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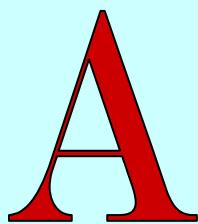


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Ruth Morabito



Letter from the President

s of this writing, we've just been advised by our friend Punxsutawney Phil that we are looking at another 6 weeks of winter. With hearing that grim forecast and having seen all the cold weather sweeping the country, I hope you all are staying warm and safe. I've just returned from the Denver Milehighers monthly luncheon and am again reminded of how much the monthly luncheons are enjoyed by those attending and how welcoming everyone is. The fact that we can gather to share information, have great conversations, support and encourage each other is something we cannot put a value on. I would encourage all to find a group or start one, feel free to reach out to our Member Liaison **Dave Garland** @ RUAEAmemberliason@gmail.com with any questions.

The RUAEA Executive Committee has been busy at work reviewing and developing a plan to meet the Association's needs both short and long term. To date, we have had 4 meetings to focus on the 2026 Reunion as well as RUAEA overall. I want to thank the Executive Committee for all the support and commitment they have shown in support of RUAEA.

Last item: No one from the RUAEA Board will ever send an email, text or USPS request for money, purchase of gift cards. If you receive such a request always, always reach out directly to us individually to advise of such a request. Do not respond or forward the message on, block the sender and move it to your junk, spam or unwanted file.

I've also been working with United Cybersecurity in seeking a communication that can be used to communicate with our membership. The attached article is pretty much the same as was published on Flying Together earlier this month. This action took place once the Retiree Presidents Committee was made aware of and reported a phishing scheme to Cybersecurity. The scheme was seeking employees and retirees to accept terms and conditions of the Alight portal. Although Alight did do an email out seeking this, it was quickly captured and resent out under a fake email address. Take care,

Ruth Morabito
President RUAEA

Cybersecurity Safety - Scammers are targeting paychecks and benefits



Cybercriminals are using more creative and convincing tactics to steal your United login credentials and access accounts, enabling them to reroute direct deposits or compromise health and wellness benefits. **Protect your accounts ~ Scammers are getting more creative in their attempts to access your login information for YBR, via Flying Together:** Your login credentials are a target for cyber criminals

aiming to access your health and wellness benefits accounts.

Cybercriminals use deceptive tactics like fake Flying Together pages, phishing emails and smishing texts, and phone calls to gain access to your information, posing a serious risk to your financial security. Recently, some messages have been sent to employees' personal email accounts directing them to a **fake Flying Together login page disguised as access to Your Benefits Resources (YBR)**.

Staying secure ~ If you mistakenly share your login credentials (e.g., uid and password), cyber criminals can gain access to your United accounts. This may allow them access to Flying Together as well as exploit connected systems to other platforms within United, like health and wellness benefit accounts, which may require different login credentials.



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They're also using other tactics to gain access:

- **Fraudulent Calls:** Scammers pose as United's fraud department, tricking retirees into sharing personal information.
- **Fake Duo Requests:** Attackers send Duo push notifications, hoping employees will approve them unknowingly.
- **Phishing Personal Email Accounts:** Messages may claim to provide access to YBR or suggest urgent benefit updates, directing you to a fake login page designed to steal your credentials.

What to do if you receive a suspicious email to your personal inbox:

If a message referencing Flying Together, YBR, or United appears in your personal email:

- Report the phishing attempt immediately by forwarding it to protect@united.com.
- Do not click any links and do not enter your credentials.
- Avoid opening attachments in the suspicious message.
- Delete the email after reporting it.

If you clicked a link and entered your United credentials:

- Change your Flying Together password immediately.
- If you use the same password for your Alight accounts, contact the United Airlines Benefit Center at 1-800-651-1007 to connect with an Alight representative.

Proactive tips to help you stay cyber safe:

- **Bookmark the official Flying Together website:** Always enter <https://ft.ual.com> manually in your browser. Beware of fake sites like ftual.es/unitedairline that change and pop up every day.
- **Verify fraud-related calls:** United will never ask for your password or Duo approval over the phone. Hang up and report suspicious calls to protect@united.com.
- **Be wary of unexpected Duo prompts:** If you receive a Duo request you didn't initiate, do not approve it. Report it immediately to protect@united.com.
- **Watch for phishing and smishing scams:** Avoid clicking links in unexpected emails or texts.

Report suspicious activity: Forward questionable emails, texts, or login requests to protect@united.com. These measures will help protect your direct deposit information from unauthorized changes.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping United cyber safe!

Letter From The Vice President - Conventions RUAEA's 2026 Reunion in Houston, Texas

Hi Folks,

The 2026 RUAEA Reunion in Houston, TX is in the planning stages. We will be at the Holiday Inn Houston Intercontinental Airport, 15222 JFK Boulevard. This hotel is just a few minutes from the Airport and there will be free transportation to and from the George Bush Intercontinental AirPort every hour and half hour; 24 hours of the day. There is also free parking at the hotel if you're driving in.

As in past years, the RUAEA Reunion is a social event with attendees reconnecting with old acquaintances and meeting new friends, fostering camaraderie among United retirees. We will have RUAEA members and their family and friends, along with members of RUPA, ARECA, RAFA, Clipped Wings and their family and friends in attendance.

Along with normal activities for this event, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of United Airlines as well as the 250th anniversary of the USA.



Your hotel booking will include free breakfast and a 15% discount in the Blue Dixie Restaurant (please wear your Reunion registration badge to take advantage of this offer). Other amenities available to guest are tennis courts, laundry, lounge and bar, ATM machine, internet access, room safe, and microwave.

Getting back to our celebrations in 2026 ~ United Airlines was formed on April 6, 1926. United Airlines came from a somewhat humble beginning in the early days of aviation. William Boeing founded the Boeing Airplane company in 1916 as an aircraft manufacturer. With successful releases of Boeing Aircraft models, the company transitioned into operating as an air carrier for mail. The first successful mail delivery was in 1919. Also, the origins of United Airlines can be traced back to the Varney Airlines, which was founded in 1926. Many of us have been part of the history of United Airlines up until the present day, I'm sure you know many people who started with United Airlines quite far back in time. I'm sure many of you have read the Age of Flight, A History of America's Pioneering Airline, United Airlines.

Yes, we will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America (semi-quicentennial). At our Reunion on September 30th, our Wednesday night banquet theme is Patriotic Soiree; where we will present our flag of the United States and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, along with all veterans joining in the event. We will also have a limited number of hats, shirts, memorabilia available for a donation.

As usual, don't forget we will have our annual RUAEA Business Meeting, Benefits Panel with UAL Representatives of various departments, along with presentation from Alliant Credit Union. These important topics are only offered at our RUAEA Reunion.

The 2026 Reunion event has a lot to offer for those attending. The hotel is open for reservations, please make your reservations as early as possible as it helps us in our planning process. The RUAEA January and February 2026 Newsletters contain information on how you can reserve your hotel rooms for the Reunion (September 25th - September 30th). **Important Note:** If you want to extend your stay at the same rate for up to 3 days prior to the Reunion or 3 days after, you must do this manually by contacting our hotel representative, Dierdre Salinas, at dsalinas@holidayinn-iah.com, there is no phone contact. You can also call me (**Hank Gosselin**) at (253) 653-5946 or email me at henrygosselin@comcast.net.

I hope to see and greet as many of you at this great Reunion, with the emphasis on camaraderie.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Important Reminder – 2026 Imputed Income Payment Timeline

Timeline:								
2026	Travel Period			Invoice delivered by		Payment due by		
1 st Qtr.	11/1/25 – 1/31/26			3/20/26		4/24/26		
2 nd Qtr.	2/1/26 – 4/30/26			6/9/26		7/8/26		
3 rd Qtr.	5/1/26 – 7/31/26			9/11/26		10/14/26		
4 th Qtr.	8/1/26 – 10/31/26			12/10/26		1/8/27		
Taxable Pass Riders (If you don't have any taxable pass riders, you will not be subject to tax.)								
Retiree	No	No	Yes	No	No *	Yes	Yes	Yes
Early Out **	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* In general, a retiree's children who are financially dependent are not taxable up to age 26.

** Includes only early out participants who will not grow into retiree status. Early out participants who grow in to retiree status are taxed as a retiree.

Alliant Credit Union
90 Years Together: Thank You for Being Part of Our Story



As Alliant Credit Union celebrates its 90th anniversary, we reflect on the incredible journey that began in 1935 as United Airlines Credit Union. Our roots with United Airlines employees, retirees, and their families run deep, and that connection remains a vital part of who we are today.

Recently, we honored this enduring partnership by presenting a check for \$9,090 to the United We Care Relief Fund—a gesture that symbolizes our shared history and commitment to supporting one another.

This milestone is more than a celebration of the past; it's a promise for the future. Your trust and loyalty have helped shape Alliant into one of the nation's leading credit unions, and we remain dedicated to providing exceptional financial solutions, personalized service, and innovative tools to help you thrive.

Thank you for being part of this legacy. Together, we look forward to building an even stronger future.

With gratitude,

Michael Dobbins
Chief Executive Officer
Alliant Credit Union

Breaking Barriers: Unique Retirement Challenges for Women
By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



Retirement and
Investment Services

I want to bring attention to three challenges that can play a significant role in shaping women's retirement security.

Estate Planning: Women tend to live longer than men, which means they are more likely to outlive spouses and manage estates alone. Without a clear estate plan, surviving spouses or heirs may face legal complications and tax burdens. Establishing wills, trusts, and beneficiary designations early can help ensure assets are distributed according to your wishes and reduce stress during an already challenging time.

The Knowledge Confidence Gap: Studies show that women often underestimate their financial knowledge, even when their understanding is on par with men. This lack of confidence can lead to hesitation in making investment decisions or seeking advice, potentially resulting in lower returns over time. Closing this gap through education and professional guidance empowers women to take control of their financial future.

Healthcare Costs: Healthcare is one of the largest expenses in retirement, and women typically face higher costs due to longer lifespan and greater likelihood of chronic conditions. Planning for these expenses—through health savings accounts, long-term care insurance, or dedicated savings—can help mitigate the financial strain and provide financial confidence.

Bottom Line: Women who proactively address these challenges—by creating a solid estate plan, building financial confidence, and preparing for healthcare costs—can enjoy a more secure and fulfilling retirement.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your investment strategy further, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my team at ARIS: aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

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Scan attached QR code to make an appointment with Malcolm.

United Spotlights Starlink Wi-Fi in New Big Game Ad as Airline Completes Installation on 300+ Regional Aircraft

February 2, 2026



In less than a year, United has equipped most of its two-cabin regional fleet – more than 300 aircraft – with Starlink, the fastest, most reliable high-speed Wi-Fi in the sky*. Over the last 10 months, the airline has flown more than 7 million passengers on Starlink-equipped aircraft across more than 129,000 flights, powering 3.7 million devices – and Wi-Fi customer satisfaction scores on those airplanes nearly doubled during that time.

Today, more than 25% of United's daily departures – 1,200 flights – have Starlink Wi-Fi. The airline expects to equip more than 500 mainline aircraft with Starlink Wi-Fi by the end of 2026, bringing the total number of Starlink-equipped planes across its fleet to more than 800.

United made this milestone during the Big Game on February 8 with a new broadcast film that brings to life how Starlink redefines the onboard Wi-Fi experience. The creative draws inspiration from space travel, as customers onboard a United flight watch live sports, play online games, check in on their home security cameras and more – all things that historically haven't been possible with traditional inflight satellite Wi-Fi. The voiceover, which has a tone that mimics a conversation between ground control and the cockpit, underscores the transformation: *“It’s Wi-Fi that actually works? That’s one giant leap for inflight Wi-Fi.”*

“We are focused on what we call ‘travel truths’ in our advertising, so with this spot we wanted to recognize the truly giant leap Starlink Wi-Fi represents for our customers and what is now possible. Starlink is transforming the inflight experience on United planes with reliable connectivity that enables everything from productivity to streaming the biggest football game of the season,” said Maggie Schmerin, United’s Chief Advertising Officer.

The ad will air in local markets including Cincinnati, Cleveland, Colorado Springs, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis and Kansas City – all cities where United’s Starlink-equipped regional aircraft fly. And in many of these cities, more than half of United flights operating there have Starlink Wi-Fi onboard. For example, in Indianapolis, more than 63% of United flights are equipped with Starlink, in Kansas City it’s more than 53% and in Cincinnati it’s more than 51%.

“United customers are loving the new Wi-Fi experience onboard our Starlink-equipped aircraft,” said United’s VP of Digital Technology, Grant Milstead. *“We’re rolling out Starlink at an unprecedented speed and scale, and our milestone for our regional fleet is just the beginning – with more than 500 mainline aircraft expected to be equipped by the end of 2026. This is all part of our commitment to bring this innovative service to our entire fleet.”*

United’s customer satisfaction scores for inflight Wi-Fi have nearly doubled on aircraft equipped with Starlink, with travelers specifically calling out benefits like gate-to-gate connectivity, reliable service and onboard streaming.

