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RUAEA 2022 Convention - October 3 - 9, 2022 Updates From RUAEA Vice President of Conventions - Hank Gosselin Passport To Fun



Hank Gosselin

The June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter will contain the full Convention package. Here are some of the fun events that we have planned:

❖ Nightly Hospitality Room for attendees to gather, meet old friends and make new ones; with nightly door prizes, cash bar and table snacks as well as 50/50 raffle, a special raffle, and a silent auction.

❖ Friday Night Fiesta Party on October 7th from 5:30PM – 9:00PM ~

This event will have food, music, dancing, door prizes, cash bar, and fun for all.

❖ Saturday Night Banquet on October 8th from 5:30PM – 10:00PM ~ This event will feature a great sit-down served dinner with an entrée choice including

a salad and dessert; then followed by great music and dancing by The American Flyboys Band ~ This band was created in 2009 as a small Jazz band and eventually morphed into a 16-piece Swing Jazz Band, and they have been swinging ever since. The name “The American Flyboys” was selected to honor the men and women of the “Greatest Generation” who sacrificed so much. While singing music is its core, the band plays a variety of music to keep the audience engaged and their toes tapping. Yes, “The American Flyboys” are back at the 2022 RUAEA Convention at the DANA Hotel on Mission Bay. It will be fun for all.

❖ Two Free Breakfasts with each room night featuring elegant buffet choices and cooked-to-order omelets.



San Diego offers unlimited fun things to do in and around the city that you can do on your own if you wish. However, the Convention is offering 4 great tours for your pleasure, with transportation to and from the hotel and food with each tour. You can have fun together along with your friends and family. Here are the tours offered:

- ♦ Midway Carrier Museum and Tom Ham's Light House for Lunch
- ♦ Bay Cruise with a Box Lunch
- ♦ Bali Hai Polynesian Adventure
- ♦ Scenic tour of La Jolla, Mount Soledad, Luncheon stop, Coronado, and Cabrillo National Monument.

Please keep in mind to book your tour choices early to ensure you are included since seats are limited on the bus. Last year we had a waiting list, and not all were accommodated. If we have early reservations, it may be possible to make transportation available for everyone wishing to be on the tour or tours they selected. We want to accommodate all if possible. ■



The American Flyboys Band

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GENERAL NEWS

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Correction



In last month's Newsletter (April 2022), under "Letter from the President", we listed RAFA as Retired Airline Flight Attendants. RAFA actually stands for Retiree Association of Flight Attendants and the full title is RAFA-CWA (Retiree Association of Flight Attendants - Communication Workers of America). We apologize for the error.

Letter from the President



Don Burbank

Hi Everyone,
We have a lot going on right now with all the retiree groups. I have been in talks with all of them and we all are in agreement that we can deal with the company and our finances if we all get along and use everything we need to survive.

RUPA President **Don Wolfe** is working with his group and so are the rest. ARECA President **Gary Petersen** has joined with us and we are very happy to have his group talking with us. We still have President **Marian Bruns** of the RAFA group on hand, she is also a member of RUAEA. **Peggy Griffin**, President of Clipped Wings is also working with all of

us. I'm sure you are wondering what this is all about. My thoughts are when we are dealing with UAL numbers matter. They will possibly listen a little more when we go to them with issues or improvements to our benefits. It is always easier talking with them when you represent 10,000 members instead of 500.

I am working very hard on this and I'm hoping for a joint convention but can't promise anything until we have sorted all this out for 2023. I know I'm probably giving you way too much information but I want to keep you all aware of the things that RUAEA is getting involved in as we are all retirees just wanting to have friendship and a good time in our retirement.

Thank you all, stay safe and stay well.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

The Writer's Column

"An Airline Story" by Jack Ferrell

It was 1982, and I was flying with United Airlines as a Junior Boeing 737 Captain out of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. It was the month of April and spring was in the air. I had been awarded a Reserve Line for April, and had flown one trip on April 4th. It was a "Deadhead" to Orlando, and I flew the trip back to Cleveland that night, arriving at the gate at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, 10 minutes before midnight.

The next morning I was on call for any Reserve flights, but no flights were open. My RDO (Reserve Days Off) started on April 7th; I had a condominium on Lake Erie in Lakewood, Ohio, and stood by my pager for any open flights that might come up before my days off began. I could only legally fly a two-day trip, so that excluded any three-day trips that were available.

Early in the morning on April 7th, I obtained a jump seat to go to Athens, Tennessee (my home) to enjoy my two days off. I was supposed to be available on the morning of April 9th for any flights that might need a Captain.

My two days off were wonderful. On April 8th, I called the Cleveland Crew Desk and asked them what would be available the next morning. The Crewman told me that there was nothing open, and I was number 5 on the Reserve List. After receiving this information, I told my wife Sue that I was way down the list and probably wouldn't be called for a couple of days. I decided to just go back the next morning and for the evening, I planned to enjoy a steak dinner with my wife, and listen to my daughter Mary who was a disc jockey on the local radio station, WJSQ.

It was a wonderful and very enjoyable evening until the telephone rang at 9:30 pm. It was the Cleveland Crew Desk telling me that I was assigned a trip that left

the next morning out of Cleveland at 9:00am. I asked the crew desk about being number 5 on the list. He said that he called the other four, and they weren't available. I said OK and hung up.

Now, how was I going to get to Cleveland at one hour before flight time? At 8 pm, I got on the phone to Delta. Nothing was available there. I only had one option and that is to drive to Cleveland. I hurried, got into my airline uniform; there was no time to pack a bag. I started out in my old 1974 Chrysler and headed North to Cleveland, Ohio.

I knew that every minute was critical. Even stopping for gas was cutting into my final destination time. Luckily, the old Chrysler had a full tank of gas, and even though it was a thirsty big car, I would only have to stop once for gas. The weather was misty and the temperature was 43 degrees. As I headed forward Knoxville, all was well. I kept on 1-75 to Cincinnati, and noticed that the mist was turning into light rain, and one of the bank buildings had 34 degrees on the lighted sign. Still, everything was going very well until I entered the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio. I noticed that the temperature was 32 degrees and I could see there were some snow flakes mixed with the light rain.

It was now 5am in the morning. My timing was still good. I transitioned to 1-71 after Columbus, and the highway was starting to get a coat of snow on it. I could feel a little slipping every once in a while. Traffic was starting to increase, and everything was slowing down. I still had a good two hours to go to make my check in time of 8am.

As I kept driving, the slight hint of daylight was gradually giving me a little better view of the road, and it wasn't pretty; it was getting pretty well covered with snow. I saw a pay phone so I exited the highway and called the Crew Desk to tell them that I would probably be a little late. I asked them to have the Co-Pilot, **Jim Tight** check the weather and sign the flight release papers for me. I jumped back into the old Chrysler and kept it going as fast as traffic allowed. I finally reached the outskirts of Cleveland, and headed for Cleveland Hopkins Airport. I pulled into the employee parking lot at 8:35am. I saw the crew bus just coming back from the Terminal building, and jumped out of the car to stop the bus. Luckily, Dolly was driving the crew bus, and I asked Dolly to wait for me while I parked and ran inside Dispatch to get my flight bag. She did and I hurried, got my flight bag, jumped on the bus and Dolly floorboarded the crew bus to get to the Terminal. We arrived at the Terminal at 8:52am. I rushed to see what gate that Flight 391 to Chicago, and it was on Gate 44. I ran to the gate, squeezed between a couple of passengers, ran into the cockpit, threw my flight bag into the left side of the Captain's seat, said "Hello" to Jim and Second Officer **Fred Marks**. I put on my headset, and just

then, the mechanic from below called, "Brakes Off! Are we clear for push back?" Jim called Ground Control for push back clearance, and I relayed to the mechanic "Brakes Off! Clear for Push Back!" The brakes were released at exactly 9:00am for an On Time Departure signal to Dispatch.

We read the check list on the push back. I told Jim, "your leg!" Jim was all set and did a beautiful job of flying us to Chicago O'Hare. The next leg was to Denver, which I flew, and then to Lincoln, Nebraska for a layover. I had no suitcase, but did have a razor in my flight bag. I slept in my underwear, and wore the same shirt and underwear for the two-day trip.

We arrived back in Cleveland on April 10th and I was ready to go to my condo, and have a good shower and a change of clothes.

A very memorable airline trip that I shall never forget!

Turning Carbon Dioxide into Sustainable Fuel **March 28, 2022**



United Airlines Ventures (UAV) and Oxy Low Carbon Ventures (OLCV) today announced a collaboration with Houston-based biotech firm Cemvita Factory to commercial-

ize the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) intended to be developed through a revolutionary new process using carbon dioxide (CO₂) and synthetic microbes. UAV also announced an equity investment in Cemvita Factory. OLCV, a subsidiary of Occidental (Oxy), is a founding investor in Cemvita Factory.

SAF is an alternative to jet fuel that uses non-petroleum feedstock and offers lower lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions. United has invested in more SAF production than any other airline.

"At United, we have been consistent in leading the airline industry with bold action when it comes to fighting climate change – that starts with building an ecosystem around companies like Cemvita Factory to create and commercialize new SAF technologies," said Michael Leskinen, President of United Airlines Ventures. *"This is truly a global imperative, and this cooperation with Oxy Low Carbon Ventures reflects our dedication to building relationships across sectors and working with companies aligned with our sustainability goals."*

United and OLCV have previously worked together on new approaches to combat climate change. Together, UAV and OLCV will fund development work at Cemvita to convert carbon dioxide into hydrocarbons for SAF. If performance targets are achieved, UAV and

OLCV plan to form a joint venture to commercialize the technology. This includes funding projects such as pilot and demo plants, engineering studies, financing construction and operating SAF plants.

“The use of SAF is a promising approach that we believe can significantly reduce global emissions from aviation and further decarbonization initiatives to combat climate change,” said Richard Jackson, President, Operations, U.S. Onshore Resources and Carbon Management, Oxy. *“We are eager to collaborate with United and Cemvita to accelerate SAF innovation to reach commercial scale.”*

Today’s announcement makes Cemvita the third SAF-related technology to receive an investment from UAV. Launched in 2021, UAV targets startups, upcoming technologies, and sustainability concepts that will complement United’s goal of net zero emissions by 2050 – without relying on traditional carbon offsets. United has aggressively pursued strategic investments in SAF producers and revolutionary technologies including carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft, and urban air mobility. SAF has the potential to deliver the performance of petroleum-based jet fuel but with a fraction of its carbon footprint on a life-cycle basis. Cemvita Factory uses synthetic biology to turn carbon dioxide into chemicals and alternative fuels, including sustainable aviation fuel. Cemvita is among the first to employ this technology to support heavy industry decarbonization and, find ways to use microbiology to turn carbon dioxide into fuel.

“Cemvita Factory is delighted to team up with United and Oxy for this exciting development,” says Moji Karimi, co-founder and CEO of Cemvita. *“We commend United Airlines for being a leader in the airline industry’s decarbonization efforts and are proud to work once again with OLCV to provide these solutions on a broader scale.”*

United’s 100% green commitment



Here are some of the ways United plans to make sustainability the new standard in flight:

- ▲ In December, United purchased an equity stake in hydrogen-electric engine developer ZeroAvia, becoming the largest airline to invest in zero-emission engines for regional aircraft.
- ▲ In December, United became the first in aviation history to fly an aircraft full of passengers using 100% sustainable aviation fuel.
- ▲ In September 2021, United agreed to purchase 5 billion gallons of SAF paired with an investment in Alder Fuels - enough to fly more than 57 million passengers.

