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## 2018 CLEVELAND CONVENTION MEMORIES



Standing ~ Adele Delgado, Mardele Celestin, Robin Munsey, Rosalie Tripicchio  
Sitting ~ Betty Tomaino, Louis Semon, Barbara Drews



Standing ~ Carole Hamlin, Mary Merleno, Nancy Cleary, Barbara Wachs, Shirley McCarthy; Sitting ~ Thomas Hamlin, Frank Wachs, Edward McCarthy

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I hope all went well for the holidays.

Almost all chapters hosted a Christmas party or holiday function which makes the holidays even more fun and special.

We are starting the ground work for the convention in Denver next September and thinking about the tours and entertainment.

We are still working with UAL on travel and health care issues which seem to be going away slowly.

If any of you are volunteering or involved in any of the extraordinary things we get involved in as retirees, please let us know by writing an article for the Writers' Column. Our members enjoy reading about the activities of others.

Thank you

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

## Past Presidents of RUAEA



February is the month in which we remember our United States Presidents. We think it appropriate to remember RUAEA Past Presidents.

**Tom Plunkett 1975 – 1977\***

**Charles Field 1977 – 1979\***

**Charlie Urbach 1979 – 1981\***

**Pate Hutchens 1981 – 1983\***

**Ralph Hoffmaster 1983 – 1986\***

**Vance Harmon 1986 – 10/2/86\*(#)**

**(#) deceased – V.P. Lewis Long became Pres. 10/3/86**

**Lewis Long 1986 – 1988\***

**Elizabeth Ashton 1988 – 1990 \***

**William Moore 1990 – 1992 \***

**Jim Doty 1992 – 1994\***

**Ed Piper 1994 – 1996\***

**Howard Pollard 1996 – 1998 \***

**Zelma Kibler 1998 – 2000 \***

**Frank Murdock 2000 – 2002 \***

**Jim Fauber 2002 – 2004**

**Marlin Lade 2004 – 2006\***

**Mort Wax 2006 – 2008 \***

**Ron Robertson 2008 – 2010**

**Ron Bertacini 2010 – 2012**

**Hank Gosselin 2012 – 2016**

**Virgil Gooselaw 2016 – 2018**

**(\*) deceased**

## Service and emotional support animal policy changes



To further ensure the well-being of United's employees and customers while accommodating customers with disabilities, United is adjusting the existing policy regarding emotional support animals, service animals and in-cabin pets.

Starting January 7, United will implement the following policy changes:

- ✓ United is limiting emotional support animals to flights under 8 hours. United has seen increases in onboard incidents on longer flights involving

these animals, many of which are unaccustomed to spending an extended amount of time in the cabin of an aircraft.

- ✓ United will no longer accept kittens or puppies under four months of age as emotional support animals, in-cabin pets or service animals on any flight, regardless of length. Animals under the age of four months typically have not received the necessary vaccinations that help ensure the safety of the employees and customers.
- ✓ United is limiting acceptance of emotional support animals to dogs and cats. Additionally, United is limiting acceptance of service animals to dogs, cats and miniature horses.

United will honor reservations made prior to January 3 under the previous policy with the approved documentation, if required. United will continue to support customers with disabilities, including those traveling with service or emotional support animals, through our 24/7 Accessibility Desk, which is in place to provide service and care for United's customers.

## Improved tools to help potential misconnecting customers



New functionality on customer service MAP devices.

Recently United introduced a new enhancement to two important tools that customer service representatives (CSRs) use, aimed at providing a better travel experience for customers during irregular operations (IRROPs).

Now, both Aero (United's customer processing tool) and MAP (United's CSR mobile device) alert agents of potential misconnects by flagging customers with less time to connect than the flight's minimum connect time (MCT). This also includes notifications for those travelers transiting a country where they may not have required travel documents, for example Schengen visas.

Visual indicators on inbound and outbound connection lists in Aero and MAP will alert CSRs of customers at risk of missing their connecting flights, on both United and other airlines, during IRROPs. This new capability enables United's front-line teammates to focus on the most at-risk customers during IRROPs, reducing the risk of stranding them at a connection point with no options, said Senior Manager of Alliance Operations Brian Fitzgerald. It takes the guesswork out of calculating connection times by doing the math in the background and providing CSRs with real-time MCT updates.

The enhancement proved to come just in time before for the busy holiday rush, as many CSRs noticed the improvement.

*"In the past, having to remember the entries to identify potential misconnects based on the airport and airline wasn't easy or user friendly," said CLE Lead CSR Darren Reynard. "Now it's as simple as looking at the connect list and letting it do the work for you by highlighting customers at risk at the tap of your finger."*

CSRs should stay tuned to their regular policy and procedure communications for additional information about Aero and MAP enhancements

## So Simple From Sheryl



The holidays are over and I think we all need to sit back, relax and enjoy some leisure time. I am providing you with a very, very simple Weight Watchers recipe that has been a favorite of our family for many years; easy and healthy all at the same time. Who could ask for anything more?

### Weight Watchers Chicken:

2-4 boneless chicken breasts or thighs

1 cup orange soda



½ cup soy sauce

Bake at 325 for 1½ hours. Baste every 15 minutes.

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

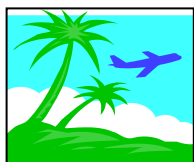
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel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

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



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Wow! Did we ever enjoy our Christmas get-together! The group, presided over by President **Conrad Hamilton**, supported the “Toys for Tots” program, and donated \$200 in funds to the Mana Food Bank. Then the fun began with a fine luncheon, and afterwards, the “Dirty Santa Game”. Kudos to our great server, that always gets it correct.

Those present included **Jessie Arnold**, with her colorful reddish scarf, scribe **George Atteberry**, excellent greeters **John & Myrl Eisinger** (Notice outfit in photo), **Bill Hayden**, **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, **Chuck & Georgene Krewer**, **Kim Ray** (Meowey Xmas Sweater of Cats in photo), **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl** (I got their gift thru theft), colorful **Barbara Serra** back at her 50/50 job with **Bill Hayden**, **Ed Southworth** (winner Again, Mafia setup), **Rita Toucher** (Life size Teddy Bear for Toys for Tots).

We always welcome our new guest (prospective members), **Doug & Diane Keykendahl**. Doug flew for United and was in the group during the '85 let go. He and **Rich Hurst** came back and became a success as Captains. We want Conrad's guest, Lynne, to come back, even if Conrad is absent.

An agenda item to meet on the first Monday (as a change) in order to meet the Deadline for the News Letter, will be brought up at the next meeting. Brain storm this change, please, and discuss it when we meet.

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Our Birmingham chapter met at the home of **Joe & Jane Jones** in Clanton on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides Joe & Jane, those attending were **Jim & Donna Gooch**, **Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa Mendum**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, and friends of the group, Dr. & Mrs. **Kent Johns**, and **Gay Fowler**. A lot of fellowship and stories of the past made the meal such a pleasure. The two door prizes were won by **Jim Gooch** and **Travis Glass**.

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Ken Yeager's** Mom a few days ago and send condolences to Ken & Beverly. Also remember **Joe & Marie Duncan** this time of year and send them our best wishes.

Since our last meeting, November Birthday wishes go to **Jim Gooch** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Joe Duncan** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Terissa Mendum** (28<sup>th</sup>), and **Marie Duncan** (29<sup>th</sup>). December wishes go to **Herb Wilbanks** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Bobby Cox** (30<sup>th</sup>), and **Travis Glass** on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Also Anniversary wishes to **Jim & Donna Gooch** on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

We meet the second Monday of even numbered months and welcome all retired United friends and families to join us for lunch at 11:30, usually at a Birmingham restaurant. For more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Azures chapter of RUAEA.

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting every other Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. The next scheduled breakfasts are 11/14, 11/28 and 12/12. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net).



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The new year has begun and our Re-United Chapter has many good and fun things planned to keep everyone interested. February is always a great month to be in Arizona, where the weather is always warm and sunny. Many visitors enjoy coming to seek warmer weather; so anyone who has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and who is 55 years or older, please consider checking us out by attending one of our monthly breakfast or luncheons. We are an active group and enjoy getting together, and so will you. Our February Breakfast will be Friday, February 22, starting at 9:15 a.m., at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Road in Gilbert. Our monthly luncheons are at various restaurants in the area and hosted by one of our members. If you are interested in finding out more details, please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett**, at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com), or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). They will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, such as directions, cost, etc.

Our December 14 Breakfast had 20 members in attendance, which was pretty good since we had our annual Christmas Luncheon a little over a week before, and with Christmas coming up soon and everyone busy with many plans in preparation for the upcoming Holidays. President **Shirley Claggett** informed everyone about things coming up with United Airlines; one was the new “eRES” system is now in effect and we all should check into it. If you have not been on the system in the last 6 months, you will probably need new passwords. It is a better system for all. We also talked a little about United expanding its service out of SFO across the Pacific and also services across the Atlantic. **Rich Vehring** was at the breakfast and gave a very nice report about the Fantasy Flight and how wonderful it is to see the happy faces of the young kids. Rich thanked us all for our support and items we donated along with our time. Our member, **Dakota Morris-Terry**, has to stay off her feet for several weeks due to Tendinitis and Plantar Fasciitis, so she wasn’t able to attend. Also, Shirley, reminded everyone about the RUAEA Convention next September in Denver, CO, and be sure to mark your calendars for that. We’re hoping we have a great turn-out from the members of our chapter.

A Christmas card and note was sent to **Lynn Hubbard** by **Shirley Claggett** from our chapter. Lynn used to be a very active member of our chapter. She lives in Sedona, AZ, which is quite a drive, but she and her husband, Bud, came very regularly before he passed away. Lynn replied to Shirley’s note and wanted to thank us for the Holiday greeting and to let us know that she is doing OK. She stays pretty close to home now as she doesn’t like driving long distances any more. She keeps busy with a couple of small projects and does a lot of reading. She misses seeing our group at our lunches, but hopes we all have a good New Year. It was nice to hear from Lynn. Our best wishes go out to her too!

We recently heard from **Nancy Myers’** family that she passed away September 27, 2018. A Celebration of her life was held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsong Phoenix/Mesa Campus in Mesa, AZ. We were so sorry to hear the sad news. Nancy was a member of our Re-United Chapter for quite a few years, and attended several Breakfasts for a while, but hadn’t been active in recent years, and didn’t join our chapter last year. Her husband, Bill, worked for United at EXO for a long time and passed away quite a few years ago. Nancy moved from Crystal Lake, IL, where she was a Librarian in the Children’s section, to Mesa, AZ, to be closer to family. Nancy enjoyed our friendship when she could. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

We hope everyone has paid their annual dues by now to our treasurer, **Ferrol Hilsabeck**. It’s only \$5 per person. Only a small amount to belong to the greatest chapter in Arizona!

