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We're excited about our upcoming Reunion at the end of this month in San Diego, a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the incredible experiences we've shared. Please plan to join us for an event filled with laughter, stories, and maybe even a few surprises! We'll have fun activities, and a chance to catch up with old friends. We can't wait to see you there and relive the great memories we've made together! Our RUAEA VP of Conventions, **Hank Gosselin**, looks forward to welcoming you at the Reunion; Hank wants me to remind you of two deadlines that are coming up soon:

1. The *Hotel Reservation* cut-off date is **August 27, 2024**. Please remember that you must register everyone in your party for the Reunion or the contracted rate will not be available upon check-in. You may still be able to reserve a room after that date, however, not at the discounted Reunion rate.
2. The *Reunion Registration* cut-off date is **September 15, 2024**. Please register if you wish to be listed in the Reunion Directory. Yes, you can register after this date if you have been undecided or your plans have changed. Also, when registering for the Reunion, please select tour(s) you wish to be on; don't wait to do so on arrival. Some tours have limited capacity due to bus size.

RUAEA has reached our contracted room nights and rates with the Dana and we are trying to negotiate for additional nights.

Speaking for all, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the Reunion volunteers for their hard work in organizing this event. The 2024 San Diego Reunion team has been at this for a number of years; as we acknowledged them on the front cover of our July 2024 Newsletter. Their dedication, creativity, and attention to detail made the event truly special. From planning events, coordinating logistics to ensuring everything ran smoothly, their efforts did not go unnoticed. The positive energy and joy shared among attendees in past Reunions/Conventions are a testament to their commitment and I have no doubt that the same excellence will be experienced at this year's Reunion. Thank you once again for the team's invaluable contributions; we couldn't have done it without you!

In the months following the Reunion, starting with the November issue, I'm thrilled to share that we'll be featuring photos from the 2024 Reunion on the covers of our Newsletter! Once again, a huge "Thank You" to our photographers, **Veronica & Francis Domaratius**, for capturing these memorable moments. Their stunning photography will document the excitement and energy of the event right to your Newsletter as I'm featuring a couple of their images here. Keep an eye out for highlights that showcase our time together and the amazing connections we made! ■

John

Midway



The Kissing Statue

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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 ruaeaml@qwestoffice.net. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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GENERAL NEWS **WWW.RUAEA.ORG**

RUAEA 2024 Elections



Hi Folks,

As you may know, RUAEA has not had an election for quite some time now. Although we have posted in the Newsletter several times; there has been little interest from the membership and this has resulted in the current incumbents remaining in their respective positions.

The Executive Board consists of; President, Executive Vice President, Past President, Secretary, VP Conventions, and Treasurer; all are elected positions, as well as non-executive elected position of Regional Director.

There are several members that are appointed in their respective positions. The appointed positions are as follows, Denver Office and Membership manager, Assistant VP of Conventions, Website managers, Corporate Relations Liaison, and Site Selection Committee Chair completing the full board. At this time, no one is asking to be replaced; however, we must consider all positions open.

In the interest of streamlining the board and election processes, the Executive Board now serves as the election committee. Therefore, all candidates must submit a nomination form and/or resume to the Executive Board for review.

If you are or know of someone that would like to join the leadership team for RUAEA, please reach out to anyone of the current board for additional details. The job descriptions are posted on the website, in the current Policy and Procedures document. The Board positions are relied upon to be active working positions, as we all pull together to keep the organization moving forward. As in any volunteer organization, the positions do require time and commitment, some more than others; that being said the work is rewarding in so many ways.

Again, if you think you may be interested in any of these positions, please consult with any of us and we will be happy to help you through the process. We can

invite you to attend one of the meetings and consult with the person now holding a position you may be interested in. We plan to have an election by year's end and would love to have candidates for that. Again, please consider participating in the future of RUAEA as a valued asset to all our members. Keep in mind that the benefits of maintaining RUAEA membership are the monthly newsletter, a yearly Convention/Reunion, and reliable liaison with the company.

Please fill out the Nomination Form located on the back cover of the Newsletter and return to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, or any of the current board members listed in the Newsletter.

UAL Benefits News Update

United Kingdom APD (GB) tax changes: Due to a recent audit with U.K. tax authorities, United needs to change the way we collect the Air Passenger Duty tax (APD) out of the U.K. In the past, pass travelers were charged the Economy cabin APD tax regardless of the cabin for which they listed. Effective immediately, United is required to charge the appropriate APD tax in the cabin in which you list. If you use payroll deduction, you will be properly charged after travel takes place, based on the cabin in which you flew. If you pre-paid with a credit card for your travel and listed for a premium cabin, but were cleared in economy, you will need to request a refund of the difference in APD tax by going to the [United.com Refund policies page](#) and specify that you paid APD tax for the premium cabin but were accommodated in Economy. Please be sure you submit the ticket number for the ticket used to depart from the U.K., and not connecting ticket numbers. Also as previously communicated, we are no longer able to issue transit refunds if your inbound flight to the U.K. was not on the same ticket as your connecting United flight.

For more details on the APD tax, visit the U.K. APD tax page at <https://www.gov.uk/transport/air-passenger-duty>.

Retiree enrolled friend changes deadline: The deadline for you to make changes to your enrolled friends for the Jan. 1 - Jun. 30, 2025 travel period is Saturday, December 28 (until 11:59 p.m. CT). There is a helpful page on Flying Together with lots of details and a video on how to make changes if you need to. If you don't want to make any changes, you do not need to take any action. Current enrolled friends will automatically roll over to the next travel period, just like your spouse/domestic partner, children and parents do. Keep in mind, once a new travel period begins; your current enrolled friends can be removed but cannot be replaced within the same travel period. Exception request will not be accepted once the deadline passes.

Inflation Math For Today's Retiree

By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



You may have heard the saying, "inflation hurts savers and benefits borrowers."

The expression suggests that borrowers benefit from inflation because they pay back lenders with dollars worth less than when the money was initially borrowed. But for savers, your hard-earned dollars may lose buying power over time.

One popular way to show the "hurts savers" illustration is with retirement calculators. A fixed amount of money will lose buying power at a much faster rate if inflation averages 7% versus 1% over an extended period.

That's one reason why we caution against using some online tools. You can plug in a set of numbers, and the results may take you by surprise. They often raise more questions than answers.

If you're concerned about inflation, please reach to me or my team of Financial Consultants at ARIS. We watch the trends closely, and we can help put today's inflation in a better perspective, aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

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Important Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that imputed income billing will occur in September.

For assistance, refer to the July 2024 Newsletter where we published a quick reference or "How to".

Note the Payment Due By Date on the table located on the following page:

Timeline:			
2024	Travel Period	Invoice Delivered By	Payment Due By
1 st Qtr.	11/1/23 – 1/31/24	3/18/24	4/25/24
2 nd Qtr.	2/1/24 – 4/30/24	6/7/24	7/9/24
3 rd Qtr.	5/1/24 – 7/31/24	9/9/24	10/11/24
4 th Qtr.	8/1/24 – 10/31/24	12/6/24	1/8/25

An important message from the Denver office



Mike (Mal) Malesardi

RUAEA has been using a database for many years to keep all of the membership data that we use to get you a quality Newsletter each month.

As you all know, **Cas Spokas** passed away in November of 2023; he was the person who was responsible for the database. For many

years, Cas maintained, updated and wrote programs to accomplish new functions. It got to the point that corrections needed to be made every time we used the database. Cas taught me a lot to keep it going; he was an amazing and kind person; I could never get to his level of technical expertise.

We have been able to partially use the programs and get the newsletter out. It was decided by the RUAEA Board of Directors to have a new database created. The company, Arc Seven who maintains our website, was contracted to create it. Luckily, RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) uses the same company to handle theirs; this economized the cost.

To explain the website and database simply; you access the website to join, or renew your membership and paying with CC and read all the free info. Members who opted for **both** or **web**, sign into the website to read the newsletter online. That is the only reason to sign into the website. Why you may ask; the website costs money to register and operate. It's not free.

The database is maintained by the Denver office. You don't see this. When you send in your changes or renew by CC or send in obituaries to be printed in the newsletter, these are managed by the database. Also, "Thank You" letters sent in with CC renewals go into a file to be printed in the Newsletter. The letters you send in with your check are processed by our Letters Editor **Martha Gooselaw** and entered in the Letters Section; a lot of work. And to answer your question, we read them all and they are greatly appreciated, thank you!

The website and the database interact with each other. When we do the final merger of the old and new

databases, the operation will be much more streamlined.

Now to the basis of this message: The **arrears** list email and US mail **arrears** letters are being streamlined. The old way of doing business is going away. Put it simply, members who receive a mailed newsletter or are both; both meaning you get a mailed newsletter and have access to the Newsletters on the website.

The Newsletter has a mailing label printed on the back. It contains the member's address. It also has the members file number above the name to the left. Above the name to the right is the member's expiration date. As an example, 9/3/2024 xpd, expiration date. In case you don't look at this, please pay attention to this message. And don't bring up "*I thought it was my birthday*". That's been gone forever.

A month before your membership expires; there will be a renewal message in red above your mailing label. Read your mailing label every time you receive a newsletter. It's your last newsletter; time for the checkbook or your CC. For **Web Access Only** or **Both** members; you will get an email 1 month before your renewal is up. To clarify, members who sign up for **both** will get an email and a red renewal message on your newsletter. That's because you're both, not special, just both. **Everybody gets one renewal notice 1 month before, that's it.** That's the important message.

Now, just to show you I'm not as strict as this sounds, I have extended the US mail letters to January 1st. The reason for this is that I know a lot of our members do not have an email or a computer. I respect that and want to accommodate those members who still communicate via US Mail.

Renewing your membership is your responsibility. Renewing early makes my job easier. Some members think if they renew early, they lose time; nothing could be farther from the truth. The database was written to extend your membership a year from your renewal date, not on the day we process your renewal notice. Of course, if you are in arrears, it's a year from the day you pay. If you renew today, then forget and renew again tomorrow, you just renew for 2 years. Not to worry, we take care of you at the Denver office.

On a related subject, the Denver office has moved to a different space from our prior space at TK. Yes, another move. It was not fun. You almost did not get a

May, June or maybe a July newsletter. We now share an office with the Mainliner Club Manager. And no, I can't get you a discount. It is a great location and we are greatly pleased, the new office is a little larger than the last one. There is still not a lot of storage space. When members call and are in arrears and would like multiple past issues of the Newsletter, we can't accommodate those requests. We only keep a few extra issues each month for those instances that the Newsletter did not get delivered by the US Postal Service. If I get a call stating "I haven't gotten a newsletter for 6 months", this is not a good call. If your newsletter didn't arrive, email or call, I answer them all. How's that for a motto. To give you good service, I need all the help I can get. And if you tell me nobody answers the phone, I'll tell you that you are correct; we are talking now. If you call and hang up because we are not able to answer the phone, you will only frustrate yourself. Leave a message, let me help you.

To put it simply, I check the emails and voicemails every couple of days and respond promptly. You are my coworkers and your questions matter to me greatly. Let me help you whenever I can.