- ▲ United is also an investor in Fulcrum Bio-Energy, where United has an option to purchase up to 900 million gallons of SAF.
- ▲ In July 2021, United announced that along with Breakthrough Energy Ventures and Mesa Airlines, it invested in electric aircraft startup Heart Aerospace. Heart Aerospace is developing the ES-19, a 19-seat electric aircraft that has the potential to fly customers with zero emissions when powered by renewable electricity.
- ▲ In July 2021, Air Transport World magazine named United its Eco-Airline of the Year for the third time.
- ▲ In February 2021, United announced an agreement to work with Archer Aviation to accelerate the development and production of their electric aircraft – an urban mobility solution that has the potential to serve as an ‘air taxi’, giving United customers another opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint before they even board a United flight.
- ▲ In 2020, United became the first airline to announce a commitment to invest in 1PointFive’s direct air capture, a carbon capture and sequestration technology. United remains committed to investing in carbon capture and sequestration as a key pathway to achieving its climate goals.
- ▲ In 2019, United operated the Flight for the Planet, which represented the most-eco-friendly commercial flight of its kind in the history of commercial aviation.
- ▲ In 2018, United became the first U.S. airline to commit to reducing its GHG emissions, by 50% by 2050. This goal has since been superseded by the airline’s 100% green net zero commitment.
- ▲ In 2016, United became the first airline globally to use SAF in regular operations on a continuous basis with SAF from World Energy.

Torgy’s Travel Tips – May 2022 **Passwords, Masks and Onboard Purchases**



Kathie Torgison

In keeping with other major companies regarding computer security, United has recently changed the structure and frequency of password changes necessary to access FlyingTogether. And this time, it’s pretty good news! For at least the last decade, we’ve had to change our password every 90 days and we could not re-use old pass-

words until 5 cycles of changes had occurred. Now, we have the opportunity to keep a password for 365 days—a whole year—as long as we create a hard-to-hack phrase or sentence. For example, “He ate 7 bananas” or “My 1st trip was to Maui” or “Just me and my 2 dogs”. The only parameters are a minimum of 8 characters, upper and lower case letters, numbers or symbols, and no more than 142 characters including the spaces. Research has shown that password phrases and sentences are much more difficult and time-consuming for hackers to bother with. So, think about a phrase you and partner frequently use or your quote from a favorite movie. Make it something easy and natural for you to remember. Then, either wait till your current password expires and you are forced to create a new one, or, do it now by signing on with u+file number, but don’t type your password. Instead, click the “Forgot My Password” link on the line below. That will take you to a new screen explaining this new password process. And you won’t have to do it again for a whole year. Yeah!

Another move to simplify UA onboard food and beverage purchases has been recently enhanced. The elimination of onboard cash transactions vanished quite some time ago but now even last-second onboard credit card purchases must be “contact-less”. So what is taking the place of cash and plastic? Travelers must store a valid credit or debit card in their United Wallet, accessible inside united.com. For customers who do not do this there will be a reminder screen during check-in where a credit/debit card can be “attached” to that days’ flight record. The card number entered at check-in will disappear after 24 hours unlike the forms of payment which reside in the United Wallet. A further enhancement involves the vendor PayPal. United now offers the opportunity for PayPal users to create a unique QR code within their PayPal account. This enables the user to simply show the QR code to the flight attendant who will scan the code. I am still awaiting confirmation from UA headquarters whether the 20% discount on food and beverage purchases we previously enjoyed as employees and retirees will continue within this new framework. Stay tuned ... “The Times They Are A-Changin’”!

As Covid-19 facemask policies change in most states, it is important for travelers to keep abreast of regulations in air travel. As of this writing, the current policy requiring the use of facemasks onboard all aircraft operating inside the US is still in effect until April 18, 2022. It may or may not be extended. However, international travel is quite a different matter. Not only are facemasks definitely required, but those masks must be a N95, KN95 or the European equivalent FFP2 for travel to/from/within Europe. Cloth masks are not allowed, nor are masks that contain vent holes. But some foreign flag carriers have begun flaunting their own

country’s mandates. As recently as March 24, 2022, Jet2 (a British low-cost carrier), rescinded their enforcement of the mandate and Virgin Atlantic and British Airways have indicated their desire to follow suit. KLM’s website indicates that masks are required but have quietly stopped enforcing it onboard, according to the Washington Post. I recently purchased a ticket on both KLM and Condor Airlines and both included a “mask required” statement in my confirmation email. So, do check before you head to the airport to see if you are properly prepared to meet the stated rules.

And hot off the press as this article was written is the announcement of a new United warm weather international destination: Palma de Mallorca, Spain! Seasonal service is expected between EWR-PMI on June 3, 2022 through October 2022, and perhaps beyond that date. The island of Mallorca, part of the Balearic Islands belonging to Spain, is located in the Mediterranean Sea, southeast of Barcelona. It is a destination for many vacation travelers from the UK, Germany, France and Italy. What fun to add a new destination to our bucket list. Travel on!■



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

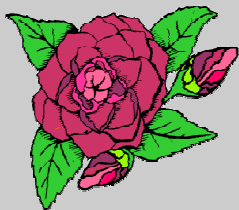
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For the first time in several months, our Birmingham group met for lunch at Seasons 52. Those attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Jim & Donna Gooch** and **Joe & Jane Jones**. Several members were unable to attend due to medical issues and we missed them.

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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Spring is here already and soon it will be Mother's Day on May 8, and Memorial Day on May 30, 2022.

A lot of our "Snowbirds" have left for their northern homes, but we still have quite a few of our members who stick around all year.

Our chapter continues to meet for Breakfast all year round on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. A lot of people like going out for breakfast. So if you have any guests or know someone who would like to join you, bring them along or tell them where we meet.

If there are any retirees from United who would like to come to any of our breakfasts, please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know that you would like to attend a couple of days before, so she can inform the restaurant how many people will be at our breakfast. We have a private room to the left, as you enter the building. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

We had 30 people at our Breakfast on March 25. It was nice seeing **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** back with us once again. They live in Washington State now and came back to Arizona for a visit. One of our mem-

bers, **Ame Esan**, told us she is moving to New York State, we will miss seeing her. She plans on getting involved in a RUAEA chapter in upstate New York. We also had visitors who retired from UAL at our breakfast. They were **John Kaspar**, and his wife, **Pat**, from Peoria, and **Bob Chrobak**, from Gold Canyon, AZ. We hope they come back to our monthly breakfasts in the summer. Welcome to our chapter!

Our spring luncheon which was held April 13 at the Birdies Bar & Grill in Mesa, will be reported on later. The hosts planning this luncheon are **John & Joanne Griffin**.

We have the following birthdays in May: **Bill Betz**, **John Griffin**, **Joanne Griffin**, and **Kathy Brigante**. Happy Birthday to each of you! We have three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in May: **Bob & Valerie Forsberg**, who are celebrating 60 years and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** and **Matalynne** and **Herb Wandel** who are also celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in May. Congratulations!

Calendar:

April 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by Wednesday, April 20 by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

May 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

June 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 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 rpddgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.



CALIFORNIA



It's a hot time in the ole town tonight! Speaking of the Northstate that is! Yes, the heat is on already.

The Northstaters had a meeting/luncheon on Wednesday, March 23rd, at Olive Garden in Chico. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed 17 members and spouses to the luncheon. He also welcomed two guests, **Sheri Pitt** and **Victoria Nightingale**, both of them are retired Flight Attendants. It was a great place for the meeting and a delicious lunch. Merritt thanked **Sharon Simonton** for setting up the reservation at the restaurant. **Klaren Odor**, **Billie Jorgensen** and **Caroline Geiger** all had lunch with Sharon at the restaurant earlier and decided it was a great place to meet.

Merritt asked if they were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Vincent Neidlinger** will be celebrating a birthday in March and **Bill Simonton** will be celebrating a birthday in April. **Dick Hooning** celebrated his 90th birthday the day after our meeting, and a rousing Happy Birthday was sung by all. Even a little strawberry shortcake was served to Dick. Sharon then spoke about the 6 members and spouses that have passed away in the last 3 years. It is a tremendous loss for our group.

We made a motion not to charge dues this year. We have extra money in our treasury and will use some of that for our picnic which is usually held in September.

Merritt gave a brief talk to our guests about how the Northstaters were started. After 11 years Merritt is still our President. He is so wonderful to stay in that position and the group won't let him leave.

Merritt spoke about the RUAEA convention coming up in October that will be held in San Diego, CA again. Maybe this year, some of our members will decide to go since it is in California.

Ray Herrick gave a brief presentation about some Pan Am memorabilia that he had found. Ray passed it around for all to see.

Merritt then introduced our guests again and asked them to share some information about themselves. **Sheri Pitt** was a flight attendant for 32 years and lives in Chico and **Victoria Nightingale** retired recently after 42 years and resides in Las Vegas, NV. The Northstaters welcomed them and invited them both to come anytime to our meetings and if interested to join us as members.

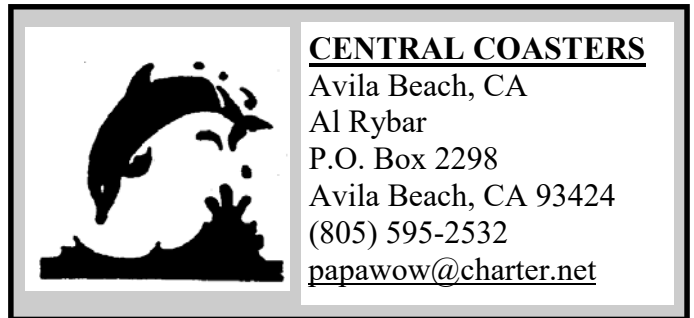
A discussion took place on our next meeting/luncheon which will be held in Redding on Wednesday May 25th. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** know of a new restaurant opening up and will try it out to see if they have a separate room for us and if they will do separate checks.

It was wonderful again to see so many members and spouse join us. It makes us feel that the Northstaters are still going strong.

Katie Innocenti won the 50/50 raffle and **Judy Ulrich** won the Lunch Certificate.

Calendar:

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

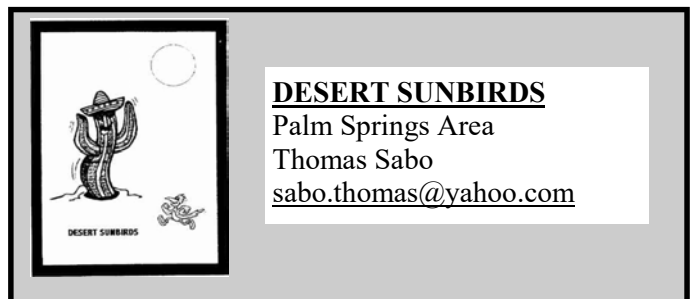


We are now in another month of March and not much has changed as far as getting together with friends and other activities.

I have not heard from any of our members so again I assume they are staying safe and healthy.

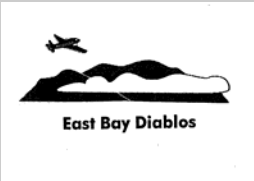
This will be a short report. My main concern is getting rain on the west coast that we badly need. As I write this, at the of March, there was a prediction of some rain, but it lasts for only a day and hardly adds to what is needed.

Remember this ... If you live to be a 100, you've got it made; very few people die past that age!



We did not meet in March, so there is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds. Our next luncheon is scheduled for April 13.





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

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. As I write this on April 7, masks and proof of vaccination are no longer required in restaurants. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Many thanks to **John Chu** for publishing our picture from our March meeting when we were all in green. We are getting really good at being herded together for group shots. However, the black and white picture does not do justice to **Tom Johnson's** very bright green shirt. You will just have to imagine a shirt close to glow in the dark green!

We did not have a color theme for our April meeting but in May we are going to wear patriotic colors. This will be an early observance of Memorial Day; and to honor active duty military, veterans and fallen soldiers.

Our April meeting was held April 4th at The Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek with 18 members and two guests in attendance. Social hour starts at 11:00 and then we order around noon. We voted to return to Black Bear Diner in May and will most likely continue meeting there. Although the members enjoy the food at The Old Spaghetti Factory, they like the wide variety of menu items at Black Bear Diner. And looking at what everyone ordered, their choices were indeed all over the map!

