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The Entertainment Capital of the World Welcomes You!

The September 25 – 28, 2017 will be here before you know it. The City of Las Vegas and the Palace Station Hotel will welcome you for a wonderful experience that will last in your memories for a long time. Our community has a multitude of sights to offer and entertainment of all kinds. The Palace Station Hotel is just off “The Strip” on W. Sahara Avenue. There is a shuttle service provided for your convenience by the Hotel to and from McCarran Airport and the main part of The Strip. It has been many years since RUAEA held a Convention here in Las Vegas so we are looking forward to making sure it is a success.

There is much more to Las Vegas than “The Strip”. We have the Neon Museum, Atomic Museum and Mob Museum, crazy and entertaining Fremont Street, the original Las Vegas. Outside the city, there is Hoover Dam, Red Rock Canyon, Death Valley, Mountain Springs Ranch once owned by Howard Hughes. A little drive away is the city of Pahrump which has a Winery to sample and taste wines of Nevada. After a day trip, you can relax and dine at any number of fine restaurants throughout the City. After your fine dining, enjoy any number of shows available to you from Donnie & Marie to any of the 10 Cirque du Soleil Shows plus many others.

Renewing past friendships, making new ones, contacting coworkers you have not seen in many years is all part of the adventure awaiting you at the RUAEA Convention this year. So please come and join us at the Palace Station and have a good time, this and much more awaits you.

The Silverliners of Las Vegas Welcome You!

Don Rutkowski

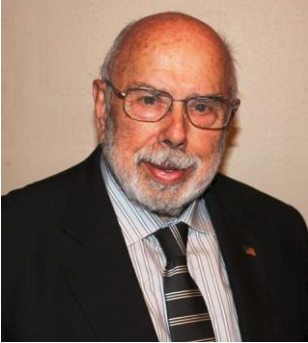
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



February and March are usually quiet winter months, but this year they have been a flurry of activity. Our Denver Office has moved out of the facilities where we resided for around 22 years. Our new home is a 6 x 6 foot cubical. It's small, but it's amazing how people can figure out how to make something work with limited resources. I'm sure you are aware that the entire Training facility is being renovated to accommodate all of United's Flight Training. The project completion time line may go into next year.

Our March Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for March 22 in LAS. We have had some good comments submitted concerning the business of RUAEA and where areas of change are necessary we will work towards that end. And, planning will continue for the 2017 Convention in Las Vegas. More information will be out in subsequent Newsletters concerning the convention.

Much time has been devoted to our next Retiree meeting with Oscar Munoz. The date is set for April 12th at WHQ in Chicago. The Retiree organizations leaders were asked to submit the three items of greatest concern for possible inclusion in the agenda for the April meeting. From RUAEA we had many submissions and the top three were pass travel related. There were others and as opportunity presents itself, they will be discussed at future meetings.

The top three are:

1. **Pass Boarding:** All boarding priorities should be by seniority, active employees and retirees **all** treated the same. Date of hire seniority should be the benchmark, but years of service seniority will also work, just so all are treated equal. There should be no "super" classification of pass priority such as those who commute. Where one lives is of their choice and the risk of traveling to and from work assignments should be with the employee and not at the expense of others. Business passes, emergencies or unusual circumstances would be the exception.
2. **Vacation Passes:** All personnel, active and retirees, should be allotted the same number of vacation passes. And they should be valid for the same number of years. Although it may be true that retirees don't use as many as active employees. There are many retirees that do a lot of traveling and they shouldn't be penalized because others don't use their allotment.
3. **Enrolled Friends:** There is a strong desire for more enrolled friends (increase to 4) since the retiree gets no "buddy passes". The retiree should be allowed to remove and install enrolled friends during the year. The desire is to be able to do that at will, but, if because of logistics a minimum of twice or quarterly would be better than being locked into whoever is on record for the year. Along with this widows or widowers should be awarded enrolled friends privileges the same as it was before their retiree spouse died.

As we continue to have these meetings with Oscar, I'll keep you informed of the progress. We must keep in mind that RUAEA is one retiree organization out of seven that has been invited to attend these meetings with Oscar. At this point we "have his ear" and we want to maintain the relationship. We have no legal bargaining power and we rely on the good will of United's current leaders. It is certainly a breath of fresh air compared to the past. For these Retiree meetings with Oscar, please keep your comments and suggestions channeled through your Chapter Presidents, Regional Directors, directly to **Jim Simon**, our Executive VP or me, **Virgil Gooselaw**, your President. Please do not send them directly to the company or go outside of the channels within RUAEA. This is what we are being asked by our HR rep. therefore we need to honor the request.

For questions that you have no or unsatisfactory answers for and other than what is currently being discussed in the Retiree meetings, send them to **Don Burbank** at don8585@comcast.net or **Ed Tolle** at hedwardtolle55@gmail.com. Both of these men have contacts within United to get your answers. The answer you get back may not be what you are looking for, but if it addresses your question, it is final.

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

Letter From The Executive Vice President



On March 6, I was privileged to co-host the appreciation luncheon and meeting for our secretarial staff in Denver. Our meeting was conducted by **Cas Spokas** who is our Membership Manager, computer guru and technology expert. He, along with **John Chu**, addressed several of the issues of concern in dealing with inputs, address changes and other items pertinent in providing our membership with newsletter mailings and status changes that occur on a regular basis. The meeting was very productive and all issues of importance were identified and rectified with our staff and making sure that we provide our retirees with the services of RUAEA membership.

I was also given a tour of the temporary facilities that our secretaries now call home during the renovation of their former work and office space.

The six by six foot facility may be constraining but these wonderful ladies have conformed to the work space and continue to provide excellence in service to us all. A very special thanks go to **Carol Bare, Marilyn Hansen, Juliana Alfonso** and **Sharon Burbank** for their continuing dedication to our members. As a matter of importance, if you have a chance to meet or see any of these wonderful folks, be sure to let them know how much they are appreciated. You could also send them a note to express your thoughts through the RUAEA email address ruaea@qwestoffice.net. I know they will really appreciate your words and expressions.

Regards,

Jim Simon
RUAEA Executive Vice President

Scott Kirby talks network

“While United has spent several years shrinking and being a docile competitor, starting this summer, we’re going back on offense! We are going to compete and win across the board in our hubs”, President Scott Kirby wrote in a message to employees on February 27. Want to hear Scott talk about the future of United’s Hub’s hub? Check out the videos on Flying Together Scott Kirby talks network February 27, 2017

Connectivity: going on the offense

Competitive Markets: winning in our hubs

What’s ahead for ORD?

What’s ahead for SFO?

What’s ahead for DEN?

What’s ahead for IAD?

What’s ahead for IAH?

What’s ahead for LAX?

Air Wisconsin: supporting our growth with small-city feed

Oscar spotlights innovation, ATC modernization and a level playing field at U.S. aviation summit



Oscar participated in a keynote discussion at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Aviation Summit with Carol Hallett, counselor to the U.S. Chamber and former president and CEO of the Air Transport Association of America (now known as Airlines for America). He joined more than 800 experts and leaders from all sectors of the aviation community in discussing critical issues facing the industry.

Of the opportunities for jobs in aviation, he said he was “cautiously bullish” and “optimistic”, noting the creation of tens of thousands of aviation-related jobs in a healthy and competitive global industry.

During the conversation, Oscar compared the current state of air traffic control to “having a gravel road when we need a highway. You would never drive your Ferrari on a gravel road. We’re very supportive as a company” of ATC reform.

He also highlighted United's approach to innovation, which he called "relevant innovation - what is relevant to us today that we can actively move forward". From providing tools that link employees above and below the wing to the information they need to better serve our customers, Oscar said, *"Innovation is the key. It doesn't have to be something new and shiny and opulent, it has to be constantly forward-thinking. We should march forward with technology, but create technology that is relevant today."*

Of the planned launch this month of Emirates Airline's service from ATH (Athens, Greece) to EWR, Oscar noted his fact-based approach to examining the evidence around massive government subsidization of the three state-owned Gulf carriers - Qatar Airways (QR), Etihad Airways (EY) and Emirates (EK) - and the harm this would cause to U.S. airlines and U.S. jobs. *"Facts tend to overcome a lot of emotion and a lot of bias,"* Oscar said. *"There are hundreds of thousands of employees who have been through hell and back in the history of the airline industry here in America, and all of a sudden in the last couple of years they're enjoying the benefits of an industry that's doing so well. To start edging away from that, and the potential for an un-level playing field and its competitive impact on their roles, you're going to have a huge uproar from Americans. If there's any question about where United stands, we are in the camp of supporting our people."*

How to get new leisure travel discounts on hotels, cruises and more



United is expanding its relationship with ID90 Travel to give you more great discounts on hotels, cruises, resorts and rental cars when you travel for leisure.

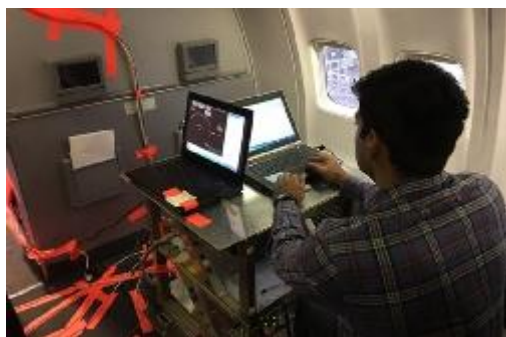
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United joins forces with NASA to demo air traffic innovations



United, in cooperation with NASA, Boeing and Honeywell, is participating in a series of demonstration flights in Seattle meant to show the effectiveness of new NASA-developed flight deck interval management and controller-managed spacing tools. The first demonstration flight occurred on Jan. 20, with additional flights continuing through the end of February.

NASA tools were temporarily installed onboard for the demonstrations

NASA's technology relies on Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites to more accurately gauge the distance between approaching aircraft. The tools will allow flight crews and air traffic controllers to maintain more precise spacing between arriving aircraft, reducing fuel emissions and increasing landing frequencies at airports. The technology also has the benefit of raising arrival rates during inclement weather when visual approaches aren't feasible.

DEN Technical Pilot Rocky Stone was present for the demonstrations. *"We are involved in this because one of our core goals is to improve reliability. This technology will make gray weather days more like blue sky"*

days, in the way that we can maintain our arrival rates,” he said. “We want to run a reliable airline and we want our customers to be confident that we are doing the best we can to be on time. This technology will allow us to do that more often.”

United has been an industry leader in pushing for “NextGen” Air Traffic Management (ATM) technologies. Last August, United participated in a demonstration of a satellite-based precision landing system at SFO. The GPS Landing System (GLS) can replace the aging Instrument Landing Systems that have been in use at airports around the world for decades.

Did You Work on Aircraft Engines?

If you worked on aircraft engines you may enjoy an Engine Quiz that is on Flying Together Posted February 15, 2017 “Get revved up for an engine quiz”. Take the quiz to test your knowledge and learn a little more about what powers United’s aircraft. This is an interactive quiz.

So Simple From Sheryl



Tortilla Soup

- 2 packages Bear Creek tortilla soup mix (found in soup section of market)
- 4 boneless chicken breast, cooked and diced (can use rotisserie chicken from deli)
- 1 8 oz. can black beans
- 1 8 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 1½ cup green pepper

Bring 4 quarts of water to boil. Reduce heat slowly and add soup mix and simmer for 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 2 hours.

Cut fresh tortillas in thin strips, put on cookie sheet and bake for about 10 minutes until lightly browned. Serve strips on top of soup.

It is almost the end of cold weather and soup days, but thought you might enjoy one more winter soup before the heat moves in. Enjoy!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Dave Voit** at 507 Hunting Whip Road, Glen Mills, PA 19344-2223.*



Attention All United and Continental Golfers

The 42nd UAL Retiree Golf Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 15th to May 17th, 2017

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Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to 2ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaeaneewsletter@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

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met Monday, February 13th at the Village Tavern at the Summit on Highway 280. Joining us for lunch were **Donna Gooch, Joe & Jane Jones, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox,** and **Gay Fowler**. Our special guests were **Bobby & Jean Cox's** son Jeff and daughter Lisa who brought a beautiful birthday cake celebrating Bobby's birthday which was in December.

Our own birthday wishes go to **Bill Glenn** (10th), **Beverly Yeager** (13th), and **Ken Yeager** (22nd). **Joe & Jane Jones** celebrated an anniversary on the 27th.

New officers for the year are: President **Donna Gooch**, Vice President **Beverly Yeager**, Treasurer **Ken Yeager**, and Secretary **Joe Jones**.

We meet the second Monday of even months for lunch at a Birmingham area restaurant and invite all retired United families to join us. For information call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

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Greetings from Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Marge Hinnners** (April 15), **Don Bergstrom** (April 21), and **Ziggy Butkiewicz** (April 30).

Happy Anniversary to **Gail & Warren Allen** (April 22), **Daphne & Chuck Reynolds** (April 22), **Lynn & A. D. Cline** (April 26) and **Laura & Jim Ehas** (April 28).

Our dinner on February 24th at PebbleCreek was a great success with 29 attending! The winners of the 50/50 raffle were **Sherry Muoio**, our raffle lady, and **Ziggy & Pat** each won one of the 50/50 prizes. Congratulations!

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates for April are April 5 & 19. The address is 12535 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224. RSVP: Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.