This year, United plans to accelerate the Starlink roll out to its mainline fleet, adding seamless, gate-to-gate connectivity to hundreds more planes. In collaboration with Starlink, the airline will seek FAA approval for installation and safe, reliable operation of the new system on more than a dozen different aircraft models, including the Boeing 737-900ER, the Airbus 321 family and Boeing 777s.

For more information, visit united.com/starlink.

*Based on independent Ookla Speedtest Intelligence data from Q4 2023. “High-Speed” defined as median download speeds above 100 Mbps per same.

United Expects Biggest Summer Yet at Chicago O'Hare, Growing to Record 750 Flights Per Day January 27, 2026



United today announced it will reach 750 flights per day this summer from Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD), 200 more than its next largest competitor and the largest schedule ever flown by any airline operating here.

Throughout 2026, Chicago's hometown airline will offer nonstop service to 222 destinations – more than any other airline at ORD, and 38 more than its next largest competitor – including 47 international cities across Europe, Asia and South America as well as 175 U.S. destinations. Starting as early as April, and on sale January 29, the airline is strengthening connectivity across the Midwest with five new routes from ORD to cities including:

- ▲ Champaign/Urbana, IL (CMI) operated 4 times daily beginning April 30, 2026
- ▲ Kalamazoo, MI (AZO) operated 4 times daily beginning April 30, 2026
- ▲ Lansing, MI (LAN) operated 4 times daily beginning May 7, 2026
- ▲ La Crosse, WI (LSE) operated 4 times daily beginning May 7, 2026
- ▲ Bloomington/Normal, IL (BMI) operated 4 times daily beginning May 7, 2026

In late 2025, the airline also announced it would add flights to cities such as Santa Barbara, CA (SBA); Monterey, CA (MRY); Eugene, OR (EUG); Bristol/Tri-Cities, TN (TRI), Erie, PA (ERI); Rochester, MN (RST); Wausau, WI (CWA); Marquette, MI (MQT), and more as part of its summer 2026 schedule.

In addition to enhancing connections between ORD and small and midsized communities, more than 80 cities will receive additional flights to give customers even more options from Chicago including popular travel destinations like Boston (BOS), Nashville (BNA), Los Angeles (LAX), San Francisco (SFO) and Dallas (DFW). United's Chicago hub is expected to become the third largest hub operated by any airline in the U.S., and the airline's summer schedule reinforces ORD's role as the premier hub of the Midwest and a top global gateway following record passenger levels in 2025.

“We have spent the past decade building and executing a strategy that is focused on winning brand loyal customers by giving them more value when they fly United – and nowhere is that more apparent than in Chicago,” said United’s Vice President of ORD, Omar Idris. *“This growth at O'Hare highlights our commitment to invest in our network, customers and hiring in the city we call home.”*

United will also operate from ORD to Guadalajara, Mexico (GDL) daily from June 8 to June 27, providing service for large international soccer games. With this add, United will have non-stop service from Chicago to all 16 cities hosting large international soccer games in 2026.

“Illinois sits at the crossroads of global travel and commerce, with O'Hare Airport opening doors and opportunities for people across the country and around the world,” said Illinois Governor JB Pritzker. *“The record-breaking expanded flight offerings from United Airlines planned for this coming summer at O'Hare demonstrates the company’s sustained commitment to growth in Illinois – boosting our economy, supporting jobs, and strengthening Chicago’s tourism and hospitality industries.”*

Operational Excellence at ORD ~ United continues to focus on running a great operation at ORD – the airline led major carriers in on-time arrival in 2025 and last year, travelers on the next largest competitor at ORD were nearly twice as likely to have their flight cancelled as United customers. United averaged 541 daily departures from ORD in 2025, 31% more than the next largest competitor and flew more seats from Chicago than at any point in the last two decades.

To support the airline's continued focus on operational excellence, United plans to hire another approximately 2,500 people at ORD before the end of the year.

ORD customers can expect a best-in-class experience with access to five United ClubSM locations, in addition to a redesigned United Polaris® lounge, as well as a growing number of aircraft with seatback screens, larger overhead bins, Bluetooth connectivity and free Starlink Wi-Fi for MileagePlus® members. The airline plans to fly more than 370 daily mainline departures during its summer schedule – a 20% increase from summer 2025.

Upleveling the Customer Experience ~ United invests heavily in creating a seamless, modern travel experience for customers, including a suite of technology enhancements that make every step of the journey easier, such as:

- *Connection Saver:* In 2025, Connection Saver saved approximately one million potential missed connections, a 42% increase over 2024, including helping 240,000 passengers make their flight in Chicago. New app features offer customized turn-by-turn directions to connecting gates with

- estimated walk times, real-time flight status updates, tips for longer layovers, and notifications if United is holding a plane during a tight connection.
- *Starlink*: Starlink brings seamless, gate-to-gate connectivity. In less than a year, United has equipped more than 300 aircraft with Starlink, the world's fastest, most reliable Wi-Fi in the sky and is rolling out the service to its mainline fleet. In January, 33% of departures at ORD were on a Starlink-equipped plane.
- *Bag drop shortcut*: United travelers can skip the check-in line and drop off bags in under a minute at the designated bag drop shortcut location at the curb by checking bags in the app before arriving at the airport. And now, United is the only airline to offer bag drop shortcut with TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID, allowing ORD travelers who opt-in to drop off their bags in seconds by leveraging facial scanning technology. In 2025 at ORD, 1.25 million passengers dropped bags at Bag Drop Shortcut.
- *Facial Scanning Security*: United offers customers at ORD the ability to use TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID to seamlessly drop off bags or make it through security in seconds. Since launching TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID at ORD in 2024, more than 2.8 million customers have opted in to use the technology.
- *United Mobile App*: Delivers a wealth of local, valuable traveler information including Chicago-specific flight and bag tracking updates, intuitive ORD navigation with turn-by-turn directions from mode of transportation to the airport through to the gate, real-time United Club capacity levels and guidance on the closest club to departure gate, rideshare options, live weather data and much more.

Workforce and Community Investment ~ Over the past 10 years, the airline has expanded its Chicago-based workforce to more than 18,000 employees. United's commitment to Chicago extends well beyond the airport. The airline partners with six of the city's eight major professional sports teams, supports nearly 30 local nonprofits and has executives serving on 10 Chicago area non-profit boards. These relationships reflect United's belief that being a great airline also means being a great neighbor — investing in the people, organizations and communities that make Chicago thrive.

United Airlines Q4 and Full Year EPS Beat Wall Street Expectations, With Full Year EPS Up Year-Over-Year
January 20, 2026



United Airlines (UAL) today reported fourth-quarter and full-year 2025 financial results that exceeded Wall Street expectations and were within guidance. The airline's diluted earnings per share of \$10.20 and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$10.62 for 2025 rose versus 2024.

The company delivered full-year pre-tax earnings of \$4.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 7.3%, and adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$4.6 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 7.8%. Total operating revenue for the year grew 3.5% year-over-year to \$59.1 billion — the highest in United history. The company generated \$8.4 billion of operating cash flow and \$2.7 billion in free cash flow in 2025, and expects to generate a similar level of free cash flow in 2026.

“Our results are built on winning more and more brand-loyal customers — it’s clear they get the most value flying United,” said CEO Scott Kirby. *“This was the highest-revenue quarter in United’s history and the highest quarterly RASM of the year providing strong revenue momentum that is continuing into 2026.”*

Customers continue to benefit from United's growing, reliable operation. United canceled flights at the lowest per-seat rate among U.S. network airlines in 2025 while flying the largest mainline schedule in the airline's history, carrying an average of more than 496,000 passengers daily. United's 303 daily widebody departures in 2025 were the most in its history. United Express logged 134 days without a single cancellation during 2025, and Connection Saver saved more than one million potential missed connections during the year, a 42% increase over 2024.

United delivered strong fourth-quarter results despite challenges such as the government shutdown, as brand-loyal customers chose the United experience. Compared to the year ago period, diverse revenue sources continued to grow: premium revenue was up 9% for the fourth quarter and 11% for the full year, loyalty revenue was up 10% for the fourth quarter and 9% for the full year, and revenue from Basic Economy grew 7% for the fourth quarter and 5% for the full year. Strong revenue momentum has continued into 2026. The week ending January 4th was the highest flown revenue week in United history, and the week ending January 11th was the highest ticketing week and the highest week for business sales in United history.

The government shutdown in November provided an opportunity to do the right thing by our customers and further build their trust. United offered all customers a full refund — even if their flights weren't canceled — and aggressively promoted that policy in customer communications including on a dedicated page on the corporate website, and within contact centers. Customers noticed: November was United's highest-ever monthly Net Promoter Score. Our customer-first policies, combined with the impact to bookings and costs, led to an approximately \$250 million impact to pre-tax earnings in the quarter.

Fast and free for MileagePlus® members, Starlink Wi-Fi is now installed on nearly all of the dual-cabin United Express fleet, more than 300 aircraft, with completion expected later this month. Starlink installations have begun on mainline aircraft and are expected to accelerate rapidly during 2026.

In 2026 United plans to enhance the customer experience as it plans to take delivery of over 100 narrowbody aircraft and approximately 20 Boeing 787 aircraft — more widebody aircraft in a year than any U.S. passenger airline since 1988. United plans to use these new aircraft to profitably expand its network, including its industry-leading international routes and growing domestic network. The airline also plans on making significant airport upgrades at its Washington Dulles and Houston hubs.

Fourth-Quarter Financial Results:

- Capacity up 6.5% compared to fourth-quarter 2024.
- Total operating revenue of \$15.4 billion, up 4.8% compared to fourth-quarter 2024.
- Total Revenue Per Available Seat Mile (TRASM) down (1.6)% compared to fourth-quarter 2024.
- CASM down (0.3)%, and CASM-ex up 0.4%, compared to fourth-quarter 2024.
- Pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.6%; adjusted pre-tax earnings¹ of \$1.3 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 8.5%.
- Impact from the government shutdown was approximately \$250 million of pre-tax earnings in the fourth-quarter 2025.
- Net income of \$1 billion; adjusted net income of \$1 billion.
- Diluted earnings per share of \$3.19; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.10.
- Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.49.
- Repurchased \$29 million of shares in the fourth quarter 2025.

Full-Year Financial Results:

- ▲ Pre-tax earnings of \$4.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 7.3%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$4.6 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 7.8%.
- ▲ Net income of \$3.4 billion; adjusted net income of \$3.5 billion.
- ▲ Diluted earnings per share of \$10.20; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$10.62.
- ▲ Ending available liquidity of \$15.2 billion.
- ▲ Total debt, including finance lease obligations and other financial liabilities of \$25 billion at year end.
- ▲ Net leverage of 2.2x.
- ▲ Generated \$8.4 billion of operating cash flow.
- ▲ Generated \$2.7 billion of free cash flow.
- ▲ Repurchased \$640 million of shares in full year 2025.

Key Highlights:

- ★ Operated the largest mainline schedule in company history in the fourth quarter and full year, carrying an average of over 496,000 passengers daily and averaging 303 widebody departures per day in 2025. United achieved its lowest seat cancel rate in history and had the lowest seat cancel rate of large network U.S. carriers.
- ★ In 2025 United added 82 new aircraft and updated 119 aircraft to its Signature Interior, bringing the total to 68% of its narrowbody fleet. The NPS for United's Signature Interior is 10 points higher than on previous interiors.
- ★ United continued to expand premium offerings throughout 2025, with a record-high 27.4 million premium seats across its fleet, accounting for 12% of all flown seats in 2025. The airline announced United Elevated, its newest interior for the Boeing 787-9, featuring new United Polaris StudioSM suites that are 25% larger than United Polaris® with privacy doors, ottoman for companions, 27-inch screens, and exclusive food and beverage offerings to elevate premium air travel, expected to be available in 2026.
- ★ Connection Saver saved more than one million potential missed connections in 2025, a 42% increase over 2024.
- ★ United and its leaders were recognized with more than 70 awards in 2025 for its industry-leading performance in customer experience, innovation, company culture and employment, including being

named to Forbes' 2026 list of America's Best Companies and Newsweek's America's Most Trustworthy Companies.

Customer Experience:

- ❖ Achieved the highest fourth-quarter customer satisfaction score in United history as measured by Net Promoter Score, including its best November NPS ever, despite the government shutdown. For the full year, United achieved its highest NPS since 2022 among on-time passengers, including a seven-point increase in the check-in experience thanks to United's investments in the lobby experience, improved kiosks and the United mobile app.
- ❖ In May, announced United's Blue Sky collaboration with JetBlue, and launched the ability to book across both airlines with miles in October 2025, with the ability to book with miles expected in early 2026.
- ❖ United announced its new MileagePlus Debit Rewards Card in November, offering additional ways to earn miles through spending and saving.
- ❖ Launched a collaboration with ride-share app Lyft in the fourth quarter, allowing MileagePlus members to earn up to four miles per dollar spent on eligible rides.
- ❖ During 2025, United enhanced its app with new features including a bag-tracking redesign, live activities on the day of travel, and additional connection information. By the fourth quarter, 85% of customers used the United app on their day of travel. More than half of customers who experienced a cancellation in the fourth quarter effectively resolved their issue using self-service and automated tools.
- ❖ During 2025 United opened its fourth United ClubSM location in Denver and the second Club Fly location in Houston. Additionally, United re-opened a 50% larger United Polaris lounge at Chicago O'Hare and opened a new dining room at Newark's Polaris Lounge for an improved premium international travel experience.
- ❖ United brought TSA PreCheck Touchless ID to Washington Dulles and Houston and expanded usage in San Francisco and Chicago O'Hare in the fourth quarter for a more efficient customer experience. More than 3.5 million customers used this expedited feature in 2025.
- ❖ United upgraded the inflight entertainment experience for customers by adding more than 450 hours of Spotify audio and video content and award-winning, hit series from Apple TV for free on 150,000+ seatback screens. The airline achieved its highest inflight entertainment customer satisfaction scores among on-time passengers.

