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Standing ~ Connie Lenard, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Ruth Morabito, Corky Peterson. Sitting ~ Norma Betters, Bill Mansur, Sherri Mansur



Standing ~ Harriet Smith, Jacquelyn Johnson, Joshula Flowers
Sitting ~ Frankie Franks, Mary Hill, Nancy DeVore

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Hi all,

I thought I would try to start my new position off correctly by sending you all a short note.

Thank you all who attended the Cleveland convention. A good time was had by all. The Cleveland Chapter did an excellent job with the tours, and everything else involved.

As you all know I hope, I'm also the Airline liaison which means I have contacts in the airline to resolve numerous issues without all the hassles. The answer you may get back sometimes is not the answer you want, but it is an answer.

Please extend an invitation to all your friends to attend your chapter meetings and invite them to the convention in Denver next year. I would like to change our attitude somewhat, and reach out to more people, to enjoy our relationships and our friends.

I will be reaching out to the Pilot, Flight attendant, and any other groups you might think of to have a little bit more attention to what we are and what we stand for (friendship and understanding).

With all that said, thank you for entrusting me with the job, and hopefully we can continue to have a good time and keep the retirees' problems to a minimum.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

The Writers' Column by Billie Jorgensen



Recently, RUAEA Chapter California Northstaters presented a donation check to the Air Museum in Chico, California. This Museum was started in 2005 by a group of aviation enthusiasts who wanted to preserve the history of aviation in the Northstate and throughout California. There are artifacts from the early days of aviation, through wars, and into the future of space travel. Many new and interesting items continue to be added.

The Museum subsists on donations and major fundraisers, and admission is free. They are opened Thursday through Sunday. There are always docents available to answer questions, or to give tours to groups. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.chicoairmuseum.org>.

Pictured left to right: **Mark Koch**, Docent Coordinator; **Billie Jorgensen**, Northstaters Treasurer; **Brian Baldridge**, President, Chico Air Museum Board; and **Kent Jorgensen**, UAL retiree SFOOV.

Correction To General News, November 2018

Ruth Morabito's hire date should be 7/18/78. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Flight training center unveiling in Denver



Oscar joined Flight Ops employees and local dignitaries – including Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock – at United’s flight training center for a ceremonial ribbon cutting, officially dedicating the newly renovated facility. During his remarks, Oscar reaffirmed United’s long-standing commitment to Denver and thanked government leaders for partnering with United as the company strengthens that bond with the Mile High City by investing in this state-of-the-art training center.

United operates the world’s largest flight training center near its hub in Denver, Colorado. Here’s what it takes to support more than 50,000 training events each year”

➤ 850 of the most dedicated and talented flight instructors,

simulator technicians, management and administrative staff, in the industry who train:

- More than 12,000 United pilots each year
- Pilots from more than 2 dozen other airlines and agencies
- United flight attendants and maintenance technicians who come to the facility for emergency training and other activities

\$150 million renovation completed between 2015 and 2018 combined two world-class facilities into a single global training hub, which features:

- ❖ 23 acres
- ❖ 462K square feet (that's almost 11 football fields)
- ❖ 6 buildings
- ❖ 32 simulator bays

United began training pilots in Denver in 1943. Today, the company has the most advanced flight simulation equipment available:

- 30 full-flight simulators
- 11 fixed-base simulators
- 130,000+ hotel room nights booked per year to accommodate all of our training needs.

Think before you go: Ways to keep your data safe while traveling



As National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) comes to an end, it is important to remember that cyber security isn’t something we need to just focus on in October but rather something we need to keep in mind throughout the year. As we get ready to transition into the holiday travel season, here are some ways to keep you and your data safe while on the go:

Before you go:

- ✓ Update all of your software and apps and back up important information

such as contacts, photos and other documents.

- ✓ Use password-protected home screens and always lock your device when not in use.
- ✓ Turn off Siri and pop-up notifications on the lock screen.
- ✓ Turn off the automatic connection option for nearby hotspots and disable your Bluetooth connection when not in use.
- ✓ Install a tracking application in case your device gets lost, stolen or left behind.

On the go:

- ❖ Refrain from using unsecure public Wi-Fi networks and pay attention to warning messages that say “server cannot be verified.” If you have to log onto an unsecure network, avoid using online banking, shopping, social media sites or any other site that transmits sensitive or personal identification information.
- ❖ If you have to make a sensitive transaction, your mobile network connection is generally more secure than a public Wi-Fi network – make those sure those sites begin with “https://.”
- ❖ Eliminate hacker entry points by avoiding USB charging stations, because they could be compromised.

Don’t conduct personal business on hotel computers, since they may not have the latest operating system and security updates; they could also be infected with malicious software or viruses.

When traveling, have a plan. Taking the necessary steps ahead of time to protect yourself and your loved ones from cyber criminals to avoid adding something unpleasant to your long holiday to-do list. For more information about how to keep your data safe throughout the entire year, visit the [cyber security awareness page](#) on Flying Together.

DT in DC



Leaders from United's Digital Technology (DT) group visited the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. where they met with senior-level staff members of key aviation committees to discuss steps United has taken from a mobile technology perspective to make its customers' lives easier when flying.

The United contingent included Application Development Director Jim Stathopoulos, Senior IT Project Manager Sean Johnson, Senior Product Owner Jaymes Todero and Employee and Enterprise Systems Managing Director Eric Ensminger. Appearing before their Capitol Hill hosts, the United group touted things like United's mobile app features, the first-of-its-kind "[in-the-moment care app](#)" that employees use to compensate passengers in real time after a disservice, and the ways in which United is using mobile devices to untether its workforce for the benefit of its customers.

"One example we used was the Tech Ops mobile tool," Eric said. "By equipping our technicians with iPads, maintenance is releasing aircraft six minutes faster, on average, per turn. The paperwork they used to do manually can now be done electronically, and that's helping reduce delays."

Another tool that was well received was the recently added "every flight has a story" feature on the United app, which gives customers insight into what's going on with their aircraft during a delay, eliminating some of the frustration associated with those episodes. They also discussed upcoming improvements to the customer app.

"The reaction we got was very positive," Eric continued. "This isn't something we normally do, but it was important that we show we truly are a customer-centric carrier. And the staff members we met with were receptive to the work we're doing in this space."

Congressional Affairs Managing Director Karen Kuhlman had a similar assessment, saying the staffers with whom they met seemed genuinely impressed with the work being done by United's DT team. *"It was unique because we were able to take airport technology to them and show the significant investments we've made in our customers and employees,"* she said. As Karen pointed out, the visit served several purposes, but chief among them was showing government officials that United is an innovator in the tech space, which can have an impact on future passenger-focused legislation.

United released the third-quarter 2018 financial results on Oct. 16, 2018.



United reported third-quarter adjusted net income of \$837 million, adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.06, adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.1 billion and adjusted pre-tax margin of 9.7 percent.

The company currently expects to recapture approximately 90 percent of the estimated \$2.5 billion year-over-year increase in full-year 2018 fuel expense.

Pass Travel Updates by Kirk Moore **RAFA Travel Benefits Committee, October 25**



Kirk Moore

1. **employeeRES**: Major improvements coming. A new employeeRES coming later this fall will look/feel like [united.com](#). It will be mobile-friendly and has been beta-tested by thousands of employees. Look for some cool new features like:
 - ✓ Flight Watch: monitor up to 10 different segments
 - ✓ Open Search: see flights with most available seats to a destination
 - ✓ Potential Misconnects: how many revenue passengers may miss your flight
 - ✓ myUADiscount: prices displayed right in employeeRES!<https://ft.ual.com/news/2018/10/19/new-employeeeres-investing-in-you>
2. **Access to important updates**

- ✓ Before you go to the airport, view the latest updates for flight cancellations, travel waivers, airport construction and other items that could affect your travel with this link: <https://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/travel/news/Pages/travelnotices.aspx>
 - ✓ Smart idea: Save that link to the home screen on your mobile device(s).
3. **Merged! Flying as One** ~ Implementation of the flight attendant joint collective bargaining agreement (JCBA) on October 1 marked the final milestone in the United and Continental merger. “Common Metal” that unites all 24,000 flight attendants plus new boarding times for passengers are in this Oct 1st news article: “Flying as one United”: <https://ft.ual.com/news/topics/strategy?read-article=d115f0ec-9d86-4799-a574-7491afcbe628>
Scroll down the articles to read about new checked baggage fees for passengers that went into effect 8/31/2018. Keep in mind that pass riders flying standby or on myUAdiscount tickets get two free checked bags on United.
 4. **FAA bill passes; new inflight regs coming** ~ 10 hour (instead of 8 hrs.) minimum rest between flights, no bumping pax off planes, no pets allowed in overhead bins, FAA will set minimum seat sizes & pitch, no inflight mobile phone calls or e-cigarettes allowed and other rules have been approved by the Senate. Also, drone regulations & Space Ports, read more here: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2018/10/03/senate-gives-final-approval-faa-reauthorization-sends-bill-white-house/>
President Trump signed the bill into law on October 5th. Full text of H.R. 302 (Division B): <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/302/text>
 5. **Not getting premium seats?** Standbys rarely get premium seats on domestic flights because all MileagePlus (MP) passengers are upgraded for free. Internationally there are better chances since MPs have to pay for upgrades. But, don’t get your hopes up for those FC or BF seats until you actually get your boarding passes. Here are two retiree standby stories:
 - SYD-SFO 787 2-class: we were #1 & #2 standbys for 6 available BF seats. No upgrades were displayed at check-in; CSRs said “you’ll get seats at gate”. No names appeared on upgrade list, no announcements made for upgrades. We were given Y seats and all standbys junior to us got Y seats. Agents apparently asked MP customers individually at check-in if they’d like to upgrade to BC for a fee.
 - IAD-CDG 777 3-class: we were #2 & #3 standbys for 4 available FC seats. EmployeeRES showed 4/-3/5 available seats and 6 upgrades. Boarding totals showed “capacity” to be 8/40/221 and “authorized” to be 0/48/222, meaning BC can be oversold. All standbys got Y seats when the over-sold revenue BC pax were upgraded to FC and BC filled with MP upgrades.

Understand that United needs to make money and it’s just harder to get those coveted premium seats these days, even when it looks like a “slam dunk” you’ll be seated in luxury. Be aware of negative (oversold) numbers, “authorized” numbers and upgrade numbers just before boarding. Check both employeeRES and the United app’s “flight status” info for the latest data to avoid last minute disappointment at the gate. Pass riders’ best strategy: list for premium, expect economy and be pleasantly surprised (once in a while).
 6. **New United flights announced** ~ Travel to snowy resorts this winter with over 100 flights to 12 ski destinations: Aspen, Big Sky, Crested Butte, Jackson Hole, Mammoth, Reno/Tahoe, Salt Lake City, Steamboat Springs, Sun Valley, Telluride & Whitefish, <https://hub.united.com/united-winter-just-got-cooler-2608164960.html>. Then check out these new routes/increased flying for 2019:
 - ❖ New flights coming in March: IAD to HHH (Hilton Head), LAX to EUG (Eugene), MSN (Madison), PSC (Pasco)
 - ❖ New flights coming in April: EWR and ORD to HHH
 - ❖ New flights coming in June: DEN to CHS (Charleston), ACV (Eureka), FAI (Fairbanks), EWR to PNS (Pensacola), SFO to CMH (Columbus)
 - ❖ Increased flying from EWR to ANC (Anchorage), DTW (Detroit), STL (St Louis), MCI (Kansas City), OMA (Omaha) and RIC (Richmond)

Read “New Routes Galore” Oct 15th news article for more info: <https://ft.ual.com/news/topics/network?read-article=3c3bf766-bd04-4b5a-9e59c5be5752018e>
 7. Have you seen our RAFA website?
 - ✓ Check out the Travel Benefits tab here: <https://www.rafa-cwa.org>
 - ✓ Read the Pass Travel Program Summary, helpful links, phone numbers & more.
 - ✓ For other Pass Travel Topics: [Previous Travel Updates](#)

So Simple From Sheryl



With the holidays quickly approaching, I think a simple, delicious recipe is in order. I have never been a huge fan of the “traditional” yams with marshmallows on top. I recently tried this recipe and loved it. Hope you enjoy it as well,

Sweet Potato Casserole

3½ cups mashed, canned sweet potatoes

1 cup white sugar

2 slightly beaten eggs

1/3 cup butter

Mix together and put in well-buttered 2 quart baking dish

Topping:

1/3 cup melted butter

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup chopped pecans

Mix together and spread on top of sweet potatoes.

Bake 40 minutes at 325.

Happy Holidays!

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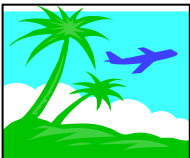
All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (*Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and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

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

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LOCAL NEWS



GULF COAST

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Our meeting started off with each of the members telling their stories of what they had done for the last month. Our President is missing and the kids will play.

The 50/50 was sold by **Barbara Serra** and **Bill Hayden**. At the end of the meeting, **Ray Owens** asked who won and **Bill Hayden** said, “I did”. Ok! **Mai Owens** commented “*you don’t hear anything*”. Sorry as the rest of you, under too many jet engines for adjustments.

It is always a pleasure to be greeted at the door by **John & Myrt Eisinger**, they are the nicest people.

Also in attendance were **Michael & Carla Burke, Ed Southworth** and **Rita Toucher** with her husband **Sam**, who is present, but not to attend the meeting. He works voluntary for the Navy Aviation Museum, where we are meeting.

If you happen to be in the area, please stop by and join us, 2nd Monday of each month PNAS Aviation Museum, Cubie restaurant. 11:30am.

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We meet every second Monday in even numbered months. Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, with the date and place not yet determined. If you would like more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Now that our weather has become more tolerable and it looks like the rains have gone, we got off to a good start with 15 in attendance for lunch at Eagles Nest Restaurant in Pebble Creek. It was our usual October kickoff with a twist as each month will be hosted by one of our members. Thanks to **Lonna Fischer** and **Keith Steffen** for hosting this first of the season.

