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to meeting you in Pittsburgh!

# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks, well by now you have received a Newsletter with the Pittsburgh Convention registration form, which I hope many of you are planning to use. You also have received a Newsletter with a ballot included for you to vote. I ask you to please do that, read the bios so you can get know the candidates. Although

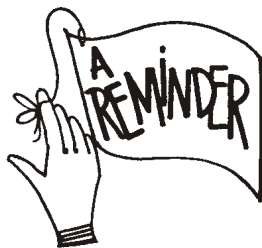
they may be unopposed, please vote or write in a person you may like to see in these positions. A reminder, all this is also available on line at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org). Take a look, it may be a better option for you.

I now, as your President, have an option of sending out a blast email to everyone (members with email addresses in our system only). However you must be able to access a computer. These blast emails are timely and urgent information that may help you. If you have planned travel this summer, keep in mind the loads are heavy. So plan ahead if you need to travel. I have experienced some very full flights and have missed many. We in RUAEA are busy with the Pittsburgh Convention planning along with long term planning for your next convention.

I really am looking forward to seeing many of you in Pittsburgh. Take a look at the Convention Package again and try to fit it in your plans. Again please vote. Be safe and keep cool this summer.

Hank Gosselin  
President RUAEA

### Re Unite In Pittsburgh Reminder



There is only about a month and a half to go before the 2015 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh. Here are a few reminders. The hotel is the Double Tree Pittsburgh at Green Tree with a rate of \$112.00 per night plus tax which makes it \$127.68. To guar-

antee the rate reservations must be made by August 28, 2015. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-222-8733 or going to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) which has a link for

online reservations. If you are calling be sure to say you are with the RUAEA Convention. If you have any problems flying to Pittsburgh and are in need of a hotel en-route, check Airport Accommodations for special rates. Their number is 1-800-935-5995 or online at [www.apaglobal.com](http://www.apaglobal.com) and use or mention the code JSTRK. Included in this issue are reprints of both registration forms.

We have a great tour package to choose from. There are two tours to the Flight 93 Memorial which also include a stop at the Flight 93 Chapel. We did have to make a change to Tour 6 which is now an evening performance at the Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret. Some of the tours are filling fast so please get your registration in soon. The Convention Package is readily available on the website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Thursday evening will be sports night so remember to bring something to wear representing your favorite team. Friday night will feature the Flavors of Pittsburgh subsidized by our Alliant Partners. On Saturday, South Hills Beauty Academy will offer complimentary hair styling, manicures or makeup. You can sign up for a specific time when you check in for your registration packet. Saturday will be quite a full day beginning with the Annual RUAEA Business Meeting followed by our Benefits Panel with representatives from the various suppliers of our benefits. After the Benefits Panel representatives will be available for one on one session for anyone with special issues. Finally, we wind up the evening with the RUAEA Banquet, a three course dinner followed by entertainment featuring a fabulous local group, The North Star Kids.

Finally, for those of you in Chicago, Cleveland and the East, it would be a nice fall drive to Pittsburgh and the hotel has free parking. Also remember there are several other airlines servicing Pittsburgh, Southwest, Delta, US Air/American. Most have pretty good fares if you book early. The ID90 tickets are also available on airlines and then there is United's 20% discount with confirmed seats. If you book early, you can usually get really good fares. In both cases the procedure is pretty easy using Flying Together. And a plus with Southwest if you are buying a ticket is that most of their fares are refundable and changeable with no penalty. Even with their special fares you may not get a refund but your funds will be held for future travel again with no penalty. Need help, check with a friend who travels a lot or go to the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) for helpful hints and directions. See pages 37 & 38 for the registration form.

### RUAEA Thanks The Convention Committee

Re Unite In Pittsburgh, is what the committee members pictured on the front cover would like you to do. Spending a great deal of time, using their many talents and previous experience, they are creating a memorable experience for us. They are excited about all their

city has to offer. Despite having hosted a past convention, they realize their city has so many things to do and places to see that they are inviting us back to see what we missed. They look forward to welcoming you to Pittsburgh. RUAEA thanks all those working on the convention, not just those pictured. Many are working to make it possible for us to Re Unite In Pittsburgh with old friends and to make new ones. Send in your registration now!

### **Proposed By-Laws Revision**



The Board of Directors recommends the following amendments to the RUAEA 2011 By-Laws (Amended 5/28/2011) in accordance with Article XIII of said By-Laws:

*Amendments to these By-Laws shall be passed by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to submission to*

*the membership at the Annual Meeting, and must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote is required. An amendment may be proposed by a member upon presentation to the President by January 1 in any year.*

Hank Gosselin  
President RUAEA

#### **Current:** ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 1: Regular Members

All former employees of United Airlines and/or Continental Airlines who have reached retirement age are eligible to become members of RUAEA. Spouses of retirees may become a regular member. All may do so by making application and paying the required dues. Widows or widowers of deceased Regular Members will become Regular Members until the deceased retired employees' membership expires. At this time Regular Membership may be continued by paying required dues. Widows or widowers of Life Members may become Regular Members by paying the required dues. In addition, a spouse of a deceased retired employee, who was not a Regular or Life Member may become a Regular Member by paying the required dues. A spouse of a deceased employee, who at the time of death was eligible for retirement, may also become a Regular Member by paying required dues. Spouses who become Regular Members may continue membership if they remarry. Regular Members may vote and hold National office in the Association. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors.

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#### **Current:** ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 15: Corporate Relations (Appointed)

The person responsible for Corporate Relations, will be the liaison between United Airlines and RUAEA, and will establish a close tie at the corporate level regarding retiree matters. Will provide information as to decisions that may affect RUAEA members and their benefits. This representative will be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and report to the President.

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After approval of the afore documented changes the By-Laws will be filed and maintained in the Denver Office as: RUAEA (Retired United Airlines Employees Association) By-Laws 2015 - Amended 9/26/2015.

### **Question about registering pass riders?** **Check the Q&A first**

The Employee Travel Center is receiving a high volume of calls and emails related to registering pass riders as employees, retirees and their families/friends prepare for summer travel. Please refer to the Q&A, which covers the most frequently asked questions and the Reference Guide, first to see if your question is answered before calling or emailing so that our representatives can best assist everyone.

## **You Are Invited**



**Unimatic Reunion** ~ On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a reunion of the individuals who conceived, designed, built and maintained the UNIMATIC computer system at EXO/WHQ in Chicago. This

reunion celebrates the 45 anniversary of the implementation of the system. During all those years it has continually been in operation. The reunion will culminate with a celebratory banquet on Friday evening after spending the day revisiting the facility. If you have any interest in attending please send an email to [dbligh1492@gmail.com](mailto:dbligh1492@gmail.com) to obtain more information.



**SFO Family Day** ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day. In conjunction with SF Fleet Week, we are proudly hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual United Airlines Family Day at SFO on Sunday, Oc-

ttober 11, 2015. We're celebrating this milestone event quite big this year, bringing back some of the same features many know and love, including aircraft displays, vendor exhibits, car show and shop tours. However, new this year are an expanded children's play area and special guests, the United 777 BBQ team! The barbecue is a 1:10 scale 777 painted with United livery and cooks up thousands of hot dogs and hamburgers. This is also the 10<sup>th</sup> year of United's partnership with the March of Dimes, so the theme of this year's event is in honor of the organization's campaign to ensure that all babies get a healthy start in life. United is proud to be the official airline of the March of Dimes' National Ambassador Program flying the National Ambassador Families nearly 1 million miles. This year is particularly special for us since the National Ambassador family is one of our own: United co-worker Elise Jackson and her family were named the 2015 March of Dimes National Ambassador family and they will be our special guests at Family Day this year.

10<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day: For United Airlines Employees & Retirees, and their family & friends, Sunday, October 11th., 2015, 1100 – 1600, San Francisco Maintenance Base.

Event Includes: Aircraft Displays, Plane Pull Contest, Live Music, Car Show, Kids Play Area, Paper Airplane and Rocket Launch Contest, Aircraft Tours, Shop Tours, Exhibits & Displays, United's 777 BBQ team, Food Vendors, and More!

Up to 4 Entrance Tickets per Employee/Retiree can be requested via email to [sf-familyday@united.com](mailto:sf-familyday@united.com). Please include name, employee ID, employment status (active or retiree), contact number, and number of wristbands requested (4 max/employee or retiree).

**RUPA Cruise 2016** ~ RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) would like to invite the members of RUAEA to join RUPA on a cruise from Boston to Montreal, Canada, August 24, 2016. Every year RUPA has a cruise. This information is going out more than a year in advance so members can think about it, talk it over, and make plans in advance. We would like as many as possible of our fellow employees to join us. I would like to emphasize that any deposit for this cruise is fully refundable up to 75 days prior to the cruise. If anyone has questions, they can contact Rich Bouska by phone: (925) 443-4339 or by email at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net).

## **Consolidated Flight Ops Training Center to be in Denver**



United has decided to locate the consolidated Flight Ops training center in Denver after evaluating several options that included building a new center in Houston, Chicago or Denver and renovating the existing centers in Houston or Denver. This option reduces United's upfront capital expense and minimizes disruption to its operations.

*"Renovating the existing Denver facility emerged as the most cost-effective option and allows us to be up and running as much as two years sooner than planned,"* said Flight Ops SVP Howard Attarian. *"With the amount of training we need to accomplish over the next few years, it is essential that we minimize disruption to our training schedule."*

United will retain the existing footprint of the Denver facility, which sits on 23 acres near the old Stapleton Airport and consists of six buildings totaling more than 400,000 square feet. The current renovation plans include a new roof, heating/ventilation/air-conditioning system, lighting, floor plans and office spaces, carpet and bathroom fixtures. United will also perform any work necessary for environmental remediation.

United hopes to complete the renovation of the Denver center no later than the end of 2017, with initial staff and equipment moves beginning as early as the end of 2015. The company will continue to conduct training for pilots at both the Houston and Denver facilities during the renovation as well as some Inflight Services, Dispatch and Tech Ops employees.

*"I want to thank our city and state partners in Chicago, Denver and Houston, including the governors, administration staff, airport leaders and other officials who worked diligently and collaboratively throughout this long process,"* said Corporate and Government Affairs SVP Mark Anderson. *"I would particularly like to thank Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock for their*

*interest, responsiveness and ongoing partnership. We will continue to seek out opportunities to make investments in all of our hub cities that bring benefits to the cities, the airports and the communities we serve.”*

**You asked:**

**How is United staying competitive in New York?**



In response to United’s announcement that the company plans to move its premium p.s. product to EWR from JFK (New York-Kennedy) this fall, you have raised good questions about

the plans to compete in the New York market. Below are answers to some of your biggest questions.

*Are we giving ground to other airlines that serve the New York area?*

Absolutely not. United has successfully competed in the New York area from both EWR and LGA (New York-La Guardia) for decades, and we will continue to do so.

Customers have been giving us feedback that they wanted flat-bed seats in EWR, where our frequency options were double that of JFK. After moving p.s. to EWR, our EWR customers may enjoy both industry-leading frequency levels, including up to 32 p.s. flights from EWR per day, and a fully premium experience, whether they are flying across the globe or across the country. Customers flying out of EWR now have access to near-hourly transcontinental service, with the most flat-bed seats in the New York-San Francisco/Los Angeles combined market. With this schedule adjustment, all of our flights from EWR to LAX and SFO will feature flat-bed seats, along with inflight Wi-Fi, seatback on-demand entertainment and power-ports for customers in both BusinessFirst and United Economy. Meanwhile, p.s. customers, now that they’ll travel through EWR, will have all the benefits of flying out of a world-class hub, including more connections to more flights and a superior airport product. By moving p.s. to EWR, we will offer whole-itinerary flat-bed service for customers connecting from SFO and LAX to Europe over EWR.

We remain committed to the New York and New Jersey region, and our long-term plan is to grow with demand in that market. Because we will no longer serve JFK, we wanted to recognize value for our slots there. We also wanted additional EWR slots to enable us to grow with demand in the New York area. Delta has agreed to each of those transactions - including giving up slots at EWR - subject to customary conditions including regulatory approval.

*Isn’t it better to be in all three airports, rather than just two?*

No, spreading our investments and assets out among

three airports is less effective for United than concentrating them at the two airports where we can be most competitive: Our EWR hub and LGA. Since JFK isn’t a hub for us, we can’t offer our customers traveling to or through JFK the amount of frequencies, network connectivity or the premium airport experience that we can offer from a hub. Our hub at EWR is the best asset that any carrier serving the New York area has. From EWR, we offer nearly 500 daily departures from the region to more than 150 destinations - the most in North America, the most across the Atlantic, the most across the Pacific and the most to and from Latin America. From LGA we operate 37 peak-day departures to DEN, IAD, IAH, ORD and CLE (Cleveland).

*Will our transcontinental product out of EWR be as competitive and appealing to New York-area customers as the product that other airlines offer out of JFK?*

Absolutely. We will cement our role as the leader in transcontinental flying, with up to 10,000 total round-trip seats offered per day on the two key transcontinental routes, more than any other carrier.

Moving p.s. from JFK to EWR will make it even more competitive. In addition to offering customers the most frequencies, flat-bed seats and the most total seats in the New York - Los Angeles/San Francisco combined market, customers will benefit from having access to all the advantages of traveling through a world-class global hub. EWR is the most convenient of the three New York-area airports for many of our customers.

*How does this change impact transcontinental capacity?*

Once we complete the move of our p.s. service from JFK to EWR, there will be a significant reduction in transcontinental capacity. For example, the November transcontinental capacity, for the entire industry, will decrease approximately 12 percent year-over-year just due to this change. For the past several years, the transcontinental markets have had too much capacity, leading to continued underperformance; however, by making this change, capacity will more closely match demand, leading to improved performance on these important routes. Our long-term plan is to grow with demand in the greater New York area. With this transition, the composition of our flying changes as well. We will now have the most lie-flat transcontinental seats in the market, providing a higher-quality product for our premium customers.

*Won’t adding more slots at EWR just increase congestion at an airport already prone to delays?*

The slots we are acquiring at EWR are currently DL-operated slots. The total slots for the airport remain unchanged. We will continue to utilize our EWR slots in a way that best makes sense to provide great service to our customers and to support the needs of our operation, including adding new destinations and new frequencies. Improving on-time performance and reducing delays is a top priority for us.

*Why are we moving p.s. from JFK, and why now?*

We have lost money on our p.s. service to JFK for the past seven years. Our lease of airport facilities at JFK ends in October, so it made sense for us to review our schedule at JFK in conjunction with the lease expiration there. As financial losses mounted, we have been reducing service at JFK for many years as we've consolidated our New York presence at EWR, and this move is the next logical step.

We do not take this decision lightly, and we recognize that this change will be difficult for many of our people who work at JFK. Our operations and Human Resources teams are working hard to support our employees through this transition, and we will be providing them with answers and assistance over the coming weeks.

### **So Simple from Sheryl**



**Sheryl Schubert**

Greetings! Many of us are enjoying the beautiful summer and using our barbecue so hope you enjoy this recipe.

#### **BEER CAN CHICKEN**

Prepare the "rub":

¼ c. paprika

1 T. brown sugar

1 T. sugar

2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. celery salt

1 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. cayenne pepper (may omit if too spicy)

1 tsp. dry mustard

1 tsp. onion powder

Rub a whole chicken with the above dry rub. I get under the skin with the rub also.