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Happy Easter to everyone! Even though Easter falls later this year, it's a beautiful time of the year here in Arizona. We would love to have any visitors in the area come to our monthly breakfast, and see for yourselves what a great chapter we have. We are open to any one that has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and of retirement age of 55 or more. Please contact our President **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will give you any information you need to come to any of our functions.

This month we have our annual picnic, which is always a lot of fun, plus the food is really great too. We will not be having any more luncheons after this picnic until October. We continue to meet for breakfast every month on the fourth Friday at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you're around the Phoenix area around the last Friday of any month, contact **Peg Snowdall** to let her know you're coming as she needs to contact the restaurant to let them know how many people to expect from our chapter.

Our February Luncheon was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in the Chandler Fashion Center. We had 31 people attend. We had several guests: **Ruth Ahsmann**, from Crystal Lake, IL, daughter of **Ted & Liz Tollefsen**, flew in specially to celebrate her father's 85th birthday that day. **Pat Loisi** from Lemont, IL, was the guest of **Barbara Tremonto**, **LaVera Wichwood**, from Spokane, WA, was the guest of her brother, **Orland Baldwin**, and **Beverly Howey** from Mesa, AZ, sister of **Linda Cooper-Koltz** was there. We love having guests attend our functions. Since Valentine's Day was coming in a few days, **Donna Pedone**, decorated the tables and room with that theme, plus she also baked some desserts to pass around the tables.

President **Shirley Claggett** presided at the meeting following our lunch, and mentioned there will not be any change in our officers for the coming year. Our officers are: President ~ **Shirley Claggett**, Vice-President ~ **Peggy Snowdall**, Treasurer ~ **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**, Secretary ~ **Elizabeth Tollefsen**, Historian ~ **Ginny Rockenhauser**, Sunshine ~ **Dakota Morris-Terry**, and Sheriffs ~ **Jay Hartough** and **Ted Higley**. **Shirley** mentioned that **Chuck Cole**, our Arizona Region Director, had contacted her to get our opinions on what would we like to see changed in the rules for our seniors being able to fly on United Airlines, or other carriers. **John Griffin** wanted to know if our group would like to attend an afternoon matinee and buffet at the Silver Star in Mesa, AZ. The date would be Saturday, March 25th. Performing would be the Rhythm Cats Rock and Roll Oldies show. The cost would be \$39 per person. Most of the group thought it would be a good idea. More information will be sent out by **John & Joann Griffin**. **Shirley** mentioned that **Ron Paluch** had knee replacement surgery on February 20, but still hoped to attend the Cubs/White Sox Spring Training game he organized on Monday, February 27. Our annual picnic will be held Thursday, April 6 at the Crescent Run Park in Mesa, where they live. We were happy to hear, our member **Bob Irwin**, will be flying to Phoenix from Chicago on February 25th, and will be attending the Cubs/Sox baseball game. **Bob** has been gone several months due to several surgeries, so we're glad he will be back with us in Arizona. **Shirley** also mentioned that United is flying into some new cities now and using Airbuses. Thanks goes to **Donna Pedone** for hosting the great luncheon.

Our February Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner was attended by 31 people. We had several guests again. **Austin Hartough**, from Denver, Colorado, was the guest of his Grandfather, **Jay Hartough**. **Ted Higley's** sister, **Orpha Higley**, from San Diego, CA, **LaVera Wichwood**, from Spokane was there again with her brother, **Orland Baldwin**, and **Pat Loisi**, from Lemont, IL, was again the guest of **Barbara Tremonto**, and we had a new member join us too. His name is **Joe Wiederholt**, who retired from SFOPD, Engine Maintenance, and now lives in Gilbert, AZ. Welcome to everyone! We also were surprised to see **Ron Paluch** at the Breakfast, as he just had surgery. We also were looking for **Dakota Morris-Terry**, but heard she called **Peg Snowdall** to let her know she hurt her foot while running with her dog and was going to Urgent Care. We later learned that she had a chipped bone and also arthritis in her right ankle, and was now wearing a boot and applying ointment to her ankle and taking meds. Hope you feel much better soon, **Dakota**! We also learned recently that **John & Judith McFarland's** daughter has passed away, which is so sad. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the **McFarlands**.

Shirley mentioned that on April 18th, United Airlines was going to start their Economy Plus Program. Regarding the All-Arizona Luncheon, there will not be one this year.

Please remember, our RUAEA Newsletter, is a great way to get information about our company and what is going on with our Chapter, plus all the other chapters throughout the United States; so, if you're not getting the monthly issues by mail or by e-mail, be sure to send your membership dues of \$27 for one year to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Be sure and include your **file number** on all correspondence and your check. You can also use a credit card and pay online at www.ruaea.org.

We have the following birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch** (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), **Orland Baldwin** (4/20), and **Duri Arquisch** (4/27). Happy Birthday to all! We have two Wedding Anniversaries: **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** (4/7/84), and **Shirley & Bill Eaton** (4/11/64). Congratulations to both couples!

Calendar:

April 6 – Annual Picnic at the Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, by the Community Room, starting at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. **Shirley & Ron** live at this park. Please let them know if you will be attending at (480) 354-7610 or by **Shirley's** e-mail address at indind75@yahoo.com or **Ron Paluch** e-mail at ripa196@yahoo.com.

April 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by Wednesday, April 26.

May 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

June 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Prior to meeting for their monthly lunch on February 16, a group of twenty-one Roadrunners met at the University of Arizona for a tour of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research which had been arranged by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**.

As we entered the new building, we encountered an exhibit by artist Julia Comnick who rendered pictures of each of sixteen Arizona forest fires using small samples of the charcoal that had been collected around each of the fires. She transferred the images from photos of the fires onto a special paper which allowed her to then blow the charcoal dust over the images creating the "drawings" we saw. We then went to couple of the labs where our docent-guide Randall Smith talked to us about why and how important Tree-Ring Research is to human life. Aside from revealing the age of a tree, it can tell the conditions a tree encountered in its existence including weather, flooding and fires, etc. Those who took the tour found it very interesting and enjoyable. While there was no charge for the tour, Treasurer **Pat DiLallo** collected over \$130 donations which was sent to the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research.

After the tour, we joined 14 other Roadrunners at Claim Jumpers for lunch. There was total of 35 for lunch including two guests; "long time" friends of the Di Lallo's, **Ken & Maryanne Petterson** from Naperville, IL.

As we were finishing lunch, the 50/50 raffle tickets were drawn, **Clyde Satterfield** and **Wayne Norman** were the lucky winners.

Next month's lunch will be at the Agave Restaurant at the Desert Diamond Casino hosted by **Mary Garrahan, Peggy Kuhn** and **Marian Dietrich**. The Desert Diamond Casino is on Pima Mine Rd. on the east side of I-19 in Green Valley. Please RSVP to **Mary Garrahan** at (520) 625-8406 by March 13.

March Anniversaries ~ **Ilene & Al Swan** (16th), **Doris & Larry Clark** (3/28/1992), **Sharon & Chuck Cole** (3/29/1986).

March Birthdays ~ **Dora Starr** (3rd), **Roger Callihan** (6th), **Clyde Satterfield** (8th), **Marion Hafterson** (15th), and **Ilene Swan** (16th).

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our meeting was held at Fin's Restaurant in Pismo Beach. In attendance were **Mike Zoldak, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Joan & Peter Schaefer, Nina Powers, Bob Wessel, Ken & Stella Bake, Bob & Esther Bartletts, and Al & Marilyn Rybar**. The food was great and we had a very efficient waitress.

Our Hosts, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, provided the table treats that consisted of a Hyacinth plant in a pot for every one plus candy in decorative containers.

We observed a moment of silence for **Bob Noyes** who was one of the founders of our Chapter.

Mike Zoldak opened up our meeting and he told us of his last trip from the Midwest. His connecting flight was cancelled due to equipment and it was replaced by a B747. He was pleased by that since the 747's are being retired and this might be the last time he was able to ride in one.

RUAEA So. Cal. Director, **Claudia Blancett**, sent out an E-Mail requesting any suggestions we might have regarding the pass policy. She will be attending a meeting to discuss our concerns. Mike was to pass on anything we discussed, but the main concern was boarding last as a retiree and our seniority was years of service. Another fact that came up is that, if you wanted to park at SFOMB you had to have retired from SFOMB.

As for our members, **Nina Powers** will be taking a 3 week trip again to Australia in April. **Bob & Joan Bartlett** will be flying off to HNL to celebrate their Anniversary. **Joan Schaefer** told us that she runs the Marathon and she took a dip in the ocean with the Polar Bears. The water in the bay has a temperature of around 50 degrees. I won't stick my big toe in it, even in the summer time. She is one hardy lady.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

Our Next meeting will be on April 19th, hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

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The Desert Sunbirds met at Sammy G's Tuscan Grill in Palm Springs for our February Luncheon. **Patti Sica** hosted the Group of 32, which included **Tom Wheaton**, guest of **Doreen Roberts**; and **Paul & Judy Mallory**, guests of the **Brunkens**.

Patti passed around homemade cookies after the Lunch (delicious - Marji and I made off with more than our share). Not to be outdone, **Kathy Wilson** placed a large box of oranges near the exit, to be enjoyed by anyone and everyone.

We received a note of thanks from the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. The C.V.R.M. is the recipient of the Sunbirds' "Gift Drive" for the children every Christmas.

Sherryl Waiss, who lost her husband **Jerry** this past October, was admitted to Eisenhower Hospital on February 25 for emergency surgery. I understand scar tissue from a previous surgery is the problem. Her surgeon says her stay will be approximately 7 to 10 days. But there is some good news on the health front. **Vivien Rotella** has advised us **Jim** is home and doing well after his "stent" surgery on February 7th. And his son, who had open heart surgery the day before, is also home and doing well. The Sunbirds will keep all of these folks in our prayers.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Sherryl Waiss** (mentioned above); **Brigitte Brunken** was \$45.00 richer after winning the 50/50 drawing.

Our featured Sunbird this month, **John Bauer** ~ John graduated High School in 1954 in Erie, PA. A little more than a month after graduation, he joined the Navy - for 4 years. He was a Storekeeper in the "Supplies" Department. His rank at discharge - E5.

In January, 1959, a few months after his discharge, John was accepted at an Airline School in Kansas City. Upon completion, he got a job with Chicago Helicopter, ticketing and check-in.

In October that same year, John was hired by Capital Airlines, and worked in the "Operations" Department. In 1961, Capital merged with United Air Lines. The following January, John transferred to LAX - in Passenger Service. He worked mostly at the Gates, meeting and dispatching flights, but I'm sure he occasionally spent time checking bags on the "Rapistan" system - as we all did!

In 1978, John transferred to National Airport in Washington, D.C. Then, in 1983, he transferred to Philadelphia. He spent 3 more years in PHL (still in Passenger Service, which, by now, I believe was called "Customer Service").

John transferred to Air Freight in 1986, still in Philadelphia. Two years later, staying in Air Freight, he transferred back to LAX, and remained there until his retirement, November 1, 1988, a 33 year employment with United Air Lines.

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly meeting on February 22 at Lucilles Smokehouse Barbeque in Rocklin and was hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 47 Gold Diggers and 4 guests: **Lorry Huckill**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**; former members **Kay & Jim Gilbert**, guests of **Stephanie & Ken Norton** and **Jerry Ward**, guest of **Sonda Sandstedt**. He thanked Sonda for hosting the luncheon.

Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes. He also requested that all members wear their badges so that we will become better acquainted with each other.

Ed introduced the Past Presidents who attended the luncheon: **Jim Wagner** (1996), **Ed Rheam** (1999), **Ken Norton** (2002 & 2010), **Ron Bertacini** (2004), **Francis Domaratius** (2009), **Terry Greenacre** (2012), **Hank Wikstad** (2013), **Orville Harshbarger** (2014 & 2015), and **Sonda Sandstedt** (2016).

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced we need hosts for the luncheons for May and July. He encouraged members to consider hosting one of our luncheons. Our next luncheon will be held at Casa Las Katarinas, Grass Valley on March 29th.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the February Anniversaries: **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (62 years), **Jack & Marge Raynor** (53 years), **Jack & Sidnee McKinney** (51 years), **Phil & Ann Frank** (65 years), and **Dick & Velma Carroll** (58 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report as of January 2016.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** sent a get well card to **Marge Eggert** and a note was sent to **Harold Escola** when he came home from the hospital. **Marv Becker** has returned home after heart surgery and he did not have to go to rehab. **Casey Casanova**, a former member passed away.

Jack Raynor advised he had the spreadsheet for the Members Directory and wanted all members to check their information for accuracy before sending it to be printed.

RUAEA Newsletter Manager **Francis Domaratius** has been receiving phone calls from members regarding RUAEA and he advised members rather than calling him they should call the person at RUAEA that handles their particular inquiry. He advised that on one of the back pages of the RUAEA Newsletter are all the phone numbers and email addresses for all the departments.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** advised that all Directors of RUAEA were asked for input from their members regarding any issues or concerns they have so she can bring their concerns to President **Virgil Gooselaw** as an agenda item for an upcoming meeting. Virgil will be attending a meeting in April with Oscar Munoz, United Airlines CEO, along with other Retiree Association Presidents, to discuss the concerns of the retirees.