By the time this is published we will have met for our second event, a luncheon at Babbo Italian Eatery on November 16 hosted by **Carol Brei**.

Next up, however, will not be too late for anyone visiting the area to join us at 11:30 on Wednesday, December 12 luncheon hosted by **Mike & Claudia Richards** at Angela's Kitchen, 19900 N. Remington Drive, Surprise, AZ 85374.

Finally, two more scheduled events, one to be hosted on January 18 by **Pat Burnett** at a location to be announced and in April, the date TBD, hosted by **Vivian Klick** and **Marge Mullman** at Abuelos Mexican Restaurant.

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.



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The Holidays are coming up very soon. Are you ready? All the stores are anxious for you to come and buy things for your families or even yourself. They start advertising too soon as far as I'm concerned, but they want to be sure we won't forget someone on our list, and they're looking for a lot of sales and money too.

One of the things our chapter is involved with is the annual Fantasy Flight to benefit 120 deserving children from Title 1 schools and deployed Military families. The event will be held Friday, December 7 at the Cutter

Aviation Hanger, just off I-10 and 24th Street. This is the same place we held it last year. A lot of work goes into making this event a success, but it's worth it in the long run. To see all the smiling faces of the children, who get to go up in a plane; most of them for the first time, is worth all the time and effort put into this special event.

Our October 26 Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 18 members in attendance. A lot of Snowbirds haven't made it back yet, but they will be here real soon. President **Shirley Claggett** mentioned the Convention committee have decided all future Conventions will be held west of the Mississippi. It seems that most of the attendees who attend regularly, come from that area. We really need to get more of our members to attend the Conventions. It's always so much fun and you learn so many things on what's going on with RUAEA and keeping current on medical insurance and flying information, plus seeing many faces of new and "older" retirees. Every one there is very friendly and helpful. Be sure and plan on going to the next Convention in Denver, CO September 24 – 28 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Stapleton North.

One of our members, **Larry Young**, recently got back from a race in Victoria, British Columbia. It was held on September 28. There were 2,000 people in the race, both runners and walkers. He placed second in his age group. There were 5K and 10K races. Larry brought along a bunch of T-shirts to show us that he received from fellow runners, they swap T-shirts as part of the fun. Next year this event will be held in Amsterdam in October. He and his wife, Wendy, really enjoy these races, which is great.

The October Luncheon was held October 11th at Mimi's in Mesa with 14 members in attendance. They were able to order from the menu, and pay individually for their choice, which made it very convenient. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to **Dakota Morris-Terry** for setting this restaurant up for our group. She did an excellent job.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon is coming up really quick. It's going to be held in the Saguaro Room of the Cottonwood Country Club in Sun Lakes on Wednesday, December 5, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cottonwood Country Club is located at 25219 S. E. J. Robson Blvd. Directions to the Clubhouse are being provided. The menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu or BBQ Ribs with Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & butter, House Salad with Ranch or Balsamic dressings and cake for dessert. The cost is \$20.00 each, which includes tax and tip. There will be an open bar, and water and iced tea on the tables, plus coffee service. This is always a special luncheon, so hope a lot of you will be able to attend. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, November 26. Please send your choice of BBQ Ribs or the Chicken and your payment check payable to Re-United's and mail to **Shirley Claggett**, 8500 E. Southern Avenue #72, Mesa, AZ 85209-3624. We will have our usual 50/50 Raffle and five monetary drawings. What a wonderful way to start the Holiday season!

Information about the November 8th luncheon at the Zur Kate German Restaurant will be reported on next month.

Our next Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, December 28 at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, Arizona, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you plan on attending, please let our Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net a couple days before so she can let the staff know how many to plan for. We welcome any new or potential members at all of our activities.

Nominations for officers for next year for our Chapter is coming up soon. If you are interested in being one of the officers, please let the Nominating Committee know. It's always nice to have a change every so often and get some new ideas for our chapter. So, please consider, won't you? It's not a hard job and doesn't take too much of your time.

Our annual dues of \$5.00 each is payable each January 1 for regular and associate members. Please pay or send your check to our Treasurer, **Ferrol Hilsabeck**. His address is 2625 N. Hogan Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85215. Be sure and let him know if you have any changes in your address, e-mail, or phone, as we need to have that information for our Membership Directory, which is available in April. Thanks for helping us keep our records up-to-date.

Our December Birthdays include the following members: **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **Irma Furtney** (12/18), **JoAnn Fearing** (12/24), **Jeanette Kostecki** (12/26), and **Peggy Snowdall** (12/31). Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries; both on the same day, December 18. They are **John & JoAnne Griffin** (12/18/83), and **Chuck and Jennifer Strohmaier** (12/18/93). Congratulations!

Calendar:

December 5 – Christmas Luncheon at Cottonwood Country Club, in the Saguaro Room, 25219 S. E. J. Robson Blvd, Sun Lakes, AZ., from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. RSVP by Monday, November 26. Mail check to **Shirley Claggett** at the above address. We have to advise the Chef with final count by Tuesday, November 27.

December 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net by December 26. Bring any visiting families or friends with you.

January – Luncheon to be hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. More details to follow

January 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter in Prescott, Arizona. We want to report a change in our chapter's meeting date. In the future, we will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, instead of the third Tuesday. Our meeting will still be held at the Lone Spur Café in downtown Prescott at 11 AM.

We wish all of our retired brothers and sisters the very best of holiday seasons.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA

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The Northstaters Chapter of RUAEA did not have a meeting in November.

Calendar:

December 5 - Wednesday at 11:30 AM at **John & Linda Delaney**'s home. Come join us! Food, gift exchange, raffles and a fun time!



CENTRAL COASTERS

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We met on October 17th at Rooney's Irish Pub in Orcutt, hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Al & Marilyn Rybar** and **John Wessel**. Our regular **Nina Powers** was unable to get a ride. We did not hear from **Jack Cunningham**, and **Esther Bartlett** was not feeling well.

Thanks to our President, **Mike Zoldak**, who sent me his notes on our meeting. Besides the convention of only 275 attending, and the Re-LAX-ers chapter disbanding, we could have had better news. Mike said that RUAEA is accepting all airline retirees, not just UAL & CO. One other thing was that the 2019 convention will be held in DEN.

It was decided that our chapter will not have a 50/50 drawing unless there are 12 or more attending. At our next meeting we will decide what charity we will donate for Christmas and how much. We decided to have a group hosts for our December meeting. Not knowing how many will attend or where to meet, Bob & Marcia were gracious enough to offer their home. We also decided to have a gift exchange for \$20.

The date for our December meeting will be on the 12th at the **Stangers**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Bill & Lia Schultz hosted the Desert Sunbirds' October Luncheon. Twenty-two members and two guests (**Jean Jones**, guest of **Sandy Sereno**; and **Brian Beard**, guest of **Louie Horvath**) enjoyed a buffet lunch at Nicolino's Italian Restaurant in Cathedral City.

Our December Luncheon is again set for the Monterey Country Club, 29 years and counting. And again, we will be collecting toys for the kids at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. **Carole Paquin** heads up this effort, as usual, with a little help from her friends in the chapter.

Congratulations to **Lanny & Rosemary Gill**, celebrating their 31st Anniversary on November 17th.

Our concern and prayers go out to **Elaine Aggson** (broken hip), and **Maureen Williams**. We are keeping them in our prayers, and hope they will be joining us again at a luncheon very soon.

The 50/50 Drawing (\$30.00) was won by ... me! **Lia Schultz** won the Birthday Lunch. Added to the drawing – a bottle of wine (won by **Marge Lenz**), and a \$25.00 Gift Certificate (Nicolino's), won by **Tom Sabo**.

I've run out of volunteers for our "Featured Sunbird", as it appears that this feature of my report has run its course.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our November meeting was held on Monday, November 5 at the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord. We had 22 members in attendance. This month, the new restaurant manager remembered to write our meeting down on her calendar, so we were greeted with smiles vs. shocked faces!

Social hour started at 11:00 and we had lunch at noon. At every meeting, **Carol Parks** puts a piece of candy at everyone's place, one of those nice gestures that makes this group special. This month we got Almond Joy. I haven't met a candy bar I didn't like, so every month is a winner in my book. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** were the cashiers and **Joe Leather** conducted the raffle. An eight-year-long streak of bad luck ended for **Diane Griego** when she won the 50/50 raffle for the first time. **Tom Johnson** usually takes pity on Diane and buys extra tickets for her. Never mind that the winning ticket was from Tom—she still won and everyone applauded when her number was called! Members brought in additional raffle items of wine, chocolate, and a small houseplant.

Sadly, our group lost another member this month with the passing of **Gail Sexton**. Cards of sympathy can be sent to the Family of **Gail Sexton**, 3838 Terra Granada #2B, Walnut Creek, CA 94595-3544.

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:

1. 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.
2. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo.
3. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7.

For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.

Please join us in our upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, December 3 at 11:00, Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party is not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots (unwrapped) at this meeting. Attendees are asked to bring one or more raffle items so everyone receives a gift. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com, with entrée choice. The cost is \$35 and the RSVP deadline is November 26.
- Monday, January 7, 2019 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.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. If the first Monday in January falls on New Year's Day, we meet on Tuesday because most restaurants are closed that day. 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 or (925) 846-8123 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.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina**, back from Jury Duty, opened our regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (yes, she brought the Flag) and a few moments of silence for our military service members who strive to keep us safe. Here we are at the end of the year with only one regular meeting to go to finish off the year – where, and how, did it go by so quickly? November 26th is our last "formal" meeting for 2018 and we will be enjoying special goodies at our Pot Luck luncheon. Mark your calendars, bring your check book to pay your

2019 dues (\$15 p/p), pick-up our updated roster and cook up those “specialties” we all love to devour! The next 2 months

- November 26 – Pot Luck –fantastic cooks shine at this meeting.
- December 5 – Our Annual Christmas special open to all members – The Fish Market in San Mateo is our meeting place. You must call **Gene Walter**, (650) 856-9738 to let him know you will be attending. Price: \$30 p/p member / \$35 p/p guest. Menu choice: Caesar Salad w/Shrimp, Mahi Mahi Sliders, Fish & Chips or Market Burger. Please join us for a good time.

Interim Recording Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes which were approved as read. Cards were sent out to those who needed a little TLC.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** (and wife **Linda**) were away celebrating Linda’s Mom’s 99th birthday. **Gene Walter** filled in for him raking in dues and signing up a new member!

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** (and **Jerome**) were hard at work at the Polling office getting all those ballots ready to be sent out. So vote! Filling in - **Ginger Dahlberg** noted that several members on the “get better” list: **Helen Goodwine** is fighting pneumonia, **Norm Wood** is having some ups-and-downs, **Carol Walter** is getting lots of TLC from Gene, **Harriet Kunze** caught the cold bug and stayed home, and **Ben Vietz** is sounding crabby so he must be feeling somewhat better. Get well you folks, we miss you and think of you often! We welcome **John Ellis** as a new member. **Walter Kina** is celebrating his 88th birthday along with **Vera** and their 61st anniversary; congrats to you both. Attendance at our meeting was sparse. Moral: get your Flu Shots, stay well, hydrate and don’t fall!

The Auditors, **Gene Walter** (**John Bogdanoff**, and interim **Helen Goodwine** were unable to attend the meeting) held down the Fort. He will have a sign up list for our Christmas luncheon.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** raved about the Blue Angels trip – a great trip out to Alcatraz to watch the Parade of Ships sail in under the Golden Gate, sunny skies, smooth sailing and great eats on the good ship Hornblower, and those marvelous Blue Angels dazzling us all with their precision antics! Come join us as “Sleigh Bells Ring ... ” December 7 – 10. Get in the holiday spirit with 2 days in Solvang to enjoy the decorations galore, a city that goes all out for “Christmas.” A lovely hotel and even a casino for those who like to try their luck! One night in Cambria – a quick visit to the Hearst Castle and their glittering lights (did you know that amongst their cattle are numerous zebras?) and staying at the Cambria Pine Lodge with their Christmas markets. A highlight trip home stopping for lunch at the Rancho Cielo Drummond Culinary Academy – at-risk youth who are being trained in the skills of the culinary and hospitality industry; a really worthy cause and one we like to support. Flyer? Call Ginger.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** was chauffeuring **Helen** to the doctor so was unable to attend.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** (she stayed home in bed) has asked that members bring canned food and new, unwrapped toys for her to distribute during the holidays.

Joining Uniteds’ “Greatest” with stories to tell: WWII veteran **Bob Donovan** (97 years young) was invited to be honored at the WWII Museum in New Orleans. At the expense of the sponsors, the museum, actor Gary Sinises’ organization and other sponsors, he and his son, David, attended the event. Bob was interviewed by a curator and watched a movie “Beyond All Borders” and enjoyed the many exhibits. Any WWII veterans interested in being honored should contact the National WWII Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Charlie Bogert was one of many being laid off in the NYC area, he chose to come to the MOC at SFO. On his first day on the job (ah, that wonderful midnight shift!) he drove to the gate at the MOC, was not stopped by the guard so he continued on down the driveway until he came to a fence and could go no further. This “driveway” was a runway and Charlie found himself under the path of a barreling 747. This was back in the day (1971) and you can bet that security has advanced 100 fold since then!

Did you know: A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds – so that’s what my problem is! Bye!