Pour ¼ of a beer out of a 12 oz can (drinking rather than pouring is acceptable). Hold the chicken upright (legs pointing down) and insert opened beer can into cavity. Stand chicken upright. Position legs to support chicken (similar to a tripod). I purchased a beer can chicken stand which makes it much easier and safer but if you do not have one use care removing the chicken. I also use a disposable foil pan with water in the bottom under the chicken to catch drippings. I bake on an indirect fire for 2 ½ to 3 hours at 325. The chicken will be dark on the outside because of the spices, but is a very moist, flavorful chicken. Enjoy!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

Did you know: On the morning of Sept 11, 2001, Lt. Heather Penney & her Commander were on the runway at Andrews AFB, preparing to fly a practice mission. Her hand was on the throttle ready for a practice run with



dummy ammo. Suddenly they received orders to bring down the United Airlines Flight which was headed for the Capital. Heather believed that was the last time she would take off. One thing she didn't have was live ammunition. She was ordered to ram United Flight 93. Trying to do so without missing the Boeing 757.

She and her Commander flew over the smoldering Pentagon heading toward flight 93 at 400 mph. Penney worried about missing the target if she bailed out.

Her worries were over as she was advised that United 93 had already crashed in Pennsylvania.

Can you make a small donation to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel? To donate, make check payable United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



**Francis Domaratius**

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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [2ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:2ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

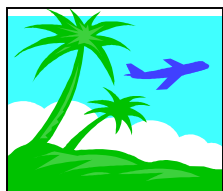
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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The June meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by President **Conrad Hamilton** to welcome 22 members. Attending were **Bill & Ann Delavan**, **Bill & Carole Hayden**, **Ray & Mai Owens**, **John & Myrl Eisinger**, **Conrad Hamilton**, **Harold Stofko**, **Barbara Serra**, **Park & Billie Learned**, **Steve & Annie Wilkey**, **Rick & Carol Herrick**, **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl**, **Monica Leonard**, and **Sande & Tommy Zander**.

The May minutes as emailed to the members were accepted as sent. **Barbara Serra** gave the Treasurers report. The 50/50 raffle was won (suspiciously) by El Presidente **Conrad Hamilton** who also won the blueberries provided by **Billie Learned** from her own blueberry garden. There was a blueberry picking party at **Park & Billie Learned's** garden on June 25<sup>th</sup> starting with meeting for lunch at O'Charley's Restaurant in Foley at 11:00 AM.

**Bill Hayden** offered to subscribe to the RUAEA Newsletter so that we can get Annie's newsletter articles current, costs paid from the treasury. Happy Birthday to our June celebrants **Charley Pritchett** and **Steve Wilkey**. Myrl received a call from **Bev Heinrich** saying that **Bob** is not feeling well and will be unable to attend meetings for a while. She suggested that thinking of you cards be sent to Bev & Bob.

After fun fellowship and tall tales, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM. The next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> – same time; same place.

### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Dodiyo's in Homewood. We had an unusual low attendance due to a variety of reasons. Attending were **Keith & Charlotte Gibson** and **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**.

Anniversaries for June were **Joe & Marie Duncan** and **Travis & Zoe Glass**.

We meet every second Monday at 11:30 for lunch at various Birmingham area restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines and their family to join us for fellowship and a discussion of the latest news at our airline. Please join us if you are in the Birmingham area. For more information call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

## ARIZONA



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I think Arizona has certainly had its share of heat in June, averaging 104 degrees per day with only five days under 100 degrees. Doctors advise to stay cool and drink at least 4-6 (8oz) glasses of water per day. That keeps you hydrated as well as possible. Vic learned that the hard way, after passing out a few times at functions either inside or outside. Now, instead of that afternoon glass of wine, he has a glass of water by the side table even in the winter. And, "knock on wood", no problems. **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** organized another luncheon on June 13 with some Azures/Pebblecreek residents at Gordon Biersch Restaurant in Glendale, AZ. Those attending were **Joe & Lisa Hopkins**, **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz**, **Bob & Norma Lutzinger**, **Joan & Richard Aaronson**, **Marge Mullman**, and **Rose Barry**. Also invited were **Ken & Pat Paulson**, **Enza Scarso** (couldn't make it), **Ed & Marie Bobrik**, **June Murphy** and **Vivian Klick**. Vic & I were there on Memorial Day with Joe & Lisa and we really enjoyed the food and atmosphere. Sorry we missed this event, we're in Illinois for the summer.

Vic & I attended the Chicago Skyliners annual picnic luncheon at Chandlers Restaurant and Banquet facilities in Schaumburg, IL on June 23. We saw many old friends from EXO as well as ORDCS and ORDMM, **Pat & Lowell Neal** and, **Marge & Gene Hinnens**. It was good to see **Ruth Livingston**, **Linda Mandala**, **Muriel & Ken Bergsma**, and Vic's favorite, **Terry Martin**. I had a nice chat with our AZ chapter neighbors **Liz & Ed Tollefsen**. After the luncheon, we went into the bar area and celebrated **Mitch & Connie Russo's** 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Mary & Larry Parker**, **Ken & Ellen Thiede** and a few other folks joined in the celebration.

A last minute decision to purchase tickets for The Three Tenors performance at Pebble Creek's Renaissance Theatre, **Rose Barry** and **Marge Mullman** were surprised that the two neighboring seats were occupied

by **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz**. They all had a wonderful time listening to the lovely music by these three men. Rose reports, she is anxiously awaiting her trip to Aruba on August 10-25. Last year's trip was so good that she decided to do it again. Have fun, Rose, and don't become a beach bum or do, whatever!

**Vivian Klick**'s granddaughter had the opportunity to play with her school band in a German orchestra, she plays the French horn. Her parents, along with her aunt and uncle from California were on a 10-day whirlwind tour of Germany, Rome, Zurich, Milan, and Lake Como. What an exciting happening for all.

**A.D. & Lynn Cline** returned from a two-week trip to their timeshare in Sandestin, FL where they spent each day sunning and frolicking (? or, maybe just watching others) on the beach for 5-6 hours. Lucky them! However, three days later, Lynn had a planned lumbar fusion back operation. She is now recuperating at home under the loving care of A.D. Get better, Lynn.

**Ann (Don - ORDMM and PHXMM) Bergstrom** reports not too much activity on their home front but they are healthy and looking forward to October when our Azures luncheons resume.

**Don & Carole Brie, Sherry Muoio and Susie Hughes** will be attending the RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh. Carole hails from that area and Sherry has relatives in Beaver Falls, PA and some in Pittsburgh. So, they all should have a great time.

I received a note from **Kay Heinig** who just returned from a 10-day trip Viking Cruise France to Normandy round-trip. Viking Cruises really do offer a wonderful experience cruising down the many rivers in Europe. Kay was just back from a trip to Spain in February where they flew into Madrid and bus-toured Madrid to Toledo, Granada, Seville, and Barcelona. Then took a high-speed train back to Barcelona and flew home from there. Miss Kay is becoming a real world traveler. You go girl!

Bad news from the Azures about the passing of **James Bechtold** (DENMM) on July 1, 2015. Jim and his wife, **Marlene** (who passed away a couple of years ago) were long-standing members of the Azures and Jim headed up the breakfast group for many years taking reservations. Jim also, served as the President of the Azures for a few years. Their family is certainly in our prayers.

August Milestones ~ Happy Birthday to **Bob Maloney** (8/3); **Tom Heidecker** (8/8); **Ginny Weiler-Meyer** (8/10); **Richard Aaronson** (8/15); **Linette Stenberg** (8/16); **Gene Hinnners** (8/21); **Olive Crowthers** (8/27); **Don Sellon** (8/29); and **Vivian Klick** (8/31). Happy Anniversary to **Shirley & Harry Fraser** (8/5); **Norma & Bob Lutzinger** (58 years on 8/22); **Marge & Gene Hinnners** (55 years on 8/27). Congratulations to all!

#### Calendar:

**August 11 & 25** - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830. Call **Sherry Muoio** at 572-4828 for reservations.

#### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and having fun with family and friends and trying to stay "cool". Don't forget we continue to meet for breakfast every month, so mark your calendars for the fourth Friday and join your fellow United/Continental retirees at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. We start at 9:15 a.m. The August breakfast will be Friday, August 28. If you plan on attending, please let our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know by the Wednesday before, which is August 26, so she can alert the restaurant as to how many to expect from our group. We have a nice private room there. Peg's phone number is (480) 396-3317, and her e-mail address is [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Hope you can come.

We had 21 people at our June breakfast. Peg updated everyone with our various members who have had health problems, and glad many are getting along much better. We heard some good news about one of our members, **Rita Krist**. She belongs to the IAM retirees group, and was given an award for all the work that she had done and is still doing for them. She does computer work with putting the address book together, keeping up with all the changes of addresses due to new members being added, and those moving, deaths, etc. It's a very large group of retirees who worked on the ramp, mechanics, cabin cleaners, etc. Congratulations, Rita, for all your hard work! We're so glad you're an active member of our Re-United's. Our own **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** were in attendance in Chicago at that luncheon, when Rita got this award.

Peg gave an update on the things the committee for the Fantasy Flight are doing. There was enough money raised last year to allow them to purchase some iPads and computers for the Concordia Charter School. This summer, they are holding a Summer Camp for the children to learn more about using the iPads. They also were able to pay for scholarships for all eight grades to be in the Junior Achievement program this year. How wonderful is that?

Things needed for this year's Fantasy Flight in December have changed some. Needed are winter pajamas in sizes 5 – 7, for both boys and girls; socks for both sizes 11 – 5, gloves for both children; fleece throw blan-

kets, and cute huggable stuffed animals, about 12-15" long. Instead of giving trucks or Barbie dolls, the committee is looking into giving the children a Game Tablet. So, when you are out and about, and see any of these things being collected for the Fantasy Flight, buy them and give them to **Peg Snowdall**, who will store them before they are brought over to the airport.

Did you notice in the July issue of the RUAEA Newsletter the official ballot for the Directors? A picture and write-up can be found on page 35. Your vote is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. The Director for the Arizona Region, **Chuck Cole**, is on the ballot. The ballot must be received by the Audit Committee by August 23, 2015. Ballot is on page 37.

Hope you are planning on going to Pittsburgh for the RUAEA Convention September 23 – 26. It's being held at the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree. There will be free parking at the hotel plus free Airport transportation to/from Pittsburgh International Airport. Reservations can be made by calling 800-222-Tree. Mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$112 plus tax. The cut-off date is August 28, which is coming up real soon. The deadline to register for the Convention is August 31. This form includes your dinner entree and tours. There are many good tours scheduled Wednesday – Friday, so if you're interested in any of those, please sign up quickly before they are all filled up. The menu for the Saturday night banquet consists of your choice of Chicken Marsala, Baked Salmon, or Beef Short Ribs, with all the trimmings. The dress code for the evening of the banquet will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional. Mail your Registration Form and check to: 2015 RUAEA Convention, c/o **Fred Rockenhauser**, 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. His e-mail is [farual@cox.net](mailto:farual@cox.net). Be sure and include your File Number.

Further information can be found on the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org), or in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. Guests can be included, so bring your friends or relatives along!

We have the following birthdays in August: **Rose Mary Arquisch** (8/1), **Ame Esan** (8/7), **Richard Vehring** (8/7), **Pat Nicholaisen** (8/11), **Tony Ribeiro** (8/16), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), and **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26). Happy Birthday to all of you! Our Wedding Anniversary couples celebrating in August are **Duri & Rose Mary Arquisch** (8/6/2008), **John & JoAnne Gaudio** (8/11/84), **Keith & Marilyn Morey** (8/18/51), **Gary & Pam Gerstung** (8/25/73), and **Richard & Janet Vehring** (8/28/76). Happy Anniversary to all the couples!

#### Calendar:

**August 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E.

Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice-President, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservations by Wednesday, August 26, or call her at (480) 396-3317.

**September 18** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner. Note: This is moved up one week due to the Convention.

**September 23 – 26** – Re Unite In Pittsburgh



#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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**Pat Carera** hosted a great luncheon at Guiseppe's Italian Ristorante attended by 28 Roadrunners. It was nice to be inside on one of the 103+ days in June. Our snowbirds must have been off their schedule to stay around this late. The raffle tickets were sold and the winners were **Don Jorgensen** and **Chuck Cole**.

The elected officers of the Roadrunners and our own **Chuck Cole** (who have been in place for two or more years) are still looking for new blood to come forward and assume one of the positions. Roadrunners, you still have 5 months to raise your hand for those positions which will be vacant in January 2016.

Arizona residents, at least those with AZ driver's licenses, take your passports with you to the airport. If TSA does not accept AZ licenses as proper proof, you can always use the passport as an alternative. It seems strange that when I moved to AZ, my Washington State license was not good enough proof; I was not an illegal alien and had to use my passport to prove I am a US citizen.

Remember, when you read this newsletter that you have only 28 days (if you receive the print copy) to make hotel reservations for the Pittsburgh Convention. You have 31 Days to make convention reservations.

Milestones ~ **Pat & Rich Dilallo** celebrated their anniversary on 8/14. Birthday celebrants are **Armand Johnson** (8/11), **Lyn Callihan** (8/27), **Don Jorgensen** (8/29) and **Muriel Bergsma** (8/30).

#### Calendar:

**July 16** - Luncheon at Thunder Canyon Brewery at the Foot Hills Mall, hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**.

**August 20** – Chopstix, Courtney Page Way. Directions will be in the August Roadrunners newsletter. Opens at 11:00 -order off the menu 11:30, hosted by **John Bennatts**.



## CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter met on June 17<sup>th</sup> at The Vineyard Restaurant in Santa Ynez. Those attending were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Esther & Bob Bartlett**, **Joan & Peter Schaefer**, **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**, **Al & Marilyn Rybar**, **Nina Powers**, and **John Wessel**.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting and said that **John & Barbara Stilwell** were not able to attend. Mike gave us a little information on **Bob Wagner**, who passed away. Bob was a charter member and one of a group that got our chapter together. There was a memorial service at the end of June. We then had a moment of silence in memory of Bob. It was suggested we donate \$50 to the Toys 4 Tots in Bob's memory since he was so involved with this cause. A condolence card was passed around for us to sign.

Mike said that **John Stilwell** will be representing our chapter at the convention this year.

It was mentioned that AAL has taken a firm stand on their pass policy which directly impacts their retirees. UAL retirees think we have it bad, but AAL puts their retirees on the bottom of the boarding list.

**Nina Powers** never seems to stay home. Her last trip took her to Brazil and now she will be taking a steam train and boat ride around Michigan.

**Esther & Bob Bartlett** told us that they are very much involved with students in Santa Maria in a music program. This includes musical instruments of all kinds. They are one very dedicated and active pair.

It was good to see **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** join us. Eleanor had a bad fall that kept them from joining us in April. We were so happy to see both of them and Jack had to tell us one of his jokes which is becoming a tradition.

We had our 50/50 drawing with an arm-length of tickets for \$10, 6 tickets for \$5. The **Cunninghams** usually win, but **Bridget Zoldak** was the winner this time.

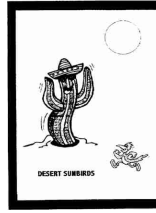
In the RUAEA Newsletter, on occasions, there have been pictures shown of the various Chapter board members. We were able to get our board together this past meeting and we took some pictures. So look for us in this month's newsletter.

Bob & Marcia were the hosts at our meeting and Marcia handed out beautiful red roses to all the women.

They grow them at home and the roses come from a very special variety.

### Calendar:

**August 19** – Meeting hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.



### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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**Sandy Sereno** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' June Luncheon at the Red Robin in La Quinta. The heat in our desert affected the attendance, as a small group of twenty six members and guests enjoyed Chicken Teriyaki, Chicken Salad, and various types of Burgers. Red Robin does make a good burger!

**Jan Kellerhals** brought a friend, **April Silins**, as **Fred** was in Colorado helping a friend paint his house. **Sandy Sereno** brought **Sylvia Allen**, a friend to many of the Sunbirds, as Sylvia worked in many areas with UAL - LAXSW (Flight Attendant & Supervisor), Food Services, LAXCS (Operating Chief), and others, but I couldn't write fast enough.