When you don't put your file number on the check, I have to look you up. Smith and Jones, you know who you are. I have to look through all your names and match up your address. If you have an uncommon name, you are forgiven.

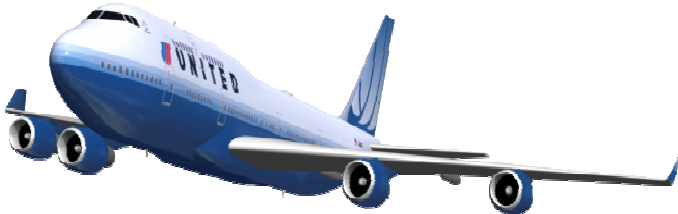
This letter kind of ran away. It was supposed to be about the new arrears messages. But, I just wanted to take the opportunity to let you know the amount of effort that goes into getting you a newsletter every month and how much we appreciate your membership, your kind letters and renewing early.

One last thing, I have had calls about chapters not having articles in the newsletter. When there is not an article from a chapter, the statement, no article this month, is printed. If a chapter is inactive, they are removed from the newsletter. Of course if they become active again, they are back. If they are inactive and submit a letter, it is included under the chapter region name.

In closing, thank you for your membership. You can now go on to read your local chapter articles.

And remember, enjoy your newsletter, also look at your mailing label and act appropriately.

Michael (Mal) Malesardi
Membership Manager



United Makes It Easier For Fans to Follow Chicago Bears on the Road with More Flights and Later Departure Times to Return Home August 6, 2024



United Airlines today launched a first-of-its kind flight schedule to make it easier for Chicago Bears fans to travel to every away game this season. For the first time ever, the airline is adjusting departure times of six flights so fans have the option to fly home the same night as away games. United is also flying larger planes on two routes and adding an additional nonstop flight between O'Hare and London's Heathrow Airport for the Week 6 Bears/Jaguars game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium – giving fans four total nonstop flight options to get to London.

According to data from the NFL, Chicago Bears fans are among the most dedicated road warriors in the league; more than 76,000 Bears fans traveled to away games during the 2023-24 season.

"As Chicago's Hometown Airline® and long-standing sponsor of the Chicago Bears, we're proud to show our support this season with this special schedule for fans," said Patrick Quayle, United's Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning. *"Our enhanced schedule gives customers options no other carrier is providing, making it easier for fans to support the Bears on the road during some of the biggest games of the season."*

United is Chicago's largest airline, operating more than 500 daily departures from Chicago O'Hare with nonstop service to 148 cities in the United States and nonstop service to more than 40 international destinations.

United Airlines has been the official airline of the Chicago Bears for more than 50 years, flying the team to more than 350 games and making it easier for thousands of fans to cheer on the Bears on the road every year. The two organizations consistently partner for community engagements in the Chicago area including earlier this summer, when Chicago Bears Tight End Cole Kmet worked alongside the airline's Special Olympics Service Ambassadors for the day to help drive awareness of the organization's travel needs.

"We are fortunate to continue building on our progressive and collaborative partnership with United Airlines by creating more unique opportunities to accommodate our loyal and passionate fans," said Bears Senior Advisor to the President/CEO & Chief Administrative Officer, Ted Crews.

"As Bears fans create their travel plans for the upcoming season, it is a welcomed and appreciated ges-

ture by United to provide optimal travel accommodations through increased flight options, helping our fans return to Chicago, and wherever they call home, safely and efficiently,” said Karen Murphy, Bears Executive Vice President of Stadium Development & Chief Operating Officer.

Bears Away Schedule ~ United is making it easier for fans to see every away game this season including:

- ▲ Retiming return flights to Chicago for seven games so fans have the option to fly home on game night, or early the next morning:
 - Houston, TX (IAH) on September 15 – evening flight departs at 11:59 p.m.
 - Indianapolis, IN (IND) on September 22 – evening flight departs at 7:19 p.m.
 - Phoenix, AZ (PHX) on November 3 – evening flight departs at 8:45 p.m.
 - Detroit, MI (DTW) on November 28 – evening flight departs at 5:30 p.m.
 - San Jose, CA (SJC) on December 8 – evening flight departs at 7:00 p.m.
 - Minneapolis, MN (MSP) on December 17 – flight departs at 7:20 a.m., the morning after the game.
 - Green Bay, WI (GRB) on January 5 – flight departs at 7:41 p.m.
- ▲ Flying larger planes between Chicago O’Hare and Reagan National Airport on October 27 as well as to Green Bay, WI when the game is announced.
- ▲ Adding an additional flight between Chicago O’Hare and London Heathrow on October 9 and 10, returning October 14 and 15.

United Is First Airline to Purchase Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) for O’Hare International Airport July 31, 2024



United today became the first airline to purchase sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) for use at O’Hare International Airport (ORD) and Governor JB Pritzker joined the airline’s leadership at ORD to highlight the role that Illinois’ SAF tax credits played in bringing sustainable aviation fuel to one of the largest airports in the U.S.

SAF producer Neste will provide up to 1 million gallons of Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ to United at ORD in 2024 with the first supply arriving in August. United was the first airline to create a goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emission by 2050, without relying on voluntary carbon offsets, and remains

a U.S. industry leader in the purchase and use of SAF. The airline purchased more sustainable fuel than any U.S. airline in 2023 and the agreement with Neste makes O’Hare the fifth airport where United has purchased SAF for operational use – among the most locations of any U.S. airline.

“Since day one as Governor, I’ve committed to making Illinois a national leader in sustainability and clean energy, which is why I was proud to support a nation-leading SAF tax credit last year,” said Governor JB Pritzker. *“Illinois’s position as a hub of innovation with some of the most connected airports in the country perfectly aligns with the work of companies like United to build a more sustainable future for travel and reach our shared goal of zero emissions.”*

SAF is an alternative to conventional jet fuel that can reduce GHG emissions by up to 85% on a lifecycle basis – from production to end use - because it is made from renewable materials rather than drilled fossil oil. SAF is among aviation’s best, most scalable options to push the industry towards net zero emissions in part because it can be used right now with existing infrastructure - no changes to fuel systems or aircraft engines required.

“This is what happens when innovation, leadership and policy come together,” said United President Brett Hart, who was at ORD today with the Governor. *“While the market for SAF is still in its infancy, there is a huge opportunity today for airlines and policymakers to work together to support its continued growth – SAF at O’Hare was made possible thanks to Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Legislature passing tax incentives.”*

United has now purchased SAF for airports in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, London, and Amsterdam.

“I’m pleased to see United Airlines making this significant move forward by using sustainable aviation fuel daily in flights from O’Hare,” U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) said. *“One of the most important things we can do to make American aviation more sustainable is increase the supply of SAF. At the federal level, I’ve been pushing for the increased use of SAF, and I’m going to keep pushing to increase the supply of American-grown, American-made SAF, a true win-win solution that supports domestic farmers and blenders while reducing our nation’s carbon footprint.”*

United SAF Policy Leadership ~ United is a chief advocate for legislation to grow the SAF market, and helped push for the successful adoption of a federal SAF Blender’s Tax Credit, DOT grants to promote SAF usage, and incentives for hydrogen production and carbon capture. At the state level, the airline has helped secure the passage of SAF tax credits in Illinois, Colorado, California and Washington that encourage the purchase of SAF for local airports.

To further develop and deploy SAF in the U.S. and advocate for policies that will help U.S. fuel producers lead this growing industry, United helped found the SAF Coalition, a consortium that includes more than 40 airlines and aircraft operators, agricultural enterprises, aircraft and aircraft equipment manufacturers, airports, technology developers, labor unions and biofuel producers. **United Leadership & Coalition Building** ~ United's roadmap to achieve its emission goals includes driving operational efficiencies, adding hundreds of new, fuel-efficient planes, using SAF, and investing in other low carbon onboard products and alternate propulsion technologies.

Importantly though, the airline recognizes that no one carrier or industry can solve climate change alone and that's why United has also rallied the business community to scale more sustainable aviation fuel.

- ▲ SAF purchased for United's flights is paid for in part through the company's Eco-Skies AllianceSM, where participating companies work together to share the "green premium", or the cost associated with purchasing lower emission fuels. Since 2021, the alliance has collectively contributed toward the purchase of more than 10.5 million gallons of SAF. ESA companies include Autodesk, Bank of America, BCG, DB Schenker, Envirotainer, First Eagle Investments, Marken, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Salesforce, Meta, ZS, SEKO, Sidley Austin LLP, and Yusen Logistics.
- ▲ Launched in 2023, the UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM is a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle designed to leverage support from cross-industry businesses in order to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel. The fund is comprised of more than \$200 million in investment commitments from United and 21 corporate partners.

United Airlines Announces Second-Quarter 2024 Financial Results; Achieves 2Q EPS Expectations **July 17, 2024**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported second-quarter 2024 financial results. The company had pre-tax earnings of \$1.7 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 11.6%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.8 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 12.1%. The company expects pre-tax margin to be near the top of the industry. The company also achieved diluted earnings per share of \$3.96; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$4.14, in line with second-quarter 2024 guidance provided at the start of the quarter. The com-

pany continues to expect full-year 2024 adjusted diluted earnings per share² of \$9 to \$11.

For nearly two years, the airline has been anticipating significant domestic capacity reductions recently announced by a variety of U.S. airlines this summer and mid-August is an inflection point, with published schedule changes showing an approximately 3 point decline in industry capacity growth rate. The airline expects three critical revenue diversity advantages that propelled it to the top of the industry during this challenging period to further accelerate. The first, premium revenue, grew 8.5% in the second quarter versus the same quarter last year. The second, Basic Economy revenue, grew 38% year-over-year during the quarter. The third, market share among domestic road warriors, increased during the quarter year-over-year.

"The revenue diversity advantages that we've built with our premium customers, Basic Economy customers, and domestic road warriors, on top of the world's best loyalty program and leading customer service, have propelled our margins to near the top of the industry," said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. *"Looking forward, we see multiple airlines have begun to cancel loss-making capacity, and we expect leading unit revenue performance among our largest peers in the second half of the third quarter. United has long been preparing for the moment when industry wide domestic capacity would adjust – it's now clear that inflection point is just 30 days away."*

United has also continued to strategically manage the business in the face of industry wide challenges. United reduced costs and delivered CASM of down 4.8% and better-than-expected CASM-ex of up 2.1%. The airline also generated net cash provided by operating activities of \$2.9 billion and \$1.9 billion of free cash flow in the quarter. In early July, the company voluntarily prepaid the remaining balance of the high-cost MileagePlus term loan, totaling \$1.8 billion, which further strengthens its balance sheet and reduces the airline's interest burden in the years ahead. The airline ended the quarter with trailing twelve months adjusted net debt to EBITDAR of 2.6x. Looking ahead, United has also reduced planned domestic capacity by approximately 3 points in the fourth quarter, compared to the company's previous plan – reflecting the airline's firm commitment to taking its own action to adjust to current trends.

"At United, we have been effectively managing costs, cash and capacity against a challenging industry backdrop because we're focused on doing what's necessary to hit our financial targets. Thank you to leaders across the company for embracing a 'no excuses' approach to running our business. It gives me confidence in our ability to achieve our \$9-\$11 EPS² goal for 2024, despite the challenges the industry has faced this year," said Kirby.