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, the Hangtown Miners were once again introduced to another new restaurant with great food! We're getting to be connoisseurs for the Placerville area. The American River Pizza Grill in Cool took great care of us. The 24 members who attended found many different sandwiches and salads to enjoy and there were several "to go" boxes filled for another meal. A "win-win" for everyone. President **Bill Gibson** gave a hearty thanks to **Bill & Linda Dinette** for arranging this luncheon as well as the wonderful table decorations they created. As it happened, it was Columbus Day so the Pina, the Nina, and the Santa Maria ships sailed across the table. But not to forget the other fun event for October, we also had a witch with eyes that lit up and two skeletons. I believe that there was a tasty bottle of something under those! No one present had an anniversary, however I see that **Ed & Lindalee Akin** celebrated 61 years this month. Now **Dorean Ames** got to claim October to celebrate her birthday! As far as guests, well, these two are such regulars, we should make them honorary members! **Roy & Dawn Martin** came as guests of **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**. They're a very fun couple and always welcome. Thank you, Congratulations, Happy Birthday and Welcome to you all.

President ~ **Bill Gibson** was not able to attend the RUAEA convention this year. However, **Nancy DeVore** offered to go to the "Presidents' Meeting" for Bill. She did, but she was not at this meeting and, thus, could not give a report. Ah, we were not without info, as **Frank Dellinger** was there and supplied this info for us. Each of the presidents reported that they are losing members. All would like to get more retirees to join. The problem is knowing who they are and where and then, how to get hold of them and let them know which chapters are close to them. There is a list that was given out by **Terry Greenacre** showing retirees in our area so hopefully contact will be possible. If I understand correctly, all airline retirees are welcome to join but they just can't hold an office. If you know of any folks who fall into this category, let them know about the Hangtown Miners. The convention for 2019 will be in Denver and one of the tours that will be offered is of the Air Force Academy.

Bill thanked Frank for filling us in – hopefully Nancy will be at the November meeting and can give us her report. Bill forged on with several United news items from the RUAEA Newsletter he thought would be informative for all.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** wanted to address the problem everyone is experiencing with the cyber scamming/phishing. His son was recently sharing the concerns with Bill. It's very real, people. Do not give any of your information or money to anyone who you don't know personally. And, always make sure that who you think you're communicating with is, indeed, that person. It's a sad state of affairs that we can't trust, but reality shows that there's some real scoundrels out there and they know how to fool us. Granted, it isn't hard to "fool" me, but you all be aware!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to attend this month, so his wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought us his report.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** thanked **Angie Dellinger** for attending the Correspondents' Meeting at the RUAEA Convention. Angie gave this report: Many thanks are extended to all who work to keep our members informed. **Francis Domaratius** mentioned that the "chapter reports" are reports, not necessarily minutes of our meetings. So, even though you may not have had a "meeting" you are still welcome to share other news such as travels, new babies, illnesses, deaths, personal anecdotes, anything interesting you wish to write about can be included in the report. He also mentioned the possibility of using FaceTime or Skype to contact members who are unable to attend the meeting. Some chapters participate in activities such as attending sports games and going on trips together. Many donate to various charity organizations, as we do.

Sunshine ~ **Suzie Kenny** expressed delight that **Dorean Ames** was at this luncheon and is doing very well. She does look great – as always! **Bill Gibson** spoke to **Ed Akin's** daughter and Ed's doing about the same. Making some progress slowly. If you have any news regarding any of our members, or other United retirees who might have worked with any of our members – please let Suzie know so she can share with us all. You know, we're all in the same boat – or in our cases – airship – and we need to help one another. Sometimes a card or call can be just what a person needs to get thru the day.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was not able to attend the meeting.

Contributions ~ Rudy brought the Monday, September 17th edition of the Mountain Democrat. Son of a gun, who was right there on the front page – in full color – but our own **Jack Fitzpatrick!** The article was covering the Monterey Classic Car Week's Laguna Seca race series. Great pic of Jack and interesting article. If you haven't read it, see if you can get a copy or I will have this copy in my minutes book. Have fun, Jack, and be safe!

Rudy also brought an article regarding El Dorado County Senior Services. This article is rather long, tho full of information. Long/short is that the Senior Services began with the intent of helping those in the El Dorado area in several fields such as health, meals, legal day care and other vital programs. This area has attracted many retirees because it is a beautiful place to live but it is also a bit more affordable – something that can't be said in much of California. Over the years those good intentions developed a huge administrative force. In 2011 the county sought to reduce the cost to handle all the services needed. But, the yearly cost is approaching \$10million! Earlier this year El Dorado County Chief Administrator, Don Ashton, said, "*It is not possible to be small and rural, with low taxes and high levels of service.*" Perhaps if everyone contacted their council members, supervisors, senator, mayor – anyone who will listen, you can make a difference and help to keep these vital services. The inside page of the Mountain Democrat has a list of all the pertinent people with their contact info. You might start with the Placerville City Council – City Hall, 3101 Center St. (530) 621-2489. They can give you this information too, or let me know and I will be happy to send you the ones you request. (Hey, the list is long!)

Rudy also was telling us that it seems there will be some changes to Verizon's air coverage that will start January 1. Now, you all know that this tech stuff isn't my "world", but it concerned the 3G phones not working after that date and only the 5G would. Anyway, if you know what this was about – check with your provider and make sure you're covered.

Old Business ~ Okay, here we go – it's nomination time for new (2019) Hangtown Miners Officers! All positions are always open, and two of our position holders (president and historian) have said they do not wish to continue even tho they are doing a great job.

Bill Gibson opened the floor for discussion and nominations. Now, you all know that this fun group always has plenty to say/discuss, so the hot air was flying every direction. What it boiled down to is: President: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Bill Dinette**, **Jane Gibson** seconded. **Rosemary Heier** nominated **Bill Gibson** but it was not seconded so unless someone re-nominates him in November, it is not a valid nomination. Vice President: **Linda Dinette** nominated **Rudy Blazius**, **JR Heier** seconded. Treasurer: **Bill Dinette** nominated **Tom Kenny**, **JR Heier** seconded. Secretary: **Suzanne Kenny** nominated **Jane Gibson**, **JR Heier** seconded. Sunshine: **Jane Gibson** nominated **Suzanne Kenny**, **Angie Dellinger** seconded. Historian: **Bill Gibson** nominated **Pati Kenney**, **Jane Gibson** seconded.

You now will have until our November meeting to think about this panel and decide if you're happy with those who have been nominated. If you have any changes you wish to make, come to the meeting and voice your thoughts. The officers for 2019 will be voted on at the November meeting.

New Business ~ No new business was brought up.

JR Heier motioned to close our meeting, seconded by **John Muir** – meeting closed.

Dawn Martin won the donator's prize. Thanks to all who brought items to raffle: **Dinette** – Columbus ships & witch & ghouls; **Martin** – pumpkin lantern & spider earrings; **Blazius** – wok pan; **Dellinger** – zucchini bread; **Heier** – wine; **Gibson** – lawn art; **Kenney** – cheese plate, dried fruit & nut cookbook.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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Hello to all RER and RUAEA members:

We came together for our October/Fall luncheon meeting on October 11th at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, CA. It was a beautiful warm fall day, temps in the low 80's; we love the extension of the summer weather here in Sonoma County. We just memorialized the terrible fires in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake counties one year ago; many people are happily rebuilding their homes, but much still needs to be done to help people get settled or moved into a permanent place to live. The warm dry weather is giving a big boost to the

contractors who are busily rebuilding in several areas around these cities; many acts of kindness and charity have been reported by our Press Democrat newspaper over the last difficult year. We thank all those who generously gave to the fire victims of 2017.

Our October luncheon was hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn** who decorated the tables with lovely fall flower arrangements set in wooden market baskets and cute little scarecrows, along with wrapped candies and wine bottles provided by **Barbara & Jerry Underhill**. We had 16 RER members and 4 guests attending, for a total of 20 people; the guests were **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Gary Huhn**, Son-in-Law of **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, and **Sam & Mickie Orchard**'s daughter Lyn. We had menu choices of Pork Fillet Grenadine in wild mushroom sauce, Wild Salmon, and Marco Polo Chicken; the salad was butter lettuce with a yummy creamy dressing, and a delicious tiramisu dessert. While we ate our dessert, President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting and thanked the Huhns for hosting the luncheon.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** brought us the status report on our General and Charity accts of our chapter; it was noted that we have well over the amount needed to keep the group solvent, so she said it will be possible to allow all dues paying member's December luncheon to be complimentary. Also it has been agreed upon to reward two charities with our end of year donations from our Charity acct: 1. Redwood Empire Food Bank and 2. Rotary Fire Relief Fund for the Sonoma/Napa/Lake and Mendocino Counties.

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** was not present, but **Clare Hagen** said he was at the RUAEA convention in Cleveland in September and admitted to not feeling too well; **Joanne Huhn** had sent him a get well card shortly after our last luncheon when we learned that he had to go to the urgent care at that time. President **Larry Wilson** called him to make sure he was in good health which he said he was; also Larry checked in with **George Schwind**, who said he and **Lois** are just recovering from colds, but they intend to be present at our end-of-year luncheon on December 13th.

Barney Hagen gave us an update on his heart valve surgery he recently underwent; he subsequently had to have a pacemaker and internal defibrillator placed to regulate his heart rate. He looked well and said he felt very well!

Next, the birthday list was read by me; the September birthdays were **Lou Legnitto**, **Dick Hanna**, **Lois Schwind**, and **Mickie Orchard**. October birthdays were **Al Benthon**, **Valerie Hulsey** and **Barbara Underhill**; the winners for the free luncheon were **Mickie Orchard** and **Valerie Hulsey**. The Anniversaries being celebrated were **Larry & Madalynn Schmidt** (32 yrs.), **Larry & Mary Wilson** (53yrs.), and **George & Lois Schwind** (69 yrs.) The October anniversary being celebrated was for **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, our frequent visitor guests of the Hagens (35yrs). **Larry Wilson** brought us some very funny jokes in the tradition of our former Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr**!

Our raffle for wines, See's candies and the floral centerpieces was next; we all had a great time getting caught up and we look forward to our December luncheon together; **Barney Hagen** mentioned we usually bring at least one unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive we traditionally give to. Our next luncheon will be back at the La Gare Restaurant on December 13th; we were encouraged to bring a guest with us! See you in December.



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We were so happy that **Skip Householder** and his daughter Sara joined us. Health issues have kept him from attending. Skip looked well and we wish him the best in his recovery.

Rosalie Tripicchio will be undergoing knee replacement surgery December 3rd so she will miss our December breakfast but she hopes she is able to make our Christmas Lunch at Hunter's Steakhouse.

Wendell Johnson was the winner of the 50/50. There were 26 of us at breakfast so he was a happy winner.

I have asked **John Cunningham** to tell us about his recent trip to Cuba. A very informative article and if you are thinking of a trip, John's observations are worth the read.

Havana Cuba ~ Working the "Bucket List". We arrived in Cuba on Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Sea. The ship was small and showed her age, however, that handling of the embarkation and debarkation in Havana, including customs and money exchange, took less than an hour. Our time in Cuba was short, we arrived at 7:00 AM and departed at 8:00 PM.

We chose to use a third-party tour rather than do the ship's shore excursions. We didn't get to hear any of the Cuban Jazz music but we were truly blessed with a view into a world most will never know. Cuba is an extremely poor country where enterprising individuals find it necessary to find creative ways to earn extra money. Our tour guide for instance, is a Pediatrician by trade but makes more money being a tour guide than he does by practicing medicine.

Travelers are warned not to consume the water or eat any food products washed in it. This is due to the lack of a clean water and sewage infrastructure. As for the great classical cars you may see and read about, not one of them is sitting on its original chassis. Auto imports and the ability to buy parts came to a halt after the revolution and all the pre revolution vehicles have been retrofitted with Russian and Chinese chassis and run on diesel fuel. Most important, they are all privately owned and used strictly for tourism as the average person cannot afford to own a car. The old Spanish influenced architecture is in constant repair since the many years of trade embargoes, make supplies and equipment hard to obtain.

As for shopping, Cuban hand-rolled cigars, rum and authentic Cuban art are the only real bargains. Workers in the cigar and rum factories are rationed out a small amount for their personal use each month. The average Cuban can't afford them.

Cuba is a photographer's paradise. Whether from its pre and post-revolutionary architecture, classic cars, and music, to its beautiful people. It has something for every visitor. We found that the Cuban people don't particularly care for the American government, they do love her people. We exchanged email address with several people and do plan to keep in touch. Perhaps someday, we can return to hear that music. John Cunningham, SANOZ - Retired

Calendar:

December 2 – Mainliner Holiday Dinner Cruise, Hornblower Cruise Line. Depart from the Embarcadero.

December 6 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

December 13 – Christmas Lunch at Hunter's Steakhouse, Mission Valley

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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(Minutes taken by **Terry Greenacre**)

The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly luncheon on October 31 at Las Katarinas Mexican Restaurant in Grass Valley, CA. President **Frank Dellinger** welcomed everyone and thanked **Rose & Hank Wikstad** for hosting the luncheon. There were 37 members and 2 guests present. **Skip & Teresa Knapp** were the guests of **Angie & Frank Dellinger**.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** reported that there is no meeting in November. Our Christmas Luncheon will be on December 5th at Las Katarinas in Grass Valley, hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt** and **Jim Simon**. Our January 30th Luncheon will be hosted by **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** at Old Town Pizza in Roseville. Our February 27 Luncheon will be hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger**, location not determined. Our March 27 Luncheon will be hosted by **Len & Laverne Haubl**.

Vicky Enriquez brought up an idea for a BBQ at the Beale AFB which would include a very interesting museum visit. That would be on April 24, the luncheon is hosted by **Vicky & George Enriquez-Taylor**. Vicky will be looking into this.

Terry Greenacre, acting Secretary, acknowledged one Anniversary for October, **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** (28 years) and two Anniversaries for November, **Ed & Rose Rheam** (66 years) and **Ray & Lynn Reinmiller** (49 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for October.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** reported that a card was sent to **Len Haubl**. He had surgery to replace a wire in his pacemaker.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** didn't have anything to report.