The meeting was adjourned followed by the raffle conducted by **Ken Norton**.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Are you ready for Spring/Summer? We may be “drowning” down here, but you who live at those higher altitudes may be getting lots of that fluffy, white, cold stuff. We just get to see the pictures from your area, and it looks so pretty! I know, it’s a whole other ball of wax to live in it! Stoke those fireplaces, get the hot toddy ready and stay warm inside. While February is a winter month, it is also the month where we take the time to let those important people in our lives know that we love them. The (red) glow of Valentine’s Day filled the room at our February luncheon. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to **Rosemary & JR Heier** for hosting our fun and tasty luncheon at Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park. The “All You Can Eat Salad Bar & Pizza” was the favorite selection, however, I believe I saw some ribs and a hamburger being enjoyed as well. One “extra” advantage was the heavy “barn doors” that could be closed to allow us to have some privacy and kept the other noise out and our laughing and talking in. Bill asked if there were any birthdays, no one there was celebrating their special day. However, we have 4 anniversaries in February: **Bill & Pati Kenney** with 36 years together; **Joe & Jeanette D’Amico** count 52 years; **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** have clocked in 62 years and **Bob & Dorean Ames** have marked 69 years of bliss! Congratulations to all of you! We welcomed two guests; **Thom & Sherry Biro**’s daughter, **Dawn Penman**; and **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** asked **Holly Hilton** to join us – Holly had so much fun, she is now a member! Welcome to you both.

President ~ Bill Gibson covered items reported in the most recent issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

Vice President ~ Rosemary Heier reminded us that when you host a luncheon you can be reimbursed, up to \$25.00, for expenses you may have. Our July luncheon is still open. If you are unsure regarding what you will have to do and/or where to hold it, give Rosemary a call – she’s willing to help you out. Have just learned that **Joe & Jeanette D’Amico** will be hosting the July luncheon – Thank you!

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny was able to join us today – the whole time too! Good to see you! After Tom sent our donations of \$200 each to the three charities we voted on last month – El Dorado County Senior Legal Services, Snowline Hospice and SHARE. This number is pretty much right on line with past years for this time. Tom let us know that 25 of our 38 members have paid their 2017 dues. If you are one of the 13 who still need to send in your annual dues, please do so right away. Make out your \$10.00 check to: Hangtown Miners and mail it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. When we were deciding on what charities we wanted to donate to this year, Wounded Warriors was mentioned. It was pointed out that the organization has had some difficulties in the past and we need to check them out before sending any monies. Tom did that and the group has rectified the problems they were having and are now a safe charity again. Keep in mind for next year.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson has sent out the current roster. Please look over the information and let her know if there are any mistakes – it happens! Attached to the roster is a list of Important Numbers for you. It was requested that I give you the code that should help you regarding charges for baggage. This pertains to times when you have purchased a ticket for travel whether discounted or not. When they try to charge you for your baggage, tell them to use this code: GGBAGEMP. Sometimes they will not find it, but, usually these are not “old” UAL CSRs and don’t know the way to get to the right spot. It was mentioned that when you are checking in, rather than go to a “regular” spot instead go to the premium line.

Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny does a great job keeping up with the goings on of our group. **Bill Gibson** reported that **Bob White** is having some difficulties at the moment. Bob fell down some stairs and landed in the hospital for 23 days! He is doing better, thank goodness!

As always, if you know of any members who are experiencing problems – or good things too – let Suzanne know so she can check in with that person.

Historian ~ Thom Biro has adapted to this position quite well! Some of the pictures I put into the emails come from him. Remember, we still have a website with pictures of our group in action. Go to www.hangtownminers.weebly.com to check things out. Thom is planning to move our info to a different site, but until then, you can use this one. Thom also resumed the chapter shirt job. We have access to really nice

shirts that are embroidered with our nifty logo. Several different styles and quite a selection of colors to choose from so don't miss out.

New Business ~ Some of you may have received an email saying that there will be a meeting with the CEO of UAL (Oscar Munoz) to talk about reinstating some of the privileges that we retirees lost. There was a deadline at the end of this month. However, this information was **not** correct so do not send any emails to Claudia! We will let you know when there really is (if ever) such a meeting.

Have you ever attended the annual Mechanics Reunion in Minden NV? No? Well, what are you waiting for? It is a really great get together. This year the dates are from June 20 – 23 with the (delicious) barbeque happening on Wednesday, June 21st. There's a good rate at the Carson Valley Inn, or you can bring your RV/trailer and stay at their trailer park which is right at the park where the barbeque will be. Reservations for either are needed. For more information you can contact Darlene – she's the wonderful gal who (primarily) puts this together. Her email is inthemama57@msn.com or (530) 692-0505. Last year the Hangtown Miners were well represented.

For those of you who knew **Jim Fowley**, he passed away, we didn't have information on services for him. Also, **Terry Dopler's** wife passed away. **Jim Raber** brought a "memory card" from **Judie Leimer's** Celebration of Life.

Old Business ~ **Gary Dalleske** is still searching for the album his Mother put together a few years ago. It was lent out, came back to our meeting but never made it to Gary. It is a white binder with the "traditional" UAL logo on the front. **John Muir** remembers giving it to a lady but doesn't remember which one. If you know anything about this, please get it back to us, it has many memories in it for Gary.

Contributions ~ **Bill Gibson** went on a quest to find an old friend, **Dennis Haley**. After "wandering" all over the internet, calling phone numbers that were dead ends. He finally located Dennis in Los Osos, CA. For those of you who knew him, he is doing just fine.

Bill brought the meeting to a close and Rosemary began the raffle. **Mikki Dalleske** won the donators' prize. Thanks to all who brought items to be raffled: **Biro** - heart dish with Hershey's candy; **Dellinger** – tea & cookies; **Blazius** – dish with candy; **Gibson** – small broom with dustpan; **D'Amico** – room fragrance & diffuser; **Kenny** – men's working gloves; **Wolfram** – gift bag; **Dalleske** – cutting board & magnet; **Kozelka** – red wine; **Ouchi** – wine; **Lima** – basket; **Kenney** – whisky; **Dinette** – wine; **Heier** – table decorations.

Our March luncheon, hosted by Bill & Linda Dinette will be on March 13th at the Brookfield in Rancho Cordova.



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On February 9, we met at the Union Hotel Restaurant on Mission Blvd. in Santa Rosa for our February luncheon. It was our first time using this Restaurant for our monthly lunch meeting. It was a very rainy day, and we were all happy to make it safely there considering road conditions and the distance some had to come to get there. Our tables were colorfully decorated by member **Herb Johnson** with Valentine themed bags containing a Primrose plant and red heart stick placed in each bag; also he had heart candies scattered the length of each table. These were all raffled off together with some nice wines and See's Truffle candies which we have every month to be raffled. Our luncheon was hosted by **Larry Wilson**, President and me, along with **Herb Johnson**.

After visiting together, we sat down to a nice house salad, and our choices of entrées, then a piece of birthday cake provided by **Larry Wilson** for a Valentine- themed birthday celebration, one of which was his. Everyone seemed to enjoy the treat!

Larry Wilson opened the meeting and had **Barbara Underhill**, wife of Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announce that we had 28 members and one guest attending, **Carol Turek**, guest of **Doug Saunders**. **Verda Burr** was one missing member due to a tree that had fallen across the main road in Guerneville where she lives. Guerneville has sustained the most flooding of all the towns in Sonoma County, and probably more trees down in our area. **Barbara Underhill** also asked for volunteers to host the upcoming open luncheon dates for the rest

of the year, and passed around the sign-up sheet. We all agreed to have a couple more luncheons at the Union Hotel Restaurant this year.

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** shared that the annual RUAEA convention will be held in Las Vegas on September 25 – 28, 2017; we have since learned that it will be held at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino, just off the main strip! There will be an article with details in the next RUAEA Newsletter. The Banquet will be held on Thursday evening winding up the conference.

RER Historian and Travel Pass Expert **Barney Hagen** shared an experience he recently had being among about 400 people who were privileged to get a ticket to ride on the Vintage Ford Tri-Motor former commercial airplane. It was here visiting the Sonoma County Charles Schulz airport brought here by the Experimental Aircraft Association on a cross-country fundraising tour, invited by the Pacific Coast Air Museum. The airplane, which was originally built in 1928 for Trans Continental Trans Airline (which later became TWA), had its first flight in January 1929. It has been beautifully restored with more powerful motors, newly upgraded cabin and cockpit interiors. He showed us some of the pictures he took of the beautiful leather seats and restored cockpit. In correction to an entry in last month's newsletter regarding **Les Carey's** restoring work he did was for the Pacific Air Museum at the Sonoma County Airport, not the Boeing Museum in Seattle, as was mentioned. Some of the work Les did was on the building of the BD5 kit jet.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** revealed the status of the General and Charitable funds of our chapter; we have over \$1100 in the General account and a whopping \$153.34 in the Charity account. We have some catching up to do! Valerie also said that there are still a few people who need to pay for their annual dues; she said that if the dues are not paid by next month, their name(s) will be dropped from the membership roster (ouch!). A list updating member contact information was passed around.

February birthdays and anniversaries were read by me in the absence of **Verda Burr**; the birthdays were: **Don Davis, Ron Huhn, Diana Quinn, Madalyn Schmidt** and **Larry Wilson**. The anniversaries were for **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** (43 yrs.), and **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** (43 yrs.). **Ron Huhn** won the free birthday lunch.

After the raffle of wines, See's Candy and the Valentine plant centerpieces, **Larry Wilson** announced that the next month's luncheon will be at La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen** and **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. Larry encouraged us to visit the Charity box on our way out.

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Our winter turned into a long rainy period that had us scrambling through closets to find rarely used rain-gear. Our first rainy luncheon brought **Peter & Barbara Schuster** with happy face and Peter recovering from heart surgery. They both took off for Europe to visit with friends and Peter brought some back to visit the U.S.

We send loving thoughts to **Gloria Rogers** who has not been feeling well during this rainy weather.

Our last news regarding **Al Tschirhart** brought word of his passing away in January. His family is grateful for a peaceful passing. Now his wife, **Frankie**, is scheduled for cataract surgery and it may be April before we get to see her. Loving thoughts to Frankie, 1678 W. Chateau Pl., Anaheim. CA 92802.

We received word that **Dana Noyes** passed away in January. He was a member of the Central Coasters and the ReLAXers. He was considered a "mechanics' mechanic" by co-workers. Latest address for family; 13457 Tessen Ferry Rd., #229, St. Louis, MO 63128.

News of **Irma Minikel** was sent to us that she has been hospitalized for a long time. She's at Kindred Hospital at 14148 Fransisquito Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706. We send our prayers.

Our dear **Olga Jean Barnes** came to our "rainy-day" luncheon in February. Unfortunately, her health deteriorated quickly and she passed away on February 27. Our dear friend, **Sharon Record** visited her, offering her prayers and communion and Olga Jean passed away peacefully over-night. Sharon said that Olga's room was filled with Angels when she left. Condolences to Gary Frantz, her nephew, at 7024 Flight Ave., Westchester, CA 90045.



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We are looking forward to the feeling of Spring in the air and flowers blooming in the rain ... Yes, rain. There has been more than our usual amount of precipitation this year and our deserts are blooming and vivid in color.

Twenty two attended our breakfast and we were so happy to see **Al Soderberg** after the passing of his beloved wife **Helen**. Al was accompanied by his daughter **Lynn** and granddaughter, **Danielle**. **Ralph & Mary Hernandez** brought their niece, **Joyce Hernandez**.

Peggy Van Sickle advises us she is going in for hip replacement and will not be with us for our next breakfast. We wish her well and a speedy recovery.

The winner of our 50/50 this month was **Greg Krok**.

Our only birthday of the month was **Al Soderberg**.

We will be returning to the Tequila Factory for our annual Spring Fling Luncheon. The Tequila Factory is located in historic Old Town and is a perfect location for our Fiesta, a lovely Mexican Buffet!

Our RUAEA President is scheduled to meet with Oscar Munoz this month. A scheduled meeting is for April 12 at WHQ. Surveys have gone around for topics regarding important issues among retirees that will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

A reminder to everyone: Remember that you do get two free checked bags, up to 70 lbs each, when flying space available and also when flying on my UAdiscount tickets.

If your travel plans bring you to San Diego, please come and join us. We would love to have you visit!

Calendar:

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

April 20 - Spring Fling Luncheon at The Tequila Factory, 2467 Juan Street, San Diego, CA. 92110

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Our February meeting was called to order by President **Vera Kina**. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a few moments of silence for our military forces both here and abroad. We celebrated the Chinese New Year with a delicious Chinese feast – our special caterer gave us extras so many went home with “dinner” boxes. The Chinese Dragon was not able to stop by – maybe next year!

Vera recapped the next 3 month Lunches: March 27 – St. Paddys’ Day Corned Beef and Cabbage (Board members will supply) with members asked to bring their favorite Pot Luck dishes. April 24 – BUOBL (“Bring ur own bag lunch”) and May 29 BUOBL.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** was taking in dues – **Ginger Dahlberg** nagged at everyone who attended the meeting and luncheon to poggle (a new word) up their dues, and miracles do happen; they did!

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the minutes which were approved as read. As soon as dues come in an up-dated roster will be printed up and distributed.