Our two guests were **Noelle Sakamoto** and **Emeline Harris**. They work at the SFO Maintenance Base and are members of IAM Local 1781. Noelle is the IAM District 141 Employee Assistance Program Northwest Region Representative and Emeline serves on the Women's Committee. **Diane Griego** has worked with Noelle for years to collect items for homeless and battered women. Both ladies gave inspiring talks about their work and how our RUAEA chapter can help. They are putting together a list of items they need and we are looking forward to helping them.

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring.

This month we had wine and a bunch of those infamous red bootie slippers that used to be given to first class passengers. Noelle and Emeline graciously bought raffle tickets and both won! Noelle went home with the money and Emeline went home with a bottle of wine.

It was wonderful to see several members who were not able to attend in March. **Tracey Blanchard** is back from "wintering" in Maui. **Ken Price's** back is better and he was able to join us. **Joe & Wilma Leather** gave us an update on their plumbing disaster and downstairs renovation. When I asked Joe how the work was going, his face lit up like a Christmas tree and he said, "It's Done!" Wilma said they were very impressed with the company they used. Unlike a lot of companies who only work a few hours a day and spread the construction over a long period of time, this company's workers put in full days and got the project done in good time. They missed our March meeting because the crew was supposed to finish up that day. And true to their word, they did finish up and now Joe & Wilma have their home back. We are so happy that their ordeal is over with and that they are pleased with their reconstruction.

I hope you enjoyed **Barbara Cunningham's** amazing story of her Transient Global Amnesia episode in last month's newsletter. I'd like to think of her story as a Public Service Announcement about this rare medical condition. It's good to know the symptoms of both stroke and TGA because they are often confused with each other. TGAs pretty much resolve on their own, but as you know, it is critical to go to the ER immediately with a stroke. Misdiagnosing a stroke as TGA could be disastrous.

I am fascinated by identical twins and how their bonding is so unique. My maternal grandmother was an identical twin and friends and family could not tell them apart their entire lives. Unfortunately her sibling died before I was born. I would have loved to meet her and see them together. We've all heard stories of how identical twins sense when the other one is sick or in trouble. Barbara told me she and her sister are like this. Their latest scenario is that both recently had the same weird dream at the same time. Wow.

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

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. If you want to help our troops, check out this wonderful charity at supportourtroops.org. Charity Navigator gives them a perfect score of 100 for Finance and Accountability. Per their website, "the Troops program is a highly innovative program that enhances the well-being of overseas military families by

providing food and non-food manufacturer coupons to stretch their hard-earned pay.” According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer’s Coupon. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday’s mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. I can’t wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). Many thanks to **Sheryl Schubert** who mailed me an envelope of coupons. Sheryl writes the ‘So Simple From Sheryl’ column in our RUAEA newsletter. I would also like to thank **Tracey Blanchard** and **Glenda Kennedy** who saved coupons and brought them to our meeting on April 4.

Wordle ~ So, have you tried playing Wordle yet? Are you now as addicted as I am? If you aren’t playing it yet, it’s not too late to join in on the fun and frenzy. Just Google the word Wordle and click on the NY Times link that comes up. You can also bookmark the link to easily pull up the game every day. Here is the link to put Josh Wardle’s Wordle on your Iphone or Android:

<https://www.laptopmag.com/how-to/how-to-install-wordle-on-an-iphone-or-android-phone>

People on Facebook are posting their scores and the comments are often as much fun to read as playing the game itself. Recently, the word of the day was trope. For the first time, the solution was a word I had never heard of, and neither had most people. Some of the printable comments were “not fair” and “what the heck is trope?” The unprintable comments were hilarious but cannot be included here.

Brendon Grimshaw: One man’s environmental miracle ~ The Seychelles is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean off East Africa. Seychelles was uninhabited prior to being discovered by Europeans in the 16th century. It faced competing French and British interests until coming under full British control in the late 18th century. Since proclaiming independence from the United Kingdom in 1976, it has developed from a largely agricultural society to a market-based diversified economy.

The Constitution of Seychelles lists 155 named islands, and a further 7 reclaimed islands have been created subsequent to the publication of the Constitution. The majority of the islands are uninhabited. The islands are either granitic or coralline and are home to numerous beaches, coral reefs and nature reserves, as well as rare animals such as giant Aldabra tortoises.

Seychelles is among the world’s leading countries to protect lands for threatened species, allocating 42% of its territory for conservation. Like many fragile island ecosystems, Seychelles saw the loss of biodiversity when humans first settled in the area, including the disappearance of most of the giant tortoises from the granitic islands, the felling of coastal and mid-level forests, and the extinction of various species. In the 1960’s, the use of spear guns and dynamite for fishing was banned through the efforts of local conservationists. As a result, the wildlife is unafraid of snorkelers and divers. Coral bleaching in 1998 damaged most reefs, but some reefs, such as Silhouette Island, now show healthy recovery.

Moyenne Island is a small island of only 24 acres just off the coast of the larger island of Mahe. From 1915 until 1962, the island was abandoned. At the time, Brendon Grimshaw was a newspaper editor working in Nairobi, Kenya. While on vacation in 1962, he visited Moyenne Island and fell in love with it on the spot. Grimshaw purchased the island for £8,000 (about 10,000 dollars). After retiring from the newspaper business in 1972, he moved to Moyenne Island and was the sole inhabitant of the island until his death in July 2012, just three weeks short of his 87th birthday. The island was bare when Brendon first arrived – a waterless land overgrown with scrub. He hired Rene Lafortune to help him with his first goal, to make the island habitable. His house was built in seven days, but for 18 months, he and Rene would have to row every day to Mahe to collect a barrel of water for sustenance. Grimshaw and Rene planted sixteen thousand trees - palms, bread, and coconut – until the island was transformed into a tropical paradise. They built 3 miles of nature paths, and brought and bred Aldabra giant tortoises, intending to create an island of incredible beauty. When he arrived there were no birds on the island, so he brought ten from a neighboring island – which promptly flew straight back. He brought a few more, which also disappeared. But then a couple returned. Brendon started feeding them, and more birds settled on the island.

Slowly the trees grew and fruited, and eventually water, electricity and a phone cable were piped across from Mahe.

At this point Brendon was not doing this to make the island into a national park; it was simply to make the island habitable for himself. This might have been accidental conservation, but while the rest of us have been busy concreting over our front gardens, Brendon was creating a second Eden. Moyenne now holds more than two-thirds of all endemic plants in the Seychelles.

In 1996, Grimshaw wrote a book about himself and the island, entitled *A Grain of Sand: the Story of One Man and an Island*.

Rene died from cerebral malaria while on a visit to Singapore in 2007. The tortoises and several pet dogs became Brendon’s sole companions. A reporter asked him if he’s ever been lonely. Brendon is not a recluse. He relishes visitors and company, and regrets not marrying.

He replied, “Yes, only once in my life – when I was living in a bedsit in London. I was miserable then, but never here. But how could I ask anyone to live out here? We didn’t have running water for years!”

In 2010, an American hotel group offered Grimshaw \$50M in order to build a hotel on Moyenne and turn the place into a rich man’s playground. He rejected the offer. Shortly before his death from natural causes, he donated his island paradise to the government of The Seychelles for use as a sanctuary/ heritage site. Grimshaw died in Victoria, on the island of Mahe, in July 2012.

In 2013, after 20 years of persistence, Grimshaw and Rene Lafortune posthumously achieved their goal of making Moyenne Island a National Park. It’s the smallest National Park in the world. A warden was posted on the island to collect the entrance fee from tourists. Today, the island’s main industry is tourism and it is known for its beaches. The restaurant on the beach is a haven for tourists. Behind the restaurant is the local warden’s house.

Sources: Wikipedia articles on Moyenne Island and the Seychelles: and Grimshaworigin.org.

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

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

- ▲ Monday, May 2 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at dian-griego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, April 28.
- ▲ Monday, June 6 at 11:00. — Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego**’s home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The cost and deadline to RSVP will be announced later. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We

enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme.

- ▲ Monday, July 4 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at dian-griego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, June 30.

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

	<p><u>GOLDEN GATERS</u> SFO – Bay Area Ginger Dahlberg 821 Magellan Lane Foster City, CA 94404 (650) 224-1865 gingersfo@aol.com</p>
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That elusive little green Leprechaun was not able to give his pot of gold to anyone here so now we are looking for Peter Cottontail – hoppin’ down the bunny trail. Love those chocolate eggs and those ears we can nibble on! President **Vera Kina** brought us to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and moments of silence for Peace in our times. Our hearts go out to those in war-torn cities – may calm heads prevail! We are celebrating St. Patrick’s festivities with delectable Corn Beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots provided by the Chefs d’Cuisine (that is - the Board members,) with members supplying side dishes. Those desserts were decadent and savored by all. Having food always brings out members and we enjoyed having 21 people enjoy the feast! Another cake is in the offing as we are celebrating our 60th anniversary this coming April – so come one, come all.

Secretary Pro-Tem, **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes of our last meeting – no one disagreed so no replacement for her – maybe next time. I goofed and left off **Marian Bruns** title – she is the President of the local RAFA-CWA. She came to our meeting and joined – welcome! Heard on the grapevine that United Airlines is 96 years old this year – we built a wonderful airline, us old-timers. Those were the days. Ginger was able to pick-up the Historian books from **Helen Goodwine**. Her husband, **Jim**, passed away recently. As Helen does not drive, we will probably not see her at our meetings – we miss them as they were long time members, traveled with us (we won’t forget the French barge trips and the lock guard dogs,) generous donators of Giant baseball game tickets and all- around nice people to be with. Stay well Helen, you are in our thoughts and hearts. Treasurer, **Peter Cooper**, is clicking away on his abacus and keeping us solvent. Please send in your dues, \$20 per member, so that the roster can be updated and distributed.

Our Membership Lady, **Barbara Underhill**, was unable to attend the meeting so Ginger filled in for her. Blowing out many candles on their birthdays – **Emily Turner** and **Shirley Kensinger**, no one got hitched but we do have some people needing your get-well wishes – **John Bogdanoff**, **Harriet Kunze**, **Carol Walter** and **George Midwin** (our Western Regional Director had surgery and is recuperating at home.) Long ago member, **Monte Monson**, passed away – he lived in Bakersfield.

Travel Coordinator, **Ginger Dahlberg**, invites you to join her on June 23-24, 2022 trip to the Paso Robles area to see the Sensorio – Field of Light show, an Olive Oil tasting, a winery stop, plus more. The Columbia River Cruise in October 11 – 20, 2022 – is also available. Day trips being planned– trains, casinos, and fun times. It's time to get out and store some good memories.