Jack Raynor, our roster keeper, said that he received an email from a member with an address change but the email apparently got deleted. Let Jack know if you can help.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** talked about the great time and interesting tours at the 2018 Convention in Cleveland and mentioned that next year's Convention will be in Denver. Start making plans now! Also, Sonda reminded everyone that now is the time to review your insurance coverage options for next year.



Francis Domaratius talked about the use of the 20% discount fare tickets on United. You need to establish a password and if you need help, email Francis for information.

Francis also asked if anyone would be interested in touring the Roseville Telephone Museum before or after the January 30th Luncheon. It appeared that there was a good interest to go after the luncheon.

To add to the festivities, **Rose Rheam** and **Sonda Sandstedt** posed in their Halloween costumes!

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the raffle conducted by Vice President **Penny Greenacre**.

See you at the December 5th Christmas Luncheon. Be prepared to pay your 2019 dues - \$10.00 and don't forget to bring Toys for Tots.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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We are the San Joaquiners Chapter of RUAEA and we represent United Airlines Retirees from many different counties. They are Merced, Mariposa, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Calaveras, and Amador Counties. If you are reading this and you live in one of these counties, please contact our president, **Bob Scoble**, at (209) 626-5308 or me, Rosie Walls, (209) 984-5672 and come and join us at one of our luncheon meetings. We meet in many different locations. We are all fun people and we would love to meet new people, so please call us.

We are on the countdown for Thanksgiving and Christmas which is a very busy time of the year for all of us; time has passed so quickly. My mom always said "the older we get the faster the time passes". I didn't believe it when I was growing up at home but I sure do believe it now that I'm older.

We had a fun time at our luncheon meeting on October 11th and this was hosted by **Rosie & Jack Walls**. We met at Perkys in Riverbank. It worked out great for all of us because we were able to order off the menu and receive a separate check. And the best part was that they let us meet in their banquet room behind closed doors. This worked out great because our jokester, **Don Nesja**, shared some humor with the group and had everyone smiling and laughing out loud and we weren't disturbing any other guests.

Bob & Joy Blair were absent from our meeting. Joy is recovering from surgery and wasn't able to make the long drive from Pioneer. We missed you and wish you a speedy recovery and lots of sunshine! Hope to see you in November.

Many of us are looking forward to our November gathering at the Fallon House in Columbia. We are going to see the play "Away in the Basement". And after the play we plan to go out for dinner at a restaurant in Columbia. This gathering is in place of a formal meeting. This will be a fun time for all of us who have signed up to attend. I am really looking forward to this because it means I won't have to cook dinner on that day.

We had a 50/50 raffle and Jack was in charge of the raffle. He went over to **Betty Svares** and asked her to pick a ticket out of the tin can and guess what, she picked her own ticket. Wow, I call that a lucky winner! Of course, Betty was very happy.

I am writing this on October 31st, Halloween. All the ghosts and goblins will be out trick or treating this evening getting lots of candy. I hope you all had a great time on Halloween and also ate lots of candy.

Also let me be the first one to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving to you and all your family and friends. 'Til next time!

The San Joaquiners Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of the month at various locations. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living or visiting in our area to join us. Please contact our president **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 or **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 for information.

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We had a great turnout for our first breakfast at Mimi's Café on November 2 with 30 members arriving. The week prior was our last at Country Gourmet and we treated our wait staff, Beverly and Roberto, to monetary gifts of \$200 each and homemade cakes, compliments of **Cheri Scales**. We are immensely grateful for their service, friendliness, and dedication these past several years. Breakfasts will continue every Friday from 8am to about 9:30am at our new location.

We're now gearing up for our annual Christmas luncheon that will be held at Marianni's Restaurant in Santa Clara on Tuesday, December 11 from 11am to 2pm. We hope you will join us. The buffet menu is set, along with entertainment, and our wonderful master of ceremonies will return to get us in the mood to celebrate the holidays. If you haven't received a flyer with additional details and you would like to join us, please let me know.

Whew! So glad the mid-term voting is over! The ads on TV, the mailers, the neighborhood signs—it sure gets overwhelming! Speaking of our government, a couple of tidbits to share are that in 1892 the Pledge of Allegiance began being recited in schools and in 1901 President Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion, the "White House."

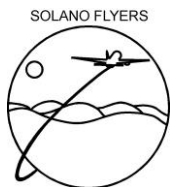
We've had several in our chapter in travel mode lately. **Merle Sweet** traveled to Hawaii with family members to relax and enjoy the island vibe, **Chuck Clayborn** gave away his last daughter's hand in marriage in Asilomar (near Monterey) in October, **George Dye** was in Scotland visiting with family there, **Ben & Cheri Scales** were on the high desert in Oregon visiting her sister and bro-in-law, and **Dave & Robin Garland** were in Missoula, Montana celebrating his aunt's 100th birthday. **Dave Walb** joined us at our weekly breakfast and shared that he recently checked another item off of his bucket list with the purchase of a 2006 Corvette. **Marianne Johnson's** long-time friend from Denmark, Jette, was visiting her for a couple of weeks. They've been friends over 51 years! **Anne & Keith Olthof** popped in for breakfast and shared that their daughter is continuing to recover from the horrible car accident she was in and that she was being moved to a hospital a little closer to home.

The holidays are upon us and we hope yours are a joyous celebration of all you hold dear! We have much to be thankful for!

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. Please join us.

Calendar:

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon at Marianni's in Santa Clara



SOLANO FLYERS

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We met on October 10th at the Rock & Brew Restaurant. Our special guest was N. CA/NV RUAEA Director **Sonda Sandstedt**. Also in attendance were members **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Eugene Boyce**, **John Francis**, **Stewart McCale**, **Louis Pell**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **James Ellison**, **Richard Cox**, **Allan Pochop**, **Diosnel Perez**, **Jack Hornfischer**, **Robert Zirzow**, **Frank Uhl**, **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**, **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Paul Schwafel**, **Art Rose**, **Oscar Moraida**, and **Rene Moraida**.

A retiree requested if we would move our meeting date to the third Wednesday of the month, so that he could attend; members approved the date change. So starting January 16, 2019, third Wednesday of each Month is the Solano Flyers new meeting date.

50/50 Winner ~ **Allan Pochop**. It pays to be winner! A bottle of chardonnay was won by **John Francis**. John, by accepting this fine wine was not aware that it came with a caveat; his name was to be entered for a Chapter officer's position 2019. Sneaky? You bettcha!

Calendar:

November 14 - Wave & Lounge Restaurant, 301 Main St. Vacaville.

December 12 – Tony's Restaurant, 909 Merchant St. Vacaville.

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting and reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides income to the chapter so we don't pay dues. 21 attended the breakfast.

We will not have a December breakfast meeting due to our Christmas party. Don will let us know the details soon. We did vote to have it during the week rather than a weekend. Also Don was going to invite those who attend the mechanics breakfast to join us. We will be having the lunch at Ted's place and will limit lunch choices to 4 items from the menu.

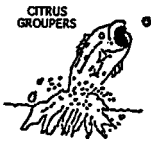
RUAEA 2019 Convention will be in Denver and Don needs some help with it, so please volunteer if you are able.

Flying together is OK, but missing some items and can be changed.

The Denver office is losing their office help. **Marilyn Hansen** had to resign due to eye problems and **Carol Bare** will be resigning after the first of the year. It is a part time position 1 day a week and about 2 to 3 hours, your time is flexible. Please contact **Virgil Gooselaw** if you are interested or might know someone whom might be.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, January 5th, 2019 at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd 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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Submitted by Kathy Faust

On Thursday October 25th, fourteen members met at the Waterfront Inn for our meeting and a wonderful lunch. President **Joe DiStaso** was not able to be with us because of a last minute emergency. The meeting was short but fruitful. We voted on what we were going to do with \$150.00. And the decision was about what we did last year. Donating \$100.00 to Flight 93 memorial and \$50.00 to shoebox.

Dee was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

I brought my daughter Mary to the luncheon. We are taking the Holland America Nieuw Amsterdam for a seven-day Eastern Caribbean cruise. I am looking forward to it since I haven't been there for years.

We are not meeting in November but we hope to see everyone on Thursday, December 6th for our Christmas luncheon at the Waterfront Inn at 11:30 am.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much.

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

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There is no chapter report this month from the Sand“Dabs” chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas luncheon at the Smyrna Yacht Club. Details to follow.



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After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, President **Ernie Vosges** asked all the veterans to remain standing - an early Veterans Day acknowledgement for our guys! A “Thank you for your Service” and a round of applause to: **Rich Llewellyn** – Navy, **Tom Cannata**, **Jim Mummah** and **Ted LeGrand** – Air Force, **Ernie Vosges**, **Bob McNeill**, **Ken Michels** – Army, and **Angel Montalvo** – Marines. (missing Army – **Mack Chandler** and **Dan Raciak**).

Our guest today hailed from the hills of West Virginia, **Carlene Board**, special guest of **Al & Lois Fields** and Lois’ BFF for many years! Welcome Carlene.

Stan & Barbara Halterman are celebrating 60 years together on November 29th, with a 7-day cruise with their families! Have a wonderful and fun-filled trip ... sure you will!

Sadly, we have lost two super guys, long retired from UAL: **Ron Adair** passed away on October 3rd, in Rock Springs, GA; www.heritagebattlefield.com to share condolences with the family.

On October 15th, **Ron Totterdale**, who shared his expertise of Aircraft Maintenance in DEN, SFO, IAH, ORD, MIA, TPA, and MCO passed away. The obituary may be found at Akin-Davis Funeral Home site and condolences can also be sent to Ron’s wife, Sue at 2150 Sebastian Ct., Alva, FL 33920. Both these men are fondly remembered by the many who knew them.

Our “Getting to Know You” guy this month is **Ken Michels**. Ken began his working career pumping gas at his dad’s station ’til the military found him - 1960 thru 1963. On July 17, 1963, he began his long stretch with UAL, beginning in SFOCG on the Ramp, along with Jeff Olsen. Ken stayed with SFOCG, and his many “hats” included Lead, Instructor, & Supervisor. Later I found out that he worked many military charters during the Vietnam War. In 1992 he transferred to MCOCG, when MCO opened for Ramp, and stayed until he retired in 2000! Great career, Ken!

The Real McCoy’s meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd.

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Our November luncheon meeting was held at KJ’s Steakhouse as usual. A total of 23 members and guests attended. The 50/50 was a huge success: **Stella McCaffrey** won the big prize of \$25.00, she went on to have 4 more of her numbers pulled, but refused to take any more gifts. Other winners were **Shirley Curtiss**, **Joanne Halt**, **Mary McCarville**, **Ray Jensen**, **Steve Tanzella**, **Ed Clarke**, **Nancy Kopp**, and **Dick Allen**.

After lunch, our guest speaker **Steve Tanzella**, United Manager at RSW, gave a very upbeat and optimistic talk about the company. He feels that our leadership, headed by Oscar Munoz, CEO is heading the company in the right direction. There are plans for route expansion that will benefit RSW and the company as a whole.

We discussed our next meeting on December 7, and decided to have a gift exchange. This is handled by passing wrapped gifts back and forth according to left/right prompts from a story, which will be read by **Judy Clarke**. We will probably bring in a cake for dessert.

It was nice to have visitors from the Fort Myers RUPA group, **Rip & Shirley Curtiss**. **Jerry & Sandy Pryde** brought two friends with them. We are always happy to welcome visitors (and hope they will come back and become permanent.)

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

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This was our first get-together after the summer hiatus, and we started out with an enthusiastic group of 13 Sand Dollars enjoying an excellent lunch at Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Bradenton. Things were a little different this time, as we did not have **Ginger Hyde** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance or taking care of all the announcements and planning. Ginger has been dealing with some health issues over the summer, but tells us she is expecting to be back by Christmas, if not sooner. Ginger has been walking 5 miles three times a week which is amazing, considering she is having radiation treatments. Everyone is asked to please keep Ginger in their prayers as she completes her treatments.

We were extremely fortunate in that **Inge Phillips** stepped in to handle all the details for us. After leading us in the Pledge, Inge brought everyone up-to-date on Ginger, ran the 50/50, and made sure everything was in order. We are very grateful to her for taking care of us so well.

The winners of the 50/50 were: 1st – **Bill Phillips**, 2nd – **Ken Bauman**, 3rd – **Judy Macklin**; and the attendance name drawn was **Sandy Horuczi**, but as she was on a cruise, her prize was returned to the pot.

Birthday good wishes for October went to **Ted Mavis** (3rd); **Joanne Wasser** (5th), **Bob Young** (12th), and anniversary congratulations to **Harvey & Vivian Rucker** (59 years). November birthday celebrants are: **Lou Balestra** (4th); **Paul Grossman** (7th); **Joanne Bauman** (20th); **Betty Woods-White** (23rd); and **Shelly Grossman** (28th). December birthdays are: **Diane Hoffer** (7th); **Maria Santangelo** (14th); **Loretta Marvett** (15th); and **Gretchen Bulin** (27th). December anniversary congratulations go to **Paul & Shelly Grossman** (61 years on the 3rd).

Some interesting travel tales were told by our members. **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** went on a 15-day cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, and **Bill & Inge Phillips** had booked a cruise from Prague to Berlin, but because of exceptionally low water on the Elbe River (insufficient water for the boat to turn around), they used the boat as a hotel and passengers were bused to all the sights they had planned to visit. The cruise line, Viking, then offered their passengers another cruise at a deeply discounted rate, and Bill & Inge have chosen to take an Athens-Rome cruise at a later date. Unsurprisingly, Bill & Inge speak very highly of Viking Cruise Line because of the way this situation was handled. **Alice D'Souza** and **Susan Skovronek** took a very interesting "educational" cruise to Cuba on RCCL which they thoroughly enjoyed. **Ken Bauman** entertained his table-mates with fascinating stories of the time he and his family lived in Japan, where he was with NWA. **Alice Parker** had a busy summer with visits from a granddaughter and her son Jim, who has worked for UA since 1974. (Sounds like Jim should be retiring to sunny Florida pretty soon.) **Judy Macklin** spent a month in Europe visiting family in England and Holland, and celebrating her brother's 90th birthday in Mallorca, Spain.