Operations:

- United Express® had a record-setting year, with 134 days of zero cancellations.
- United's operation at Chicago O'Hare in 2025 outperformed its largest competitor for on-time arrival rates and a lower cancellation rate.
- In the fourth quarter, began operating out of the fifth additional gate at Chicago O'Hare assigned by the City of Chicago.
- Finalized deployment of updated check-in kiosks at all stations in 2025 for a more efficient check-in process, cutting an average of one minute per customer for tasks such as check-in, bag check and boarding pass printing.
- United purchased blended sustainable aviation fuel for use at Houston, Newark, and Washington Dulles airports in 2025, growing its SAF use to six hubs.

Network:

- ▲ United carried more than 181 million revenue passengers in 2025, beginning service on 29 domestic and Canadian routes and adding 13 new international destinations to its industry-leading network.
- ▲ United continued to expand its industry-leading international network in 2025 including new flights that made it the only U.S. airline to serve Bangkok, Thailand; Adelaide, Australia; Tepic, Mexico; and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- ▲ Announced plans to inaugurate service to Bari, Italy; Santiago de Compostela, Spain; Glasgow, Scotland; and Split, Croatia in 2026. United also plans new routes from Newark to Seoul, South Korea; and Washington-Dulles to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Employees, Communities and Investments:

- ★ Together with MileagePlus members, United donated nearly 32 million miles to non-profit organizations around the world in the fourth quarter, including organizations providing relief to areas affected by Typhoons Tino and Uwan and Hurricane Melissa.
- ★ In the fourth quarter, United carried 85 tons of aid and mobilized nearly 400 responders, providing \$1.3 million in transportation savings to 49 NGOs globally, in addition to supporting 22 response and

recovery programs in 14 countries including regions impacted by Hurricane Melissa and the Pacific Northwest floods. United also provided \$225,000 to local food bank partners during the quarter.

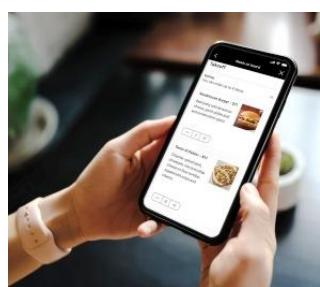
- ★ More than 10,000 United employees volunteered more than 33,000 hours in 2025 through their business resource groups for employee development and community.
- ★ In 2025, United grew its Special Olympics Service Ambassador program to six of its hubs, with 24 active ambassadors supporting customers.
- ★ United Airlines Ventures, which invests in start-ups developing innovative technologies advancing the aviation industry, announced investments in aerospace companies JetZero and AstroMechanica and travel experience and customer engagement companies Dfinitiv and Mindtrip.

Outlook ~ This press release should be read in conjunction with the company's Investor Update issued in connection with this quarterly earnings announcement, which provides additional information on the company's business outlook (including certain financial and operational guidance) and is furnished with this press release to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on a Current Report on Form 8-K. The Investor Update is also available at ir.united.com. Management will also discuss certain business outlook items, including providing certain first quarter and full year 2026 financial targets, during the quarterly earnings conference call.

The company's business outlook is subject to risks and uncertainties applicable to all forward-looking statements as described elsewhere in this press release.

United Customers Can Now Order Fresh, United Economy Meals Before Their Flight

January 14, 2026



United customers can now order fresh, United Economy meals like burgers and sandwiches before their flight through the airline's website and mobile app. This change prioritizes giving customers more choice and ensuring they get the meals they want, while also helping the airline's catering operation run more efficiently and supporting efforts to reduce food waste.

United Economy meal preorders are available on flights over 1,190 miles within the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, and starting March 1, preorders will be the only way to purchase fresh entrees for customers traveling in the Economy cabin. United Economy will still offer its signature snack boxes, packaged snacks and beverages for purchase onboard.

In addition to ensuring customers get the meals they want and improving catering efficiency, enabling customers to preorder meals is expected to help United's food-waste reduction efforts by helping minimize unconsumed fresh retail items. This approach is anticipated to keep more than 100,000 pounds of unused food out of landfills each year.

United expects to add additional fresh meal choices to the preorder menu this summer that include elevated salads, gourmet sandwiches and wraps, with expanded preorder exclusive premium beverage options planned for later this year.

United first introduced preorder in the United app for premium cabins in 2021 and saw customer satisfaction scores for domestic flights increase by almost 40%.

"We're continuing to invest in meaningful improvements to our onboard food and beverage program, with a focus on quality, consistency and customer choice," said Aaron McMillan, Managing Director of Hospitality Programs at United. *"Preordering is a win for everyone – customers board the plane knowing they'll get the meal they want*, our catering partners know exactly how much food to prepare for each flight and it helps our operation run even more smoothly and reduce food waste."*

Customers can preorder both fresh Bistro on Board and retail items in advance through the mobile app or on united.com, beginning five days and up to 24 hours before departure. Customers can browse the available options within the online Trips section, and United app users will receive a notification when preordering opens for their flight. In addition to signature snack boxes, the January menu includes a variety of fresh and flavorful options including the Steakhouse Burger, Tacos Al Pastor, Fresh Cheese & Fruit Tray, Everything Bagel Dots and more. For more information, visit united.com.

**Preordered meals may not be available under certain circumstances*

Torgy's Travel Tips – March 2026

What is AI And Why Should I Care?

Smartphones are essential these days, especially when traveling. Finding a decent restaurant or the closest subway stop is an easy question for your browser to answer. You may have noted over the last year or so that

the answer you receive is broader and often begins with phrases like “people say...” or “many travelers comment”, or perhaps you are given a list of 3 answers, only 1 of which is really the closest subway stop. If you are wondering how the computer determined the answer and if it is dependable, click on the three dots (menu) that appear next to your question. You most likely will receive a paragraph titled: About the Source. Here is a common response:

“This response was generated with the help of AI Artificial Intelligence. It’s supported by info from across the web and Google’s Knowledge Graph, a collection of info about people, places, and things. Generative AI is a work in progress and info quality may vary.”

Search engines capture data from endless, repetitive questions and “learn” to regurgitate answers. And sometimes they “hallucinate.” Every time you post a review of a restaurant, a hotel or even a dog groomer, those comments become the basis for the search engine to add to its lexicon. Further, every time you visit a website, a “cookie” is dropped into the memory of your phone or computer. The cookie tracks your activity and allows the website to recognize you every time you return to that website. Often, you will see a price change if you return to that website several times. The price might be lower, to entice you to buy. Or, the price may be higher, to make you think you should buy now before the cost goes up again. This is called Surveillance Pricing. Cookies also target ads directly to you even when you are visiting a completely different website. It isn’t coincidence that the cruise line you looked up yesterday magically sent an ad across your screen today while you were shopping for an umbrella table! It was because of a cookie.

A non-airline friend and her 2 companions purchased tickets to Rome about 8 months in advance. Each booked and paid separately. Two months later they researched the cost to improve their seat assignments. Two of the travelers agreed to proceed, but my friend hesitated a bit, revisiting that airline’s site several times. When she eventually decided to proceed, the cost had jumped over \$125 from the previous evening. She came to me for help. I asked her if she “cleared her cookies”? She looked at me dumbfounded, as if I were asking “had she eaten a plate of cookies”? I explained that she must always clear the computer (or phone) history and cookies before closing it down, making certain to include the option of clearing those items for “all time” not just for the default of the last 15 minutes. Normally, the command finishes the clearing task in seconds. My friend’s phone took over 5 minutes to clear because she had never, ever cleared the history and cookies. Consequently, each time she revisited a site, she was recognized as a potential return purchaser. Eventually, the site raised the price so she would think to buy now before the price went higher. Well, guess what. After clearing the history and cookies, she went back to the website and voilá, the price dropped to the initial offering! She now sits comfortably!

What I have been describing thus far is the result of *Generative AI*: Reactive and learning by repetition. Now, advanced programming has created a new system: **Agentic AI**. Unlike Generative AI, this new system is proactive, not relying on human intervention to carry out tasks. It’s already in use in many industries: Automatically ordering supplies when inventory levels are low, rebooking passengers before the flier even is aware that their flight is delayed or cancelled, etc. But now Agentic AI is entering the mainstream. Let’s say you are looking online for what to do in Paris for 3 days. Agentic AI will proactively create an itinerary, book a hotel, reserve museum tickets, and make reservations for dinner all 3 days. All it then needs is your credit card. And once that credit card is entered, Agentic AI can remember it for later recall, so you only have to press the Accept Booking box and presto, you’re done. If that’s what you’re looking for, it can be a real time saver. But Pauline Frommer (of Frommer’s Travel Guidebook fame) recently told me, “*AI doesn’t eat and doesn’t sleep—why would I trust that!*” A recent experience by a woman in Chicago who used Agentic AI asked it to assist with a driving trip to Florida. She stated her timeline and parameters concerning her car, as well as her need to stop every 2 hours for a break, and preference for hotels near on/off ramps. The map and accompanying information looked ideal, so she started out on her trip. Unfortunately, Agentic AI did not recognize that some gas stations it located were no longer in business, rest stops were predominantly accessible only to cars on the northbound lanes for a significant stretch of the journey and 2 hotels were now public housing for the homeless. Needless to say, the traveler was not impressed. Agentic AI’s mission is to perceive a solution, execute that



action, all without human interaction.

Christopher Elliott, who writes a syndicated column called “Travel Troubleshooter” stated in his January 2, 2026, column the following guidelines for using AI:

- ▲ Start Small: Resist the urge to let it do the booking and use it only for short trips.
- ▲ Verify Everything: Double check opening times and prices.
- ▲ Guard Your Data: Your credit card and passport are yours. Be cognizant of how it is stored.
- ▲ Cyber-hygiene is the new hand-washing.

In summary, as Elliott wrote, “Use AI for the homework, but don’t let it take the final exam. It’s a navigator, but sometimes it holds the map upside down!”

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.

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

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We meet every three months for lunch at various restaurants in Birmingham and invite all retired United employees and their families to join us. For more information, you may call me at the above phone number.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Our breakfast is Friday, February 27th at the Broken Yolk at 9:00 a.m. So, you just need to cancel your doctor’s appointment and replace that with breakfast on that day.

Our luncheon is set for March 9th at 11:00 a.m. At Rudy’s Real Texas Bar-B-Q, 1733 N. Higley Rd., Gilbert, 85234. More to come on this luncheon will come later.

RSVP with a new email to dctdm03@cox.net or call or text my mobile (602) 920-7785. If you leave a message, either method, please tell me who you are. Thanks as always.

From **JoAnn Griffin**, Membership Chairperson, jjgriffual@gmail.com, (815) 404-7979: This is just another friendly reminder that if you haven't paid your \$10 dues for 2026, you can still do so. Your dues help fund our outings in April (free meal at Birdies) and our Christmas luncheon (partially paid for) in December.

We all have very busy lives and cannot attend all the functions that our chapter has during the year, but if you are able, you can give your dues in cash to **Debbie Schulte** or **Jay Hartough** or mail a check to our Treasurer **John Griffin** at 759 S. 76th Pl., Mesa, AZ 85208. Please make your check payable to **John Griffin**, **not** to ReUnited's.

I will prepare our directory by the end of March and it will be sent to you about April 1 in an email as a .pdf attachment. So if you have any changes to your email, address, phone contacts please text, message or email them to me so I can correct our directory before it's emailed to everyone.

Hope all are happy and healthy! Thanks for your attention.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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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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A couple of quick notes from the Northstaters!

On a sad note, **Charlotte Puryear** passed away at 105 years. She had a wonderful life and always spoke highly of her time at United and with the Northstaters. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.



The Northstaters presented a check to the Chico Air Museum in Chico, CA. It was founded in 2004 as a 502 (c) (3) non profit aviation and space museum. It is entirely funded by donations, gift shop sales and special events. The museum receives no government money.

Each year the museum hosts special events such as the popular "Run the Runway!" which is a one mile and 5K Run/Walk to benefit the museum. The first Saturday in May features the annual Chico Air Museum Fly-In and Open House. This year, they will be hosting a "Girls in Aviation Day" to support young women considering potential aviation careers.

A capital funding campaign is just beginning for a much needed museum expansion. The new building will feature multiple viewing levels, better space for education displays and presentations, improved curation and artifact restoration rooms and more floor space for aircraft and space artifacts. Private donations will fund the construction and the check from the Northstaters was the first to be received for this wonderful addition.