At our February meeting the Nominating Committee will present a ballot of nominees for each office. The President shall then call for nominations from the floor. After the nominations are closed, voting shall be done by paper ballot. Nominees receiving the most votes shall be declared elected. We’re hoping we have some newer people step up and take an office. It doesn’t take a lot of time, and we all help each other.

Our January 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Golden Corral, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** will be reported next month.

We will have more information later on our outing to the Silver Star Theater for the Rock and Roll performance on Saturday, February 2, organized by **John & Joanne Griffin**. We all were singing and moving to the music last year.

We have the following birthdays in February: **Pauline Montoya** (2/6), **Marilyn Morey** (2/8), **Ted Tollefsen**, (2/10), **Gordy Kubiak** (2/11), **Bill Norwood** (2/14), and **Terry Dillon** (2/16). Two couples in our Chapter are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries: **Marjorie & Joel Matteson** (2/2/63) and **Judy & John McFarland** (2/8/64); they both have been married over 50 years. Congratulations to both couples!

#### Calendar:

**February 2** – Silver Star Theater, 5247 E. Brown Rd. in Mesa, hosted by **John & Joanne Griffin**, (815) 404-7979, e-mail [jigriffual@yahoo.com](mailto:jigriffual@yahoo.com).

**February 22** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) by February 20, if you will be attending, so Peg can let the staff know at the restaurant.

**March 3** – Cubs/Sox spring training game in Mesa. Contact **Ron Paluch** for further information.

**March 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

### TALL PINES

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There is no report this month from the Tall Pines chapter of RUAEA.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

### CALIFORNIA

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

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Our Chapter met at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were **Bob & Marcia Stanger, Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Bob & Esther Bartlett, John Wessel, and Al & Marilyn Rybar.**

Due to our membership dwindling away, we discussed if our meetings should be changed. It was agreed to meet every other month as we have been doing. Our hosts for 2019 are:

- ❖ February 20 - Bartletts
- ❖ April 17 - Zoldak
- ❖ June 19 - Stanger
- ❖ August 21 - Rybar
- ❖ October 16 - Zoldak
- ❖ December 18 - Stanger

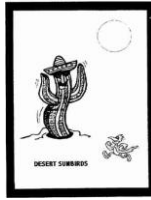
We had a fabulous lunch provided by the Stangers. Bob is a gourmet cook and loves doing the cooking. Their home is great for entertaining. They had their home decorated with Christmas decorations that put us all in the Holiday spirit.

Marcia collected the 2019 dues of \$5 each from those attending.

We topped off our meeting with a gift exchange and then ended by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and plan on seeing everyone next year.

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Santa's elves - **Patti Sica, Gay Traber, Kathy Wilson, and Carole Paquin**, hosted the Sunbirds' December (Christmas) Luncheon at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert. If my addition is correct, it was the 29<sup>th</sup> year in a row at the CC and I hope we have another 29 years in the future.

Guests this month: **Nikki Campbell** was again the guest of **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**; **Caryl Hinsby** and **Molly Carnes** brought **Virginia Brown** (SFOSW); and **Lone Peterson** was the guest of **Marge Lenz**. Add 52 Sunbirds for a final total of 55.

**Carole Paquin** again headed up our collecting toys for kids at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, a big "Thank You" to Carole for a job well done.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Melinda Lerg**. Our 50/50 Drawing had 4 winners at \$50.00 each, **Carole Paquin, Jim Rotella, Marge Lenz, and Kay Crabb**.

Lastly, we had our usual "gift exchange" in which gifts, brought by members, were added to the raffle, so no one left empty handed.

Once again, I was unable to get a volunteer for our "Featured" Sunbird of the Month. I feel that this feature has run its course. We'll keep trying.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**



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Happy New Year everyone! Here's to another year of United Airlines friendship and camaraderie. We met on January 7 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 18 members in attendance. **Carol Parks**, as usual, gave everyone a piece of candy. Social hour was from 11:00 to noon and then we had lunch, followed by a raffle. **Darlene Platten** won the 50/50 raffle. And, as usual, we also had extra raffle gifts of wine.

We welcomed a new member, **Ken Bader**, who retired only a month ago. He stayed long enough to see how charming and friendly we all are, but could not stay for lunch due to a previous commitment. He escaped having to introduce himself to the group and give us a short bio. Welcome, Ken, and we'll get that next month!

We tried something new this month. We asked people to tell us what they did during the holidays or share an amusing anecdote from their days at United. **Rich Bouska** went skiing at Tahoe and emerged with all bones intact. **Jan Soderstrom** and her therapy dog Bijou visited patients at San Ramon Regional Medical Center on Christmas morning. **Nancy Boyle** and her late husband **Bob** were on the last flight out of Nashville. Two fire trucks gave the plane a Water Salute which was very exciting. **Jack Smith** said he belongs to two groups on Facebook, United Oldfarts, and United Retiree Travel Club. **Tom Cunningham** reminded us that the RUAEA website has a long list of discounts United retirees are eligible for.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful



time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again. The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem.

There are three options for this cruise. **Option One** is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande, Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. **Option Two** is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. **Option Three** is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7. For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** direct at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net) or (925) 443-4339.

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

- Monday, February 4 at 11:00. Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room.
- Monday, March 4 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- Monday, April 1 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.

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Drawing the final curtain for the year 2018, we enjoyed a lovely Christmas luncheon at the Fish Market in San Mateo. The food was great, the comradery special, some of those "Christmas sweaters" making their yearly appearance. Special thanks go to President **Vera Kina** for all her hard work this past year (and years past) and for the goodies she provided our group. She is one-of-a-kind and we truly appreciate her!

Kudos to the Board Members who continue to stay on – and – on – and – on – and ...

Treasurer **Art Barrett** wanted all to know that 2019 dues are due – please send your \$15per person check made out to Golden Gaters' Retirees to **Art Barrett** at 1809 Dale Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401. We need you to do this ASAP so that we can get a roster made up.

Here is the list for our next 3 monthly meetings, make it a point to come join us, we'd love to see you.

- ❖ January 28 – BYOBL (Bring your own bag lunch) and Bingo.
- ❖ February 25 – Chinese New Years' Celebration, catered luncheon. More info at the January meeting.
- ❖ March 25 – St. Paddys' Day, the Board provides the Corned Beef, y'all bring your Pot Luck side dishes.

You may have read the following information in Dale Harpers' column regarding retiree parking at the San Francisco MOC – if you didn't see it, here is the note: *"December 21, 2108 - I am the Security Supervisor at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. I am not sure if you were aware, but we had offered parking to Retirees of the Maintenance Base. Due to multiple construction projects with the Airport, we will need to suspend the Retiree Parking Program. I have attached a Base Advisory, that has already been distributed to all our active United employees. We have posted this advisory in our lobby, so when Retirees arrive, they can read about this change."* Alex Martin del Campo, Supervisor – Base Maintenance."

This went into effect January 1, 2019. Alex del Campo will keep me advised of any changes that may occur downline. Many parking spots have been eliminated and construction will probably take a long time to complete. When I hear of any up-dates, I will include it in our report.

Not much to report at this side of the continent so ... Stay Well, get those flu shots (it's not too late,) keep friends near and dear (give 'em a hug,) and we wish you all a Very Happy New Year and, hopefully, all the winning numbers in those many lottery drawings.

*Words to the wise: Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them!*

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



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Well, my Friends, here we are, just a couple weeks away from a whole new year! 2018 has been pretty good for the Hangtown Miners. A few ups and downs, of course, but I think, all in all, it wasn't a "bad" year! Of course, we enjoyed many (12) good lunches at stellar places like the Fernando's Costa Del Sol, American River Pizza Grill, Jack Russell, El Dorado Saloon & Grill, Folsom Tap House, The Break Room, Mimi's Cafe, Red Hawk Casino, Thai Unique, BJ's, going to **Ed & Lindalee Akin's** ranch and our December affair. I would say we do quite well when it comes to great places to meet and eat! Thanks to all who hosted these luncheons.

*President* ~ Normally, our president **Bill Gibson** would have greeted everyone and wished all a Merry Christmas. Unfortunately, Bill woke up nauseous, dizzy and throwing up. Not a good combination for the ride up to Placerville or to socialize with all of you. Jane extended Bill's good wishes to everyone for him.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** didn't know that he would be "stepping into" the president shoes so soon! Bill took the microphone and got right into those shoes of authority. We found that **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month and my roster shows that **Herbert & Kathy Prevost** also have marked 55 years together. Congratulations! And to keep things interesting, **Bill Dinette**, **Kerry Kozelka** and **Suzie Kenny** all have December birthdays! A resounding Happy Birthday to each of you. Bill also brought a fun little (tho not short) essay that was quite entertaining.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. Tom reminded us that he is collecting our annual dues – just \$10.00 – now. Your \$10 covers you (the retiree) and your spouse for the full year. You receive our monthly minutes which we try to use to keep you updated on any changes in UAL's policies that may affect you. And, when you think about it, you actually get it back (and then some) when you come to the December luncheon which we supplement! You can send a check – made out to Hangtown Miners – for \$10.00 to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667. Of course, if you're at our January luncheon you can just give it, or cash, to Tom then.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** passed around our sign-up sheet – well, actually, she asked **Rosemary Heier** to take it around! We still have 3 months that need a host. Please let me know, (925) 443-0905 or tired-dogs@comcast.net which of these months you would like to take care of for us: May, July or November. We don't need to go anywhere fancy nor do you need to spend lots of money on decorations. We just need a warm, cozy place with good food!

*Sunshine* ~ No report from **Suzie Kenny**.

*Historian* ~ No report from **Thom Biro**.

Now, even tho this looks like there was a "meeting", there really wasn't! It is also the final month for a couple of our officers! In the President post, **Bill Gibson** is turning over the "mic" to **Bill Dinette**; Vice President spot went from **Joe Lima** to **Bill Dinette** who is handing it over to **Rudy Blazius**; Treasurer, Secretary and Sunshine will remain the same. The Historian responsibilities that **Thom Biro** has handled will now be under the capable hands of **Pati Kenney**. A very big "Thank You" to all of you who took hold and to those of you who are accepting the offices.