Second-Quarter Financial Results

- ▲ Capacity up 8.3% compared to second-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Total operating revenue of \$15.0 billion, up 5.7% compared to second-quarter 2023.
- ▲ TRASM down 2.4% compared to second-quarter 2023.
- ▲ CASM down 4.8%, and CASM-ex up 2.1%, compared to second-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Pre-tax earnings of \$1.7 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 11.6%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.8 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 12.1%.
- ▲ Net income of \$1.3 billion; adjusted net income of \$1.4 billion.
- ▲ Diluted earnings per share of \$3.96; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$4.14.
- ▲ Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.76.
- ▲ Ending available liquidity of \$18.2 billion.
- ▲ Total debt and finance lease obligations of \$26.6 billion at quarter end.
- ▲ Trailing twelve months adjusted net debt to adjusted EBITDAR of 2.6x.
- ▲ In July, voluntarily pre-paid the remaining \$1.8 billion outstanding balance of the MileagePlus term loan with an interest rate near 11%.

Key Highlights

- ❖ Launched Kinective MediaSM by United Airlines – the first media network that uses insights from travel behaviors to connect customers to personalized advertising, experiences and offers from leading brands.
- ❖ Resumed the airline's two daily flights from Newark to Tel Aviv.
- ❖ Recognized as one of TIME100's Most Influential Companies for United's commitment to sustainability through its United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight FundSM.
- ❖ Announced the addition of nearly 200 flights to Milwaukee and Chicago this summer for easier travel to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions.
- ❖ Debuted a new onboard safety video, providing clear, easy-to-follow demonstrations of critical safety procedures.

Customer Experience

- ▲ Achieved the highest rating for a second quarter on the consumer satisfaction rating scale, the Net Promoter Score.
- ▲ Expanded TSA PreCheck Touchless ID technology across key markets, including Newark, Los Angeles and Atlanta, following its debut in Chicago.
- ▲ The United app continues to be the most downloaded airline app with over 89% of cus-

tomers engaging digitally on day of travel.

- ▲ Launched a new seat preference feature that automatically re-seats customers when their preferred seat becomes available. Over 30% of customers who have saved their seat preferences are moved to their preferred seat.
- ▲ For the quarter, 47% of passengers were re-booked through United's automated service or through self-service, an increase in 7 points year over year.
- ▲ Debuted limited-edition Wrexham AFC-themed amenity kits and pajamas in premium cabins on select long-haul international flights for customers to share in celebration of the soccer team's success.

Operations

- Flew the most customers for a second quarter in company history, carrying 44.4 million passengers, and set the record for the most ever customers carried in a day by the airline at 565,000.
- Completed 34 days rated first amongst U.S. airlines for on-time departures, closing the quarter with the second best on-time departures amongst U.S. carriers.
- United Express achieved the lowest cancel rate for a second quarter in company history.
- Opened a state-of-the-art cargo facility at the New York/Newark airport, expanding the airline's cargo space at the hub to 319,000 square feet.

Network

- ★ Operated the largest schedule in the airline's history, with the highest number of daily departures at nearly 2,700. Operated the largest domestic U.S. and Canada second quarter schedule in the airline's history and an international schedule 35% larger than the next largest U.S. carrier by available seat miles.
- ★ Inaugurated service to Georgetown, Guyana and launched new routes to existing destinations, with new flights between Tulum, Mexico and Chicago and Los Angeles; Barcelona, Spain and San Francisco; Athens, Greece and Chicago; and Tokyo-Haneda and Guam.
- ★ Added second daily seasonal flights between Porto, Portugal and New York/Newark; Brussels and New York/Newark; and between Rome and Washington D.C., and resumed a seasonal daily flight between Reykjavik, Iceland and New York/Newark for the first time since 2022.
- ★ Launched or reinstated 12 additional domestic routes, including Chicago to Nantucket, Mass. And Wilmington, N.C.; Denver to Fairbanks, Alaska and Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Houston to Traverse City, Mich. And Ontario, Canada; and

Washington, D.C. to Anchorage, Alaska, Mobile, Ala., State College, Pa., Wilkes Barre/Scranton, Pa., Harrisburg, Pa. and Philadelphia.

- ★ United operated the largest ever schedule to Canada since the start of the Air Canada/United joint business agreement, including the launch or reinstatement of Chicago to Winnipeg and Quebec City; Denver to Winnipeg; Newark to Halifax; Los Angeles to Calgary; and Washington, D.C. to Vancouver.

Awards

- ▲ United was recognized in Fast Company's 2024 World Changing Ideas List for its United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund.
- ▲ Recognized as the only airline in Fair360's Top 50 Companies list for an ongoing commitment to workplace fairness, a list the company has made for the sixth year in a row.
- ▲ Awarded the Helen Darling Award for Excellence in Health Care Value and Innovation by Business Group on Health for providing best-in-class healthcare benefits and resources to support employees and their families.
- ▲ Recognized as a VETS Indexes 3 Star Employer for the company's commitment to recruiting, hiring and supporting veterans and the military-connected community.
- ▲ Recognized with the Silver Anvil award for Best In-House Team by the Public Relations Society of America for the company's Good Leads the Way campaign.
- ▲ Executive Vice President of Government Affairs and Global Public Policy Terri Fariello was named one of "Washington, D.C.'s 500 Most Influential People of 2024" by the Washingtonian.

Employees, Communities

- Over 2,000 United employees volunteered more than 12,000 hours in communities across hub markets, including 5,300 hours of service to local communities during volunteer month.
- MileagePlus members donated more than 10 million miles to participating non-profit organizations via United's Miles on a MissionSM program, and over 350 in-kind flights to disaster relief partners.
- United transported nearly 320 million pounds of cargo, including approximately 33 million pounds of medical shipments and 29 thousand pounds of military shipments, with more than 110 tons of cargo flown to support the Gaza humanitarian crisis, Brazil flood relief, Maui Recovery, and other disaster preparedness, relief and recovery efforts.
- United's Aviate Academy launched a pilot de-

velopment program with Texas Southern University and United awarded the university's aviation program with more than \$200,000 in scholarships.

- Donated \$100,000 to Houston disaster relief organizations supporting those impacted by severe storms and flooding in the greater Houston area.
- Committed \$50,000 to Airlink and Global Giving's Brazil Flood Relief Fund, and, alongside customers, United raised nearly seven million miles in support of Airlink, American Red Cross, and World Central Kitchen to support on the ground disaster relief.
- BEACON, United's Black Business Resource Group, hosted seven events across hub cities in honor of Juneteenth to celebrate the holiday.
- United's LGBTQ+ Business Resource Group EQUAL participated in ten Pride parades across the country throughout the month of June to celebrate Pride Month.

Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2024

A Lighthearted Review of Airline Vocabulary



Kathie Torgison

No doubt you've seen or heard these employee definitions of airline vernacular over your career and most certainly enjoyed a good laugh or two when you did. I thought it might be fun to have a few of these conversation starters in your memory bank (or in your phone's notepad!) for quick retrieval when the occasion arises.

- ☺ Airline Club Lounge: Paradise-like kingdom with free food and drinks available only to millionaires.
- ☺ ARNK: Sound a passenger makes when sitting between 2 very large people. (Note: Really means "arrival unknown")
- ☺ Baggage Sorting Area: See "Bermuda Triangle".
- ☺ Blankets and Pillows: Archaic term said to have existed in primitive times.
- ☺ Cabin Attendant: Two-legged mobile device for extracting cash from captive audience.
- ☺ Car/Hotel Shuttle: Vehicle subject to paranormal effect. While waiting, every van will come by multiple times – except yours.
- ☺ Codeshare: Magic trick in which aircraft from several different airlines leave from the same gate at the very same moment to fly the same route.

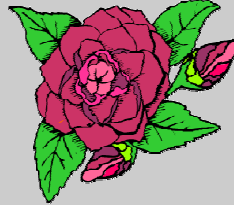
- ☺ Direct Flight: A connecting flight in disguise.
- ☺ First Class: Exclusive area for use by employees traveling free (Remember the good old days?)
- ☺ Fog: Weather condition generated by airports as an excuse for disruptions.
- ☺ Frequent Flyer Program: Airline term for Pandora's Box.
- ☺ Gate Announcement: Vital information delivered over a defective sound system given by specially selected personnel with an inability to speak any language known to man.
- ☺ In-flight Snacks: Little treats sealed in a bag impervious to all but chainsaws. Guaranteed to spill when opened.
- ☺ Landing Announcement such as "Please remain seated until the aircraft has parked at the gate". Understood by passengers as "Jump up and stand like sheep in the aisle pushing towards the exit door which is still closed".
- ☺ Legroom: Small space which shrinks during flight.
- ☺ Minimum Connecting Time: The time it takes for an Olympic gold medal sprinter to run between 2 gates.
- ☺ NO REC: The passenger went online and booked their own flight.
- ☺ On-time Departure: Cabin doors closed within 15 minutes of scheduled departure. Subsequent delays irrelevant.
- ☺ On-time Arrival: Obscure term, meaning unknown.
- ☺ Open-Jaw: What customers do when they find out how long their flight will be delayed. (Note: Double Open-Jaw: As above, but when they realize that no meal or hotel vouchers will be issued.)
- ☺ Overhead Luggage: Rectangular object expected to magically shrink from the size of a refrigerator to the size of a loaf of bread.
- ☺ Passenger: Cargo that talks. Self-loading freight.

I hope these brought a smile to your face. I look forward to providing you with some actual travel tips in November! ■



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-UNITEDS

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Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry:

Now that our breakfast is over, it's time to talk about our August luncheon. I'm trying not to overwhelm you with different dates and times and places of things to do, all at one time. That is why I delay messages. Our next lunch will be at Vito's Pizza & Italian Ristorante, located at 1947 N. Lindsay Rd., Mesa, AZ 85213 on August 9th at 11:00AM. It is at the corner of E. McKellips Rd. and Lindsay, SE corner.

Some people would like to change our breakfast venue in the near future. We have been meeting at the Black Bear for a lot of years and think it's time to change, for several reasons other than that. If you have anything to add to this or suggestions, let me know and I will pass it along to the group. This is not a decision to be made by me, but by the group. Feel free to make a suggestion for consideration.

Also, I want to share with you that the Christmas Luncheon has been set. I hope you will mark your calendars for December 10. The venue is The Hub, located at 1925 S. Sossaman Rd., Mesa, AZ 85209. The gathering starts at 11:00AM. The restaurant has recovered and remodeled after approximately a three-year closing. They have a lovely separate room enclosed with a glass wall and it offers plenty of room for our group; be it a small group or large. You know my desire ... large

group. I think you will like it. This was a suggestion by Rosemarie, and I thank her for the idea. I will of course send out another email but mark your calendars soon as something you will be doing on that date.

Have a wonderful summer for those of you whom I won't see until later in the year. Stay happy and safe until we meet again.

Stay safe and out of trouble as we are prone to do.

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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.

As the song goes, "We had a hot time in the old town tonight! " On July 24th, we had a wonderful luncheon/meeting at Nash's Restaurant in Chico.