Membership: **Barbara Underhill** has become a computer wizard and is updating the roster. Once current dues are received by **Art**, she will get that information to **Ginger**. On the “not feeling well” list – **Diane Heinrich** did a quick visit to the hospital and **Zelma Kibler** is seriously ill. Addresses for both of them are in the old roster lists and are correct. Our thoughts and prayers are with them both, cards will be sent to them. Retired UALer **Charlie Bogert** and his wife dropped by, hopefully they will join us in the future. Four Birthday babies owned up to blowing out candles: **Vera Kina**, **Donna Taiclet**, **Dorothy Pearl** and **Carol Walter**. **Jerome & Barbara Underhill** are celebrating 43 years of marriage. Long-time member **Ernie Stimach** passed

away recently, he and his wife **Danica** were unable to get to meetings lately because of his illness. We hope to see **Danica** back at our coming events.


Auditors: **Gene Walter** (welcome back from shoulder repair), **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are busily working on the budget. 38 people attended our luncheon today. **Ben** was doing his taxes so was not at the meeting. I guess he didn't want to be audited by the big auditors (the IRS.)

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** handed out huge winnings in the 25%/25% drawing to **John Bogdanoff** and **Marilyn Guenther**. **Pat Ortega** won Giants Pre-season tickets – special thanks to **Jim & Helen Goodwine** for their generous gift. Bingo games - not new to the list of winners: **Margaret Reelfs** (she had to split her huge winnings with **Bob Taiclet**), **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** (both won twice – they must take their bingo cards home as those are really lucky cards and they seem to win every month,) and **Linda Barrett**. We do get some laughs out of our gambling escapades!

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2017 trips. The Sierra Scenic Train trip (previously called the Snow Train – someone complained last year that there was no snow – so they had to change the name!) is leaving March 7 – 9. The February original trip was cancelled because of too much snow and the tracks were not safe – it's feast or famine! Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865 to get on interest lists which were recapped in the March RUAEA newsletter.

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** updated the September RUAEA Convention. He relayed very sad news that **Zelma Kibler** is seriously ill and is in a care facility in Sunnyvale – please keep her in your prayers and thought. She has been very involved in all aspects of RUAEA and our Golden Gaters and is an honorary member of our group.

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.) Foster City, CA 94404 Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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President **Boyd & Merle Sweet** had a delightful trip to the San Diego area the week of Valentine's Day so VP **Bob Devlin** took over for the Friday breakfast meeting. It was his first try at leading our group which can be a bit raucous at times and he did a great job. Thanks Bob!

We were at Second Harvest Food Bank on March 1 to help with sorting a couple of different items. They had a small project for us labeling and boxing soups and sauces that will be delivered to soup kitchens and the like. We completed that project in short order so were moved to another part of the facility to sort and label a variety of canned items. These will be distributed with a variety of other food items in grocery bags to clients of the organization. Participants were **Boyd & Merle Sweet, Bob Devlin, Greg & Hiroko Caster, Bill & Rosemarie Reichard, Karen Behle, Sharon Ramsey, Bob Mattscheck, Chuck Thuener** and **Joyce Malia, and Dave & Robin Garland**.

We're looking forward to our Spring Luncheon on March 21 at The Fish Market in Santa Clara. It will be reported on next month as it will be after the deadline for this month's newsletter. We are supporting a new charity for this luncheon—the Shriner's Hospital—by donating school supplies. If you haven't received the flyer, please go to our website. Signups need to be in by March 17. Come join us!

The following story is contributed by **Dave Garland** and occurred when he was working as a mechanic at SFO. Names have been omitted to protect the innocent. *"While working at an airline it might seem rather routine. But then you realize that it's not so routine after all. There is something different happening every day. And then there are those times when something occurs that is completely unexpected. Add humor to that and it becomes an event to remember."*

I was working on the sheet metal crew in the overhaul docks at San Francisco working on a DC-8 in for an overhaul. I and a few other mechanics had been given work inside the forward cargo pit. The pit had been recently 'opened up,' meaning that the fiber glass lining had been removed and the structure was exposed. One

mechanic was working on a scab patch near the basket loading door and I was just inside the cargo pit forward of the door. Not too long into the shift the aircraft cleaners showed up to do their cleaning in the pit. They used soapy water and brushes to clean the exposed structure and a wet vacuum to suck up the water as the cleaning progressed. One of the cleaners wearing his coveralls came into the pit near me, sat down, and started his cleaning. The sheet metal mechanic outside was getting ready to drill holes in the scab patch so it could be installed. He looked inside the doorway to verify it was clear before drilling pilot holes with a small diameter drill bit. As soon as he checked the area, the cleaner moved to continue his cleaning. The mechanic, being cautious, went slowly with his first pilot hole. He later said that it felt a little strange as the drill bit went through the skin of the aircraft so he stopped. At the same moment the cleaner got a surprised look on his face, said something to the effect of 'what the heck,' and stood up as much as he could inside the cargo pit. As I am observing all of this, I notice a mass of white threads coming out of the seat of his coveralls. It didn't seem like he was hurt and as I assumed I was seeing underwear material, I started laughing. You guessed it. The place he chose to sit down was the same place the holes were being drilled. Work completely stopped in the cargo pit area and it seemed like everyone was laughing except the cleaner. The mechanic who had drilled the hole popped his head into the pit again wondering what had happened. After the laughter settled down a bit, it was all explained. The drill bit went through the aircraft skin, through the cleaner's coveralls, through his jeans, and started winding up his underwear before it reached his skin. That was when the mechanic felt something odd and stopped drilling. As he was pulling the drill bit out of the hole, the cleaner was simultaneously standing up and the wound up underwear was being pulled through his jeans to the outside of his coveralls. Eventually, the scab patch got installed and the cargo pit structure was cleaned too. It was certainly a mishap to remember and to chuckle about later."

We have some sad news to share regarding one of our long-time members. **Zelma Kibler**, who was at one time also our president, is experiencing some very serious health issues and is now on hospice. Others are continuing to heal from various ailments and surgeries and our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Bill & Carol Copley will be celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in April—65 years! Congratulations to both of you!

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

March 21 – Spring Luncheon at The Fish Market, Santa Clara

June 14 – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

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On February 9, President **Bob Scoble** opened our meeting at Angelano's Restaurant in Manteca with the Pledge of Allegiance. It took a while for the group to quiet down as, since we traditionally do not hold a meeting in January, we had a lot of "what did you do over the holidays?" to catch up on. Humorist **Don Nesja** offered several comments/jokes, many earning the traditional 'ooooohhhhhh', but following them, the group was ready to settle down to business.

Under Old Business, the luncheon sign up list was passed around. By the end of the day, only September 14 and November 9 were still open. We hope to have them filled by the next meeting.

President Bob reminded the group the Mechanics Reunion in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn is scheduled for June 20 thru June 23. The bar-b-q is on Wednesday the 21st. It seems each year more and more of our members attend the get together, and were encouraged to make reservations at the hotel (775) 782-9711 for room reservations. RV spaces are also available.

New Business included the sad notification that **Carol Ann Valdez** passed away in December. This was her favorite restaurant and we shared happy remembrances of her. Chapter members voted to refund her dues, and make our usual \$50.00 donation. **Ken Wesela** thanked the group on behalf of Carol Ann, and asked that the

donation be returned to the group treasury, as that was what he was sure she would have wanted. We had a moment of silence in memory of Carol Ann.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** requested that everyone pay their dues by March 1 so we can prepare the roster. Currently we have 34 paid up members. Treasurer Rudy also indicated he had received four thank you letters from the groups we donated to at Christmas. He stated all bills received have been paid and the treasury balance is over \$350.00.

President Bob led a discussion of revision of our Host Guidance Instructions, primarily the section covering the cost of the luncheons. The group decided to move the limit to \$20.00 per person (including desert, tax and tip) while obtaining the lowest price possible.

Joe Schwirian shared some changes in travel to be aware of when flying. The new cheaper fare instituted by UA and other carriers does not allow passengers to have access to the overhead bins for storage of carry-on bags.

An open discussion was held among members that Family or Friends tickets are considered as income to sponsoring employee. This income is taxable to the employee, and you will receive a tax form for it.

Also discussed was the retiree parking at SFO. It is now located in the south lot due to construction. Process is the same. Go to the front lobby security desk to request access and retirees parking pass then park in the south lot.

Birthdays celebrated in January are **Fred Verbaere, Barbara Edkin** and **Bonnie Schwirian**, and in February are **Guy Hoffman, Don Nesja** and **Bob Scoble**. Happy Birthday to all. Anniversaries in January are **Ace & Barbara Edkin** and **Max & Chris Fountain**, in February is **Guy & Nancy Hoffman**. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary.

Our raffle was held with all receiving a gift. Gifts were donated by **Bob & Pat Scoble** and **Fred & Joan Verbaere**. Thank you.

President Bob closed the meeting wishing all safe travels home. Our next meeting will be March 9, with lunch at the Pine Tree Restaurant in Sonoma, CA.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is Thursday, March 9, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.



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We met at the Old Spaghetti Factory with 27 in attendance on the 13th (just one day early for Valentine's Day). Quite a few were in their red to celebrate. We were so glad to have **Carol Parks** back after two months off. She brought her special candies for all in the Valentine theme.

It was good to see **Jo Alice Canterbury** back. Alice is one of our newer members.

Roger Casterline, our Regional Director was in attendance with guest **Zelma Kibler**. Roger gave us updated plans for the annual RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas. It should be quite an event. The rate is great. The Convention information will start in April's Newsletter.

We missed **Barbara & Jerry Underhill** who were committed to the Tax man (ach!).

We received an update on the retiree parking at SFO. It has moved to the same side as the building where you get your permit. No marked spots, just any available space. Be sure to allow a little extra time for your first use. The guards will be glad to give you directions. A few of our members have used it and like the new location.

Many thanks to **Cheryl Kinkaid** who brought a most generous amount of toiletries for **Diane Griego** to give to a SFO UA ramp employee. This employee created and volunteers at a great organization for Domestic Violence. The women and their children are most appreciative. Any amounts will be gladly accepted.

Oh, and by the way – Diane did not win the 50/50 cash again! Sigh!

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. The patients at the hospitals are most appreciative. **Barbara**

Cunningham, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the Christmas cards. In addition to books and magazines, **Diane Griego** has offered to accept any of your shampoo, shower gel, etc. that we many times bring home from our trips.

Calendar:

March 13 – El Tapatio

April 10 – Old Spaghetti Factory

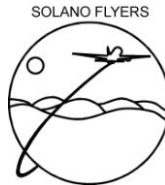
May 8 – Old Spaghetti Factory

June 12 – Annual Picnic – Manny & Diane's home

July – No meeting

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No, no, no, we are not a chapter swept up into the dust bin of aviation history ... we are a group without management, constraints or direction, but we are functional.

February 15 found our President **Canstantino Poolos**, aka **Dino**, unable to attend the meeting due to a home well pump failure. By delegating his authority, he turned the meeting over to the chapter VP, as the VP is a power seeker, he excitedly accepted the invitation. The meeting location was at the BJ Brewery in Vacaville.

The following members in attendance: **Robert & Michiko Allen, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Richard Cox, James Ellison, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Stewart McCale, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Louis Pell, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Allan Pochop, Bob Ritchie, Jamie Schwafel, and Paul Schwafel, Frank Uhl.**

Reminder to all that the United Retiree Group gathering in Minden, NV, June 20-23, at the Carson Valley Inn. RV parking, Motel & Casino Motor Lodge, many rooms held in reserve for United personnel, reservation number 800-321-6983. This has been very successful over the years and worthy of attendance.

This month found no birthdays, but we congratulated **Jack & Linda Hornfischer**, for their 47 Wedding Anniversary.

Does it pay to be a winner? You betcha, ask **James Ellison**, the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Our March 15, meeting will be at Denny's Restaurant, in Vacaville, 11am-1pm.

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The February breakfast was attended by 40 members. The 50/50 winners that returned their winnings to the chapter were **Ron Cannon** (DENMM), **Gene Sibley** (DENMM), **Rich Conner** (DENMM), **Bill Brehmer** (DENMM) and **Don Burbank** (Chapter Pres.). The 50/50 drawing along with the sale of aluminum cans helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting by mentioning the good turnout on short notice at Ted's Place since the Flight Center Cafeteria closed early for remodeling. Don mentioned that we will take a vote at the next meeting on whether to make Ted's Place our permanent meeting place. Don announced that we have a new Treasurer, **Kathy Sibley** has accepted the job; we appreciate her help. Don introduced and welcomed **Julie Felix** (DETRR) who is a new member. Julie worked for UAL for 37 years. There was an inquiry this week about the Spring Luncheon. The event is in the planning stage and we will have more information at the next meeting. **Cas Spokas** (DENMM) brought his laptop and was available for anyone that needed help in accessing Flyingtogether. This may be an ongoing option at future meetings also.

RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** mentioned that representatives of the various retirement groups have been invited to meet with Oscar Munoz (UAL CEO) on a regular basis. Highlighted currently is pass policy. Virgil was requested to submit three items of interest for the RUEA retiree group that they would like to see changed and the three items that were submitted were: #1. A. (Seniority), Hire date used as seniority for pass boarding for both retirees and active employees. B. Years of service used for both retirees and active employees. #2. Currently we are limited to two enrolled friends and would like to increase that number. Also have the ability to change names of enrolled friends at will throughout the year to increase flexibility. #3. Widows or Widowers currently cannot have enrolled friends and we believe that this option should continue even after the spouse dies. Virgil is optimistic that some changes in the enrolled friends policy has some chance of being revised. This effort is aimed at trying to regain some of the benefits that we lost during the merger. We were promised benefits during our careers that were taken away when we retired and this has caused concern with people. The next meeting with Oscar is in the latter part of April. Virgil along with **Don Burbank** can always be reached to address questions or concerns. Their E-mail addresses are listed in the RUEA newsletter.

