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## The 2016 RUAEA Convention Committee looks forward

to meeting you in Seattle!

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



**Hank Gosselin**

Hi Folks,  
Summer is off to a good start most everywhere, and I hope you are enjoying it. It is also about 3 months to the Seattle Convention. I see our room nights at the hotel are climbing up and Registrations have begun to filter in. So, I remind you to start your planning soon.

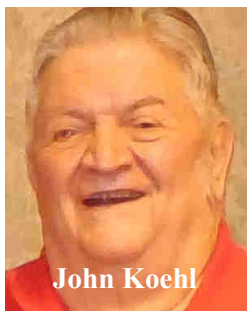
For all of you that may have smartphones, the United APP is now available, go to Flying Together App Travel page for info.

Please vote for our new candidates for RUAEA positions, using the online ballot at [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) or mail in ballot. Your vote is important and shows your interest in RUAEA.

Once again, register for the Seattle Convention, investigate the new United APP, and please vote.

Hank Gosselin  
RUAEA President

### Thank You, John Koehl



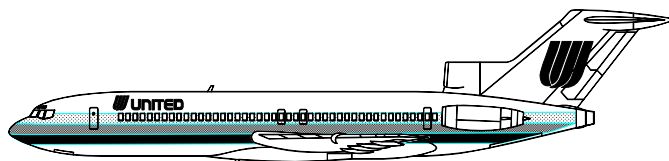
**John Koehl**

During the year, many of our members reach milestones in their lives. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize one such person. **John Koehl** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 5<sup>th</sup>. John has been a long time member of RUAEA since his retirement in 1988.

John has served in several positions including Vice President of Convention 1998-2000. Over the last several years John has served as the Convention Site Chairman, negotiating contracts with the various hotels for our conventions.

John has always helped out the tours at most conventions. We want to congratulate him on his 90<sup>th</sup> year and thank him for all his time and efforts for our organization.

Ron Bertacini  
Vice President of Conventions



### Rain Dance Underway



Beat the drums! Blow the pipes! It's time for the **Rain Dance** to move your feet to the rhythm of Seattle.

The June 2016 Convention Issue of the RUAEA Newsletter provided information and registration forms for all United and Continental Airlines retirees

to sign up for the annual RUAEA National Convention. See pages 31-42 (AKA C-1 – C-12) at the back of the newsletter. Additional forms are supplied at the end of this issue.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy a great time with fellow airline retirees. Reminisce about "the good old days." Share your memories of personnel and events that made United great. Take advantage of convention tours to experience first-hand one of America's most popular cities. You need not be an official member of RUAEA to participate.

From September 21-24, 2016 your home will be the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport/Southcenter, a lengthy moniker for the all-suite hotel, which will provide a free shuttle from Sea-Tac Airport if you fly – or free parking if you drive. To be guaranteed the hotel's convention rate, your reservation must be received by September 4. Call 800-222-TREE for reservations. (Reminder: This is **not** the DoubleTree that housed the 2004 convention. Be sure to board the correct shuttle.)

To reserve transportation between airport and hotel, call (206) 575-8220 from Baggage Claim. You can make arrangements for your return to the airport later, from the hotel. See page C-4 (June newsletter page 34) for additional information.

If you'd like to see and do more in the Puget Sound area, convention hotel rates are available three days before the convention and three days afterward, depending on availability. There are months and miles of activities and destinations that can't be covered by the two days of convention tours.

Book your choice of those tours that **are** available when you send in your convention reservation. How about a day trip to glacier-covered Mt. Rainier? Or famous Pike Place Market and the waterfront? For those whose interests lean seriously toward airplanes, the convention offers tours to the nearby Museum of Flight with displays of all manner of aircraft and memorabilia. Outside the main building, you can wend your way over to see more recent planes from Air Force One to Boeing's first 727 (UAL's museum contribution of N7001U). A day trip can take you up to Everett to watch Boeing manufacturing up close and personal during a tour of their wide-body plant. Paul Allen's Heritage Collection and the Museum of Flight's Restoration Center are included.

Back on hotel turf, the usual UAL Convention activities and events will keep you occupied. Plan to participate in raffles, 50/50 drawings, socializing in the Hospitality Room, dining in hotel venues (or outside at any one of a

large number of nearby restaurants and Southcenter Mall). Be sure to sign up for the annual Friday evening Prop Wash Party, co-sponsored by Alliant, and the Saturday night banquet.

Retirees' business events on Saturday will give you an opportunity to learn more about your benefits. Explanations and answers can be extremely helpful to those of us who can't quite read the fine print, understand the lingo, or get our laptops to cooperate.

The Emerald City Slickers invite you to REGISTER NOW and tap your toes to the *Seattle Rain Dance*. See you in September!

Gay Liesse and John Haferbecker  
Convention Publicity

**Published in the United Daily 6/10/2016: Get ready:  
Use the United app for all your travel needs**



Coming soon, you'll be able to use the United app for your full employee travel experience at your fingertips while on-the-go.

You can already use the United app to check in and view boarding passes, boarding totals, seat maps and the standby list. When United launches

enhanced features later this month, you'll be able to book and manage positive space, space available and myUAdiscount travel flights and much more! United will provide more details when the enhanced features launch.

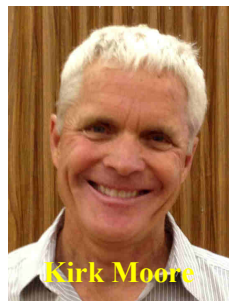
To take advantage of these great new features on the app, you are encouraged to link your MileagePlus number to your u-ID if you already haven't done so. Linking the two numbers allows the app to identify you as an employee/retiree and provide you with employee travel features. To link these numbers, simply go to employeeRes > Quick Links > Employee Profile and add your MileagePlus number to your profile. The linkage can take up to 24 hours to process, so United is giving you advance notice so you can take advantage of the new features as soon as it's available. If you don't have a MileagePlus account, you can sign up for one for free on [united.com](http://united.com).

Stay tuned for more information, and in the meantime, read our Q&A and quick reference guide on the Travel tab's [United app and Pass Travel page](#). Soon a chart will be posted on that page to show the benefits.

**Updated in Travel June 27, 2016** ~ You can now use the United app to manage your full positive space, space available and myUAdiscount travel experience conveniently and efficiently. For more information, including a Q&A, quick reference guide and chart depicting which features are available on the app vs. desktop, and a video showing you how to use the app, go to the United app and pass travel page on the Travel tab.

**Compiled by Kirk Moore,**

**RAFA Travel Benefits Committee, June 17, 2016**



**Kirk Moore**

**myUAdiscount tips** ~ Gotta get there on time? Can't risk flying standby? Get a confirmed seat, Mileage Plus credit, 2 free bags, and 20% off full revenue! Read the tips:

- a) Before buying myUAdiscount, check Expedia, SeatGuru, etc. to see what other carriers are charging for the same route. Remember, you get 2 free bags on myUAdiscount.
- b) Purchase via the Flying Together >Travel >myUAdiscount tab. Read about program, then click the little blue "Book" link to be sent to [united.com](http://united.com). If you don't use the blue "Book" link you won't get the 20% off. You and your pass riders can buy these tickets.
- c) During your flight search, open "My search preferences" and select "United and United Express only". There is **no** discount on other airlines.
- d) If the prices do not say "Employee Fare" or have a blue star, you're not getting the discount; be sure you used the little "Book" link.
- e) Check prices far in advance; they may be cheaper 2-3 days out or sometimes 24 hours before departure; costs can change by the minute.
- f) Fare rules apply to your ticket: free changes are only allowed for 24 hours following purchase; beware of hefty change fees after 24 hours.
- g) There are no free upgrades, but you can purchase an Econ+ seat (usually cheaper when selecting your seat on the seat map). You may also buy a FC seat, if available.
- h) **Never** buy a myUAdiscount ticket and list for standby on the same flight, you will lose your pass travel privileges.
- i) Definitely sign up for Mileage Plus (it's free), you will accrue miles! And then link your MP account number with employeeRES.
- j) If your flight is delayed/cancelled, you are entitled to compensation/lodging just like a real person!

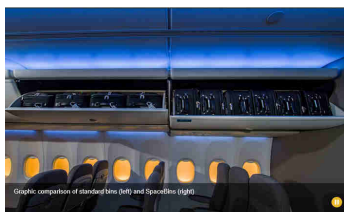
**Trip Planning: Europe** ~ We can pass-ride on United to Europe practically for free, but flying back to the USA is another matter. Departure taxes vary radically by city. For example: a family of four will pay about \$650 in taxes ex-LHR; if they flew home from Stockholm the taxes would be \$72, a savings of \$578 (that's a lot of croissants, cappuccinos, wine or pints!).

Look up departure taxes in employeeRES >QuickLinks >Pass Calculator. Here are some examples: Taxes per person (estimated): ex-LHR \$164, ex-CDG \$105, ex-FRA \$94, ex-MUC \$78, ex-ZRH \$37, ex-FCO \$35, ex-AMS \$27, ex-BCN \$25, ex-ARN \$18. Plan your trip accordingly, but bear in mind some stations only have one flight to the USA per day versus London/FRA with many flights (if you get bumped).





### **Bigger bins arrive on all new Boeing 737s starting in June**



On June 14, United took delivery of aircraft #532, a Boeing 737-800, with new, larger "SpaceBins", modeled after the deeper 787 bins. The SpaceBins are

bigger than the bins on United's existing 737NG (Next Generation) aircraft and will allow every passenger to store a rollerboard on its side in the overhead bin.

New Aircraft Engineering Director Pete Hendrickson said, "*The United team worked together with Boeing to optimize the design as much as possible. The bins have informational, graphic placards installed to show customers how to load the rollerboard bags to maximize capacity.*"

United and several other carriers prompted Boeing to make bin improvements to avoid customer dissatisfaction over having to gate check their carry-ons. One reason for this is that larger rollerboards are being brought on board, which leads to less overhead bin space availability for customers in the last boarding group. SpaceBins will alleviate the issue as long as bags are properly loaded into the new bin, utilizing all of the space available. This means putting rollerboards on their sides rather than backs facing up.

The new bins will allow 40 additional bags on a 737-700, 56 additional bags on the 737-800 and 62 additional bags on the 737-900ER. The lower bin-lip height makes loading and visual inspection of the bins easier, and no bin-assist mechanism is required to close the bins.

All of United's future new 737s being delivered from Boeing will feature the larger bins, the company is evaluating options in regard to retrofitting the current fleet.

This month, United will receive two 737-800s and two Boeing 787-9s.

### **So Simple from Sheryl**



**Sheryl Schubert**

Summer has arrived! With that comes picnics, getting together with friends and family and having simple, but delicious meals.

This recipe may be made up a day ahead of time and warmed up when ready to serve. Make a pasta or tossed salad, corn on the cob and dinner is ready. Enjoy!

#### **Cranberry BBQ Chicken:**

3 to 4 chicken breasts

1 small bottle Catalina salad dressing

1 can whole berry cranberry sauce

1 envelope Lipton onion soup mix

Clean and dry chicken and place in baking dish

(aluminum foil pan saves dishes). Mix together dressing, cranberry sauce and onion soup mix. Pour cranberry mixture over chicken so that chicken is completely covered. Bake at 300° for 3 to 4 hours (checking to make sure chicken is not burning). After baking, remove pieces of chicken (1 at a time) to a large bowl and shred using a knife and fork. Once all chicken has been shredded, stir in cooked sauce to desired consistency. Serve on buns or on plate.

\*Chicken breast can also be served whole with sauce spooned over top.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges** at 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!