Merritt Odor, our President, welcomed everyone. We had 20 members, spouses and guests, plus people we had not seen for a long time.

Ron & Barbara Bertacini were able to join us and brought two friends, **CT** and **Connie Chapman**. It is always so great to see them.

Shari Pitt brought 2 guests including her sister, **Jackie Carly** and a friend **Johnnie Nicholson**. **Vreny Grundherr** brought **Danny Jenks** and we have new member, **Sharon Ouimrit**, who was a Flight Attendant for United. Lots of lively conversation!

Merritt asked for any birthdays or anniversaries. **Caroline Geiger** had a happy birthday in July.



Ron Bertacini spoke about the RUAEA Reunion coming up in the latter part of September. He and Barbara are such big contributors to the RUAEA organization. **Sharon Simonton** led a discussion concerning medical insurance. She brought up the fact that some Drs. in the Chico area are no longer accepting Aetna Medicare Advantage and wanted that brought back to the Insurance people who will be at the convention. Lots of complaints about slow payment, lack of payment, etc. Several of our members have had to move to new doctors; because of this change. Barbara & Ron both said they will make United aware of this issue at the Benefits Meeting at the Reunion. **Gracie Franke** again made two extra beautiful wheelchair bags that were raffled off at our lunch raffles.

Merritt read an article from the RUAEA Newsletter on Marriage. It brought a lot of laughs.

On a personal note, the Town of Paradise and Magalia had another close call with fire. The Park Fire, which started in Bidwell Park in Chico and was two and one half miles away from Paradise. The town was put on evacuation warning and 3 of the zones were actually evacuated. We were under a warning for 4 days. Too close with lots of heat and smoke but because of the direction of the wind, it went North and East however homes were lost in Forest Ranch and Cohasset. Lots of memories cropped up because of the Camp Fire 6 years ago. Bill and I did not evacuate but were ready to go at a moments notice. We had older friends stay with us during this difficult time. All is well, however, even though the fire is still burning Northern California.

The winners of the 50/50 raffle was **Merritt Odor** and **Shari Pitt** won the lunch certificate. **Connie Chapman** won a wheelchair bag and **Don Arndt** won the other wheelchair bag.

Our next meeting/luncheon will be our annual picnic on September 25th. Everyone brings their own lunch, drinks and chairs, and Sharon will provide desert. Sharon will try to confirm reservations at the Woodson Bridge State Park in Corning.

Calendar:

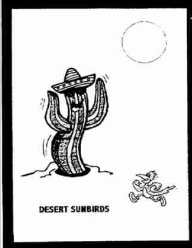
September 25 - 11:30 AM, Woodson Bridge State Park Corning, Ca. Bring your own lunch. Come and join us!



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We will have a luncheon this month and I will ask for volunteer(s) to take over as RUAEA Correspondent for **Al Rybar**, but I **do not** expect to have any takers, I hope I'm wrong but volunteerism is just not what it used to be.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

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 September to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on August 7, temperatures are closer to "normal," whatever that means nowadays. I think it's just an average of really hot and really cool days. It seems like temperatures are described as above normal or below normal, with very few days actually in the midrange.

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 for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to

the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We changed the time of our restaurant meetings to 11:30. We go to The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord every other month. 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 are now looking at other restaurants for the other months. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting, which is a catered BBQ luncheon at a member's home; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served an hour later.

At our July meeting, President **Russ Kennedy** proposed not meeting in August as members are likely to be out of town. The members voted to cancel the meeting scheduled for Monday, August 5. Our regular meeting day in September falls right on Labor Day, so we have moved the date back a week to September 9. I have also noted this below.

Have you been watching the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris? There certainly is something for everyone—every sport imaginable, the scenery, the heart-warming stories of the athletes and their years of sacrifice and dedication to reach the Olympics; learning about the many cultures; even the uniforms. I have heard so many people tell me they ended up watching a sport they'd never watched before or knew nothing about, and ending up being totally engrossed in the coverage.

Several years ago I talked about Google Doodles, those clever logos designed by Google developers to commemorate special events and honor people who have made great contributions to society. Most people, sadly, totally ignore them. They are interesting and very informative. Now, with the Olympics in full swing, they are absolutely hilarious. There is a new Google Doodle almost every day and the videos depict birds doing the various sports. You can find them several ways. One is to google "Google Doodle 2024 Olympics." Another way is to go to <https://doodles.google/search/> and then enter the dates of the Olympics under the Library tab at the top. My favorite is the bird doing a gymnastics routine on a balcony railing.

"Come From Away" is the award winning musical about the people of Gander, Newfoundland who opened their homes and hearts to thousands of stranded passengers whose planes were diverted to Gander after 9-11. The North American tour is once again in full swing from now until early May, 2025. Go to the website at <https://comefromaway.com/> to check the schedule and buy tickets. The musical was inspired by the book "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim Defede. I heart-

ily recommend reading the book before you see the musical. It goes into greater detail about the passengers and actual events and you will get so much more out of the musical if you do.

Barbara Cunningham is 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. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com. Please hold off on mailing cards to her for a while as she is in the process of moving. 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.

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. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. 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. 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 in coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Unfortunately, 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. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

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. In July, I turned in 909 coupons and on August 7, I turned in 836. I think the numbers have dropped the last two months because people may be traveling. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it

weren't for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Diane Griego** in CA, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Arlene McCroy** in NV, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ, **Richard & Nancy Schenone** in CA, **Jim Taylor** in FL, and **Gilbert Wojtal** in AZ.

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

- ▲ Monday, September 9 at 11:30. Meeting has been moved back a week due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd. in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, September 6.
- ▲ Monday, October 7 at 11:30. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, October 4.
- ▲ Monday, November 4 at 11:30. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd. in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, November 1.

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



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First off - **Kudos** go out to our favorite Newsletter Manager, **John Chu** – what an outstanding job he has done for us all these years! Corrected our spelling, reminded us that the information is due by the 7th of the month, formatted our ramblings, edited and put together an award winning magazine that we enjoy reading, making sure we keep informed - a round of applause for

John! Huzzah, huzzah. Ole, Ole!

The title of my articles should read: “Articles for the Birds.” Winner of the **Eagle Eye Award** goes to our intrepid proof reader, **Helene MacPherson** as she not only found one error in the August Newsletter, she found 3! The memorial service **Ginger Dahlberg** attended in the Sacramento Delta region should have read July 6th, not September 6. (I’m sure it will be just as hot in September.) Then the 2nd goof – the July meeting date should have read July 22, not July 26 (hope none of you showed up on that Friday.) Then the 3rd error was a wrong address for the August 26th meeting; it should read: Ay Caray Taqueria, located in the Shoreview shopping center, next door to the Chavez Market, address is 478 Norfolk, San Mateo, close to the 3rd Avenue and Highway 101 area. Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa. Anyone want a great job? Obviously I qualify as an Ostrich as my head seemed to be in the sand at the time I wrote that! The saving grace is that at least one person reads the report ... how novel! She knows who she is!

Attencione - here is the latest scoop. The William Walker Recreational Center has closed the current meeting rooms and we now, for the next four months (August 26, September 23, October 28 and November 25) will meet in the **Wind Room** located upstairs at the Foster City Library (just across the street from the Wm. Walker Rec. Center.) Easy to find, plenty of free parking, the entrance door is located to the right of the Library entrance; an elevator is available as the Wind Room is on the second floor, windows overlooking the Lagoon. We have started a lottery as to what date renovation and demolishing the current Rec. Building will take place. Do not hold your breath for this phenomenon to occur. Our treasurer, **John Garis**, has paid the “rent” for the remainder of the year. Normal dues are \$20 per member for the year; any newcomers joining now will only have to pay \$10 per person. So come join us in the Wind Room, we will have our short meeting and social time before we head off to our luncheon spot. Meeting hours are 10am to 12noon, other groups have reserved the Wind Room so we need to be prompt when we start and stop our meetings. There will be a short Board meeting at 10am, social time and a short General meeting. We will head off to lunch around 11:45am - so don’t be square, be there!

Here are the next meeting and luncheon dates coming up:

- ▲ **August 26** - Meeting in the Wind Room and then Lunch at Ay Caray Taqueria, a small Mexican Restaurant located in the Shoreview Shopping Center directly next door to the Chavez Market, 478 Norfolk, San Mateo. This is near the 3rd Avenue and Norfolk Street area. Plenty of parking and separate checks are OK. Several members have recommended this place.

You can Google their menu. Good eats! Chips and salsa while you wait for your meal. Y'all come.

- ▲ **September 23** - Meeting in the Wind Room and then lunch at Armadillo Willys', located in the Bridgepoint Shopping Center. Great ribs, pulled pork, a delish corn bread muffin—check out their menu on Google. Ask for a senior rate, they may have one. This is our “Picnic” month. They have an extensive menu and lots of Hot Sauce to whet your palate. Are you coming? Let Ginger know so she can let the restaurant know about how many guests we may have.
- ▲ **October 28** - Meeting in the Wind Room and possible BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch) – will advise in the August meeting.

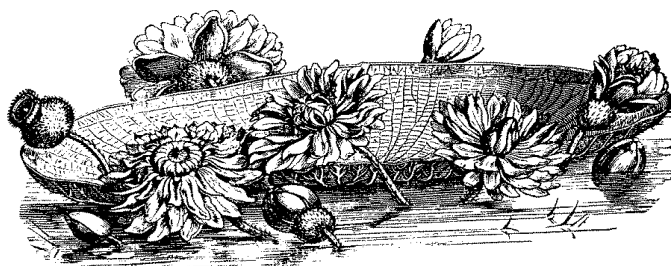
Mark your calendars as you MUST Vote, read up, compare and contrast and choose wisely.

We are contemplating having a Christmas get-together, we will discuss this at the August meeting.

Membership – Ginger filled in for **Barbara Underhill** as she is having work done at her home. **Bob Donovan** celebrated his 103rd birthday – his license was renewed for 5 years so we plan to see him around for the next couple of years. **Jerry & Pat Marsala** celebrated 57 years of dancing down the aisle (this was a guess from Jerry – he wasn't quite sure if it was 57 or 58, I think Pat will let him know the correct one. Hint, hint, Jerry: Better buy some red roses, or perhaps a 3 carrot diamond for her as orange is her favorite color!) **Carol Slater** and **Pat Marsala** are on the “wish I felt better” list. Cards will be sent ordering them to get better! **Andy King** has volunteered to be our Jack-of-all-Trades guy - he helped sell tickets for the raffle today. Winners of \$\$ raffle: **Bill Heinrich** and **Vera Kina**. **Frank Minnick**, **John Bogdanoff**, **Jerry Marsala**, **Diane Heinrich** and **Andy King** chose various donated goods. We had 20 members at our shindig today.

Conundrum of the day: Have you ever wondered if Shane was the Lone Ranger in disguise?

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 in the Wind Room at the Foster City Library, corner of Hillsdale Blvd., and Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

Placerville, CA

Jane Gibson

Secretary

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Greetings to all!