**Ron Napier**, former member of the Sunbirds, now living in Los Angeles, informed us that United is interested in the Airbus A380, which holds 850 passengers. According to Ron, United is in the "intermediate" stages of ordering two of the huge planes.

**Bill & Lia Schultz** are touring in Europe for the summer, so will miss our wonderful warm weather in July and August. Yeah, right!

Lots of anniversaries celebrated in July: **Dave & Kathy Wilson** (21 years on 7/30); **Jan & Bob Keck** (22 years on 7/3); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (33 years on 7/29); **Fred & Jan Kellerhals** (41 years on 7/20); **John & Maureen Schultz** (50 years on 7/3); and **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (54 years on 7/29).

Three months ago, **Jim Clapper** had surgery for thyroid cancer. It was successful, and he had been recovering at home until ... a slight mishap! He fell, hitting his head, and then spent several hours in the ER for observation before being released. The latest news is that he is making a slow but sure recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jim.

**Mark Kaplan** won the Birthday Lunch, and **Al Beuchel** took home \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

### Calendar:

**August 12** – Hosted by **Jerry & Sheryll Waiss**



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## **SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on June 24 at Gingers Restaurant, Roseville, CA. This was hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl** and **Sherrill Morgan**. We had 45 present; 43 Gold Diggers, and two guests. Guests were **Lorry Hukill**, guest of the **Harshbargers**; **Nora D'Antonio**, guest of **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Haubls** and **Sherrill** for hosting.

### **Officers Reports:**

*Vice President* ~ **Len Haubl** said we are still looking for hosts for October. The **Morgans** volunteered to host the October luncheon.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** mentioned several anniversaries for June: **Rolf & Margaret Kramer** (58 years); **Hank & Rose Wikstad** (54 years); **Richard & Karin Bresett** (48 years); **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (46 years); **Harold & Barbara Mitchel** (43 years); and **Forester & Jean Sinclair** (33 years).

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** was not in attendance.

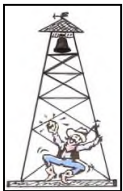
*Sunshine* ~ **Angie Dellinger** welcomed Judie and Stephanie back, sent card to Margie. Her daughter-in-law gave Angie Margie's new address. Also sent card to **Margaret Eggert** following surgery and to **Bob Eggert**.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** had no report.

*RUAEA VP Of Conventions* ~ **Ron Bertacini** told us that the planning of the convention is going quite well. Make sure that you register and make hotel reservations.

### **Calendar:**

**July 29** – Old Spaghetti Factory, Roseville, hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**



## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Sunshine galore, Ed's amazing collection of Caterpillars as well as various engines, planes and machines, Lindalee's fabulous herd of small horses – 57 of them! – 31 friends getting together to enjoy a delicious meal

(ribs, pulled pork, coleslaw, a fresh fruit salad provided by the **Dinettes**) catered by Cork & Fork. You know, it just doesn't get much better. **Rudy Blazius** extended a big Thank You to Ed & Lindalee for all their time and work to put this luncheon together.

He asked if any Miners were having birthdays; **Charles Hyde** enjoyed one this month. Now, June is known to be the month for weddings, and sure enough, these couples tied the knot in June: **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** (48 years); **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (46 years); **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (14 years); **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (24 years); and **George & Carolyn Parkinson** (67 years). Congratulations to all of you!

We had two guests this month, **Andi Stuchell** brought her friend, **Jo Graham** and the Akin's daughter-in-law, **Lynn Akin**. I believe they both enjoyed themselves and we send a welcome to each.

*President* ~ Rudy's "report" is kinda scattered throughout these minutes!

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report this month.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** had a question that Rudy will cover later!

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** reported our checking balance.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have a report. Jane did ask that she and Suzanne get together to go over our member list and see about contacting some of our members who we have not seen or heard from lately.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** was not at this luncheon.

*Old Business* ~ About 8 years ago, the Hangtown Miners chapter was formed by United Airlines Retirees who wanted to stay in touch with other retirees. Many of our "original" members started off as members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and some remained members of both. **Frank & Angie Dellinger**, who are members of both groups, brought a suggestion last luncheon that perhaps the two chapters could get together for a luncheon one of these months. The idea seemed to be well received and a possible month was discussed. December is the month that was under consideration. However, the subject was revisited and after some back and forth, it was decided to plan, with the Gold Diggers, to have a joint luncheon *next* June. Ed didn't feel it would be a problem having that many people – and, actually, we used to get together with them in June at Ed's! All present voted to move forward with this plan.

**Thom Biro** noticed that our Hangtown Miners sign was beginning to look a bit tattered. It was voted to replace it with metal panels. Thom brought the new sign to our luncheon and it is wonderful. He had little holders attached to hold two American flags. He did want to thank whoever it was who had the bright idea of putting birdshot in the legs of the old sign – if you want them

back, they're all over the trunk of his car! **Tom Kenny** will pay the \$125.28 to Thom for the sign. It looks great, Thom, Thank you! Thom's been very busy lately: Besides the sign project, he also has arranged to have shirts and jackets embroidered with our nifty Hangtown Miner logo and, if you want, your name! You can get a polo or chambre style in a multitude of colors. Some of us have them already and they're really good quality. If you are interested, get in touch with Thom at [t.biro@comcast.net](mailto:t.biro@comcast.net) or (530) 644-2959.

Not to "scare" you, but December/Christmas is just 5 months away! It has been suggested that we make arrangements with the American Legion Hall in Placerville for our December luncheon. We had our name on the schedule for December 14<sup>th</sup>, but, because we were considering combining with the Gold Diggers, we let the date go. However, **John Muir** will still be able to get that date for us. They charge a \$200 rental fee as well as a \$25.00 liquor fee which, to rent a hall, is pretty average. We would have the meal catered and suggestions are welcome. So, we need to know by our next luncheon (July 13<sup>th</sup>) if this is a plan that you all want to proceed with for December.

*New Business* ~ Items from the last issue of the RUAEA Newsletter were covered.

**Frank & Angie Dellinger** volunteer at the Sacramento International Airport. They help out folks who are having trouble(s). Recently Frank was talking to a baggage agent and he told Frank that the UAL employees have been replaced by outside sources. Where the problem lies is that these "outsiders" don't always know the policies of the company which can lead to frustration for us when checking baggage. We have shared this code with you before and want to repeat the information. If you are flying on a positive space ticket and they try to charge you for your luggage, tell them to enter **GGBAGEMP** to get the bags sent free. Unfortunately, the "new" CSRs don't know how, so, try to find an actual UAL employee – they're around and have them put in the code. It was mentioned that at SFO, people have had problems with this when they check in at the curbside services. You may just have to go in and use those lovely kiosks; again, have a UAL employee help you out.

Our Drawing of Opportunity began with the Kennys winning the donator's prize. Big Thank Yous to all who brought items to be raffled: **Blazius** – candle & container; **Akin** – eggs; **Dinette** – wine & candle; **Wolfram** – book; **Raber** – wine; **Leimer** – wine; **Hyde** – flower pitcher/vase; **Ames** – basket; **Gibson** – honey; **Kozelka** – white wine; **Dellinger** – dish with candy; **Kenny** – T-shirt/UAL; 8 table flowers along with 1 dozen eggs per setting.



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

### **RETIREEES**

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Greetings RER Members:

Summer is finally here, the morning weather is less and less overcast and the warm sun comes out sooner to enjoy the fullness of a summer day. We recently had our June luncheon on June 11 at our favorite Quail Inn restaurant at Oakmont, hosted by **Mary Hill**, **Barbara Underhill**, and **Pat Ortega**. The tables were nicely decorated for Flag Day with bright blue tablecloths, a lovely spring plant with two USA flags sticking out, on top of a pretty mirror! We had a nice time visiting with each other while the staff prepared our buffet lunch. Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced there were 31 members attending and 4 guests: **Jill Schratz**, daughter and guest of **Oscar Chambers**; **Dan Williams**, guest of **Helen Furber**; and **Jan Baty**, **Ed Nelson** and **Lee Treyelvan**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**. It was announced by President **Larry Wilson** that all new members will be receiving the updated by-laws and a copy of the year's luncheon schedule and locations. **Ed Nelson** and **Lee Treyelvan**, who have been our guests so many times, jokingly wondered if they could become honorary members of the chapter; I guess we have to follow the bylaws that a member is a current or retired employee of United Air Lines or Continental Airlines, but we enjoy having them come as guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen** nonetheless!

After our delicious lunch, **Larry Wilson** thanked **Mary Hill**, **Barbara Underhill**, and **Pat Ortega** for hosting the luncheon, and bringing the nicely wrapped wine bottles for the raffle. **Joanne & Ron Huhn** wrapped the See's Candies they brought with brightly colored paper also for the raffle. Larry told everyone that he and I had recently visited the UAL retirees group in Concord for a lovely BBQ picnic in one of the member's backyard; **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** also attended, and said that they go to that group often as well as to ours in Sonoma County. We have friends that are members of that group that we have known since the guys signed on in 1965 to the United Air Lines apprentice program, **Russ & Glenda Kennedy**. We have kept in touch off and on over all those years; it was so nice to see them and catch up on the growth of our families, especially since we have become first-time grandparents on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Treasurer's report was brought to us by **Oscar Chambers** who announced that with a few expenditures deducted we have almost \$300.00 in our chapter's Gen-

eral account and \$502.36 in the Charity. The total was just shy of \$800.00, so someone put in \$0.42 cents to bring it up to an even \$800.00!

RER Historian and Photographer **Barney Hagen** reminded us about renewing our passwords to avoid the hassle of going through a lengthy renewal process to get logged on. He read some travel tips from the RUAEA newsletter that addresses Travel Tips for Pass Riders, and encouraged to look for the link to the travel tips newsletter online for employee travel reservations.

**Joanne Huhn** said that she had sent a get well card to the **Legnittos**, and they were present at this June's luncheon; everyone was glad to see them, and gave condolences to Sheila for her recent problems with her back. Joanne also sent a card to **Diana Quinn** but received no reply back and others said they had tried to contact her and heard nothing back. Maybe by the July luncheon, someone will hear from her. It was reported that **Naomi Tolf**, who is in Longmont, Colorado with her family says she misses California, and hopefully coming to the UAL retirees luncheons!

Secretary **Mary Wilson** "subbing" again for **Verda Burr**, who went to see her family in the South, announced the birthdays and anniversaries. There were three June birthdays, none of whom were in attendance: **Pat Beery**, **Judy DeFord**, and **Maria Sothern**; the two wedding anniversaries for June were **Pat & Lee Beery** (64 years!) and **Barney & Clare Hagen** (50 years). A total of 114 yrs. or average of 57 years!

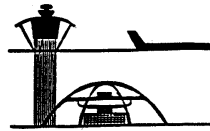
A nice bottle of wine was presented by **Joanne Huhn** to **Barney & Clare Hagen** for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary from our Redwood Empire Retirees Club! They were very appreciative of the gift! I called **George Schwind** up to share a couple of his jokes found on the Internet, which everyone greatly enjoyed!

The Raffle was held for the nicely bagged wines, the See's Candies brought by **Joanne & Ron Huhn**, and the table decoration spring plants! We had a nice time together, and **Larry Wilson** thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next month's luncheon will be held at Le Chalet Basque restaurant in San Rafael on July 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Oscar Chambers**. He reminded us all to remember the Charity Box!

We look forward to going to a location that we don't go to very often, and it will be a shorter drive for the people living in the East Bay and Peninsula. See you all then!

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Our spring is bringing smiles and happy travels to many members. We managed to meet our minimum at the Proud Bird, and are so happy to see some new faces.

**Angela Hausman** and **Michelle Botkin** from the Fantasy Flight came to share the latest news. **Laly Savoy**, Fantasy Flight past President, also attended, having managed to get a day off. The three raffled off a gigantic gift basket of goodies provided by **Jerry & Cynthia Formulak**. They also sold chances on hockey tickets and other sporting events as fund raisers for the Fantasy Flight. We are happy to welcome 2 new members to the Re-LAX-ers. **Angie Derrick** and **Kenneth Briscoe** have attended for the first time and we hope they will become regular members. **Bruce Dunkle** and his wife **Peggy** came and brought a friend, **Margaret Healy**. We are grateful to all our members and hope we can maintain healthy number at luncheons.

With so much of the country in stormy weather; I called **Eleanor Jones** in Baytown, TX. She happily advised that the sun was shining down that day; but she couldn't project the future.

We received a lovely call from **John Ippolito** who was checking on his dues and hoping he was not in arrears (which he was not). He asked about **Olga Jean Barnes** and how she was doing. Well, things look great. Olga is now packing up to return home on July 1<sup>st</sup>! She's been attending physical therapy and gaining strength. She's checked into in-home assistance and transportation services and an important item, her TV. We are so pleased that she is returning home and return to a more normal life. **Judi & Roger Dunworth** took the whole family of 8 adults plus the family pets and drove up to the lake area to celebrate Judy & Roger's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Father's Day combined. They had a long weekend out on the lake and went wine tasting in the area. They planned this early before Roger's gall bladder surgery. He's recovering well and didn't miss the celebration. Congratulations! We received a call from **Phyllis Easley**. She and her husband **Tom** were on a yearly model "A" trip that took them up in the 10,000 Island area of New York. They had traveled from their home in Meadville, PA up into the New York area in order to visit the beautiful castles nestled on the water's edge. Castles in the US? Wow, let's go!

Calendar:

August 7 - Proud Bird restaurant



## RESANS

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We had a good turnout of 21 at our July 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast even though the Holiday weekend was upon us. It is a time for visiting with friends and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bar-B-Ques.

**Louis Semon** is travelling on a Holy Land tour and **Bill & Rosina Krefft** are planning a trip to Ireland and Italy.

Both **Mary & Ralph Hernandez** celebrate their birthdays this month along with **Rosina Krefft** who also won the 50/50 for July.

**Debbie & Robert Taylor** have family visiting for the summer and are getting very familiar with Sea World, Lego Land and the Zoo.

**Linda & Roger Smith** were back from their trip to Paris and told us about the sights they saw and all of the good pastries they just had to try!

Some information for the RESANS breakfast group. If you put your breakfast on your charge card, the bill will show as Bartell hotels. I think they are under new ownership. I didn't recognize it and called on it when I received my bill.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and if your travels bring you to San Diego please come and see us!

## Calendar:

**August 6** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.



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The closest we could come to the Gala Fourth of July celebrations was our June 22 meeting - Hot Dogs, and all the fixins' – we even ran out of sauerkraut! Weather was great and a nice crowd showed up, thankfully no one brought any fireworks. Foster City is one of the few cities around here that still has a huge fireworks display – only 20,000 show up for the festivities and getting out of town is next to impossible. It is fun though and people (generally) behave! We had several guests join us, one who escaped the east coast weather, **Julie Hanson** and a local retiree, **Don Floyd**.

President **Jerome Underhill** got us started and encouraged people to volunteer and help with our monthly meetings. Because of health reasons, **Barbara Underhill** has to retire from her Membership secretary job. Yes, we are looking for someone to replace her. Do I hear a volunteer clamoring to do the job? Our Recording Secretary, **Donna Taiclet**, wants to step down from her position also, please help us out! Both of these ladies have been on the job for many years, surely there is someone out there who will help. You both have done a great job, it is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** says we have to watch our pennies these days as our membership is dwindling and the room rent for our meetings has not gone down. We are affectionately known as the "High Rent District" around here. Suggestions were made to raise the dues, not have entertainment any more, curtail some of our expenses, etc. Our stalwart Auditors, **Gene Walter**, **Ben Vietz** and **Dorothy Reuszer** reminded everyone that they should call **Dorothy** at (650) 341-5765, and let her know if you will be attending our July 27<sup>th</sup> KFC bash as we need to let the Colonel know how many chickens need to cross the road to his restaurant. Price is \$6.00 member / \$7.00 for guests – pay at the door. What a bargain!