More information can be obtained by contacting the museum Director, Norm Rosene, through the Chico Air Museum website. If you are ever in Chico, this is a must see for any aviation enthusiasts.

The Northstater plane returned to the gate for additional information but has now officially departed!

CENTRAL COASTERS



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As you know, we do not have a secretary/correspondent and the prospect of getting one is not looking good but we are still a RUAEA Chapter.

We want to invite any active / retired airline employee living on The Central Coast (Pismo Beach, North & South) to one of our luncheons which are held the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 at various local restaurants. We meet every other month, February, April, June, August, October, and December. If you are interested or if you happen to visit our area and would like to join us at one of our lunch dates, please contact **Mike Zoldak** at (805) 473-2908 or E-Mail: zoldak1@msn.com for further details.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area
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Finally, for the first time since April 2023, a flock of 20 Desert Sunbirds will gather for lunch at Mario's Italian Cafe in Bermuda Dunes on February 11. Thanks go out to our hosts, **Fred & JoAnn Kellerhall**, for putting together this meeting.

Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going and meet more often in the future.

We try to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email sabo.thomas@yahoo.com for details.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy Saint Patrick's Day to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on February 7, we are once again anxiously awaiting several storms in the next few days after over two weeks of no rain at all.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand. If you are going to attend, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We like The Lazy Dog because it has a \$15 lunch "Fireside Special" with a nice variety of entrees. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer potluck picnic which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our February meeting was held on February 2 at The Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord with 11 members in attendance: **Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest Carla, **Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Joe & Wilma Leather** and daughter **Linda Collett** from Boise, **Carol Parks**, and **Jan Soderstrom**. Since **Russ**

Kennedy could not attend, I did the honors of picking up **Tom Johnson** at his board and care home. It's right on the way to both of the restaurants we go to. He really looks forward to our meetings and I am so glad that he was able to find a board and care in the area when he sold his condo.

We missed **Tracey Blanchard** who was still "wintering" in Maui. **Barb Cunningham** is still recovering from heart surgery in January and has to take it easy. I am happy to report that **Judi Smith**, who fell and broke two ribs and was in a nursing home, has now come home. Her husband **Jack Smith** says she is recovering but it's a slow process. Our group continues to keep the doctors in business. **Barb Cunningham, Joe Leather** and **Jan Soderstrom** all had doctor appointments the day of our meeting!

Carol Parks is our "Candy Lady." She brings a candy bar for all of us every month. This month it was Twix bars. Thank you Carol! At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The first number drawn wins the money and the door prizes are whatever everyone is inspired to bring. This month **Linda Collett** conducted the raffle. **Diane Griego**, who won the money last month, won again this month! For the door prizes this month, we had the inevitable wine, kitchen towels, a cell phone holder for your car, and makeup remover pads.

Tom Johnson is our historian of sorts. He is a wealth of information on airline facts and statistics, especially regarding airline safety. As we were riding to our meeting, he reminded me that April 6, 2026 is United's 100th Anniversary, and our April meeting is on the same day! We agreed that we need to do something special for our April meeting so this will be discussed and planned at our March meeting.

Last month, I told you about the current earthquake swarm centered in San Ramon where I live. Scientists started documenting swarms in the Danville-Alamo-San Ramon area in 1970 and this is the 10th swarm to date. San Ramon's previous swarms were in 2002, 2003, 2015 and 2018. This latest swarm started on November 9 with a 3.8 quake and is ongoing as of today (February 7). I gave some statistics in the February newsletter and the number of quakes in the area has really grown in the past month. As I mentioned, UC Berkeley seismologists knocked on my door on December 23. They asked me to be part of their survey of the area and I agreed to have a seismometer placed in my front yard. The device collected and stored data but did not send data back to UC. I prowled my yard twice and never found it, so I don't know exactly where they placed it. They returned a month later and retrieved their device. They left a thank you notice and contact info in case I had any questions. Being inquisitive by nature, I will probably email them and ask them for the results of their survey. When I hear back from the scientists, I will put the information in the newsletter.

Last month I gave you the link to the US Geological Survey website at usgs.gov with instructions for navigating the website. Did any of you go out and check out the website? Given this swarm, and the seismometer placed in my yard, I have become very interested—OK, I admit it, anal—in tracking all the earthquakes in this swarm. I started tracking earthquakes of all magnitude since November 30 and the list is now at 406. Almost all of these quakes are within about two miles of my house. With the USGS website, I can get down to street level to see the epicenters and some are within a block or two of my house! On February 2, the largest quake to date, a 4.2, struck at 7AM. Like several others, on previous days, it jolted me awake. None of the items on my shelves have moved in all of this, but a store on the 4.2 epicenter did have some bottles knocked off their shelves. Everyone around here is rattled—no pun intended and "Did you feel them?" is on everyone's lips these days. A 2.8 may not seem like much, but when it is four houses down the street, you feel it!

Until recently, **Barb Cunningham** has been collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please hold on to them for now. Due to her recent surgery, she cannot deliver cards for a while. I'll let you know when you can resume mailing cards to her.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. The cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, at the same time, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. If you have more than one ounce, invest in some additional ounce stamps - the cute ones with the school bus. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into

separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. All of my coupon donors are complaining that they are getting very few coupons now, so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. I'm thrilled to report that our coupon count is rebounding. On February 2, I turned in 767 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. This month, I received coupons from **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Marilyn & Conrad Evans** in CO, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Beverly McAlister** in CA, **Arlene McCroy** in NV, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Georgia Rutkowski** in NV, **Barbara Sakely** in IL, **James Taylor** in FL, and **John Zoboli** in NV.

Helpful hint when cutting out coupons. Please make sure you do not cut off any part of the barcode or the expiration date. The narrow strip coupons for Claritin etc. are the worst. It's very easy to cut off the "5" in the expiration date of 11/01/25, for example, which is right next to the edge of the coupon. The coupon cannot be used and has to be thrown away.

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

- ▲ Monday, March 2 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, February 27.
- ▲ Monday, April 6 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Please note that we may change the location to The Old Spaghetti Factory. We will vote on this at our March meeting so stay tuned. The Old Spaghetti Factory gives us a private room which is more conducive to celebrating UAL's 100th Anniversary. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, April 3.

Until next month, watch your steps and do everything you can to stay healthy!

GOLDEN GATERS

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By the time you receive this newsletter, UC (that's Upper California) is slowly saying goodbye to all the throngs of visitors (and that was truly "throns"!) who came to visit the surrounding areas for the huge Super Bowl festivities. Not only did we have a major football game, we had a myriad of things to see and do. Hotels were full, rental cars were at a premium (not to mention gas prices that were/and are sky high.) Any kind of food was available – food trucks, high-end restaurants, take-out spots, street closures offering numerous ethnic goodies, bars offering exotic drinks. You name it we had it and we really enjoyed having you come and visit.

The weather was fantastic – 70 degree weather was the order of the day – Spring had sprung and the trees were blooming. The economy was smiling as were the owners of establishments here in the City by-the Bay. Come see us – if you have any grand-kiddies you can take them to the Pacific Ocean in Half Moon Bay with buckets and small shovels and harvest clams, mussels, and other goodies. You'll want low tide as you scoop them from the sand – a sign tells you what you can harvest, how many pounds you may take – then you get to have a delicious dinner – I'm really lucky as the great-grand kids that will try (and eat) all varieties of food – and ask for more! You are able to purchase Dungeness crabs right off the boat as well as different fish that have been caught. Best clam chowder is available at a small "diner" overlooking the water and boats – and the many birds that swoop down, hoping you will drop some food for them. Sea-gulls are plentiful, noisy and fearless.

Ferry boats were plying the Bay – Alcatraz, Sausalito, Jack London Square – all offering interesting things to see and do. If you had a car: Muir Woods was close by (the numbers of visitors that visit these woods are in

the millions each year,) Mount Tamalpais or Angel Island for those of you who like to hike, Sausalito has a “Bar with No Name” and great eateries with stunning views of the City. Go South to Santa Cruz with its famous wooden Roller Coaster ride and fun Boardwalk. Go North and visit the Charles Schulz Peanuts, Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Peppermint Patty and Pig Pen Museum in Santa Rosa – I guarantee you will smile at the antics that Charles Schulz created – a masterful cartoonist! So many wineries are available – tasting, dining, lovely grounds. Small towns with a variety of boutique shops that will encourage you to buy! Then there is Yosemite – the waterfalls are stunning this year as the snow and rainfalls have enhanced their beauty. I understand that they have resumed the “Firefalls” – a fire was built at the top of the mountain and pushed over the cliff – all this while you enjoyed a cocktail at the Ahwahnee Hotel as Jeannette McDonald and Nelson Eddy sang the Indian Love Song. Surely you remember that! How could you possibly forget it?

Our January meeting had a cozy group of 13 – **Pat Ortega** and **Linda Kasarda** won the raffle monies which they squandered at lunch. **Vera Kina, Eliza Vargas, John Bogdanoff, Barbara Underhill, Gary & Ellen Chong**, (just to name a few), took home goodies that members donated to the raffle. Remaining nameless - Happy Birthday to the two of you. The Infamous Elevator is working at the Foster City Community Center above the Library. Our meetings will be held there in the Wind Room on the second floor (wicked set of stairs if you want to hike up them!) We enjoyed lunch at BJ's in the Bridgepoint Parkway Center. If you haven't paid your dues, please do so. **John Garis** will cheerfully take your \$\$\$.

Future Dates: Hours and times are: the 4th Monday of the month, 10:00am to 10:20am Board Meeting, 10:20am to 12 noon, short general meeting and social time. 11:30ish leave for lunch at one of our local restaurants. Here is our planned luncheon schedule:

- ❖ **February 23** – 10AM, meeting, Tai Wu Chinese Restaurant, 1080 Foster City Blvd, Foster City, next to Ranch 99 Grocery Store
- ❖ **March 23** – 10AM, meeting, Lazy Dog Restaurant, 2208 Bridgepoint Parkway, San Mateo
- ❖ **April 27** – 10AM meeting, Jacks' Restaurant 1750 S. El Camino, San Mateo. Hwy 92 and El Camino
- ❖ **May 18** - (Note: 3rd Monday as May 25th is a National Holiday) Ay Caray Taqueria 478 Norfolk St., (San Mateo, Shoreview Shopping Center.) Norfolk and 3rd Ave. area
- ❖ **June through November: TBA**
- ❖ December 7 - Bellinis' Italian Bistro, our Christmas holiday luncheon, no meeting, meet at the Restaurant at 11:30am, 1465 Beach Park Blvd. Follow Hillsdale Blvd. East to the end where it becomes Beach Park Blvd

Conundrum of the Day: *If the professor on Gilligan's Island could make a radio out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a hole in the boat? (He obviously didn't ask Ginger!)*

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 10:00am at the Wind Room at the Community Center above the Foster City Library, in Foster City. Note: Our mailing address is: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson
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Secretary

Happy New Year! Can you believe it? We have 11 and ½ months ahead of us. No map. No directions. No plan. Just dreams. Determination. Positive thoughts. Faith. Experience. And a good attitude. We have already lived longer than we were yesterday, so that's a big plus. We can and we will make every day worthwhile. We have learned that it isn't a good idea to take “time” for granted. Yep, this will be a good year!

We started out 2026 with a good turnout – 24, I think – getting together at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Cameron Park with plenty of salads, pizzas, pasta and sandwiches. They do a good job at this restaurant. Our esteemed president, Rudy, gave a hearty “Thank You” to our hosts, **Rudy & Cindy Blazius!** They like to start out each year's luncheon so that those who may be on travel don't have to have to worry about making arrangements.

Since we had no guests this month, we then went to the always important question: are there any birthdays this month? And we have several ~ both **Peggy & Chuck Trebnik** celebrate this month and so do **Diana Wilson, Ernie Helliwell** and **Bill Gibson**. Happy Birthday to all of you! No anniversaries for members this month. Rudy moved along to officers' reports:

President ~ Rudy Blazius has gotten good at this “report” thing. He fills our whole meeting with information. You’ll see – keep reading!

Vice President ~ J.R. Heier first passed on contributing anything, but then he jumped back in and made us all feel good when he expressed his wish that all of us a wonderful, healthy and happy 2026! Thank you, JR, plan to make every effort to follow that hope.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson didn’t really have anything new to share, but, she did share, and sent around the room for all to look at, an old directory (roster) for the Hangtown Miners from 2011! True. Our president was **Jon Somplack**, vice president was **Joe Lima**, Secretary was **Bill Kenney**, Treasurer was **Dick Czapkay**, Sunshine was **Marge Raynor**, Historian was **Nancy DeVore** and Roster keeper was **Jack Raynor**. Good crew to run this group! Glancing thru the names I see; **Ambrose, Ames, Azbell, Beese, Bonetti, Bushman, Campbell, Church, Dalleske, D’Amico, Dinsmoor, Gordon, Juba, McPeak, Nichols, Obert, Ouchi, Parkinson, Prevost, Quinnell, Raber, Randall, Razura, Rivas, Stroud, Stuchell, Wagner**. No doubt you knew/know some of the past members. The Hangtown Miners became a new UAL Retiree chapter in 2007. Their first (official) meeting was on October 1st, 2007 at Fat’s Restaurant in Folsom. 46 members and 5 guests were there! **Harry Caldwell** was the president and **Rosemary Heier** was Vice president. No wonder this group continues to prosper and have fun – they started out strong!