Well, here we are, over half way through July, it's hotter than ever (well, it is summer!), the fans are going 24/7 with the air conditioner kicking in from time to time. Remember waaaaay back in the “olden days”? Not many homes had something like – central air conditioning, maybe a window unit or a swamp cooler, but we could open the windows to get the breeze, use hand fans or portable electric fans that you'd point to blow right on you! Few homes had a big pool, so the lawns got watered while the kids would run thru the sprinklers. Water pistols made for fun games that cooled us off. Oh, and the frozen popsicles tasted the best ever. I think either red or grape were chosen the most – at least in our house. Ah, the good ol' days! Of course, all those things can, and do, still happen, but just not as often. Oh! And hopscotch! Sometimes I will see that game drawn out in chalk on the sidewalk or a driveway. Can you just walk over it? Or do you do like me and jump thru the squares? But, I'm wandering ...

Our wonderful president, **Rudy Blazius**, brought our meeting to order and promptly extended a big “Thank You” to **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** for hosting our July luncheon at BJ's in Folsom. As you remember, we are a non-profit organization (Thank You, **Tom Kenny**) so we were able to treat this luncheon as a fundraiser and we will get 20% back from BJ's! Since there were 31 members attending, that refund could be healthy! Seems we have no guests today. We do have a couple members who have birthdays though, Happy Birthday to **Dave Garland** and to **Rosemary Heier** (who hubby, **JR**, said it is her 45th – again!) None of the couples present celebrate an anniversary this month but, **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** have one – Happy 47th Anniversary!

President ~ **Rudy Blazius**, our always prepared leader, brought a few things for discussion. He also brought a print out of our 2024 roster. Rudy passed the roster around the tables and we all were to make notes of any changes should there be a mistake in your info. Rudy plans to pass the roster around in August as well. Once he gives us two shots at corrections, I will contact those of you who weren't there and see if you have any changes to make. Sometimes we make a change to a phone number and it's easy to forget we need to know too!

Vice President ~ Our great vice president, **JR**

Heier, who is looking quite svelte after losing 40 pounds, did not have a report for us on anything!

Treasurer ~ You know, this guy does such a terrific job as our treasurer – **Tom Kenny** reports we are sitting very comfy. Seems every year there are a few members who just get their annual membership dues in late. So, a few years ago we voted that if a person's dues weren't in by the end of June, their names will be dropped from our "active" member list. This year, we did have three members who we didn't hear from by then. We are sorry to lose them, hope they are well, and remember, anyone can (re)join the Hangtown Miners at any time. That said, our membership sits at 38. Of course, many of those have spouses who are covered by the retired member so the actual number of active members is more. For those of you who don't get here very often, please, come to a luncheon - you will have a good time, leave full and have conversations to "replay" for days!

Our Tool Collection is continuing, though, we do not have as many tools being brought in for Tom and his helpers to clean and organize for donation to the Sacramento City College A&P Mechanic Program. You are encouraged to stop by garage sales, talk to your neighbors, see a good sale? It is amazing the response you can get when you mention that you'll take tools they would like to get rid of! And if that person is a mechanic – bonus! They have special equipment that is loved. We were in Idaho and were admiring a friend's "shop" when he says, "I have those tools I need to find a home for". Both Bill and I jumped right on that and we came home with tools for the program. I will be mentioning this project in the next Minden letter. If you will be there, have things to donate, please think about donating. Remember, we can give you a donation receipt that you can use for your income taxes. I seem to remember hearing that someone was holding an "old" tool and saying something along the line of: The stories these tools could tell! So true!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a "report" but she did ask if any of our members knew **Don Merucci**. Don was a pilot for UAL, a great person to know. Sadly, Don passed away recently. We send our best wishes and prayers to his family.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny**, who has recovered very well from knee surgery, learned at the June meeting that two of our members, **Pat Guinn** and **AnnMarie Sutherland**, each took a serious fall. Suzanne sent Get Well cards to both ladies. Happily, both Pat and AnnMarie are with us today and doing well. Thank goodness.

New Business ~ Many of our members are active in various groups, **AnnMarie Sutherland** is one busy lady. She is the president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Currently, their special project is the Backpack Project for local children. If you're not familiar with

this type of project, I'll explain. Groups can sign up to supply backpacks for local children – in this case, children of military families, but kids in general. They purchase the backpacks, and then they purchase the supplies that are needed by the students to do their school work. Of course, there's the usual things like pencil and paper, but, there are other items that may be needed, depending on the age of the child. Things like calculators. AnnMarie passed around an empty backpack and asked for donations that will be used to purchase those needed supplies. Not surprisingly, the pack came back with \$118! Thanks for helping out.

Also, AnnMarie let us know that August 31 is the 100th Anniversary of the US Marines! There will be an open house at the American Legion Hall from 1 – 5; all are welcome, please come.

Changes to printable boarding passes: I think many of you who love to travel probably just buy your tickets but, if you still use your passes, this info will be useful for you: Effective June 12, 2024, employees, active retirees and eligible enrolled friends traveling on standby, space-available passes domestically (SA0 & SA1) will need to use the United app to access their boarding pass. Printing boarding passes at airport kiosks will no longer be available for SA0 & SA1 passes. If you would like more info, let me know.

Old Business ~ Rudy wanted me to update everyone concerning the 2024 UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion at Minden NV. **Rosemary Heier** and I, along with **Sue Hohl**, are hosting this annual event again this year. The dates were moved up to the middle of September – the 17, 18, 19th to be exact. Last year, there was an impromptu get together at a local Basque restaurant (JT's) in Gardener (right next to Minden). Several people suggested that we make it part of the festivities. So, we thought, "Why not give it a try?" If you aren't getting the emails I have been sending out, let me know so I can get you on my email list right away. I'll be able to send you all the info for the hotel, The Carson Valley Inn, and you can take advantage of the special rate they gave us.

Well, that about covers the meeting. Rudy comes with something witty to close things out so here's this month's: *"There were these two brothers that were about a year apart, they were playing in the backyard and the older brother said, I'm getting older now so I should be able to use a swear word. He thought about it and said my word is going to be Hell. The younger brother said I should be able to use a swear word also. My word is going to be Ass. So they used their words the rest of the day."*

The next morning they were at the Breakfast table, and the Mother asked the older boy what kind of cereal he wanted? He said, "Ah hell, give me Wheaties." The Mother said "What did you say?" She grabbed him and

took him in the bathroom and washed his mouth out with soap. She brought him back, sat him in the chair, looked over at the younger boy and said what kind of cereal do you want? The younger boy looked at his mother and said, "You can bet your ass it won't be Wheaties!"

And with that JR took over the floor and started our raffle. Winner of the donator's prize - **AnnMarie Sutherland**. Many "Thanks" go out to everyone who brought items to choose from: **Heier** – wine; **Bell/Nielsen** – sparkling wine; **Kenney** – beer basket; **Barton/Kozelka** – table decor; **Kenny** – Lava Cap wine; **Gibson** – seed set; **Trebnik** - 4th center piece chocolate; **Muir** – gag gift; **Sutherland** – wine; **Papke** – wine.

Our August luncheon will be at a new place! It's just down the road from BJ's ... Chicago Fire in Folsom!

Enjoy the rest of July – August promises to be toasty too so keep your fans close, run thru the sprinklers if you're of a mind to but be careful!



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We had twelve retirees at our breakfast and it was fun talking with everyone about their summer. We have quite a few members visiting with friends and family as school is starting for many as early as mid-August.

Sherri is flying off to Germany to attend the Adele Concert as the tickets were less expensive than attending the concert in the US.

Suzanne Owen is moving to Tennessee to be near her daughter and soon to be arriving, a granddaughter.

Helen Hutchinson was the winner of the 50/50 and donated half of her winnings to the RESANS group. That is greatly appreciated as we operate on a tight budget.

There are two Birthdays in September, **Shakira Zamani** on the 15th and **Peggy Van Sickle** on the 29th. Peggy is still in an assisted living facility in Iowa so I will call and give her birthday wishes from all of us at RESANS. She still thinks of us as her family and misses everyone.

Gloria Jordan joined us and we hope she continues to do so.

Kyle Yasue was with us again; he and **Kayce Ward** kept everyone laughing with Kayce's stories of being a "Stewardess" for forty plus years; she does have great stories about the early days of flying for United.

We welcome **John Kennedy** as a new member. Although he is now living in Maui, he is still a part of our San Diego family.


When you read this you should be thinking about packing up and heading to San Diego for our RUAEA Convention/Reunion. It will be so good to have the pilots join us this year; they are always good for some interesting stories!

Calendar:

September 5 – Breakfast at Pt Loma Café. 10:00 AM.

September 27 – October 2 – RUAEA Reunion/Convention. Looking forward to seeing you at the Dana Inn, Mission Bay.

**SACRAMENTO
GOLD
DIGGERS**



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The Gold Diggers met at BJ's Brewhouse in Roseville on the last day of July. There were 19 members in attendance and most enjoyed the restaurant's weekday lunch special. President **Jim Simon** thanked **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for setting up the venue and gave a "Thank You" to our server Caesar. Jim also thanked the members for the donations to our monthly raffle.


Officer reports began with VP **Barbara Bertacini** reporting that we are set for lunch venues the balance of 2024. Next month, August 28 will be at Café del Lago in Granite Bay; there will not be a lunch/meeting in September due to the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego; October the **Dellingers** will host at Skipolini's in Rocklin, November no lunch/meeting due to Thanksgiving and finally the Holiday lunch meeting on Wednesday December 11th at Café del Lago in Granite Bay.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that his records showed only one wedding anniversary for the month of July, **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** with 32 years. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is still solvent thanks to income from the monthly raffles. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she had received a thank you from **Laverne Haubl**, she expressed gratitude for those who attended Len's funeral and celebration of life along with cards from the members.


Historian **Francis Domaratius** had nothing new to report other than we are all 'making history'. Regional Director **Dave Garland** reported that the RUAEA Reunion information is on the RUAEA website along with the ability to register online and pay with a credit card.

Just go to ruaea.org and you can, not only register but choose your meal choices for the banquet; choose which tours you would like and also sign up for the Western Night. The hotel bookings for the Reunion are very good but the registrations are coming in slowly, if you are attending please get your registration in soon, as some tours do fill up and you may not get on the tour you would like. **Jack Raynor** mentioned that he and **Marge** had recently been visiting near Eugene, Oregon and decided to go the extra miles and check in on **Alice McPeak**. They found Alice doing well and she passed on hellos to our members. Alice, a long time member, moved to Northern Oregon to be close to family. It was good news to hear she is doing well.

Jim asked if anyone had any old business ... nothing and then any new business ... nothing again. Jim moved on to the birthday roll off with three July birthdays, **Marrilee Norton**, **Irv Wolfram** and **Dave Garland**. Dave was the lucky one to go home with a few extra dollars. We finished with our monthly raffle with many great options including homemade Butterscotch cookies from **Vicky Enriquez**.

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

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A great morning saw a gathering of 17 members today, all in good spirits; it's nice to see **Jay Cacioppo**, **Greg Castor** and **Karen Behle** in attendance. Lively discussions took place all around the table, it must have been the wonderful weather we now are having. Our fearless leader had a bit of an issue getting the meeting started which thankfully a few taps on an empty glass got the attention he was seeking.