Our Annual Picnic is being held on August 24<sup>th</sup> this year, we need volunteers to help set up and cook and help clean up. **Dee Henning** will be helping out with our Steak BBQ - beans, salad, French bread and desserts are real winners so we expect to see many of you. If you are unable to attend the July meeting but plan on coming to the Picnic, you need to call **Dorothy** (number above) and let her know you'll be there. Price: \$15.00 members / \$20.00 for guests. Tickets available to purchase in July.

While we have kitchen volunteers for our monthly meetings, we need a Coordinator. September 28 we need someone (this is a BYOBB – bring your own brown bag) to help. October 26<sup>th</sup> has **Pat Ortega** and her motley crew to help out with our Pizza, Salad and more ... fun and feed time! November 27<sup>th</sup> will be a Pot Luck feast – **Gerry & Pat Marsala** will lead the gang. (Singles bring enough food for 4 people, couples please bring enough for eight people – be generous so that the last tables to be called get food.) No December meeting.

On a sad note, our long time member, **Virginia Thompson**, passed away. A lovely lady who always had a kind word to say, we will miss her. We did have some June birthday babies, just 4. Anniversary parties were strong in June: **Emmett & Gloria Landrum** celebrating 60 years, **Don & Mary Hughes** beat them out with 62 years and newlyweds, **Jim & Helen Goodwine** with 56 years.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** just returned

from a 6 night trip up the California/Oregon Coast. 100 degree weather warranted an enclosed pool party but because of the thunder and lightning going on, the Hotel said it was too dangerous with all the lightning – the big question was? Was it OK to take a shower, in our en-closed bathrooms? We did not get a good answer (yes, we did take a shower – the bus driver will attest to that!)

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 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.

### **SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY**

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We are in the middle of summer with “Hot August Nights” (borrowing the title of a Neil Diamond album). One could get nostalgic about ‘back in the day’ when lazy summer days were spent at the neighborhood pool and *Crusin’ was Cool*. Today going *On A Cruise* is cool, such as Alaska, right **Ann & Keith Olthof** and **Zelma Kibler** and **Roger Casterline**?

Summertime often means spending time with friends and family. **Sallie & Tony Urso** entertained their son and daughter-in-law who were visiting from the Washington DC area. **Ann & Keith Olthof** spent time with Ann’s sister and niece on their Alaskan cruise.

Recipients of slices of chocolate cake for August are **Barbara Demblewski**, **Josie Esqueda**, **Gerald Frisch**, **Anna Howze**, **Ann Olthof**, **Ben Scales**, and **Geneva Schaller**. Happy Birthday!

August wedding bells rang for **Billie & Sam Cramb**, **Jeanie & Gary Fahl**, **Mary & Kal Kapin**, **Gayle & Philip Moorehead**, **Al & Mary Lou Rogers**, and **Joyce Malia** and **Chuck Thuener**. Happy Anniversary!

Our Sunshine Chairman, **Maureen Snyder**, has been sending out cards to a few of our members who need to know that we wish them the best. Hope to see you back at breakfast soon, **Bill Copley**, **Sam Cramb**, **Jean & Jack Jenkins**, and **Zelma Kibler**.

Even though our weekly Friday morning summer meetings have had fewer people than average in attendance we continue to end the meetings with a round of jokes. At one meeting **Maureen & Vern Snyder** brought their 11 year old grandson, Nathan. Nathan jumped right into the spirit with the following joke:

“What do you call it when a dinosaur and a pig ‘get together’? Jurassic Pork!”

**Dave Garland** is our featured member this month ~ Dave was born a Cornhusker in Omaha, Nebraska, and lived in the small town of Creighton until his family moved to Denver when he was seven. His work ethic began at the age of 12 when he started working by passing out hand bills for a funeral insurance salesman. During high school he worked as a sweeper boy cleaning schools, and after graduation he went to work at a grocery store. At the age of 20 he was hired by United Air Lines (UAL) in 1967 as a line apprentice in San Francisco.

The first year with UAL Dave was all over the place. He began in the Engine Shop working on JT4s, then a short stint in the Test Cell, on to the Service Center to work on DC-8s and 720s and 727s with occasional jobs on the DC6 and the Convair 340s. By the end of the year he worked in Airplane Overhaul doing the 5-day overhauls on 720s and DC-8s where he used his skills in cabin, fuel, sheet metal, hydraulics, air conditioning, and rigging.

The next year it was back to the Service Center doing maintenance checks, routine and non-routine, on airframe and engines. In 1970 Dave worked the ramp and terminal which included working at the cargo terminal, towing aircraft, and receiving and dispatching flights, as well as working as an aircraft fueler.

We all remember the “days of the furloughs”. Unfortunately, Dave was part of this group in 1971. He returned to work in 1973 to the Sheet Metal Shop, after which he transferred to Airplane Overhaul, working sheet metal on swing shift. It was during this time Dave had the opportunity to go on a month long field trip to the Emerald Isle. In Ireland he worked on a Capitol Airlines’ DC-8 that had blown tires and caught on fire during landing in Shannon.

By 1979 Dave was the father of two young daughters in school so he went back to the Sheet Metal Shop from Airplane Overhaul in order to work day shift until he was bumped back to swing shift in 1983. This time he went to the Engine Shop cleaning up engine parts that had gone through the flame spray process, not a job he particularly liked, but it was his preferred day shift.

In 1984 Dave was able to return to Airplane Overhaul where he worked on maintenance checks in the B-29 hanger. One project, along with several other mechanics, he redesigned the Sheet Metal Shop, which enabled the group to purchase new machinery.

In 1989, having crawled around aircraft enough, Dave requested a transfer to the Tool Crib as a mechanic. After two months working pressure gauges, he was asked to work in the office doing inventory and maintenance records on tooling. This resulted in a big change in his career when the processes were changed

from paper to electronic input under the new Tool Inventory Control System (TICS).

After SFO was completely computerized, Dave began to start working with TICS at line stations, beginning with Dulles (for tax purposes) since the first Airbus was being delivered which involved extensive new tooling purchases and distribution. Dave configured the Dulles computers and trained personnel on entering data. This started a long list of trips to other line stations.

In 1998 Dave was selected as the UAL Tooling Coordinator where he worked with an SFOIP Tool Planner and SFOPP Buyers. With this position he was the Airline Tooling Representative with the International Airline Technical Pool (IATP). He attended IATP Conventions in Miami, San Francisco, Bangkok, and Athens. IATP allowed airlines to share tooling and resulted in lowering tool inventory costs. Dave states that this was an enjoyable job, but was cut after 9/11. Dave went back to being a mechanic in the Overhaul Tool Crib office, doing the same thing but on a smaller scale. It was at this time when he wrote a more comprehensive manual for the use of the tooling mechanics.

In 2006 Dave applied for a management position and was accepted as a Tooling Planner, responsible for the Engine Shop and the aircraft Accessory Shops. This involved traveling, as before, to set up the TICS system at international line stations; i.e. Bangkok, Singapore, London, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Buenos Aires.

Dave retired from UAL in 2008 after 41 years. He continues to live in Los Altos in the same house he bought in 1971. His first wife, Mary, died in 1998 after they had been married for 29 years. In 2000 Dave married his second wife, Robin. Dave has 2 daughters, Charlotte and Elizabeth, and 7 grandchildren (one grandson and six granddaughters) ranging in age from 4 to 18. His younger daughter, Elizabeth, once worked for UAL as a Mechanics Helper, also in the Tool Cribs, and then a Storekeeper at SFO and LAX. Elizabeth was furloughed after 9/11, and did not return to UAL.

Dave and Robin are active in their church where Dave has spent 30 years working in Children's Ministry. For example, in March, 2014 he traveled to Harare, Zimbabwe to help in two camps for orphan children. (Acknowledged in the RUAEA Newsletter June, 2014.)

Dave and Robin are active members in our RUAEA Chapter where Dave serves as our President.

#### Calendar:

Every Friday at 8:00 – Breakfast at Holder's Restaurant /Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.

**September 23-26** – RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh



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We met on June 11 at Angelano's Restaurant in Manteca, hosted by **Ken Wesela** and **Carole Ann Valdez**. In the absence of President Wood, **Bobby Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance (with **Sandy Brooks** standing in as our flagpole). Following the pledge, Acting President Brooks thanked our hosts, **Ken Wesela** and **Carole Ann Valdez**.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented his report and announced an additional membership renewal. All our bills have been paid and all monies deposited through June 10. We are still in the black with just under \$400.00 in the treasury.

**Hans Weber** introduced his guest, **Sandra Possner**, and we noted that **John Zoboli**, our National RUAEA Director was again with us. **Joan Verbaere** entertained us with a list of humorous one liners. We are so lucky to have a bunch of humorists in our group.

**Mel Oberg** brought to the attention of the group a problem many of us have faced, or may face in the future, that of care for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia. Medicare covers the first 100 days of nursing home care, then the patient must go back in the hospital for a period of time and obtain a physician's request to be able to return to Medicare coverage. This does not go on forever, and out of pocket expenses after 100 days (for his current situation) costs \$205.00 a day. One patient in home nursing company he was referred to, wants \$20.00 an hour for a 24 hour day for two weeks to "evaluate" the home situation, with time beyond that to be negotiated. Since the patient does not qualify under hospice conditions, that option is out. He is looking for ideas and recommendations as he is not physically able to care for his wife alone.

**John Zoboli** gave his report, leading off with information about the hotel and events planned for the 2015 National RUAEA convention September 23-26 at the Doubletree Greentree by Hyatt in Pittsburgh. The June issue of the National newsletter has all the information, and no, you do not have to be a member of RUAEA to attend and there is no "special" additional charge if you are not.

The RUAEA membership dues have been increased by \$2.00 per year starting January 1, 2015. John has applications if you do not currently subscribe.

The Reno chapter will be holding their annual picnic at a new location, Bartley Ranch County Park in Reno, August 20. Contact John for additional informa-

tion (this is usually just before the Mechanic's get together in Reno)

John recommended an article written by a CSA on the use of travel passes. It is 11 pages long so he took a sign up and will send us the link so we can download it ourselves. He also notes that the latest review of customer satisfaction for airlines rated United as the 4<sup>th</sup> worst. He has recently flown Silver Airlines in Florida and commented that you should pass them up, as his travel with them was awful.

John is looking for a replacement and the election process begins in July. If anyone is considering the job (he recommends it highly), or thinks of anyone who might be willing to serve, please contact him for additional information.

Birthday attendees were **Lavina Brinsfield** and **Nancy Buddington**. None with anniversaries were in attendance.

The July meeting will be in Groveland, July 9, and will be a partial potluck. Please sign up for salad, appetizer or dessert (enough to feed 8), and bring your own drinks, chairs and silverware. The meats will be provided by **Nancy Buddington** and **Pat Passarell**. Additional information and directions will be in the newsletter.

We had our usual raffle, along with the usual bantering, and the meeting was adjourned by acting President Brooks, along with the hope for a good turn out next month.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (our next meeting is July 9, 2015 in Groveland) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our temporary president, **Bobby Brooks**, (209) 772-9814 or [brooks8281@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brooks8281@sbcglobal.net), for meeting information and reservations.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our annual June picnic was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> at Diane & Manny's home. Hot weather, but lots of shade. Interesting development with a well being dug in the property directly behind the back fence! Ye gads! The construction company was most cooperative in shutting down the pounding for an hour and half so we could eat in peace. We repaid them with ice cream and cake passed over the back fence.

Our guests were **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** (Ron is a past President of RUAEA) and **Francis & Veronica**

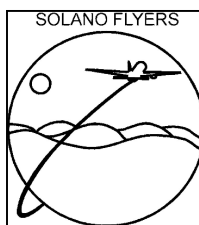
**Domaratus** who are our Newsletter Managers. We also welcomed **Larry & Mary Wilson** from Santa Rosa as guests of **Russ Kennedy**.

We had a short discussion on venues for lunch and decided to stay with the schedule below. Diane will coordinate with the Manager at the Old Spaghetti Factory for a few changes in the menu. While we are happy with the Old Spaghetti Factory, we will continue to review other options to provide some variety in our restaurant scheduling. Let us know if you have a new find and we will be happy to follow-up with a visit and discussion with the Manager to see if they might be worth trying.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- ❖ August 10 – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo St., Concord
- ❖ September 14 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ❖ October 12 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ❖ November 9 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ❖ December 14 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.



### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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Our June meeting was held at Denny's in Vacaville. In attendance were **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Rich Dabbert**, **James Ellison**, **John Frances**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **Stewart McCale**, **Nelson McKinley**, **Allan Pochop**, **Ben Reed & Bob Zweighardt**.

Two Birthdays this month: **Joanne Blizzard** and **Al Pochop**.

Informational message: Thieves defeat keyless entry to break into cars.

New technology keyless entry fobs, make it easier for many drivers. These hand free fobs unlock the car. Your car is continually trying to reach out and touch this key, when you get close enough and the car finds the key it unlocks the door.

Many cities across the country have found a spike in thefts with no sign of damage, and with people who

swore they had locked their car doors, only to find that the contents have been rummaged through and items stolen.

Thieves have begun using a device called a power amplifier to help unlock the cars. The amplifier cost around \$20 dollars on the Internet.

The amplifier boost the signal from the car and projects it as far as 100 meters, so with the thief outside your home, the amplifier has your car find your key in your purse, pocket, dresser where ever you placed it in the house and unlocks your car door, thief then steals from the vehicle, then locks the car and is gone.

If it involves technology, then it can be hacked.

Simple solution: Once inside the house, wrap the key in aluminum foil.

50/50 Drawing winner: **Al Pochop**.

#### Calendar:

**August** - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr. Rio Vista.

### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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#### Submitted by Tom Goodyear and Laura Coats.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 19 retirees attended the monthly RUAEA breakfast at United Flight Training Center. Attending for the first time was **Don George** of RTM, welcome and come back to see us. We are happy to report that no one passed away last month. **Bob Duensing**, DENTK is home after surgery, he fractured his left hip.

**Tom Goodyear**, DENOO, advised the Flight Training Center would remain in Denver. The Houston Center will be moving to Denver. They plan to have the move completed within two years.

50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Orland Baldwin**, **Charles Hassler**, **Ray Shoults**, **Jim Spate**, and **Cas Spokas**. Thank You!

Five RUAEA Directors are up for election, **please vote**. See the July newsletter.

**Sharon & Don Burbank** went camping over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

**Don't forget** ~ The Denver chapters of ARECA & RUAEA will be having their third combined *Summer activity at "Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum" on Wednesday, August 19 at 11:00am-3:00pm*. Lunch will be catered by Bennett's BBQ, served at noon. There are self-guided tours of the museum. The deadline for reservations is Monday, August 17. The

cost is adults \$21/per person, child 5-10 years is \$10/per child. Walk in price is \$25/per person.

Submit your check to **Denver ARECA, c/o Carol Danielson, 12598 E. Kentucky Ave., Aurora, CO 80012-3323**. Please include member's name, spouse or guest name, including children. The meal will be beef brisket, chicken, pork, coleslaw, potato salad, bread, ice tea or lemonade, and a brownie for dessert. All are welcome; it is a time to relive the "good old days, and old friends".

RUAEA convention will be in Pittsburgh September 23-26. Hope to see you there.

*Rezberries (Retired Reservation Agents) are having a summer luncheon, Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, At Park Hill Golf Course, (Colorado Blvd. at 41<sup>st</sup>.)* From 11:15am-2pm, lunch will be a barbeque buffet, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages, cost for lunch \$18, if you would like a glass of wine or beer with lunch, cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by August 4<sup>th</sup> to **Jane Lorimore** (303) 388-9224 or [rezberries@aol.com](mailto:rezberries@aol.com). Mail checks to **Connie Newlin**, 10056 W. Rowland Place, Littleton, CO 80127, all are welcome.