A reminder to all, watch for the new and improved employeeRES which will be launching later this fall.

Our next meeting will be at MacAllister's Grill & Tavern in Lakewood Ranch. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or anyone who is moving to our beautiful area of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com

... Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, November 5th at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Bob Lindstrom**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Anniversary: **Noemi Guzman**, November 12th, 45 years.

Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports.

We talked about inviting past members to the Christmas Luncheon. We handed out information on the Christmas Luncheon. We discussed donating to a new charity, some suggestions were made; it is tabled until next year.

We talked about the Fall Picnic, everyone enjoyed bringing a dish to pass and the location. The only problem was the walk to the Restrooms. The path to the washroom is not handicap friendly. We'll talk about the location next year.

Travel ~ **Jon & Ethel** were cruising, they said they had a good time. Jon also talked about Kids & Kubs Quarter Century Softball Club. Their season just started. It was suggested that we get a group together to see them play.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

Bob wished all a good Veterans Day and A Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Calendar:

December 12 - 1PM, Outback, Trinity, FL. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

January 7 - IHOP - 10:30

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President **Al Popek** called to order our November meeting with 17 members in attendance. He led everyone in The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Arnie & Dee Lakso traveled to Cleveland for the annual convention and shared with us what they had participated in. They visited the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame, cruised on Lake Erie, took an informative bus tour and attended the banquet. They spoke highly of the entertainment and the numerous raffles. **Jim Morehead** also was in attendance. We'll have to hear about his experiences when he returns from his travels. The next convention is scheduled for Denver.

Due to Red Tide and algae issues at Dubois Park, our semi-annual picnic was cancelled last month. Our next scheduled picnic will be in March with a Hawaiian theme.

Our Christmas party will be held at The Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno on December 12th from 12 noon until 4:00PM. Please bring a \$10.00 unisex gift for exchange and Toys For Tots. More info will follow soon.

Since our regular January meeting would fall on January 1st, it was decided to move it to the second Tuesday, January 8th.

Jane & Frank Wise are settled in their new home in Palm Beach Gardens after downsizing considerably. Their new house is much easier to care for. They are now dealing with HOA rules for the first time.

Diane & Paul Liebisch have just returned from a fabulous one week cruise on the new ship, MSC Seaside which holds 5,000 guests. They got a fantastic price which included all their drinks. A big "thank you" was extended to Diane for the 18 years she has served as Treasurer. In January, **Carolyn Lindgren** will assume the position.

After months of delays, **Al & Janice Popek** finally have their post-hurricane roof replaced. Now begins the clean-up and repairs needed to fix new issues that arose from the construction mess.

Bob Langevin and **Sandy Ruggiero** are currently enjoying Venice and The Greek Islands. Unfortunately, the floods there disrupted some of their plans. I'm sure they are enjoying their cruise, however.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, **Diane Liebisch** is currently collecting them. Make your check out to her and mail it to her home.

50/50 was won by **Diane Liebisch**. **Millie Rossi** donated a box of candy that was raffled and won by Diane, who then re-raffled it to **Carolyn Lindgren**. The Progressive will roll over since **Maureen Carragher** was not in attendance to accept.

Celebrations for November Include: Birthdays for **Sharon Kirk** on the 1st, **Mary Kay Wetherington**, the 4th, **Dee Lakso**, the 15th, **Pat Williams**, the 19th, **Bob Williams**, the 22nd, **Ed Snyder**, the 22nd, and **Mary Jo Andersen**, the 25th. Anniversaries include: The **Carraghers**, the 16th, The **Liebischs**, the 18th, and The **Williams**, the 26th. Best Wishes to all!

It is with deepest sympathy that we wish to inform you of former member, **Arthur "Artie" Frage's** passing recently. He was preceded in death by wife, **Judy**.

Calendar:

December 12 - Christmas Party, The Twisted Tuna, 12 Noon

January 8 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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

GEORGIA



DIXIE FLYERS

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On Wednesday, November 7 at 2 o'clock, the Dixie Flyers gathered at the Broadway Diner. We meet the first Wednesday of every month. In attendance were **Fred Cron**, and his guest, **Melba, Tony & Allison Carringer**, and grandson, Chris, **Fran Broderson, Don Shelley, Tom Wheeler, Frank & Barbara Russy, Stan Cebula, Sybil Voss**, and **Ron Heider**.

Two recent departures from this earth were **Don Sullivan** at age 93 and **Bobbie Foles**. And also recently, **Donald Holmes**, supervisor in Atlanta, passed away and cremation was done in Tyrone, Georgia.

50/50 jackpot conducted by **Fred Cron** was split, \$11.00 to Ladies In Distress and \$11.00 to **Sybil Voss** to pay for the stamps for birthday cards.

Birthdays in November were **Joan Manley, Joanna Myers** on 11/28 and **Sharon Wagner** on 11/1.

Next luncheon will be the first Wednesday in December, December 5th, at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia, 2 PM.

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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

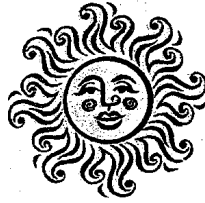
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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October found our group at another good restaurant in nearby Meridian, a very fast growing area. **Louise Duvall** is looking forward to cruising the Panama Canal in November. David & I surely enjoyed it on our cruise last year. **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** will be back from Europe late November following a 40-day cruise, with stops in Venice, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, France, Monte Carlo, Sardinia, Corsica, Spain, Canary Island and Portugal.

From **Joe & Joan Varady**: *"We are looking to move to the Boise area next spring or summer. Joe is tired of plowing snow (17 years!) Not sure whether we will end up in a town house, condo or retirement community".*

From **Denny Snyder**: Smoke has grounded his flying. He continues working at the Warhawk Museum twice a week. He really enjoys being a tour guide.

David and I took a car trip back to his school in Missouri, that he attended 1953 to 1960. The name of the school was Wentworth Military Academy. The school closed the spring of 2017, it was opened in 1880. We went back for the opening\ of a museum in downtown Lexington, MO.

Calendar:

December 13 - Christmas Party at Jakers as we have before.

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December—We're ending this year in the effusion of red and green lights, twinkling, no less! Let's throw in some white ones, too! Don't you love the happiness and ambiance that those sparkly lights bring to your inner being, into your soul? I feel glittery from my head to my toes. What a year it has been! Did you survive? Me, too! Probably didn't accomplish some things, but then, maybe a few things popped up unexpectedly that you handled with ease and grace. Did you lose some friends? Me, too, very sad, some tears still escaping. However, we're still here with very happy memories. Did you have a new addition to the family? Great, good

for you, two or four legs? Any trips down the Nile? The Mississippi? Have you signed up for something next year? Better go before you're 105 and can't get around! Enjoy and take a friend with, me! Will you have any time for making cookies and handmade presents? Do you put up your stockings for St. Nicholas Day? Back in the day, we received an orange, an apple, G-shaft candy and pfeffernusse cookies. Ha, now they want video games. Gather those kiddies around, set goals for 2019, all of you. Goals, it's a better word than resolutions; they're broken in five minutes. We all need goals, even the geriatric set! Mine is to get through 2019 without any surgeries or illnesses.

There were 20 people at our Northside breakfast, including **Bill Bergner** who was MIA last month. More surgeries happening, **Barb Wesemann** had knee surgery and **Ken Bergsma** had hip surgery. Recovery can be so smooth, or not! Remember to do your therapy but not push too hard. **Joan & Joe Teister**, **Jerry Tipperreiter** and **Pam**, went to Shipshewana to attend an Oak Ridge Boys concert. **Lynn Hagele** had an interesting trip recently. She went to the CLE Convention, and then flew to London, Miami and to Michigan. **Diane & Mike Webb** visited the Christmas Markets in Munich, Nuremberg, Salzburg, and Vienna. That's a whole lot of shopping, Diane. **Marsha Sealock-Weber** lost her cat a while ago. Feeling confident that she'd find her someday, she never replaced the kitty. Now, she decided to get back into the cat world, Marsha got two new kitties and is Feline Fine ...

The Southside breakfast had 10 people attend. There was no raffle because the Raffle Chairpersons, **Gwen & Bill Brookins** were absent.

Our ORDMM group had a lively group of about 30 retirees. **Bob & Sue Palm** took a trip to see their granddaughter in Salem, OR. **Frank Wenig** is still helping the Meals on Wheels program, delivering lunch to the homebound.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had 100 people enjoy **Dave Roderick's** delicious Sloppy Joe lunch. Thank you to those who brought sides and desserts. **Karen Carney** and a friend from high school went on a 13-day Avalon cruise down the Danube River, ending up in Prague for three days. The Christmas Party will be December 6, at the Seville in Streamwood. Gifts for the Raffle, cash or food donations for the annual food drive may be brought in that day. The January 3rd meeting will have hot dogs on the menu.

The Skyliners had a tour of the OPC, the new computer building just West of EXO, in October. Here is a picture of the happy group that was able to attend. It was a most informative and fun afternoon. We always wondered what was inside there, now the secret is out.



Due to the excellent work of our President, **Diane Webb**, we have more new members, bringing our total to 300. **Susan Godzik**, WHQPW, **Donald Gregg** and **Tom Workinger**, from ORDFO, **Madonna Bednarz**, EXOHR, **Pat Laria**, ORDCS, **Sylvester Gant**, ORDFF, **Ed Ward**, **John Pasakarnis**, and **Bob Chance**, from ORDCCG. We have a group of people in our Renewal Division that are making phone calls to let you know your membership is expiring, and ask if you'd like to renew. Don't be surprised if one of these fine members call you, **Bill Bergner**, **Sandy Piwowarczyk**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Joan Teister** and **Richard Southon**. Renewing is only \$5.00, you can send your check to **Charlie Williams**, our Treasurer, or add it to your Christmas Luncheon response this month. EasyPeasey!

Computer owners are probably getting emails from United Perks. It gives us a list of various companies, hotels and restaurants that offer us discounts. At first, many of us didn't know if this was a fraud, we hadn't heard anything about this feature. It's real and worth reading, to see if anything interests you. Lower prices always pique my interest! I never knew what a fixed income was until I was on it.

Our friends that flew West last month are **John Fitzsimmons**, ORDCS, **Don Pfeiffer** and **Gary Martin**, ORDFO, **Ron Totterdale**, ORD/MIA/TPA/DEN/MCOMM, **Dick Edwards**, ORDMM/SFOLM, **Jim Hartigan Jr.**, EXOSA, **Ceil Yates**, EXORA, **Charlene Zmich**, EXOSK, and **Endel Vann**, husband of **Gerry Van**, ORDCS. Also gone from our lives are Fred 'Tex' Winter, Willie McCovey, Charles Aznavour, Peggy McCay, Diane Jergens, Jim Taylor, William Coors, Roy Hargrove, Chicago's Warner Saunders, and Don Sandberg (Sandy from Bozo).

Third Quarter Donors: Postage Fund: **Jackie Anderson**, **Marlene Anderson**, **Muriel Bergsma**, **Bill Brookins**, **Dee Cappitelli**, **Don Carl**, **Walt Chornomaz**, **Bill Corbett**, **Rich DelBocchio**, **Walt Fink**, **Sue Godzik**, **Lynn Hagele**, **Bill Hamilton**, **Edie Heisler**, **Gene Hinnners**, **Lynn Kalweit**, **Linda Kim**, **John Kozlik**, **Richard Lux**, **Lillian Mallstrom**, **Lois Malone**, **Terri Martin**, **Ed Meyer**, **Judy Meyers**, **Pat Muha**, **Lowell Neal**, **Marj Nelson**, **Ruth Opitz**, **Modesta Sailer**, **Tom Sashko**, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, **Jim Sommerfield**, **Marlene Stanek**, **Dianne Thompson**, **Bernadette Tomaszek**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Donna Wade**, **Norm Wilkinson**, **Anna Wozniak**.

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I'd like to thank you for your cards, calls and emails making 2018 a delightful year for me. It means so much to know that you read my report from Chicago and enjoy it. Many of you have moved out of this area, and still want to know what's going on in your old hometown. Some of you have called for information; I hope I helped you, I'm more than happy to try. Wishing you all a healthy, happy and prosperous 2019! We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day. Keep smiling through, just like you always do, till the blue skies drive the dark clouds far away.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**December 26**). Wednesday
(Christmas is on the last Tuesday)

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**December 6**), First Thursday of the month.

November 13 - RUPA Lunch—Nick's Pizza and Pub, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Road, Crystal Lake

December 4 - Skyliners's Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, IL,
Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

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The Indy Racers October meeting was held Tuesday, October 9th, at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. Present were 15 members: **Ken & Deanna Boeke**; **Hannelore Brabo**; **Mario Bregante**; **Wanda Bryce**; **Bob Duty**; **Chris Johnston**; **Ed Loftus**; **Frank & Rita Prins**; **Dimple Rihel**; **Joan Romano**; **Charles Theiss** and his son Anthony; and **Tony Urbanovic**.

Margaret Bregante left Sunday the 14th to visit relatives in Italy. **Dimple Rihel** will travel to St. Louis to attend a wedding, followed with a trip to Georgia for a vacation visit. **Frank & Rita Prins** are travelling to Benton Harbor, MI to attend Rita's brother's retirement party followed by Christmas in Georgia. We wish all a safe journey be it near or far.

The Toys-for-Tots collection box was again provided by **Charles Theiss**. We will present the box to a United States Marine Corps representative at our November meeting.

The Christmas dinner will be held Tuesday, December 11th at Maggiano's Little Italy Bistro. More information will be discussed in the November meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Dr., Avon, IN, 46123. Lunch will begin at 1230, with a business meeting following.