Birthdays this month; **Barbara Brown**, **Christa Boyce**, **Gerry Delisle**, and **Jay Cacioppo**.

Anniversaries this month; **Don & Dot Boyer**, and **Chuck & Sheryl Clayborn**.

The first Senior Safari in May was attended by a few members; the event is the last Thursday of the month at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo. It is free parking and entrance to seniors arriving before 10am. The mornings are a great time to stroll the grounds and maybe even take a ride on one of the attractions. Food is available for purchase or you can bring a lunch and find a table in a shady area to enjoy it. We meet just inside the gates, in front of the merry go round at 1000. Hope to see you there. We have a good sign up for our annual summer picnic and the weather is expected to be very nice. We kept the price down by doing the cooking ourselves and have a big meal planned, so no one would be required to bring anything. A full report will be in next month's newsletter. If you are planning to attend the reunion in San Diego, see the June newsletter for all the information. You are encouraged to make reservations to ensure you get the low rate they have set for RUAEA. This will be the last year at the Dana in San Diego and the excellent rate they have provided us these past years. No resort fee, no parking fee, free breakfast and a \$135 a night hotel rate. This is a great deal, in a marvelous location. Make it a vacation, make it a weekend getaway, but do try to make it.

Our August meeting took place under the outdoor covered patio. It was a very nice day and wonderful atmosphere to have our meeting outdoors once again. If the weather continues to be this nice, we will hold the meetings outdoors. There were 18 members and guests in attendance, including **Dave & Robin Garland** who were in town. **Ben & Cheri Scales** were missed, who attend regularly. **Bill Reichard** was excused as he continues to build up his strength after knee replacement.

Discussion began on where to hold our annual Christmas luncheon. BJ's which we held last year's luncheon was suggested, however, no final decision was made. If you have other suggestions, please contact Chuck. We don't want to wait too much longer to commit to a place, to ensure we can make reservations.

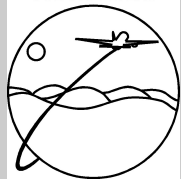
Just two more Senior Safari days at Happy Hollow Park remain this year, September 26 and October 24. Remember parking and entrance to Kelly Park Zoo is free if you arrive between 9:00am-10:00am. Nice way to spend the morning and getting some walking in.

Chuck Clayborn updated us on the latest aviation news, which there was much to present, especially Boeings' continued struggles.

Birthdays for August included **Ben Scales** and **Ann Olthof**.

Anniversaries: **George & Julie Midwin**.

Our September meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 3rd due to the holiday Monday, hope to see you all then. If you're in the area, come join us at the Bill of Fare restaurant at 1069 Saratoga, Ave., San Jose at 10:00am.



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The Solano Flyers met on July 16 at the Hide-a-way Lounge and Restaurant. In attendance were President **Larry Jackson, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Frank Uhl, Eileen & Pad Gardner, Chauncy Blaine, Rudy Arsaga, Bob Ritchie, Richard Cox** and **Allan Pochop**.

Birthday ~ Bill Blizzard.

Anniversary ~ Pad & Eileen Gardner.

Winner of the 50/50 was **Rudy Arsaga**. Donated prizes of Muscle Massager: **Rudy Arsaga**.

"I don't like making plans because the word "premeditated" gets thrown around the court room."

COLORADO



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Hotel rooms at the Dana for the Reunion are sold out at the reduced price but you can still make reservations at the going rate. There is an article in the news letter regarding reservations and tours. Volunteers for the convention are needed to help with sign in and other duties. September 15 is the cut off date for signup.

We welcomed new guests and members.

If you don't get the Newsletter, contact **Virgil Gooselaw**, (303_ 963-6690 or **Mal Malesardi**, (303) 470-1586). You need to check the back page of the newsletter to see if you have a red message to remind you to renew your membership. You will have one month grace for payment.

50/50 winners were **Kathy Sibley, Paul Goodyear, Ruth Morabito, Bonnie Ohr, Jackie Rudorf, Rich Conner, Frank Krasovic, Doug Colbert, and Jane Terra**.


Our next meeting will be September 5 at 11:00 at Tedz Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City; (303) 287-7544. There will not be a meeting in October due to the reunion.

FLORIDA



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There is no report this month from the Orlando Real McCoys chapter of RUEA.



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We are taking the summer off; our next meeting will be held on October 4th at our usual venue LYNQ restaurant here in Ft Myers.

We wish everyone a great summer.



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Our August Meeting was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Debby; we hope to have a September meeting. Since the first Monday in September is Labor Day, we are discussing with our acting President on which date we'll have a meeting; members will be notified once the decision is made.




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There was no meeting for August which worked out because of Tropical Storm Debby that passed by this side of South Florida. We did get heavy rain and some wind from the feeder bands but no damage. We are wishing our United family that was affected by the storm from Florida up the East Coast a speedy recovery.

September Birthdays ~ **Diane Liebisch** (9/5), **Diane Brodis** (9/6), **Jane Kerr** (9/16), and **Joyce Smith** (9/22); wishing all a Healthy and Happy Birthday! There are no Anniversaries in September.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 9/23/24 at 12 noon at Carmines Restaurant, 2401 PGA Blvd.. Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 33410; (561)775-0186. Anyone system wide brave enough to visit Florida in September, please join us at Carmines with a fun group and a good cocktail and meal. Contact **Al Popek** at above e-mail. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing Labor Day Holiday!

IDAHO



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

September—Remember “See you in September”, by The Tempos? Or ‘September Song’ from the musical ‘Knickerbocker Holiday”, sung by Walter Huston. I love that song, I think that it’s liked by many people our age; such beautiful lyrics that go along with a very simple melody. The songs with September in the title are ‘The September of my Years’, by Frank Sinatra, ‘Come September’, by Natalie Imbruglia, ‘September Morn’, by Neil Diamond, ‘September When it Comes’, by Johnny and Roseanne Cash, ‘September in the Rain’, by Peggy Lee, and ‘Maybe September’, by Tony Bennett. Why so many songs about the ninth month of the year? It marks the end of summer and the beginning of a new season, new holidays coming up. Holding close memories of summer, travel, seeing relatives, and getting ready for the school season. Do you remember your first day of school, way back when? We could wear our nice clothes for about a week, then back to our uniforms, long sleeves, feeling hot because it’s still warm this month. Ah yes, the smell of new books, new steno note pages, new lined blank paper, pencils, erasers, even a new school bag. I ruined mine the first day of school in second grade because I had a pear for recess, didn’t finish it. I didn’t know what to do with it, God forbid I would throw away food. The nun made me put it in my school bag and ended up taking it home. Oh my, what a flurry of excitement to find a drippy, squished pear in my new pretty red plaid bag with juice in between papers and books. Nobody hit me, but I had much verbal abuse at seven years old. A new one probably cost about \$1.98 at the time, no allowance that week, but still had chores, maybe a few more. Boy, it was tough being seven back then. Hate to say it, but it didn’t get better. Twelve was even worse. I’ll tell you about that another day.

September also has an autumnal and vernal equinox. Northern Hemisphere has the beginning of fall and the Southern Hemisphere welcomes spring with longer days, while we experience longer nights. Oh, and snow, wind and rain. Can hardly wait. I even saw one golden leaf on the tree outside, just one little leaf. More to come in a myriad of fabulous colors. No wonder it’s considered the most colorful and beautiful season of the year.

September's full moon is on the 17th, actually for about 3-4 days, but it's still there. Amazingly, it's the same moon and same shapes, every day, same moon, same shapes, without fail, every month. Is anything else so perfect every month? Something we can actually depend on! It's always there, every 29.5 days, looking at US! It's called the Corn Moon in September, signifying the corn harvesting season. Most of these names have been named by the Native Americans for their traditions, with their seasonal shifts, nature's occasions, and to monitor the passage of time.

The Northside Breakfast at the Rose Garden drew eight people, **Ginny Vlach, Charlie Lewis, Deb Jaret, Linda Ivie, Virginia Kondrars, Jerry Tipperreiter, Dona Nefczyk, and Marsha Sealock Weber.** The IAM had their lunch on the same day, some of the Union ladies went there, but we managed to find some fun by ourselves.

The ORDMM mechanics breakfast had 13, **Cas Paprocki, Fred Seibert, Jim Kraft, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich, Ron Geibel, Rich Hoppel, Bud Lowe, Rich Protsman, Walt Chornomaz, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, and Jan Gawenda.**

The ORDMM Foremen included **Bart & Sue Kendall, Stan Chmieliwicz, Bob Smietanski and Tom Abraham.** They talked about the group getting smaller every month. It's too bad, it was always well attended. But it's the same with everybody's group, people are older, can't get around, some have moved out of town to be closer to family, some can't drive or walk, and some just lost interest, I guess. The groups all over the system and world are getting smaller. Look at the obituaries, way too many names are added every month. It hurts when I have to enter a name that I was friends with. I'm sure you're all going through that too in your family, church and other clubs. Glad you are alive and reading this, good sign!

The IAM 1487 had a well-attended meeting in August of 75 members. They served delicious barbeque food, hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, cooked and served by the Union Executives. They also had a White Elephant Sale with money collected going into their treasury for meals, and extras. I still don't know how they get all those elephants in the union hall. The members also played games and had a very good time. The September 5th meeting will be a Meet-n-Eat, each member brings in a dish, entree, side dish or dessert. Check your Newsletter to see what you should bring.

Effective January 1, 2025, RUAEA will be changing their system for the renewal of your membership. **Mike Malesardi**, their Membership Manager, wrote an article in last month's Newsletter. Yes, I missed it too, but it's important. Just remember to look at your address label and see when your subscription needs to be renewed. They will not be sending out reminder emails

or letters. Just want you to be aware of the change. You wouldn't want to miss all of this wonderful information of your airline and this great chatter about your chapter and others, right?

Hope you're taking advantage of the lower prices at McDonalds, Burger King, White Castle, Wendy's and a few more. It's nice not to pay double digits for hamburgers. Join their little reward clubs, it all adds up with points to get a lower priced meal. You don't really want to cook every night, do you? We're retired, relax, enjoy those beef sandwiches, hot dogs and chicken fingers. Some of you ladies cooked three meals a day, for years. I can't even imagine doing that for so long.

Keep vigilant for the scams that are still going around. Even I was scammed last month. Still not sure how they did it, I'm so careful about answering e-mails and texts on my phone. But as they said on TV one night, if you're scammed, they probably know everything about you. Scary, isn't it? Your bank, car, phone, nothing is a secret anymore. Apparently they work out of Mid-East countries, if you answer your phone, these agents all have accents. It's best not to answer at all, but if you do, just hang up once they start speaking. If they can't pronounce your name, then you know they don't know you. And whatever you do, if they ask, 'Is this Fred?' Don't ever answer yes! Or another bad question is, "Can you hear me ok?" Another big NO to them, please. It's something about answering, yes, that they can get into your bank and get credit card information. Since we're nice honest people, we don't know how they did this. All the trouble we have to go through with new accounts, and changing information with auto-pay.