#### Calendar:

**August 1** – Breakfast meeting at DENTK, don't forget to bring your aluminum.

**August 19** - 11am BBQ at "Wings Over the Rockies"

### FLORIDA

#### CITRUS GROUPEES



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Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. After a very good lunch attended by 17 members, President **Ralph Brick** started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

A first copy of the membership directory was passed out and anyone not on it was asked to fill out their information for the final copy. It is a work in progress.

**Don Nellans** explained the mystery check some of us received from United. Don't get excited, it was a very small amount. Go ahead and cash it. It is your part of the insurance for early retirees, 55 and older, who is not yet eligible for Medicare which is no longer in effect. He also talked about the benefits of subscribing to RUAEA for \$27 a year. It is our only door to what is going on with United and well worth it.

Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** reported that we have \$356.90 in our coffers.

We discussed some of the ideas for our Christmas outing and one stood out for everyone. A paddleboat from historic downtown Sanford on the St. John River. On Sunday, they have a 2 hour cruise and Jazz luncheon. On other days, a 2 hour cruise with lunch or dinner.

Congratulations to **Marilyn Kavanaugh**, she was the winner of our 50/50.

We will be taking 2 months off for summer fun and vacations. Stay safe and watch out for sunburns. We will all meet and greet in September, same place and time. Until then, have a wonderful and safe summer.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at [brick-ralph@cox.net](mailto:brick-ralph@cox.net).

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What a turnout! We had 23 at our July luncheon, the largest group since last November! There goes the theory that Floridians head north to escape the summer heat. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a touching prayer by **Bobbie Rieck**.

We had a special treat in that our Florida Regional Director **Don Nellans** and his wife **Mary** attended our meeting today. They drove 2 hours to be with us! **Don's** dedication and commitment is amazing and appreciated. **Don** gave us an overview of Company events including the decision for Flight Operations to remain in Denver. That decision also allows RUAEA to continue to use office space in that facility. That's great for all of us! He also talked about our financial support of Azul Airlines in anticipation of the upcoming 2016 Olympics, the closing of JFK, the "mystery check" many of us received, the Pittsburgh RUAEA convention, and that the mission of RUAEA has changed a bit from strictly social to a supportive mission, advocating on the retiree's behalf if there are any problems. Thanks to **Don & Mary** for visiting with us!

President **Dick Coughlin** added some more news items mentioning the edict that American Airlines CEO has told their retirees about their pass benefits (or lack thereof). We also discussed the SpaceX Rocket explosion so close to our shores.

Today (July 2) was **Dick Coughlin's** birthday so congratulations and song were in order. To thank us, **Dick** was in great form with his monthly jokes. He's just getting better with age!

Vice President **Steve Moddle** is celebrating his 54<sup>th</sup>

wedding anniversary with his lovely wife, **Lillian** this month. What an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations to them as well.

The 50/50 drawing was won by lucky **Herb Gardner** and 5 other door prizes were won by **Don Nellans**, **Ann & Lowell Johnston**, **Steve Moddle**, and **Bud Gammill**.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave a financial report. Thanks **Penny** for all you do for us!

### **Calendar:**

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



### **TREASURE COAST**

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Our meeting on July 1 began with the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of the upcoming July 4 and 239 year Anniversary. The meeting room was decorated in Red, White and Blue by none other than our President **Al Popek** and his wife **Janice**, complementing the Holiday festivities.

We had 23 members and 1 guest who is **Madison Lee**, the granddaughter of **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, the young lady hails from Las Vegas, NV.

**Don & Mary Nellans** who live in Ocala drove 3½ hours to attend our meeting and how honored we were to have them in attendance. Don of course is the RUAEA Southeast Regional Director. What a delight and honor to have them in attendance.

After the meeting got under way, President **Al Popek** took a vote and our meetings will now be held at Duffy's on Tuesdays instead of Wednesday; so make sure you read Bob's reminders and if you receive the Newsletter please be sure to make the note on your calendar for our August meeting. The vote was unanimous. We also had a vote to move the picnic to March instead of May to perhaps allow the Snow Birds the ability to attend and we may also have somewhat cooler weather. This vote was also unanimous.

Al read an article in our local newspaper earlier this week regarding how hot weather affects those of us senior citizens and how to combat the effects and care for yourself during high humidity and heat.

**Paul Liebisch** won the 50/50 and **Frank Wise** won the Progressive, now bear in mind this is the third month in a row that Paul either has won the 50/50 or Progressive, what do you think? With that kind of luck, he had better be playing the lottery!

Those celebrating birthdays in July are **Truman Barker** (7/15), **Glenda Boisseau** (7/18), **NS Anne Kenda** (7/27), Happy Birthday! Anniversaries are **Ron & Diane Brodis** (7/15), and **Eugene & Fran Student** (7/20), Happ0y Anniversary!

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

#### Calendar:

**August 4** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

**September 1** - 1 Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

**October 6** - Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Duffy's, Stuart, FL

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

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



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



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Our city experienced a rare happening recently, when the temperature reached 100 to 110 degrees nine days in a row! We are thankful the central air conditioner we had installed in '69 is still going strong. I've many times been grateful for being born in Boise, for so many reasons, including our temperate climate.

News shared by those attending our recent meeting: **Bud & Pat Peters** took a jaunt to the Bay Area in early May, flying on Southwest. Bud will serve as Scoring Standard Bearer, his 14<sup>th</sup> year, at the Boise Open in early July. The Hillcrest golf course is just a couple blocks from our home. You can probably visualize the subdivision streets filled with many cars! **Marlene Croghan** spent a week visiting her daughter and family in Tucson, 12 altogether including nieces and nephews, over Mother's Day. An interesting side trip was Saguaro Cactus National Forest. Later, in early June, Marlene, daughter Marilyn and friend Nick enjoyed the family cabin in Cascade, north of Boise a ways. Once you head north, it isn't far before you see more and more trees, all the way to the Canadian border. Also at the meeting were **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, who keep us updated with photos of their California grandson, and **Charley & Shirley Perkins**.

The sad news is that we lost our precious **Marilyn Taylor** on June 25. It won't be the same without her. David & I will miss picking her up on our way to the monthly meeting. She leaves behind a son and two daughters. The service was very honoring. Her husband Don was employed by United at the Boise airport for four decades.

I found an interesting article in our newspaper with this title: State's Great, and Warhawk Air Museum Takes the Cake. The following excerpts I think you'll enjoy. *"During the last couple of years I've discovered something new; a place where history that you can only read about comes to life, where time creeps back generations, where every time I go, I'm filled with a sense of being so fortunate to be there. A few years back, I decided to volunteer some spare time there. Something magical happens every time. It's where family treasures have found not only a place to rest, but a place to be viewed and enjoyed by the public."*

**John & Sue Paul** started the museum years ago with a couple of vintage war birds. Their honest generosity and respect for Veterans of Foreign Wars has cre-

ated an environment that has encouraged the people of Idaho to dig into their attics and cellars and donate family mementos to be shared by others. The priceless treasures on display make you realize the sacrifices our community has made, particularly the abundance of World War II memorabilia. The museum conducts a monthly coffee where you have the opportunity to visit with more than 200 veterans. Amazingly, there are usually 40 to 50 World War II vets there. This unique gathering is a treasure that won't be available very much longer. During the most recent coffee, a 91-year-old veteran that had been involved in six island landings in the Pacific asked for the microphone and spoke to the other World War II veterans: "We're all going to be gone in 5 or 10 years, I wanted you to know ... that it was an honor serving with you. I wish you the best of luck in your journey." It seems I can't attend one of these without shedding a tear. It's my new favorite place in Idaho. Come bring your children so they can witness history before they are all gone." These words were written by Bill Iuliano, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and is a helicopter instructor pilot at Silver-Hawk Aviation Academy in Caldwell.

Some of you may have noticed that there was no article from Idaho in the July newsletter. It was discovered that David has lymphoma. He spent time at the hospital for chemo infusions in May and June. The next visits are mid-July and mid-August. The doctor feels very sure that these treatments will destroy all the cancer, which was found very early and is in no organs. David is experiencing more good days now.

#### Calendar:

**August 12** - 11:30, Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

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August, it's Rock and Roll history time again, boys and girls. August 20, 1965, Comiskey Park, yes, the Beatles were back on a very hot day. They performed two shows and sweat through both performances. Nobody could hear them because of all those teenyboppers screaming. My two sisters, Sue and Jean, went with me and had a ball. My dad let me take his 8mm camera, with the understanding if I broke, lost or maimed it in

any way, I didn't have to come home. Anybody familiar with the 8mm? You had to record half way through the film, then turn it over and record the remainder. I think that's how it worked. I goofed around filming people and useless stuff. So, when the Beatles came out, the film needed to be turned around. Great, I couldn't get it to work; I missed the first two songs, couldn't see them since everybody was standing up. Tried to get my regular camera out, plus the binoculars, which took forever. Then I had two little girls pulling on my pants, "Janice, I can't see them, lift me". What a debacle. Occasionally, I tried to get that 8mm working, I finally gave up. I'll never forget that concert! It was a Hard Day's Night, for sure. Nevertheless, I was thrilled to be there! People are impressed when I tell them I saw them. My sisters still brag about it.

Our Northside Breakfast had about 30 retirees. People still are talking about the ERRP checks, some received as little as \$.03 or as much as \$100.00. Wow! **Jim Sommerfield** saw **Martina McBride** at the Dells. He was able to get a picture with her. **Toni Van Kampen** is getting ready to run a 5K race September 27, on the new 10R runway at ORD, before it opens to plane traffic. The proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes. Run, Toni, Run! **Tina Acoba** is going to Lanai to visit family for some R & R. Aloha, Tina! **Pat & Bob Kalicki** celebrated their great grandson, Carter's, second birthday. We're losing one of our lovely couples to Arizona, **Gil & Mary Kay Wojtal** have moved to Green Valley. Many of our members live in that area for the winter but come back in May. Good luck to you, and don't forget to come and visit sometime. Gil & Mary Kay are also members of the Loonies.

The Southside Breakfast had 14 people. **LaVonne Halach** returned after a few months absence. It was great to see her smiling face. Don't stay away so long, we miss you. **Sylvester Gant** brought his three-year-old granddaughter, Genesis, for breakfast. She looked so pretty with her colorful barrettes, playing video games. They start early, don't they? At three, I was making mud pies, and doing a real bang up job! Our raffles were won by **Sylvester Gant**, **Jan Gawenda**, and **Gwen Brookins** won twice.

At our Summer Picnic, held at Chandler's, there were 170 guests. The woman that traveled the furthest was **Lockcey Tirado-Goravica**. She worked in CHIRR, but went back to live in Kauai, after retiring, where she cares for her elderly mother. She danced along to "Lovely Hula Hands" played by **Ron Cabanada**, from ORD, our ukulele entertainment for the afternoon. Lockcey joined the Skyliners while at the luncheon. You must come back again and dance for us. She saw many old friends from RR. Also, an active employee joined us, **Barb Ruccia**. We love welcoming current employees to our group. First timers were **Barb**

**Ponicki, Judy Batty, Jan Brown, Mardell Leeper, CHIRR, and Lee Karlinsky, EXOPE.** Lee splits her time between her homes in Chicago and LAS. Great to see newbies. Our RUAEA liaison, **Don Burbank, DENMM,** shared some information about the company and brought copies of the RUAEA Newsletter for our attendees. He must have been very persuasive, because many people joined RUAEA, right then and there. Go Don, and thank you! Congrats to the picnic committee of **Marj Nelson, Phyllis Kordecki and John Koehl.** One thing—more cookies.

In just seven weeks, RUAEA's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will convene in PIT at the Double Tree Hotel in Greentree, PA. You still have time to make reservations, but don't wait too long. Hope to see you there!

Our United departed include **Frank Smolek, OPBCM.** Frank was a very colorful and happy individual; I remember he was talking to a pilot one day, giving him an assignment. Frank wanted him to call somebody, and he asked him, "Are you near a phone?" We all chuckled, yes, Frank, he's on one talking to you. He loved the Cubs, Blackhawks and was a Life Master at Bridge. His son Steve, is a pilot based out of ORD. **Tom Brown, CHIRR, Marie Ellis, ORD Food and Cabin Services, wife of Dave Ellis, ORDCG.** In addition, **John Rowley,** who worked in many departments at EXO, and **Tom Broderick,** very well liked manager of OPBOP, **James Pachuta, ORDCS, Carnetta Witt and Bobbie Pilkington, ORDSW, Jerry Barr,** from CHITO, Sales, Marketing and Cargo Sales. Our dear friend, **Angie Halama, ORDCS,** passed away from cancer. She helped me sell raffle tickets for many years at our luncheons. She was a true dog lover and worked at the Buddy Foundation every Sunday morning. They had to tell her to leave because she was having so much fun and didn't want to go home. She will be missed. Last, but not least, our voice of United, **Mary Dhyberg,** from the EXO switchboard, who had a kind voice and a great sense of humor. Our sympathies go out to all of their family and friends. Also gone from our world is Jim Ed Brown, country singer, James Horner, composer of the music from "The Titanic" and "Apollo 13", Dick Van Patten, "Eight is Enough", Patrick Macnee, "The Avengers", Christopher Lee, "Dracula" and "Lord of the Rings", Ron Moody, "Oliver", Monica Lewis, voice of Chiquita Banana, Ralph Roberts, founder of Comcast, Don Featherstone, inventor of the pink flamingo, Jack Carter, comedian, Burt Shavitz, founder of Burt's Bees products, Blain Gibson, animator of Bambi and Peter Pan, Jerry Weintraub, producer of "Ocean's Eleven" and "Karate Kid", and Chicago's own teacher and activist, Marva Collins.

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#### Calendar:

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

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

**September 15** - Skyliner's Fall Luncheon, 11:00, Belvedere Banquets, Devon Ave., Elk Grove.

**September 23-26** - Re Unite In Pittsburgh

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Our June meeting was well attended. There was discussion about the recent trip to the Air Force Museum in Ohio. It was a very interesting excursion and almost impossible to see everything there. It would be worth another trip with more people attending. We also discussed making a trip to the Anderson, IN Casino soon. Our May meeting was well attended as well. **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** brought guests, **John & Shary Klinkerfuss** who were visiting from Arizona. Several of our members were excited to see them. Some of them had worked with John at SFO as well as Indianapolis. John's wife, Shary worked for UAL in Chicago and here in Indianapolis as well. I'm sure there were some memories shared and a few funny stories too. It was very nice to have them. Thanks, Brabos.

An update on our recent correspondent, **Shary Johnston**: Shary is getting better, however, she spent a quiet day on her birthday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Her plan for the near future is to attend Indy Racers' annual picnic on July 18. Once again, get well quickly, Shary, our thoughts and prayers are still with you!

**Mario Bregante** is the President of the Indy Racers. He is our Feature Story this month. Be sure to read the whole thing. Mario has had a very interesting life. This letter, in fact, would be much longer if I could remember all the stories he told me.

Mario returned from Viet Nam in November, 1968. He was living at his mother's home. After several days of sitting in his mother's kitchen all day, she told him he needed to go to work. Mario asked her, "*Is that 'look for a job' or 'go to work'?*" Mario said his mother immediately replied, "*Go to work!*" As he looked out the window from the kitchen, he saw the airport and the buildings of United Airlines.

Well, there it was! Mario went to United Airlines' Employment Offices and completed an application. He was asked to wait and was later called back for a review and interview. He was asked when he wanted to start work. Mario was a little surprised and asked, "*So this is it? No waiting for a call to come in for a second interview?*" The interviewer replied, "*This is it. I encourage you to take the job.*" Mario started work at United Airlines on December 19, 1968.