The following is a Love Letter to two of our very long time members, I have attached pictures that I hope will turn out just so you might remember those “good old days.” Thanks to daughter, **Kris**, for this information. Back in May of 2015, **Milton Cavalli** passed away at the age of 102. Milt worked for UAL in SFO at SFOMM and was a Line Maintenance Foreman for many years and retired in 1971. At his 100th

birthday bash, he bragged about having his driving license renewed for another 5 years. That was some party! Those of you who knew him remember the classic Model-T Ford he and his wife, **Marie**, owned. They toodled around town – he, dressed in his tux, ascot tie, and top hat – and she in her period dress with large bonnet and a lovely bow tied beneath her chin. Marie passed away on January 16, 2022, she was 107 plus years old (young!) Both she and Milt were local Californians; she was born on a dairy ranch in Pomponia which is in the Half Moon Bay/

Pescadero area on Highway 1. In order for the local school to stay open, she had to start school and the age of 4 and she walked through fields of fava beans trying to avoid the snakes along the way. While at Pescadero High School she met a young man who was rude and considered him a bully. Time went by and at a Valentines' Day party they met again and Marie was very much impressed with the fact that he won the relay race pushing a peanut across the floor with his nose. Thus an 83 year romance started – they were married for 76 years. They loved to travel; she made her hats and all her costumes for their square dancing events and played tennis up to her 93rd birthday. She was the first to go to college, getting her teaching credentials from San Jose University. She taught for 36 years, first in the one-room schoolhouse she attended as a child, she was teacher, principal and janitor plus having to purify the water they drank. In 1951 she taught at Beresford Park School in San Mateo enriching her students with field trips, publishing student stories and poetry and planning large-scale art projects. Two permanent clay art pieces made by her students are installed at that school. Milt & Marie had a daughter, **Kristeen** who was born in 1944. They spent their summers in La Honda swimming and putting on plays for the locals. She retired in 1975 from teaching. Along came her granddaughter, Shaleece in 1975 and grandson, Brent in 1979 – she loved being grandmother (don't we all?) They lived an exciting retirement life especially their car club trips and being around their friends. When Milt passed away, Marie went into a loving care home until she passed away in January 2022. I'm sure Milt was there to drive her through the Pearly Gates, honking his horn, she in her lovely hat. Rest in Peace dear ones, you enriched our lives ten-fold!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson

Secretary

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Did you find the pot of gold that rascally leprechaun hid? It was supposed to be at the end of the rainbow – I searched and searched but came up empty! That doesn't mean I didn't have fun looking – and the Hangtown Miners love to look for gold! **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** arranged with the Buttercup Pantry Restaurant and Bakery to handle our March luncheon; a delightful place with good food and friendly servers (efficient too). For those

who won in the raffle and picked a table centerpiece, they found some “gold coins” inside ... well, the wrappers were gold but I’m sure the chocolate inside was tasty. President **Rudy Blazius** extended everyone’s “Thank You” Tom & Suzie. Of course, you don’t need to be Irish to have a birthday in March, so **Lynette Ceci, Cindy Blazius** and **J.R. Heier** are able to claim this month to celebrate their birthdays. We send a “Happy Birthday” to each of them. We have 4 guests today – and 3 if they became Hangtown Miners members! Welcome to **June McClain** and **Dave & Debbie VanWart**; as well as **Lynette Ceci** who was a guest of **Tom Biro**. So, when it comes to celebrating anniversaries, we have two couples who tied the knot in March – **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** (29 years) and **Dave & Robin Garland** (22 years). Happy Anniversary to each of you!

President ~ Rudy Blazius brought us some info that is covered below.

Vice President ~ J.R. Heier was here making sure whomever brought an item for the raffle got their “donator’s ticket” and selling all those raffle tickets to our members. He didn’t have a report to share.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny was able to join us in person today, always a good thing! Tom also updated us on the project to help students who are enrolled in the A & P Mechanic program at Sacramento City College. I sent you the list of tools the students need in order to take the program last month. If you have any tools left over from your days working as a mechanic at UAL, consider cleaning out your garages and donating those extra tools. You will get a donation receipt that can be claimed on your taxes ... hmm, win-win – clean garage and a deduction too! There was talk about a scholarship program – how involved we would be is yet to be determined.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson sent emails to **Holly Hilton, Bill & Mary Voestch** and **Jim Raber**. Holly is in the process of moving (she lives in Spain) and has received some health news that isn’t good, so she is opting to drop as a member. Bill & Mary have a new granddaughter, Grey, who they are busy with so, at this point, are not planning to continue either. Jim will be moving to Fremont, again for health issues, so he’s not planning to stay on as a member. We are very sad to lose these folks, but things happen! Of course, they are always welcome to rejoin any time.

Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny did not have anything to report this month. I hope that means everyone is doing well!

Historian ~ Roy & Dawn Martin continue to store our albums. They are still thinking about a more efficient way to store but share our history as a chapter. Thoughts wandered around some – perhaps if we print out to keep major “events” that would work. All of you receive our minutes each month, and that can keep those in a folder online. Should anyone need/want to look back to see what was going on or where that restaurant was that they especially liked, it can be done.

New Business ~ Rudy received this info from **Dale Harper – Bob Roughley**, a mechanic for UAL passed away. There will be private services. Rudy also let us know that a celebration of life for **Bill Dinette** is planned for May 29, 2022 at the American Legion Post 119; 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA; (530) 626-3956 (this is where we have had our December luncheons). More information to come as we know it.

For those of you who were in the service, please add this information from the Veterans Administration to the list of Important Numbers I sent you last month.

- ▲ El Dorado Veterans Service Office; 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667; (530) 621-5892
- ▲ Military Cemetery: Sacramento Valley National Cemetery; 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA; (707) 693-2460
- ▲ American Legion Post 119; 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA 95667; (530) 626-3956
- ▲ \$10,000 Live Insurance Policy; Cigna; PO Box 22328 Pittsburgh, PA; Underwriting Company: Life Insurance Company of North America; Policy #980042; 1-800-238-2125

Old Business ~ Rudy has been following through on that blasted insurance policy that seems to be so illusive for some of our members as well as other UAL mechanics. For some reasons, not all qualify for the benefit. One of the most frustrating parts is that when you call, you may get one answer – call again and you could get another answer. There is no consistency. But, our wonderful president has managed to get the policy number for this \$10,000.00 death benefit. It is in the important numbers above but worth repeating! \$10,000 Live Insurance Policy; Cigna; PO Box 22328 Pittsburgh, PA; Underwriting Company: Life Insurance Company of North America; Policy #980042; 1-800-238-2125

I know we have been advised before about choosing where you will have your luncheon. For a variety of reasons, some of the restaurants have had to scale down their hours and/or days that they are open. This can cause a conflict with our monthly meeting day – second Monday of each month. Please be advised that when your month to host is approaching (if you’ve forgotten which month you signed up for, get in touch with me!), you need to start looking around – maybe go to try some out? Quite awhile before your chosen month. Should you have your heart set on a particular restaurant and they aren’t open on Mondays, but can accommodate on a Tuesday, let us know and we can switch to a different day for that month.

I believe I’ve covered all the items brought to our meeting, if I forgot something, my apologies! Let me know and I will send out a “P.S.” Rudy brought our meeting to a close with this little fun observation: “*As I’ve grown older, I learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but, pissing everyone off is a piece of cake!*”

A hearty “Thank You” for all the wonderful items donated for our raffle: **Diana & Duncan** – sparkling wine;

McClain – puzzles & book; **Kenny** – table decorations; **Heier** – plant & candy; **Biro** – wine; **Kozelka & Barton** – lantern; **Roy Martin** – bowls; **Dawn Martin** – bowls; **Akin** – eggs; **Fitzpatrick** – candy & cookies; **Dellinger** – Easter basket; **Gibson** – hand soap. Winner of the donors prize – **Dawn Martin!**

Take care, my Friends. Enjoy each day, laugh together, and stay safe.



The monthly RESANS breakfast is after the deadline of the monthly newsletter so I will have all the news for you next month. I can tell you we are expecting a good turn out and there is a lot of excitement in the air.

We have a few Birthdays on the list for May. They are **Barbara Drews, Robert Taylor, Ray Wood, and Ed Taylor**. All of the best of good wishes and lots of sunshine for them on their special day! A warm welcome to **Judy Farwell**, a new member of our RESANS family and now also a member of RUAEA. Judy came to us from CO and has been very supportive and helpful urging CO retirees to join our group and she has been successful in bringing in new prospective members.

Please be sure and mark your calendars for our upcoming RUAEA Convention. The San Diego team is working diligently to make this another successful time to get together, visit longtime friends and see some sights in San Diego. The dates for this year are: October 3rd through the 9th. It will be here before you know it so don't forget to mark it down.

Most people don't think of UFO's when they visit San Diego but we are actually known as Area 51 West by many in the science community. In 1976, Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter watched a very large one over San Diego for ten minutes. One thing for sure, he said it made him a believer. There was an article in the 1952 issue of the San Diego Reader, written by George Adamski at the time in the desert. He was approached by a man from Venus who had landed his spacecraft on a desert landing strip. He writes that the alien radiated a feeling of understanding and extreme kindness and humility. During the years following, Adamski met his alien on other occasions and has written books on his experiences. Numerous sightings have been reported over the years from the Palomar Mountain Observatory

Calendar:

May 5 – Breakfast, Pt. Loma Café, (619) 226-0255, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92106.

June 2 – Spring Fling ~ This year will be a Summer Fling. Location to be announced.

October 3-9 – RUAEA Convention.



The March luncheon meeting for the Sacramento Gold Diggers was on the 30th at the Black Bear Diner in Auburn. The gathering was hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger** and they provided little flower pots along with cookies and candy for each table.

We had a total of 32 in attendance including three guests, **Orville Harshbarger's** daughter **Julie, Judie King's** granddaughter **Serenity** and **Elsa Powers**, guest of **Marji Gabert-Milam**. It was great to see a good turnout.

President **Dave Garland** opened the meeting by introducing the guests. He then followed by having the officer reports.

Vice President **Barbara Bertacini** advised that we are still looking for members to volunteer to host one of our lunches. She passed around a signup sheet to see if anyone is interested in hosting at their favorite restaurant.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that there are two wedding anniversaries for March, **Shirley & Ed Vanderzyl** (57 years) and **Robin & Dave Garland** (22 years).

Judie King advised that the chapter is financially okay. She also advised that it was necessary to change banks after twenty years with the same bank. Judie also asked if she could destroy some of the old bank records as she has at least twenty years of records. A motion was put to the group and passed that she should keep the last ten years of records and destroy the rest. If you have not paid your dues for 2022, please forward your check of \$10.00 per couple to **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949 and be sure to make the check payable to the Sacramento Gold Diggers.

Our Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** advised that she had sent a card to **George Taylor** who is dealing with cancer. Our Roster guy **Jack Raynor** hopes to have our 2022 Roster next month.

Our Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** asked for a show of hands as to how many of the Gold Diggers were members of RUAEA. It looked like most of the attendees are members and she encouraged those that are not, to seriously consider joining as the Newsletter provided timely and important information that can be of value to any retiree. The best way to join or rejoin is online at ruaea.org. Credit cards are accepted and you can opt to get the Newsletter online or via the mail or both. RUAEA membership is \$30.00 per year or \$35.00 if you want both

printed and online copies of the monthly Newsletter. The advantage of the online Newsletter is that it is available much earlier than the printed version plus the Newsletter is archived back to 2003.

Dave wanted to fill us in on some trivia about this date in history, celebrity birthdays and industry news. A couple events on March 30 were: In 1867, the U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia and in 1981 President Ronald Reagan was shot in Washington D.C. Celebrities born on March 30 are: 1853 painter Vincent Van Gogh, 1913 singer Francesco Paolo LoVecchio (Frankie Laine), 1926 Ralph Pierre LeCock (Peter Marshall of Hollywood Squares), 1937 actor Warren Beatty, 1945 musician Eric Clapton, 1962 entertainer Stanley Kirk Burrell (MC Hammer), 1968 singer Celine Dion and 1979 singer Norah Jones. As for the industry news, United Airlines fired 35 employees earlier in the month for misusing their travel benefits. They were selling their passes to individuals for profit. The scheme unraveled when a couple demanded that they had paid for First Class but were traveling on a non-revenue pass.

On a personal note, I happened to be in Washington D.C. on March 30, 1981. I was there with my daughter on a sightseeing trip and we were on the subway from the Mall to Arlington Cemetery. As we approached the gate at Arlington we noticed a lot of commotion so I asked the guard what was happening and was told the President had been shot. Definitely put a damper on the rest of the day.

There were no March birthdays.

Prior to the raffle, **Ron Bertacini** advised the group of the 2022 RUAEA Convention to be held in San Diego the first week of October. He gave the highlights of the tours and other information. Ron also advised that in early March the RUAEA Executive Board met in San Diego and had a Zoom meeting with the Presidents of RUPA, RAFA and Clipped Wings. The purpose was to encourage the other organizations to consider a joint convention in the future. The response was quite favorable and RUAEA is proceeding with plans for a joint convention with RUPA and RAFA for 2023. President **Don Burbank** encouraged the other presidents to encourage their members to think about attending the 2022 convention. Our President **Dave Garland** is the Convention Site Selection Chair and is working on plans for the 2023 joint convention.