Life is boring if you don't laugh, joke around and be a little crazy every now and then. At the end of the day, it's about being happy.

More stores in Illinois and around the country are closing, Big Lots, Dollar Tree Stores, some Applebees, Mariano's and Jewel, Outback, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Home Depots, Express, CVS's, Foot Locker's, even some Wal-Mart's, Macy's, TJX's, and Targets. Ladies, you know what this means? We haven't done our job of shopping more. Get out there and spend that money. Oh, the market is down? Nah, just a rumor, go shopping, I'm doing my part!

Hey, how about those Olympics? My eyes got moist watching the gymnastics, swimmers, runners, volleyballers, etc. Just makes me so proud to watch these young kids do so well. God bless you all. Proud to be an American in so many ways. I have a problem standing up and these young people twirling around, defying gravity, smiling with victory, love every minute, every movement. Congratulations to all of our young people.

Always do what you are afraid to do.

Our co-workers that flew West last month are **Vince**

Hammond, ORDFO, **Bob Ruhaak**, CHISS, **Richard 'Fuzzy' Fezekas**, ORDCG, **Pat Kellerman**, OPBSP/ORDMM. Other notables that passed include, actors, Shelley Duvall (The Shining), Shannon Doherty (90210), Benji Gregory (ALF), James Sikking (Hill St. Blues), Judy Belushi (John's wife), singers, Abdul 'Duke' Fakir (Four Tops), Joe Bonsai (Oak Ridge Boys), political newscaster, Lou Dobbs, sex expert, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, exercise guru, Richard Simmons, astronaut, Jim Engle, songwriter, Jerry Fuller (Travelin' Man), politician, Sheila Jackson Lee, comedian and actor, Bob Newhart, one of a kind. I saw him when he first started out at Mr. Kelly's. We thought, this guy is going far; he's hysterical with his telephone routine. He will be missed.


It's ok to talk to yourself ... and ok to answer yourself. But sad when you have to repeat what you said because you weren't paying attention.

Have a great September. Hope you join us on September 10th for our Skyliner Luncheon at the Belvedere. Always good food, entertainment, and their squash soup.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**September 12**), second Thursday of the month. IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**September 5**) 11:00AM. First Thursday. ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**September 19**). Third Thursday. RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00, 1575 Edgewood Drv, Algonquin, 11:00 A.M. (**September 10**). Speaker will be Brian Wilkes; active UAL pilot, former F-111 pilot in the Air Force, also AF Flight Instructor. Skyliners Fall Luncheon, Belvedere, 11:00, 1170 W Devon Ave, Elk Grove, (**September 10**)

INDIANA



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

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. 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:

- **September 10** at Emmy's
- **October 8** at Emmy's

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MICHIGAN

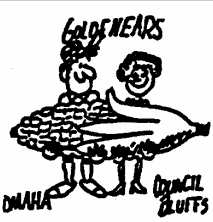


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Time to say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague **Marlene Heaney**. Marlene passed away on July 28 after a hard fought battle with cancer. She was remembered as a "beautiful person who embodied the best qualities: Unconditional Love, Strength of Spirit, and Unwavering Commitment to her cherished family and friends." Marlene retired from DTWRR as a TSR (extraordinaire) in the group department. She was our retiree correspondent sending emails advising our lunches, events and retiree information. To say she will be greatly missed is an understatement. Cards may be sent to her husband, **Brendan Heaney**, 28160 Tremonte Drive, New Hudson, MI 48165.

Thought for the month: *"May your month be filled with good thoughts, kind people and happy moments."*

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



NEVADA



LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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

The next event will be a holiday luncheon in November. All retirees and guests are welcome.

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our Luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Mary Chandler** at honolulumary06@yahoo.com or **Arlene McCroy** at apolloguy@aol.com for information about the next get together Luncheon.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 13 members and 1 guest, **Kathy Robinson's** friend **Marti Dean**, at our July 8 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. No new articles about United Airlines at this time.

The UAL Maintenance gathering will once again be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV. The gathering will take place September 17, 18 and 19. The picnic will be on Wednesday, September 18; John & I will be attending. If you would like additional information, let us know and we will forward the email to you.

The Celebration of Life for MTC Instructor/Manager **Len Haubl** was on July 11th in Lincoln. The Rosary, Mass and Celebration were all well attended. John & I were able to personally extend our condolences to his widow, **LaVerne**.

Thanks to **Barbara Leusing** for volunteering to contact Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant and making reservations for our next meeting on Monday, September 9th at 11:00AM. **Pat Zoboli** will talk with the Peppermill about our December luncheon.

There were no birthdays in July. The 50/50 winner was **Lynda Klemm**.

Our next meeting will be on August 12 at 11:00 am at the Leusing's Lake Tahoe cabin. See you there.

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Submitted by President Frank Warzocha

We had a total of 11 retirees show up for our get-together on July 31. After the flag salute, we had a moment of silence for ramp serviceman **Craig Cullen** who died of an accident on the job two weeks ago; he was 53.

We also discussed our financial situation; we decided to just have one door prize to save some money for our Christmas Luncheon.

The New York Center controllers that take control of the flights that come in and go out are being transferred to PHL. The controllers who live on Long Island are against relocating. How this is going to affect delays, I don't know but with the Federal Government it's anyone's guess. They don't work the control towers they monitor the screens.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for August 28th.

NEW YORK



NEW YORK METROS

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Due to a rainy day, there were only 13 of us at the Davenport Press for our August lunch.

Due to illness, **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** weren't able to join us. We also heard that **Leo Talochino** is under the weather.

Lucky 50/50 winners were **Joe Falcon**, **Ed Pozzi**, and **Ray Forester**.

Happy Anniversary to **Donna & Ron Feingold** (54 years).

Celebrating August birthdays are **Robert Lee**, **John**

Kloss, Elwin Vancleemput, Don Arnoni, Frank Ferrara, Rosemarie Arnoni, Stan Blonairz, and Barbara Maffeo.

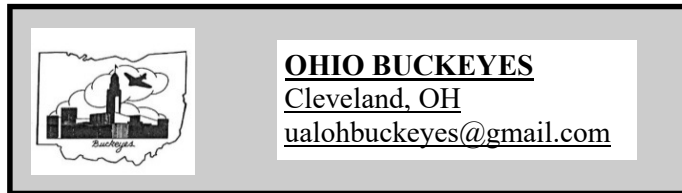
When I say "The other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

See you in September!

Calendar:

September 4 – Our next luncheon at Davenport Press.

OHIO



There is no report this month from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter of RUAEA.

OREGON



Our July meeting was very sparsely attended. There was a bad accident on one of the bridges, and many folks finally just gave up and returned home. However, having such a small turn out provided much more visiting opportunities. Hopefully, we will be back to our usual crowd in August.

Our gals' birthdays included **Karen Pfeifer, Rosalie Betschart** and **Louise Robillard**. Rosalie won the free lunch. There were no guys' birthdays and no anniversaries. **Len Blodget** won the Door Prize lunch, and **Bob Pfeifer** won the 50/50 drawing.

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

- ☺ Good News! Eyebrows are the one thing you can get into shape without exercising!
- ☺ A tip for men who shop for their sweethearts as the very last minute: Perfume inserts torn from magazines will not, I repeat, will not fly!
- ☺ Interesting coincidence: I have firewood, and my neighbor is missing an Adirondack chair.
- ☺ I opened a soda and won another soda. Wish that worked with checking accounts.
- ☺ Booking a cruise to meet dateable men is like

buying a Prius for the horsepower.

- ☺ Who needs Prince Charming? I just want those forest animals that clean my house.
- ☺ Do not compare your life to others. There is no comparison between the moon and the sun. They shine when it's their time.
- ☺ Loyalty is about people who stay true to you behind your back.
- ☺ Holding my wife's hand in public is very important. It looks super romantic, and she might even feel like it is romantic, but it's really just to keep her from wandering off and buying things we don't need.
- ☺ For my fellow quilters: Let's admit it. We put "Made with Love" on our quilts because "Made with cursing, 3 trips to the quilt store and lots of wine" just won't fit on a quilt label.
- ☺ If anyone gets a message from me about canned meat, don't open it. It's spam.
- ☺ I'm going to need some of you guys to start getting weirder. I cannot keep pulling all the weight alone.
- ☺ Shore people problem #157 – when capris reach your ankles.
- ☺ Scientists have found that cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. Apparently it's a case of in one ear and out the udder.
- ☺ I told my granddaughter to check her attitude and she looked at me and said, "For complaints about attitude please contact the manufacturer." Well played, well played.
- ☺ Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, and my colleagues all yelling, "Surprise!" while I was waiting on the sofa, naked.
- ☺ My version of the Serenity Prayer is called the Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.
- ☺ There are people who do not like me because of some of the things I say. Imagine if they knew what I was thinking!
- ☺ A Singles Ad: Single Black Female seeks male

companionship. Ethnicity not important. I'm a very good-looking girl who loves to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. When you get home from work, I'll be at the front door wearing only what nature gave me. Call (404) 555-1212 and ask for Daisy ... over 1500 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8 week old black Labrador retriever.

- ☺ Warning: I seriously need a speed bump between my brain and my mouth!
- ☺ We squint at the sun because it's bright ... we squint at people because they're not.
- ☺ When I look in the mirror and see gray hair, wrinkles and dimming eyes, I think: "They sure don't make mirrors like they used to!"
- ☺ Dad joke: I arrived early to the restaurant. The manager said do you mind waiting a bit? I said no, not at all. Good, he said. "Take these drinks to table 9."
- ☺ Shout out to everyone who can remember their childhood phone number but cannot remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people!
- ☺ There's nothing better than full-on laughing with someone, and you both keep adding things that make it funnier, and you can barely breathe.
- ☺ I miss the 90's when bread was still good for you, and nobody knew what kale was.
- ☺ We all have that one friend who would take a bullet for us ... they're also the same friend who would be the reason we're getting shot at in the first place. It's all about that balance.
- ☺ All of my childhood punishments have become my adult goals: eating vegetables, staying home, having a nap, and going to bed early.
- ☺ I still like to make handwritten lists. I also like to leave them on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while I'm at the store.
- ☺ The fact that some gals wear extensions and fake eyelashes every day amazes me because I don't even want to put clothes on most days.
- ☺ As I fold my third load of laundry, I contemplate becoming a nudist. Then I remember what I look like naked and keep folding.
- ☺ I'm looking for "friends with benefits" and by that, I mean people with pools, vacation homes, boats, mansions, a few extraneous million dollars, or who can drive at night and fix anything in my house or car.
- ☺ My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty, and the cobwebs are gone.

My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on.

- ☺ Just doing my part to keep the coffee industry financially strong.
 - ☺ Well, it's August and almost 100 degrees. Wal-Mart should be putting the Christmas stuff out any day now.
- Until next month!


Calendar:

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

September 12

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Hello from Philly!

We are having a very hot summer still but we are still very grateful for the heat and not having to deal with the tragic times our neighbors around the country are dealing with. Our prayers are with them.

August birthdays ~ **Everett Bell, Joe Proietto, Jim Rupert, Joe Rose, David Voit, and Karin Parano.**

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We will catch up with you again in the next issue.