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Submitted by Irene Kimball

This month Nor'easters report that they are exhausted from staying up way too late watching their Boston Red Sox compete in and win the World Series Championship. We congratulate our team and hope to get a little sleep before the holiday rush.

Norma Betters attended her 60th graduation anniversary from McKeesport Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She accomplished these 2 days after having cataract surgery. She reported she was able to visit with old friends, seeing them all twice through her double vision. She then went off to visit more friends in CLE.

Don Latter & Kathy returned from two weeks in sunny, warm Aruba. They were joined by Don's sister and cousin the first week and Kathy's sister the second week. Nice life, kids!

Recently retired **Linda Jenkins** is on the move. She followed up a visit with nieces to Maui with a trip to St. Louis to see more family.

Speaking of Hawaii, the **Kimballs** cruised on Celebrity from Vancouver to the Hawaiian Islands. While in Honolulu, they caught up and had an authentic Korean lunch with recent BOSCS retiree, **Lynne Chang**. So great to see her and to have these wonderful perks!

Elaine Vanderwal has been able to return home after several weeks of rehab following a serious fall on her new hip. She is now doing stairs, walking with a cane and thanks everyone for their well wishes and visits.

Since we are in the hip department, **John Tipping** is up and around on his new hip and working hard at rehab to be ready to golf in Florida in January.

Jayne Regan and hubby were vacationing in Canada when **Jack** fell, got a subdural hematoma and was hospitalized. After several days he was able to be driven back to the US (Concord Hospital, NH). There have been complications, rehab and VNA. It began with an accident in a foreign country and Jayne wanted to remind us all how lucky we are to have insurance (AETNA) which has saved them from at least \$17,000 in foreign hospital bills. Everyday gratitude!

Nor'easters send condolences to the family of **Robert Boyle**, who passed away on September 6. After serving his country in the US Navy, he went on to a 40 year career in BOSCG. We will miss this lovely man.

Heartbroken to advise that **Steve Bilodeau** (BOSCS, BOSCG) has returned from Florida and is now on hospice care. Although he would prefer no visitors, please write to him at **Stephen Bilodeau** c/o Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, MA 01923. Let Steve know we are sending our thoughts and prayers.

November birthdays include **Bob DePippo**, **Marcia Kilpatrick**. Company anniversaries include **Gary Bosworth** (50), **Carleen Eddy** (38), **Paul Ward** (56), and **Barbara McFarland** (51).

Save the Date! Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at Jimmy's Steer House, Route 1 North, Saugus at 1130AM. Flyers will be sent shortly. Think about bringing a United friend who is not currently a member. Our own mini membership drive!

MICHIGAN



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It was fall, friendship, and fun at our November retiree luncheon at the Sahara Restaurant in Dearborn on November 1st. **Pam Shamey** was our hostess and chose a variety of Mediterranean food for us to enjoy.

What a surprise it was to see **Rose Tobin** and **Brenda Milner** join us. We hadn't seen them in quite a while. Others attending were **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Patty Gates**, **Vi Thomas**, **Sue Smith**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann** and, of course, **Pam Shamey**. The table was set with a fall theme of colorful fall leaf pot holders. What a novel (and useful) idea! Thanks Pam.

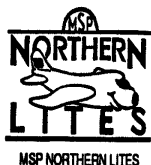
Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6th at the Pegasus Taverna, 24935 Jefferson Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI. **Mary Moir** will be our hostess. Mark your calendar and come join us.

Wishing all a very blessed and thankful Thanksgiving.

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We had a good group for the October meeting ~ 30 Lites plus one guest, **Donna Gray**'s dear friend Vicki. Donna hadn't been seen in months, so it was fun to catch up with her again. Our still-active-close-to-graduation (retirement) friends, **Pat & Mark Juberien**, showed up, too! We were all glad that they chose to spend part of their day off with us.

Mary Brennan took a little trip by herself recently to visit her grandson and family in Oregon. At her layover in DEN on the way out, she had a chance, a sheer fluke, actually, to visit with our MSP friend, **Lori Altipeter**, who happened to be working that day. One thing about airline work, one can bump into an old friend anywhere in the world.

Get out the beads, kids, a couple of our members are in need of some prayers:

- ❖ **Lyle Gunderson** is dealing with some pretty nasty stuff. He and **Sonja** have been making multiple trips to hospitals and doctors;
- ❖ **Virginia Swenson** had a heart attack earlier in the year (her sister, Marge, had issues a couple of years ago), so they are selling the farm and moving into Hopkins;
- ❖ **JoAnn Eichacker**, our pal in Florida, is now pretty much confined to a wheelchair. **Chuck** is doing pretty well now after having battled some issues a couple of years ago.

New shingles shots are out but the vaccine is kinda scarce. It's a two-dose process, done over a period of time. If you go through your clinic to get it, it may be more expensive than the big box stores. Costco provides the shots for \$27 and takes our insurance, for instance.

The birthday raffle for October was won by **Donna Gray**'s friend, Vicki. It's always nice when one of the visitors to our group wins, I think. It brings them in and makes them feel more at home.

No one particular will be hosting the December meeting. It was decided just to have a Christmas-party gathering, no gifts, of course, just a festive get-together. Bring your Christmas cheer!

Lunch & meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd 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.)

NEBRASKA



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What a great turn out we had at the Olive Garden restaurant on October 2. There were 35 of us enjoying the accommodations and food. They did a great job accommodating our increased number and serving the food in an efficient and timely manner. It was a chilly day but otherwise beautiful. We were so happy to see some folks that we haven't seen for a while and in some cases, quite a while.

In attendance were **David Cromling, Dick Caradori, Toddy Manson, Terry Haynie, Larry Nollette, Andy Vassios, and Lorraine Stanfield**. We hope you will continue to join us on a regular basis. The winners of the 50/50 were **Terry Haynie** and **Dick Weak**, each received \$21.

We have some folks that are still "rehabbing" from surgeries. **Van VanHouten** remains at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott St., Council Bluffs, IA, 51503. **Marge Edwards** is rehabilitating at home. Her address is 12727 W. Dodge Rd. #132C, Omaha, NE, 68154. When I talked to her recently, she said she is making slow progress and hopes to be at the next meeting. We hope that too Marge.

Jim Braden is doing very well, he has had 7 out of 12 chemo treatments and the scans show the tumors are receding. That's very good news.

Our next meeting will be at The Farm House Café, 3461 S. 84th Street, Omaha, NE on November 6 at 11:30 am. It is next door to Mangleson's. They have a room in the back that we will be able to use so identify yourself as a UAL retiree. There is no need to arrive early. They will not be able to seat us until the designated time. Lunchtime is a very busy time for restaurants and they will not want to tie up the tables until we are ready to be served. We will order off the menu so there is no need to call and list yourself as attending. I hope we have as good a turnout as last month.

November Birthdays ~ **Rose Langan** (8), **Bill Vogt** (12), **Russ Meyer** (28). Happy Birthday to each of you.

Calendar:

December 4 - Anthony's Steakhouse, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon/meeting on October 11 at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. We had a total of 33 members and 3 guest in attendance. Our long distant member **Linda Tracy** was here down from Oregon City, Oregon. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before lunch was served, **Don Rutkowski** presented the membership with a program designed to help and monitor Seniors that live alone. The program here in Nevada is called "HowRU", the website is "www.how-ru.org". This program is free to all Seniors and what it does is call you once or twice a day to see if you are OK. If no answer after a few attempts, then physical follow up is done. It is a good program and it has been introduced in Sun City Summerlin and well received by all.

After lunch **Jeannie Rolland** went over the Treasurer's report and it was well received. Jeannie also mentioned that the December Luncheon will be our Christmas gathering. She mentioned that the Silverliners Chapter will pick up half the cost for the Christmas Luncheon on December 13th. Jeannie also will contact the "Helping Hands Food Pantry" and have a representative come to our Luncheon. She asked that, as we do every

December Luncheon, for members to bring in nonperishable items to help and support the Food Pantry for Nevada Seniors.

Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Birthdays and Anniversaries for October. She also mentioned that **Lois Miller**, wife of **Max Miller**, is in a rehab facility and has been on dialysis for the past 3 months.

We also welcomed 2 new members to the Silverliners Chapter, **Beth Wentland** (WHQSE) and **Jackie Jagodzinski** (LAXSW), they came as guests of 2 members. Treasurer Jeannie worked her magic and before the meeting ended they joined our Chapter. A big welcome was given to them by all present.

Our 50/50 raffle handled by **Georgia Rutkowski** and Vice President **Mary Chandler** went off well with a 1st place prize of \$35.00. There were also a number of surprise gifts members donated and we drew names till all gifts were gone.

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 December 13. So, we bid all a safe trip home and to stay healthy, Luncheon/meeting was adjourned.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on December 13. 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 or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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11 members attended our October meeting at the Denny's on Nugget Ave. John & I were in Kauai and were unable to attend. **Kathy Robinson** did a great job filling in as President.

The Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 5 at Tamarack Junction, RSVP deadline is November 26. Please make your reservations. We cannot guarantee that any last minute sign-ups will get their meal choice. The signup flyer will be sent separately to each member via US mail the second week of November. Once again this year, we will be collecting cash and checks for the No. Nevada Food Bank. The meal choices will be Chicken Marsala, Baked Salmon and Beef Tips and will include salad, bread/butter, dessert and coffee and tea. Cocktail service will also be available.

By now, everyone in the chapter should have received their new Medicare cards, which assign a random number and no longer use the social security number as an identifier.

October birthdays were celebrated by **Pat Nettles**, **Donna Perkins**, and **Barbara Leusing**.

Barbara Leusing was the winner of the 50/50. The wine was won by **Al Robbins** and **June Roe**.

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Our meeting opened with the flag salute, led by President **Frank Worzocha**. We are also sad to say that there was a moment of silence for **Laverne Joseph** of EWR ramp service, she passed away on September 30.

Dick Confer was there to remind everybody that at our next meeting which will be on December 12, it will be time for "Toys for Tots"; in memory of **Jerry Confer**, let us not forget. This year we should concentrate on small items for the kids, and not big "stuff".

Our ever popular **Diane Johnson** was at the meeting distributing little Halloween packages, she never forgets the little things. All our members who were veterans took a photo in memory of Veterans Day. It's hard to believe that it has been 67 years since I left Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, Louisiana in August 1951 after 4½ years of service.

Frank Kokoszka, who is still working at Newark, told us that the company has installed a new automatic belt loading system, he has yet to see how it will work. These things are supposed to be the new wonder of the industry, until something goes wrong!

Dick Confer won the 50/50, and take note, there will be no meeting in November, but our Christmas luncheon will be on December 12 at 12 PM at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. Please make every effort to make this meeting, old friends are hard to come by.

***** From the great prophet Leroy "*Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear, brilliant is knowing which half to believe*".

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 12:00 noon at Russell's Steaks Chops and more. Reservations have to be in by November 29th. Anyone passing through Buffalo who would like to join us at Russell's, please contact me at (716) 418 6887 or email jerste130@msn.com.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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A lovely autumn day for the Metros luncheon. Twenty-six members and guest Mario Lagasi, grandson of the **Pozzis**. I'm so glad I don't have to cook tonight after working a seventeen-hour day at the polls. What a crowd at our district - almost 1000 voters and as many at the other districts with whom we share the room. Best turnout in years.

We are a pretty steady group of attendees. No trips to report. Nor deaths, so we're a contented group.

Our 50/50 winners were **Frank Ferrara**, me and Mario, our guest. I didn't get all the birthdays except active members **Leo Talachino**, **Lee Ann Lack** and **Una De George**. Enjoy your special day and many more.

Call **Emma Milazzo** if you plan to attend the Christmas luncheon on December 5. \$35 for members, \$5 extra for non-members. At Davenport Press. Hope to see many of you there. Have a great Thanksgiving. Safe travel.

Calendar:

December 5 - Meeting at Davenport Press.

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Our great news is the 2018 RUAEA Convention was a huge success. We ended it with a bang. On Friday night we had the Avanti band. And we were able to have Cleveland City Councilman Brian Kasey as our Special Speaker at our Saturday night banquet and we ended with the entertainment of Frank & Dean. Frank Sinatra (Damion Fontaine) and Dean Martin (Scott Brotherton). We want to say "Thank You" to all attendees that have contacted us to say that they had a great time. We also want to thank all of our 38 volunteers that joined our "team".

Announcing the death of a non-member who worked in Cleveland, **Dennis Dietrich** (CLERR) on 8/5/18. He is survived by spouse **Clara Dietrich** (CLERR/TO) who may also be joining our chapter.

Our illness list is still growing. **Dave Placko** is doing okay. He is home now. Dave's legs are very weak, he gets dizzy a lot, and as a result of all of that, there is the fear of him falling, which he has done 3 times already.

Marilyn Bogucki had surgery and was in the hospital for a long time. She is home now (in Florida) recuperating.

Barb Vauls is still recovering from the stroke she had in July. She said that her vision is beginning to improve.

Nick Penick is dealing with health issues and **Lillian Schabel** is still having trouble from her fall over a year ago.

There are others waiting for test/treatment results, and others that have ongoing problems. And we must not forget the caregivers. Caring for a loved one is hard, but watching them going through it is even more difficult. We Ohio Buckeyes via email, keep our membership updated on members that are going through hard times. We include addresses if anyone wants to send a card. Then they know that they are not alone. Our Ohio Buckeyes Prayers are always with them.

October started with a bang. We had 65 members in attendance for our October 3rd luncheon at the Old Oak Bible Church hall in Middleburg Hts. The buffet was delicious and ended with a choice of apple or pumpkin pie for dessert. Our Hosts **Judy & Jeff Spooner** did a fantastic job in organizing the event. **Joe Moses** and **Bernie Garrah** conducted our 50/50 drawing and the winners were **Bob Templeton**, **Joe Moses**, and **Dick Foster**. We also raffled off a special item, a "Tiki God" statue, and the winner was **Dolly Taucher** (although it was **John's** ticket). With it being open enrollment, we had a special guest, Craig Villwock from AARP. He gave a presentation on the AARP secondary health insurance option.