The only volunteers for future lunches are the **Nortons** who have volunteered to host the Holiday/Christmas event in early December. We still have May, June, July, August and September/October available. We have found that we have been able to get restaurants that will work with us on having individual checks and either order off their standard menu or a special menu. About the only thing you need to do to host is to make the reservation and then get a head count to let the restaurant know how many to expect for their setup.

We ended with our monthly raffle of many donated prizes.

Our April lunch on Wednesday the 27th will be at Siz-

zler's in Auburn, at 13570 Lincoln Way. If you plan to attend please email or call **Ron Bertacini** at sgd@surewest.net or (916) 832-5775. We will need a head count by Monday, April 25th.



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Hello everyone!

Spring has sprung, the weather is beautiful, and the days are getting longer giving us more time to tend to our gardening (that is if you like to work outside).

All is good with our group. We have been meeting monthly and enjoy getting together and solving the problems of the world (if only it was that easy).

Our president **Steve Foster** has been taking time off to help his son move from Virginia to Arizona. That's a big move. Thanks to Vice President **Bob Scoble**, as he will be taking over while Steve is gone.

We have had several luncheon meetings at Huckleberry's Cafe in Oakdale. We usually have approximately 18 to 20 people and they let us meet in their private back room and it works out great. We will be meeting there again on April 14th and again on May 12th. Everyone seems to enjoy going there and it's convenient for almost everyone.

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



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A lively meeting was held on April 4th with a turnout of 16 in attendance. Our wonderful president, **Chuck Clayborn**, is still hanging in there in his role and we do all appreciate his dedication to keeping our chapter going. As the chapter correspondent, it was great to see everyone once again after my surgery. We have such a nice group of people.

We missed **Marianne Johnson** and wish her a speedy recovery, so she can attend our next meeting. Attending after a lengthy absence was **Maureen Snyder**, who was accompanied by her son and daughter in law, Stewart and Robin. The ever young **Jean Jenkins** was also there with

her daughter, Karen, who we now consider a full time member of our chapter.

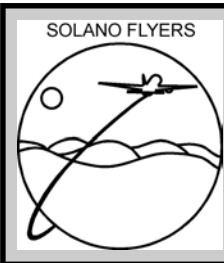
Speaking of Jean, Chuck was covering the 'This Day in History' events and of course, Jean recalls having attended some of the historical events of the past, even going back to the late 1800's. But the most laughs came from her story about her aunt attending the last hanging in the US. Jean couldn't make it, because she was at the first talkie motion picture show.

Birthday wishes and a cake were presented to Maureen, as well as wishes for **Darlene Ikeya**.

Jay & Charlette Cacioppo along with **Ben & Cheri Scales** celebrated their wedding anniversaries in April. Congratulations to each of them.

Plans are being made for our annual summer picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos, June 14th and all are invited to attend. The cost is just \$23.00 and will be a BBQ spread including chicken, ribs and much more. We may have a raffle to help generate some funds for our depleting treasury, since we were not able to have one at last year's Christmas dinner.

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



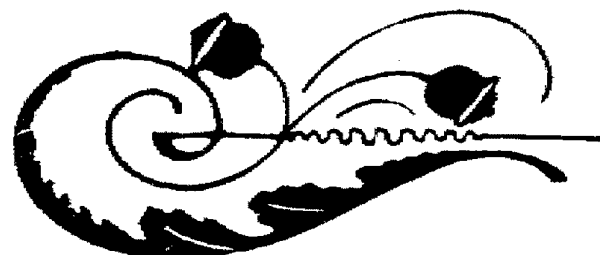
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This report is submitted by the Solano Flyers President, Larry Jackson.

The Solano Flyers met on Wednesday, March 16 for lunch at the Black Bear Restaurant in Suisun City. The following Solano Flyers were in attendance: President **Larry Jackson**, Secretary **Joanne Blizzard**, **Eileen & Padraic Gardner**, **Diosnel & Luci Perez**, **Rudy Arsaga**, **Stewart McCale**, **Robert Ritchie**, **Frank Uhl** and **Bill Blizzard**.

Larry Jackson won the 50/50 drawing. We also had a drawing for a Panini fryer and 4 saucers with UAL logo on them; **Rudy Arsaga** won both of those.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 20th at Bud's in Dixon.



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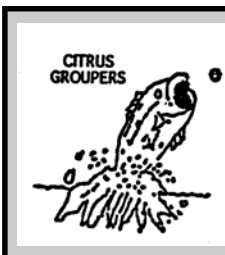
Our April meeting opened with a pledge to the flag. The Convention will be held in San Diego, October 3rd through October 9th at a nice relaxing resort.

In 2023, the convention will include RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA, Clipped Wings and ARECA.

Our 50/50 winners were **Michael Malesardi**, **Richard Conner**, **Ginger Spate**, and **Kathy Sibley**.

Our next luncheon is May 5th at Ted's Place in Commerce City.

FLORIDA



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

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



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April 5th was a perfect day for a picnic ... although a bit breezy. We began at noon with prayers of thanks for our food and those who prepared it and prayers for Ukraine and an end to that horrible war.

President **Al Fields** welcomed 31 members and their guests, with special hellos to **Richard Vinson**, **Barb Halterman**, and **Jane Houston**, who traveled all the way from MEM to see us Real McCoys!

A table was set up with lots of memorabilia collected


over many years by our long-time member **Jim Mummah** and donated to us after his passing. It sparked lots of reminiscing, stories and smiles, as we each choose mementos that brought us fond memories of the past.

Our meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and we heard from our Treasurer and Secretary, who joined forces to send our Real McCoys voted-on donation to support the Ukraine relief effort. It was matched by UA up to \$100,000.

Rich Llewellyn briefly took the floor as our former (1998) president and member to bid us a fond farewell. Rich & Cathy will be returning to CLE and a suggestion was made to build a sunny and plant-filled solarium to ward off the winter blues! We will certainly miss them ... and hope they will visit often! Their future address: 17289 Station Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028.

April Birthday Balloons and Cake for **Retta Finn**. Congrats, Retta!

Strength and prayers to all our members and friends who are facing health issues head on.



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Our April meeting was the last of the season at Summerlin Cafe. Meetings normally resume in October. The following members were in attendance: **Paul & Ingrid Olson, Tom & Joanne Halt, Bill & Margie Burg, Nancy Kopp, Ray Jensen, Roger Schonewise**, and last but not least, **Wally Alves**. Wally has been ailing for a while and everyone was very happy to see him.

Discussion was held regarding the May meeting and its location. The annual steak fry has been cancelled.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 6; we then take a summer break until October 7.

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





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

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



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Our Spring Picnic at Anderson Park had 16 members in attendance; it was nice to see all of us and we had nice weather too! We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer before we indulged in good food that every one brought.


There were no Birthdays or Anniversaries. We had a very laid-back meeting.

Jon talked about UAL items and Home remedies; we had a good laugh on the remedies. Everyone enjoyed socializing.

Happy Easter Wishes to All!

Calendar:

May 2 – IHOP, 10:30



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



HAWAII



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

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



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

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BOISE GEMS

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We have broken hearts as we lost another member of our group, **Palmer Sarnoff** passed away March 30, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with Palmer's family.

We are planning on our next luncheon meeting in May. Members will be notified as soon as plans are confirmed. It will be good to see everyone in May.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!



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May—Happy Spring! Happy Beautiful Merry Little May! After all of these years, I think you know how much I love May. Snow is prohibited! Flowers are blooming everywhere! It's the month for Moms. It's my mom's birthday, we honor our service dead, drink margaritas and eat tacos, race the horses with our fancy hats, and it just smells good. We go to the nursery and get bunches of flowers to grow in our garden, Mary, Mary Quite Contrary. Its flower is the Lily of the Valley, the gem is the emerald. Two of my favorites, can't go wrong with them, well, roses, but purple violets with the white lilies are so dainty and fragrant, so beautiful together. A match made in floral heaven.

The Month of May celebrates Better Speech and Language month, with Correct your Posture, Drum month, Jewish Heritage and American Cheese Month. Fun days to look into are, Batman Day, World Naked Gardening, Mother Goose, Lumpy Rug, Intergalactic Star Wars Day—May the Fourth be With You, followed by Revenge of the Fifth, Cinco de Mayo, Hostess Cupcake, Frog Jumping, Dance like a Chicken, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Mimosa, I Love Reese's, Eliza Doolittle, Tiara, Polka, Put a Pillow in your Fridge, and for the ORD mechanics, Paper Airplane and Aviation Maintenance Technicians Day. Find a few you like and embrace them, or eat them.

The Northside breakfast had six guests, **Dave Dunham**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Virginia Kondraros**, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, and two new IT guys, **Rich Surma** and **Vic Rose**. The Southside Breakfast brought the old timers together, **Gwen Brookins** and her lovely daughter, Sharon, **Barb Wesemann**, **Sylvester Gant** and his little granddaughter, Genesis, who is getting to be a cute little lady, and **Jan Gawenda**.

Our ORDMM mechanics had quite a showing of 13, **Fred Seibert**, **Frank Wenig**, **Jim Kraft**, **Bill Durr**, **Larry Stilwell**, **Hank Kargenian**, **Bob Palm**, **Paul Skrudland**, **Gene Hale**, **Rich Protsman**, **Pierre Lupori**, **Walt Chornomaz**, and yours truly.

The Foremen's group included **Glenn Hill**, **Stan Chmieliwicz**, **Bart & Sue Kendall**, two fellas we haven't seen in a long time, **John O'Connell**, **Roy Johnson**, and me.

The RUPA Lunch was held at Nick's Pizza in Crystal Lake with 47 attendees. The waitresses, Lisa and Monica work their little wings off preparing and delivering our delicious meals. The pilots are a friendly and raucous

group. I guess in the cockpit, they have to be pretty quiet and serious, but once they get out, whoa, they are a very fun group. Some of the folks present were **Bruce Carey, Carle Eberle, Wendell Jelm, Bob Helfferich, Warren & Maria Jepson, Dick Kane, Jim Trosky, Karen Gamill, Larry Cabeen, Jim & Corinne Boyer** and their daughter **Ali Gerstad, Walt & Jan Fink, Dave & Linda Strohm, Gene & Bonnie Ruder, George & Jacquie Mathes, Jim Stuntz, and Jan Gawenda.** **Bob Helffrich** gave a nice shout-out of appreciation to the ladies there since it was National Women's Day. That was nice, the ladies all applauded him. After all, where would these flyboys be without the women taking care of the kids and home while they fly around the world? The May 10th lunch will be held at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin. **Glenn Hill, ORDMM,** will be the featured speaker talking about his adventures flying the B17. The plane he flies is called the 'Aluminum Overcast'. You know these planes had pictures of pretty girls on them, scantily clad girls. Glenn should give an impressive insight into the famous World War II airplane.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had 75 people welcoming their new President, **Dave Roderick,** with a Hot Dog day. Thank you to all you sweethearts who brought sweets for the Sweet Table, the best part of the meal. Next month we'll have a luscious Mexican meal for only \$5.00. Sign up now!

It's time to mention our infamous scammers again. Please, people, don't fall for these con artists, ignore them, delete them, don't answer them! The ones I got this month were doozies. One was a text from UPS, very clever, 'Hi Jan, this is John, your UPS driver. I just put your package on my truck. Your action is needed immediately! Let me know when I can stop by.' I thought, wow, how nice of him to ask, nobody asked before. Hmmm, wait, nobody asked before, UPS or FedEx have sent a text or email telling me the tracking number and the approximate time of day they are coming. I don't think so, Delete! Then I got quite a few of these, 'Hi Jan, we are charging your account (some amount) for your order. It will be coming in the next few days. Thank you for your business. If you don't want this order, please press here and tell us what you prefer.' Many of my friends got this one. Delete! Another was from WALM-Order, giving me a tracking ID and date. I didn't order from Wal-Mart. The best was telling me of a delivery the next day, and charging my PayPal or Amazon account. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

Should I even go into the phone calls we get? I switched to Xfinity this year. Right on the Caller ID, it says, 'SPAM, Name unavailable'. Do not pick up. I heard that if you pick up after two rings, hit the pound sign three times and hang up, it really messes up their phone system and they just might not call you back. If you notice, when you pick up, it's about five-seconds before someone answers. In that time you know it's a robot call from a scammer. You don't have to listen, just hit

that pound button, go back to enjoying your lunch. If you don't have a phone with Caller ID, you would do the same thing, listen, but if nobody answers right away, hit that pound sign three times, or simply hang up. Whatever you do, don't answer, Yes, if they mention your name. It could be your doctor sure, but it could be a very bad person wanting your information. Since I've been doing the pound sign exercise, I'm getting a lot less calls. I never thought I'd be giving you phone or email instructions when I took on this job. It's a shame that we have to live with these calls and emails every day. Good Luck!