Our January 2019 luncheon will be on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant. More info below!

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and have a fun, safe New Year.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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Our Sonoma County UAL Retirees Chapter met at La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa for our end-of-the-year Holiday party; it was hosted by all the officers, but primarily set up by **Valerie Hulsey, Jerry & Barbara Underhill** and **Pat Ortega**, who decorated the tables with fine wines in Christmas themed party bags and chocolate candies spread along the dining tables. Our Menu was Salmon, Chicken Marsala, and Beef in wine sauce with mushrooms. We also were served a lovely soup and butter lettuce salad, with a chocolate mousse dessert, coffee and tea. President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting, thanking the above mentioned officers for setting up the luncheon for us. Co-Vice President **Barbara Underhill** gave the report on attending members and guests present; she said that there were 36 in attendance, including 4 visitors. The visitors were **Jeannine Lane**, guest of **Dick & Carol Hanna**, **Michelle Thurman**, guest and daughter of **Ron & Joanne Huhn**; **Carrie Price**, guest and daughter of **Mary Hill** and **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, frequent guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; Clare was home ill and not able to join us this time! Barbara also asked for volunteers to host the upcoming luncheons in 2019; the signup sheet was sent around the room! Since we meet every other month for our meetings/luncheons, all the slots for hosting got filled up quickly. The first luncheon date was taken by **Barney & Clare Hagen** for February 21, 2019.

Next, we asked **George Schwind** to share with us one of his fine jokes, which everyone appreciated!

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** gave us the year's end status of our General and Charity accounts for the RER Retiree Chapter. We are on sure footing going into 2019, and it was decided that our annual Charitable donations would be evenly divided (each getting \$250.00) between the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and the Rotary Club of Paradise, CA for the Paradise fire victims of 2018. The members were all in agreement, and we just received an appreciation note from David Goodwin, CEO of the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

The birthday and anniversary list was read; the Anniversary being celebrated for December was **Dick & Carol Hanna** (58 years). The December birthdays were **Lee Beery, Mary Wilson**, and **Mary Hill**, (winner of the free lunch). Since the entire attending members enjoyed complimentary December luncheons by decision of Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey**, **Mary Hill** will enjoy her free luncheon at the first of the year luncheon in February 2019.

Next, UAL Travel expert **Barney Hagen** gave an update on travel news, telling us there is new sign on info when you go to the UAL website; you need to use your mileage plus card to reveal all your personal info and to get access, you must update your password every 90 days.

Member **Don Edwards** brought us a couple of more entertaining jokes to add to our Christmas cheer! **Ed & Maggie Nelson** shared with us that they had heard from **Maria van Kruining** and she sends her Holiday greetings!

All the generous donations of unwrapped Christmas gifts brought in for the Toys for Tots giveaway were encouraged to be given to a number of local sites in our various areas; for example **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jan Blackburn** were to take some to the Oakmont giveaway site, Ron & Joanne took some to the Petaluma Christmas cheer Toy drive site, and I took my two toys to the Windsor Fire Station Toys for Tots location.

The traditional Raffle was drawn for the See's candies and the fancy wine centerpieces to those who bought the winning tickets. President **Larry Wilson** thanked us all for coming and wished us all Happy Holidays with our families and a very Happy New Year in 2019. The next luncheon will be back at LaGare restaurant, hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Note: The 2019 dues for \$20.00/member are due now and can either be sent to Valerie or brought to the next meeting in Feb.

See you at the luncheon on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the LaGare; enjoy the New Year!



## **RESANS**

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The new employeeRES is now available on Flying Together. Be sure to check it out and become familiar with it so you are comfortable with it when you really need it. Similar to [united.com](http://united.com) it contains some new features: Flight Watch, Open Search, and myUADiscount which has prices displayed in employeeRES.

Attendance was low for our January Breakfast. It's that time of year for illness and cruises. **Peggy Van Sickle** and **Ivan Pedersen** are cruising in Mexico and **Rosario Zepeda** travelled to Chicago to visit with her family. She travelled by herself and had no difficulties with any of her flights.

I wish to correct an error from the January issue. In the picture at the bottom of the page, **Barbara Tobin** is incorrectly named as *Barbara Robin*. My sincere apologies for the error.

**Debbie & Robert Taylor** delivered two large boxes of toys and more than \$100.00 in cash to the Marines for our annual Toys for Tots held at our Christmas Luncheon. It was a welcome addition and the Marines were delighted with our donation.

Also at the Christmas Luncheon we had an election of officers for 2019 and all the existing Officers were reelected: **Betty Tomaino**, *President*, **Robert** and **Debbie Taylor**, *Vice Presidents*, **Louis Semon**, *Treasurer* and **Barbara Drews** as *Secretary* and *Correspondent*. We look forward to another good year representing Resans.

**Kayce Ward** was the winner of the 50/50.

Do you ever come to breakfast and sit next to a very interesting person and then on the way home wish you know more about them? This month I am going to introduce you to **Randy Tidmore**, one of our retired "Stewardess" who joined United after being discharged from the Marine Corps after WWII (1945). She moved to Los Angeles with a friend who wanted to work in reservations. Randy went along to see if she could pass the test to become a stewardess. At the time the airlines would not hire any who was married or who had been divorced. Randy decided not to tell them and was hired.

She began her flying career in November, 1946. She flew in the DC-3 out of Salt Lake City. After two years, United discovered she had been married, divorced and had not disclosed the information and she was fired. After four days she was called back and shortly after was asked if she wanted to be a Supervisor working out of LAX. In 1952 Randy became Chief of Stewardess and remained there until she married again in 1960 and had to resign. She remained on the seniority list for 3 months in case the marriage didn't work out.

Randy and her husband moved to Baja and in 1965 started growing vine ripe tomatoes. He passed in 1979 and she continued farming until 1986 when she retired and started doing volunteer work.

Randy always keeps us laughing and is a most welcome member of our retiree (Resans) family in San Diego.

## **Calendar:**

**February 7** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

## **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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There is no report this month from the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter of RUAEA.





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Hello and Happy Healthy New Year to all!

We had a great time at our Christmas Party in December hosted by our officers. We met at the FruitYard Restaurant in Modesto on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We had an ornament exchange which was also fun for all who participated.

We won't be meeting in January but we want to let you know our first luncheon in 2019 will be held on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day) at Latif's Restaurant located at 111 N. Golden State Blvd. in Turlock.

Our Chapter meets the second Thursday of every month in different locations. Please call our president **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 for information.

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The Southbay RUAEA members continued their support of the organization throughout 2018, at our weekly breakfast meetings. Attendance often exceeds 30 members, despite the challenges of the ever-increasing traffic throughout the Southbay area. In addition, we changed our meeting location after many, many years at the same restaurant. Although we have some issues to address, members have adjusted to the new meeting location. We thank our RUAEA regional director **Roger Casterline** for his continual support of our weekly meetings.

Our newly elected members for 2019 are as follows: *President* - **Marinne Johnson**; *Vice President* - **Chuck Clayborn**; *Correspondent* - **George Midwin**; *Treasurer* - **Cheri Scales** and *Sunshine* - **Maureen Snyder**. We thank the outgoing officers for their support, as well as congratulate and thank the incoming officers for accepting their position. Without their support, it would be detrimental to maintain our organization.

December has always been the month of our most attended luncheon banquet and this year was no different. A crowd of over 80 people were entertained by a popular Southbay duo, who sang a variety of songs as well as Christmas favorites. In addition, our master of ceremonies, who also doubles as a magician, performed card tricks. His best trick mesmerized members by making \$1 bills change into \$100, right before your eyes. Unfortunately, he did not share the good fortune with those in attendance. There was plenty of food and a wonderful cake which was donated by **Lynn Buchholz** and **Jean Jenkins**. It was a great time to catch up with members who are unable to attend weekly meetings, as well meeting members from other RUAEA organizations. This event is also our fund raiser for our organization, with raffles of various items and member baked goodies; cakes, cookies and fudge, auctioned off. Thanks to **Cheri Scales** for organizing a group of members preparing all the raffle prizes.

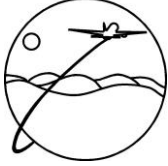
Most members are staying close to home for the holidays, however **Bill & Rosie Reichard**, are traveling to Denver, **George Dye** is heading out to Maine, **Bob & Karen Devlin** will be up in the wine country. **Dave & Robin Garland** heading out to Phoenix.

Our last meeting of 2018 saw 22 in attendance. We reflected on those in our group that passed away this year and others that are dealing with personal issues, our thoughts and prayers are with them. We are all looking forward to the new year and prospects it may have as individuals and as an organization.

The South Bay RUAEA wishes all RUAEA members a Happy New Year!

This is my first newsletter, having accepted the correspondent position for 2019. I would like to thank **Robin Garland** who had held this position for the past three years and has done a wonderful job. Thanks Robin!

We meet every Friday at Mimi's Café in the El Paseo de Saratoga Shopping Center in San Jose. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. All are welcome, please come and join us.

**SOLANO FLYERS**

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The Solano Flyers wish all RUAEA chapters/members a very Happy New Year.

December 12<sup>th</sup> found the Flyers at Tony's Restaurant in Vacaville, the end of year lunch bill was paid by the chapter, the menu of Soft drinks, Salad and choice of entrée Hot Beef Sandwich or Hot Turkey Sandwich, were enjoyed by the following members.

In attendance were **Robert & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, McKinley Nelson, John Francis, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Stewart McCale, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Jamie Swhwafel, Paul Schwafel, Allan Pochop, Frank Uhl and Jim McLean.**

Chapter Rules ~ our annual dues are collected first of the year, and the first six months is \$10 per person, from July through December all new members pay \$5 per person.

Before starting our meeting, a new person was in the group, we all welcomed **Jim McLean.**

Now for delivery of the bad news to Jim, following the above rule, Jim would have pay the \$5 to become a 2018 Solano Flyer Member in good standing. But to ease the pain for this short term membership, Jim was informed that he would be then be eligible for the paid chapter lunch. Punishment, then reward, works every time.

December found that **Frank Uhl and Jim McLean** celebrated birthdays.

A reminder to the membership that January will be our election of new Chapter Officers, we anticipate many names, for the few available positions.

With the closing of the meeting we moved to the 50/50 drawing with our newest member **Jim McLean** pull the ticket ~ the winner is **Jim McLean.** It pays to be as Solano Flyer.