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our group of 10 members & families met Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for lunch at Macaroni Grill in the Summit Shopping Center on 280 in Birmingham. Those attending were **Jim & Donna Gooch**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Travis & Zoe Glass**, and **Joe & Jane Jones**. Several members were unable to attend due to illness and other issues. **Herb & Carol Wilbanks** have recently moved to Auburn, AL and have a 2 hour drive to attend. We hope to see everyone back for the August meeting, which will be on the second Monday at 11:30a.m. As of now, we plan to meet at the Bright Star in Bessemer.

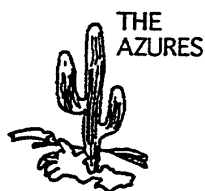
We were especially happy to see **Beverly Yeager** back from a recent surgery. She reports she is doing fine and we all wish her continued good health. She also won our 50/50 drawing.

We meet on the second Monday of the even numbered months and invite all retired United families to join us for lunch and fellowship. Without our meetings we would lose contact with so many of our United friends and families. Please join us if you are able. For more information, you may call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

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Hello from Sunny Arizona!

After 7 years, **Joe Hopkins** and **Carol Liltz** relinquished their official duties as treasurer and correspondent of the Azures. We enjoyed coordinating activities and helping the members have fun and enjoy new venues. Thank you Carol & Joe!

**Michael & Claudia Richards** are visiting California to visit family and friends. Mike is in New York for July

4<sup>th</sup> visiting kids and grandkids; Claudia is in California visiting our daughter Erin. I'll fly back to California next week and then Claudia & I will dog sit for Erin while she vacations in Turks & Caicos. Flew the SFO - EWR red eye July 1, completely full, no service to speak of in coach but everyone got a pillow and blanket. Wow.

**Boris Spits** took off to the White Mountains on a fishing and camping excursion.

From **Lisa & Joe Hopkins** ~ our grandson and his achievements to become a Chicago lifeguard. Looking forward to the new season with the Azures and a new leadership team. Hope that leads to new venues for the group.

August Birthdays: **Bob Maloney** (8/3); **Tom Heidecker** (8/8); **Ginny Weller** (8/10); **Dick Aaronson** (8/15); **Linette Stenberg** (8/16); **Gene Hinnners** (8/21); **Bob Lutzinger** (8/22); **Olive Crowthers** (8/27); **Don Sellon** (8/29); **Vivian Klick** (8/31). Happy Birthday to you all!

Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Norma Lutzinger** (8/22); **Gene & Marge Hinnners** (8/27).

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Tuesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are August 9<sup>th</sup> & August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The address is: 12535 W. Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224. Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net).

### PHOENIX METRO



### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The summer is going by fast, and we're trying to stay cool. Hope you are enjoying yourselves wherever you are; at home or traveling. Our Re-United members continue to meet for breakfast the fourth Friday of every month at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We would love to have more members attend. The restaurant is air-conditioned, and it's not that hot in the morning, so please join us if you're not too busy and would like to visit with a nice group of people. If you plan on attending, please give **Peg Snowdall** a call at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). She needs to let the cooks know how many to plan for.

At our June breakfast, 14 people attended. We enjoyed visiting with each other while we ordered and ate our breakfast. We were relieved to hear from **Renee Harris** from the PBGC assuring us that they will be paying our benefit into the future. Since this is where a good portion of our retiree incomes come from, we were happy to hear that news.

Our of our members, **Bill Betz**, was on our local Fox 10 News recently, showing him helping the WWII Vets with the Spring Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Bill spent a few minutes telling us all about it. What a wonderful thing to get involved in.

**Bob Irwin**, a good member of our chapter, recently had double heart by-pass surgery, and will be in rehab for a while. Get well wishes can be sent to **Bob Irwin** at 1 S. Lincoln Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148. We wish you a speedy recovery, Bob!

The RUAEA Official Online Ballot for 2016 is available. It contains candidates for President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President Conventions, and Directors for Florida, Midwest, Southern California, Northern California/Nevada Region, and Western Region. There are also spaces for Write-Ins. The nominees for the Florida Region and Southern California region do not have a candidate listed, and only has the option for a Write-in candidate. Please take the time to vote. It will make a difference, and is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. The voting period started June 15, and runs through August 22, 2016. You can download the paper ballot, and mail it to the Audit Committee at the following address: RUAEA Audit Committee, 2702 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-1717, or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA Website. Don't forget, the ballots must be received by the Audit Committee by August 22, 2016.

Just a reminder again to continue picking up items for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight, such as socks, gloves, cute, huggable stuffed animals, (12"-15" long), blankets, plus any small shampoo, soaps, or lotions that you can pick up while traveling at various hotels, etc. You can give these items to **Peg Snowdall** at any time.

We're getting closer to our RUAEA Convention time in Seattle, Washington. It's from September 21 through September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport/Southcenter. The deadline for registration is August 31<sup>st</sup> and the Hotel Registration Cutoff date is September 4<sup>th</sup>. All the information is in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, or you can download it on the RUAEA website, at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). There's a lot of great tours available. There are some exciting social events planned. On Thursday, Sept. 22, there is a one hour Double Tree hosted event. Your ticket will be good for one beer or glass of wine and will include light appetizers. This will be a sports night, so bring your favorite team's shirts, caps, etc. On Friday, Sept. 23, there will be the "Prop Wash Party", with a mixture of Cheese Trays, Fruit Trays, Mediterranean Spreads, and Smoked Salmon Trays, co-hosted by Alliant Credit Union, at a cost of \$14.50 per person. The RUAEA Banquet will be on Saturday, Sept. 24, with no table assignments, and the dress code will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional. That menu is your choice of Pork Loin, Pacific Salmon,

or Roasted Tri-Tip Beef, with prices as noted on the registration form. Be sure and include your file number at the top of the form.

The following members have their birthday in August: **RoseMary Arquisch** (8/1), **Ame Esan** (8/7), **Richard Vehring** (8/7), **Shirley Claggett**, (8/21), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), and **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26). Happy Birthday to each one. Our Anniversary list shows, **Duri & RoseMary Arquisch** (8/6/2008), **JoAnne & John Gaudio** (8/11/84), **Keith and Marilyn Morey** (8/18/51 – 65 years), **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25/73), and **Richard & Janet Vehring** (8/28/76, 40 years). Happy Anniversary to all the couples.

#### Calendar:

**August 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you are planning on attending at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317, by Wednesday, August 24.

**September 21 – 24** – RUAEA Convention in Seattle, WA.

#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were only 17 Roadrunners at the June 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Oro Valley Community and Recreation Center at 10555 N. La Canada, hosted by **Roger & Lyn Callihan**. Thirty-four members had RSVP'd that they would be attending, and I think there might have been some confusion because in the June Newsletter, I mentioned that this was formerly El Conquistador Country Club, which it was, but no more. A few members went to the big hotel on Oracle Rd., and did make the lunch. We had a nice room all to ourselves and ordered from the menu. **Alice Lopez** ordered the Martini Salad - Shaken not Stirred, which had piqued my curiosity. The waiter brought the salad in a quart Mason jar, shook it vigorously and poured it onto a salad plate. Alice said it was very good and choked full of chicken. After lunch, 50/25/25 raffle tickets were selected; **Roger Callihan** and **John Bennatts** were the lucky winners.

Speaking of **John Bennatts**, he will be heading East on his road trip shortly after July 4<sup>th</sup>. We wished him happy travels and asked him to keep in touch.

**Pat DiLallo** chaired the meeting in lieu of President Charli who had a medical procedure she had to take care of. Pat thanked the Callihans for hosting the luncheon. She also asked if anyone had a suggestion where we might hold our Christmas luncheon.

Next month's luncheon on July 21 will be at Café

Torino at 10325 N. La Canada hosted by **Pat & Rich Di Lallo**, RSVP to them at (520) 825-7370 or email [rpdgarrlic@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarrlic@comcast.net) by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

July milestones: Anniversaries ~ **Marion & Jim Hafterson** (7/11/1964), **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer** (7/12/1982), **Henny & Clyde Satyterfield** (7/15/1978), and **Leland & Jackie Benner** (7/22).

Birthdays ~ **Jackie Benner** (7/3) and **Gisela Mead** (7/28).

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our Chapter met on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Annie golf course. There were 10 of us there and to our great surprise, **Jack Cunningham** was there. This is the first time he has attended without his be-loved Eleanor. We were happy that **John Stilwell** and **Mike Zoldak** drove down and picked him up.

**Bob & Marcia Stanger** were hosts and Marcia gave each woman a special rose. Since **Barbara Stilwell** and **Bridget Zoldak** were unable to attend, she gave roses to John and Mike for their wives.

**Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting and said that he would be attending the Convention this year. He told us that a long time member of our Chapter, **Betty Rupp**, had passed away. Also **Peter Schaefer**, who had a stroke, is now home with some of his speech returning. At our last meeting I talked to Peter about the time we both worked at Midway Airport, before jets. It was good to reminisce about some of the times we enjoyed. He worked for UAL and I was with Capital. We are hoping he recovers enough to start attending our meetings again.

Mike told us that he had purchased a new car after so many years. When he was driving one day, he was greatly surprised when he hit a deer. His car was badly damaged, and at this time, he has no idea when it will be out of the shop. I never did hear what the fate of the deer was. They usually dust themselves off and walk away.

Our August meeting has no hosts at this time, but Mike and John said that they would come up with something. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Marcia & Bob Stanger**. Since Marcia is the treasurer, she received all the money to be divided up.

We discussed the officers for next year, and since our chapter is losing members, someone suggested that the present board remain the same. Since there were no objections, our board will stay the same as this year and you will still be reading minutes from me.

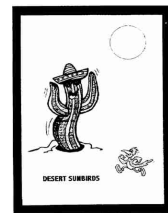
**Jack Cunningham** reminisced about his wife **Eleanor** whom he misses so much. He does have a daughter living in Alaska and a son in the LA area and he keeps in touch with both. Jack will be having a birthday coming up and he will not be 39. He did say that he would be 69, only the numbers will be reversed. This soon to be 96 year old has a sharp wit and is a joy to talk to. He also remembers the time he worked in Chicago and the Midway days before my time. Regardless of where our next meeting will be, **John Stilwell** said that he would pick Jack up. Jack is one of the founding members of our Chapter and with the help of friends, we want him to attend as many of our meetings as possible.

Our Vice-President, **Esther Bartlett**, is an accomplished artist. She has her paintings displayed at various places including the Santa Maria Airport. She will also have her paintings shown at a local art gallery.

Our next meeting will be on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The place and hosts to be determined. As secretary, I will not be attending since I will be at my grandson's wedding in Oregon, **Mike Zoldak** will take minutes again.

### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds' June Luncheon was hosted by **Patti Sica** and **Gay Traber**. They had taken over for the **Clappers**. **Jim** had rushed **Liz** to the Hospital that morning. Sadly, we found out later that day that **Liz** had passed away. She was a delight to know, and very popular with all who knew her. I'm sure there will be many Sunbirds at her Memorial Service this coming Saturday.

Thirty one Sunbirds and one guest, **Ruth Burnett**, sister of **Norm Burnett**, were in attendance at the Mountain View Country Club in La Quinta.

Our "sick list" this month is longer than usual - not a good sign. **Al Pennington**, one of the original members of the Desert Sunbirds, has been placed in an Assisted Living Facility by his daughters, both Flight Attendants with United. **Scoobie Wolfe** and **Gwen Craven** have missed several luncheons recently. I talked to them, and got an update. Gwen sustained a fractured spine, and Scoobie had an episode of Atrial Fibrillation. The good news is that they both plan to be at our July Luncheon.

**Dede Utzinger** fell on May 1<sup>st</sup> and broke her wrist, although she did not realize it at the time. Two days later, after checking in the golfers playing in the "Patterson" Open, tried to play; but could not continue after a few holes because of the pain. She wore a cast (up to her bicep) for about a month. She is now wearing a wrist brace - but no golf!