Two Alliant Credit Union Representatives spoke at the meeting. **Bob Elliott** (ALCU Mgr.), Bob mentioned that the Board of Directors will meet in July and address interest rates. Alliant pays some of the highest rates in the nation for savings. **Malcom Horn** (Certified Financial Planner) is a recent addition to ALCU and has 15 years experience in financial planning.

Harvey Collins (DENDD) has been hospitalized and is being released shortly. **Frank Bennett** (DENFO) has been recently hospitalized and released. **Michael Cardone** (DENFF) passed away on February 9th, he worked for UA 35+ years, no other information available. **Butch Reichow** (DENGQ) passed away in February, no other information available. **John Fultz** (DENMM) passed away on February 27th, John was 82, no other information available.

Keep in mind, the next RUEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1st at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City; 5271 E 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (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 Street and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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Eleven members met at Arnold Palmer's Country Club in the Villages for lunch on Thursday, February 23rd. After everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, President **Ralph Brick** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is the last time I will be saying President **Ralph Brick**, he is passing those duties on to **Tita Dumagsa**. She has a fantastic personality and many good ideas for our chapter. Congratulations Tita, we know you will do a wonderful job.

We all want to thank Ralph for the great job he has done. Ralph & Mary Jo are not leaving Florida so we will be seeing them often at our meetings.

Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** reported that we have \$161.15 in our coffers. Joan's birthday is February 24. She was served a large bowl of ice cream with a candle; everyone sang Happy Birthday and shared her ice cream. She is going on a cruise in March and I'm sure she'll have a ball.

Don & Mary Nellans are visiting Omaha, Nebraska in August. The last time they were there was in the 60's. Since Bob & I are from Omaha and moved to Florida in 2004, we told them they wouldn't recognize the place, but they would enjoy the changes.

Congratulations to **Claus Brinnitzer** who won the 50/50.

We have a new Regional Director, **Ray Jensen**, he comes from New York sales. We are looking forward to meeting him.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 23 at Nancy Lopez Country Club at 11:30 am. See you all there.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group. Please contact President **Tita Dumagsa** at titagd@gmail.com.



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13 lucky members joined in today for our March St. Patrick's Day meeting. Thanks to Treasurer **Penny Logan** for table decorations and treats to celebrate!

President **Dick Coughlin** was unable to attend due being a little under the weather. Our Vice-President **Steve Moddle** stepped right in at the last minute and did a great job! Another missing member out due to illness was **Bud Gammill**. We wish both **Dick & Bud** speedy recoveries. On the other side of the coin, it was great to see **Juanita Ritt** back from her recent knee surgery and we're glad she's doing so well.

March was a good month for United Airlines as they hired 2 excellent employees during this month. **Penny Logan** was hired 33 years ago and **Dave Wickersham** joined us 53 years ago. Congratulations to both on their anniversaries!

We had some lively discussions including information from **Penny Logan** about how to take the train from DIA to Denver's Union station. For seniors the cost is only \$4.50 instead of \$9.00 and after an initial learning curve, her trip went well. **Larry & Janet Horton** told us about their recent 7 day cruise to Cuba. They were revisiting their honeymoon location from 59 years ago! They said the trip was very educational and they were glad they did it. Their ship was the Adonia which is a Fathom ship under the Carnival umbrella. That triggered **Ken Carpenter** to tell us that if you own Carnival stock and take a Carnival cruise they give you a generous on-board ship credit. Check it out for your next Carnival cruise. Thanks **Ken** for the tip!

Vice-President **Steve Moddle** discussed some recent events at United and, keeping in the Irish theme, shared a few Irish jokes with us. **Dick Coughlin** would have been proud!

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Dave & Marion Wickersham** who generously donated their winnings back to our treasury. Thanks to you both! Finally, Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave her report.

Calendar:

April 6 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

May 4 – Same as above

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Actually counted the sign-in sheet twice - I was sure there were more than 36 members lunching today! After everyone had eaten their fill, President **Al Fields** began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance (Flag bearer - **Ernie Vosges**). Al thanked everyone for their donations to the Children's Home – two trunks-full were delivered after the February meeting by **Al & Lois** and **Richard & Cathy Benson**. We received two very nice Thank You's from the Home, which were read by Elaine. A warm welcome to **Ben & Marilyn Bogucki** and **George & Liz Gleason**, whom we haven't seen in a while.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report. She collected \$113.00 today for the 50/50, and the lucky winner to receive \$56.50 today was **Ernie Vosges**, who donated his "take" to the VA! Many thanks, Ernie for your donation to our special charity!

President Al shared with all of us that the next meeting of the various retiree groups with Oscar will be held at WHQ on April 12. RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** will represent us.

A survey was requested by RUAEA and we were asked to prioritize the 4 primary “**losses**” we as retirees sustained as a result of the CO/UA merger. 30 of our members sent their priorities to Elaine to be sent to Virgil. In order of importance from those who responded were: #1 reinstate hire date; #2 BP6B status returned, #3 boarding priority with actives and lastly, companion pass travel vs. enrolled friends. Let’s pray for our negotiators to be silver-tongued and Oscar to be willing to listen! No guarantees folks, but at least a conversation.

A beautiful Memorial Service was held for **Lisa Langan**, daughter of **Joe & Barb Fitak**, on February 16/17th at Osceola Memory Gardens. Kind words and hugs can be sent to Joe & Barb at 108 Poppy Court, Kissimmee, FL 34743.

Happy March Birthdays to **Ken Michels** (27th) and **Bobbie Gay** (28th). Our Anniversary couples for March were **Ken & Shelby Michels** – 18 years on the 20th; **Al & Lois Fields** – 52 years on the 17th, and **Gloria & Richard Armistead** – 64 years today (3/7)! Wow & Congrats to all!

Our Annual April Picnic will be held at Cypress Grove Park on April 4th at noon.

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Our next luncheon meeting at the Corral is May 2nd.



THE SAND DOLLARS

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There were 30 enthusiastic Sand Dollars attending our luncheon at the River Club at Waterlefe in Bradenton. Our hosts were **Doug & Sandy Horuczi**, who had organized a fabulous buffet with choices of New England clam chowder, black bean soup or chili, a wide variety of salad fixings, rolls and breads, meats and cheese cold cuts, pasta and meatballs, baked Irish potatoes and large bowls of fruit. In addition to the chef’s chocolate cookies we also had eye-catching small cupcakes decorated with red and white frosting for Valentine’s Day, and chocolate hearts on the tables to complete the celebration. The cupcakes were the work of **Ginger Hyde**, though how she managed to do this with a broken wrist caused by a recent fall, is beyond understanding. Ginger now has a metal pin in her wrist and will have to wear a brace for some time to come. Let’s hope TSA are kind to her!

Before lunch everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed **Mary Jo Anderson** from ORDSW, and **Boyd & Mona Calendar** who are visiting in the area and were guests of **Vince & Norma Malena**. We hadn’t seen **Lou Balestra** for a long while, so it was nice to welcome him again.

Birthday wishes in March go to **Doug Dannebrock** (1st), both **Vivian Rucker** and **Skip Irwin** (2nd), **Nancy Gibbs** (11th), **Sandy Horuczi** (22nd), and **Ken Bauman** (28th). **Bob & Kay Frye** will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on the 2nd.

Ginger Hyde announced that a suggestion had been made about making a donation to the United Airlines 9/11 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. A vote was taken and it was agreed to donate \$200 to this cause.

Our 50/50, which is split with the chapter, had the following winners: 1st place to **Alice D’Souza**, 2nd – **Bob & Shirley Adams**, 3rd – **Russ & Joanne Wasser**. **Kathy Diebel**’s name was drawn for the attendance, but as she was not present another \$5.00 was added to the pot. **Ginger Hyde** then made surprise presentations of Valentine’s gifts, and the lucky winners were: **Ted & Liz Mavis**, **Lou Balestra**, **Boyd & Mona Calendar**, **Gretchen & Dick Bulin** and **Judy Macklin**.

Some Sand Dollars have been taking interesting trips lately. **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** recently took a cruise to Cuba which they found absolutely fascinating. They loved not only the old cars which we’ve all heard about, but they found the people to be delightful. They felt completely at ease and safe as they wandered about. **Alice D’Souza** recently took a cruise in which she circumnavigated Australia and New Zealand – both the North and South islands. She has been bitten by the cruising bug, and is next planning a Rhine cruise to Budapest.

If you are in the Bradenton/Sarasota area, we would enjoy having you join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month. For more information please contact **Ginger Hyde**, (941) 360-6671, or drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

Remember: Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

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Our March 6 meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice** with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 14 in attendance.

Birthday wishes to **Jon Wilkinson** (3/10) and **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22). There was no Anniversary.

Acting Secretary read the minutes from the February meeting and it was approved. Treasurer's Report was also approved, we received a Thank You letter for our donation to Flight 93.

Sunshine Report - A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of **Lynn Dever** who passed away in February.

Our picnic is scheduled for April 3 at Anderson Park, 11:00 - Noon luncheon. The sign-up sheet was passed around.

We discussed travels and UAL news with regard to retirees' benefits (travel seniority and insurance). Chapter Membership Dues is \$10 per person and can be paid at April, May or August meetings. Everyone moaned about Springing Forward, time wise on March 12th.

Calendar:

April 3 - Picnic

May 1 – IHOP, 10:30

June & July - No Meetings

August 7 – IHOP, 10:30

September 11 – IHOP, 10:30



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Our Spring Picnic was held at Dubois Park on March 7th. The weather was absolutely perfect with mid 70's, no rain and a tropical breeze. We had a good turnout and guest, **Rosemary (Guzel) Bechtler**, accompanied **Joyce & Don Smith**.

Dubois Park is a beautiful setting near the Jupiter Lighthouse. Since St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner, we were all decked out with green streamers and balloons. **Al & Janice Popek** brought a St. Paddy's cake that we all thoroughly enjoyed. We missed seeing our raccoon thief this year. The food is always fabulous with Hamburgers and Hot dogs and awesome dishes provided by members who always outdo themselves.

Playing the game, "Corn Hole" is always a hit. Our winner this year was **Bob Langevin**.

The 50/50 was won by, yes, **Bob Langevin**. He also won the door prize. The progressive, which has rolled over several times, rolled over once again since **Sharon Kolibab**'s name was drawn and she was not present to accept.

Following dessert, we sat around for another hour and a half sharing our favorite "United" stories. Some were truly unbelievable and all very entertaining. We all have such fond memories and tales to tell. "How times have changed" was voiced many, many times.

Celebrations for March include Vice-President **Bob Langevin**'s birthday on the 16th, **Jo LaRocca**'s on the 20th and **Jim Morehead**'s on the 27th.

April 4 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart, 12:30

May 2 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart, 12:30

June 6 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart, 12:30

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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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As I write, tiny snowflakes are gently falling, a great contrast to our prior record-breaking snowfall, so unusual! Hopefully for us, no more of "The weather outside is frightful". It made for many difficulties here and in surrounding areas of our Treasure Valley.

When we met in February, we decided that our meetings will be held every other month rather than monthly. Another change is that we will take turns choosing the place and date to meet. In attendance at our meeting were **Bob Sarnoff, Lois Rodriguez, Marlene Croghan, Bud & Pat Peters, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, David & Carol Adams.**

The news from Rick & Shirley was that they were looking forward to spring, as well as being able to celebrate in California their first grandson's 3rd birthday on February 17th! Our three granddaughters are much older. How we love having them here in town, after their being away from 2000 to 2012. Our son also moved back from Oregon. As you all know, having the whole family together makes any celebration very special.

For information on forthcoming meetings, please call us, David & Carol, at (208) 344-6897. We're looking forward to seeing more at our meetings, now that our weather is cooperating, making getting places so much easier and safer.

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April—Who's the Fool? You, or the other guy? Did somebody get you good on April 1st in the past? Or did you get somebody good on that day? I've heard some doozies over the years. Like the guy who took the tires off his friend's VW Beetle at ORD, and put his car up on cinder blocks. Poor man came home from a trip, with his family, at midnight, got his kids in the car, started it, wouldn't move. Tried again, nothing, took him forever to figure it out. Meanwhile, the kids were crying, the wife was angry, he was angry. Then, out of the shadows of the narrow body kitchen, came his 'buddy' with his four tires. They put the tires on and all went home. Cruel trick, I think, especially, considering the time of day. But, the trickee got even with the trickster months later by ordering a dozen pizzas delivered to the guy's house, at his expense, of course. He deserved that! I can't remember who the two guys were, maybe it's better that way. Lot of practical jokers at ORD, I know that! But all in good fun, nobody ever got physically hurt!

This month is also the celebration of Easter, Orthodox Easter, and Passover. It's very unusual that they all fall together on the same weekend. I'm still not sure how they figure out when to celebrate the holiday. Something about the moon and the juxtaposition of the chocolate bunnies. But Happy Easter and Passover to you all. Wishing you all the blessings of the holidays. May you be with your loved ones to usher in Spring and many smiles.