By any chance did you watch the Academy Awards last month? I didn't intend to, but there was nothing else on, and I wanted to see their, 'In Memoriam List'. What a surprise to see the 'Slap Heard Around the World'. He got himself in a whole lot of trouble. The Oscars have lost a lot of class over the years. I remember Elizabeth Taylor in her stunning light blue dress, wearing that diamond rock around her neck. Or Deborah Kerr coming out in a wheelchair, how sad. And of course, David Niven and the naked sneaker behind him. Audrey Hepburn in anything! Now it's too political and raunchy. New stars don't have that elegance.

When I started watching the Oscars, they were on the radio, and Edith Head described the gowns. What I thought was a little funny, I hardly knew any of the new stars that won awards, but knew all of the older stars in the 'In Memoriam' section that died. You too? I guess we're in the 'Older Group'. Yes, ancients, but we knew when movies were movies, no CGI, and actors were talented, classy and kept their clothes on during the movie. We'd look at our friends and say, 'Did they do it? They still have on their clothes, but they did show a burning fire-place or fireworks'. That was usually the sign that a little hanky-panky went on. Times have changed ...

Our friends that Flew West last month are **Charles Galway,** who died in 2020, and his son **Steve,** both from ORDCG. Also from the Ramp, **John Morrissey** and **Zygmunt 'Ziggy' Ulas, Lorraine Englehart,** 103, ORDHN/EXOHN, one of the nicest agents from ORDCS, **Tom Hurley,** from ORDFO, one of the Good Guy pilots, **Jim McCusker, John Corpening,** ORDSW/EXOIT, **Richard Seitz,** EXOUX/KF, **Patricia Humphrey Peshak,** CHIRR, **Deb Schwellenbach,** EXOHR/EXOKF, and **Fred Pepper,** husband of **Ann Pepper,** ORDMM.

There are three kinds of people in this world: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

Continue praying for Ukraine and its people.

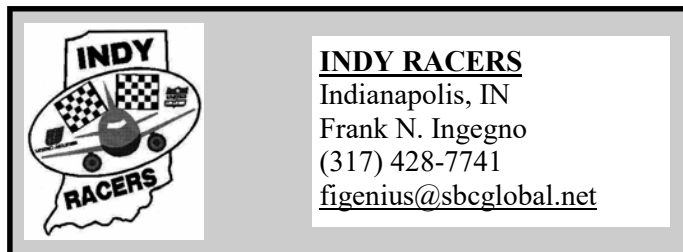
Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**May 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**May 19**). Third Thursday
IAM 1487 Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**May 5**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.
RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of America, 11:00 A.M. Edgewood Lane, Algonquin, (**May 10**)

INDIANA



We held our March meeting as usual. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Frank Ingegno**, and **Rich Carey**. We started planning our summer picnics. The Spring picnic is planned for May 10th, at Avon Town Hall Park. Our Summer picnic is tentative but will probably be on August 9th at Avon Town Hall Park. There's no other chapter news to report.

Regarding member news: At the last meeting, I learned that **Richard Carey** is reliving a part of his youth and getting back into Slot Car Racing. He's built a track in his basement and enjoys racing his family. Slot cars were popular on Long Island, NY back in the 60's. Back then there were store front locations with huge indoor tracks having many lanes. Kids and adults would race casually and competitively at these locations. I too had slot cars back then. Rich brought back some fond memories.

Personally, I've had a busy month that I wish to share: First, I completed Beginner Pickle Ball lessons. For those who don't know Pickle ball, it's played on a court similar to and less than ½ the size of a tennis court. It incorporates characteristics of Table Tennis, Badminton and regular Tennis along with its own rules. 2 or 4 players can play. It can be played indoors or outside. In my neighborhood we've created a court at the end of a cul-de-sac and set up the net whenever play is desired. This sport is growing in popularity. It's a good workout, fun to play and highly recommended.

Secondly, I purchased a garage find, fixer upper project Cessna 150E airplane (as shown in photo). It's 1965 vintage with a middle age engine and 2600 hour airframe. It was flown to Indiana in 2006 and has been sitting in a hangar unused and neglected for over 10 years. The paint was stripped many years ago. It will need a thorough inspection, inside and out. Corrosion removal and fresh paint, all systems will need inspection and repair as needed. The engine too. The good news is it flew in so I assume the systems worked when it flew in. I'll check them and hopefully some still will be in rig and functional.



We'll see. My plan is to do the labor myself. It's going to be my hobby project to use my United Airlines Aircraft Mechanic and Aircraft Inspection skills. I'm looking forward to making it airworthy again. Once airworthy I may take flying lessons in it. I'll post updates as progress is made. Any C150 owner mechanics out there? If yes please contact me thru email. I'm sure as I progress thru this project I'll have questions those experienced owners may be able to answer. Thanks.

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

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


Our future meetings schedule:

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

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Happy Mother's Day

MASSACHUSETTS

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Greetings to All!

Well, I'm finally home in New Hampshire after a hip replacement and physical therapy! It's so good to be home and sleep in one's bed; and the coming of Spring just makes it better.

A big "Thank You" to fellow Nor'Easters, active and inactive, who sent messages wishing me well: **Helmut Umbley, Lynn O'Hare, Mary Beth Staley, Marcia Kilpatrick, Bill Vanderwal, Judy Kearney, Mark Bonnel and Mercedes Hersome.**

Now it's time to try to get together with members and start up luncheon meetings again. It's been a long time and I'm sure by now, most or all have their shots and boosters. We've lost a few members the past couple of years, so getting back to meetings is more important. I hope by next installment, I have nothing but good news about the Nor'Easters.

Calendar:

Wear your masks, think safety and stay healthy!

MICHIGAN

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Good News! After more than two year hiatus, our retiree luncheon is being held on Thursday, April 7 at the Rusty Bucket in Northville, Michigan. We are looking forward to seeing our friends and sharing stories about our lives for the last couple of years.

We received word that **Bonnie Booth**, DTWRR, passed away Sunday, April 3. We have no further information at this time.

Please remember our United family and co-workers with positive thoughts and prayers. Some may be experiencing health problems or family issues. They need our support. A call or a card just might brighten their day.

Thought for the month: *"True happiness is found in*

seemingly unremarkable things. But to be aware of the little, quiet things, you need to be quiet inside. A high degree of alertness is required. Be still. Look. Listen. Be present" ~ Eckhart Tolle

Happy Spring!

MINNESOTA

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Easter is late this year and the Great Frozen Tundra has been pretty cranky this spring with late snows and freezing rains. Who knows what our great-grands will encounter with the annual Easter egg hunt? This is the place that dishes out 45-degree swings in temperature in a 12-14 hour period, y'know.

Your correspondent and Best Pal took a road trip in March to wear out our welcome at a variety of relatives' and friends' homes. Our travels took us to Illinois via our special Cheese Stop at Mauston, WI (our vehicle automatically makes the off-ramp on its own accord), Virginia via Chillicothe, OH (I always wondered how that was pronounced), and Georgia via Charlotte, NC (where they have the most astounding 8-lane highway system with 4 HOV/toll lanes ~ two each way ~ in the middle of four slow-poke lanes). The weather in GA was **amazing**, but I'm glad it was March and not July ... We covered about 3800 miles, give or take. Of course, since we were traveling, we didn't attend the monthly lunch at Lucky's 13 but **Pat Juberien** let me know that 15 people met for good eats and better visiting. Yeah! I'm thinkin' that maybe life is getting back to normal!

On a sad note, I must report the passing of **JoAnn Eichacker**, who worked at MSP following a few years when Reservations had an office downtown. She had been in poor health for many years and after the death of her husband, **Chuck Eichacker** (MSPFF), she declined rapidly. They had lived in Florida for a long time. A memorial service is planned later in South Dakota.

Some of us who live the farthest away from our monthly gathering spot have made the determination that, for a variety of reasons, we probably will not be joining the group in the Cities anymore. Age and failing vision are the culprits, you see. So sadly, the likelihood of the Kelleys and the Glattlys making the 100+-mile trip regularly is slim to none. We will greatly miss seeing our work pals whose friendships we've treasured for so many years.

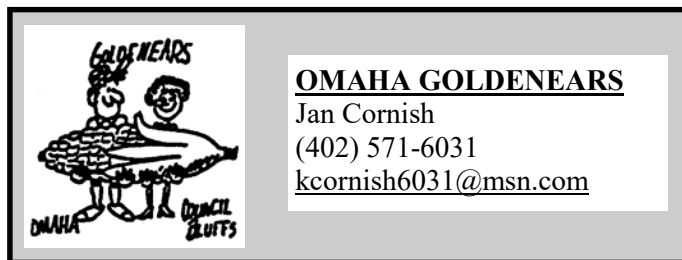
For the time being, I'll continue to be the liaison between the Northern Lites and the national organization, so

let me know about your lives and those of the others who are part of the greater post-UAL family at MSP.

Stay in touch!

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

NEBRASKA



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

NEVADA



A big "Thank You" to **Arlene McCorry**, she went out and located a place where we can hold a Silverliners Luncheon. So, on March 17th (St Patrick's Day) at the Durango Hills Golf Club here in Las Vegas, the Silverliners held their first meeting since December. It was a very good day with 23 Silverliners in attendance. The food was very good and a number of members called out the Chef to thank him for such good food.

After lunch, **Don Rutkowski** got up to thank everyone for coming and requested that members take the lead as Arlene has done, to set up the next Luncheon at a place of their choosing. **Jeannie Rolland** spoke next about dues for the coming year and offering to help anyone that sets up the next meeting. **Eleanor Vasko** got up and spoke about the passing of a number of our members including the most recent one, **Robert Morwick** on 3/7/2022. She also mentioned that our member **Lucille Friel** fell and cracked her pelvis and is recovering.

Also, a very big thank for our 2 traveling members **Chris & Jim Czaplewski** for driving in from Mesquite, a 3 hour round trip; very dedicated members. Don also requested that they set up a Luncheon in Mesquite so we can travel to their hometown.

There were not too much Silverliner items to talk about, no one as of this writing has come forward to fill the 3 vacancies in our Board. We have not had a President for over 4 years and the Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down after 3+ years, but still helping out till a replacement is found.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings quarterly now as we try and get through the Pandemic and dwindling membership and participation. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



There was no official meeting in March. Treasurer **Kathy Robinson** was on her way to Arizona to visit family; President **John Zoboli** and Secretary **Pat Zoboli** were on their way to Mexico.

Seven members did meet for lunch and enjoyed the time just visiting with each other. In attendance were **Barbara & Larry Leusing, June & John Roe, Norm & Linda Borchers** and new member **Teresa Rhine**. Thanks to Barbara for forwarding on the information.

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

The lone March birthday was celebrated by **Norm Borchers**.

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

NEW JERSEY



After a long absence, we resumed the Garden Staters meeting in March. We opened the meeting with a flag salute by our President **Frank Warzocha**. A moment of


silence was held for two of our former United friends, **Emile Rusenco** of EWRMM and **Frank Washington** of EWR customer service. Both were long time employees and will be missed.

Frank Kokoska and **Bill Gula** gave us an update on what was happening with United at Newark; it seems they are still struggling to get out of the Covid Pandemic Apocalypse and trying to get back to flying a traditional airline.