We have yet another new member, **Sharon Mathisen**, with one more on the way.

October Birthdays ~ **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste**, **Mary Anne Friedel**, **Marty Hassel**, **Joe Moses** and **Arlene & Earl Taylor**.

October Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Florence Alexander** (62 yrs.), **Gene & Jacki Craig** (56 yrs.), **Ron & Jan Glozer** (63 yrs.), **Charlie & Betty Hahn** (64 yrs.), **Ray & Cheryl Knazik** (51 yrs.), **Dick & Carol Mullen** (58 yrs.) and **Carmine & Pat Spagnoletti** (61 yrs.)

Calendar:

December 5 - Diamond Event Center; hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

January - We do not meet for lunch.

February 6 - Fuji's Grill & Buffet, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

March 13 - Brown Derby Restaurant, hosted by **Jeff & Judy Spooner**

April 3 - Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Gene & Jacki Craig**

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We had 56 folks join us for our October luncheon and enjoy the informative talk from our guest speaker, meteorologist Colby Neuman, from the National Weather Service. Among other things, we learned that the NWS is an agency of the US Government that provides weather forecasts, warnings of hazardous weather, and other weather-related situations to organizations and the public for the purpose of protection, safety and our general information. It is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and constantly collects and analyzes data, along with a collection of national and regional centers and 122 weather forecast offices. Their responsibilities were far reaching and require understanding of all the trending data related to specific areas. We all learned quite a lot.

Unfortunately, we have some sad news to pass along as well ~ **John Van Reenan** had a massive stroke shortly after our last meeting and passed away on 10/9/2018. At his request there was no service. He is survived by 2 daughters who live in the Washington, DC area. I know we will all miss his smiling face at our meetings. **Roger Tuckett** has Multiple Myeloma, a type of blood cancer. He has had 2 tumors removed from his spine and is recovering at home. He will begin daily doses of radiation next week. Both his son and daughter have been up to care for him. His address is 1700 SE 16th Street, Vancouver, WA 98683-3450. **Frank Martell** has pancreatic cancer. He retired from PDXCC about 1998, and has been residing in Green Valley, AZ for the past 20 years. He has had several surgeries, chemotherapy. His address is: 20156 Caminito Lindo, Green Valley AZ 85622-8354. **Carol Luyten** has a broken wrist. **Cliff Blare** underwent hip replacement surgery on October 2nd, and is doing well. **Steve Borbely** underwent back surgery on October 3rd, and is doing well.

Paul Russell reminded us all to get our flu shots and we pass it along again for everyone reading the newsletter! **Kathy Russell** suggested we take time to have a "Good News" shout out at our meetings. All were in favor and it will become a part of our standard format.

Be sure to join us next month as we share some of our favorite, or funniest, Thanksgiving memories!

This month's quote from our President was provided by member **Kathy Russell** from a Charles Schultz Peanuts cartoon: *"The less you respond to rude, critical argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become."*

Anniversaries: **George & Elaine Thomas** (62 years).

Birthdays: **Debbie Tafua, Juanita Null, Annette Knott, Tom Walker, Paul Russell** and **Bill French**.

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Juanita Null**, *Men's Birthday* - **Bill French**, *Women's Birthday* - **Debbie Tafua**, *50/50* - **Patsy Ogden**.

Calendar:

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

November 14 – Share some of your favorite, or funniest, Thanksgiving memories.

December 12 – Our holiday celebration with entertainment.

January 9, 2019 – A Happy New Year greeting

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There is no chapter report this month from The Independents chapter of RUAEA.

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Warm Greetings from Pittsburgh! Here in the “Burg” it is again raining, and 50 degrees, a little colder but not to the point that you would not like it! But the rain has caused some problems – like flooding and landslides. In spite of it all, Pittsburgh is still the most livable city in the United States! Great Sports Teams! Looking forward to Thanksgiving with turkey, stuffing, pumpkin and pecan pie and all the trimmings! Hoping all of the wonderful RUAEA friends who attended Cleveland Convention enjoyed acquaintances and renewing friendships. We heard great news how wonderful the convention turned out, and it is great that **Mary Jane Stewart** – RUAEA National Secretary, drove **Treatie Karwoski** – prior Director, NE; both attended from Pittsburgh. They had a wonderful time and very much enjoyed seeing RUAEA friends and the wonderful tours and food! It was so good to hear Treatie was able to have a pleasant time travelling there and no health problems! “CLE” Convention Rocked! Treatie’s new address: 1008 7th Ave., Apt 4-E, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

From our Chapter Advisor **Joann Juth** ~ Who would’ve thought? In the last four or five years that so many of us would be where we are? **Jeri Juth**, **Treatie Karwoski**, **Barb Guida**, **Phyllis Smith**, and **Jim Weber**, all either in assisted living quarters or homebound. Even our good correspondent, **Betty Musko**, having cardiac problems. So you Pitt Stoppers, if you want “news” in the RUAEA Newsletter, please contact Betty or Paul; they need to hear from you. Also, **Dave Beatty** (Past PIT RUAEA President) had R Hip replacement and is doing well. Cards may be sent to 215 Norman Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Our awesome Advisor Jeri, it’s wonderful and great to hear from you!

I recently heard from **Cheryl Nelson**, daughter of **Edward Ike (Iacobucci)**, former PIT Supervisor who passed away in June. They had moved from Pittsburgh to join their family in Coral Springs, FL. Recently, Catherine Ike peacefully passed away in Florida and was flown back to Pittsburgh for visitation and laid to rest next to her husband, Ed Ike. Dearly loved by all. Our deepest love and sympathy to their family and daughter Cheryl. Cards can be sent to **Cheryl Nelson**, 687 NW 110 Ave., Coral Springs, FL 33071.

Twenty-three attended our RUAEA fall Luncheon at JW Hall’s (Hopewell, PA) on October 23: **Verna Alex**, **Vic & Joan Ferrence**, **Bernie & Jerry Juth**, **Olga Karmacyn**, **Lorraine Keith**, **Julie Mconaghy**, **Russ Miller**; with daughter and son-in-law **Joe & Trudy Friend**, **Rose Marie Lavelle**, **Karen Moliterno**; and friend **Ginny**; **Bill Redfern**, **Al & Naomi Rushell**, **Phyllis Smith**, **Marilyn Snyder** (who made homemade awesome cookies and looking forward to maybe more for Christmas party cookies!), **Jack & Betty Tinney**, **Jim & Diane Weber**. Unable to attend was **Georgia Garcia** and **Bob West**, they were on trip to Israel! We are sorry Treatie was unable to attend at the last minute. Paul & Betty were unable to attend (we were entertaining out-of-town relatives)! The 50/50 was won by **Verna Alex** and **Bernie Juth** won the J.W Hall’s Gift Certificate!

Wow! PIT Sports World, Steelers – Another amazing another running back - PIT graduate, James Connor, who beat cancer and is helping to beat other teams! The Steelers 1st team running back has not reported this

year. I guess he never heard the saying, “out-of-sight, out-of mind”. After a bad start of one win, two losses, and one tie, they now have won the last three games and Paul is singing, “Here we go, Steelers, here we go!”

Pittsburgh Penguins - After losing in the playoffs to Washington (Stanley Cup Champs) they seem refreshed and full of energy, having a longer rest period in between seasons. They are six wins, two losses, and three overtime losses and leading, at this time, their division with 15 points. Still a long season of exciting good hockey!

Our Christmas Luncheon Party will be at JW Hall’s (Hopewell Twp) on Tuesday, December 4. Let’s go RUAEA and party and mingle during the holidays. Be well and hope to see you!

Write in your heart that everyday is the best day of the year. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.
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Holiday Greetings from the beautiful Pacific Northwest, where the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle’s RUAEA chapter, have enjoyed a bright, colorful, not-too-rainy autumn. As this column was being composed, a beautiful rainbow graced the sky over Puget Sound, so bright and sharp you could delineate individual colors.

Sharing the newly-created office and sharing leadership duties, Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison** conducted the October meeting that was attended by 42 retirees and guests. Ken officially opened the October meeting, but Kathie had plenty to report on retiree issues, including enhancements in “Flying Together,” her national travel column on visiting Kansas City, and suggesting a remedy for **Jim Small**’s problem in ordering his retiree ID card.

Ken Tank, another of our sources for official retiree information, reminded the group of the upcoming open enrollment period for medical insurance and other recurring issues. The chapter is fortunate to have input from Ken, Kathie, and **Shirley Claggett**, who mentioned new developments brought up at convention.

Convention activities and experiences were shared by several chapter members, who had traveled to Cleveland for this year’s event. **Ken Storey** told of the tours he and **Judy** had enjoyed; RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin** reported on “the state of the organization” and **Judy Storey** reported on the Correspondents’ meeting, where she had substituted for **Gay Liesse**.

Vi Lou Gray, (SEARR), whom we hadn’t seen for some time, shared her Cleveland story, where she had worked in CLERR 22 years before they closed in 1990 and she transferred to Seattle. Vi Lou appreciated the opportunity to travel back to her old stompin’ ground.

Ed & Gay Liesse thanked members for the donations to the chapter’s 4th annual food and toy drive. We don’t meet in December, so the November meeting (still to come as of this writing) is the last opportunity for collecting food for Northwest Harvest, which supplies local food banks, and toys for the Marine Toys 4 Tots drive. Gifts will be delivered shortly after the meeting and checks to cover cash donations mailed, so the Liesses can clear their dining room table for Thanksgiving dinner. It’s interesting to note that the 2017 collection results featured mostly pasta and rice. This year, it was mostly canned goods.

We've seen the last, temporarily, of a few of our Snowbirds, who have retreated to Arizona for the winter. While they're in town, it's a pleasure to have **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, along with **Frank & Gail Cochrun** at our luncheon meetings. We await their return next spring.

Ken Storey is recovering from hip replacement surgery and now is eligible to join the Hip Hop Club with several other chapter members. Ken is doing well, mostly walking without walker or cane, and will drive again soon.

Gary Torgison was recuperating from spinal surgery and missed the meeting – Kathie was acting as chief cook and bottle-washer, as well as chauffeur. We look forward to Gary's return to active status.

Chapter condolences to **Jim Fauber**, who was unable to attend the October luncheon due to the recent death of his son. The chapter looks forward to Jim's report on his April Honor Flight experiences at a future meeting.

The Seattle chapter is saddened by the death of long-time member **Don Hanson**, who passed away at the age of 96. We had celebrated on his birthday in September. Don was a fascinating World War II veteran who always had a story to tell. We grieve with his partner, **Sharon Penwell**, who celebrated her own birthday just before Don's.

It has recently been learned that **James Hafterson's** wife **Marion** had passed away earlier in the year, just shy of her 89th birthday. Usually regular attendees, the couple had been missed in recent months, so it was a special treat to have Jim with us at the October luncheon.

A local newspaper also reported the death of United Retiree **Robert J. Barrett**, 91, who had worked in SEARR.

Ken Walters earned a free meal and **Noreen Krawczyk** took home the 50/50 prize when **Phyllis Bowman** conducted the drawings for door prizes and 50/50 raffle.

Emerald City Slicker chapter dues for 2019 are due! If you wish to receive – or continue to receive - *Contrails*, the Seattle local retiree newsletter that is published prior to meetings, be sure your annual \$10 is sent to Vice President and Membership Chair **Phyllis Bowman**. We hope you'll continue to support both the national Retired United Airlines Employees Association and our local Seattle chapter.

Calendar:

December - No meeting

January 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

February 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

March 12 – 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.

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For those of you who have missed the reports from The Dulles Loungers, I do apologize for the blank space over the last three months. I did take a well needed and way overdue vacation with my husband, Dan and two of our friends, to Europe. We flew first class to Frankfurt. This was a fabulous beginning to a great adventure.

We went from Frankfurt to Zurich, to Chur, Como, Lugano and back to Zurich. We travelled by train through the Swiss Alps. That was awesome. We took boat tours of Lake Zurich, Lake Como and Lake Lugano. The trip was incredible but cut short by Hurricane Florence which hit North Carolina (my daughter's home as well as my family farm.) I felt the need to go back home to Virginia to be with family who were mandatorily evacuated from their homes. We returned home in Business First! Incredible luck!

Our family farm, for the most part was spared, but my daughter did not fare so well. This hurricane totally destroyed her home. This has been a very difficult time for her and her family, but, somehow, they will survive this tragedy. It is harder this time, since they had just finished the rebuilding from the flood from Hurricane Irene. I seriously doubt that they will continue to defy the Gods in this location across the street from the Pamlico Sound. If, in fact, you have always dreamed of waterfront property in the Carolinas, please let me know. I'm sure we can fix you right up.

I also did not attend the convention in Cleveland, but our chapter was well represented there by many of our members, including **Kerrie Schneider** who sat in for me at the correspondents' breakfast. She and her husband, **Dutch**, along with the others, had a wonderful time and brought back many stories of their fun at this wonderful event.

The sad news is that **Herb Petitt** passed away on October 7th. Herb was an active member of our group since his retirement from UAL in 2002. After beginning his airline career with Capital in 1956, Herb served in the US Army in Germany, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Adelphi University. During his career, Herb moved from baggage handling to ramp, to crew scheduling to various positions in the Flight Office. He was based in NY, Chicago and Virginia. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Laura or Daughter, Jennifer at 13640 Dornock Court, Herndon, VA 22071

Another sad, and unexpected death was that of **Richard Suggitt**, husband of retired flight attendant, **Kathy Rogers Suggitt**, also an active member of this chapter. Richard passed away on October 18. He and Kathy had recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. If you wish to send a note to Kathy, her address is 13181 Piedmont Vista Drive Haymarket, VA 10169-2643. I'm sure that she would be very comforted by your concern.