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny is always ready for his report – just one more reason we love having him as our Treasurer! There are a few members’ dues and raffle monies to still be deposited. Tom feels that we are in good shape to donate some funds to a local charity. It has long been our tradition to donate at this time of the year to one – or maybe more – organizations that we feel contribute to our locals. **Peggy Trebnik** spoke up and mentioned Helping Hands as a possible recipient. Of course, there are many other organizations. **Ann Marie Sutherland** spoke up and suggested the American Legion Auxiliary group; they can always use the funds to help out our veterans. Another thought is the El Dorado County Area Agency on Aging. You will find a great resource under this program. Things like Family Caregiver Support Program, Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Senior Activities, Senior Health Education, Senior Legal Services and more. You can contact Senior Services at (530) 621-6369 or by email ssia@edcgov.us.

Tom shared that we subsidize our December luncheon – something we have always done – but it is getting more and more expensive. It may be possible that we will need to increase our individual contribution ... but, that’s on down the road!

Our annual dues, which are \$15.00, are due – now! Tom is happy to report that all but five of our current members have paid their dues for 2026. Jane will contact each of those members with a reminder to send their 2026 dues in to Tom. If you’re reading this and realize that you are one of those five people, please make out a check to Hangtown Miners for \$15.00 and send it to **Tom Kenny** at 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667. If your dues aren’t received by the end of March, your dues will increase to \$20.00; if we don’t hear from you by the end of June, I will be required to remove your name from our roster, stop sending you our minutes and be assured, I do not want to do that!

Sunshine ~ Suzanne tries to keep up with all of you, but sometimes there’s a situation that happens and she wasn’t aware of it! Please, if you have a situation going on, let Suzanne know so she can keep all of us up to date and stay in touch with you! Suzanne sent a get well card from all of us to **Diana Bell**. It seems she picked up some bad, bad bug and was one sick little lady. Spent time in the hospital but she is fine now – looked great – and on the go again. However, **Kerry Kozelka** was back in the hospital. Kerry has been having abdominal problems and the doctors are trying to find out what is going on there. We also heard that **Irv Wolfram** took a spill but is doing much better. Our **Lindalee Akin** was able to join us today. Daughter Julie brought her to the luncheon as Lindalee had surgery on her foot. Okay, folks, let’s keep these episodes to a minimum, please! I don’t know if you remember, but **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** moved to a Senior Residence in Folsom last year. They are adjusting to a “different” lifestyle but all is well. If you’re in that area and have a few minutes, swing by and take a moment to visit with them. Their address is: 780 Harrington Way #236, Folsom; (530) 334-0187.

Old Business ~ Rudy said that your generous donations of FOOD last month weighted in at 270 pounds! Well Done! All the toys you brought to our November luncheon went to the Marines’ Toys for Tots program and enriched the holidays for many children.

Ann Marie and Rudy talked about the Wreath project that was held on December 13th. Local organizations go to local and national cemeteries and place wreaths on the graves of all the veterans who are buried there. They also place a Star of David on Jewish graves. Rudy said that it is such a beautiful sight to see. If you are near enough to be able to visit a cemetery next year, it is well worth your time to stop in and just absorb the beauty and emotional impact of this gesture of appreciation.

Rudy extended a big “Thank You” to **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** for all the work involved in putting together our December luncheon. And that “Thank You” included the decorations that **Jane Gibson** put together.

New Business ~ Rudy got a new printer. And as can happen, the ink cartridges that fit the old machine don’t work on the new one. But, it’s still good! HP #63XL found a new home with **John Muir**!

A reminder: Bring those Christmas cards to Jane instead of throwing them away! Jane will get them to **Barbara Cunningham** and they will find a “new” life. **John Muir** brought me some today – thanks, John.

Before Rudy closed out the meeting, JR took a moment to say “Thank You” to **John Muir** for the tireless work he does with and for our Veterans.

Rudy closed things up with this “A Little Poem for Seniors” - read and enjoy!

*Another year has passed
And we’re all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.*

*There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About “Living in the Past”*

*We used to go out dining
And couldn’t get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.*

*We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.*

*We used to go to night clubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.*

*That, my friend, is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up ...
Before you’re too damned old.*

JR took over the reins and got the raffle started. **Linda Dinette** won the donator’s prize! A giant “Thank You” to all who brought items for our raffle: **Gibson** – bowls; **Trebnik** – basket; **Diana & Duncan** – chocolate truffles and cookies; **Dinette** – musical Teddy Bear; **Kenny** – peanuts; **Heier** – Espresso set; all the table decorations and I know someone brought wine because I won it!

Okay, our luncheon in February will be at the Olive Garden. Don’t forget to let **Ann Barton** know that you will be there!

Please take care while out in this cold winter weather. Keep having fun and laughing every day.



RESANS

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The retirees in San Diego have been basking in the warm weather and lots of sunshine while we do think of our families and friends in the cold, snow and freezing weather.

We welcome two new members to our group: **Anne Lindemuth** and **Elizabeth Altamaras**.

Jackie Schwartz is back with us after her recovery from knee surgery. I just received a note that **Rosina Krefft** has been in a serious car accident and after a stay in ER, she is now home recovering from injuries when the airbags deployed. She had difficulty breathing, ribs sternum, muscles and very bruised tendons. Unfortunately, the car is beyond repair.

On the bright side, I have a report on the “Ultimate” African Safari with Overseas Adventure Travel by **Gloria Glaeser** ~ On November 15th, 2025, I left on an Ultimate African Safari Tour traveling to Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The tour was 22 days total as I added Cape Town, South Africa. I wasn’t sure I’d ever make it to Africa again and I really wanted to see Cape Town, The Cape of Good Hope and Robben Island. Nelson Mandela was one of my heroes and I was a young adult when apartheid was overturned. I just had to see and experience everything I could.

After 22 years of working at United Airlines, Customer Service in San Diego, this was not something I would ever consider using my flight benefits for. Standby is too risky and any high ticket tour. Also, I am not much of a risk taker.

Mid November is the start of the rainy season in Africa and I didn’t want to be uncomfortable in soaked clothes and wet boots. It turned out the Weather God were in our favor and we had rain twice while on Safari. They did not interfere with our tour. The storms were incredible to watch. Africa needed the rain. It was a good thing because if we hadn’t got those rains we would not have seen the beautiful rainbows or the incredible water at Victoria Falls and even more fantastic rainbows.

This trip was so different from all the other places I have been. Things are amazing in Hwange National Park. I was overwhelmed by how moving and beautiful it is here in Zimbabwe. We arrived in camp at dark and saw a spotted momma hyena and her baby by the side of the road. There were hundreds of impala and birds. The collared kingfisher and guinea gowl along with the dung beetles, elephants and giraffe.

There is no joke about the danger or the bugs. All 12 of us were told to stay in our tents at night and not leave until it was all clear in the mornings. Some learned the hard way that there is danger lurking at your door and any mishap could mean your life. Walking back to my tent one night with some of our group we noticed a black snake crossing our path. Luckily, one lady pointed her flash light on it and we watched it slither away. Our tour guide said it was a baby Cobra, about 12 inches long and the width of my pointer finger. The next day I asked Douglas, our guide if he shook out his shoes before he put them on. He replied he shook everything before he put it on. We all looked at each other with wide eyes and fear. We shook out everything after that.

There is something about Africa that gets into your soul. I don’t know if it’s the smells, lack of noise and light pollution or the people but it was magical. The sunrises and sunsets are exponentially better than the ones at home. I tried to figure out the intoxicating smell and people joked that it was the animal dung.

I have never been able to say where my favorite place to travel is until now. After 67 countries, the continent of Africa is my favorite. Will I every be lucky enough to go back to Africa? I honestly don’t know but it would be hard to match the experiences that I had on my trip. I was beyond lucky, it was like lightening in a bottle ...

OATS, Overseas Adventure Travels had the ability to balance learning and fun without it feeling clunky. They don’t charge extra for solo travelers. They have been around since 1978 and are partnered with Grand Circle Corporation, known for giving back to communities and supporting schools and educating travelers.

Calendar:

March 5 - Breakfast at Pt Loma Cafe. You are welcome to join us but I do need you to RSVP.

SACRAMENTO
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The Gold Diggers met on January 28th at Bennett's Westside Grill. It was a beautiful sunny day compared to all the fog we have been experiencing. There were 18 in attendance including one guest of **Vicky Enriquez**, longtime friend **Gale Lizama**. Those attending were **Louise & Lyle Auerbach, Barbara & Ron Bertacini, Angie & Frank Dellinger, Veronica & Francis Domaratus, Trudy Engeldinger, Robin & Dave Garland, Pat Quinn and Tom Miehle, Jim Simon, Shirley & Ed Vanderzyl** and **Vicky Enriquez**. Our server Tammy did an outstanding job. After everyone had enjoyed their lunch, President **Francis Domaratus** began our meeting. Francis thanked all for attending and Barbara & Ron for making the arrangements with the restaurant.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** announced that we are set for the next few months ... February 25th Skipolini's in Rocklin, March 25th at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville, April 29th at Café del Lago in Granite Bay and **Vicky Enriquez** has volunteered to host May, the location is yet to be determined.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that his records showed that there were no anniversaries for the month of January. Ron did report that Northstaters member **Charlotte Puryear** of Chico passed away, she was 105. Charlotte had worked at the MOC in payroll. Barbara and I remember attending her 100th birthday in Chico. She was at an assisted living facility and they had balloons and a large cake for her. Charlotte and some of her friends sat near the entrance as the Northstaters drove by honking their horns to honor her.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she had talked with **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** and that their children are going to help with cleaning out their house and put things in storage before they put the house on the market. Irv donated an item for our raffle. Angie also sent a card to **Sidnee McKinney** who had fallen and broke her shoulder and is now recovering. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is solvent and that we currently have 23 paid members. Our dues are \$10 a year per household. Robin also reported that for 2025, the chapter collected \$711 from the monthly raffles and another \$86 from the 50/50 drawing. We thank you all for supporting our group via these activities. Robin was able to subsidize the Christmas lunch and she also made donation of \$200 to the Flights for Freedom on behalf of our chapter. Other expenses are the \$10 each month for the birthday roll-offs.

Dave Garland reported on hearing from RUAEA President **Ruth Morabito** that 'Phishing Season' is open. Some retirees are getting emails supposedly from Alight seeking them to accept terms and conditions about their benefits. This is a scam and they are trying to access the employee or retirees accounts in Flying Together. There is more information in the General News Section of this month's RUAEA Newsletter. In the meantime, be careful ... not only with this but any email that look even a little suspicious. Check that the email address of the sender agrees with the supposed person sending ... for instance, you get an email from **Ron Bertacini**, the heading says **Ron Bertacini** but the address of the sender is jakesmith@aol.com. Today we have to be diligent with emails and phone calls. Be careful with phone calls from unknown callers ... never say yes to any of their questions ... somehow they can use your response to do bad things.

Francis asked if anyone had anything they wanted to talk about. This followed with considerable discussion about insurance. **Trudy Engeldinger** brought up that she and **Lance** had an insurance policy for some time and expected it would continue as with others that do not opt to change. In late December, she was advised that it was no longer an option and she would be moved over to Kaiser. Since they have long standing relations with their current doctors, they did not want Kaiser and after many phone calls and discussions, it was resolved to their needs.

We moved on to the birthday roll-off with only one birthday in January, **Angie Dellinger** ... we made her roll the dice to make it official. We finished the meeting with our month raffle of nicely donated items. Thanks to the donators.

Post Script: Being a history buff, I would like to add some events for January 28th:

1851 ~ Northwestern University is founded

1914 ~ Beverly Hills, California is incorporated

1914 ~ Airboat Line is the first passenger service in the US St. Petersburg to Tampa

1925 ~ Pittsburgh, New Hampshire records a record temp of -46F

1932 ~ Japanese forces attack Shanghai ... historians like to say WWII started in September of 1939

1969 ~ OJ Simpson of University of Southern California is drafted by the Buffalo Bills

1986 ~ Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 73 seconds after liftoff all seven crew members perish
1990 ~ Super Bowl XXIV San Francisco 49ers defeat the Denver Broncos 55-10
1996 ~ Super Bowl XXX Dallas Cowboys defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17
2001 ~ Super Bowl XXXV Baltimore Ravens defeat the New York Giants 34-7



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We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Holiday season and a good start for the New Year. It's time for us to get back together for our regular monthly get-together. So, an informal poll of one, indicated that we collectively like going to Good Friends Restaurant in Valley Springs. So, it's back to Valley Springs for the February 12th luncheon. Same time 11 o'clock in the morning, same place Good Friends Restaurant.

Please extend a hearty "Welcome" to two new members, **Mike & Sue Hohl**.