Lastly on our "sick list" - **Val Tinus**. Fellow Sunbirds **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** found Val lying on the floor in his apartment, incoherent and dehydrated. They called 911, and got Val to the Hospital. He was treated for a bacterial blood infection. He was scheduled for another surgery, but I have no further information at this time.

Our monthly UAL Bio: **Patti Sica** ~ In 1964, Patti had just graduated from Nursing School (in Canada). She saw an ad that United was looking for applicants for Stewardess Training. She applied, was hired, and was off to Chicago. Five weeks later, she was assigned to LAXSW. She flew the "Valley Queen" (LAX - BFL, VIS, FAT, etc.) for a couple months; then started LAX-HNL. In those days, a nurse was required on all over-water flights. Patti met her now ex-husband, got married, flew for another couple months, and got pregnant. She quit. (Her other choice - be fired). During an eighteen year hiatus from flying, Patti worked as an RN, and taught Nursing at a local college.

The McDonald litigation gave Patti the opportunity to return to flying. She knew there had been a few changes in the job, but in her words, "*You know the old line; 'I love to fly. I love people.'*" Patti retired in 2003, moved to the Desert in 2004, and says, "*I'm very happy to be where I am. I have 2 amazing children: my son is a Pilot for United, and my daughter is a Psychotherapist.*"

Congratulations to our Anniversary Celebrants in July ~ **Dave & Kathy Wilson** (22 years on 7/30); **Jan & Bob Keck** (23 years on 7/3); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (34 years on 7/29); **John & Maureen Schultz** (51 years on 7/3) and **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (55 years on 7/29).

**Vern Behnke** won the Birthday Lunch; **Mike Bailardo** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

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## GOLD DIGGERS

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In June, the Gold Diggers were invited to join our neighboring chapter, the Hangtown Miners. The Gold Diggers were formed in 1981 and, after 26 years of growth in the greater Sacramento area a new chapter, the Hangtown Miners, were formed on August 27, 2007 for the Placerville, Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills area. About half of the Hangtown miners are charter members and former Gold Diggers. There are many UAL retirees who have joint memberships in both chapters.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers joined the Hangtown Miners on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Akin Ranch in Placerville for a joint meeting and Barbeque Luncheon.

The hosts included **Angie & Frank Dellinger** who coordinated the Gold Digger's attendance and provided a cake and the table centerpieces which were given away at the end of the meeting. **Ed & Lindalee Akin** and **Suzie Quinell** hosted the Barbecue. Unfortunately, the Akins were unable to attend the luncheon since Lindalee just had a knee replacement and Ed fell off a tractor and broke a few ribs.

There were 33 Gold Diggers and 36 Hangtown miners attending. The Hangtown Miner's President, **Rudy Blazius**, thanked the hosts.

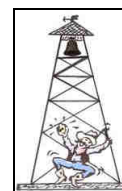
There was no formal meeting with officer reports but our RUAEA Northern California and Nevada Director, **John Zoboli** briefed us on some noteworthy RUAEA news including the 2016 Convention and the election of RUAEA officers. John dispelled a recent rumor that retiree's passes have been cancelled which is not true. He also explained that a Washington Post article on May 30, 2016 indicating that PBGC is running out of money doesn't have anything to do with our plan which is financially stable. John also mentioned that Boarding Passes contain information about you and you may want to destroy after the pass is used. If a Boarding Pass is changed, for whatever reason, you may want to ask the CSA to destroy the old one. John also had a sign-up sheet for the Reno Chapter picnic on August 19, 2016 in Reno, NV at Bartley Ranch Regional Park.

Our next meeting and luncheon will be July 27 at Lake of The Pines in Auburn, hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt** and **Dorothy Stroud**. The Hangtown Miners have been invited to join us for the luncheon and a pontoon boat ride around the lake.

### HANGTOWN MINERS

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I hope all of you are enjoying this wonderful weather. We were certainly given a wonderful day on the 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual luncheon at the Akin Ranch. This year we once again picked up our "old" tradition of joining with the Gold Diggers. It was so nice to be visiting with even more friends - I think 63 members from both groups came. Cork & Fork catered our lunch and didn't fail us with great food. The Gold Diggers provided the decorations for the tables which were then sent home with 7 "winners". They also brought two delicious cakes - one vanilla, one chocolate.

While we don't usually have a meeting (or raffle) at this luncheon, **Rudy Blazius** did take time to thank everyone for coming, the Gold Diggers for their generosity, welcomed **Geoff Ridsdale**, guest of **Bill Gibson**, and extended a big "Thank You" to **Suzie Quinell** and **Ed**



& **Lindalee Akin**. Odd thing is, neither Ed nor Lindalee were able to make it! Lindalee had knee replacement surgery about 3 weeks earlier and then Ed fell off a tractor the week before, broke 2 ribs and was still in the hospital! He said "The party will still go on" and enlisted help to get things set up.

Though Rudy didn't ask about anniversaries or birthdays, I cruised thru our member info and found that June is chock full of anniversaries! So, a big Congratulations to: **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** (49 years); **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (47 years); **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (15 years); **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (25 years); and **George & Carolyn Parkinson** (68 years) Wow!

*RUAEA Regional Director ~ John Zoboli* has been trying to get "over the hill" to attend a luncheon/meeting for months. Even though we "don't have a meeting" in June, it was an opportune time for John to join us and be able to report to 2 chapters with one visit. John brought a copy of the Convention package to pass around. It was published in the June issue of the RUAEA newsletter. If you don't belong to RUAEA and would like a copy of this, send me your email and I will send it along to their office. Please remember, you do not have to be a member of RUAEA to attend the convention.

The election of the RUAEA officers will be in July. If you are a member of RUAEA, please vote either by mail or online. There are many changes coming up and you want your voice to be heard – Vote!

You may have heard about a so-called attempt of a "take over" on the board. Seems there was a couple companies that owned a lot of stock and they didn't think the airline was being run properly. There are now 2 gentlemen from these companies who are on the board and they are learning the "real" background of airline operations. There has been a recent rumor regarding the cancellation of retiree's passes. Not true at all.

John has been following up on an email from a member regarding the information on a boarding pass and how a passenger should handle the unused or the valid one. The one thing he found is the airline CSA employees are not aware of the information in the bar code portion of the BP. His suggestion is, if a BP is changed for whatever reason, ask the CSA to rip the bar code portion. For the BP used to board the aircraft, either rip the code or shred it when able. The airlines do not shred paperwork generated at the gate, the airport custodians pick it up for the trash disposal. Anyone who decided to go thru that trash could get the bar codes and, if they know how to decipher them, would be able to obtain all of your confidential information.

There was an article in the Washington Post on May 30 which was headlined "PBGC is running out of money". This is what he refers to as "fly speck journalism". It's not true regarding our plan. He has the whole article, if you would like to read it. The main point is there are two plans. One for smaller companies which is

referred to as multi-employer plan, which is woefully underfunded. The plan we partake in is a single-employer plan which are financially stable.

John brought signup sheets for the Reno Chapter picnic which will be August 19 in Reno at Bartley Ranch Regional Park. This is a wonderful area with many points of interest for everyone.

*Vice President ~ Bill Dinette* recently made a trip to southern California and wanted to forewarn you about the parking at the UAL base. Yes, retirees can still park there while on a trip. But, be aware that it can take quite a while to get that parking pass. They have to check records to be sure you are a UAL retiree which does take some time. If you are going out on an early flight and go to the office at "0-dark", no one is there so you will use a phone (I assume it's there) and call, someone will come to take care of you. Again, time, give yourself time!

A reminder that our July luncheon will be at Camp Verner. **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** have made the arrangements for us. The restaurant opens for us on their "closed" day so a minimum of 30 people must sign up! Last year they had to cancel because not enough members planned to attend. It is a little further to go, Georgetown, but it is well worth the lovely drive. They will need to know by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, so fill out your choice(s), make out your check and get it sent.



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Only 19 members attended our luncheon at the Quail Inn on June 9. President **Larry** and Secretary **Mary Wilson** were on vacation so Vice President **Jerry Underhill** took over. Jerry welcomed everyone and thanked his wife **Barbara** and **Pat Ortega** for hosting.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** reported we are still in the black. The total balance as of today (6/9/16) was \$797.40 of which \$295.62 is in the general account and we have \$501.78 in the Charity Fund.

**Barney Hagen** reported nothing big is going on right now. Everything is done on the website and it seems to be working.

Barney also reported **Nick van Kruining** had a stroke but he is doing well and hopes to be released from Memorial Hospital this weekend.

We all welcomed our Sunshine Lady Verda back. She has been traveling for months. None of our June Birthdays were present but we wished **Pat Beery**, **Judy Deford** and **Maria Southon** well. **Pat & Lee Beery** celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month and **Barney & Clare** are celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup>.

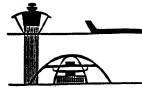
As always Verda had a great joke and we all enjoyed the laughter.

The raffle was lots of fun and there were many winners of wine and candy.

Next Luncheon is at the LeChalet Basque and will be hosted by **Joan Sheehan**, **Joan Olsson** and **Ann Sullivan** on July 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will all be able to attend.

### **RE-LAX-ERS**

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Summer is here and time is flying!

We received a wonderful card sent from Germany by **Phyllis & Tom Easley**. They took a fabulous river boat trip through Austria and Germany on the river Danube. They warned travelers to give themselves extra days to adjust to the time differences and long travel hours. They felt very tired for not planning on this extra time; but loved the trip.

Wonderful news from **Olga Jean Barnes**. Her Dr. changed her medication and day by day her energy level is growing and she's back on a social level. She made it to the June luncheon.

Sad news from **Frankie Tschirhart**. She has developed severe pain in her hands that has been diagnosed as gout! But, bottom line, it's too painful to drive! We won't see her until the Dr. can find the right meds.

**Art Cottrell** is doing well in his recovery from hip surgery. Hopefully, we'll see him in August at the luncheon.

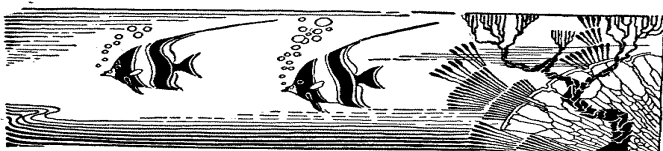
**Hal Klobe**, our President forever, has been canvassing through his chapters in So. Cal for a replacement for the Directorship. The Resans, Desert Sunbirds and the Central Coasters are lively groups and we enjoy our visits. However, we are still pounding the pavement for a re-placement. Hal signed up 2 ladies at the last luncheon, as new members of RUAEA! Yeah!

We also welcomed a new member to the Re-LAX-ers, **Candy Allen**, a dear friend from Fantasy Flight.

In June, we met at a new place for lunch. The Tin Roof in Manhattan Beach. We all loved the location, a large private room with bartender on site and new menus which will change with each meeting. We had many wonderful comments and we also had room for 48 people! We're thrilled.

### **Calendar:**

**August 5** – Luncheon at the Tin Roof Bistro



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Now that summer is upon us and we are in the mood to get out and see the world, we have new travel destinations to explore. United is now flying San Francisco to Hangzhou and San Francisco to Singapore. Both are United's longest flights so you can get all your rest before you get there!

**Arlene Roberts** just turned eighty two and is no longer driving but she is feeling well and misses everyone. She is no longer online so the only contact for Arlene is to call her.

**Paul & Joan Zadrozny** are visiting their daughter and grandchildren in Washington, D.C. They will return in time for the August breakfast.