Additional gift drawing was a nice bottle of wine donated by **Robert Allen**, which **John Francis** took home.

As we have moved our meeting dates to the third Wednesday of the month, we will find the Flyers on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Rauls Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be at the Red Robin Restaurant, 186 Nut Tree PkWy, Vacaville.

**COLORADO****DENVER****MILE HIGHERS**

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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with 33 persons in attendance. He reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter with income so we don't pay dues.

Everyone enjoyed our Christmas party!

50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter: **Kathy Sibley, Richard Conner, Gary Trujillo, Walt Hansen, Lonnie Kemp and Matt Ohr.**

UAL is still working on insurance and travel. Everything you need is available online.

We are still looking for 2 secretaries for the RUAEA office at Denver TK. The positions are part time and the hours are flexible. Please contact **Virgil Gooselaw** if you are interested or know of someone who is interested.

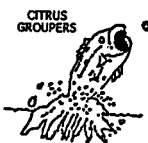
Information was given to us by **Marvin Berryman** about the United Scholarship Fund which has \$20,000.00 in 2018. This was raised through United We Care. More information on this fund will be coming soon.

We are working on the 2019 Convention in Denver this year. So watch for all the information soon.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North

on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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Eleven members met at the Waterfront Inn in Sumpter Landing for our Christmas luncheon. As always, the menu was great and the food delicious. This event was not a meeting in any sense of the word but a Holiday party and everyone was in a festive mood; some staying in the Villages for the Holidays expecting guests and others traveling.

To add to the Holiday feeling as you entered the Inn, its lobby has at least fifteen fully and beautifully decorated Christmas trees in all sizes; they were all numbered. You could bid on one or all and the highest bidder would have a beautiful tree to take home and enjoy. You had a week or so to put in your bid and the money went to charity. What a wonderful idea.

Joe & Gail brought a delicious decorated cake for dessert and forgive the pun, it was the frosting on the party.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a Healthy happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 24 at the Waterfront Inn; 11:30 AM. Hope to see you all there.

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

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Our January meeting was postponed until January 10, which is past the Newsletter deadline so this meeting and the February meeting will be covered in next month's report.

### Calendar:

**February 7** – 11:30 – Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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Our first meeting was opened after a nice Golden Corral lunch, attended by 32 Chapter members and our snowbird guests, **Jayne & Jack Regan** and a special guest brought by **Marguerita Viejo**, her granddaughter, Sophia! Such a cutie! President **Ernie Vosges** opened the meeting! Yes, the 2018 Board is continuing into the New Year 2019 because nobody even brought up an election because nobody wants our wonderful jobs? No, I'm sure it is because the entire Chapter is run soooo smoothly with us at the helm. Or not - they don't even care! And VP **Ken Michels** is very happy in his present job, ha-ha!

President Ernie held the flag for our monthly Pledge of Allegiance and then turned the meeting over to Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, who read two letters; one from Hospice of the Comforter and the other from the Central Florida Children's Home, both thanking us for our generous Christmas donations.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** balanced our funds so we could make our Xmas contributions and the cost the chapter donated for the Christmas Luncheon and we still have (with 2019 dues) enough dollars to be on the + side of the column for 2019!

Our January Birthdays have already passed: **Jim Mummah** (1/4), **Diane Lewis** and **Tom Cannata** (1/5) and Anniversary Wishes to **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, celebrating 36 years on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

And **Barb Fitak** will be blowing out candles on January 23<sup>rd</sup>! Congrats, Barb & many more!!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd., except in April for our Annual Picnic at Cypress Grove Park & our Christmas luncheon.

### **SW PELICANS DROP-INS**

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Since we postponed our January meeting to the 11<sup>th</sup>, there is no chapter report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA. Next month's column will contain reports from both January and February's meetings.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of the month, October through May, 11:30 am to 2 pm. at KJ's Steak House. In May, we have a special steak fry to end the season.

### **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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The Sand Dollars' last meeting of 2018 was really special. Again this year, our Christmas Holiday Luncheon was at the University Park Country Club in Sarasota, where we were treated to a wonderful luncheon which was even better than last year's - if that's possible. Even though not all our snowbird members have returned, we had a good turn-out of 26 happy retirees. It was wonderful to have **Ginger & Michael Hyde** back with us again, as Ginger has now completed her 12 weeks of chemo and 6½ weeks of radiation. She looks absolutely fabulous – how does she do it? She has become quite an expert on wig purchasing, from Paula Young.com.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ginger announced our chapter donations of \$50 to Bradenton Meals on Wheels and \$50 to Sarasota Meals on Wheels, plus many of the members contributed their own checks to these two institutions.

**Pat Trice**, who was our Sand Dollar President for a number of years, had moved five years ago from Sarasota back north to be near his five children. We were saddened to learn that he had passed away during the summer.

We missed having **Gretchen Bulin** with us, and **Katie Heasley** is still suffering from her fall a couple of months ago. **Lisa & Bob Young** were on a cruise; **Betty Woods-Wright** is having additional medical tests; **Maria Santangelo** had family coming from up north. We were sorry to learn **Nancy Gibbs** lost her brother earlier this year, and that she is now scheduled for back surgery.

**Harvey & Vivian Rucker** were able to join us even though Harvey had managed to pull a large, heavy box on his head, while standing on a ladder in the garage. After a mere four days of agony, Vivian was able to get him to the doctor, explaining the delay on "the way Harvey is". We all understand, Vivian, enough said!

**Inge & Bill Phillips** are planning to be on a Christmas cruise with their family, and **Sandy & Doug Horuczi** are returning to Michigan to be with family during the holidays.



February birthdays are: **Cindy Irwin** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Mike Hyde** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Bill Phillips** (19<sup>th</sup>), **Becky Toter** (20<sup>th</sup>), and **Alice Parker** (23<sup>rd</sup>).

The attendance drawing of \$15.00 was won by **Vivian Rucker**; the 50/50 1<sup>st</sup> prize was won by **Michael & Ginger Hyde**; **Russ & Joanne Wasser** won both the second and third prizes!

After lunch, Ginger announced the White Elephant Gift Exchange which had a different twist this year. We all drew numbers. #1 had the choice of any of the wrapped gifts on the table. #2 and those afterwards had a choice of either a wrapped gift or to steal one of the already opened gifts. The person without a gift went back to the table and selected another gift. There was a lot of exchanging of presents and much laughter. Each household also took home a beautiful poinsettia.

The new employeeRES has now replaced the old one and it seems to be well received so far. Your correspondent recommends that you practice using it well before yours or your pass riders' next trip.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, and we welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: [drjekyl.hyde@aol.com](mailto:drjekyl.hyde@aol.com)

*... Blessed are the cracked, for they are the ones who let in the light.*



#### **TAMPA BAY CHAPTER**

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at IHOP with 11 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Everyone wished each other Happy New Year!

No Birthdays or Anniversaries this month - someone made the comment - too cold. We all had a good laugh.

Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. We decided to send our Charitable donation to Shriner's Children's Hospital and to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**Noemi Guzman** will be our new Sunshine Lady. **Helen Kacer** will be our new 50/50 Lady.

We had a nice discussion about our Christmas Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed our outing. Outback was voted on again for this year's Christmas Luncheon.

**Jon Wilkinson** told us that **Ethel Cargill** will be having hip replacement on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We all wished her good luck and speedy recovery. Jon also talked about new routes for UAL.

April will be our Spring Picnic, April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided to hold it in the same pavilion as the Fall Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the view of Lake Tarpon. More details will be coming.

Travel - **Loretta Marvett** talked about her trip to Houston, some problems getting on at Christmas time, but she made it and had a good time with family.

The meeting was adjourned, and lunch was served.

#### **Calendar:**

**February 4** - IHOP - 10:30

**March 4** - IHOP - 10:30

**April 1** - Spring Picnic - Anderson Park, 11:00 AM

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Twenty-nine members and one guest gathered for our annual Holiday Christmas Party on December 12<sup>th</sup> at The Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno. **Sandy Ruggiero** brought her lovely mother, Connie. Once again, the restaurant provided us with delicious appetizers, a fabulous buffet and delightful desserts. They also offered “happy hour” prices for our adult beverages. It was a beautiful day to celebrate with warm weather and a fantastic view of the marina.

Members brought Toys For Tots and a wrapped unisex gift for our gift exchange. We have a lot of fun trading off our gift for someone else’s (that is more appealing to us). This is done when our drawn number is pulled.

50/50 was won by **Barbara Dodenhoff** and the Progressive by **Mary Kay Wetherington**. Raffles were won by **Bob Langevin**, **David Damon** and **Arnie Lakso**, who won two. Our table Christmas trees were also drawn for with numerous winners: **Truman Baker**, **Gene Student**, **Sharon Kirk**, **Diane Brodis**, **Pattie Connell**, **Bob Langevin**, **Jim Hanley & Janet Hanley**, **Dee & Arnie Lakso**, **Jane Kerr**, **Dinos Xifaras**, **Janice Popek**, **Mary Kay Wetherington** and **Carolyn Lindgren**.

**Diane Liebisch** was happy to pass on the Treasurer’s books to **Carolyn Lindgren** who will assume the position in January. Thanks again to Diane for the excellent job she did for many, many years!

**Al & Janice Popek** were surprised by their children with a 4-day cruise on Holland America’s newest ship, The Nieuw Statendam. They traveled just before Christmas. They also had a nice visit with their son and girlfriend in Ocala over the holidays.

**Bob Langevin** and **Sandy Ruggiero** spent two weeks in Rhode Island visiting family and friends. They had great weather for their trip and stay.

**Gene & Fran Student** had a trip to Waco, Texas in November. Being a big fan of HGTV “Fixer Upper”, they went to Chip & Joanna Gaines’ must see attractions including Magnolia Market, Table and Bakery. They also toured the Dr. Pepper Museum, Waco Mammoth National Monument and The Branch Davidian site. They then went onto Houston and visited the International Quilt Show.

Since our normal meeting date is the first Tuesday of the month and it fell on New Year’s Day, the date was changed to January 8<sup>th</sup>. An update of the January meeting will appear in next month’s issue. A new roster of all paid members will be available at the January meeting.

Birthday Celebrations in December included **Betsy Damon** on the 24<sup>th</sup> and **Millie Rossi** on the 28<sup>th</sup>. In January, **Al & Janice Popek** will celebrate their anniversary on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar:

**February 5** - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy’s South Stuart, 12:30

**March** – Picnic – Date & Time TBA

**April 2** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy’s South Stuart, 12:30

## GEORGIA



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There is no report this month from the Dixie Flyers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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

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

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We met at Jakers on December 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas party. Jake owns several restaurants with the same name, some outside of Idaho. Coincidentally, Jake Jones and I were in the same graduation class - the first one in 1959 (Borah High School). Oops, now you know my age!