Pat and I will host this luncheon. Also please plan to pay any dues and volunteer to host future lunches. We still could also use a volunteer to take over for Steve and myself.

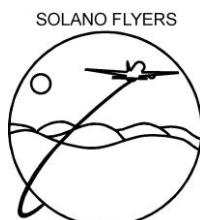
We hope to see you all in a few weeks in Valley Springs.

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



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We met at BJ's Café in Vacaville on January 20th with the following in attendance: **Rudy Arsaga, Larry Jackson, Linda Schutte, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert Allen, Chauncey Baine, Gerald Williams, McKinley Nelson, Sr., Stewart McCale Sr., Stewart McCale Jr., Bob Richie, and Joanne & Billy Blizzard.**

Birthday ~ None.

Anniversary ~ **Robert Allen**.

50/50 Winner ~ **Gerald Williams**.

Our next meeting will be on February 17th at Bud's in Dixon.

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Colorado.

Chapter President, **Paul Goodyear**, started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 19 members and 11 family members in attendance.

Winners of the 50/50 Drawing: **Ruth Morabito, Leo Hoffmann, Cleora Conner, Tammi Thompson, Jodey Bland and Susie Neely.**

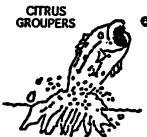
Paul informed everyone of the Boom Overture Model Aircraft that is on display at the Training Center and is planned to be flying in the 2030's. Boom Technology, Inc., the manufacturer of this supersonic aircraft is located in Englewood, Colorado.

September Anniversaries and Birthdays ~ **Jaki LaFlure** (2/28) and **Cleora Conner** (2/29).

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 5, 11:00AM, Tedz Place, (303) 287-7544. Paul will be unable to attend. We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

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

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

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Nineteen members of the Real McCoys braved the rigid Florida temps – a very chilly 50 degrees (for us!) to gather for our monthly lunch at Denny's. Two of our group came all the way from Morocco! Really! **Connie Lenard** and **Loretta Finn** just returned home from a wonderful 9 day trip. They said the folks were very friendly and nice and the pictures they showed us were amazing! But, both Connie and Retta were thrilled to have a yummy burger after days of chicken! Ho!

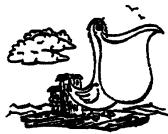
President **Al Fields** and First Lady **Lois** joined us for lunch and Al confirmed our private room for the year. We all agreed to have our annual picnic in the fall when it's beautiful here.

Our Anniversary couple, **Paul & Sharon Crotty** celebrated 36 years together on February 6th. Congrats!

Asking for healing prayers for many of our UAL family members, those we are aware of as well as those we don't know who need them. That just might be all of us ... Bless You All!

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



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We had 4 members in attendance on Ground Hog Day, 3 ladies and 1 man. We discussed UAL and trips and enjoyed a nice breakfast at IHOP.

We decided to change our future meeting time to 10:00AM.

Calendar:

March 2 - 10:00AM at IHOP

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It has been decided that our chapter is probably going to disband. Our numbers are dismal and fewer are able to get together and even fewer willing to volunteer for organizing and holding positions. It was a tough decision but we have been struggling since we lost members that were keeping us afloat. Some have a desire to get together and discuss our status in depth. We are going to meet again next month.

Our next gathering will take place at The Waterway Cafe, 2300 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, on March 10th at Noon; this is an important meeting that we hope will have a good turnout. We will be discussing the status and future of our group. Please let me or **Diane Liebisch**, (772) 342-0021, know if you are able to attend so Diane can confirm our reservation. For those of you unable to join us, we will keep you posted.

We are sending best wishes and prayers for those of you dealing with illness and other issues. Looking forward to seeing many of you in March.

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3rd Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—if you are planning to be in HNL and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo!

IDAHO



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At the present time, our Boise Gems are not meeting so we have no reports.

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March—Yay, Spring is here! We waited a long time for this. January was pretty cold, lots of snow in parts. Indiana, East Coast, even the South! My thin-blooded family and friends were shivering. My sister Sue, who wears a sweater in 70 degree temps, had to really bundle up. My friend, Peter Gropp, who has homes in Traverse City and near Tampa, is very happy to be in TPA, since TVC is frozen over. I'm just happy to have my heat back and able to cuddle with my cat, Katharine Hepburn. March has a lot of birthdays, which contributes to all those June weddings. Yes, my parents were married in June, I was born in March, a Pisces, I've been told it's the 'artistic sign'. Not sure about that, can't draw a stick figure.

March has some cute days, Alfred Hitchcock Day, Pi Day, Everything you think is Wrong Day, followed by Every Thing you do is Right Day, Let's Laugh Day, and the cutest, Puppy Day. Don't forget we have a second Friday the 13th in March. Holidays in March are St. Patrick's, on the 17th, St. Joseph on the 19th, Daylight Savings time begins March 8, Spring Equinox is March 20th, and Palm Sunday is the 29th. Easter is April 5, in case you want to get your bunnies and eggs on sale.

The birthstones are the blue-green aquamarine, that symbolizes purity and calm. While the bloodstone is a dark green gem with red spots that represents strength and health. The beautiful March flower is the daffodil that pops up in the cold, frozen ground to welcome itself into Spring! What a strong little flower. Nobody ever told it to wait for temperatures over 32 degrees. It said, 'No, I'm going to show myself and let my people smile and say, go away snow, melt and give me nourishment to grow straight and tall for my flower fans, they've suffered long enough.'

The March moon is called The Blood Worm Moon because it is a total lunar eclipse on March 3. The moon will turn a dramatic red color as it passes through earth's shadow. It'll start around 2:44 A.M. (CT) with the total eclipse beginning at 6:04, and end about 7:03. But you can still see the last part at 8:22 A.M. Should be pretty, and we could be up! The native Americans also associated it with the emergence of earthworms in the spring. We don't need special glasses, but try to find a darker location away from city lights. You early risers are in for a treat, and it's in North America this time! Word has it there will be an eclipse this August 27th, but it's a partial eclipse; it'll still be fun and we'll be awake.

The Northside breakfast had **Dave Dunham, Paul & Marsha-Sealock Weber and Jerry Tipperreiter**.

The ORDMM mechanics had eight people, **Fred Seibert, Boris Spitz, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Bill Durr, Don Kramlich, Rich Protsman, Walter Chornomaz** and a newbie, **Jim White**. Come back!

The ORDMM foremen had four also, **Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Sue & Bart Kendall**. I think all the groups talked about where everybody else was. They must've had some wild New Year's Eve parties. February should be better, the freezing temps and snow should be over by then. Shouldn't have put a jinx on breakfast, should I? It's Illinois, don't be silly!

The IAM 1487 Lodge didn't have a lunch in January since Thursday was on January 1st. I don't have any information on the February 5th meeting, so I'll report next month. I'm sure they had fun, always do.

The RUPA January lunch was held at a new venue, The Fire Bar and Grill in Crystal Lake. It was a nice place, good food and prices, about 40 people attended. Not sure if they're going back there, but they will meet on March 10 at Nick's in Crystal Lake, same time, same station, same choice of meals. The speaker will be

retired Captain **Rob Zettel**, from ORD, he was a member of the Air Force's 4477th Test and Evaluation Squadron, known as the 'Red Eagles'. They flew Soviet bloc aircraft in what was then a top-secret operation. Rob wrote a book on his experiences, 'American MIG Pilot', available online at Amazon, and others.

Last month, I wrote an excerpt from an article I read, 'Silent Struggles of Being 80'. Hope you enjoyed it. I'm going to share the rest of it with you today. The next chapter is,

Feeling Left Behind by a Changing World ~ It can feel like the world moves too fast now. People walk around with phones in their hands, rushing from place to place, talking in words that barely make sense anymore. You sit quietly and wonder when everything became so unfamiliar. Things you once understood now come with new rules. Paying bills, calling family, or watching the news feels different. You try to keep up, but sometimes it feels like the world no longer fits who you are. Stores are full of machines instead of people. Banks ask for passwords you cannot remember. Doctors use words you do not understand, and no one stops to explain.

You may begin to feel like a visitor in your own life. People speak quickly. They assume you will follow along. But the pace is too fast, and the kindness often feels too thin. It is hard to admit when you feel confused or left out. No one wants to feel like a burden. So you stay quiet. You smile and nod. But inside, you are tired of pretending. The truth is, you are not the one who has changed. The world has. It has traded connection for speed, and clarity for noise. But that does not mean you cannot still belong in it.

You can ask for help without shame. You can speak up and say, "Can you show me?" or "I do not understand that." Asking questions is not weakness. It is courage. There are still gentle people out there, ones who want to listen and help. There are also classes, clubs, and libraries that offer quiet places to learn at your own pace. You are not behind. You are just moving at your own rhythm. And that rhythm still has value. You do not need to match the noise. You simply need to keep showing up as yourself.

Navigating Life with a Slower Body ~ Your body tells a story that few truly understand. It has walked through decades, carried you through storms and celebrations, and now it asks for more care. Moving through the day takes more time. Climbing stairs, bending over, or even standing up from a chair can feel like a task. The changes can come quietly. Little stiffness in the morning. A shorter walk than you planned. That moment when you reach for something and realize your hands are not as steady as they once were.

You may try to push through it. To keep up with the routines you used to do with ease. But your body asks you to listen, and listening can feel like giving up something. There is frustration in not being able to do what once felt simple. A small trip to the store feels longer. You may hold onto rails or need rests more often. Others might not notice, but you do. It's easy to feel discouraged. You might even feel embarrassed to ask for help or use aids like canes or walkers. But those tools do not take away your independence. They support it.

The truth is, your strength has not disappeared. It is simply changing form. It now includes wisdom, patience, and resilience. You know your body better than anyone. You now what it needs, and you have every right to honor that. Small routines can help. Stretching each day. Drinking more water. Sitting in a patch of sunlight. Letting your body rest when it asks. You are not failing. You are adapting. You may walk slower, but every step still matters. Every move still holds purpose. Your pace does not define your value. It only reflects the path you have walked. You are still moving forward. And that is something to be proud of.

The Search for Meaning in Quiet Days ~ There is a special kind of stillness that comes with being 80. The house may be quiet. The phone does not ring as often. You look out the window and see a world that continues to spin, even when your days feel slower. In that quiet, questions can rise. What is the purpose now? What should I do with these long afternoons or early mornings? You may miss the feeling of being needed. When your schedule was full. When others depended on you. Now the calendar is empty, and the silence feels heavier than you expected. But meaning is not always found in noise or busy plans. It often lives in small things. A conversation that makes someone smile. A prayer spoken in the stillness. A handwritten note you take time to send. Your life still touches others, even if you do not always see it. You are part of a bigger story, and your presence brings quiet strength to the world around you.

Some days, it helps to create a rhythm. Water the plants. Read something new. Write your thoughts down. These moments may seem small, but they build a sense of peace. Meaning also comes forgiving. Share a recipe with someone. Offer advice to someone young. Make something with your hands. The joy in creating something or helping someone gives your day shape. The world may be louder and faster now, but your quiet days have worth. They are not empty. They are sacred in their own way. Your life still has purpose. It simply speaks in a softer voice now. Listen closely. You will hear it.

Ways to bring Comfort and Joy back in ~ At 80, comfort and joy may look different than they did years ago. They are no longer found in loud parties or long travels, but in quiet moments that warm the heart. These moments may be small, but they can make all the difference. Start with your surroundings. Create a space that

feels safe, soft and full of light. A cozy chair, a favorite blanket, and a window with a view can bring a surprising sense of peace. Keep objects around you that tell a story. Photo of loved ones, books you've read again and again, or letters you treasure. These reminders help ground you in the life you have lived and the love you still carry.

Joy also comes from routine. A cup of tea in the morning. A short walk at sunset. These rhythms can bring balance to your days. They give you something to look forward to. Reach out to others. Call someone to just say hello. Send a card, even if it's short. You do not have to wait for others to remember you. Your small effort might be exactly what they need too. Let your senses lead you. Smell fresh bread baking. Listen to music that once filled your home. Feel the warmth of sunlight on your skin. These are not just little things. They are anchors that help lift your spirit. Try something creative. Paint, sing, write, or bake. It does not have to be perfect. The joy is in the doing, not the result. And most all, be kind to yourself. Comfort and joy begin within. They come when you stop comparing the present to the past, and instead embrace the beauty of today. You still have more to feel. More to enjoy. And many reasons to smile. Let joy return, one gentle step at a time.

Final Thoughts ~ Being 80 carries both quiet burdens and quiet blessings. You may feel forgotten or unsure of your place in a world that moves quickly. But your story is far from over. Your days still matter, your heart still holds love, and your voice still deserves to be heard. You are not alone. You are not too late. You are still needed, still valued, and still deeply worthy of comfort and joy.

I learned a lot from this, I hope you enjoyed it as well. What the heck, 80? I'm still a baby, looking for things to do and enjoy.

Just one small reminder: Don't fall for these scams that we get on the phones, emails, texts, mail or messages. These scammers know more about us than our kids do. Don't answer their mailings. If you don't recognize the phone number on your caller id, **don't** pick it up. If the number is like, 46 987612 345, it's from Europe, not even here. They can leave a message if it's a real person/friend. Just listening or reading their emails can trigger off something in their sneaky electronic ways, and you can lose thousands of dollars. Channels 5, 7 and 9 have been warning us almost every week. Please, they're so smart and nasty. We'll lose every time. Don't want to see you on Channel 5 crying about losing \$150,000.