A reminder if you have not made plans for the RUAEA Convention in Seattle, September 21- 24<sup>th</sup>, give it some serious thought. As a native Seattleite, I can tell you the weather is usually good and this is a prime time to visit the beautiful Pacific Northwest. The tours the Seattle team has planned are going to go fast; the hotel is in a prime location to get just about anywhere. What a great opportunity to connect with your United family.

**Barbara Drews** was invited to join a group of retired teachers for a trip to Los Angeles to see the play, "Beautiful" The Carole King Musical, at the Hollywood Pantages theatre. We stopped for lunch at the San Antonio Winery and then went to the theatre for some of the music of Carol King. It was so good to hear all the great songs she has written over the years and we remembered every one of them!

This newsletter is due before our breakfast on the 7<sup>th</sup>, so I will fill you in on the news of both breakfasts when I write next month.

### **Calendar:**

**August 4** - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.

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The SFO Golden Gaters had another sunny day to enjoy our Pre-Fourth of July celebration – no fireworks though. Our meeting place in Foster City puts on a spectacular fireworks show and thousands come to enjoy the

event (it takes only 3½ hours to get out of Foster City after the show as we only have 3 ways into the city and 3 ways out! Moral: Perhaps watch it on TV?)

President **Vera Kina** opened up the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a few moments of silence honoring our Veterans and Military Troops. After the meeting, foot long hot dogs, potato salad, chips and cookies were devoured by all. Patriotic shirts were in style for the day. Our July meeting is BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) with Bingo – unfortunately our winnings will not reach \$503 million as the Mega-Millions is doing these days.

Vera requested reports from the following:

*Treasurer* ~ **Art Barrett** advised us that dues are slowly coming in. Our membership is falling so we have had to go into an “austerity” mode.

Vice-President and Secretary slots still need to be filled. Most of the Board members seem to be wearing multiple hats and we would like to “share the wealth!” So we need Volunteers – please!

*Secretary* ~ Temporary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes and had to correct the year date, she thinks it is still 2015! Wake up kiddo!

*Membership* ~ **Barbara Underhill** is back on the able list, she was dis-abled there for a while as she had her knee replaced. While recouping, hubby **Jerome Underhill** put Barbara to work as his “nurse” while he got better. Several members are under the weather, **Dee Henning**, **Gene Walter**, **Bernie Schneider**, **Butch & Joan Brochu** and “**Brandy**” **Branstetter**. Get well quickly ya’ll as we miss you.

We had no birthdays this month (except **Ben Vietz** with his monthly natal day) but a couple of big anniversaries: **Jim & Helen Goodwine** are celebrating their 57<sup>th</sup> while **Emmett & Gloria Landrum** outdid them with their 61<sup>st</sup>! Congrats to the four of you.

*Auditors* ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** will be collecting money for our August 22 Party Time Pizza and Salad luncheon at the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. \$10 per member and \$15 per guest.

**Ginger Dahlberg**, wearing her traveling hat, said that the dinner at Original Joes’ Restaurant and Beach Blanket Babylon show in San Francisco were a big success. The weather in the City was wonderful, bringing out lots of tourists and natives enjoying the balmy evening. If you come into our “City by the Bay” you should definitely have BBB on your bucket list, a terrific show with lots of laughs and huge hats. There are two day trips coming up, Sams’ Castle and a Christmas Lights trip. Interest sign up lists will be available at our regular meetings or you can call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email her at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) if you would like to be put on the list.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** handled our raffle with several winners: **Marilyn Guenther** and **Bill Heinrich** won our 25% / 25% money drawing, **Ben**

**Vietz** and **Gloria Landrum** each won a bottle of wine and **Diane Heinrich** won a giants scarf that **Emily Turner** knit. Diane is a big fan and will wear the scarf proudly. We had lots of Bingo winners: **Ginger Dahlberg**, **Margaret Reelfs** and those lucky **Donovans**, **Bob & Ella Mae** who won 4 times! No it wasn’t fixed, nor did they cheat, they did not want to give up their cards, I mean, 4 times? **Ralph Trullinger** and **Dave Oxendine** (a guest) won the black-out game. The **Donovans** might be able to enjoy dinner out at McDonalds with their winnings.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 14! That’s the day of our Fall Luncheon! **Boyd & Merle Sweet** and **Dave & Robin Garland** are teaming up to co-host this luncheon. We will be letting you know the details very soon and look forward to seeing you there.

Our Summer Picnic was held on June 14 which also happened to be Flag Day. It was a lovely day with 56 in attendance for the BBQ-catered affair at Vasona Lake. A big thank you to **Dave Walb** and **Jean Jenkins** for displaying their antique flags. Our bingo game was played with **Tony Urso** leading and many received donated raffle prizes as the game progressed. **Bob Devlin** led our 50/50 raffle with one of our attendees winning half of the collected amount and our chapter receiving the remainder. Thank you to all who were involved in the planning and decoration effort and to those who shared their yummy appetizers and desserts. We enjoyed seeing and waving at riders of the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad while it made its rounds. Some adventurous souls even flew their kites in the open area surrounding the picnic pavilion.

On June 18, our chapter had an outing to Sam Mazza’s Castle located in the coastal town of Pacifica. It couldn’t have been a better day with temperatures in the 70s and sunny blue skies (a rarity there during summer!). We heard the interesting history of this castle, which was built in 1908 by Henry Harrison McCloskey (grandfather of Pete McCloskey, former U.S. Congressman from Cali-

fornia), told through current times. After it was sold to the next owner in 1916 it had a wide and varied usage until Mr. Mazza purchased the property in 1959. He bought the castle for about \$29,000 and began a series of much-needed repairs. He never took up residence in the castle, but spent a great deal of time there in the 43 years he owned it. As a San Francisco painting and interior decorating contractor, he built an amazing eclectic collection of objects d'art from California and beyond. The property is now part of a foundation and is open for tours one day a month. Thank you to **George & Julie Midwin** for organizing this delightful excursion!



Have you ever been to a marriage conference? **Dave & Robin Garland** have been assisting in FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember marriage conferences for over 10 years now. These conferences are held throughout the United States and are a wonderful time for couples to come together and focus on connecting with each other whether they are in a long-lasting, good marriages or one having some challenges. From a biblical basis couples hear words of wisdom from people who have been in the trenches of marriage and they have the opportunity to positively change their relationship for a lifetime. For additional information, please check out FamilyLife at [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com).

We have several members who are having various health issues. **Geneva Schaller** had a fall early in July and was not able to make it to the weekly breakfast. Others continue to have challenges. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and hope you are feeling better soon.

Our breakfast meetings have continued to be well attended into the summer. We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

#### Calendars:

**September 14** – Fall Luncheon

**December 13** – Christmas Luncheon

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On June 9, our meeting was held at Rollingwood Estates clubhouse in Jackson. **Al Svare** and **Betty Sayers** were the hosts, and provided us with great food, a great location, and the best company. Thank you, Al and Betty, for your work to put this together. President **Joe Schwirian** was unable to attend so **Bobby Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **Bobby Woods** offering a welcoming prayer.

Our resident humorist, **Don Nesja** was unable to attend but the group saw to it that a goodly supply of humor and jabs at one another had all laughing.

**John Zoboli** was with us to bring us the latest news from national. He again urged members to attend the National Convention and offered to send (via email) the information to anyone who was not a RUAEA member. John reminded all that National RUAEA elections would be held in July and urged all to vote (by mail or online). The rumor that retiree's passes would be/were cancelled is **false**. John has been following up on what we should do with unused or invalid boarding passes. Apparently there is no firm policy, but the bar code on the bottom of the passes contains personal information and may be read by almost any machine that will read bar codes. Therefore, his recommendation is that you rip the code or shred it whenever possible. Frankly, I would probably rip it into little pieces and drop it in many garbage cans in multiple places. Better to be safe than sorry.

The "Washington Post" May 30 article about PBGC "running out of money" does not affect the United people as we are part of the "single employer plan" and ours if fully funded and financially stable.

The Reno RUAEA Chapter's annual picnic (August 19 in Reno at Bartley Ranch Park) sign-up sheet was passed and all were encouraged to attend.

Under New Business, **Bobby Brooks** wished all the fathers and grandfathers (and great grandfathers) a Grand and Happy Father's Day, supported by a loud Hurrah by all attending!

**Bob Blair** urged the members to visit Yosemite as the rivers are running at the highest level in years, the new growth is in abundance, and the views are spectacular (take your camera)!

Our Treasurer, **Rudy Reyna**, was unable to attend but submitted his report indicating all bills are paid, all deposits are current, and we are in good financial shape.

Birthdays were celebrated by **Nancy Hoffman**, **Lavina Brinsfield** and **Nancy Buddington**. Anniversaries were **Frank & Beatriz Inderbitzen**. Congratulations!



June was a sad month for our group. It saw the death of two long-time and valued members, **Keith Hudson** and **Larry Brinsfield**. Information on the services will be provided. We will miss them, and send our prayers and condolences to the families, along with our prayers of thanks for being able to share in their lives for as long as we were able.

**Bobby Brooks** reminded us of the following dates:

- ✓ Next meeting, Thursday, July 14, Good Friends Chinese Restaurant, Valley Springs, meeting hosts, **Ken Wesela** and **Carol Ann Valdez**.
- ✓ Reno Chapter's Annual Picnic: Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch, Reno, NV August 19.
- ✓ RUAEA Annual Convention: Seattle, WA September 21-24.

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 14, 2016) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our chapter President, **Joe Schwirian** (510) 378-2752 for additional information.



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Our June meeting was held at Diane & Manny's backyard with 31 in attendance. The catered luncheon by Bay Forty was delicious. Cake and ice cream followed. A little cooler this year and no well digging noise over the back fence – hurray!

A survey was available for any who wished to participate. 18 responded. 4 indicated they wanted to stay in one location, 14 wish to try different locations. The questions on individual checks and ordering from the menu versus a pre fixed menu with one price was evenly divided with 8 yes, 8 no and 2 made no difference. The ranking on the current venues will be available at the August meeting. We will continue to look for other venues, but will keep our current locations.

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**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

- ❖ August 8 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ❖ September 12 – TBA
- ❖ October 10 – TBA
- ❖ November – TBA

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The July breakfast was attended by 31 people. The 50/50 winners returning their winnings to the Chapter were **Nancy Bain** (2) and **Charles Hassler** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the June meeting. The Wings Over the Rockies Museum lunch is coming up in August and Don's goal is to have our chapter attendance surpass CO's. That means we need at least 21 more attendees judging from last year's totals.

Rate negotiations are being pursued by Don and **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA Exec. Vice President) with the Double Tree Hotel in anticipation of hosting the 2017 RUAEA convention here in Denver. In his investigation of the Caremark pricing problem, Don related that it appears the pricing varies by state. He has been working with a young lady named Janet Tyse. She is a manager in EXOHR and has always provided an answer to any question that Don has put forth. She has been assigned to the Retiree Communication project. The goal of the project is to improve communication regarding retirees concerns. There was a question about PBGC funding at a previous meeting. The PBGC has almost nothing to do with the government and is well funded as far as UAL is concerned. The United app has been improved for employees and retirees. Detailed information is available on Flying Together. If you have a Global card for TSA Pre-check, you must have your profile in Employee RES and Mileage Plus for the system to be operational per **Sharon Burbank** (IADCS).

**Virgil Gooselaw** noted that he has a mechanics list containing 63 names and it was suggested that we combine Sharon's and Bob's list for a complete list. Virgil also asked for volunteers to move the RUAEA office to a difference location as the remodel schedule dictates. The move will probably be later in the year.