I need to let you know that this is my last time to be the Newsletter correspondent. Would you believe that more than one person volunteered to be the next correspondent! Change can be good! I enjoy reading what many of you are accomplishing, so different because of your size, your location etc. I feel blessed to have lived in Boise nearly all of my years.

Following are what was shared at our last meeting: **Dave Crosby** continues to work on his portable slot car track in the garage, he also is averaging about 90 miles a week on his bike, inside trainer for now. Pam is working part time at Soft Surroundings at the Village.

**Joe & Joan Varady** ~ "We are still thinking of moving to Boise. We will probably put our cabin on the market in March. We will miss Garden Valley for sure, but all the snow and maintenance up there is too much. We visited our granddaughter in Seattle this year and went to the new Nordic museum, totally fantastic and we definitely recommend it."

**Shirley & Rick Dempsey** ~ "We just returned from a trip to Venice, Italy for four days. Then sailed on Oceania Marina from Venice to Lisbon. Great time but terrible weather-rain, rain, rain. We couldn't go to four scheduled ports as they were damaged from all the rain. The Canary Islands were beautiful and their warm weather was welcome. We loved Valencia Spain. Great trip but the jet lag was difficult to adjust to when we get home."

**Louise Duvall** ~ “I just returned from a cruise through Panama Canal. I went on zip line and told the crew I was the oldest person to go on the zip. The man stands in back of me said no he was the oldest. We both were born on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1926.”

**Denny Snyder** ~ “I’m spending weekends at the Warhawk Air Museum and flying my Cessna when the weather is good.”

Bob & Palmer are volunteering at the Warhawk and “Simply Cats”. They are planning to go Cotswolds this spring and SFO for Christmas.

**David & Carol Adams** went to the graduation of their middle granddaughter at Boise State University in December. When Carol was there, it was Boise Junior College (BJC).

This will be my last Boise Gems report. **Shirley Dempsey** will be doing the report from now on.

## ILLINOIS

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February - Month of Hearts, human and red Papier-Mache, Valentine’s Day, many Presidents’ birthdays, Groundhog Day, Super Bowl, Chinese New Year, and Black History Month. Two big days for me are Pizza Day, on the 9<sup>th</sup> and Love your Pet Day on the 20<sup>th</sup>. (Don’t forget Valentines candy is half price on the 15<sup>th</sup>). Remember when we were kids, we had off on the 12<sup>th</sup> for Lincoln and the 22<sup>nd</sup> for Washington’s birthdays in Illinois. Now the kids are cheated with only one day off for all the Presidents on the 18<sup>th</sup>, oh, another three-day weekend. These three and four day weekends are confusing the heck out of me, hope I’m not the only one. About 335 days until Christmas, and some people already have their decorations up! Wow, how efficient!

Time to feel old segment ... The Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, February 8, 1964, 55 years ago! Are your kids that old? Movies from ’64 included, My Fair Lady, A Hard Day’s Night, Mary Poppins, Dr. Strangelove, A Shot in the Dark, Zorba the Greek, Viva Las Vegas, and The Unsinkable Molly Brown, to name a few.

Our Northside breakfast entertained 13 retirees. **Bob Kalicki**’s great grandson, Colton, 3, celebrated his third birthday wanting only construction toys. He’s a real boy, isn’t he? **Jerry Tipperreiter** and **Pam** took an extended tour of Australia. They visited all the sites you’re supposed to see, and had a wonderful time. If it wasn’t so far away, I’d move there myself, beautiful country and very friendly people. We had two newbies, **Peggy Maromaty**, EXOKA, and **Emma Maniscanco**, EXORA. So nice to have new people, please come back! The Skyliners welcomed one new member, **Natalie Kramer**, ORDFO.

The Southside breakfast had 11 people join us. **Barb Wesemann** returned after her right knee surgery and rehab. She’s doing very well, and will be traveling again soon. **John Pasakarnis** brought in maple syrup for us. Thanks, John, for always being so generous. **Margaret Schmitt** was able to see her great nephew, Elroy, over the holidays. There was no raffle because our Raffle Man, **Bill Brookins**, was in the hospital having tests. Gwen was there, accompanied by their daughter, Sharon. Bill had complained of chest pains and difficulty breathing. However, on January 1, Bill passed away, leaving many shocked friends and family. We always teased him that he looked like Morgan Freeman, he would just chuckle and say, ‘True, but he has all the money’, then laugh and wrinkle his nose, with the greatest laugh around. We will all miss his kindness and incredible personality. Our prayers go to his wife, Gwen, his children, Barry, Sharon, and his grandchildren.

At the ORDMM breakfast, there were about 25 people. **Bruce Propst** dropped by on his way to the DMV where he works, yep, he’s still working. Conversations were of the newest buyout for the IAM Union personnel. **George Kordecki** took advantage of that, just a few months short of 50 years with UAL. We also heard of a few illnesses, knee and tummy blockage surgery, and A-fib, needing a pacemaker. Nevertheless, these guys still show up, with a cane, or walker, and a smile on their face. It’s so good to keep in touch, makes everybody feel better, camaraderie is good for the soul and a good outlook on life. All the above groups welcome their old friends, please join us, we don’t bite! One of the nicest Supervisors in MM passed away in December, **Jack Teresinski**. He had a wicked sense of humor and was well liked by everybody. His death



came after his golf cart fell over, but he continued to play five more holes of golf. It was then he realized something was wrong, he had a ruptured spleen. Jack had surgery, but complications set in, and he just couldn't catch a break after two months in the hospital and rehab. Prayers go to his wife, Ellie, children, Sheila, John, Brian, and five grandchildren. Another one of the 'good' guys.

The IAM 1487 had their monthly meeting with about 100 people. It was Hot Dog day for lunch; many members brought side salads and delicious desserts. Thank you to all who made the afternoon so eventful. Next month is a Chinese Lunch. If you didn't pay at the January meeting, you'll have to bring your own lunch. If you didn't pay your yearly dues, please do so this month.

Earlier last year, I mentioned the city was upgrading the ATS people mover at ORD, that's the little trains going from our terminal to Parking Lot F, and other terminals. They also put in a new Multi Modal Facility. Now they are replacing the cars with a new larger fleet, which will double the capacity of the current system. Effective this last January, the ATS system will be completely closed for nine months. This will cause additional traffic around the terminals. The Department of Aviation is also offering shuttle service from the economy parking lot to designated locations in front of each terminal. I checked with American Cab, they still offer us a \$13.00 fare from the Reservation Center on Touhy Avenue to ORD. Park in the area to the right of the building marked, UAL Employee Parking. Call the cab ahead of time, make a reservation at 800 244-1177, then call them again when you're in the lot. The Aviation Department has never stopped working on ORD since 1960, something like the never-ending I-90 construction.

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Our friends that flew West are **Gerry Koch, ORDDF; Lucas Campbell, ORDTR; Jim 'Luke' McQuade, ORDCG; Ken Langel, ORDCG/ORDOO; Linda Farrow, ORDSW; David Bode, husband of Nancy, ORDSW; Pat Carl, wife of Jim, ORDMM; Penny Burns, wife of Bob, ORDFO; and Lois Anderson, wife of Willie, ORDFO; and good friends to many; Bill Brookins, ORDDF; and Jack Teresinski, ORDMM.** Also gone from our world, Sondra Locke, Nancy Wilson, 'Capt' Daryl Dragon, Super Dave Osborne, Herb Kelleher, SWA President, Christine McGuire, (singer), Blake Nordstrom, and spectacular lady, Penny Marshall.

In the words of the Beatles, "*And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make*". Happy VD.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**February 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**February 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**February 7**), First Thursday of the month.

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The Indy Racers Christmas Dinner was held Monday, December 10 at Maggiano's Little Italy Café. Due to travel and family parties, our attendance was down this year with 12 members and 3 guests in attendance. Members attending were **Hannelore Brabo; Wanda Bryce; Bob & Ruth Duffey; Bob & Myrtle Duty; Jim Gibson; Chris Johnston; Frank & Rita Prins; Charles & Amy Christine Theiss**. The guests attending were **Frank Ingegno**, and **Bill & Barb Stout**.

The afternoon was filled with good food, lively conversation, a blind gift exchange, and **Frank Prins** playing carols on his trombone.

This was our last meeting until Tuesday, March 12, when our normal business/lunches will resume at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill.

We have had inquiries from 2 people interested in joining Indy Racers in 2019. Both are retirees who worked at IMC, relocated at the IMC closing, and now have retired and are moving back to Indianapolis area.

On a sadder note, Indy Racer **Jack Conway** suffered a stroke and is in serious condition at home hospice. Indy Racer **Wanda Bryce** also suffered a stroke and remains hospitalized.

We take January and February off due to the uncertainty of the weather.

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### *Submitted by Irene Kimball*

Happy New Year from the chilly Northeast. Our report this month includes an update on the intrepid, **Dick Vee**. He had back surgery on his lower spine to elevate stenosis, the procedure lasted one hour. The stenosis caused his inability to walk, forcing him to miss the Christmas luncheon. He said he is slowly recovering and no longer has any leg pain. He is looking forward to the first yearly meeting at Jevelli's with all his Nor'Easter friends. We look forward to seeing him walk in there!

**Norma Betters** will be super busy in the upcoming months. Her granddaughter, Rachael, who lives in Australia is getting married here this summer and guess who gets to do the planning? Norma will do a super job (plus she gets to host the groom's family who will be here from Australia.)

**Carleen & Bruce Eddy** will once again travel the Mississippi River on the American Queen in February. If you haven't tried it, you're missing a great adventure. The American Queen is a paddle wheel steamboat which takes you back to a gentler time in American history.

Speaking of cruising, we saw a stunning picture of **Ronnie & Lucinda Suga** in gala formal attire on their holiday cruise in Europe. The **Sugas** could give us all a lesson on how to get out and enjoy our retirement!



Mercedes writes that while she hated missing our Christmas party, she wanted to share her debut as an M.C. for her Condo Christmas Party. Those who know Merce may find it quite hard to believe that once she got the microphone in her hand, she kept her “welcome” to five minutes! Please see attached photo as proof of this new gig! Well done!