Mario spent two years in the Instrument Shop, from 1968 to 1970. He started work on 10 hour days and his rotation was: 3 10-hr. days for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks, 5 10-hr. days the 3<sup>rd</sup> week and 5 days off the 4<sup>th</sup> week. It was a unique schedule created by the 22 workers on shift in the Instrument Shop.

Then for three years (1971-1974) Mario was laid off with Chronic Fatigue. Later his mother had a friend who was looking for a part-time bookkeeper who spoke Italian. Mario had never really kept books but he did speak Italian. His mother's friend offered him the job. He took it to keep the paychecks coming in.

Mario met his wife Marjorie and was married on May 20, 1973 in San Rafael, California.

In 1974 he went back to work on the Docks for around nine months and then went back to the Instrument Shop where he worked for six years (1974-1980).

In 1980 Mario returned to the Docks and was laid off for another year. He used that time to go to college.

When he came back to work at the end of 1980 it was to Cabin Equipment for close to a year. He then spent 2 to 3 years in the Jet Shop.

In 1983 to 1985 Mario worked in Cabin Equipment in the insulation blankets. Once again Mario was laid off for 2 years (1986-1988) with Chronic Fatigue.

In July of 1988 to April 1989 Mario returned to work in Cabin Equipment. In April of 1989 he was sent

to work for Joanne Lewis in Engineering from until 1991. He really enjoyed that job. He designed forms, some new ones and revision of old ones.

Mario went back to work in Cabin Equipment in 1991 where he worked until 1994 at which time he was among the first 300 people going to Indianapolis to help setup the UAL Maintenance Center. Two hundred of those employees were mechanics and the remaining 100 were management employees. They were all called Pioneers. 1994 to 1995 were spent in meetings and then Mario worked in Cabin Equipment working on Lavatories. He was soon known as "The King of Toilets." In early 1996 the first plane came in. By 1997 Mario was one of only twenty people who could teach the operation of and the cleaning of toilets.

Questions came to Mario from out of the shop regarding his knowledge of Sales and Engineering. So in 1999 he became tired of toilets and returned to Engineering where he created drawings for the seats in Coach. This work was a partnership between Mario and George, who was the lead. They straightened out the maps of each row of seats so they could know what seats went where and what seat numbers were to be changed. Coach seats were removed out of the 757 and sent back to California to be retooled before going into the 737. Seats out of the 737 were either sold or scrapped out. There was a total of 15 pages of parts to be shipped out.

In 1999, Mario went to Europe on vacation for two to three weeks. Mario's mother had passed away the year before. So they took pictures he had taken of his mother's tomb to share with family there.

Mario retired from United Airlines on June 1, 2002. Following his retirement, Mario returned to Europe with his wife Margie and they stayed 5 weeks with his cousin. One day Margie answered the phone when no one was home. Not speaking Italian, she said, "*Hello. Nobody is home. Call later.*" and hung up. When they called back, she tried to use a few of the words Mario's cousin had taught her. Everyone got a great laugh at dinner that evening! Later Mario began having health problems. In 2012 he was first told that his aortic valve was failing. In 2013 he was told the aortic valve needed to be replaced. In 2014, Mario's aortic valve was replaced with a pig valve. Mario had problems with his vision and was declared legally blind in his left eye.

Financial troubles threatened to alter their plans for a trip back to Europe in 2016. In 2013 Margie was laid off and did not work through the rest of the year. She remained unemployed to the end of 2014.

Their plan is to return to Europe to visit family and travel. They have Lutheran Pastor friends who will meet up with them in Italy.

Mario, GOD bless you. Bring back lots of pictures from Europe to share with your Indy Racers friends!

June birthdays ~ **Elly Barnett** (19), **Bob Duffey** (21), **Chris Johnston** (25).

July birthday ~ **Carol Conway** (6), **Rita Prins** (6); **Phil Romano** (7), **Ray Brabo** (16), **Wanda Bryce** (30).

June Anniversaries ~ **Frank & Rita Prins** (4<sup>th</sup>); **Robert & Myrtle Duty** (20<sup>th</sup>).

July Anniversaries ~ **Carol & Jack Conway** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Ken & Deanna Boeke** (17<sup>th</sup>).

Annual Picnic ~ There will be no regular meeting in July because we will be having our annual picnic on July 18 at the Twin Bridge Lodge in Danville, Indiana. Have a good 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we'll see you at the picnic.

#### Calendar:

**August 11** – Meeting at Emmy's Pancake House. We will have the opportunity for lunch together at 12:30 PM and our Business Meeting will begin at 1:30PM. We always try to be finished by 3:00PM.

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On July 1, we met for our first Wednesday breakfast at Double T Diner in Glen Burnie, MD at 9AM with 7 retirees in attendance. I suspect the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend held the attendance down. We were glad to see **Robbie Miller**, Robbie was a regular for many years but health problems keep him from attending every month.

After the last newsletter went out, I was pleasantly surprised to hear from **Tom Teets**. Tom was a ramp supervisor when I came to BWI in 1964 and retired in the mid-eighties, he lost his wife and oldest daughter in the last year. He lives with his youngest daughter near Erie, PA.

On July 1, **Anne Adelson** passed away. I asked **Linda Sher Cargill**, **Mary Vogel**, **Steve Haffner**, **Clyde Abell** and **Jim Siegman** to describe Annie in a few words but the consensus was that it's impossible. She was a multifaceted person: Annie was the only daughter of a medical doctor; she graduated from Goucher College in Baltimore and went to Israel when it was young country. She lived in a kibbutz and I thought she served in the Israeli army. A cousin said no that she had married an American who was in the Israeli army. I sort of like the myth. Annie was a very strong and determined person and did life her way. She spoke Yiddish, French and Italian. I also have to mention that she knew a few cuss words. In her sixties, she and **Marylyn Rigsby** pedaled bicycles through three European coun-

tries. Annie left Marylyn behind on several times. After retirement from United she loved working in an antique shop. She collected old toasters, ice buckets, posters and wines. She loves her three cats. In her obituary in the Baltimore Sun, she suggested in lieu of a service, her friends get together, have a drink and send her the bill. On Sunday about 30 friends and relatives met at her house for a drink. It was great to see **Sam Margolis** there.

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No meeting so no meeting news. However, we do have a new member, **Paul Kelly**, retired BOSJL. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, Paul! See you at the meetings!

A little info of my last ten years with United. In 1987 I transferred from BOS, to MHT. Manchester NH airport was growing leaps and bounds, eventually building a new super nice terminal, accommodating different size aircraft. UAL built up from one round trip B727 a day to ORD, to eventually four; two B757's, an A320 and a B737 (800 I think). Plus four B737 200's round trip to IAD. Load factors were so good, being an SA was a chancy proposition, especially to IAD. Compared to BOS, landing fees, overnight aircraft parking, jet fuel, building space, all new hires (B scalers), were always less expensive, as well as customer auto parking.

I just checked UAL.com, only to find United express has three flights a day to ORD, two Canadair Regional 700's, one hundred seats each, and one Embraer RT145, fifty seats, at prime time, 4:15 PM. Plus, UAL no longer services IAD.

Eventually, United pulled out of three similarly profitable North East stations, BTV - Burlington, VT, MH - Manchester, NH and PWM - Portland, ME. All money makers and less expensive operations. However, the word was, "people like me, never see the **big picture**". What is amazing was the really good employees who worked above and beyond to build the business. Then the company just threw it all away. Makes one glad to be retired. Enough said!

August's birthdays: **John Parks**, **Michael Provenzano**, **Horace Smith** and **William J. Vanderwal**.

August's anniversaries: **Bob & Judith Austin** (56 years), **Tom & Dolores Blackwood** (31), **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (46), **Fred & Rita Casey** (59), **Bruce & Priscilla Csassa** (59), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (66), **Michael**

& **Paulette Provenzano** (50) and **Lucinda & Ron Suga** (50).

*Yes, I talk to myself sometimes, especially when I need expert advice!*

Calendar:

**July 28** - Picnic; location to be announced

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Once again I received a friendly reminder that the NL is due. Where does the time go?

First of all we have not had our meeting this month as it was postponed due to the holiday. Secondly, I really don't have any new news to report. So as they say, "No news is good news". Right?

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Since June, **Nel Brawner**, **Rich Glattly** (my best buddy) and I were off having nice boat rides around Lake of the Woods chasing walleyes and other finned critters, my thanks to **Mary Brennan**, for sharing the minutes with me so that I could report to You, the People. It was a nice day when 27 Lites gathered again for food and visiting. They welcomed back **Jack Spalding** from his most-of-the-year home in Florida. **Dave Wiley** showed his face again, smiling now that he's had heart surgery and feeling fine for several months. **Diane Storlie** was unable to attend as she was being fitted for an ankle brace, but HER best buddy, **Lee**, our IT (Intrepid Leader), was in attendance.

**Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** were absent ~ off on one of those fun mystery bus trips that they so enjoy. In preparation for the trip, **Lyle** had to see his vet to have an ultra-sound test & other probing for his lungs and breathing.

We've heard from our gone-from-Wisconsin pal, **Jim Simon**, that he's still having repercussions from a cracked heel due to a fall off a ladder several months ago. It prevented him from attending the Northwoods Loon(ie)s spring fling in Michigan. "Get well soon" messages from all.

The midsummer picnic was mentioned but no discussion about having one. See comment in last month's newsletter. I got a call from **Andy Holen** wondering about where and when the picnic would be this year. He was disappointed that there apparently isn't going to be one as he and **Norma** really look forward to that event each year.

Other local news: The possibility (rumor) that Sun Country Airlines is going to shut down rather than cave to unrest amongst the troops. Stay tuned about that. Also, the size of carry-on bags is reported being reduced to provide more room in the overhead bins. In my mind, the problem is that passengers who fly a lot are allowed to hog the whole bin with their oversized bags.

**Mary & Jim Brennan** are going to be dearly missing their daughter, Rebecca & son-in-law Joe, as a job opportunity in Florida has taken them away from Wisconsin. **Mary** recently travelled by car with Rebecca to D.C. and Virginia visiting kids and families before the final stop in FL. On the way, they stopped to visit our friends, **JoAnn & Chuck Eichacher** in Jensen Beach, FL.

The RUAEA convention is being held in PIT September 23-26 and **Lee Storlie** encouraged us to attend. Pittsburgh has a beautiful downtown and is a great city to visit.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.), east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to the OCB.

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We had 42 attending our luncheon at Cooper Farm. Thanks to everyone who pitched in from the ordering of food, setting it up and cleaning up later. We did have one person from the airport, who had been one of the 80 outsourced, and that was **Gary Heywood** who served United for 21 years in Customer Service. Thanks for coming **Gary** and you are welcome anytime.

I am sorry to report that **Cary Manson** was admitted back to the hospital and passed away from cancer June

20. Visitation was held June 25 at the Roeder Mortuary from 4-7 with the Shrine Service at 7. Funeral service was held at Covenant Church on June 26. Our sincere sympathy to **Toddy** and family. **Cary** was very active in the Tangier Shrine in Omaha and also served as Potentate in 2010. He retired from United with 40 years of service. He will be missed.

**Ruth Jeppesen** called to see how I was getting along and we had a nice conversation. She said she still plants her flowers each year and enjoys taking care of them. She will be 90 August 7.

**Van VanHouten** had complete knee replacement June 15. He said he would be in the hospital for 3-4 days. We are thinking of you **Van** and hope everything goes well and you will be back with us in a few weeks.

My apology to all the June birthdays – for some reason I was a month ahead and put in July birthdays last month (guess I still had the after effects from my surgery). So, I hope all of you had a great time in June on your birthday. Those who celebrated are: **Jim Sophir** (14); **Rita Purkapile** (16); **Jim Braden** (29). I will add the July people again: **Harry Hansen** (11); **Jan Cornish** (15); **Tom Langan** (15); **Betsy Anderson** (19); **Elaine Schreiber** (19). Happy Birthday!

#### Calendar:

**August 4** - Fernando's, Blair, NE, hosted by **Patty Shook**

**September 1** - Lake Manawa, hosted by **Sharon & Larry Farrell**

**October 6** - TBD

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Our June luncheon/meeting was attended by 34 members and 1 guest. Guest speaker was Cathy Cassell; she is a crime prevention specialist from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. She gave valuable tips and recommendations on home security, and the new fashionable scams. The presentation was very interactive with members asking many pertinent questions. Check with your police department for information on home security or neighborhood watch. Should you be a victim of credit card fraud, go to [IC3.gov](http://IC3.gov) and file a claim online. You will also find valuable information there.

Secretary **Jeannie Rolland** discussed the senior lifetime pass card and Access lifetime pass for handicap

to Federal parks and recreation "America the Beautiful". The cost for seniors over 62 is \$10.00, and is free for handicap. Jeannie also announced the creation of our own Facebook account for all members to utilize for posting pictures, events, and sharing information.

We are very sad to report that **Leila Albert** lost her battle with cancer and passed away in June. **John Albert** would appreciate a card of condolence at 300 Promenade #1101, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Ailing **Shirley Popp** received a pacemaker; as did my husband, Jim. Both are doing well.

Members celebrating birthdays in June and July are **Jeannie Rolland**, **Chris Czaplewski**, **George Fox**, **Mary LeChevallier**, **Elizabeth Sabroso**, **Charlotte Anderson**, **Jack Richardson**, **Ruth Verplank**, **Andrew Wright**, **Zenta Berghofer**, and **Barb Kosa**.

Anniversaries: **Christine & Woody Earl**, **Andrew & HESSIE Wright**, and **Larry & Phyllis Snavelly**.

Next luncheon/meeting will be on August 11, Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd, 11:30 am.

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There were 18 members in attendance at our June meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

The date for our August summer picnic is Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Plaza Pavilion. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check member interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Ann Batty** and **Larry Reid**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **John Zoboli**.

Our next meeting will be July 13 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

### NEW JERSEY

#### THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute by **John Deily**, since both our Pres. **Frank Wor-**

**zocha** and our treasurer **Gene Enfield** were absent. There was a moment of silence for the passing of two of our members, **Kenny Saucsville**, and **Fred Privi**, both of EWR ramp service.

Since today was dedicated to hobbies for our members, we had some interesting discussions:

**Ev Eaton** talked about his coin collection which is fairly extensive, while he did pass around a few of his more interesting doubloons.

**Kathy Deily** showed what she can do with some old pieces of plastic. When she got finished with them they were beautiful creations of flowers of all different colors, and I have to admit they look pretty real to me. Oh well, some people do have a knack for creation.

**John Deily** brought in his completed quarter collection that he had started some time ago. I don't know why coins have such a fascination to collectors? **Marty Etler** read a couple of his essays from his memoirs, and as always, gets choked up when he talks about old times.

**Terry Schultz** won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM

*"It's not how much you have that makes people look up to you, it's what you are."*

## NEW YORK

### BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Seventeen Chips met at The Olive Branch Family Restaurant in West Seneca, on June 17<sup>th</sup> for lunch. Circumstances beyond our control prevented us from conducting a business meeting.

The group had a wonderful assortment of entrées and almost all departed with a box of goodies of one sort or another. In our case, we both ordered the Chicken Pot Pie and when they arrived, I promptly asked the waitress if she could box one to be taken home and bring a second plate so we could share the second.

Time was spent passing tales of travels, family fun and the usual references to various ailments. Everyone completely enjoyed themselves.

No new names were passed as being sick.

The meeting was adjourned with the promise of the next meeting in Mid-September at a location to be determined.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

## NEW YORK METROS

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We lucked out again, despite a weather report of chance of thunderstorms for our July picnic. Forty one Metros showed up, and lingered long after the food was gone, enjoying a pleasant breeze blowing in from the unseen bay. As usual, our chefs did an outstanding job. Our space borders the playing fields where there are teams of kids, hoping, I bet, for a handout when they smell those hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages grilling. It makes for a great summer day in the park.