**Nancy Bain** went to Israel for 11 days. **Rich Connor** (DENMM) is back after his surgery and looking good. He appreciated all of the cards and phone calls. **Tom Goodyear** (DEN Chapter President Ret.) was confined to a hospital for three days and is now doing well.

The Denver chapters of ARECA (Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines) and RUAEA will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Picnic at the "Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum" at Lowry Air Force Base 7711 East Academy Boulevard on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00-3:00. Lunch will be

catered by Bennett's BBQ and served at 12:00 to 2:00. There are self guided tours of the museum and several aircraft and airline displays that are very interesting. The deadline for reservations is August 6. The cost is - adults \$25.00 P/P; walkup price is \$28:00 P/P. Submit your checks to RUAEA Denver Chapter, c/o **Martha Goose-law**, 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011. Please include on the check, member's name, and spouse or guest name. The meal will be Tender Beef Brisket, Hickory Smoked Chicken, Slow Smoked Pork Shoulder, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, French Bread, Cookies for Dessert, and Iced Tea or Lemonade. All are welcome and it is an opportunity to relive the "good old days". Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs, etc. The food is very good. **Don Burbank** stated that he would like our attendance to surpass Continental's this year. Last year's attendance was CO 70, UAL 50. We want to do better. Please think about attending this function.

The August RUAEA breakfast will be held at the Flight Center on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## FLORIDA



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### Submitted by Kathy Faust

17 met at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages for lunch on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. After a delicious lunch, **Ralph Brick** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised that we will be taking July and August off and our next meeting will be Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Nancy Lopez Country Club at 11:30 am. He asked everyone to think of something fun to do for Christmas and bring back ideas. It's never too early, it will be here before you know it.

We were happy to welcome a new member **Tita Damagsa**, she worked in Dulles Res for United and is now living in the Villages.

**Don Nellans** reminded everyone about the RUAEA Convention in August. **Ralph Brick** won the 50/50 and **Terri Davis** is taking on the job of selling the 50/50 tickets. Thank you.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. See all of you in September.

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

### Calendar:

Meeting at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant, The Villages, FL

**September 22 - 11:30 AM**

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We had a small gathering of 12 folks but were very excited to welcome 2 new members! **Barbara & John Alden** from New Smyrna Beach joined our ranks. **Barbara** retired from MIA SW and **John** from DCAFO. We hope we'll be seeing them often in the coming months and years.

After the pledge and prayer, President **Dick Coughlin** told us about several members who couldn't attend. Treasurer **Penny Logan** is in Denver helping her daughter move. Other members had appointments and our dear member **Honey Lou Funkhouser** was having a procedure done. We were also saddened to hear from **Honey Lou** that she will be leaving our area, moving to Georgia at the end of July to be closer to family and friends. We wish her all the best in her new home. We know she will keep a smile on her face and we will always have a soft spot in our hearts for her. Good luck **Honey Lou**!

Our only July birthday celebrant was **Dick Coughlin** and 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary wishes went out to **Lillian & Steve Moddle**. Congratulations to the 3 of you!

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Dick Coughlin** so he really was having a happy birthday! Dick gave us a few bits of humor and a great UAL report. Items of interest included union contracts finally getting settled, new routes, and other bits of UAL information.

Vice President **Steve Moddle** had just attended his bi-weekly meeting with the Daytona Beach Police Department. It's called a COMSTAT meeting and the Chief relates computer statistics regarding crime in the area which can be alarming. For example, 30 cars have been stolen in 2 weeks, most were unlocked! Also 23 guns have been stolen, primarily from cars (often unlocked). He also warned us to watch out for people following us home citing the example of a small lottery winner who collected their \$200 at the store. When the winner arrived home, he had been followed and was robbed. Keep your eyes open! Safety first didn't stop when we retired!

### Calendar:

**August 4** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**September 1** – Same as above





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We had a great crowd at our July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was so good to see **Joan Gaydos**, who made the trip over to Orlando from New Smyrna Beach to join us! It was a lively group of 42 who stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Ernie asked us to remain standing and we had a wonderful surprise – **Mack Chandler** and **Stan Halterman** began to sing a capella the original intro verses of “God Bless America” and then we all joined in. Beautiful! Later we learned that Irving Berlin wrote the song in 1918, but never published it until 1938 as a “peace song” in response to escalating conflict in Europe, and it was first sung by Kate Smith! Little history for y’all!

President Al recognized the Treasurer’s Report. **Susan Ulman** shared Metlife.com/VADIP site with veterans for low cost dental plans, and also Aetna Discount Dental for all. Pres Al shared an article regarding PBGC’s solvency, and if we all understood it correctly, our plan w/PBGC is a Single Employer Program and it is not in jeopardy! Thank goodness.

Secretary Elaine “borrowed” the mike to make sure that we all knew that one of our United family, still-working CSR **Angel Mendez**’ son, **Jean Carlos Mendez Perez**, was killed at the Pulse nightclub massacre in the early morning hours of June 12, 2016. MCO employees and retirees alike were present at the viewing to offer comfort to Angel and his family.

July Birthday Gals & Guys included **Laurie Bork**, **Mary McNeill** and **Ted LeGrand**. Missed **Jim Weeks** birthday in June - sorry, Jim. Sure it was happy! Anniversary Congrats for July go out to **Al & Joanne Mollet** on 16 successful ... I mean happy ... years together!

### Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on South Semoran Blvd.

**August 2** – Luncheon

**September 6** - Luncheon

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Well on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, summer has definitely arrived and you can feel the heat since it is now in the

mid nineties, however, that did not stop our group of 17 members hungry for conversation, news and should we not forget, food! Before the meeting got under way, we said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and since **Al & Janice Popek** decorated the tables with red white and blue decorations, it was truly the Fourth of July in our meeting room. It was really the 5<sup>th</sup> but no one knew or cared that it was a day later.

**Gene & Fran Student** gave us a really exciting description of their recent trip to Iceland and wanted to show pictures but our TV in the room was not equipped so they will bring their cords, etc. to do a hookup at the next meeting, it was truly a fascinating trip to say the least. They were also very lucky since they kept missing the bad weather wherever they went.

**Arnold & Dee Lasko** made the meeting this month and Dee is still recovering from her broken elbow, it was certainly good to see her improving.

All of a sudden the room was silent, you guessed it; the food had arrived. What a group! I must say they love to eat and the food is good at Duffy’s and the service is also good. The items covered by President **Al Popek** at the meeting was the Convention in Seattle, our picnic and Dubois Park which is closed because of the very toxic algae problem Florida is now having, new routes and the discount offered by airlines that service Iceland and other routes of interest to the group.

The 50/50 was won by **Millie Rossi** and the Progressive was won by **Mary Kay Wetherington**.

Birthdays for July are **Truman Barker** (7/15), **Glenda Boisseau** (7/18), **Anne Kenda** (7/27) and let’s not forget since we don’t meet until August 2; **Al Popek** has a birthday on 8/1. Happy Birthday to all! Anniversaries are **Ron & Diane Brodis** (7/15) and **Gene & Fran Student** (7/20). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

On the Lighter Side ~ A good friend of **Al Popek**’s went to a local consignment shop to purchase a sport jacket he needed for a future cruise. Since his friend is on the shorter side, jackets are difficult to find in his size that fit well but he finally found one that fit him perfectly. An announcement was made that if a blue tag was on your intended purchase, the price was discounted 50% which made the purchase he was making drop from \$7.95 to \$4.00. Another announcement was made that if you were a senior citizen you would only have to pay \$1.00. He was elated and while they were waiting in line at checkout, his wife started to go through the pockets, etc. on the jacket and low and behold found a \$50.00 bill! What a deal. This story is hard to believe but it is absolutely true.

Remember to Laugh, Live and Love the clock is ticking.

### Calendar:

**August 2** - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy’s, South Stuart

**September 6** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart. Officer Nominations and 2017 Dues.

**October 4** - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

## GEORGIA

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The Dixie Flyers met on July 6<sup>th</sup>. After the pledge of allegiance and blessing of our meal by **Don Shelley**, all 25 of us enjoyed our luncheon.

Returning to Georgia after a winter in Pennsylvania was **Mary Owen**. Also present were **Sandy Lis** and guest, **Joan Pressley** from Barnsville, GA and **Richard Thompson** and his grandson, Ezra Thompson.

**Andy Ryabik** said it took 45 minutes bag delivery time in Atlanta after a recent Chicago trip. **Tony Car-ringer's** flight attendant daughter now flies Central and South America out of Houston, Texas.

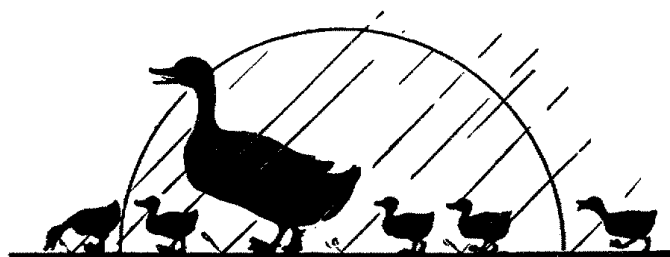
**Fred Cron** expects to drive to Wedowee, AL to visit **Joyce Blair**, widow of **Jim Blair** DSA of ATL. **Ron Heider** returned after surgery of balloon endoscopy of throat. Received 4 pints of blood and a bag of iron in the month prior to surgery.

**Marge Heider's** vision is pin point due to macular degeneration and she uses a magnifying glass to read Dear Abby and funny papers.

Our 50/50 of \$22 was won by Fred's guest, Melba who donated her winnings to the Ladies In Distress. A receipt of which is given to **Bill Elk** for every donation.

**Barney Knotts** said his 12 tomato plants are doing so well he can eat tomato sandwiches all day long. **Bill Elk** will be going to Pittsburgh, PA for a 55<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and possibly have some locally favorite iron city beer.

We look forward to our next luncheon on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA at 2PM. We are fortunate to have a private dining room and two special waitresses every month. All UAL and CO retirees are welcome.



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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 June meeting was lightly attended, but still fun, being with friends. **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** brought **Marlene Croghan**. The Black Bear Café takes very good care of its customers. We meet in the back room, usually by ourselves. Rick is recovering from eye surgery in December and is doing very well. It will take six months for the eye balls to return to a ball from the grape shape.

Many thanks to Shirley for providing the following wonderful report:

Mother's Day this year was the best ever. Our daughter Shannon Carver gave birth to their second son



(Reede) early morning on Mother's Day. Two weeks after delivery, Reede weighed 2 lbs more and was almost an inch longer. He looks exactly like Dwight, twins, only 2 years and 3 months apart. Unbelievable!

Now, for our once in a lifetime experience on our 40-day vacation. We flew to Buenos Aires two days ahead of our cruise sailing around South America with stops in the following countries: Uruguay, Argentina, The Falkland Islands (Port Stanley, UK), The Antarctica, back to Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Panama City, Panama Canal, Columbia, Jamaica, and last stop in Key West, Florida, before docking in Miami for our return flight home. In Buenos Aires we attended a dinner/theatre show featuring the history of their Tango over the years. At a winery we visited we also had another Tango demonstration. Following, the couple each selected a person from the tour to dance with them. Rick was selected to dance with the lady.

In Port Stanley we got to see the "rockhopper" penguins, the world's smallest penguins, standing at just 20 inches tall. In Ushuaia, Argentina, we saw the historic Eclaireurs Lighthouse, known as the End of the Earth Lighthouse, as we sailed on a catamaran around Beagle Channel. This was just beautiful, seeing the jagged mountain peaks and Mount Escarpado, which reminded us of the Sawtooths in Idaho. In Coquimbo, Chile, we discovered beautiful handiwork from alpaca wool. We tasted the alcoholic beverage Pisco in General St. Martin/Pisco, Peru. Lima, Peru was horribly hot, and their air pollution is way above safe levels. We toured Peruvian Markets and also a cooking demonstration for our lunch. Beautiful market and we tasted fruit we have never seen before. In contrast, their meat markets are not refrigerated, and we saw many whole animals cleaned and ready for purchase.