The **Kimballs** are heading back to Hawaii, this time Kaua’i for 3 weeks. It really takes the sting out of winter!

**Norma Betters** says her New Year’s resolutions will remain personal. However, she has committed to becoming more skillful with United’s websites, i.e. Flying together. Our members may be missing many opportunities for discounts, both in their travel plans and all other means perhaps related to household, entertainment and personal items. Anyone in our local chapter who wishes to join her would be very welcome. Great idea, Norma. Technology is growing pretty fast these days, but with all the new hips in our group, we should be able to keep up!

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What better way to start off the new year but with old friends! Eleven of us met at Station 885 in Plymouth, MI to chat and reminisce. This was the last time that we would be able to meet at this one of our favorite restaurants since it will be closing in a couple of weeks.

Our host, **Jeen Kobb**, chose Station 885 in memory of her mother, **Marie Cook**. It was one of Marie’s favorites. Joining our merry band were **Bernie & Cinda McManus**, **Fred & Carol O’Keefe**, **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Joan Robinson**, **Patty Gates**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann** and **Jeen Kobb**. So, if you weren’t there, you missed a fun time.

Plan on joining us at a future luncheon. We meet on the first Thursday of the month. Mark your calendar to ‘save the date’. The location is decided by the host for the month.

Have a peaceful, joyful 2019.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

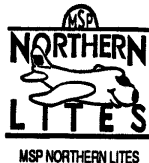
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The December lunch/meeting was lightly attended because of forecasted marginal driving conditions. Somehow, I made the 95-mile trip, the **Lyle Gundersons’** 42-mile trip in from Wisconsin and the **Joe Kelleys’** 136-mile trip down from Cloquet. **Rosemary Soltis** drove clear over from Chanhassen (40 miles). There were not too many of us, but we had a lovely, Christmas-time celebration.

**Mary & Jim Brennan** brought in poinsettias for the tables which were raffled off at the end of the period. Good thing Mary only brought four or she would have had to take some back home. **Nel Brawner** was given a pass for not being in attendance as she’s making daily trips as it is from her home in north-central Wisconsin to Eau Claire for medical treatments. That little old Saturn of hers is getting ridden hard and put away wet!

We missed you all and look forward to seeing you next time! Too bad you missed the Christmas party.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi’s Market.)

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The Farm House restaurant, it is so great to see everyone every month. It was wonderful to see **Marge Edwards** who has been recovering from hip surgery and **Carol Jensen** who has not been able to attend for quite some time, she was accompanied by a grandson and friend. Also, **David Cromling** was accompanied by his son. The winners of the 50/50 were **Patty Shook** (a first-time winner) and **Dick Weak** (a several time winner), each received \$20.

We learned that **Van VanHouten** is doing really well in rehab and plans are underway that he will soon be able to return home. Good going Van. That's what a positive attitude will do for you. **Jim Braden** continues to take chemo treatments with great optimism of a positive outcome.

Thanks to **Shirley & Ev Payton** for planning our holiday event each year.

The leadership of this group is looking to make life easier for all of us. It is difficult each year to get folks to pick a place to host a luncheon that is accessible to everyone, not too far west, not too far east, etc. So, in the next year we will plan to hold each luncheon at The Farm House, where we were this month. It is one of the few places that has a room we can use, order off the menu and get individual bills. If we decide we are tired of that place or there is one more convenient in some way, we can change venue with no problem.

Birthdays for December ~ **Mel Harrison** (12), **Stan Longmeyer** (20), and **Sharon DeLong** (21).

## NEVADA

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon/meeting on December 13, 2018 at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. We had a total of 37 in attendance and 2 guests, **Tricia McCroy**, granddaughter of **Arlene McCroy** and **Laura Marshall**, daughter of our Treasure **Jeannie Rolland**. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

After lunch, Treasure **Jeannie Rolland** reported on the finances of the Silverliners which is in good shape presently. She also reported that to attract more members to the August Luncheon which had a poor showing this year, the Silverliners will pay for half of the Members Luncheons cost as we do for the Christmas Luncheon. The Membership was very receptive to this. The Membership and the Board members are very happy the way Jeannie has handled the Treasurer duties. She is a person that can be relied on to get things done.

Sun Shine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** was not so full of sunshine this time. Eleanor reported on a number of our members that have passed away this year plus the members that are not going to renew their membership again for 2019. She asked that if any present members knew of someone that is retired from United talk to them see if they would like to become a member, ask them to come to a luncheon.

Seeing this was our Christmas Luncheon, we asked that Members to bring nonperishable food items that would be donated to the Helping Hands of Vegas Valley. This Organization helps and supports Senior Citizens throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Their representative Carolyn Pelletier was present and spoke to the Membership about all that their organization does for the Seniors in the Valley. They supply Food bags monthly, pick up and take Seniors to Doctor Appointments, Hair Appointments, and Pharmacy pickups for medications and home visits if necessary. Their web site is [www.hhovv.org](http://www.hhovv.org) to see all they do.

Our 50/50 raffle handled by **Georgia Rutkowski** and Vice President **Mary Chandler** went off well with cash prizes of \$30.00, \$20.00 and \$12.00. We also raffled off a free Luncheon voucher to be used at any Luncheon during the year. There were also a large number of Christmas gifts members donated and we drew



names till all gifts were gone. We had 2 excellent servers attending to our Luncheon needs and we presented them with an extra gratuity for their time and attention.

The meeting was opened to the members for comments and questions and after that we closed the meeting saying we will see each other on February 14, 2019 (Valentine's Day). So, we bid all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year a safe trip home and to stay healthy, Luncheon/meeting was adjourned.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on February 14, 2019. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There were 24 members and guests in attendance at our Christmas Luncheon at Tamarack Junction. The weather cooperated this year and no one had to ski in (thank you Mother Nature). However, due to the snow the previous day, 4 individuals were unable to attend. There were lots of special gifts. Everyone was dressed in their holiday attire and looked so nice.

John suggested that any Nevada members that had not yet received their new Medicare card should contact Medicare immediately. The new cards are assigned a random number that is no longer their social security number.

We collected \$100 for the Food Bank which always needs help during the holidays.

**Ann Batty** has moved to senior living Five Star on Plumas.

The calendar for the 2019 Sierra Roundup meetings has been confirmed with the Black Bear Diner. We are once again meeting there on the second Monday of each month starting at 11:30 am. The exceptions are September (perhaps an alternate location in place of our picnic) and December (Christmas luncheon at Tamarack Junction). The Christmas Luncheon date for 2019 is Monday, December 2, which is the Monday immediately following Thanksgiving. The November date was moved to November 13, Wednesday, due to Monday being Veterans Day.

December birthdays were celebrated by **Nancy Scaife, Herb Klemm, Lynda Klemm, Bill Royal, Larry Leusing, and Christa Knutson.**

**Pat Zoboli** was the lucky winner of the 50/50. Other winners were **Bill Perkins, Bonnie Royal, Dottie Robbins, Norm Borchers, Linda Borchers, Larry Leusing, Mary Withers, June Roe, Lynda Klemm, Kathy, Judi Carano, Marty Dean** and **Margaret**. Allen Robbins donated a beautiful picture of a 747 flying out over the Golden Gate Bridge.

This newsletter mailing includes the forms for 2018 dues. Please make checks payable to the Sierra Roundup and mail to **Kathy Robinson** at the address shown.

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By any measurement, this year's luncheon was an outstanding success. We had over 60 people in attendance, and all I can tell you is that there was a lot of talking and reminiscing. The table for "Toys For

Tots" was absolutely overflowing with gifts, **Jerry Confer** would be proud, to say nothing of the many door prizes that were handed out.

The officers from local 914 were there in full regalia, they are a welcome sight. They always bring us active news about what's going on at EWR. We also want to welcome a new member, **Richard Merrill**, and hope to see a lot more of him.

**Chris Sargent** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on January 23, 2019 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

\*\*\*\*\*From the great prophet Leroy, "*I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody*".

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

Russell's Steaks, Chops and More was the meeting place for the Chips on December 26<sup>th</sup>. We had a good meeting and a terrific meal. We only had 19 in attendance as several of the group started their warm weather winters a bit early. A couple of others called in sick with no major problems.

The lady of the day, **Noreen Andrews**, showed up with a new light weight oxygen generator, weight about 3 lbs. compared to the aircraft type metal bottles that weigh about 20 lbs. but feel like 50. Noreen was very happy with the new style.

Russell's had the room decorated with a new display of the United logo. He spent some time visiting with all saying it was his pleasure after all the courtesy the group had shown him in his travels. Russ recently has donated a new wing at ECMC hospital in his name, in addition the new Orthopedic addition to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital sports his name. We are trying to get him to adopt us in our old age, so far he has outwitted us.

A wonderful meal was had by all and the past came alive.

Next meeting will be in March at the Hospitality class's restaurant at Erie County College.

A reminder to all that we only meet 4 times a year, March, June, September and December. Everyone is welcome and can receive information or make reservations by calling or email at the above address.

### **NEW YORK METROS**

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There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

### **Calendar:**

**February 6** - Meeting at Davenport Press.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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It was time to “Party”, and that is exactly what we did. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we again celebrated Christmas at the beautifully decorated Diamond Event Center in Brunswick. Available on the 50/50 table along with the name badges was your first Newsletter for 2019 which included pertinent information, a calendar of events, and a separate sheet with information for each month from February thru August. 2019 dues are due in January. If a member had not paid their dues, then on the envelope was a friendly little sticker reminding them. This worked out very well because at the end of the party many members went up to Treasurer **Bernie Garrah** and paid. As always, we had an hour to mingle before the wonderful meal was served.

President **Dolly Taucher** announced all pertinent information first. She asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor 77 years ago. We welcomed back **Dave & Marie Placko**. Since her stroke, **Barb Vauls** is still having problems.

Everyone has something going on in their life, so please keep all members in your prayers. God is listening. As we celebrate Christmas, we must remember it is the celebration of the birth of “Jesus Christ”. This was followed by another moment of silence. “Grace” was said by **Dolly Taucher**.

It was time to “Party”. **Bernie Garrah** and **John Kercel** conducted the 50/50 and the winners were **Mary Jane Penik, Mary Lou Mack, and Carole Hamlin**.

We had 69 people in attendance. A special “Thank You” to Kevin (the owner of Diamond Event Center) for the wonderful meal, service, and decorations.