We welcomed some new members today, and the hope is that more will be visiting us at our next meeting. **Vince Ferry** won our 50/50 and our next meeting will be on April 27 at the Stagecoach Restaurant in Scotch Plains.


From the great prophet Leroy ~ *"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will"*.

NEW YORK

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

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

 <p>NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA</p>	<p><u>NEW YORK METROS</u> Caroline Manelski 94 Erin Lane Setauket, NY 11733 (631) 928-5766</p>
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Seventeen members showed up today, including new members, **John & Valerie DeBiase**. Welcome!

There is not much gossip. Those celebrating birthdays are **George Riggi**, **Susan McElynn**, **Don Smith**, **Mario Lagasi**, **Suzanne Lagasi** and **Maryann Lilly**. **Joyce & Donald Smith** are celebrating their anniversary.

50/50 winners were Diane (1st), Jim (2nd) and Joe (3rd).

Diane Talochino is in rehab. Keep her in your prayers.

Suzanne Lagasi, who works at JetBlue and is the daughter of **Ed Pozzi** entered the company's "Name the Plane" contest. She finally won with her entry of "Minternationally Known." If you don't understand what that means, Google "JetBlue Mint." This name will be put


on one of their planes in her honor. Then the Metros will all be invited on board for an around-the-world trip [delayed April Fool's Day joke (the part about the trip, not the naming)].

Happy Easter and Passover!

Calendar:

May 5 – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.

OHIO

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

Calendar:

We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

August 3 – Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville

OREGON

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Unless something unexpected happened, by the time you read this we will have met together on 4/13, for the first time in over two years! Colwood Grill has yet to re-open, but a couple of members of our leadership team were able to make arrangements at the Holiday Inn near the airport. Unfortunately, the lunches will cost more but at least we will be able to socialize! Let me know if you need more information. Please remember, you must be vaxed and boosted to attend.

A little sad news: We got word that **Inge Pempeit** passed away on 3/30. There is no other information at this time.

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

- ☺ I just went to the bank to check my balance; instead of giving an amount, it printed out "LOL" and a coupon for Ramen noodles.
- ☺ Does anyone else tell their pets that they'll be back before they leave the house, or am I the only weirdo?

- ☺ Some people think I am going crazy. The joke is on them. I went there years ago, fell in love with the place, and decided to stay.
- ☺ I often look at my children and can't see me in them. Then they open their mouth and say something sarcastic and I'm like there I am!
- ☺ I want to open a two-dollar store for people that enjoy the finer things.
- ☺ The most common signs that you are aging: 1) Fine lines 2) Everything and everyone annoy the hell out of you 3) I forgot the rest ...
- ☺ Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head, that will freak you right out.
- ☺ When I see ads on TV with smiling, happy housewives using a new cleaning product, the only thing I want to buy are the meds they must be on.
- ☺ Me yelling at a squirrel to move out of the road so it's not crushed by tires, is probably the same feeling God has watching me live my life.
- ☺ Yeah, it is possible for me to behave; I just don't want to.
- ☺ I wonder what the part of my brain that used to remember phone numbers is up to these days.
- ☺ I put my symptoms into WebMD, and it turns out that I'm just old.
- ☺ Just once I'd like to read a medication label that says: Warning! May cause permanent weight loss, increased energy, and wrinkle removal.
- ☺ Cleaning the house with everyone home is like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos.
- ☺ If you don't believe in yourself nobody else will. Except your dog. Your dog always thinks you're a legend no matter what you think of yourself.
- ☺ You know you are old when you clean to the music you used to drink to.
- ☺ I saved \$178.94 today by not going to Target for toothpaste.
- ☺ At my age, a trail of clothes leading to the bedroom means I dropped them on the way from the dryer.
- ☺ There should be support groups for those who can't put their dishes in the dishwasher dirty.
- ☺ The only way I'll drop 10 pounds is if I go shopping in the UK.
- ☺ Any day on this side of the flower bed is a good day.
- ☺ I finally found an honest mechanic. He honestly doesn't know how to fix anything.
- ☺ The secret to keeping your figure is getting everything to droop at the same rate.
- ☺ A household hint: Stop dusting, and you can use your coffee table as a message board.
- ☺ I'm such a pessimist that even my blood type is negative!
- ☺ My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself!
- ☺ Even doctors make mistakes. Mine asked me to undress.
- ☺ Thanks to the internet, you can get hopelessly in debt without ever leaving your house.
- ☺ Only on a cruise ship will you pay hundreds of dollars a day to sleep in a closet.
- ☺ I try not to limit my madness to March.
- ☺ Coffee: Starter fluid for the morning impaired!
- ☺ A mother's job is to teach her children not to need her anymore. The hardest part of that job is accepting success.
- ☺ Most stress is caused by three things: Money, family, and family with no money.
- ☺ I get my summer glow from a bottle. It says "Zinfandel".
- ☺ A man without a woman is a bachelor. A woman without a man is a genius.
- ☺ Whenever I see a woman who is in dire need of a total makeover, a hair appointment, and a body that looks like a busted can of biscuits, I stop and remind myself to never look in the mirror again!
- ☺ Whenever I am with my family and someone says, "Wow, you have a beautiful family!" I reply, "Well we left the ugly ones at home."
- ☺ The first bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained around 3.5 grams of cocaine. That certainly explains why our parents and grandparents could walk to and from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot.
- ☺ I'm going someplace really expensive this summer vacation ~ the gas station.
- ☺ Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.
- ☺ Do they have restaurants in Japan where American people cook in front of you with lawn chairs and a grill?
- ☺ Exercise makes you look better naked. So does Tequila. Your choice ...
- ☺ My emotional support animal is a chicken. A four piece. With a biscuit.
- ☺ You haven't known fear until you've tried on a too-small dress and thought you were stuck in it forever.
- ☺ When we were dating – Me: Please bring me a screwdriver. Wife: Flat head, Philips, or Vodka. And that was when I knew she was the one!
- ☺ Losing weight just is not working for me. From now on, I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.
- ☺ So, the CIA can hack into my computer and hear everything I say without me even knowing it, but McDonalds can't hear me say "No pickles" when I yell it into their drive-thru speaker?
- ☺ I never thought I would be the kind of person that would get up early to exercise. I was right.
- ☺ Don't use the bathroom in your dream ... it's a setup!
- ☺ I decided to try out the Japanese Art of De-

cluttering where you hold every object that you own, and if it does not “spark joy”, you get rid of it. So far, I have thrown out all the vegetables, my bra, the electric bill, the treadmill, the laundry, my gym card, a pair of Spanx, the scale and a mirror.


- ☺ If you wait long enough to cook dinner, everyone will eat cereal. Follow me for more recipes.
- ☺ I said I was awake, not functional.
- ☺ When I told my parents over the phone that my husband has the flu, my dad said, “Have you tried euthanasia?” and in the background my mom yelled, “for the last time, it’s Echinacea!”
- ☺ Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out but I can usually shut her up with cookies.
- ☺ I’m not short, I’m just more down to earth than most people.
- ☺ I’ve decided I’ll never get down to my original weight and I’m okay with that. After all, 6 lbs. 3 oz. is just not realistic.
- ☺ I got myself a seniors’ GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.
- ☺ Coffee! Coffee! It’s our drink! If we don’t get it, we can’t think!
- ☺ I’ve started to do Cross-Fit ... I cross my fingers, and hope that my pants fit.
- ☺ As I fold my third load of laundry, I contemplate becoming a nudist. Then I remember what I look like naked and keep folding.
- ☺ They say “Don’t try this at home” so I’m coming over to your house to try it.
- ☺ The only thing I’m growing this spring is older and more irritable.
- ☺ If you want to know how old you really feel, stop drinking coffee and taking ibuprofen, and then wait.
- ☺ Whenever my wife uses the phrase “I was thinking ...”, that means I either have to move, build, paint, or buy something.
- ☺ Never give your printer hints that you’re in a rush, they can smell fear.
- ☺ You just made me laugh so hard that tears ran down my leg!
- ☺ I never run with scissors! Those last 2 words were unnecessary.

Calendar:

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



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The Pit-Stoppers met at the J. W. Hall’s restaurant on March 16. President **Dave Beatty** presided. **Wilda Squires** of Lowell, MA was in town visiting with **Mary Jane Stewart** and joined us for lunch.

The winner of the 50/50 was won by **Diane Weber**. We were happy to see **Treatie Karwoski** and sang Happy Birthday to her. The group has decided to meet two more times this year, August and December.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Carl Chiocchi** PITCS supervisor/customer service representative on March 20. Cards can be sent to his wife **Dee Chiocchi**, 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061.

We were also notified that **John “Jack” Walker** PITCG passed away February 14, he was a farmer, hunter, and loved to ride his motorcycle.

April Birthdays were celebrated by **Mary Solomon**, **Mitch Abbas** and **Dave Detwiler**.

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


UTAH



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

WASHINGTON



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Our own **Lilly Kodama** (SEAMD) was featured in an excellent tribute by the Seattle Times newspaper on Sunday, March 27th. The paper dedicated the front page and several additional pages to the 80th anniversary of infamous Executive Order 9066 of 1942 that removed "all people on the West Coast deemed to be a threat to national security". Implied in that order, but not specifically spelled out, were the words: Japanese Americans. Lilly was 7 yrs old when her family was forced to leave their home and thriving business in Bainbridge Island, Washington with only 6 days advance notice. She and 227 others were forcibly escorted by US Army soldiers to walk onto a ferry to Seattle, with only the possessions they could carry. From there, they again walked to the train station under guard and boarded a train with all windows obscured for the long journey to California for incarceration

at Manzanar War Relocation Center. There will be much more on Lilly and her memories in the next Contrails that **John Haferbecker** is putting together. It is a sobering story and we are so grateful that Lilly grew into the nurse and wonderful woman that she is. Many of us had personal contact with Lilly whenever we needed to go to Medical at UAL. Always kind, gentle, efficient and smiling – that's our 87 yr. old **Lilly Kitamoto Kodama**!


The restaurant where we have meet for several years is still not open for lunches, following the pattern of almost all the other Burien area restaurants. So for the time being, we will just plan on our summer picnic coming up on July 12th at the lakeside home of **Kathy Skarbo**. More details will be forthcoming in Contrails.



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE DULLES LOUNGERS
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Hello Everyone! Kerrie takes notes at every meeting. This month, she not only took her usual perfect minutes, she wrote them up in such a way, that I could not improve on the form. So we will not only have a note from Moi, there will also be a note from Kerrie, your Newsletter Editor.

So from me, I want to start by telling you about our guest speakers for our April luncheon; **Tammy Alvarez** and **Dick Libby** have volunteered to speak for 5 minutes about "The Good Ole Days" working in customer service. This will be followed by 5 to 10 minutes from **Everette Alvarez**. Everette was the longest held prisoner of war in Viet Nam. Since his return from that war, he has received many prestigious awards and acknowledgements from Presidents, Congress and Armed Forces. This lovely man and hero is the epitome of an officer and a gentleman. I

am very excited to hear all three of these people share their stories with us.

On behalf of the Dulles Loungers, I would like to thank **Alice Feng** for her generosity to our chapter. Alice works in the Mainliner Club, surrounded by United memorabilia. On several occasions she has donated gifts from them. We have used, and will use these items as door prizes. She has given us pens, baggage tags, credit card holders, and key chains, to mention but a few. Who doesn't love all things United? She also provided us with large posters of various airplanes to sell. Half of the proceeds will go to the Mainliner Club and the other half will go into the chapter's coffers.

Dutch & Kerrie Schneider recently went to visit **Evelyn & Frank Pregano**. The Preganos have both been ill and were very happy to have their friends visit. They were in a nursing home but have now gone to stay with family members. They are very loved by many and are being very well cared for now.

How many of you were aware that we have our very own in-house author? **E. L. "Dutch" Schneider** (along with **Frank P. Simone, Jr.** and **Gene Schmiel**) has written and had published "*Searching For Irwin McDowell, Forgotten Civil War General*". This is the first biography of this important Union General in the Civil War. Dutch has, as many of you know, been very active in historical interpretations of the Bull Run Battles (1st and 2nd) which took place in the very beginning of the war right here in Manassas, VA. Dutch is extremely knowledgeable in regards to the Civil War. His book is an interesting read and can be ordered directly from Amazon.