In Salaverry, Peru, we stopped at the Huaca Dragon to see the archaeological treasure of the Chimu people who thrived during pre-Inca times. The mud pyramid is one of the oldest and best-preserved in the Moche Valley. We had a city tour in Guayaquil, Ecuador. This is where there was a high magnitude earthquake in this region exactly two months after our visit. Ecuador is a beautiful country, and we feel sad for their communities that were destroyed. In Manta, Ecuador, we toured the Tagua nut factory. We observed the entire production process, from the drying of the nuts through the crafting of the final product (jewelry, shirt buttons, animals). They are just beautiful.

While in Panama City we took a tour of the Panama Canal, both the new section and the old. Since we saw the Panama Canal several years ago, we were interested in seeing the operation of the new canal. However, we did not see it in operation due to a leak. The new canal is four football fields long and twice as wide as the old canal. They were searching for the leak, and as far as we know today, they have not found it. This definitely will

be something to witness when it is in operation. Cartagena, Columbia, is a beautiful town. Yes, it has been a drug lord problem, and the city is working to clean up the drug image. We were told Lady Gaga has a beautiful home there. We took the old city tour, beginning with a stop at the beach to enjoy a cocktail and watch the sunset at the world famous Café del Mar. The sunset did not disappoint anyone in the standing room only bar, great beginning to a wonderful evening. After taking a tour of the old city, we had a delicious dinner in the Don Juan Restaurant. Jamaica is not one of our favorite places, so we enjoyed relaxing on the ship. Had a wonderful seafood luncheon in Key West, Florida. We really enjoy walking this beautiful, fun city.

The weather on this trip was a little bit of everything - very hot, humid weather in South America, 90% humidity and 90 degrees. Not used to this type of heat! The Antarctica was not as cold as expected; however, the winds were so strong, causing the wind chill to drop the temperature.

The winds (70 miles) prevented us from seeing the USA research center at Palmer Station. This was disappointing, but considering the alternative, I am glad we did not experience this wind! Neither of us got seasick, but the last few days both of us did have a sinus infection. Antarctica is amazingly beautiful. The icebergs are way bigger than we imagined! We were told that many of the icebergs are melting under the ocean, due to the warmer ocean temperatures. Also, some varieties of fish in the Antarctica are dwindling in population due to warmer waters. It was amazing to think of the oceans we were on soon being frozen solid, as they were beginning to go into their winter season. Great, Great Trip! I suggest everyone visit Antarctica, you'll never see anything like it. Now ... back to reality!

#### Calendar:

**August 10** - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

**September 14** - Memorial Picnic - Cassia Park

### ILLINOIS

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August - Hard to believe, but it was 50 years ago, August 12, 1966, the Beatles had their last concert in Chicago, at the Amphitheatre. Seems like yesterday, well, a very long yesterday, all my troubles seems so far

away ... boy, when we thought we had troubles! Back then, we didn't even know what lumbago was; now it's our middle name! What will creak when we get out of bed, and will we hear it before we put in our hearing aids?

Lots of news this month, wow! The Bus service has been reinstated from EXO to ORD, yay! The bus only operates a few times a day. It leaves OPC or EXO at 7:00 a.m. and 5:20 p.m., with a stop at CHIRR, and arrival at ORD 30 minutes later, returning immediately to RR and back to EXO. On Sunday, there is only one trip, at 6:00p.m., same route, back to EXO at 7:00 p.m. We can still park at CHIRR, in the designated area, and take the American United Taxi for a fee, at your convenience, 800 244-1177. Wally's parking on Mannheim Road is a little pricey, but it's an option, just giving you choices. We have so many names for our buildings, EXO, OPC, WHQ, now, the powers that be have christened Willis, the Corporate Support Center. Hey, I just report.

Once you get to ORD, you'll see that the customer service agents have their own iPhone 6Plus devices that they carry with them. No need for them to be tied down to their computer, they can answer questions throughout the terminal from customers, and us, as to gates, availability, and even close-out the flight. How great is that? UAL has invested in 1,700 of these now and will get even more during the summer at ORD and the other hubs. They're called Mobile Agent Platforms (MAP). We really have entered the Internet Age, haven't we? Looks like UAL will not be left behind, go Oscar, go! BTW, if you haven't added your Mileage Plus Number to your employeeRES, do it, it's great. If I can do it, so can you! Get one on United.com, if you don't have one yet.

**Diane Webb** arranged for another NOC tour at the Willis last month. Forty people enjoyed the tour with Director, **Jeff Storm**, **Chris Amico**, **Larry Bretz**, **Judy & Walt Chornomaz**, **Gerry & Linda Cilona**, **Dave Dunham**, **Fran & Tom Durkin**, **Judi Felde**, **Jan Gawenda**, **Barb Hanson**, **Ann Harris**, **Gert & Lynn Kalweit**, **Don Kramlich**, **Charles Lewis**, **Connie Nelson**, **Judy Norkus**, **Jack Oleson**, **Linda Olson**, **Kay Prager**, **Sherry Riffel**, **Fran Sleezer**, **Carole Tye**, **Toni VanKampen**, **John Wachowicz**, **Chris & Jay Warbi-**  
**any**, **Barb Wesemann** and **Norm Wilkinson**. Afterward, some of the group went to see the Polaris Showcase on display at the Hyatt Hotel. It's our new International Business class concept starting with a pod seating, going all the way from food, sleeping and even including a shower. The folks that saw it were impressed and hoped they get to actually fly on it someday. Polaris will start on some of our aircraft in 2017 in certain markets. We'll be hearing a lot more about it.

The Rio Olympics are from August 5 to the 21<sup>st</sup>. United has been a proud sponsor of Team USA for 35 years, devoting much time, money and effort into them. We have debuted a film on July 1 showing some of the

Olympians we've been following. Over 10,000 athletes are expected to participate. Hopefully, this Zika virus will not affect the Olympics. The USA has over 480 young people going down to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and others locales. Let's hope for many gold medals.

Northside breakfast brought out **Jerry Pryde**, EXOKA, how nice to see him again, looking as good as ever. That Ft. Myers sun sure agrees with him. **Barb Wesemann**, took a bus trip with the Bridgeview Prime Time Club out to Dubuque, IA, saw the Botanical gardens, a river cruise and other sights. At the ORDMM breakfast, the **Jack Teresinski's**, and the **Dave Stove's**, are back from their Florida Snowbird homes for the summer. Remember how I've been warning you about the Illinois license fines? I guess you heard our state made \$9,500,000, in fines on you people who didn't pay attention to your expiration dates. I warned you! **Leslie Niesse** and **Leah Schulman**, ORDCS, flew to Xi'an, China on the 787 Dreamliner last month to see the Xi'an Terracotta Warriors. It was breathtaking and worth the trip. They saw 6,000 carved warriors in one pit, chariots in a second, horses in a third and the emperor's mausoleum in the fourth. For those who can't make the trip, United is sponsoring the exhibit at the Field Museum until January of 2017. You can call (312) 922-9410 for general info. They're very nice and can tell you our UAL retiree rate, and sell you the tickets. One call does it all. Remember that slogan?

My eyes-to-the-sky guy, **Pete Gropp**, ORDFO, tells me that you'll be able to see Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in the evening sky from about August 13 to the 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have EarthSky on your iPhone or Ipad, that's a good cheater for you to find them in the night sky. Maybe have a Milky Way to double your pleasure. The Perseid Meteor Showers are visible from August 9-13. When I was a member of the Adler Planetarium, my cousin, **Michelle Buck** and I, went out on a boat in the Lake and saw the Showers in the middle of the night. Thank heavens the sky is so vast that all this can go on up there.

Our Skyliner's Hawaiian Picnic was a success with about 145 retirees, dancing up a storm with real Hawaiian dancers and entertainers. **Erme Giurato**, EXOKG, taught a Hawaiian dance to **Bill Hamilton**, **Pat Kalicki**, **Ann Harris**, and a few other brave souls. **Lucy Paet-Smith** danced 'These Islands', by **Danny Crouch**. Lucy, who is still working, was born on Maui. Our band, Haopili, consisted of **Danny**, ORDJL, from Hilo, **Keenan**, ORDSW, from Oahu, **Ron**, from Oahu, and **Mark**, from the big island of Naperville. We were lucky to have such great entertainment, thank you, committee, **Marj Nelson**, **Phyllis Kordecki** and **John Koehl**. First timers were **Emil Schiavo**, **Arlene Malachok**, EXOKF, and **Cathy Waligorski**, EXOISD-MIS.

Southside breakfast had one of our favorite guests join us, **Genesis Gibbs**, **Sylvester Gant's** adorable little

granddaughter. I do believe that little girl's favorite color is pink, shoes, shorts, top, and tablet. I might add she has the most angelic smile with an engaging eye. Better watch her, Sylvester, she's a charmer. The raffle was won by **Perry Pahl, Bill Corbett** and **Sylvester Gant**, who won twice. I bet **Genesis** got that pink cupcake in the cake case. Another surprise guest was **Tina Schramm Burzinski**, daughter of **Jack Schramm**, and wife of **Jeff Burzinski**, both of ORDMM. She promised her dad she'd say hello to any ORD friends that might remember him when he was Supervisor and relief OM. Another one of the good guys! Jack now lives in Ft. Pierce, FL with his wife, **Patty**.

Departed from our UAL family are Cap **Paul Carner**, ORDFO and **William 'Poopsie' Hayward**, ORDCG. Also gone from our world are Elie Wiesel, 'Lois Lane', Ralph Stanley, Gordie Howe, Randy Jones, Ann Morgan Guilbert, Ronnie Clair Edwards, Ron Lester, Bill Cunningham, Mack Rice, Pat Summitt, Scotty Moore, John McMartin, and Chicagoan's Abner Mikva, Jim Hickman, Buddy Ryan.

Get your reservations in before September for the SEATTLE RUAEA Convention

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**August 10**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

**September 13** - Fall Luncheon, Tuesday, Belvedere Restaurant, 1170 W. Devon Ave. Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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The Happy Days gang may not be doing anything new on TV, but all of the Indy Racers' favorite characters took the stage at the Myers Dinner Theater in Hillsboro, Indiana to recreate an enjoyable '50's musical event that many of our members enjoyed during a "special matinee" outing. (See photo of **Jack & Carol Conway**). Richie, Potsie, Ralph Malph, The Fonz, and even Howard, Marion, and Joanie Cunningham were excited to entertain our "senior group" while introducing Happy Days to a new generation. When Arnold's, the local malt shop and the gang's number one hangout spot, is in danger of



being closed, everyone turns to The Fonz to save it. Indy Racers attending "Happy Days: A New Musical" were **Ken & Deanna Boeke, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Myrtle Duty** and their daughter, **Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**.

The Racers are planning a day trip to Grissom Air Museum in Peru, Indiana on August 16<sup>th</sup>. We're checking opportunities for another dinner theater outing in September or October. In November we will be collecting toys for the Marine Corps Annual Toys For Tots campaign to make sure disadvantaged children have a Merry Christmas. And, on December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual holiday luncheon and Secret Santa exchange at Maggiano's Restaurant at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

**Jim Gibson** will be travelling to Wisconsin and Tennessee before the end of summer. **Wanda Bryce** visited friends in Cleveland at the end of June. **Dimple Rihel** saw family in Chicago recently then celebrated her granddaughter's graduation in Florida. And, **Chris Johnston** will be celebrating school reunions in Denver and Cheyenne this month.