Stay safe!


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We did not have a meeting so there is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers.

August Birthdays ~ **Pat Wagner and Sandy Burns.**



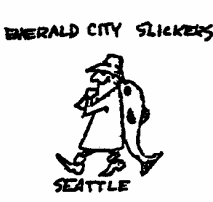
UTAH



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

WASHINGTON




EMERALD CITY SLICKERS
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The Emerald City Slickers are back, I have been too busy planning for the summer picnic in July. We had a lower turnout than expected due to the summer heat, 94 degrees in Seattle, which is really hot; fortunately, there was no smoke or humidity. With 7 cancellations, we only had 23 folks in attendance; it's good to see **Hank Gosselin, Chuck & Sharon Cole** and a lot of regulars we had not seen in a while. **Frank McNulty** came down with shingles and couldn't make the gathering.

We are planning for our Christmas luncheon on December 10th at Angelo's Restaurant in Burien; more details will be provided later.

And now for a little story: *"My grandfather came to the US from Europe and found a job painting the center lines on the roads around the city. On the first day, he painted 2 miles, on the second day, he did 1 mile and on the third day, he only finished 100 feet. The foreman asked him what's wrong and he replied 'the paint can is a long way away'."*


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

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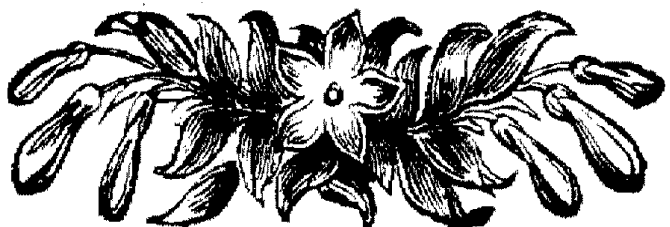
Come Fly with us for our 55th 2024 Clipped Wings[®] Convention! Our members and delegates are gathering in St. Charles, MO on September 17-21. The STL Chapter Members have been meticulously planning our convention for the last two years. Our biennial event is extremely important as our 28 chapters meet up to conduct necessary business while squeezing in some "fun" time! Elections will take place, budgets presented and plans for the future are discussed. Our National Philanthropy is Special Olympic Parent Grants and at the convention, it is fitting that we will have the pleasure of hearing from Larry Lithcum, CEO of Missouri Special Olympics. We look forward to this great event and applaud the St. Louis Chapter for all their hard work and dedication.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **July 2024**:

Therese Anderson, Polk City, FL
Kenneth Decker, Westwood, KS
Fred Hejduk, Mt. Prospect, IL
Mary Ann McFadden, Denver, CO
Diane Ouellette, Evanston, IL
Judy Page, Aurora, CO
Michael Ryan, Surprise, AZ■



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Thank you

OBITUARIES

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Retiree – **Clay, Jack W.**, on 10/5/2023, DENTK, husband of Barbara J. Clay (deceased), father of Ken Clay DENMM, Gregory Scott Clay DENTK, 4209 E. 131st Pl., Thornton, CO 80241

Retiree – **Hazekamp, Bernard J.**, 6/24/2023, DENMM, husband of Gladys B. Hazekamp (deceased), 4232 Blackhawk Rd., Apt. 439, Eagan, MN 55122

Retiree – **Keim, Donald C.**, on 7/19/2024, DENCS, husband of Sandra J. Butler, 356 S. High St., Denver, CO 80209

Spouse – **Keith, Margaret Lorraine (Redpath)**, 6/10/2024, wife of Walter Keith (deceased), 114 Apple Blossom Way, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Retiree – **Kelly, Keith R.**, on 6/17/2024, LAXFO, husband of Alice Kelly, father of Kerin, Kelly, PMB 460 1042 Willow Creek Rd. #A1, Prescott, AZ 86301

Retiree – **Merrick, Alexander Tubbs**, on 11/25/2005, DENTK, husband of Mikiko Merrick, father of Mike and Douglas Merrick, 1597 S. Salem Cir., Aurora, CO 80012

Retiree – **Schweizer, Sharon L.**, on 12/27/2023, SFOSW, aunt of Kurt, Bret, Robert, and Wil-

liam, and friend of many, 114 Steeplechase Cir., Gibsonia, PA 16044

Retiree – **Shaw, David E.**, on 9/17/2023, SEAMM, husband of Ann R Shaw, 878 Jensen Rd., Mesquite, NV 89027

Retiree – **Rollins, Eugene**, on 5/10/2024, SFOMG, husband of Mary Rollins, 2 Celia Court, Pacifica, CA 94044

Retiree – **Rybar, Albert F.**, on May 2024, SFOJJ, father of Sandy Adler, PO Box 2298, Avila Beach, CA 93424-2298

Retiree – **Rybarczyk, Mary E.**, on 7/7/2024, LAXSW, friend of many and will be greatly missed, 2340 4th Ave., Apt. 149, San Diego, CA 92101

Retiree – **Troup, Michael “Mike” D.**, on 7/30/2024, DENPV, father of Danielle “Dani” Troup, 14655 E. 13th Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

Retiree - **Williams, Doris Ann**, on 7/5/2024, MBSOZ, wife of Kenneth Conner (deceased 2/14/1960) and Gerald Williams, 5396 S. 9 Mile Rd., Auburn, MI 48611

Retiree – **Winterson, Patricia M.**, on 4/27/2024, SFOSW, partner of Frank Murphy, 16 Matilda Valley, CA 94941. See Patricia Winterson full Obit on next column. ■



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Patricía Winterson Obituary

May 7, 2024

San Anselmo, CA

(1936-2024)

Patricia Marilyn Winterson, age 87, of Marin County, California, passed away on April 27, 2024. Pat was born on June 11, 1936, in New Bedford, Massachusetts, to Harold and Sophie Winterson (née Rapoza).

Pat knew heartache at a very early age when her mother died of tuberculosis. The events that followed shaped her into a fiercely independent and courageous young woman. She grew close to her Massachusetts relatives, graduated from New Bedford High School in 1954, and shortly thereafter moved to California seeking new experiences and adventure. She landed in San Francisco, and eventually moved to her home in Mill Valley where she lived most of her life.

Pat had an impressive and rewarding career at United Airlines that began as a flight attendant in 1958 in San Francisco. She worked for United for 43 years, and in 1973 was the highest ranking woman at the company (managing more than 1,300 people). Pat helped challenge gender-based discrimination and promote equality in the workplace. In 1976, she delivered a speech about women in management, the first time in the history of United that the subject had been addressed publicly.

She was incredibly driven, pushing the boundaries at work, and also pushing herself intellectually, reading entire collections of classic authors, and seeking mentors and friends who expanded her horizons and perspectives. She earned a degree from University of San Francisco in 1979.

A curious adventurer, Pat's life was full of travel and exploration. She loved bargain shopping in Hong Kong, exploring museums and architecture in Paris, and passing the time in restaurants and bookstores in Florence. She was a beloved daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, friend and employee. She was a lover of novels and biographies, a generous supporter of animals, and an old movie buff. And she loved her dear Gracie, Sophie and Phoenix.

Pat is survived by many dear family and friends, and is predeceased by her partner of 20 years and best friend, Frank Murphy, and her three beloved brothers. She has spent her life exploring with people she loved, and now she's on to her next voyage, with lots of love waiting for her on the other side. ■

Letters & Notes



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

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

Wendy Aivalotis, Ruth Andresen, Theresa Butkus, Jean Cali, Donald Carl, Janet Jolley, Ron Miller, Charles O'Brien, Lois Pitman, Arlene Taylor and Linda Ward.

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.)

Jesse Hicks, 2715 Clifford Hicks Rd., Camden, TN 38320

I started work at United on 9/23/1959 in MDW. I then transferred to ATL in 1960, and then moved to TPA. I retired in January of 1995.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter, but I don't have many friends left.

Keep up the good work.

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

As the saying goes, time really flies as we age and now I am a firm believer. It is hard to believe it has been 23 years since I left the office for the last time.

Things have been basically good for our family. We have enjoyed the time spent with our 8 grandchildren during their school years and all of their sporting events. We have one left to complete college.

Most of my time is spent trying to keep the weeds

out of my garden and flowers. It is amazing how they can out grow any plant in any weather.

Again, I say "Thank You" to the staff at RUAEA for the time and effort that is spent to keep us posted on our benefits and all the latest new of UAL.

Enjoy the summer and all of the 100 degree days. Yikes! Have fun and stay healthy.

What am I?

The more you take, the more you leave behind?

What is brown, has a head, a tail, and has no legs?

Notes

Joseph Hopkins, josephhopkins@sbcglobal.net

I would like to add my voice to those complimenting you and your staff for putting out 600 issues of the RUAEA Newsletter. Before joining United in 1973, I spent a decade as a newspaper reporter and editor, and I know firsthand the things that can go wrong when you're in charge of issuing a publication. So as I read the Newsletter each month, I marvel at the good writing, grammar, spelling and punctuation that come through clearly to me as a reader.

Like many others, I suppose I would love to see more names and stories of folks I worked with in 30 years at United (mainly in Chicago but also a couple of years in Cleveland). But I also know that you and other editors are at the mercy of contributors and what they send you.

United continues to blaze a trail through the sky as a leader (some would say the leader) in commercial aviation. In my era, we battled American and TWA. Today's generation takes up the cudgels against Delta and Southwest as well as American. It's always been a brutally competitive business. And that is a good thing.

So, good luck in keeping your admirable publishing streak going well into the future.

Rajashree S. Ambegaoker

We went to visit our relatives in Long Island, New York and came back on July 8th. It was a good get-together, saw our first old home in Flushing, where we started our life as home owners. We stayed there for 8 years and then move to a suburb of Chicago. It was a good old memory looking at the old house and old neighborhood which is changed drastically; we felt like we are in China Town. Over all it was a good trip.

Now, in couple of days, we are going to visit our son and his family in Tampa. With our age, traveling is becoming a hassle but after meeting family it is worth it. Thanks to United Airlines for giving us pass privileges

so we can visit our loved ones, friends and also see the places. At the same time, I would like to thank all of you volunteers.

Judy Page

I'm a retired flight attendant with 45 years of service.

Emily Newberry

I am a happy United Airlines retiree, having worked in the machine shop at the San Francisco maintenance base. I am now a writer and podcaster living in Portland, Oregon.

Therese Anderson

I'd like to be a part of your events; one in particular is the Reunion in SAN in September 2024.

Frederick & Ruth Schnittker

We always enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in putting the newsletter together.

Richard W. Nelson

Happy Happy Birthday! As of July 15, 2024, I've retired for 23 years. Thanks for being with us RUAEA.

Robert Brown

We have joined the San Joaquin RUAEA group and enjoy their monthly meetings.

Larry Darnell

30 years and I am going to attend the 2024 Reunion.

Pazzie L. Quarels (Levirt Quarels)

Levirt Quarels passed away January 27, 2024, I miss him every day. I am making plans to travel soon. Thank you for giving me his file number. I will use it with care.■



The Contact Column



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For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking

Employee Travel Center

- ◆ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ◆ Submit questions using Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com>
- ◆ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
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