We had two Newbie couples at the Northside breakfast. **Hank (ORDFF) & Sophie (ORDSW) Wajda**. Also **Mary Ann & Al (ORDFF) McGarrity**. Don't be strangers! **Jim Sommerfield** and **Shirley** went on a Celebrity cruise of the Eastern Caribbean, San Juan, St. Thomas and St. Marten, with their friends from Wisconsin.

Two ORDMM couples also went traveling. **Judy & Walt Chornomaz**, embarked from New York and enjoyed their fifth cruise in a year to the Eastern Caribbean. Walt has cruise-searching down to a science. He sits at his computer and will find a low cost cruise going within a few days, sign up, and they are gone, whoosh! **Sandy & Lance Albert** flew to Playa El Carmen Beach for a few days. Lance said there are two kinds of luggage, carry on and lost.

At all the get-togethers I attended, there was much talk of cataracts, hip and knee surgeries, falls, skin carcinoma, blood clots, the flu that just won't go away, and a general malaise that is affecting many. This advanced age crap is for the birds, or buzzards, isn't it? Don't let it get to you! We're better and bigger than letting this getting to us! Just ask **Marj Nelson (EXOIN)**, poor thing fell getting ready for her trip to Hawaii, and boom, she broke her leg and won't see the Islands for a few months. However, she's strong, and fighting it all the way. Go Marj!

At the Southside breakfast, we learned that **LaVonne Halach** is still at the Cantata Rehab Home, in Brookfield. Not sure when she'll be coming home. **Sylvester Gant** and **Bill Corbett** still drive a school bus to keep busy. The lucky four people who won the raffle were **Bill Corbett, John Pasakarnis, Perry Pahl** and **Jan Gawenda**.

The IAM 1487 had their Eat and Meet Lunch in March. The next meeting, Thursday, April 6, will be Hot Dog Day. On April 11, they will have a luncheon at the Village Tavern in Schaumburg on Wise Road. You can sign up at the next meeting if you're interested in going. **Delphine Perry** is replacing **Marlene Anderson** as Vice President and **Bill Perry** is the new Treasurer, replacing **Ray Probst**. **Dave Roderick** is leaving the secretary position for a new post with the Union. Thank you to everyone for your help over the years, and good luck to the Perry's in their new jobs.

More scams ~ Yu receive an email from the Post Office saying they attempted to deliver a package but couldn't. They even include a fraudulent label showing incorrect information. They hope you click on the email because it will install a virus that will steal your user name, password and financial information. I have been receiving many emails from Chase and Citibank, not really, but somebody who is pretending to be. They say I must answer questions and bring my account up to date or they will freeze my account. I called Chase and

Citibank, they asked that I send the emails to them for investigation. If you get emails like this, call the number on the back of your credit card, NOT the number on the fictitious email. It's a scammer and they will steal your cute little butt \$\$\$\$. Use your head!

If you sign on to Flying Together, you can access USAW 24/7 User Guide and get answers to your questions without waiting for days going through ESC or ETC. I signed on and a blue square came up with a SEARCH box. Enter your question or 'offering', and within a day or less, you will have an answer. It also has a few blue boxes or 'tiles', to see the most popular articles within that group and to search for articles within it. I'm sure we'll have to play with it a little to see how it works. Anything to make our life easier at this stage would help. I tried calling the one number a few months ago, could not get through. Kept hitting keys, 1-3-2-4, etc, had a male prompt for about 40 minutes. Ridiculous! Then the prompt became a woman's voice, it said, 'So sorry for the delay, we'll be right with you'. Wow, when did that happen? Then a woman answered, and said, 'Thank you for your patience, how can I help you?' I said, 'Is this the United Help Desk?' She said, 'No, you've reached the pharmacy at the Costco in Nashville, Tennessee. Can I help you?' Ahhh, no, thanks. How the hell did I go from UAL in Houston to Costco in Nashville? Try our new USAW, what can it hurt? Really! Have you tried adding the new Mileage Plus to your United account? It's really nice. You can book your 80%, list your NRSA, and even list your flight by the miles you've accumulated. Try it, you'll like it. We're in the 21st century, you know!

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Friends of ours that have 'flown west' this month are, from ORDMM, **Paul Richter**, and **Ward Brady**. Ward was shot down in the Zuiderzee Bay, in Holland during WW2, and held as a POW until the end of the war. Then he spent years in US hospitals recuperating from a leg injury. His wife of 68 years, June, worked in ORDF. Also, from ORDCG, **Victor Jankosky**, father of Tom, Lead Ramp Serviceman, and **Bob Plazyk**, brother of Terry, Ramp Supervisor. Bob worked for UAL in the early 90's, **Harold Rose**, ORDGQ, husband of Joann, ORDSW, **Des Lennon**, OPBFO, **Lorraine Debartolo**, EXOAN, **Hans Midunsky**, husband of Elisabeth, EXOAW. Also gone from our world are Bill Paxton, Judge Joseph Wapner, Al Jarreau, Alan Colmes, Richard Hatch, and film genius Robert Osborne.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

April 4 - Spring Luncheon, Tuesday, Cotillion Restaurant, Palatine, 11:00 cocktails

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No meet, so no meeting news. We do however, have a new member, **Ellen Rizzo**, BOSCS. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, Ellen. Hope to see you at our luncheon meetings!

I recently spoke to **Ray Ouellette**'s son Jay, up in northern NH, only to find Ray passed away in 2014. Not aware if any of our Nor'Easters knew that Ray had passed.

Tried contacting several of our older members who haven't attended meetings in some time. Left a lot of messages, but so far, none have returned my calls. I'm worried.

Well, for the past few months, I've been bragging how Mother Nature has been easy on southern New England. (Up north has lots of snow and happy skiers.) That all changed on February 9, with five days of on

again/off again snow, leaving us with two feet of the white stuff, on top of what was already on the ground. At the end of my driveway (with the help of road plows), the white stuff was as high as me, with the black door of my mailbox in the middle. A sight I've never seen before. Still, not as bad as what's been happening around the country.

Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional!

April's birthdays ~ **Tom Blackwood, Don Latter, and Helmut Umbley.**

April's anniversaries ~ **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (49 years), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (41 years) and **Kenneth & Jaqueline Washburn** (57 years).

Calendar:

March 28 - Jevelli's Italian Restaurant, East Boston, MA

MICHIGAN



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It has been a quiet month in lower Michigan. Guess that is good news. We have had a lot of unseasonably warm weather for February; some of the trees and bushes are starting to bud. Even the tulips are starting to pop up. Looking forward to spring!

The luncheons are such a nice way to keep in touch. The March luncheon was no exception. Fifteen of us gathered at the Craft Brew City in Farmington Hills, MI. Darling little colorful "shopping bags" full of M&M's greeted each of us. Those attending this month were **Nancy Woolen, Suzie Klein Freeman, Lynn Atkinson, Camille & Bill Wade, Marlene Heaney, Patty Gates, Trudy Hall, Marie Cook** and her niece, **Michelle Petry, Carol Shaffner, Marguerite Venn, and Rick & I.** It was hosted by **Lynn Manzi** who also tempted us with a very large tray of assorted cookies. Judging by the chatter, I think everyone was having a good time.

I want to share this tip for those of you that ever lived in Michigan. Do you have money or property coming to you that you don't know about? Have you ever checked out Michigan.gov and looked under "unclaimed property"? Surprise! You may have forgotten about that "lost" insurance policy, refund from school, or, like me, stock that I thought had been cashed out. It's simple. Fill out the form, include any requested paperwork and send it in. Don't forget to check out any deceased relatives. Found my Dad in there also and he died in 1976! If you have lived in another state, check out to see if they have a similar website. It is easy to forget that you may have a deposit that you never claimed. This seems to be true with utilities. Anyway, good luck and let me know if this helped you find some hidden treasure.

Thought for the month: Enjoy life. It has an expiration date.

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20 Lites met for lunch & visiting on a typically chilly February day. Our server, Danielle, was frazzled because besides the 20 of us she was also responsible for taking care of a few other tables outside our cozy little area. She really earns her \$\$.

Update on the Aches 'n' Pains list:

- **Mary Brennan** is doing well after knee replacement surgery the day before our last month's get together. There was one tiny hitch in her adventure ~ when it came time for her to leave the hospital,

she waited for **Jim** to pick her up; and waited. And waited. Oops. He had a red face when he finally arrived.

- **Yvonne Thoreson**, wife of **Ray**, is battling cancer and would be happy to hear from you, I know. A friendly phone call is always a pick-me-up, (952) 888-9080.
- El Presidente **Lee Storlie** called **Gerry Jarrett** recently and had a nice chat with him. **Gerry**'s got the Creakies just like all the rest of us and not getting around too well.

There was a very nice article published in the suburban newspapers about our gal **Rosemary Soltis**, outlining her career as a sales rep for UAL and the many opportunities she's had for worldwide travel. It's nice to see one of our own recognized in the press. Congratulations!

There was discussion about MSP being the test market (dubious distinction) for UAL's newest abomination, "Basic Economy", which affords travelers a bit lower fare but NO seat selection, NO use of overhead bins and fees for a gate-checked bag. Whoopee. How is it that they can allow employees and retirees 2 checked bags for free but make the revenue passengers pay? Hmmmm ... nice for us, but doesn't seem quite right, somehow.

There was an effort to spruce up the "backroom" space at MSP recently and a flurry of cleaning-out and pitching-away activity took place. Fortunately, one of our old colleagues noticed that some of the stuff being pitched were photo albums and rescued them from the dumpster. She gave them to **Janet Meyer** to share with our group because they contained photos from 30-40 years ago when we were all young and skinny and had very few wrinkles. There are many precious pictures of some of our coworkers who are no longer with us. Boy, whatta close call that was!

Mary & Jim Brennan's buttons are popping off again; their grandson, Ryan Walsh, was named one of the foremost "30 under 30" in the country by the Law Review. He is the Assistant Attorney General for the state of Wisconsin and former law clerk for the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Marty Arnold was the big winner in the cash awards this month. He won the birthday dice toss plus one of the raffle prizes, also. Time to hit the casino!

Lee announced that the chapter officers were once again refraining from taking an increase in salary for 2017. (Huh. He didn't consult ME before making that announcement ...). Then we all had to suffer through about six groaner jokes to pay for the no-raise decision that he made all on his own.

It was noticed in the February newsletter that **Christine Brannon** recently retired and lives in Waconia, MN. **Christine**, we want to extend to you a cordial invitation to join our group if you're so inclined. We welcome all retirees to come and make some new friends. Not all of us are crazy, but maybe with your help we'll get there and have a bit of fun along the way.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to Currell Blvd, right to the first driveway on the right.

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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Thirty three retirees enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral of February 7. For this time of year, it was quite a nice day. We here in Nebraska are experiencing the "February tease"; the weather warms up and we all get to thinking spring and then March comes along followed quickly by April. It doesn't usually pay to get our hopes too high. We were very happy to see new faces at the meeting. **Gary & Marilyn Paulsen** joined us. Gary worked for United for about 15 years, many years ago. It's always a pleasure to meet and see people whom we knew from the past. We hope you continue to join us. Also **Sena Jensen** attended, it was so good to see her as well.

The 50/50 was won by **Hilde Schwan** and **Jim Braden**, each received \$12.

Our next meeting will be at Johnny Sortino's Pizza place at 7880 L Street in Omaha, hosted by **Barb & Clair Soseman**. The place does not open until 11 am. You will place your order at the front counter and we will plan to sit toward the back in a somewhat private space. After placing your order, have a seat and your number will be called when the order is ready.

Once again, if you have not paid your dues for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. The amount is still the same, \$10 per person living in the area, \$10 per couple outside the state. Please make check payable to United Airlines Retirees and send to **Ev Holly**, 6535 Cypress Drive, Omaha, NE 68137.

Change of address ~ **Dave & Lodine Christiansen** have moved to 1900 Windcrest Ave., Papillion, NE 68133. The phone and email have stayed the same at dclc@cox.net and (402) 571-5649.

March Birthdays ~ **Marge Edwards** (1), **Charlie Cromling** (5), **Mary Pierson** (21), **Sena Jensen** (30). Happy Birthday to each one of you.

Calendar:

April 4 - Olive Garden, 7505 Dodge St., Omaha, hosted by **Jackie & Tony Sortino**

May 2 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk** and **Mel Harrison**.

June 6 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Toddy Manson**

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LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** opened the meeting and introduced to the membership **Jeannie Rolland** as our new Silverliners Treasurer. Jeannie was unanimously approved and accepted by our members. VP Chris also introduced new members **Art Rugh** and his wife **Pat**, Art retired from SFOLM. Chris introduced our guest, RUAEA VP of Conventions, **John Zoboli**. Chris also mentioned that we are in need of someone to come forward and take on the position of Silverliners President. We are hoping that someone will step up and take the position soon.

Our past President **Rosemarie Restivo** resigned her position the first of the year after many years of service. She was not present at the Luncheon but the membership wishes her well and thanks for her dedication to the Silverliners over the past years as our President.