**Margie Bregante** won the 50/50 drawing at the June Indy Racers meeting. Others attending were **Ken & Deanna Boeke, Margie Bregante, Hannelore Brabo, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob, Ruth & Ed Duffey, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Joan Romano** and her guest **Christine Romano**, and **Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony Theiss**.

Happy Birthday to **Mario Bregante** (8/6) and **Linda Harris** (8/16).

#### Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the second Tuesday of each month. Our August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center, Rockville Rd., Avon, Indiana. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 1:30 pm.



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VP **Mercedes Hersom** has decided to step down from this position because of missing so many meetings. She had a few short illnesses, but, the biggest factor is her volunteerism. She volunteers so much time at church, library, animal rescue and so many charitable organizations, I don't know where she finds time to eat and sleep. Sometimes I wonder if they don't take advantage of her good nature. Being a super good person has some drawbacks!

Our new VP, **Sarah Pitt-Wooll**, (SFO, MHT, BOS) comes in with great qualifications. After retiring from UAL, she worked customer relations at a hotel in Portsmouth NH. Currently she volunteers as stage manager at a local playhouse. Sarah is well known by all and is the person for the job. Thanks for stepping up for the need Sarah!

While attending our last luncheon, **Helmut (Moose) Umbley** got a call at his home from his doctor who wanted to see him ASAP. He eventually had two stents implanted in coronary arteries, (the widow maker operation). Completed successfully, but the need for a pace-maker was evident and finally installed. He is home and feeling great. However with their request for him to exercise, take life easy, not get excited and diet. Helmut now thinks they are trying to kill him!

**Paul & Mary Ward's** oldest grandson, Adam, just received a full ROTC scholarship at the University of Central Florida. Proud grandparents! I neglected to note Paul's birthday in July. Sorry Paul, I've been on the job too long!

Our own **Ed Aldorisio** had neck surgery late June. I have not been able to reach him by phone or E. No info to share.

**Joe Duda**, BDLCS is now a past active member whom we haven't heard from at all. Anyone out there with info, please advise me.

August birthdays ~ **John Parks, Michael Provenzano, Mabel Reyes, and William Vanderwal**.

August anniversaries ~ **Bob & Judith Austin** (57 years), **Tom & Delores Blackwood** (33), **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (47), **Fred & Rita Casey** (60), **Bruce & Priscilla Casassa** (60). **Lee & Sid Lyon** (67), **Michael & Paulette Provenzano** (51) and **Lucinda & Ron Suga** (51).

*Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound.*

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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It was a noisy and fun group at our June luncheon at Peabody's restaurant in Birmingham hosted by **Gay Givens**. And in honor of the Escapees 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary, Gay gave each of us a lottery ticket. The question is, did anyone win anything? Do let us know. It has been many years since we met at Peabody's and it may be our last. This historic building may be sold and torn down in the name of progress. In 1946 it was the site of a grist mill where lumber was cut and implements were repaired. It was converted into a restaurant in 1976. So Gay, thanks for letting us have one more memory of this charming restaurant.

**Audrey Beebe**, retired from United DTWRR, passed away a couple of weeks ago. Her daughter, **Ann Buchanan**, had a beautiful memorial service for her in Trenton, MI. Charming, elegant, creative, majestic, classy are but a few of the words used to describe Audrey. Over twenty United employees, both current and retired, attended the memorial to pay tribute to this special lady. Many remembered her many elegant parties at their home on Grosse Isle. She also gave carriage rides at our annual United children's Christmas party. What great memories. Condolences can be sent to her daughter: **Anne Buchanan**, 2102 Third St., Trenton, MI 48183.

**Marlene Heaney** is recovering from a gardening accident a couple of weeks ago. She was doing a good deed by trimming bushes for her mother-in-law when she jumped from a ladder and fractured her tibia. So it is six weeks without putting any weight on her leg, wearing a brace and using a wheelchair and, of course, physical therapy. To say she is unhappy is putting it mildly. Any words of encouragement are welcomed: **Marlene Heaney**, 28160 Tremonte Drive, New Hudson, MI 48165-8001.

Detroit ResAnywhere Picnic ~ United co-workers, retirees, family & friends are invited to join us on Saturday, September 17, 2016, Hines Park, Waterford Bend Recreation Area, corner of 6 Mile Rd. and Northville Rd. Northville, MI. Save the date!

More picnic details coming to you soon, stay tuned! We hope to see you there!





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Once again, my thanks to Secretary **Mary Brennan** for taking notes while we were off on our annual fishing trip to Lake of the Woods.

A bright summer day brought 24 Lites together for lunch and visiting. A few of those who have fled Minnesota's winters but think the summers are pretty nice, **Jack Spalding** and **Randy Cirksema** from Florida and **Dave Wiley** from Arizona. **Gene & Kookie Delvaux** made a brief stop between cruises. The absence of **Jo & Bud Ayres** was noted; they're on a 3-week European river cruise to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our IL (Intrepid Leader), **Lee Storlie**, showed up with a couple of nice ladies on his arms for whom he had made an early run to MSP to pick up. After a bit of probing, he admitted they were his sisters-in-law. Other news of the Storlie family: daughter Sally, her husband and daughter Brooklyn made a driving trip to Glacier Park (3200 miles round trip). Brooklyn may attend Montana State University in the fall, maybe for the hockey program? She's a goalie, you know. She's the girl who has so charmed our group over the years with her candor and respect for all of us oldsters.

The MSP Mainliner Club is planning a summer picnic in September and **Janet Meyer**, our go-between gal, extended their invitation to all of us to join them. It is planned for Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at Highland Park on Bush Lake Road in Bloomington. More information will be available at the August meeting.

The Fall Boat Trip has been arranged by **Judy Cafilisch** for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The St. Croix Boat Co. out of Stillwater, MN on the buffet lunch cruise at 11:30am – 1:30pm has been reserved. Individual reservations must be made in advance and paid for by credit card. The cost is \$22.85 per person and the number is (651) 430-1234; tell them you're part of the UAL Retirees group. They'll give you directions.

Get-well wishes were sent to **Al Gunderson**, **John Beveridge** and **Rosemary Soltis**. Al is battling cancer, John took a tumble recently and his face became very colorful and Rosemary did likewise and broke a bone in her arm.

**Nel Brawner** was once again schlepping raffle tickets for the Biggest Little Parade in Makana, WI, a fundraiser for the local food shelf, police and ambulance. Believe it or not, one of us (can't remember who) actually won that darned raffle one year!

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every

month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 east to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.), then east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd.), then right to Perkins.

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It was a beautiful sunny day so that 39 of us could enjoy our pot luck lunch at Cooper Farm. We have some of the best cooks in the country who bring their favorite dish to share. We eat like kings and leave full to the brim. We were sorry that three of our members were not able to make it even though they had signed up to come. **Dick Weak** had an accident a few days before the luncheon. He was going down stairs and his knee gave out, he fell a few steps, didn't really get hurt but it blew out his knee. He ended up in the hospital and had knee surgery. He says they tied it all neatly back together, he is back home, but of course he is not walking without assistance. The doctor told him he would not be able to drive for six months. That was a bigger issue than the surgery. But in Dick's words, "*I think I can do better than that.*" So he and Marilyn were not able to attend. Also **Larry Nolette** had to cancel. He is being treated for Multiple Myeloma, he is taking chemo that at times causes him to feel so light headed he would not be able to drive. We wish Dick and Larry nothing but the best and hope that they are both back on their feet real soon.

Tony talked a bit about the advantage of using "Pre Check" to get through security when traveling by air. There is a cost of \$85 for a 5 year screening plan. For another \$15 you can purchase Global Screening if you plan overseas travel. He stated it was a real benefit when he and Jackie traveled to Italy recently. Even though many of us are over 75 and shouldn't have to do all the disrobing, I speak from personal experience that it still happens. When your artificial knee sets off the screener you get the **full** pat down. Even before that one screener said go on through you don't need to take off your shoes. Seconds later the next screener said "take off those shoes and jackets." It's an experience.

We have one missing item. If you arrived home with a spoon that does not belong to you, call **Judy Nekonchuk**, (402) 572- 0182). The winners of the raffle were **Lorraine Stanfield**, **Ralph Bickel**, and **Eileen Holly**. Each received \$14. As a follow up on **Roger Jensen**, Keith talked to him this week and he is at home. He says things are going fairly well. He's hoping to gain more strength soon.

I had a great visit with **Van Vanhouten** last week. Marge had called me wondering if I had talked to Van lately. I hadn't. She was a little concerned, she had tried to reach him but just got his voice mail. She had called to ask directions to a funeral home in Council Bluffs since she was going to attend a friend's funeral. I called Van and also just got voice mail. So I went into super-sleuth mode and looked up a relative and called his son. Also got voice mail. I left messages for each and after a while Van called back. He had been to the doctor and was doing well. He'd gotten a good report from the Dr. He said he had gotten Marge's first message, he heard the part about a funeral home and was worried she may be looking for something for him.

Birthdays for the month of July are **Harry Hansen** (11), **Jan Cornish** (15), **Tom Langan** (15), **Elaine Carlson** (15), **Betsy Anderson** (19), and **Elaine Schreiber** (19).

#### Calendar:

**August 2** - Fernando's in Blair, hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**

**September 6** - Manawa Fish and Game hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

**October 4** - TBD, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

I still need someone to host in November. Please be a good sport and step up to host.

### NEVADA

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Effective immediately, our new Secretary for the Las Vegas Silverliners is **Don Rutkowski**. Don and his spouse, **Georgia**, have been members of our local chapter since 2014. Don is retired from SFOMM. We look forward to having Don as one of our Board Members.

Lots of fireworks here in Las Vegas on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Whether you were BBQing or dining out, hoping that everyone enjoyed their holiday with friends and family. Here's a little bit of Independence Day trivia: The United States declared its independence in 1776, yet George Washington did not take office until April 30, 1789. So who was running the country during these initial years of our young country? In fact, the first President of the United States was named John Hanson! There were eight presidents before George Washington! Fact is George Washington was the first President of the United States under the Constitution we follow today. Google this trivia as it's quite interesting as to how our

country was run during those days before George Washington took office.

Our August 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon will be reported on by our new Secretary, **Don Rutkowski**. Since our luncheons are held on the second Thursday of every other month, we will always be lagging a little behind. Visiting here in Las Vegas? Please feel free to join us on August 11<sup>th</sup> @ Giuseppe's Bar & Grill on S. Durango Rd, Las Vegas, NV @ 12noon. We welcome all United retirees, living or visiting in the Las Vegas area. Please give us a call for more information.

Members **Zenta & Bob Berghofer** off again for an Alaskan cruise for 15 days. Yours truly and my spouse, **Woody**, leaving for Alaska also for a 10 days Inside Passage cruise on the Princess Cruise Line.

July birthdays: **Charlotte Anderson**, **Andrew Wright**, **Roze Kliese**, **Zenta Berghofer** and, **Barb Kosa**. Anniversaries: **Andrew & Hessie Wright** (63yrs), **Tony & Mary Tricolli** (51 yrs). Happy Birthday and Anniversary wishes to everyone! Get well wishes for **Georgia Rutkowski** on her upcoming knee surgery. **Ingeborg Levy** continues to heal from her recent shoulder surgery. **Carrie & Koji Takeuchi** are feeling better as well.

#### Calendar:

**August 11** - Hawaiian Theme

**October 13** - Halloween Theme

**December 8** - Christmas Theme



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

The date for our August summer picnic is Friday, August 19, at the Plaza Pavilion. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. The flyers have been sent out and need to be returned to **Barbara Leusing**.

