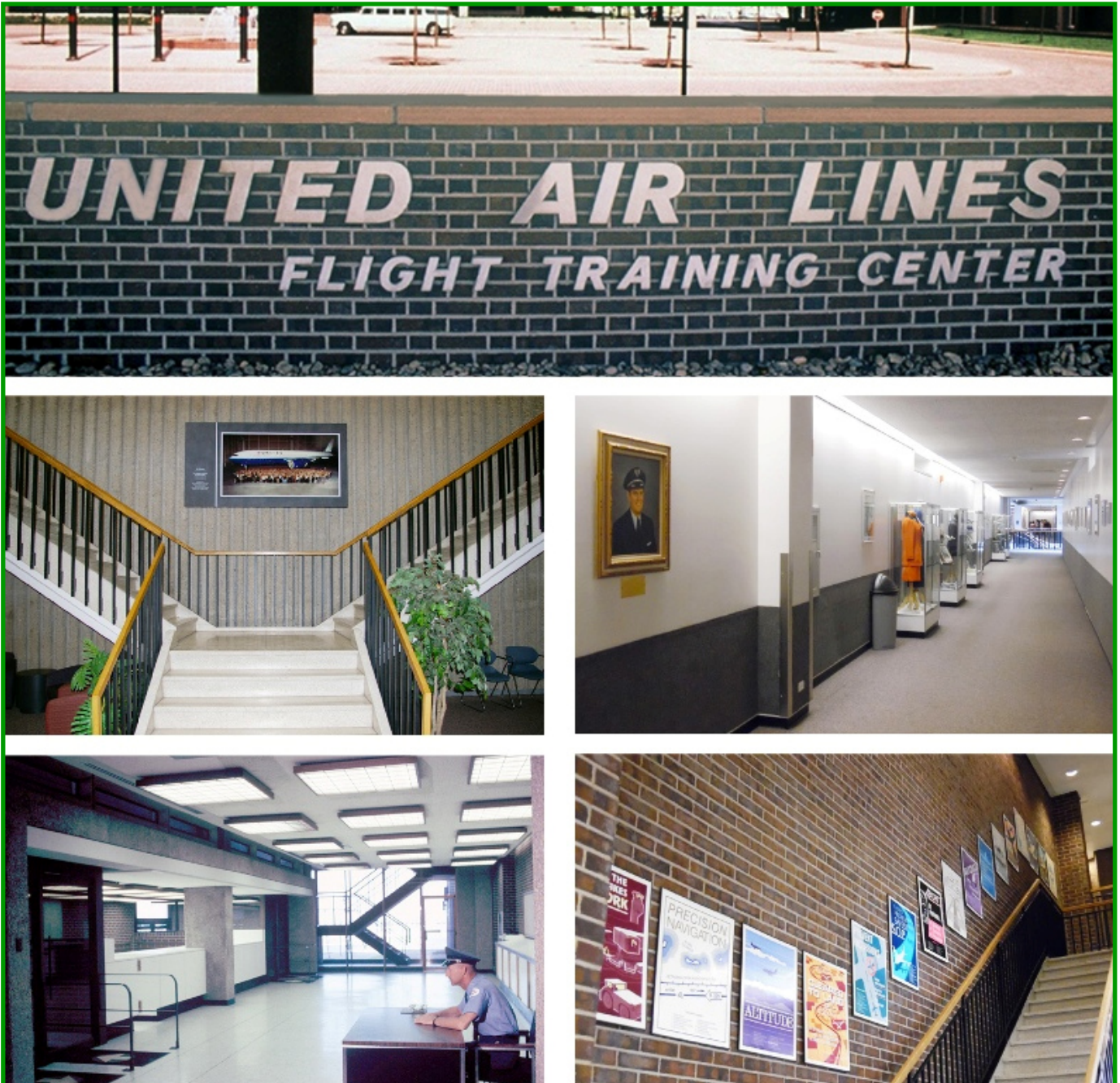
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