Our fellow workers that Flew West last month include **Paul Wember**, ORDSW, **John Sarullo**, ORDCG, **Dan Boray**, ORDSW/ORDTK, **John Brennan**, CHIRR/ORDCS, **Doreen Ash**, CHIRR, **Al Dedick**, ORDMM, and **John Schnittker**, ORDMM/ORDPV, and **George Mathes**, ORDFO.

Also gone from our world, actors, Catherine O'Hara (Home Alone/Schitt's Creek), Demond Wilson (Sanford and Son), singers, Bob Weir (Grateful Dead), Lamont McLemore (5th Dimension), Chuck Negron (Three Dog Night), Scott Adams (Dilbert artist), Elle Simone (Food Nation), sports, Glenn Hall (Blackhawks goalie), Terrence Gore (Cubs), fashion designer, Valentino.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**March 12**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines, First Thursday (**March 5**)

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**March 19**) Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch – Nick's Pizza & Beef, 11:00, A.M. 856 Pyott Rd, (Mar 10) Crystal Lake. Speaker is Captain **Rob Zettel**, ORDFO (**March 10**).

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There is no report this month from the Indy Racers chapter of RUAEA.

Regarding our Indy Racers chapter, we welcome new guests. Any United/CO retirees in the Indianapolis area are welcome join us for lunch. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings; 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's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- ❖ March 10, 2026 at Emmy's.
- ❖ April 14, 2026 at Emmy's.

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easters chapter of RUEA.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Marguerite & Tom Venn are hosting a retiree luncheon at Annie's Family Restaurant, 33427 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI on Tuesday, February 17 at 1:30PM. RSVP to Meg by texting or calling (313) 909 9053 or email at mptv85@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

February is American Heart Month. How are you going to celebrate it? Adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and avoiding or quitting smoking; learn CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation); take advantage of volunteering opportunities; host fundraising events; and provide financial donations.

Thought for the month: *"Love thoughtfully. Plan faithfully. Leave a legacy of care."*

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There is no report this month from the Omaha Goldenears chapter of RUEA.

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ROUNDUP

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There were 9 members at our January 12th meeting at The Black Bear Diner. Everyone in attendance seemed to have had enjoyable holidays.

As discussed at our January meeting, a \$50 check has been sent to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada as our chapter has done in the past.

Barbara Leusing deposited the money from our December 50/50 and the January dues. Our balance is healthy and should enable us to once again think about a small picnic in the summer and partially subsidizing our Christmas luncheon wherever it may be.

Celebrating January birthdays are **Duncan Scaife** and **Kathy Robinson**. The 50/50 was won by lucky once again **Linda Borchers**.

Our next meeting will be on February 9 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. See you there.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS


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Fourteen members braved the snow and cold weather for our February lunch. Ed announced that member **Jim Ammon** passed away; condolences to his wife **Helen** and family. We also learned that **Jordon Levin** has moved to Florida.

Happy birthday to **Kenneth Kleinhaut, Evelyn Schroeder, Helena Darmstadt, Vicki Petrick, Rose Ann Vascellaro, Ron Feingold, Dave Levine, Amy Levine, and Kenney Lew**.

Celebrating anniversaries are **Gerry & Dominick Rizzo, and Claire & Arthur Wilsdorf**.

Our three 50/50 winners were **Ed Pozzi** and **Bob Cardenas (2x)**.

Calendar:

March 4 –Meeting

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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Well, blast it all, our December highlights got lost in the shuffle, so here it is: The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter is resting in January and February. Having said that, Sharon and I are working out luncheons for 2026; we have some new places to visit and are looking forward to the year. Our chapter continues to grow but as always, sad news has been relayed to me today: **Ed Hall** passed away on January 6, 2026; Ed was a Supervisor at CLERR, CLECS, IADRR, DTWRR; he leaves behind his wife and children. Cards or notes can be sent to **Phyllis Hall**, 4272 W. 227th Cleveland, Ohio 44126.

The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at The Diamond Event Center on December 3. 47 retirees and friends or family attended and every one of them loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together. In attendance were Chapter President **Sue Broderick**, VP **Sharon Minelli**, **Bernie Garrah**, **MaryLou Mack**, **Jeff & Judy Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Betty Krischker**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Tom Duta**, **Sharon Gatesman**, **Steve Rak**, **Tim Baker**, **John & Carrie Kercel**, **Tom & Marty Hassell**, **Hanna Beish**, **Gene & Jackie Craig**, **Clara Dietrich**, **Shirley McCarthy**, **Dave & Sharon Simpson**, **Nancy McLaughlin**, **Kay Preston**, **Jennifer Schreiner**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **Marianne Skala**, **Nancy Cleary**, **Marilyn Cicco**, **Marilyn Kulikowski**, **Sam Bennet** and 4 of his family, and **Cheryl Goodson**. Three members had to cancel due to difficulties, **Ralph Bruggerman**, **Donna Feierabend** and **Lee Rak**; we hope they are all fine and on their way to a healthy Holiday. Also, **Ben Bougucki** called to say he was recuperating from surgery and wished everyone well.

We started our lunch with a couple announcements. In my last newsletter, I had the wrong Bernie bringing in the large puzzle, sorry **Bernie Garrah**!

We will not meet in January or February but already have plans for the upcoming year. Susan and Sharon are talking to different restaurants. We already know we will be at Sully's Irish Pub in March, Das Schnitzel Haus in April, Malley's in November and Diamond Event Center again in December.

We had 5 pots for the 50/50, 1 to the chapter and the following people each took home \$35.00 per pot, **Sue Broderick** (yes!), **Jennifer Schreiner**, **Betty Krischner**, and **Jackie Craig**.

We were very happily blessed to have so many people attending. The best part of the day is to hear people laughing and enjoying seeing each other.

Our Christmas Event had a visit from Santa and every member received a token of appreciation!

Thank you for flying United , and God Bless us all!

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S



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We had 24 people in attendance for our January luncheon. **Paul Lewis** won the free lunch door prize; **Bob Pfeifer** won the birthday lunch; and the 50/50 was won by **Emily Newberry**.

And now for a little humor, with a little bit of philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ I can definitely walk the walk. Just don't ask me to jog the jog or run the run.
- ☺ My therapist said I should get an emotional support animal ... so I got a chicken. Deep fried. Came with a milkshake and fries. Feeling much better already.
- ☺ I asked my husband what the female version of a "man cave" should be called ... he said, "It's the kitchen". BTW: the doctors say he will be up and walking again soon, but he'll limp for a while.
- ☺ I accidentally sprayed myself in the mouth with Axe body spray this morning. Now I talk with an Axe

scent (Groan!)

- ☺ My wife was mad at me because I only spent half a minute celebrating her birthday. In my defense ... she told me it was her 32nd birthday.
- ☺ Old age has come at a bad time. Just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew.
- ☺ An older lady failed the written driving test 4 times. At the 5th attempt she was determined to pass! But the test had the same question, "You are driving at 100MPH. On your right is a wall, on your left is a cliff. On the road you see an old man and a young man. What will you hit? The woman walked up to the examiner and said, "I've answered this question all four ways, wall, cliff, old man and young man, yet I failed all four times. How is this possible? What am I supposed to hit? The examiner replied, "The brakes!"
- ☺ Before the clock struck midnight on December 31st, I lifted my left leg. That way I knew I'd start off the new year on the right foot!
- ☺ We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room! And then we remembered that we live in a duplex!
- ☺ I think I need a staycation ... or a vacation ... or maybe I need medication. Then again, maybe I need all three.
- ☺ I've officially hit that milestone age where an "all-nighter" means I slept through the night without having to get up to go to the bathroom.
- ☺ If you see me in the morning without coffee, back away slowly ... It's for your own protection. Just saying ...
- ☺ A woman walked into her boss' office with this complaint: "*All the other women in the office are suing you for sexual harassment. Since you haven't sexually harassed me, I'm suing you for discrimination.*"
- ☺ We should all do our part for the planet. The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars that nobody was using!
- ☺ An Irishman walks into a bar in Toronto and orders a drink. The bartender, noticing his accent, asks him, "*What brings you to Canada?*" The Irishman says, "*Well, I was in Dublin and the coaster under my glass said, "Drink Canada Dry". So I thought I'd give it a try*".
- ☺ If Santa watches your behavior all year, but the year doesn't start until January 1, does that mean the 7 days between Christmas and New Year are off the record? Just asking for a friend.
- ☺ It's not that difficult to tell alligators and crocodiles apart. One will see you later, and the other will see you in a while.
- ☺ Answering your cell when you don't recognize the number is like picking up a hitchhiker.
- ☺ The worst thing you can do while cleaning is to sit down "for just a minute".
- ☺ Today I bought gifts for our chauffeur, personal chef, and housekeeper. Plot twist: That's all me. I bought presents for myself.
- ☺ A little-known fact: The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon since 2012. In 2013 the town of Bland, Australia joined them in what has become known as the "Trinity of Tedium".
- ☺ The older we get, the more we get homesick for a version of life that no longer exists.
- ☺ Don't worry about getting older. You are still going to do dumb stuff, only slower.
- ☺ The invention of the shovel was a groundbreaking discovery. But the invention of the broom was the one that truly swept the nation.
- ☺ Sarcasm and Attitude are **so** much cheaper than therapy and bail money.
- ☺ A little old lady calls her neighbor and says, "*Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I cannot figure out how to get it started.*" The neighbor asks, "*What is it supposed to be when it is finished?*" The lady responds, "*According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster.*" The neighbor comes over, looks at the box and studies the pieces spread all over the table, then turns to her and says: "*Firstly, no matter what we do we will not be able to assemble the pieces into anything resembling a rooster, secondary let's have a nice cup of tea and then let's put all the Corn Flakes back in their box.*"
- ☺ Not everyone thinks Cleopatra is beautiful ... but that's how Julius Caesar!
- ☺ If you think the things I say out loud are bad, you should hear the stuff I keep to myself.
- ☺ It's funny how we say, "a bug hit my windshield" when we are the ones going 70MPH. I'll bet the bug's family describes it differently.
- ☺ How I Learned To Mind My Own Business: I was walking past a mental hospital the other day and

heard all the patients shouting “13 … 13 … 13”. The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on. Some idiot poked me in the eye then they all started shouting, “14 … 14 … 14”.

☺ They say “the machines of the future” will be as smart as people … OK, but **which** people? Because it kind of matters quite a bit.

Until next month!

Calendar:

March 12 - Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2nd Thursday of every month. If you are in the Portland area, please join us.

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Hello from Philly:

I am glad to write you again from our snow covered East Coast. I haven't seen this much cold and snow for years. We have been in a deep freeze for quite awhile. Normally we would have warmer weather following the snow and it would go away a few days later. Ha ha! That didn't happen this time.

I hope everyone is doing good and enjoying family and friends. We are indeed!

We'll be back to you next month. Stay safe!

PITTSBURGH

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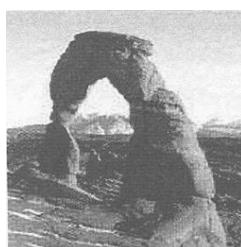


Just a quick note to update you that **Julie McConaghy** passed away on January 28th, 2026. Julie was the wife of **Ray McConaghy**, a long time PITCS Supervisor and was secretary of the Pit-Stopers chapter.

UTAH

SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

WASHINGTON

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There is no report this month from the Seattle Emerald City Slickers but a quick reminder that the Mechanics get-together is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Trotter's Restaurant in Auburn.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Submitted by Carl Alford, President

January 14th, we welcomed 35 members to our luncheon. Our president recognized our own **Janet Baltas** for her article in the January issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. Her position as a docent at the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center helped her provide readers with a fascinating look at the successes and setbacks of the Concorde.

Our treasurer, **Judy Dunlap**, was busy collecting annual dues for the start of the year. Fortunately, one of her friends from Buffalo, Gloria, was on hand to help. Thanks to the support of our members and officers' diligence, we were able to keep our dues at just \$15.

January birthdays were announced. Those in attendance, **Mert Rudolph, Ramon Aguilar, Gloria Runkles, and Peter Karg**, received a special treat. Peter and his wife, Linda, were first-time attendees, having recently moved back to our area from Florida (just in time for the arctic blast and snow!)

Our historian, **Bob O'Roark**, graciously donated a dozen copies of Sandra Eggleston's fantastic book, "MLK to Brother Ray" (available on Amazon), to be added to our monthly door prizes. This month's winners were **Janet Branton, Bob O'Roark, Judy Eary, Alice Feng, and Nasreen Mustaqim**. The 50/50 raffle winner, **Kerrie Schneider**, very kindly donated her money back to the Loungers.

As a reminder, September through May, we meet on the second Wednesday at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA, at 11:30am. We welcome all UA retirees and friends to join us.