Our October luncheon was attended by about 35 members and 3 guests: **Norman Runkles** (Gloria's husband), **Joan Hopkins** (CS), and **Chris Eichert** (OZ). Joan and Chris have since become members. We voted to not do a cookie exchange again this year and voted to ask, Keith Meurlin, President, Washington Airports Task Force, to speak to our chapter again in 2019. Mr. Meurlin spoke at our June gathering at Barrel Oak Winery and was a most informative and popular speaker.

In November, three marines will attend our luncheon and after being treated by our membership to the buffet lunch, will collect our gifts and checks to Toys For Tots. The chapter's share of the 50/50 profits will also go to Toys For Tots.

In December, we will be singing Christmas 🎄 carols led by Opera Star and Pastor **Angela Knight** and **Kerrie Schneider**. This is always such a joyous time together. At this luncheon, we will collect money to donate to United We Care. The chapter's share of the 50/50 will go to our ever attentive servers at the Golden Coral.



Once again, many thanks go to Glory Days Sports Restaurant in Reston, VA, who have become our sponsors and provided us with gift certificates to their restaurant to be used as door prizes.

Our 50/50 drawing is also (and always) a lot of fun. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$1.00. Half of the proceeds go to one lucky winner and the other half goes to the chapter. In October, the lucky winner was **Pat Watson** (on left in blue sweater), but our own **Linda**, (On right, holding tickets) who had purchased 15 tickets couldn't help but point out that she had the very next number. Next time, Dear Linda, next time.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Hello RUAEA!

November for Clipped Wings means Birthday Celebration. Many of our Chapters spent the month celebrating our 77 years of camaraderie. Thanks to **Jacqueline Jos Ce aser** insight of keeping former stewardesses together, we now have a 501 3c organization that helps families at Special Olympics. As many of you already know ... stewardesses had to “quit” when they married. So, Clipped Wings was a way to keep the friendships together. Now, we are 29 Chapters and over 1300 members strong.

Many of our Chapters will help with the several Fantasy Flights taking place on December 1 across our system. In Chicago, 15 members of the CHI-ORD Chapter will work in Mrs. Claus’ Kitchen and assist as family escorts. UAL hosts several special need families by making their Christmas extra special. They receive a special welcome from many animated movie characters such as Minions, toy soldiers, Cinderella and more. At ORD, they take a flight to the “North Pole” via MKE and back. At the ORD “North Pole”, Santa will greet them with toys, books, clothes and the wonderful Lutheran Church Charities K-9 comfort dogs. Then families will join us at for a wonderful Holiday Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes and all of the fixings. We as Clipped Wings members assist the families in finding a place to sit, help them carry their meals to the table and make sure they have everything they need to eat and drink (sound familiar? It’s what we do best.) Everyone that works the Fantasy Flights are volunteers, either employees or retirees. We were surprised to learn that some members of UAL management didn’t know that some Clipped Wings members were force to “quit” and were not allowed to retire. We are pleased that they continued to invite us to be a part of this wonderful Holiday Celebration.

If you know any former or current UAL, CAL or Capital Stewardess or Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

Wishing you all blue skies!

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
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- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Leiker, Edwin J.**, on 10/19/2018, DENKS, husband of Pam Leiker, 1772 East 99th Avenue, Thornton, CO 80229

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Retiree – **Zmich, Charlene**, on 10/30/2018, WHQSK, mother of Lane A. Wiesike and Dawn Marie Wiesike (deceased), 8 Woodmar Ct., Streamwood, IL 60107

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:

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Virginia DeViney, 114 Hayes Mill Rd B 308, ATCO, NJ 08004

I am sending the check for renewal of the "Newsletter". Dick usually does it but he is now in a nursing home. We have enjoyed the Newsletter for years and hope to continue for many more. United is in our blood.

Dave Garland, 1917 Farndon Ave., Los Altos, CA 94024

I want to thank the Cleveland Convention Committee and all others on the outstanding job they did at this year's convention. I appreciate all the hard work that went into planning it. This was our first trip into Cleveland. Both Robin and I enjoyed the tours, the Cleveland Rocks Hospitality Party and the Banquet. The entertainment both Friday and Saturday evenings was excellent.

It was great to renew old friendships and make new friends. We are looking forward to Denver next year.

Darlene Ikeva, 925 Carson Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

It is my Red Letter Day! Thanks for the bright red reminder that it is time to pay my dues, even though I did not send it in a month ago and you have given me a second chance to renew!

I always feel I have learned something new with the RUAEA organization and been a bit more informed about United as a company after I have read the newsletter. And it never fails that I read some highlighted name that was part of my late husband Gary's working years at United.

Thanks to everyone who works to keep the RUAEA team going strong!

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trl, Elgin, IL 60120

We have had a good year except we were both recovering from surgery. I had an easy foot surgery mid-October, but husband George (ORDMM) had a knee replacement last December and it took 4 months to stop having pain.

We finally got to go on a relaxing cruise in mid-May out of South Hampton, flying in/out of London. We went with **Carol Lauterborn** (CHIRR) and her husband, **Arnold** to some new destinations; one was Guernsey, Bordeaux & Bilbao for a 7-day cruise on Princess.

In September, we took another Princess cruise for 7 days from Vancouver, down the pretty western coastline from Canada & ended in LAX.

Then in October, we took another Princess cruise from NY up to NE cities like Boston, Newport, Boston, Bar Harbor, St. John, Halifax, and back to NY. Another pretty north-eastern coastline to see in the Fall. We still think cruising is the best way to travel, and as you can tell over the years, we have taken 114 cruises.

Now the "best news" is my husband George ORDMM, will finally be retiring from ORDMM with 49½ years seniority. His goal was to work 50 years with United, but he will be short by ½ year. He decided its time to retire, yeah!

I'd like to wish everyone we know in Chicago, as well as retiring and moving out of state and say to all of you: Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2019!

Gordon McKinzie, 15724 30th Drive SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012

First, a long overdue note of appreciation for the Newsletter as, a great way to keep up with the exploits of our retirees.

I recently became a docent at the Museum of Flight in Seattle and was pleased to discover that United Airlines is well represented among the "artifacts" of the museum. A 1928 18-passenger Model 80A, a beautiful 1933 10-passenger B-247, and Boeing's first B-727, N7001U, all painted in their original livery schemes. The interiors of the B247 and the B727 have been restored to the décor of their eras and are also open for a "walk through". I feel particularly close to the Museum, since the YF-5A fighter airplane I worked on at Edwards AFB in the early 60's (prior to hiring on at United) is hanging from the ceiling! That airplane, of course, has become one of my favorite "tour stops" for our guests!

We see many United visitors, including retirees, active employees, and flight crews on layovers. If your travels take you to Seattle, please drop by the MOF and enjoy a nostalgic look back at aviation's (and United's) remarkable heritage!

Notes

Julie Djandu

I get the latest news on what's going on with the retirees.

Ed Rheam

Thanks for keeping everyone informed about what is going on within the airline.

Daksha Thakkar

My husband and now myself are retired, all children are married and we are looking forward to new avenues.

Laurence Checca

I am the spouse of Shirley Elaine Checca. She retired in 2002 after 37.5 years service in-flight. She passed away in 2014.

Arthur Cottrell

Please use the extra money for the Mailings and such.

Also FYI, I won't be able to attend the DEN Convention as I have COPD and don't do well above 3,500 feet. I can fly though; with my concentrator, as long as I don't get out of my seat, I am OK. Anyway, hope you all are doing well!

Thank you RUAEA for all you do for us. I retired in 2009 after 45 years at EWR and LAX and a few other stations on assignment. Thanks again!

Anne Jones

Still laughing after 21 years of retirement; I am a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader, teaching people to laugh to improve their health. Check "Laughter Yoga" out online, and find a group near you. You do not need a reason to laugh, but you'll find that it improves your life!

Richard C Kassal

We are loving cabin life in Blue Ridge, GA and appreciate all you do for us retirees.

Diane Tye

My best and dearest friend and flying partner is in the final stages of cancer. Her name is **Pamela Hill**. Her sister, Lea wants us to find her old friends from Philadelphia where she was last stationed. She retired when they offered the medical buy out (can't remember the year). She is the loveliest lady ever and I would like to help.

Ronald Hefnider

Thank you for all the work you do.

Marilyn Farmer

I read (and save) every issue of the Newsletter. I appreciate more and more having had a career with UAL and the many benefits I have as a result.

Nancy Chaves

I cannot believe it is 15 years since retirement! Still keep in touch with Clipped Wings members and RUAEA but not as active as I once was. Now I am into watercolor and probably driving my husband of 50 plus years crazy! You all do a fantastic job of keeping us informed & up-to-date. Happy flying.

Rod Jung

I am glad to be a United Retiree. My wife and I have enjoyed traveling around the world and visited many famous places. Thank you United for taking us.

Ronald Bertacini

Cleveland Convention was the 21st for Barbara and I and we have enjoyed each and everyone of them. It is such a good opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Tours are always great as well as the entertainment at the Banquets. If you have never attended a convention, you should really give it a chance, I am sure you will want to do it again.

Art Mishke

Good memories.

Jone Angell Manley

Thank you for all your continued hard work!

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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 (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
\$25 fee to create new booking

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729, ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Aetna 1-800-334-0110

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

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Social Security Administration

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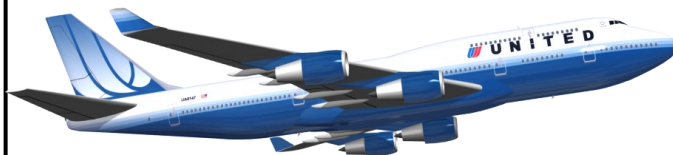
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(Part two of three) ~ By James H. (Jack) Knight,
Experimental Night Flying

We welded the cylinder and finally got into North Platte at about 4 o'clock. After a little work on the motor, I made a test-flight from 5:00 until 5:50; then made another flight from 6:30 until 7:00. I had intended staying aloft about an hour longer, but my motor was running irregularly and my ammeter points were sticking - so I landed about 15 minutes after dark by aid of my Wing-tip lights.

On February 21st, I flew back to Omaha after laying-out four locations for the Route lights (Blinker lights put out by the Gas Accumulator Co.). We located these lights three miles apart in fields that would be large enough to land in - in case of an emergency.

I flew back to North Platte on February 23rd and had trouble with the voltage regulator and burnt out my generator completely. I had to "limp" into North Platte, flying on my battery, with a badly "missing" motor.

I might say right here that the motor in #242 was surely the poorest Liberty motor I'd ever confessed sitting behind, and my language en route was highly uncomplimentary. My generator could not be repaired, so with Superintendent Colyer's permission, I borrowed ship #281, and that night flew for over an hour back and forth over the Route lights at all altitudes and under all conditions. I found 2500 feet the best altitude for seeing these lights and at that height I could see two Blinkers ahead (about 6 miles).

I made two good landings and take-offs this night (the 21st) with the aid of a small Search-light suspended under the wing and hooked up to the storage battery.

This night we had a 12 mile course, lighted with Route lights three miles apart, and also used four Blinkers for boundary lights on the field. I am strongly for a clear, steady burning light for Boundary lights on all permanent fields, as an intermittent light has a tendency to confuse you during a landing.

It was a great relief to fly a good motor again after riding behind the "oil can" in #242.

I stayed around with Mr. McKee all day Saturday, hoping it would be possible to fix the generator in #242 good enough to get back to Omaha. We ordered a new generator and voltage regulator from Dayton, Ohio. I then "Trained-back" to Omaha Saturday night arriving at 7:00 P.M. - Union Pacific Railroad time.

In Omaha, I flew a test-flight on ship #226 on the 26th of February. North Platte had made temporary repairs on the generator of ship #242 so I "Trained" to that station on February 27th and flew #242 back to Omaha on the 28th. Supt. Colyer is going to have a new motor, generator and voltage regulator installed in #242 at this field by March 9th.

On March 2nd, I flew Mr. Magee to North Platte in #226, a ship borrowed from Colyer. On March 3rd, I flew #226 to Grand Island, Nebraska as a relief to Pilot Lewis who had motor trouble in that locality. Too much stormy weather and only 15 minutes of daylight remaining did not allow a flight back to North Platte.

I flew #226 on to Omaha on March 4th and am at present waiting out the weather, and the motor in #242.

I find at the present time that the Experimental Night Flying stage is in "crying need" of a car at North Platte (equipped with speedometer and large enough to carry supplies back and forth to the emergency fields).

It is absolutely essential that we have the Hispano-Suiza motored ship that was promised us by Chicago. This ship should have "detachable dual controls"; a sturdy landing-gear with wide-tread and oversize tires for landing in soft fields; and it should be equipped with 40 gallon gas tanks and enough oil for 4 hours. Such a ship is in Chicago at present - awaiting assembly.

We need about 4 Search lights; 2 Rotary Beacons and about 25 steady-burning Boundary lights. I would suggest that the present DH4 Liberty exhaust manifolds flare badly at night and I hope (with the aid of Supt. Colyer) in the near future to have a set of exhausts installed on #242 that are "glare-proof".

My own personal opinion of the Wing-tip landing lights is that I believe they are in the wrong location and should be located either under the lower wing 7 or 8 feet from the fuselage or directly under the fuselage with adjustable beams thrown ahead, to right, or left, or straight down. This point is debatable, and on the earliest convenient night, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Yager and Mr. H. C. Smith have consented to fly the ship and see what their consensus of opinion is in regard to the best location for the lights.

I hope it will be possible to do away with the 12-15 volt generator, the three-wire system, the voltage regulator, etc., as too much "delicately adjusted" electrical equipment spells trouble and requires an Electrical Engineer's supervision.

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