Next up was our departing Treasurer **Christine Earl** who gave her final report on the *chapter's* finances. Christine has served the membership for over 5 years and her professionalism and dedication will always be remembered. Christine was a mentor to me when I became Secretary, I relied on her for advice and support which she gave without hesitation. The membership thanked her for her time and wished her and husband **Woody** well. Christine will still be involved with the Silverliners as a Volunteer for the upcoming convention and has been working hard to get a Tour Package together.

Our Sun Shine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** told the membership that she received a call from **Mary Ann Tricolli** and was told of the passing of husband **Tony**. Our thoughts, prayers and support goes out to the Tricolli Family during this sad time in their lives. Eleanor also went over Birthdays and Anniversaries of our members for January and February.

Next up to speak was *RUAEA VP of Conventions* **John Zoboli**. John spoke about the meeting at the Palace Station the day before where Silverliners Treasurer **Don Rutkowski** and his wife **Georgia** held meetings with representatives of the Palace Station. We met with Shar Costello National Sales Manager and Debbie Hansen Director of Catering, both were very hospitable and answered a lot of questions we had and supplied us with information about the Palace Station that was forwarded on to RUAEA.

Next speaker was our Secretary **Don Rutkowski** who is also the point of contact for the convention. I went over information from a Volunteer Meeting we had in January about assignments that were accepted. **Lee & George Price** are working on table center pieces. **Arlene Mc Cory** is working on entertainment for the banquet plus other members assisting in any way they can.

The 50/50 drawing was held plus drawings for table gifts supplied by some of the members. After that our VP **Chris Czaplewski** adjourned the meeting and told all to be safe and see you again on April 13th at our next Luncheon.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. 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.



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There were 18 members and 3 guests at our February meeting at The Black Bear Diner. Our guests included **Bob & Georgine Lindsey** and **Camille Christison**. Georgine's sister had worked at EXO/ORD as a secretary. It is always nice to have guests join us and perhaps decide to return. Camille is **Maurine Williams's** assistant.

The date for our **summer picnic** is **Friday, September 22** at the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. We are hoping the weather cooperates and have a pleasant, not very hot day. The fee and \$100 cleaning deposit have been paid. The cleaning deposit will be refunded if we leave the pavilion clean. The \$500,000 insurance liability certificate will be acquired closer to the date.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Kathy Robinson**.

Chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting and a red sugar candy heart were provided by baker extraordinaire **Bill Perkins**.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on **March 13** at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St., Reno.

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Warzocha**. There was also a moment of silence for two of our United family passing, **Tony Tricoli** of EWR stores, and **Kathy Donnerly**, the wife of **Joe Donnelly**, our long time IAM representative.

Frank brought up the subject dearest to our hearts, and that is employee pass travel. There is to be a meeting with the company and RUAEA, to see if we can get a better update on the use of our passes. United had a pretty good system which wasn't broken, it should have remained in place.

It was good to see some of our old timers back, **Freddie Landspurg**, who can at least walk with a cane, and **George Whitman** who can get around with the walker. Freddie still can't drive, so he brought his daughter Patty to the luncheon. As far as I'm concerned, I sure wish we could see more of the both of them.

Our ever popular **Diane Johnson** won the 50/50 and our next meeting will be on March 29, at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

The great prophet Leroy says "*good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment*".

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS



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Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and there is global warming. We've only had two snowstorms requiring plowing so far, and days in February in the high 60's and even low 70's in the city. And I have a tip for you all – sell your airline stock. I mean really, if a drone can land in a NYC apartment, it's only a matter of time when one can take us anywhere we want to go. I've got my order in.

We had 25 members and guest, **Suzanne Pozzi**, at our March luncheon. Membership really is dwindling but we're "all hangin' in there". Sadly we have on death to report, that of **Iggy Blanda**, who passed away in February. His good friends, **Julie & Vic Carnevale** attended his burial here in Long Island. Our prayers and condolences to his wife and family. We reported the death of **Peter Krauss** last month.

Emma Millazo reports a gain of \$64.59 since she became treasurer. Dollars in from dues and chances, dollars out for expenses, so every little bit helps. Good job, Emma. Speaking of out, 1st prize, 50/50 won by **Ed Pozzi**, 2nd prize won by **Ed Pozzi**, but he donated that one back to the cause and 3rd prize to **Ron Feingold**.

Lots of March birthdays. Here goes, **Joyce O'Donnell** and **Sungsoon Modugno** (3/6), **Dianne Pozzi** (3/7), **John Butero** (3/9), **John Green**, Moi, and **Pat Harben** (3/10), "wearing of the green" for **Dee Talachino** (3/17), **Ed Ellis** and **Sue Fleming** (3/23), **Lester Darmstadt** (3/25), and **Anthony Statuto** (3/27). I bowled 3 strikes in the last frame of the last game last Friday, so maybe I'll be lucky on the 10th. I attended our new casino in Islandia, too close for comfort. I'll have to get a job, me thinks! I'm sure I'll go there after bowling on my birthday.

We will meet at Davenport Press, April 5th. There will be only one picnic this summer, August 2nd. Keep posted.

It was reported that **Valerie Reym** threw a big 90th birthday for hubby, **Otto**. Happy Birthday and many more. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Calendar:

April 5 – Meeting at Davenport Press

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Good news for the Loonies of America! We are landing back at the Wittman Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, from May 16 to 19. I can hear the excitement in your eyes already! Yes, we'll spend almost all day at the Experimental Aircraft Association building. We only spent a few hours last time and some of you wanted more time, so we've arranged for that, and we'll have a speaker, too. There are 30 pieces of nose art from World War 2 combat aircraft. Some of them are considered, naughty.

We will be staying at the Best Western Hotel in town. They have convenient facilities and a large hospitality room for our meetings. All rooms have a microwave, safe, coffeemaker, fridge, and most, have a view of the Fox River.

Our first night, Tuesday, we'll have a German dinner at a supper club. Another night, a lovely sunset dinner on Lake Winnebago, and another, overlooking the River. After each busy day, we'll end it mulling over dinner with our friends, to talk over the scenes of the day. During the sunshine hours, we have a tour of the Oshkosh Opera House scheduled with a tour guide. Also, a trip to the Chocolate Shop, with a peek of how the cocoa beans are made into delicacies we call chocolate candy, yum! We're also just a few miles away from the Oshkosh Mall and the Oshkosh B'Gosh Store, if you're interested in jeans and many more things.

We're still looking into other places to see. There is an antique sales company that has acres and acres of 'junk' that is for sale. You have to see it to believe it. Some of it has been used in movies.

Emails and snail mail will be sent out very soon. But we want you to know plans are in the works and hopefully you will set aside those days for some fun and frolic in Oshkosh, in the beautiful month of May. We had an enthusiastic and passionate group last time. Hope we can match that and surpass it this year! Airline people are the best! Once a Loonie, always a Loonie!

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Last year everyone enjoyed our luncheon so much at Fuji Buffet & Grill that this year (February 1st) we went back. With a choice from 250 different items, there is something for everyone. Check out our website; tab "Past Meetings" for a slideshow, 2017 February, which shows the food and presentation. All I can say is that "If you leave hungry, that's your fault". Unfortunately, of the 49 members that signed up, we ended up with only 39 in attendance. The flu has been so bad here that you are very lucky if you "Don't" get it. We said "Grace" and then enjoyed the wonderful buffet.

It was time for our 50/50 Raffle, but our members that chair our raffle, **Dave & Marie Placko**, were part of the 10 that could not make it. But fear not, **Jeff & Judy Spooner** volunteered to act on their behalf. We are blessed with the membership that we have because if someone is unable to do the task, there is always someone else that volunteers to help. A Huge "Thank You" goes out to Jeff & Judy for their help. **Jeff Spooner** conducted the 50/50 raffle and the lucky winners were **Reta Hammer** and **Elda Custer**. I find that strange, because last year the winners were **Reta Hammer** and **Lois Walter** (sister of **Elda Custer**).

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting. **John Taucher** received applause thanking him for hosting this luncheon.

As usual we recognized January and February birthday celebrants as we had no January lunch. In attendance were: *January* ~ **Bob Alexander, Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, and Kay Preston.** *February* ~ **Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher and Frank Wachs.** And, "The Song" was sung in harmony for all to hear.

February Wedding Anniversaries ~ Although not in attendance Dolly did announce that **Gerry & Shirley Springer** are celebrating their "60 years" of wedded bliss.

Just a note to all of our "snow birds" down south for the winter: Last week we broke our record high temperature of 74 degrees. Actually we obliterated it with a new high of 77 degrees. Okay, so the next day it snowed, but that's Cleveland.

The Ohio Buckeyes wish everyone a Very Happy Easter.

Calendar:

April 5 - Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge

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Our February meeting had a low turnout with only 59 in attendance. Those that did make it had a great feast and wonderful conversation. It was great to see everyone, especially after our January meeting was canceled

due to inclement weather. We were delighted to see two of our frequent guests, **Inge Pempeit**'s friend Dagmar, and **Patty Cox Hollosy**'s daughter Kerri. Our tables were adorned with Primroses donated by **Pat & Patsy Ogden**, and gifted to one person at each table.

We are sad to announce the passing of **Skip Hill**. He was residing in Redding, CA. No details are known.

Dennis Cline was thanked for his two years of service and given a small token of our appreciation. **Barbara Heidegger** did a great job leading her first meeting as our new president. Once again, **Cliff Blare** regaled us with jokes and with lots of laughs. What a fun way to end our meetings.

Anniversaries ~ **Anna & Harold Miller** (24 years), **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (49 years), and **Gene & Lori King** (54 years).

Birthdays ~ **Johni Wilson, Patsy Ogden, Susie Clack, Betty Alf, Cliff Blare, and Gene King.**

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Richard Housholder**, Men's Birthday - (Jan) **Cliff Blare**, (Feb) **Gene King**, Women's Birthday - (Jan) **Johni Wilson**, (Feb) **Betty Alf**, 50/50 - **Ed Rommel**.

Calendar:

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

April 12 – Social

May 10 – Social



OUR CLUB

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I would start out with Spring is in the air but must hold that thought as we woke up to beautiful large fluffy ❄️❄️ snowflakes this morning. We have lived here 14 years and this has been the wettest winter with the most snowfall we have seen. All the white stuff has melted here on the valley floor but so much at our ski resort, Mt. Ashland, it could stay open for months to come.

I want to thank Veronica for once again calling to remind me it was deadline for the newsletter. I don't even have a good excuse this time so thank you ever so much Veronica, you are a jewel.

We had our February luncheon at Hong Kong Restaurant with 9 in attendance. I just found out from Bud (he's an honorary member) that **Doe Popes'** son once again is fighting cancer. She has been in CA since December watching over her family. Our prayers and thoughts are with her and her family.

A big hug goes out to **Mariam Lindburg** who is unable to attend our luncheons. We always get an update from hubby **Bob** so you know we are thinking of you. Also missing were **Sonnie Appleton** and **Laurie Jorden**, where are you? My friend and self-adopted Mother **Marge Calkins** was not able to attend due to hurting herself at home. She is always so busy and just recently returned home from being with her daughter Marilynn back East for four months while Marilynn was recovering from cancer surgery. I call Marge MM, short for Mother Marge. So to those of you who are unable to attend the luncheons please remember, you are loved and missed.

Hello to former member Jane, we miss you so much, you were like the glue that held us together. It was nice to see my favorite English lady, **Alberta Randell** in attendance. She was happy to be there as well as she won the 50/50 drawing. I was one number off, so close but from what hubby Ric tells me, close only counts in horse shoes.

Thank you **Linda Althouse** for getting the 50/50 going before everyone left. Our Sunshine gal, **Peggy Wright** has several cards to send out with so many absent. We are already looking forward to our Christmas Party at Bob & Peggy's house this year. It was such a smash last year. Just think, only 9 months to go.

If anyone out there is reading this and live in our neck of the woods, please give me a call. We would love to have you join us.

God Bless you all and God Bless America.

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It has remained mild here in SE Pennsylvania. The bad colds are running rampant. The coughs are hard to shake.

We have not had our March meeting yet so not too much news to report.

We have just received word of another death. **Harry Swayngins'** wife **Ruth** passed away this month. We send our sympathy to **Harry** and children.

On the sick list are **Marcia Ems**, **Mona McNamee**, **Al & Kathy Edwards**, **Dee Burrs**, **Frank Eggles**, **Jim & Barbara Fanto** and **Joyce Lindenmuth**.

Many others have age related problems. Keep the faith!

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Here in Pittsburgh it is a beautiful day, 56 degrees, a light drizzle of rain, and we here in the Burgh, are talking to our friends at RUAEA. You can't hope for anything better! Yep, the Zinzer is it!

Paul is a little upset, as we have only had 2 or 3 days of snow where he had to crank up the snow blower! The last snowfall was about an inch and he got all bundled up, gloves, Penguin's hat, heavy coat, a smile, and, I thought I heard him singing, "Hi Ho" from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs! Oh well, snowbird he is not! Wishing all a very Happy and Healthy Spring!

I talked to our "bionic man" **Jim Weber**, and, in February, he had another back surgery, number 4. He is coming along better, hope this surgery will help him. I don't know how he does it. He is like the "energizing bunny", except he doesn't have a drum! His wife, **Diane**, also had to have a cyst removed from her hand.