I would like to sign off by acknowledging the very valuable volunteer members of our chapter. **Judy Dunlap** has been and continues to be our Treasurer. **Kerrie Schneider** is our Newsletter Editor (and Distributor) and Go-to-gal-for-everything Judy and I need. **Linda Scriven** is our Past President (and Past Regional Representative) and a true Fountain of Knowledge. Our Sunshine Committee consists of **Mary Beth Collins** and **Ruth Blackwell**; Mary Beth sends cards to acknowledge anniversaries of our members; Ruth (our Resident artist) has designed her very own Dulles Loungers birthday cards for our members and their spouses. **Bob O'Roark** is our very own Historian; his extensive collection of United Memorabilia is amazing; he displays it several times a year at special meetings. Each month, Our Photographer, **Jon Beckett** captures the best pictures of our luncheons. **Cheryl MacDonald** and **Gunn Chensinski** are our two always-ready-to help members; Cheryl always sells our 50/50 tickets and Gunn always passes out the door prize tickets. Both of these ladies do so much for our chapter and always do it with a smile. Thank you to our volunteers.

And, while I am on the subject, we are going to be holding an election of a new DL President very soon. We'd love to have a few of you throw your hats in the ring.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Golden Corral in Manassas on April 13.

March Luncheon Report from Kerrie Schneider ~ March 9th found forty-three of the Dulles Loungers gathered together for lunch. It was a cold, grey, rainy day outside but warm, loving, and even silly inside. **Mari McColl** began the good feelings with her atrocious bright green hair to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. You couldn't miss her at all!

Angela Pregano Knight honored us with a series of songs with her beautiful voice. She and **Kerrie Schneider** started off the "concert" with "On Blueberry Hill". Then the manager of the Golden Corral, Raymond Wolf, joined Angela in singing "Jailhouse Rock". He surprised us all with a wonderful voice. Afterwards Mari and Angela created an impromptu duet of "O Danny Boy" that had us all rolling on the floor. I have not heard such lovely laughter from our group in a long time. Angela sang while Mari lip-synced the words. Angela stood behind Mari and moved Mari's arms quite creatively. The bows at the end of the song were the best. They deserved a standing ovation! We are all looking forward to attending Angela's musical "Queen of the People's Hearts" on March 27th. That will be a spectacular event.

The only sad news was hearing about the death of Flight Attendant **Penny Marrone Waite**. We send our condolences to her family.

As usual, members enjoyed our door prizes. Winners included **Benita Bell, Carolyn Dillon, Cheryl MacDonald, Mari McColl, Dutch Schneider, Fay O'Meara, Linda Scriven, Kerrie Schneider, Martha Rudolph, and Bob O'Roark**. Mari took home \$27 as the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

The Dulles Loungers were in such a good mood that they stayed on long after the meeting, enjoying conversations with one another. It was a nice afternoon with smiles all around.

April Birthday ~ **Roy Blackwell, Patricia Watson, Betty Humphries, Clarence McNeal and Judy Dovel**.

April Anniversaries ~ **Jeannette & Bob Allen, Bob & Charlotte O'Roark and Dutch & Kerrie Schneider**.

Several of our United Family have been having a rough time lately and could sure use some encouragement. Please, take a few minutes to send them a card or note and let them know you are thinking about them. They will definitely appreciate your kindness: **Frank** (IADMM) & **Evelyn Pregano**, 13216 Coralberry Dr, Fairfax VA 22033-1505; **Bud Reed** (IADFO), Arbor Terrace, 1100 Dransville Road, Herndon VA 20170; **Skip Garczynski** (IADCS), 165 S. Fox Road, Sterling VA 20164; **Camilla Warner** (IADCS) just underwent hip replacement surgery. Her address is 3912 Festival Spirit Way, Dumfries VA 22025-1861.

I also received announcements of two deaths; we join in sympathy with all those who loved these ladies. **Ann Lecos** (IADRR) died January 24 after a long fight with dementia. Cards can be sent to her daughter, Andres Le-

cos, P.O. Box 927, Paonia CO 81428. And **Patsy Garrett** (IADMK) passed away recently. Her brother is Donald Dean (IADCG). His address is 104 Maloy Drive, Winchester VA 22602.

Calendar:

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

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Dear RUAEA,

As I write this month's report, I am thinking Spring should surely be coming. It seems like it will never arrive!

May does have some holidays which we will celebrate ~ 5th of May is Cinco de Mayo, followed by Mother's Day on May 8th, Memorial Day is May 30th.

A bit of exciting news to share with all of you: Our National President of Clipped Wings flew to Denver to present our Clipped Wing Punch Bowl/Tray to DENTK to the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

Let's pray for the people of Ukraine. It is so hard to believe what is going on in that poor country.

We now have 1,041 members in Clipped Wings. We had our Executive meeting and everyone is getting excited for our Convention. Remember to mark your calendar for August 31 - September 3. Portland here we come!

RUAEA, RUPA, and RAFA are discussing holding Conventions congruently. It would save all organizations a large amount of money. Each organization would conduct their own meetings as they previously have done.

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



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 **March 2022**:

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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Engelhart, Lorraine L.**, on 3/4/2022, WHQHF, wife of Robert R. Engelhart (deceased), recently resided in Longwood, FL; formerly of 1330 E. Rand Road #53, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Lorraine was 103 when she passed from this life.

Retiree – **Hartley, James M.**, on 1/28/2022, IADCS, husband of Dawn Hartley (deceased), 13667 Van Doren Rd., Manassas, VA 20112

Retiree – **Hetland, Francis G.**, on 10/11/2021, HNLTR, husband of Carol J. Hetland, 95-1127 Koollani Dr., Apt. 168, Mililani, HI 96789

Retiree – **Hurley, Thomas J.**, on 3/16/2022, ORDCS, brother of Kevin Hurley, 2601 W. 110th St., Chicago, IL 60655

Retiree – **Kennedy, Charles D.**, on 1/6/2022, OAKOZ, husband of Kathleen Kennedy, 11430 Haggie Rd., Wilton, CA 95693

Spouse – **Misner, Daniel C.**, on 10/3/2011, husband of Norma J. Misner IADFF, 17900 Oak Ridge Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740

Spouse – **Pepper, Fredrick**, on 3/17/2022, husband of Elizabeth Ann Pepper ORDMM, 405 Ski Hill Rd., Fox River Grove, IL 60021

Spouse – **Rogers, Tom J.**, on 2/12/2022, husband of Carole I. Rogers, ORDCS, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108

Retiree – **Volz, Melvin E.**, on 2/15/2022, WHQFS, husband of Eleanor R. Decker Volz (deceased) and Linda Volz, 24305 San Rafael Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Retiree – **Wesela, Kenneth, R.**, on 12/2021, SFOLM, husband of Carol J. Wesela (deceased), 5520 Cleveland Pl., Fremont, CA 94538■

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

Arthur Jefferson, 1116 N. Old Canton Rd., Canton, MS 39046

Diane and I doing fine, we are just enjoying this season of the year. It soon will be time to start working the yard and garden.

We thank God for our health. We did not get the Covid.

I have been traveling some. I went to Miami, FL for a week and had a great time.



Roberta Tidmore, 8515 Costa Verte Blvd., Unit 708, San Diego, CA 92122

Thank you for reminding me of my dues; age is catching up with me. I will be 100 years old in a few days.

Do you think there is anyone out there that would remember me when I was with UAL in LAX as Chief Steward? I don't think the chances are very good, although I have 2 friends here in San Diego that flew out of LAX at the time, **Jeanne Detchmendy** and **Ethyl Patterson**.

Notes

Jack Farrell

I was going through an old computer that I seldom use anymore and came across a story that I had written 40 years ago. It had been so long since I had used this computer that I was pretty rusty but I managed to print the story, and it was named, "An Airline Story". As I read it, my pulse increased and I started to breathe harder. I hope many will enjoy this story as I did; it brought back many good memories for me.

Note: Jack Farrell's article is located in the General News Section under "The Writer's Column".

Barbara L. Wesemann

I thought I renewed my membership last fall, but somehow I was mistaken.

Not too much has been happening in the last 2+ years since COVID-19 came about. I did fly to my sister in N. Calif. for her 75th birthday in May and also on August 6th when she had aorta aneurysm surgery; and helped her out for 2 weeks each time. Surgery went fine; thank God for that.

I also took several day trips with the Trinity Travelers Senior Group.

Rechie S. Santander

I've been retired for 18 years now and still feel connected with United Airlines through the Newsletter. Thank you for all you do, it is much appreciated.

Rosemary Soltis

I am still enjoying life and continuing to travel the world!

Maria L. Pollack

I love the fact that we can keep in touch with our favorite employer, United for me!



Clint L. Benton

There was no Sierra Mountain snow this last season. I did the “snowbird” thing for the first time this past winter. I love just putting on flip-flops to go out the door versus several layers and snow-tracks on my shoes ☺

Dennis Schuster

I was hired by Continental in January 2001 and stationed at MCO. I retired by buyout due to Covid last year.

Debra Jaret

My retirement date will be 4/2/2022 after 42 years with United.

Linda Thadani

I am truly enjoying traveling, but would love to connect with others doing the same! I’m still in the Chicago area and have had some awesome adventures on my travel benefits.

Rick Wright

We have moved back to FL for an as yet to be determined, but relatively brief time; and possibly moving overseas!

Arnulfo Valdez

I worked and retired from UAL at Guam USA, zip code 96921. I am making another \$10.00 payment to finalize and complete my membership fee with RUAEA. Thank you!

James L. Stevens

I am living in Missouri now. I retired from UAL in 1994 after working in engine accessories for 34 years. Life has been good to me and I’m doing well. I sure enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter each month; that’s the only thing that keeps me in touch with UAL.

James A. Sommerfield

Thanks to the RUAEA Board for all they do, which enables all of us United Retirees to stay connected.

I’m grateful for my career with United, and for all of the wonderful United friends I’ve made during my career and with RUAEA. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the RUAEA 2022 Convention in San Diego.

Sonda Sandstedt

I’ve met so many new friends being a Regional Director of RUAEA! I can’t wait for this year’s Convention at the Dana On Mission Bay Resort in San Diego in early October. ■



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By Weldon E. (Dusty) Rhoades

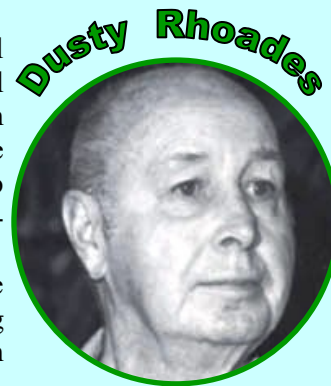


"Dusty" Rhoades was General Douglas MacArthur's personal pilot from late 1944 through 1945. Following the War, he was instrumental in setting-up the system of Air Traffic Control used today.

He retired in 1971 with the title of Vice-President Engineering following a long career with United Airlines.

The book is the diary of Rhoades. Realizing his part in the War effort as a civilian pilot for the Air Transport Command (ATC) would keep him away from home he began his diary, never meant for publication, but intended as a memento for his infant children who spent their infant years separated from their father.

Rhoades' days as a Transport Pilot ended when he had the unusual assignment of personally delivering documents marked



"For MacArthur's Eyes Only".

As the documents changed hands on October 9, 1943 in Brisbane, Australia, the General began a conversation that ended with the astonished airman being invited to become an Army Officer and the Personal Pilot of the Pacific Theater's Commander in Chief.

From that day until his discharge from active duty in January, 1946, Rhoades not only had a front-row seat for dramatic confrontations and discussions between MacArthur and his Chief of Staff, General Richard K. Sutherland, but also witnessed their behavior in the private shadow of their awesome responsibilities.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired.

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