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Clipped Wings: Carrying the Torch to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

From **June 20–26, 2026**, the eyes of the nation will be on Minneapolis, Minnesota, as it hosts the **Special Olympics USA Games**. This massive undertaking will bring together 4,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches, and 75,000 fans. But behind the scenes, ensuring every heat is run and every medal is awarded will be a dedicated force of 10,000 volunteers—including the familiar faces of **Clipped Wings**.

A Legacy of Service Since 1968 ~ Our involvement isn't just a new service project; it is a storied tradition. Clipped Wings members have been present at these Games since their very inception in 1968 when Eunice Kennedy Shriver first realized her vision at Soldier Field in Chicago.

For over five decades, our members have transitioned from the aisles of United aircraft to the sidelines of sporting venues, bringing that same professional “can-do” spirit to the Special Olympics community.

The 2026 Mission ~ Whether it's logistics, athlete check-ins, or cheering from the stands, our presence is a testament to the enduring heart of the Clipped Wings and United family.

Why We Volunteer ~ As former flight attendants and aviation professionals, we've seen the world, but few sights compare to the finish line of a Special Olympics event. To witness the athlete overcome obstacles and master their sport is to be reawakened to the endless possibilities of life. We don't just go to help; we go to be inspired by the grit, determination, and pure joy of the athletes and their families.

“The Special Olympics reminds us that there is no limit to the human spirit—a sentiment that resonates deeply with those of us who spent our careers reaching for the clouds.”

Get Involved! ~ Are you ready to help in Minneapolis?

- **When:** June 20–26, 2026
- **Where:** Minneapolis, MN (Multiple Venues)
- **Focus:** Support for 19 sports and administrative operations

Let's continue the legacy we started in 1968 and show the USA Games the true meaning of “Fly the Friendly Skies”. If you happen to be near the Twin Cities in June this year and would like to volunteer either for a day or for the week please reach out to: specialolympicsminnesota.org/2026-usa-games.

If you are looking for volunteer events in your hometown, we encourage you to connect with us and explore a chapter near you:

- ★ Website: unitedclippedwingsinc.org
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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **January 2026**:

Marshall Brodien, Bloomingdale, IL

Liz Cavanagh, The Woodlands, TX

William Conway, Fresno, CA

Janie Denno, Burien, WA

Ulfert Esen, Wantagh, NY

Barbara Finkler, Foster City, CA

David Handley, Latrobe, PA

Thomas Mannion, Colorado Springs, CO

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OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Retiree – **Ades, Bonita**, on 1/15/2026, SFOSW, wife of Jon Ades, 5441 Blue Sage Dr., Littleton, CO 80123

Retiree – **Geddes, Joy A.**, on 12/16/2025, ORDSW, great niece of Paige Gillaed, friend of Barbara Sakely, ORDSW (retired), 833 Indian Valley Dr., Burlington, NC 27217

Retiree – **Kilian, Alcuin F.**, on 5/3/2025, MSPOZ, husband of Mary Ann Kilian (deceased), father of Janet Ost, 16991 Claycross Way, Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Retiree – **Schneider, Robert**, on 12/4/2025, ONTOZ, partner of Stacey Schneider and father of son Todd Schneider, 3411 S. Camino Seco Rd., Space 534, Tucson, AZ 85730

Retiree – **Schnittker, Frederick John**, on 1/24/2026, ORDMM/ ORDCG, husband of Ruth Schnittker, 1116 S. Douglas Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Retiree – **Tenwick, Charles C.**, on 12/28/2025, SANCG, husband of Betty Behrens Warner, no address given

Frederick “John” Schnittker July 29, 1940 – January 24, 2026



Frederick John Schnittker, age 85, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2026, in Arlington Heights, Illinois at Luther Rehab surrounded by his family. Born on July 29, 1940, in Chicago, Illinois, John lived a life marked by dedication to his family, his faith, and his craft.

John's early years were rooted in Chicago, where he was raised by his parents, August & Elsie Schnittker (née Friedl). He grew up worshiping at Bethany Lutheran Church, a foundation of faith that would remain central throughout his life. On May 19, 1962, John married Ruth Kleiner at Bethany Lutheran Church. Together they built a loving home and shared over six decades of marriage filled with devotion and mutual support.

After completing his education at Lewis University and earning his FAA Airframe and Powerplant License, John embarked on a distinguished 37-year career with United Airlines beginning in 1961. His roles at UAL reflected both his technical expertise and leadership abilities: Ramp Serviceman, Aircraft Mechanic, Ground Equipment Planner, Aircraft Maintenance Foreman, Aircraft Maintenance Operations Manager, Building Maintenance Station Manager, and ultimately retiring as Ground Equipment Station Manager in 1998. Among his many contributions to the airline was serving on the committee responsible for bringing one of UAL's retired Boeing 727 aircraft to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago—a lasting testament to aviation history.

In addition to his work with United Airlines, John and Ruth co-owned Land-Air Associates in Arlington Heights. In its early years as an FAA-certified repair station, Land-Air specialized in overhauling general aviation reciprocating engines and conducting annual inspections at local airports. John also served as a designated FAA examiner for A&P license certification exams—an extension of his passion for teaching and mentoring others.

Later in life, John turned his attention to restoring antique engines—automobile, motorcycle, and marine—with remarkable craftsmanship. His rebuilt engines can be found displayed in museums and local restaurants

alike. His hands-on knowledge and meticulous attention to detail made him a respected figure among enthusiasts and collectors.

John's love for music was another defining aspect of his life. He found joy playing the piano, organ, and concertina—often filling the home with melodies that reflected both joy and peace. He also had a deep affection for dogs and never missed an opportunity to share a treat or table scrap with them.

Faith remained central throughout John's life. After moving to Arlington Heights in 1964 with Ruth, they became members of Faith Lutheran Church where he served as Trustee for several years. He generously shared his time and talents with the church community.

Above all else, John was a devoted family man—a loving husband to Ruth Schnittker (Kleiner), a proud father to their children John Schnittker (Janet), Tim Schnittker, Ruth Ann Mahoney (Chris), and Elizabeth Hasley (Darin), a cherished grandfather to James Schnittker (Morgan), Andrew Schnittker, Zachary Schnittker, Abby Schnittker, Sean Mahoney, Connor Mahoney, Brenden Mahoney, Sarah Hasley, Ben Hasley, Leah Hasley—and great-grandfather to Beckham Schnittker.

John will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments but also for the selfless way he lived: Always willing to help others; always ready to teach; always leading with strength and compassion. He protected those around him fiercely while nurturing them with patience and wisdom.

John Tipping
January 11, 1947 – January 24, 2026



John F. Tipping, 79, of Winthrop, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion to family and friends.

Born and raised in Winthrop, John was the cherished son of Margaret (Peggy) and Charles Tipping. He was the loving husband of Anne (Mosca) Tipping, his partner of 54 years who would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this May. He was a devoted father to Jennifer Tipping O'Connell and her husband Matt O'Connell of Milton, and Stephanie Tipping Withers and her husband Charlie Withers of San Francisco. John was the fun loving Papa of Catherine, Ryan, Andrew, Jack, Millie, and Cricket, whose ages range from 16 to 10. He took immense pride in watching each of them grow, never missing a chance to cheer on those nearby and making cherished visits to San Francisco.

John grew up in Winthrop as one of the “Three Tips” — a trio of brothers with Jamie and Charlie, known throughout town for their friendship, camaraderie, and unbreakable bond.

He also shared a close and loving relationship with his sister-in-law, Marie Clements, and his brother-in-law, Michael Clements, and took great joy in spending time with his cherished nieces and nephews.

John dedicated 42 years to United Airlines in sales, a career that gave his family the gift of travel. But his true calling began 15 years ago when he retired and became a professional at the art of retirement itself. He golfed constantly at his beloved Winthrop Golf Club during warm months and his regular golf league in Florida during the winter. A lifelong lover of the ocean, John was a member of the Winthrop Yacht Club, loved sailing, and could often be found walking along the water enjoying the view of the boats.

John will be remembered for his love of life, his sense of humor, his loyalty to those he loved, his presence at every important moment, and the joy he brought to every room he entered. Though he will be deeply missed, his spirit lives on in the laughter of his grandchildren, the memories shared around countless tables, and the bonds of the Three Tips.

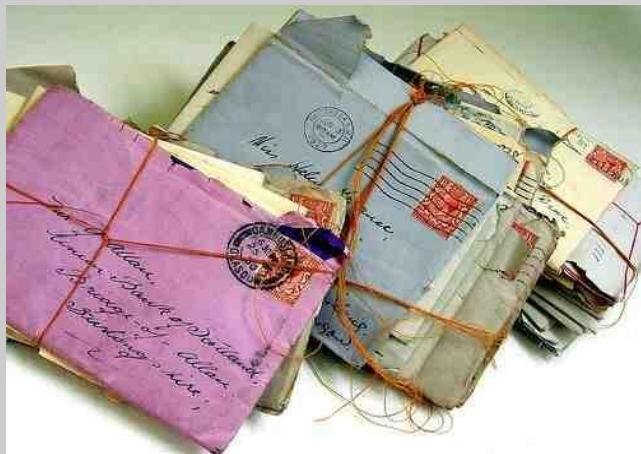


Nelly Nyquist, 82 years old, passed away on December 2, 2025. She worked for United Airlines for over 36 years, first at O'Hare, and then quickly moved to ticket sales at the Disneyland Hotel in California. Originally from Panama, she moved to Chicago as a teenager, and even helped to get her two sisters, Navi and Betty, jobs at United as well.

She raised two boys, Erik and Grant, and had 2 grandchildren. Nelly loved her United family and kept up with colleagues via Facebook and friendly lunches. Her smile was infectious and interacting with people was one of her favorite pastimes. She will be missed tremendously and will always be loved by her family.

For more information, please contact Grant Nyquist, 32006 Lomita Dr., Trabuco Canyon, CA. 92679.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Darlene R. Ikeya, 925 CarsonDr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Thank you for your work and involvement in putting the Newsletter together each month. The articles are most interesting and keep us informed about what's happening within the UAL family. I enjoy the notes and updates from all the chapters around the country. Some of them give me my chuckle for the day!

Here's my annual dues with a small donation to the Postal Fund or wherever it's needed. Keep up the good work.

I am the surviving spouse of **Gary**, who loved keeping in touch with his UAL comrades.

Jesse Hicks, 2715 Clifford Hicks Road, Camden, TN 38320

Sorry about being late with my dues, I had a bad 2025 with many illnesses and I'm still struggling with some but I'm able to write to you. I sure enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter, I have received it for 31 years.

Richard C. Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603

Thank you all for the wonderful Newsletter. After 25 years of retirement, it is the only line of information I get about United.

I really liked my work at the SFO Maintenance Center. I hope to reconnect with the Sacramento Gold Diggers Chapter this year. I do not know where or when they now meet. It's hard to believe but I do nothing on the computer so I guess I'm kind of out of the loop.

I'm doing my best to live a simple life without all the technology stuff that are prevalent in our world. This also means I don't use ATM or have a cell phone; it is sometimes difficult as everyone thinks that these electronic gadgets are part of your life.

I prefer to cut my own firewood and still do brick and stone work; but I don't work too fast now as I am 81 years old; I still love doing things in the great outdoors.

Thank you for all you do putting the Newsletter together. God Bless and have healthy and peaceful year.

June Shanahan, 661 W. Calle Torres Blancas, #5203, Green Valley, AZ 85614

I've been retired since 1990 and traveled the world thanks to United. Both Tom and I are in our 90's and doing well but we no longer travel. Wishing all of our old friends a healthy and prosperous 2026.

Notes

Gabrielle I. Dentravagues

I've been retired for over 22 years and I'm still traveling, mostly cruising. I don't use my passes anymore after my 2nd trip after I retired; since was stranded in Paris and had to buy a full fare ticket on another airline.

Now I buy a ticket on UA and am a million miler and 1K for 3 years. It really pays off when you have major delays and the extra perks you get. Thanks, to RUAEA for all your hard work.

Barbara L. Drews

I look back with fond memories of my thirty years at United. Since retirement, I have gone to school, worked in the Medical Field and have become an artist. I work in Acrylic and Watercolor and love to take classes. I still love to learn and I feel enriched by it.

Robert Goetz

I am enjoying retirement to the fullest.

Judi Farwell

I love retirement.

Steve Wadle

Greetings from Iowa, I really enjoy RUAEA 50th Reunion in Denver.

Susan Broderick

I am currently serving as the President of the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter. I'm trying to provide an opportunity for retirees to meet together monthly and enjoy visiting with each other.

Gerald L. Brazeau

I really enjoy receiving the RUAEA newsletters and all of a sudden they stopped coming. I'll try verifying all my information.

Ginny Vlach

It seems the older I get, the fewer people I know. I certainly enjoy **Jan Gawenda**'s article here in the Chicago area. She's a friend of mine and she's a hoot.

Joseph P. Hopkins

As I age, my ties to United where I worked for 30 years get thinner and thinner. That is where RUAEA and its monthly newsletter come in. I enjoy reading it and looking for names of co-workers from my generation in the Friendly Skies. Sometimes I stumble across one which I find gratifying.

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