Our wonderful **Treatie Karwoski** is coming along better from her therapy and she is keeping up a very positive attitude. Speaking of positive attitudes, our "Miss" United Pittsburgh", **Jeri Juth**, has a great positive attitude, dealing with her situation, still at St. Joseph, and her husband, **Bernie** is giving her total support. They are a fantastic couple.

Phyllis Smith, charming lady, coming along and convalescing at home with her wonderful family helping her and we are looking forward to seeing her at the luncheon, if possible.

Good News to all of us, **Art Todd**, now living in Reno, is planning on moving back to Pittsburgh, hopefully, before April if all goes well! Way to go Art – a big Steeler fan and besides, we had less snow than Reno, NV!

Mary Jane Stewart, our National Secretary, will be attending a meeting March 21-22 in Las Vegas at RUAEA convention - Executive Board and Directors Meeting!

We are sorry to report that **Chuck Kelly**, passenger agent, who worked in Pittsburgh, passed away in November, age 78.

We are also sad to report than on February 7, **Pat Lavelle** passed away at the age of 90. Pat served in the US Navy in the Pacific theater and after, he worked in Pittsburgh a total of 49 years for Capital and United as lead mechanic. Our sympathy to his awesome beloved wife, **Rose Marie**. Love and support to her; it was wonderful to meet their children and family during a difficult time.

Lynn Beaver (Muff) passed in Florida, age 95. Mr Beaver worked United Mainliner desk and formerly also worked at Capital Airlines - PIT and 1974 – Cleveland. Services also were conducted by Father Terry O'Connor in Munhall, March 4. As one of our RUAEA friends mentioned, we have lost another wonderful person.

Pittsburgh RUAEA is looking forward to our luncheon at JW Hall's on March 15. It is always a very nice time socializing with all our friends and fellow workers! The food is always very great! Wow! Also, Jeri, hopefully, will be attending the luncheon, we hope she will be well! It will also be daylight savings, and a longer day so that is another plus. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead an hour! All are welcome.

Wishing all of our RUAEA family and friends a Happy and Peaceful Easter! Looking forward to meeting anyone who comes to visit Pittsburgh, let us know. And if we are missing a lot of news from our RUAEA friends, call or let us know – keep us informed and live, love and laugh!

Birthday and Anniversaries Celebrations ~ March Happy Birthday to **Dave Beatty** (1st), **Dick Brenza** (3rd), **Ray Sellers** (3rd), **Treatie Karwoski** (15th), **Max Seaholm** (23rd) and **Barb Seaholm** (31st).

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It's catch-up time. I'm sorry that I missed the dead line for the March RUAEA newsletter.

Correction to the RUAEA February newsletter: I reported that **Al Barkman** was having his 88th birthday party on December 24th. I was wrong, Al is 86!

Our January 18th meeting and luncheon was hosted by **Noreen Koan** and **Ray Perry** at Tanasi Clubhouse located in Loudon, TN. Fourteen members attended. The food was great and so was the company, we decided that we would not have a meeting. Our president **Pollie & Terry Kiosky** were on a second honeymoon cruise and our VP **Betty Shipe** was not feeling up to par. We still had a 50/50 which I won.

We lost member **Dave Leonhard** who passed away on January 25th. He will be missed by all of us. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, **Evelyn Pickel Leonhard** (UAL retired).

On February 8th, our Vice President of 14 years, **Betty Shipe** had a stroke; she is recovering nicely with physical therapy. We are asking all RUAEA to send her get well cards. Her mailing address is 7802 Creed Way, Knoxville TN 37938.

Our February 16th Breakfast was a social event; we exchanged books and magazines and discussed future programs and meeting locations.

Calendar:

March 16 - 12:30PM, Meeting and Luncheon at Long Horn Steak House, 11644 Parkside Drive, Farragut, TN 37934, hosted by **Dave & Glenda Zane**. Please RSVP at (865) 966-6954.

April 20 - 10AM Breakfast at The Egg & I Restaurant, 5018 Kings Pike, Knoxville (Bearden), TN 37919. Please RSVP to **Pollie Kiosky**, (847) 757-5261.

May 16 - Cumberland Play House. For information contact **Robbie Corbin**, (931) 456-2790.

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Our March column, written early in February, noted that it was snowing. Well, guess what's happening in early March, as the April column is being composed. This is unusual for the Seattle area.

President **Ken Storey** conducted the February 14 meeting at Angelo's Italian Restaurant in Burien with 36 attendees' sharing Valentine treats provided at each place by **Ken & Judy Storey** and **Ed & Gay Liesse**. **Ken** shared more of his too-true jokes on aging.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** gave her monthly report and noted that we had 71 paid members as of that meeting. The \$10 annual dues provides members with a copy of *Contrails*, the local chapter newsletter that is published before each meeting, and the privilege of joining us at chapter functions. Though the deadline for paying chapter dues for 2017 has passed, you'll still get in if you hurry. While guests always are welcome, membership is encouraged, as is membership in RUAEA, our parent organization, whose newsletter you are reading right now. There are benefits in both groups and they seldom overlap.

Jackie also read a note from **Helen Ebert**, thanking the chapter for greetings on her 104th birthday in February.

Ken Storey, **Ken Tank**, and **Ed Liesse** explained recent retiree issues that originally produced some confusion. **Ken S** helped sort out the mysteries of CVS letters received by retirees. **Ken T** reminded us of the importance of RUAEA as a representative of UAL retirees. **Ed**, after speaking with RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw**, discussed a survey on retiree pass policy that had erroneously made the rounds.

We bade a sad farewell (now there's a correct-but-awkward phrase) to **Mary Luke**, wife of the late **John Luke**, who will be moving back to Minnesota to be close to three of her four sisters, after selling her home here. **Mary** had served as our Luncheon Coordinator for many years. **Joy Heritage**, another Emerald City Slicker, is **Mary's** real estate agent.

A surprise guest came to the restaurant for a different meeting but stopped at our registration table when she noticed "Airlines" on the sign. A retired flight attendant from Northwest, our guest asked if she could join us for lunch and was even interested in becoming a member, as Northwest has no alumni group here. We hope to see her again.

Gay Liesse read *You're Only Old Once! – A Book for Obsolete Children* by Dr. Seuss. Everyone in the room – except perhaps for the servers – more than qualified as Obsolete Children and we could certainly relate to the star character's day at the clinic. **Judy Storey** and **Ed Liesse** shared illustrations from the book.

In the latest issue of *Contrails*, chapter secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** profiled **Vivian Anderson** (SEAFR), who had worked for United Airlines from 1945 until her retirement in 1982. Here in Seattle, **Vivian** worked with flight records and payroll, keeping track of paperwork for pilots and flight attendants. **Vivian** was hired by United upon completing Radio Electronic School after high school. Following a brief training period in Chicago, **Vivian** was transferred to Portland, Oregon until her department was moved to Seattle. These days she plays in her church's hand bell choir and enjoys collecting and driving antique cars with **Blaine Anderson**, her husband of 63 years.

Mary Ann has suggested that others might wish to have their UAL stories told in *Contrails* under "Employee Highlights" and asked for volunteers.

Ervin (Casey) Casanova (SEAFF), former member of the Slickers, passed away in February. **Casey** had worked in the Planning Center. He had moved to Lincoln, California in later years.

Patricia Marie Dore (SEASW) died at her Seattle home on February 4. She was one of the first African American flight attendants hired by UAL in the 1960s. Initially based in Chicago, **Patricia** moved to Seattle, where she worked Honolulu, Tokyo and Hong Kong flights. A brief biography was published in the February 19 *UAL News* and distributed by **Dale Harper**.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** congratulated birthday and anniversary celebrants with special attention to **Fern Lockhart**, who was with us to add her name to our growing list of nonagenarians. **Betty Paul** assisted **Phyllis** in the distribution of door prizes and **Fred Frey** was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 prize.

After seeing red clothes displayed on Valentine's Day, we suspect there will be some wearin' o' the green in March to honor St. Patrick's Day, which comes a few days later. (No corned beef and cabbage on the menu either.) By the time you read this, we'll be sending Easter greetings. How time does fly!

Calendar:

April 11 – Luncheon meeting, Angelo's

May 9 – Luncheon meeting, Angelo's (Last meeting before the summer break)

No regular meetings June through August

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We want to thank Paul Leonard (Owner/Hearing Instrument Specialist) and Miracle Ear of Northern VA for sponsoring our February luncheon. They printed out a beautiful flier inviting all United Airlines Retirees to have lunch (on them) along with a 20 minute presentation by Mr. Leonard and another individual Q & A with his team for anyone who wanted to learn more about it. His "team" consisted of Dr. Aleksander Mitic - MD; Andrea Sotolongo - Licensed VA HIS; Lauren Jones Licensed - VA HIS, Director of Training; and Christina Leonard, VP Operations.

It was most interesting and informative. I was inspired to make an appointment for myself for a check-up and am encouraging my husband follow suit. It is so interesting to hear of the progress that has been made in the technology and size of these "hearing systems". We hope to have them again in the fall and encourage all of our flying buddies around the country/world.

I would like to, once again, thank Glory Days sports Bar and Grille for their continuing support. Adam Bourdreau, the manager in Sterling, VA, each month, gives us gift certificates for lunch and dinner. Our members have thoroughly enjoyed having these as door prizes.

Our membership as of today is up to 64 (sixty-four.) We hope to grow our numbers to over 100 (one hundred) this year. If you are reading this and living anywhere near Virginia, please join us. Our group is very active, and we are always happy to meet new members and to reunite with old friends. We have our luncheons on the second Wednesday of every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA at noon. If you have any questions, please email or call me.

Our March meeting will have come and gone by the time you read this, but we will be celebrating St. Paddy's in style. (Is there any other way to celebrate?) Next month, I will show you a picture of us all wearing green. Join us in April to welcome Easter. Put June on your calendars for our picnic in Delaplane, VA at the Barrel Oak Winery (BOW). Our Flying Circus gathering will be in October. All of these events are great fun. We enjoy them so very much, and invite you to come and be apart of them with us.

Until the next time, fly and be safe!

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Clipped Wings hopes this finds each of you enjoying April showers knowing that there will be flowers and rainbows to follow. Members of our "Small but Mighty" STL Clipped Wings Chapter are experts on the Blue Rose. This refers to the Village of the Blue Rose situated in a wonderful scenic location overlooking the Mississippi River. This is a very special locale with The Lodge Restaurant, Bed and Breakfast and residences where adults with developmental challenges can live, learn and work enabling them to develop in spirit, mind and body. Our STL chapter has been very active and faithful in support of their special friends at The Village by bringing in the sunshine of their beautiful smiles, helping hands and encouragement at many special events (www.villageofthebluerose.org).

Our STL Chapter is a 50/50 Chapter (and, no, this is not for a raffle!) but rather it means that 50% of their members are currently active F/As and 50% are actively retired F/As. This is just one example of how our Clipped Wings Organization has equal opportunities for membership for all who are current or former UAL/CO inflight crew members. We'd love to have you join in our fun, friendships and shared opportunities. More information is available on our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

Since we are “transplants” from UAL’s Friendly Skies, let’s continue that tradition by trying to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud. Happy Spring!

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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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 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.)

John Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557

I only need the paper copy; however use the extra \$5 however you want.

This has been a busy year for us WWII guys. Twelve of us from Oklahoma went to OKC in June to have the French Medal of Honor pinned on us. Last October, Sally and I attended the 8th AF Historical Society Annual Reunion. Since I'm the only one left of the organization from 1975, Sally and I sat at the head table.

Dick Imperiale, 1686 Carleton Ct., Redwood City, CA 94061

It is hard to believe that I have been retired for 20 years. I have been volunteering at Hoover Community School in Redwood City, CA for 17 years. I love working daily with our kindergarten children.

I would like to give a special hello to all of my fellow retired IT professionals (SFOKF).

Ruth Marston, 12422 E. Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014

Wow, where does time go?

I had some ups and downs with my health the past year. I have arthritis on the fingers of both hands, which affects my writing.

My daughter, Patti and I drove to San Antonio, TX to meet her daughter Calea to reconnect with her dog. We had had Sophia for over a year. Calea is in the Army and can now have her dog with her. She is stationed in Georgia.

I flew home on February 7th. I had a good time.

Beatrice McCarthy, 147 Hibiscus Dr., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Thanks for the Newsletter. It is read front to back every month.

All is well here; I am still healthy as a horse and into a lot of activities. I had a Super Bowl Game party of 20 people here at my home.

Notes

Linda Scriven

United Airlines gave me 35 great years. I am pleased with what I see happening in rebuilding this great company in the past couple of years. I feel we are going to again see greatness from this company.

Shirley Alexander

I mailed a check in November and I just noticed that it was not cashed. I am cancelling payment and will renew by my CC.

You are kind to continue my subscription despite my "late" pay. Thanks

Thomas Buzzard

I am loving retirement. I am living in TN now and enjoying the weather here after living in Pittsburgh all those years.

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Important Phone Numbers



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

Employee Travel Center

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

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

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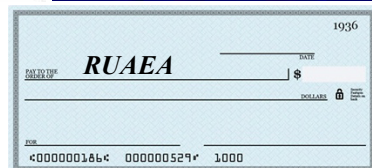
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A DC-6 Mainliner at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. This was a regular United stop in 1955. Stewardess Nancy Riley added feminine charm to the pattern formed by the plane and control tower.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the Cover of the November 1955 United Air Lines News

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