All of a sudden, we heard “jingle bells”. Yes, Santa Claus had arrived. He stopped at each table to see what everyone wanted for Christmas, and in return they received a candy cane from Santa. Some members even sat on his lap and posed for a picture to be taken. You are able to see all pictures that were taken on our website listed above.

Everyone in attendance had a different ticket in their name badge which was for our very special drawing of the Christmas (money) envelopes. And 51% of attendees were winners.

Dolly then requested everyone who had ever served in the following chapter positions to please stand. Luncheon hosts, all callers, photographers, email communications, website editor, and chapter officers. The result was that more than half of the attendees stood up and were applauded.

Dolly stated that she had discovered a restaurant overcharged for a previous luncheon, but she got the money back from the restaurant, and all members that had attended that month would find a refund check in their newsletter packet.

Our RUAEA Regional Director, **Jackie Monilaw**, had tried to come in from Chicago, but was unable to. However, she is planning on visiting us this coming summer.

There were no anniversaries to celebrate, but birthdays were another story; 8 members were in attendance: **Kay Baran, Hanna Beish, Doris Haffey, Pat Janocha, Bobbie Jefferson, Sharon Minelli, Carole Mullen, and, Steve Pytel**.

In our article in RUAEA we have been listing the birthdays of only those attending the luncheon, and that practice will continue. That was also true with anniversaries, but we have changed that and will list all anniversaries in the future.

### Calendar:

**February 6** - Fuji Grill n Buffet, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**.

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our very fun December meeting was attended by 57 folks, including a new member, **Rochelle Angel** and visitor **Carol Wilson**. After a delightful meal we were entertained by the Park Rose High School Debonaires, under the direction of Lesley Ann Brossert. This delightful group of excellent vocalists coming to our December meeting has become a much looked forward to annual tradition. This year's group was predominantly incoming freshmen but the quality of their vocals was as good as ever. What a treat. After our entertainment, we launched into our December gift giving through random drawings. Lots of fun, lots of laughter, lots of gifts.

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **James (Jim) O'Connor** died on November 22, 2018. He was buried on December 3, 2018 at Crescent Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum in Tigard Oregon. Condolences can be sent to **Sharon O'Connor & Family** at 20975 SW Murphy Lane, Beaverton, Oregon, 97007-1095. **Gene King** passed on quite suddenly on November 24, 2018. A memorial was held on Sunday, January 6, 2019, 3:30PM at Good Shepherd Community Church, 28986 SE Haley Rd, Boring, Oregon.

We also celebrated some good news: **Barbara Heidegger** is doing well at the Sunset Care LLC residential home, 3015 SE 146<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, WA. **Larry & Sue Lovenstein** reported that **Eugene Corbett** is also doing well and is currently residing at Porthaven Care Center, 5330 NE Prescott St., Portland, Oregon 97218.

This month's quote from our President was provided by member **Kathy Russell**, from a Charles Schultz Peanuts cartoon: "Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy."

Anniversaries: None this month. Birthdays: **Mary Lou Falbo**.

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Tom Walker**; *Men's Birthday* - None; *Women's Birthday* - **Mary Lou Falbo**; *50/50* - **Patsy Ogden**.

### Calendar:

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

**February 13** – An early Valentine's Day social

**March 13**

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Just as I was getting to write this report, I received a very heartbreaking call from **Kathy Edwards**. Her dear husband and our beloved friend **Alan** died after suffering in pain for quite a while. He was an integral part of our retiree association. **Joe Bradley** was not able to attend our Christmas luncheon as his sister just died.

Our Christmas luncheon was delicious at the Clarion Hotel in Essington. We had a silent auction. A lot of items were made or bought by our members. **Dave Voit** won the first place prize of \$75 cash and **Marge Egges** won the lottery ticket wheel.

**Barb Fanto** is recovering from surgery. **Marcia Ems** is under chemotherapy at present and is tolerating it fairly well.

See you all in April for our next meeting, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Say healthy and happy! Let us know if there is any change to report.

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA, but we do have a correction from the January issue: **Treatie Karwoski**'s address is 1008 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Apt. 4E, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

### **TENNESSEE**

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

### **WASHINGTON**

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Emerald City Slickers, United/Continental retirees in the Seattle area, look forward to their January meeting, though there may be fewer attendees than usual. With the second Tuesday being as early in the month as possible, perhaps members were still recovering from the holidays and forgot to get their reservations in. Watch this space in the March issue to see if reminders brought attendance up to normal.

Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison** will conduct the meeting, while **John Haferbecker** fills in as acting secretary and Vice President. We're lucky to have John, as he is willing and able – as well as knowledgeable – to wear many hats. Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** is our “money gal,” collecting luncheon payments and annual dues. Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** makes sure attendees receive the entrées they ordered after **Dolores Steger** has taken reservations prior to the deadline. Angelo's Ristorante uses a clever system of colored sticky notes to identify who gets what.

Our “real” Vice President and membership chairman, **Phyllis Bowman** continues to improve at an adult family home in Newcastle following her November fall, a hospital stay, and local rehab. Phyllis also is ultimately responsible for the publication of our chapter newsletter, *Contrails* (our greatest chapter expense) and continues to personally support financing this well-received publication. **Vicki Shumaker** serves as editor, while chapter members help with printing, assembly, and mailing. Thanks to all. We do encourage those who can to receive the newsletter electronically to save costs.

**Ed & Gay Liesse** report that successful drives for Northwest Harvest, a local collection facility that distributes food to a number of food banks in Washington, and the Marine Toys 4 Tots brought in an impressive array of donations for both.



Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**, with the help of **John Haferbecker**, began a series of member profiles for our local newsletter early in 2018, and a few of those profiles were condensed for this national newsletter. You may recall regarding brief biographies of **Frank McNulty**, **John Haferbecker**, and **Dick Clement** last year. Coverage was put on hold while there was more than enough chapter news to fill later columns, but, with no December meeting to report, let's begin to catch up. The latest victim is **Ed Liesse** (SFOED).

Ed responded to an ad in the *Chicago Tribune* and was hired in Chicago to become a Maintenance Instructor B at the Base in San Francisco. In July of 1966, four days after Ed started with United, the mechanics went on strike and Ed became a gofer for **Frank Matthews**, working in the Boiler Room that provided steam power at the Base, riding a bicycle around the facility and draining condensate from massive air compressors.

As soon as the strike was settled, Ed began revising home study materials and grading tests. All newly-hired instructors were required to take a two-week Instructor Training class taught by two instructors, one from SFO and one from EXO. Within the year, Ed was promoted to teaching the class.

Not knowing much about airplanes, Ed brought a BS in Industrial Education and an MS in Education (Purdue University) and experience as a shop teacher in Indiana to the job, which was described as "teaching the teachers to teach" that eventually led to supervisory positions and Instructor Training around the UAL System. In an earlier life, Ed had worked as an industrial engineer at Western Electric in Chicago.

A major Maintenance Training Department reorganization brought all UAL maintenance instructors under SFOMT in 1975, when Ed became a cost analyst, developing a system for tracking all UAL maintenance training. That led to Ed's involvement with budgeting for training and working with Personnel, where Ed spent 3 years before being asked to return to Training.

In the 1980s, development of new aircraft prompted the government's Air Transport Association (ATA) to put together a Maintenance Training Panel that consisted of training managers from various airlines, manufacturers and suppliers to discuss improvement of training materials, hoping to eventually put everyone on the same page. You guessed it - after years of meeting twice annually and producing viable materials, the project was scrapped by the government.

Ed's boss at the time, **Ray Goldsby**, appointed Ed as one of UAL's reps to the ATA group, which Ed later served as president. Ed retired as a Supervisor of Maintenance Training in 1994, with his last day spent playing in the department's golf tournament. His earlier 25<sup>th</sup> company anniversary was one of the last of those dinners celebrated at the Hotel St. Francis in San Francisco. Remember when? Those were the days. And that's the short version.

Seattle retirees will be lunching through May – join us if you're in town.

#### Calendar:

**February 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**March 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**April 9** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**May 14** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



#### LILAC CITY FLYERS

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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Aaahhh! February! When I think of February, I think of Valentine's Day ... the Month of Love.

**L**- Living life to the fullest.

**O**- Observing all of nature's wonderful gifts around us.

**V**- Value the things we care about that makes us want to be at peace.

**E**- Enjoy every minute of every day and enjoy the people in our lives.

Love is for family, friends, life ... and for some of us, love is our job, retirement, playtime or the love of giving to others. Clipped Wings was founded just for the sole purpose of friends getting together to have fun. Many of our Chapters are meeting at members' homes, other Chapters meet at restaurants. SAN Chapter started last year off at a Winery. Orange County Chapter has "pop ups" ... someone suggests a place to visit, in one instance, the Nixon Library, then everyone makes their own arrangements to get there. And a great time is had by all!

And Speaking of giving to others ... A **big** shout of "Thanks" to the UAL retirees who were at Barnes and Noble in Schaumburg, IL just before Christmas. They donated to the CHI-ORD Chapter gift wrapping table to help in our fundraiser. Thanks bunches!

Remember ... Tomorrow is not promised to us. So, make the most of each moment and love it!

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

Wishing you all blue skies!

## **NEW MEMBERS**

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **December 2018**:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **December 2018**:

Shirley R. Alexander, Louis L. Amici, Marlene E. Anderson, Kathryn Baran, Michael E. Beirne, John J. Bird, Ronald F. Bloom, Thomas F. Boyle, William R. Bruso, Betty S. Bryant, Donald R. Carl, Frances I. Chambers, Ernest J. Codilis, Russell F. Cormier, Anna R. Crisci, Kenneth E. Darrow, Terence R. Davies, John J. Deily, Patricia A. Dilallo, Kevin Dillon, Jack H. Domosley, Marcia Donaldson, Richard W. Ems, Tennyson A. Fuller, Valentin Garmasch, William J. Grubb, John F. Haferbecker, Barrie Hooley, Vaughn Hopkins, Harlen J. Jesser, Karen A. Jones, Robert V. Keefe, Fred E. Kremerskotter, Marjorie A. Kum, Arnold E. Lakso, Kathryn Lapointe, Thomas Lemasters, Frank Leo, E. Ann Mace, Theresa M. Martin, Thomas W. Mc Donald, Dixie L. McCay, Thomas McFadden, L. K. McGill, Huguette B. Meyer, Patricia Mingus, Mildred L. Monson, Sydney R. Morgan, William R. Nibert, Manuel Ojeda, Patricia Ortega, Ronald E. Pryer, Harvey Samson, Josephine N. Shioji, Howard E. Sibley, Dennis G. Snell, Casimir P. Spokas, James H. Staib, Carl F. Stengele, Flora M. Stiveson, Kenneth A. Storey, James T. Sullivan, Beverly K. Thompson, Chester Thuener, Anthony J. Veglak, Joan J. Velotta, Frederick W. Verbaere, Rita M. Vezina, Sandra L. Wallestad, Charles L. Westpfahl, Charles R. Williams.