I had a scam going where I asked members to choose a slip of paper from a bag, hoping the "winner" of a red one would get to write a blurb for the newsletter. There were dozens of disappointed "losers" until they heard what the prize was. I finally got two, but took pity on them and gave up.

Adelphi University is naming a room "the **Ronald Feingold** Computer Lab" in honor of Ron's years of support and commitment. Congratulations, Ron. We need more news like that. Anyone else?

Although I don't get an up-to-date report on all anniversaries, **Velma Jones** did call me regarding hers and **Fred's** 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 6/24. Many happy returns. For this month, I see **Lillian & Paul Cohen** will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup>. Do you remember my reporting their ice skating competition at the Winter Olympics just a few years ago? How time flies. Best wishes to all you brides and grooms. That includes **Mary & Jordan Levine**, and **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth**, according to a list I have, though not announced at our luncheon. Happy Birthdays to those blowing out the candles this month, and to America on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Winners of the 50/50 were: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Jim Richardson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Diane Pozzi**, 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Jim Richardson**. Is there an echo in the park? **John Klos** and I won \$5 scratch-off lottery tickets, and **Harold Koch**, **Pat Hannon** and **Carol Malley** won the lesser amounts.

Guess by now everyone knows United is pulling out of JFK, it just defies comments. Now the airlines are under investigation for collusions? Help!

That's about it for now. Let's hope for an even bigger crowd at our next picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup>.



## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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This report is written by President **Dolly Taucher**, pinch hitting for Mary Lou this month. Seeing that our July luncheon is not until the 8<sup>th</sup>, I thought this would be a good time to give out “kudos” to all that have helped our Chapter function so well.

We have volunteers that host our gatherings each month. They choose a restaurant, pick the menu, get a good price, and set up all the little details. Volunteers include **Bob & Florence Alexander**, **Nancy Carter**, **Gene & Jacki Craig**, **Tom & Helen Hockett**, **John & Carrie Kercel**, **George & Mary Lou Kuretz**, **Mary Lou Mack**, **Norma & Vince Malena**, **Joe & Shirley Moses**, **Dave & Marie Placko**, **Carol Seifried**, **John & Dolly Taucher**, **Arlene & Earl Taylor**, and **Barb Vaults**. We have “callers” who are part of our communications system. At the drop of a hat they are ready to pass on important information. It could be anything from a death of a chapter member to news about United. Our volunteers include **Nancy Carter**, **Tom Hassal**, **Carrie Kercel**, **Mary Lou Mack**, **Joe Moses**, **Dave Placko**, **Jacki Spooner**, and **Barb Vaults**, with **Steve Pytel** as an alternate.

The other part of our communications system is the sending of emails with that same information so that all of our members are informed. **John Taucher** takes care of that, John also emails the United Dailey News, and is also our Webmaster. You may visit our website at [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org).

We have two main sources of income. One is Membership Dues. The other is our 50/50 drawing conducted by our very dedicated volunteers, **Dave & Marie Placko** who do a fantastic job.

Last, but definitely not least is my “team”. Not in my wildest dreams could I have wished for the 3 fantastic people that we have. Vice President - **Arlene Taylor**, Secretary - **Mary Lou Kuretz**, and Treasurer - **Steve Pytel** are always ready to ensure that our members have a great time. We are all on the same page and it is a pleasure to work with them.

Of course all the planning in the world would mean nothing without our members. Without them, we would have nothing. And they are responsible for our 81 new members in the past 5½ years, including 3 from Continental.

So, if you want to see all the fun that we Ohio Buckeyes have, just visit our website. Our calendar of events is there too. Or better yet, if you are in the Cleveland area at the time of one of our luncheons, just give me a call and join us.

“Kudos” to the RUAEA Newsletter team for their dedication and all of their hard work.

### Calendar:

**August 5** - Annual Picnic - The Chalet in Strongsville Metroparks, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had a great group of 75 folks join us for our lunch meeting in June. We were delighted to have **Beth Aluisi**, as well as **Ted & Velda Schoessler** join as new members. What fun to have more new faces! If you are ever in the Portland/Vancouver area the second Wednesday of the month, please come join us at the Colwood Golf Center Grill.

We are sorry to report that **Woody Sanger**, retired PDXG Ramp serviceman, passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 83. Cards can be sent to his wife, **Bea Sanger**, at their home: 4217 SE Harney St., Portland, OR 97206.

Also, **Mark Simpson**, 46 year old son of **Gary & Dee Simpson**, passed away on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Gary worked PDXOO for many years. Cards can be sent to Gary & Dee at 18616 NE 198<sup>th</sup> Ave., Brush Prairie, WA 98606.

Sick List: **Marge Curtis** is now in rehab, no further details were available. **Dennis Cline** is suffering from back problems and may be looking at surgical intervention.

Announcements/New Business: There will be no picnic next month. There was a general vote at the January meeting and it was overwhelmingly decided to forgo the annual picnic tradition and have a “picnic theme” at our regular air conditioned lunch venue instead. We’ll have prizes and make it a bit different than our normal lunch meetings. All attending the July “indoor picnic” are asked to wear, or bring, old UAL uniforms. It should be fun to see how many can still wear their old uniforms. We expect lots of reminiscing and maybe a few good laughs!

Anniversaries: **Diana & Mike Thomas** (45 years).

May birthdays: **Emily Newberry**, **Lois Gruen-**

**berg, Marilyn Woods, Ed Rommel, Glen Swanson, and Frank Bullis.**

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize - **Ashley Hall**, Men's Birthday - **Ed Rommel**, Women's Birthday - **Marilyn Woods**, 50/50 - **Ted Schoessler**, new member, boy do we treat them right!

Calendar:

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

**August 12** - Social

**September 9** - Social

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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I hope my UAL retiree friends had a restful summer and did something special. If you still need fun, sign up for the convention in Pittsburgh, September 23-26.

We were glad to welcome **Bernie & Dorothy Short** to our last spring meeting. They were visiting from Tenn.

We are thinking of our sick friends. Hope all are improving. On our list is **Frank Acquarola, Frank Egges, Mona McNamee, Tom Lyons, Alan Edwards,** and the **Fantos**.

Calendar:

**September 14** - 12:30 luncheon at the Clarion in Es-sington

**September 23-26** – Re Unite in Pittsburgh.

**November 12** - 3:00 pm, a trip to the American Music theater in Lancaster for the Christmas show. 15 tickets are available at \$36 each. Call Joyce for yours!



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Rain, go away! It has to have been one of the wet-test Junes around. I'm ready for some sunshine. Speaking of sunshine, I hope you all are ready for some fun and sun in Pittsburgh at the RUAEA convention.

Our June luncheon was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and we were honored to have **Ron Bertacini** and **Marilyn Marcy** as our guest speakers. They brought us up to date on the upcoming convention. Welcome also to **Beverly Alderdice** who is "home" for the summer and will be helping with the convention.

It was good to see **Elsa & Jerry Schiller** and **Dave & Gwen Detwiller** who traveled a good way to attend. We also welcomed new members **Al Ruschell** and **Beverly Barwell**, welcome aboard.

President **Dave Beatty** welcomed the group. Treatie and Mary Jane gave us a few corrections and updates on some of the events.

The fall picnic was cancelled this year due to the conflict with the convention. Door prizes were won by **Paul Musko, Al Ruschell, Marilyn Marcy** and **Beverly Barwell**.

We so missed **Barb & Malcolm Seaholm** who recently relocated to Hermitage, PA. Their address is 284 Stonegate Blvd, Hermitage, PA 16148, phone # (724) 305 6828. Hope to see them at the convention.

Thanks to **Jim & Diane Weber** for escorting **Barbara Guida**. Good people.

Our August anniversaries are **Bronko & Lillian Lapceovich** (22<sup>nd</sup>), **Karen & Steve Moliterno** (28<sup>th</sup>), and **Mitch & Doris Abbas** (31<sup>st</sup>).

Our August Birthdays are **Pat Wagner** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Sandi Burns** (15<sup>th</sup>), **Bronko Lapceovich** (19<sup>th</sup>), and **Ken Wolfe** (22<sup>nd</sup>).

Don't put off, send in your reservations. Re Unite in Pittsburgh.

**WASHINGTON**

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Welcome to the Dog Days of August. This has been a super warm summer in the Pacific Northwest with fans and air conditioners operating at full speed.

**Dave Jones** will conduct his last meeting as president of the Emerald City Slickers at the next meeting on the second Tuesday of September. A new president has not yet been announced. We also are looking for a *Contrails* newsletter editor to spread the word at the local level.

We have just received news of the death of **Dee O'Donnell** (SEARR), who was active in the Seattle Chapter for years. Unfortunately, we lost track of **Dee** when she was forced to give up her membership. Rumor had it that she had moved to an assisted living facil-

ity, but no one was able to locate her. Now we understand that authorities are trying to locate next of kin and request your help in providing any available information. You're welcome to e-mail **Gay Liesse** at the above address and she will route it to the proper destination.

Our June 18-19 get-together with members of the Portland Oregon Dewers chapter was a successful experiment, though we had hoped to have more RUAEA members involved. Those who did attend on Wednesday were welcomed by **Ed & Gay Liesse** in the lobby of Seattle's Museum of Flight, where **Dave Jones** conducted one of the tours and another docent escorted the second group. Local RUAEA members, who support the Museum, donated free admission passes to guests.

In addition to the indoor displays of aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia – and, naturally, the gift shop, visitors enjoyed ogling and touring some of the outdoor static displays of more recent planes, including a B-17, the Concord, and the newer Boeing 787 Dreamliner (that one is huge!). That evening brought us together for social hour and dinner at a local hotel.

Thursday's activities included a tour of the Boeing Wide-Body Plant, the Restoration Center with its United 247, and Paul Allen's collection of planes.

Participants had signed up for the various venues beforehand and not everybody did everything, so we really were never *all* together. We all were delighted to welcome **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** from Roseville, California. **Francis** serves the Association as manager of this RUAEA national newsletter. Though his column and photo appear monthly, we know that **Veronica** is heavily involved, as well. We were sorry **Ron Bertacini** and his wife had to cancel because of illness in the family - they were missed.

Portland attendees included **Frank Bullis** and **Marion Deasy**, **John & Anita Donaldson**, **Jack & Nancy Hooper**, **Tom Hotchkin**, **Harold Miller**, and **Kathy & Paul Russell**. Now, I must confess that one significant other was unable to accompany her husband and was replaced by a friend, whose name I neglected to note. One of the couples had to cancel, but I apologize for not knowing which name to remove. Obviously, I should have been taking notes.

Participants from our Seattle chapter, the Emerald City Slickers, included **Bev Brubaker** and guest, **James & Marion Hafterson**, **Don Hanson** and **Sharon Penwell**, **Tom & Sally Holford**, **Dave & Linda Jones**, **Ed & Gay Liesse**, **John & Mary Luke**, **Arno & Betty Schaetzke**, **Ken & Judy Storey**, and **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**.

It was wonderful to see so many during a non-meeting summer month. A week later, **Bob Howard** organized and hosted the annual retirees' golf tournament. Results of that meet will be published in the Sep-

tember column. You have enough names for one month. Have you found one or two folks you know? That's the name of the game.

#### Calendar:

**August** – No Meeting

**September 8** – Luncheon – Burien Elks Club

**September 23-26** – Re Unite In Pittsburgh

**October 13** – Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

#### NATIONAL



#### CLIPPED WINGS

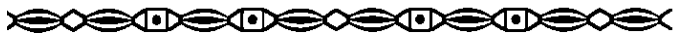
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Hello RUAEA;

I hope this article finds you all enjoying the summer with family and friends. Most of our Chapters are on a hiatus for July and August, so I don't have a lot to report. We did have our Executive Board meeting in SAN and we were able to see the Hotel we will be using for our convention in 2016. I know how much fun you all had last year and we intend to do the same! A lovely town to have fun, meet and greet everyone.

Currently, I am working on a new Chapter in Charlotte, South Carolina. Trying to get our "ducks in a row" to make it a bit easier, since I live in California. So, if you know of anyone in that area, please give me an email address or a telephone number. Will keep you posted on how successful we are going to be!

Continue to enjoy your summer and I hope you are healthy and happy.



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## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **June 2015**:

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The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **June 2015**:

Elvira S. Adamis, Robert J. Barna, Ralph L. Barnett, Robert P. Barra, Frank A. Bennett, Gene Berkhan, James W. Borell, Joseph R. Brabo, Walter L. Bradley, Kathleen M. Bright, Marian Bruns, Donald L. Bryant, William Burg, Dolores K. Burrs, Robert Casale, Paul C. Chen, William Chicots, Rachel Chinn, Robert L. Collins, Linda B. Crocker, Georgia Del Castillo, Jean Drongoski, Victor G. Eifert, Faye P. Ewerth, Helena M. Ferdinandus, Patricia Flanagan Mix, S. N. Gasque, James M. Gibson, Mary Beth Guthman, Gerald T. Hayashi, Larry L. Hoover, Roger J. James, Marvin L.

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## OBITUARIES

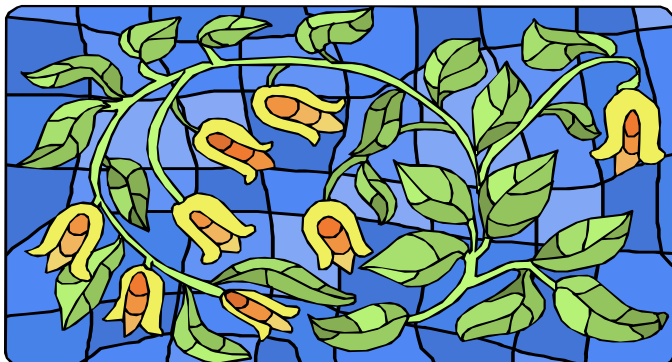
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- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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- Spouse – **Antonucci, Josephine L.**, on 4/15/2015, SFOMR, wife of Gerald F. Antonucci, SFOPD, 1691 Navarre Ln., Henderson, NV 89014
- Retiree – **Barr, Jerry D.**, on 5/25/2015, HDQFR, husband of Mary Lou Meter Barr, 22910 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. Unit C303, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Spouse – **Broderick, Thomas R.**, on 7/4/2015, ABE0Z, husband of Susan M. Broderick, WHQCG 5878 Haverford Way, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
- Retiree – **Carson, John E.**, on 6/10/2015, SFORN, husband of Mary Jo Hutchings-Carson, 192 Glenwood, Hercules, CA 94547
- Retiree – **Halama, Angie M.**, on 7/8/2015, WHQFM, wife of Jack J. Halama (Deceased) 625 Millers Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016
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- Retiree – **Piecz, Edward, A.**, on 11/18/2014, LAXCG, husband of Patricia A. Piecz, 1352 N 3625 W., Cedar City, UT 84721
- Retiree – **Puskaric, John W.**, on 6/21/2015, PITOO, brother of Ellie Hayes, uncle of Bill, Eric, John Marsh and Kathy Berkoben, 6503 Ventura Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236
- Retiree – **Roeder, Robert J.**, on 5/19/2015, WHQDD, husband of Annette M. Roeder, 590 Nelson Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60016
- Retiree – **Rowley, John F.**, on 6/14/2015, WHQDA, husband of Gloria J. Rowley, 2625 Techny Rd. #834, Northbrook, IL 60062
- Retiree – **Wagner, Robert E.**, on 6/3/2015, LAXMM, husband of Patricia L. Wagner, 134 Summit Dr., Pismo Beach, CA 93449



## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Shahan Balain, Darlene Foster, Lorraine Karpen, Louis Kelly Jr., Patti Flanagan Mix, Joan O'Hara, John Organini, Gerry Powers, George Proch, Joan Palumbo, Dorothy Reynolds, Bernard Sanford, Victoria Young.