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

- Spouse – **Anderson, Lois**, on 12/28/2018, ORDFO, wife of William Y. Anderson (deceased), 7201 Red Oak Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60012
- Retiree – **Brookins, William**, on 1/1/2019, ORDFF, husband of Gwendolyn Brookins, 8954 S. Francisco Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805
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- Retiree – **Dringenberg, Lyle A.**, on 9/27/2018 SFOCE, husband of Shirley Dringenberg (deceased), 2275 Wildflower Dr., Carson City, NV 89704
- Retiree – **Edwards, Alan C.**, on 12/28/2018, PHLOO, husband of Kathleen Folts Edwards, 94 Overlook Circle, Garnet Valley, PA 19060
- Retiree – **McKinney, Dwayne E.**, on 12/14/2018 DENTK, husband of Ruth McKinney, 9998 Orangewood Dr., Thornton, CO 80260
- Spouse – **Parry, Nancy Ruth**, on 12/6/2018, wife of William B. Parry, SFOMP (Deceased), 2909 Villa Serena Circle, Rocklin, CA 95765
- Retiree – **Redd, Shirley W.**, on 10/27/2018, DCAOZ, wife of Samuel Redd, 2209 Luzerne Ave., Silver Springs, MD 20910

Retiree – **Risso, Robert J.**, on 4/2/2018, SFOMM, husband of Laura M. Risso, 1209 Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica, CA 94044  
Retiree – **Sather, Donald M.**, on 11/27/2018, OAKMM, 2499 Willow Creek Rd., San Andreas, CA 95249  
Retiree – **Moore, Jr., William L.**, on 4/6/2018, WHQCJ, husband of Margaret D. Moore, 200 Village Dr., Apt. 249, Downers Grove, IL 60516  
Retiree – **Teresinski, John (Jack) P.**, on 12/12/2018, ORDMM, husband of Eleanor Teresinski, 530 Williams Dr., S. Elgin, IL 60177

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Ranelle Brandt, John Daily, Carl Hanson, Gertrude Holmbo, Barrie Hooley, Norman Jukes, Donna Klobe, Mari McColl, Huguette Meyer, Marlene Rosenberg, Irene Nightingale Nettler, Kathleen Rogers, Harvey Samson, James Sullivan, Joan Velotta.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

### **Roni Adams, 2012 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St, Boise, ID 83702-0205**

I love reading the newsletter!

My "Happy Times" with United Air Lines began in 1953. Right out of college and nursing school, I began working in Denver at Denver's once upon a time Stapleton Airport. From there to stewardess service and based in SLC, where I met my husband. He worked for United's passenger service. When we got married, I was not allowed to fly. So I transferred to UAL Flight Reservations, SLCRR. After 10 years of traveling with my husband, using our airline passes, I quit when we had our first baby girl and was a stay at home mom to our two precious girls.

My husband passed away in 2008. We had 53 wonderful years together. I just celebrated my 87<sup>th</sup> birthday and still travel a couple of times a year. I don't stand by for my flights because that is not "my thing" any more! Buying a ticket does away with the hassle of uncertainty.

Kind wishes to you all. Keep up the good work that keeps us old UALers Happy!

**Marie Blackwell, 474 Linden Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666-2332**

I still work part time at 2 jobs and when I am not working I travel. I took 9 trips this year. I am not wasting my passes. It bothers me when some of my friends say they have 20, 30 unused passes.

I substitute teach and I work at a church as a secretary. I love my jobs.

Happy Holiday to all.

I read my newsletter from cover to cover every month. Thank you for all of the hard work.

I love when people talk about their trips and offer advice about where they traveled. It has helped me on my travels.

**Phyllis Easley, 882 Annesley Cir., Meadville, PA 16335**

Thank you for the great job you do for us with the newsletter.

I have been retired 26 years and I still read every word.

Cleveland was really fun; I enjoyed the tours and camaraderie. I am looking forward to Denver.

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for the New Year.

**Frank Leo, 948 Johnson Pl., Union, NJ 07083-6904**

As I have been doing for the past five years, I am happily sending my yearly membership dues to the best travel club in the airline industry.

A big appreciative "Thank You" to everyone who is involved with the publication of the RUAEA Newsletter, it is excellent work. I enjoy reading the entries from all the member chapters throughout the country. I hope my additional funds to the membership dues helps with the costs of the postal fees.

I am sorry that Ginny and I could not attend the Cleveland Convention last September. I had personal commitments that prevented us attending the affair. We won't miss the Denver convention. The past four conventions were very exciting, meeting new members from all over the country and exploring the beautiful cities where they were held.

Thank you again everyone, and enjoy the holidays. Ginny and I will be seeing you at the next RUAEA Convention.

**Bernard Simon, 165 Pierce St., 239, Daly City, CA 94015**

I am now 97 years old and an old Pan American and UAL mechanic, SFOES "buy out". On page 10 of the December 2018 issue, **Ginger Dahlberg** raved about the "Blue Angels" cruise on the "Horn Blower". I agree heartily with what she said as I was on the ship with "Honor Flight" Members. USMC 1983.

**Ken Story, 16039 12 Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166**

Well, winter is here!

I am a little concerned after having my left hip replaced, no falling. The hip is doing fine but the muscles are not working right yet. I know it takes time, and that is all I have, right.

Where does time go?

Thanks for all of the volunteer help.

**Flora Stiveson, 3149 Via Vista Unit D, Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

I still enjoy reading the news from the happenings and getting to know about what is happening with all of the Chapters.

I have been retired for 15 years and now live in Southern California. I moved from Northern California 3 years ago and I am enjoying living here.

I actually miss the flying days as it was good memories.



## Notes

### **Thomas Boyle**

Thanks for all you do to keep us informed.

### **Terri Crowell**

I am up on Orcas Island caring for my 94 yr old mother who is in excellent health. I just completed training for Hospice, so I can repay the wonderful people that helped me through my husband's death in 2016.

Orcas are an incredible place to live with nature surrounding you everywhere. The senior citizens that retire up here live remarkably well to nearly 100 yrs.

### **John Haferbecker**

Thanks to everyone who keeps RUAEA going - the newsletter, the Denver office, the leadership throughout. This is a wonderful organization and we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Denver convention.

### **Joanie Ewing**

Have a fantastic holiday season and keep up the good work you all do.

### **Vaughn Hopkins**

I just moved from Sacramento to Brentwood, so I have to tell UAL my new address, but there doesn't seem to be any operable way to do so. I'm frustrated! Wants web.

### **Fred Kremerskotter**

Just turned 83 and Christmas is around the corner. I am grateful for my health, which allows me to continue hiking with friends and some traveling. My family lives nearby and we get together for the holidays and in between. In June I took a trip to northern Spain and Portugal, even hiked a few miles along the Camino de Santiago. Off again on a small ship trip in September, I cruised from the Island state of Malta to Budapest. Both trips were very interesting and blessed with good weather.

Many thanks to the entire staff who produce this excellent newsletter.

### **Greg Worth**

I am playing in a bluegrass band.

I help my wife run an embroidery company, Aero Designs. We have been doing the United Logos and supplying the Mainliner clubs for over 30 years.

### **Carol Logan**

We have been traveling the country since last April in an RV. I had asked to have my newsletter sent by email but have not received any. Are you still doing a newsletter?

I would also need an email bill.

Please let me know you have received this message.

### **Scott Barnes**

I just retired after working for United Airlines for 28+ years as a metal fabricator. My wife and I are relocating to our home in Tennessee and looking forward to enjoying many happy years ahead.

### **Kenneth E. Darrow**

I started on DC3 aircraft which was a great aircraft in 1952, it was a fun plane to work on & taxi from the old B29 hangers to terminal for departures. My favorite aircraft is the 747, I have made many trips on it, we had a lot of good mechanics and foremen to work with. I enjoy RUAEA & the conventions, thanks to all of you. I retired in 1992 and am now 90 yrs. old.

### **Jay Weimer**

Retired 16 years and enjoyed every day of it. I am going on a cruise in Feb. to Cuba and Mexico. The newsletter keeps me informed about United.

# Important Phone Numbers



*Updated 7/2017*

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

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729, [esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

For flight information and to list or change listing  
Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
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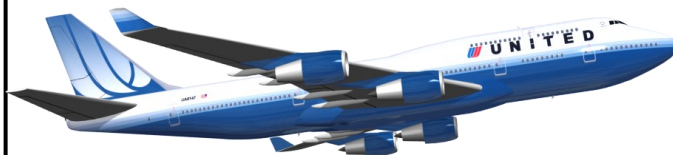
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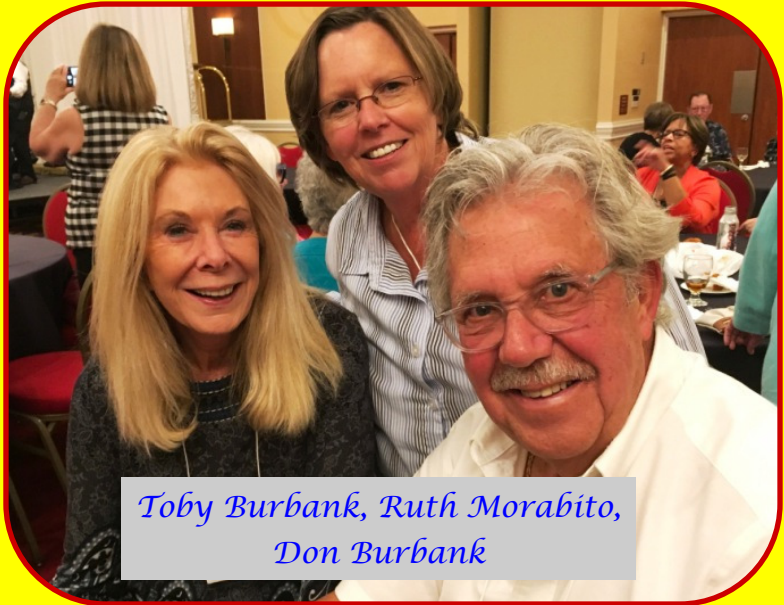
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