### 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.)*

### Evelyn Clark, 459 N. Willow Wood Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

The June Newsletter arrived this morning and it reminded me that it is my birthday month. Since I am a Life Member, I am enclosing a contribution to the postal fund. I look forward to reading about retirees in the "Letters" column and the biographies of retirees in the various Chapter reports. Another plus is printing pictures in color of Officers of Chapters at times and the forth coming RUAEA Convention.

We miss our little Maggie, a miniature Schnauzer, who was put to rest a year ago on June 1, 2014, nine days short of her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. We adopted her from Save a Dog Rescue, when she was 5 years old.

We are adapting to life's changes. George was diagnosed with Type II Diabetes last summer and has bouts of congestive heart failure and edema in his legs.

Lynn is presently in the process of being fitted for a

new prosthesis. It has been seven years since my right leg was amputated and I rely on my walker to keep moving.

I want to thank all who are involved in printing the Newsletter. I look forward to receiving it and reading about all the happenings of the retirees and United.

**Jean Drongoski, 645 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, OH 44319**

Thank you! I know the work it must take each month to complete all of the RUAEA news.

I do enjoy my monthly Newsletter. I retired in 1993 and don't see as many familiar names any more. But it is always interesting to keep up with what is happening with other retirees, as well as United Air Lines.

**Martin Etler, 15-12 Elmary Pl., Fairlawn, NJ 07410**

The 301<sup>st</sup> bomber group held reunions every two years from 1982 to 2006. One of our reunions was in Dayton, Ohio, and as I remember it, we had quite a big turnout for that occasion. I always looked forward to these conventions because it was a time to reminisce with some of my old Army buddies. With veterans of any kind, especially the military, when you have a proximity to danger, you form a bond with all those who shared those dangers with you. You can talk to your family or your friends about your experiences, but it is never the same when you share it with your comrades and come out okay.

At our conventions, we always had a memorabilia room set aside where all our members could bring their many artifacts that were picked up by them while in service. This room was usually very busy with lots of people coming in and browsing, but it was always a good place to sit down and have a good conversation. On this particular occasion I happened to run into a former member of our bomb group who told me that he retired from the Air Force in the late 70's. When he told me he was a former pilot on the SR 71, my ears picked right up as this is one of the fastest aircraft ever built and holds the speed record flying from Los Angeles to New York in about an hour and a half. This plane was usually used mostly for intelligence gathering. He said he often flew at over 100,000 feet and mapped Russia, China, North Africa and the Middle East, all in a day's work. While we talked for quite a while, and to me it was a very interesting conversation. Just when you think you know a lot to find out how much you don't know. While there, I also took a good look around at the many things that were on display that our members had brought in. One thing caught my eye; it looked like an old fashion comic book. I picked it up and looked at the date of publication which was 1943. It was produced by the Walt Disney Company for the Boeing B-17 bomber. Apparently someone in the Army Air Force thought it would be worthwhile to use Walt Disney cartoon characters to illustrate on how to fly a B-17. This comic book pamphlet as I remember was about 25 or 30 pages. In retrospect, if you bought a new car today and looked into the glove compartment, you will see informa-

tion about 2 inches high, on how to drive the car with its automatic equipment and to listen to its satellite radio. One has to wonder if we had iPads during World War II would our victory have come any sooner!

The programs for these conventions were really straightforward, you got there on a Thursday and looked for your old friends; Friday and Saturday were dedicated to dinners and tours, on Sunday we had a breakfast, then an invocation and then departure. However on this particular Thursday, Violet and I were sitting at a table with some people when one of the attendees came up to us and asked if he could sit down with us, and of course I said yes. As we began to talk I could see that he was an old Army veteran of the Army Air Force, and with a lot of experience. He was looking for a friend of his who said he was going to meet him here in Dayton. He told me his name and I said I'm sure he's here because I saw his name on the list of those people presently here now and as we talked he told me a story.

As the allied armies drove the Germans out of Italy in 1943, the Army air force moved their heavy bombers closer to the southern part of Europe and one of those groups was the 301<sup>st</sup>. That group consisted of B-17s with four squadrons, 352 353 32 and the 419<sup>th</sup>. They finally wound up being based out of Foggia airport right near Rome, Italy. Part of their missions was to destroy the Romanian oilfields at Ploiesti. This was vital because it cut off the fuel supply to the Germans. On one of their missions coming back from Romania and flying over the Austrian Tyrol, they were shot down by anti-aircraft fire which severely damaged their aircraft. They got down to about 2000 feet, and the pilot gave orders for everyone to bail out. While he jumped out of the back, he could see some of his guys go out the front. However one of the parachutes did not open. While he and his mates were captured by the Austrians and subsequently imprisoned he did not know what happened to the rest of the crew that bailed out in front especially the one whose chute did not open. He later found out that it was his good friend, the radio operator. Apparently he fell into the trees and into the heavy snowfall on the mountains and had survived. He along with the rest of the crew were captured by the Austrians and sent to a different prison camp. After the war all those men were repatriated, and that included his friend. Although they hadn't seen each other for all these many years they still kept in touch with Christmas cards and phone calls but then decided that they would meet here at this reunion in Dayton.

As we were talking, he looked over at the table right next to us and there was his friend that he had shared this great element of danger and whom he hadn't seen in over 40 years. They saw each other and came together within a few feet, they hugged each other and there were tears flowing freely. His friend, the radio operator had his whole family there and he was introduced to all. I can tell you that there was not a dry eye at all the tables around us and that included Violet and myself. There is a never end-

ing spirit amongst soldiers that never dies and as the old adage goes “old soldiers never die, they just fade away.”

**Charlotte Flagg, 202 Stonemill Ln., Oswego, IL 60543**

Greeting to all of the hard workers!

After 50+ years of subscribing to National Geographic and the Smithsonian, I did not renew this year. But not so of the Newsletter. United was too much of my life for 45+ years with so many memories.

It is hard to believe I have been retired for 15 years.

**Joan Gilkison, 985 Fleet Dr. Apt 365, Virginia Beach, VA 23454**

I am the widow of **Terence “Terry” Gilkison**. After he was discharged from the US Coast Guard in 1945, Terry started working for United Airline Lines in Cleveland. He spent his entire career with UAL and finished it in EXOEGV.

We were very active members of the Ft. Myers, FL “Pelican Drop-Ins” that **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** started many years ago. Terry was president at one time and I wrote for the RUAEA newsletter for many years.

After Terry passed away, I stayed in Punta Gorda until 2013. I then moved to a very lovely retirement village, Atlantic Shores in VA. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best decision I ever made. The 1<sup>st</sup> one was marrying Terry.

I have made friends with **Yvette Franklin**, who worked for UAL for more than 25 years. She also lives here at Atlantic Shores. We would like to attend some local chapter of RUAEA chapter meetings, if we could find one that is close here.

**Marie Helena Kocovar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave, Valrico, FL 33596**

Thank you RUAEA for your devotion to delivering the monthly newsletter, it's much appreciated and enjoyed.

It's amazing how quickly a year goes by, filled with family occasions such as high school graduation and a wedding, all in California. I used my mileage or purchased a ticket in order to be assured of arriving in time for the celebration. A third trip out west to Oregon to visit my brother in Medford and then friends in Oregon City rounded out travel in 2014.

A Trafalgar bus tour to Nashville to see the Grand Old Opry, Memphis (Elvis Lives!), Natchez for Frogmore cotton Plantation and ending in New Orleans was to be my only trip in 2015. But it didn't work that way because I had the opportunity to visit the Florida Panhandle with a friend. Then an opportunity of traveling to Iceland wasn't to be denied. On May 29, a day earlier than the start of the tour, we flew DL to Reykjavik, Iceland, taking an Insight Vacation's coach tour of the Island. The ring road circles the island and hits all the natural wonders, waterfalls, fjords, glaciers, dormant volcanoes and hot springs. We stayed in the Iceland Air hotels, each one differently appointed, but looking very Scandinavian in design. We

experienced delicious food, and gracious service. This was a trip of a lifetime. So in a little over a 2 month time period, I took 3 trips. That will be it for this year, or so I think. Maybe there will be more travel later on, after I've rested a while!

**Georgia Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013**

Thank you for all the hard work in keeping us retirees informed of what is happening at UAL and for the reports from all the chapters and members letters. I read it all.

I turned 87 in January. I worked at HDQCU for 33 years. Those were the good old days, working with **Ed Langel** and **Gene Artemenko**. I have been retired for 25 years.

I had failed back surgery that has left me having to use a walker to get around. I would like to fly to see my sons, one in Vancouver, Canada and one in Alexandria, KY, near Cincinnati, OH.

Has anyone using a walker made it through an airport and then on to a plane? Was it difficult to make it through security? What was done with the walker when boarding? How were you able to manage a carry on?

I would be flying on a vacation pass. That is, if I can figure out how to list. It used to be so easy, but not now!

**Editor's Note:** *The TSA has established a program for screening of persons with disabilities and their associated equipment, mobility aids, and devices. All disability-related equipment, aids, and devices continue to be allowed through security checkpoints once cleared through screening. The answer to the boarding question not only varies from airline to airline, but from type of aircraft to type of aircraft, and occasionally from one flight crew to another. If you cannot manage on the aircraft without your walker, you probably need to get some very specific answers from the airline which you are using. For United Airlines, go to [united.com](http://united.com) and search under “Customer with Disability”.*

**Pat Barrett Stephany, 921 Fiesta Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403**

Thanks to all of you who keep us informed via the Newsletter.

When it arrives I drop everything & read it cover to cover, even though there are fewer people I know. I do enjoy reading about all the adventures of all our retirees.

I was hired by United Air Lines in 1942 and sent to Boeing School of Aeronautics to learn about radio, theory & meteorology. I then worked 7 years as a Radio Operator in Communications at San Francisco Airport. Later I was a Stewardess based in Denver, flying to both coasts until I was grounded when I married Bill Stephany SFOMM. We had/have 3 sons, traveled the world and were married 55 years at Bill's death.

Now I'm 91 with grandchildren & great grandchildren and I have had a “Wonderful Life” thanks to Bill and United Air Lines, when it was the “Best of the Best”. I don't recognize it anymore. What a shame!

**Gerry Vann, 375 Apache Lane, Winter Haven, FL 33881**

Huge thanks go out to all of you for the great, important job you do in getting the Newsletter out. It is so much hard work on your part, but so necessary for all of us.

I retired from ORDCS in 1996. How the years fly by.

I was a member of the Chicago Skyliners after I retired until my husband, Endel and I moved here to FL three years ago. I joined the Real McCoys chapter here in Orlando. What a good group of people. There is no one like our United Airlines family.

We love living in Florida.

**Linda Ward, 3434 Maple Ridge Rd., Lupton, MI 48635**

Greetings from Northeastern Michigan where we still haven't seen spring arrive, much less summer.

Donnis and I bought a new Ocean fishing kayak. Donnis has had it on the water once. For me, too cold, too rainy but mainly too tired!

We have been traveling a lot by car. Our last plane trip to Florida had us driving back and thanks to Enterprise Rental car, we made it home. Flights are so full and my 58 years of seniority means nothing. I have heard many retirees say they have pretty much given up traveling standby. We used Cheap O Air (or something like that) and got a flight right to SAN for \$400 and did well on flights to OKC and OMA. Sorry to say none of our travel was on UAL. We paid \$50 for 1 piece of luggage. But to have a confirmed seat was worth it.

The flowers are beautiful this year. We have 2½ acres and maybe 1 acre for flowers and garden. We plant the garden in raised 4x10" beds. We put in milkweed seed this year, trying to lure the monarch butterflies back.

Thank you, for the monthly newsletter. It is wonderful to read familiar names.

**Judith Wright, PO Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115**

Sorry to be late; I have been out of town, babysitting great grandchildren in Colorado. I have 6 great grandchildren and another on the way. Colorado is always wonderful. Two of our 3 children live in Colorado, as well as half of our friends have retired there. So, why are we in Michigan?

I had another crazy UAL experience. I listed on the 0530 flight out of ORD; I am too old for the O Dark Hundred flights. Then UAL called to say I was listed on two flights. I am not sure how even a sane group of people could have me on two flights at once. The second left ½ hour later. I couldn't get a pass home, so I got on Southwest without a problem.

I have tried to correct the 2 flights at once but no one seems to understand. How could you not understand? I think I will be a SW flyer again!❖



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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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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

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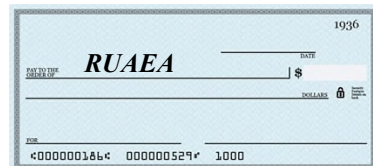
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**2015 Pittsburgh Convention Registration Form**  
**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015\***  
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**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number	Department Retired From:	Is this your first Convention? Circle one	Yes	No
Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)		
Street Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
Spouse Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 1 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State		
Guest 2 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State		
Guest 3 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State		
Guest 4 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State		
<b>Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes). Please provide your email address here:</b> _____				
<b>Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory (circle one)</b>			<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Would you like to volunteer to assist in (circle one)</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Raffles</b>	
<b>If yes what days are you available? (circle one)</b>	<b>Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.
5. No credit cards can be accepted for payment of convention events.

Date – 2015		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b>					<b>\$12.00</b>	\$
<b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>						
Fri., Sept. 25	Flavors of Pittsburgh				\$7.50	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Sat., Sept 26	Chicken Marsala				\$37.00	\$
Sat., Sept 26	Salmon				\$42.00	\$
Sat., Sept 26	Beef Short Ribs				\$42.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-12</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

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### Tour Registration

Date – 2015	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Sept. 23	Flight 93 Memorial, Quecreek Mine Rescue	1	\$81.00				
Wed., Sept. 23	Heinz History/ Strip District/ Ducks Ride	2	\$81.00				
Wed., Sept. 23	Trip to Mt. Washington and Dinner at Le Mont Restaurant	3	\$65.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Flight 93 Memorial & Fallingwater	4	\$91.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Heinz History/ Strip Phipps Nationality Rooms	5	\$77.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Pittsburgh CLO show	6	\$45.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Bus to Market Square	7	\$10.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Bus to Station Square	8	\$10.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Calvary Church/ Andy Warhol Museum/ Lunch at Jerome Bettis 36/ Duquesne Incline	9	\$91.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Bus to Market Square	10	\$10.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Bus to Station Square	11	\$10.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-11</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>							

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**Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking. Buses into the city on Thursday and Friday are actual school buses.**

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"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"

bers of Commerce. Thousands were introduced to the "wonders of present-day aviation" at Bakersfield, Fresno, Stockton, Merced and Reno.

More than \$3,500,000 of the latest military and commercial planes were on public display. A popular feature was the 20-minute scenic flights in United's Convair. Proceeds from the nominal charge for the



*Some of the more than 5,300 who inspected a Mainliner Convair at Bakersfield. (inset) Captain Stanley Anderson at Fresno with "Junior Stewardesses" Sharon (left) and Kathy Long.*

In early 1955, widespread public interest in air transportation was demonstrated in five western cities at a series of "Airport Days" sponsored jointly by United Air Lines, the U.S. Air Force, Convair and local Cham-

flights were donated to the Jaycees for welfare work.

At the first four cities (Reno figures were not available) the over-all attendance totaled 77,000 and more than 17,000 toured United's Convair with approximately 700 taking "courtesy flights". Of the 700, approximately 80 percent were "first-time flyers".

*By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the April 1955 United Air Lines News.*

Recently UAHF received donated items from: **June Kettleson, Phyllis Jack, Jeannene Allen, Bonita Ades, Bette and Frank Morton, Marsha Celestino & Thomas Workinger.**

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#### Ohio Buckeyes, OH

- ❖ Steve Pytel - Treasurer
- ❖ Arlene Taylor - Vice President
- ❖ Dolly Taucher - President
- ❖ Mary Lou Kuretz - Secretary

These four Chapter Officers took office in January 2010 and work as a team, making decisions together for the benefits of all members of the Buckeyes.



#### Central Coasters, CA

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