John attended a combined meeting of the Hangtown Miners and Sacramento Gold Diggers in Placerville CA.

**Jim & Roberta Wagner** have moved back to California for health reasons.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Larry Reid**, **Ann Batty** and **June Roe**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Patricia Nettles**.

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



## NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters meeting began at 12:30 PM, with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Warzocha**. That was followed by a moment of silence for **Dan Triano**, who was the son of **Gary Triano** of EWR ramp service, who was accidentally killed in an automobile accident.

Since this month is to show and tell, four of our members talked about their hobbies. **Frank Warzocha** talked about his collection of scale models of UAL planes, some of them are quite rare. **Kathy Deily** who has a green thumb, talked about a beautiful perennials and other great flowers that she has cultivated, and what a beautiful array of flowers and colors they are. **John Deily** talked about model railroading, and to tell you the truth, I haven't seen model engines like that since I was a kid. To me it was very interesting. **Marty Etler** talked about his time when he was in the Air Force, and still had time to work in the crop dusting business. Just to show what it was like, he brought in a scale model of the PT 17 that they used in dusting cotton, in all it was a great show. It was good to see **Cleo Moon** at our meeting, I hope we see more of him.

The 50/50 was won by **John Deily**, and beside that we had 4 door prizes, now I know our treasury is starting to fatten up. Our next meeting will be on July 27, 2016 at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch plains, at 12 PM

*"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian; any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic".*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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It is with great sadness that I report the death of **Alice O'Hagan**, JFKSW. Alice was not quite three months old when I started kindergarten with her sister Una. Una and I have been best friends since. When Alice grew up and joined United, we traveled the world, from the Seychelles to Australia, from the Galapagos Islands to the Canadian Rockies and a hundred places in between. We know each other's families, from siblings to cousins and aunts and uncles. She will be greatly missed. Her nephew Stephen, with the Suffolk County Police, arranged a two-

car police escort, from Oyster Bay to Huntington for her funeral. I asked if there would be a 747 flyover but I did spot a little Piper Cub. R.I.P. Alice.

We couldn't have asked for a nicer day than our picnic in the park, with a lovely breeze blowing in from the unseen ocean beyond the trees. There were 37 in attendance, including **Richard Kleinhaut**, guest of **Kenneth** and new member, **Susan McElynn**. Sue was in the Red Carpet room at LaGuardia. We wish you a warm welcome.

**Jordan & Mary Levine** are back from a bit of traveling, including a visit to Ropane, in southern Italy, where Mary's grandparents were from. Back in the USA, Dr. Mary did a presentation on epilepsy for the Friar's Club, quite an honor. Congratulations, Mary!

Our 50/50 winners were **Len Pascale** and **Ken Kleinhaut**, with seven winners of lottery scratch-offs; **Ron Weick**, **Jordan Levine**, **Evelyn Schroeder**, **Pat Hannon**, **Margaret Hansen**, **Emma Milazzo** and **Ken Kleinhaut**. I didn't hear any shouting so I don't know if anyone won big \$\$\$\$. Those present celebrating anniversaries were **Mary & Jordan Levine**, **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth** and **Lillian & Paul Cohen** (66 years), Wow! Best wishes to all! July birthdays from the list I have are: **Richard Holdsworth**, **Nick Manfredo**, and **Ed Pozzi**, all present at the picnic.

Ed is doing some searching for a new restaurant (with help from other members) but our August picnic will be at Wantagh State Park on 8/3. Thanks to our chefs for another job well done - great food, desserts, weather and friends!

### Calendar:

**August 3** - Wantagh State Park

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Rose Hill in Seville, OH. It is quite a long drive for many members but certainly a worthwhile trip. The restaurant is housed in an old century house and the decor is beautiful. The hospitality the owners provide is wonderful. We thanked **John & Carrie Kercel** for their time and effort in arranging this venue. We had guests attending from Florida, **Willie & Mary Ann Kowalski**.

Grace was said by **Arlene Taylor** for sixty one members and was inspiring and thought-provoking as well. The 50/50 raffle winners were **Bernie Garrah**, **John Hughes**, and **Jack Preston**. Males ruled.

We are sorry to announce that **Ron Badowski** CLECG passed away on July 3, 2016. Ron was an active member up until a few years ago when he was unable to attend our luncheons. Also, non-members, **Lloyd Chalaoupek** - CLETR/CLECG passed away on June 19, 2016, and **David Hanna** -CLERR passed away on June 28, 2016.

**Jackie Craig** fell while doing yard work and fractured her nose as well as both wrists. We wish her a speedy recovery. It is hard to imagine being unable to use both hands.

Birthday celebrants in June were **Bill Althouse**, **Richard Mullen** and **Dave Simpson**.

Anniversaries in June: **Tom & Marty Hassel** (40 years); **Tom & Helen Hockett** (24 years); **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (58 years); and **Frank & Barb Wachs** (22 years).

Something new was initiated recently with members celebrating their anniversary. President **Dolly Taucher** asked if any of the couple wished to share "*How did you meet your spouse?*" It went over well with the membership. Looking around, we saw many smiling and several laughing faces. I believe this is something that will continue. It is always fun to inject a little humor into our lives.

#### Calendar:

**July 13** - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Arlene & Earl Taylor**

**August 3** - Annual Picnic at "The Chalet" in Strongsville Metroparks, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

### OREGON

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Our June lunch meeting was well attended with 78 folks and we were delighted to see **Dan Ramberg** who came all the way down from Sequim, WA. **Patty Cox-Hollosy's** daughter **Kerri Galligan** also joined us. It was a delight seeing new faces and lots more of our regular crowd than we've seen in awhile.

*Illness/Deaths* ~ **Tom Raymond**, retired Load Planner, recently had a stroke and is currently at Emmanuel hospital. No other details are known at this time. **Veulah Lorts** is currently residing at Taber Crest Residential Care at 7430 SE Division St, Portland OR 97206. The phone to the facility is (503) 771-8058. She has a private line into her room (503) 771-1494 and welcomes calls and visitors. She misses her friends and hopes to one day

be able to return home but after another recent fall that seems unlikely anytime soon.

*Announcements/New Business* ~ **Dave Smith** was able to arrange a guest speaker from the FBI for our August meeting, to talk about such issues as fraud and senior scams. If you are in the area, please come join us for this much anticipated presentation.

*Anniversaries* ~ **Mike & Diana Thomas** (46 years).

*Birthdays* ~ **Marilyn Woods** (81), **Cheri Mustachia** (59), **Lois Gruenberg** (77), **Emily Newberry** (72), **Dave Smith** (73) and **Frank Bullis** (78).

*Drawing Winners* ~ Lunch/ Door Prize - **Jim O'Connor**, Men's Birthday - **Frank Bullis**, Women's Birthday - **Marilyn Woods**, 50/50 - **Tom Hotchkin**.

#### Calendar:

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

**July 13** – Indoor Picnic Fun

**August 10** - Guest speaker from FBI

**September 14** - Social

### PENNSYLVANIA

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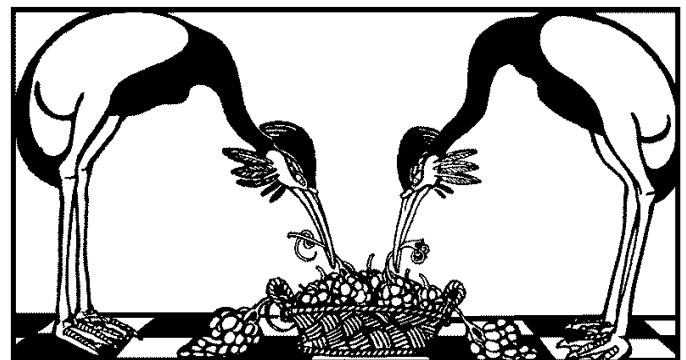


A last luncheon till the fall was held on June 13 at the Clarion Hotel in Essington. 22 were present plus our 2 guest speakers. **Rose Frei** won the 50/50 and **Joyce Lindenmuth** won the free lunch drawing.

We had 2 representatives from the PA gaming control board, giving us information on regulations and rules and where the state uses the money. It still sounds like gambling to me.

Our sick list continues. Remember **Al Edwards**, **Carol Rose**, **Frank Egges**, **Lynn Sonderman**, **Mona McNamee**, and **Jim & Barbara Fanto**.

Have a restful summer. See you on September 12 at the Clarion at 12:30.





## WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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During our summer hiatus, the Emerald City Slickers are preparing to welcome all United and Continental retirees and their guests to ***Seattle Rain Dance***. RUAEA's national convention will be held here in Seattle September 21-24. The RUAEA Newsletter for June included details and sign-up information. Or use the extra form printed in this August issue. The RUAEA web site can help. **REGISTER NOW!**

Our convention crew (see cover photos this issue of both local and national convention organizers) met at the DoubleTree June 21 to hash out details and suggestions for the ***Seattle Rain Dance***. Before an all-out lunch in the hotel restaurant (so far we can recommend the food and service in the hotel restaurant), the following participants gave reports and confirmed convention plans: RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin**; National Vice President of Conventions **Ron Bertacini**; **John Zoboli**, candidate to succeed **Ron** in that position; Convention Chair **Ken Storey**; **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**, decorations; Treasurer **Shirley Claggett**; **Bonnie & Fred Frey**, tours; **John Haferbecker**, publicity co-chair; **Ed Liesse**; **Gay Liesse**, publicity chair; **Carol Lucarelli**, registration; **Fran & Frank McAnulty**, raffles and hospitality; Registrar **Ron Paluch**; **Judy Storey**, and **Ken Tank**, tours and "general counsel." It was a fun and productive meeting.

**John Zoboli**, familiar to many, filled in for **Marilyn Marcy**, who had resigned from the national convention committee for personal reasons. We missed her!

Locally, we hope to have either an extra issue of *Contrails*, our seasonal (before each chapter meeting) chapter newsletter, edited by **Vicki Shumaker** and processed by **Phyllis Bowman**, or an early release date of the regular September issue for the benefit of local members. Our next scheduled chapter meeting occurs September 13, right before convention.

Let Convention Chair **Ken Storey** know if you'd be willing to work a shift at the Registration Desk in September. Volunteers to welcome conventioners in the Hospitality Room also would be appreciated by **Fran McAnulty**.

We'll have a report on the annual local RUAEA golf tournament, held at the end of June, in the September issue. Chair and coordinator of the event, as always, was **Bob Howard**.

After **Mary Luke**'s unfortunate ankle injury-plus-surgery and prolonged recovery, it appears that **John Luke** felt she was receiving too much attention and

turned himself in to the medical authorities at the University of Washington. As of this writing, **John** is recovering from brain surgery and is awaiting a decision on surgery to deal with a lung tumor responsible for the brain issues. **John** has been upbeat and in good spirits, even over such a serious matter. We wish them each well and pray for complete recoveries for both of them.

A reminder to Emerald City Slickers! We'll be collecting donations for Toys 4 Tots and non-perishable food for the food bank at our October and November meetings.

We hope you're enjoying your summer and are getting ready to ***Soak it Up*** at the ***Seattle Rain Dance***!

### Calendar:

**August** – No regular meeting

**September 13** – Luncheon meeting

**September 21-24** – RUAEA Convention, Seattle

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Our June picnic at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA was a great success once again. Approximately 50 people attended. Most were members, a few were not, but all shared the same memories and love for United Airlines. The winery is located in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is an area abundant with history. For all who would like to join us next year for our annual picnic, it will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in June. The venue will once again be held at BOW. To make reservations, email me at the above address. As door prizes, our chapter purchased and gave away 2 cases of wine (1 each of red and white.) This seemed to please everyone.



The birthday boys ~ We celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays of two of our favorite men: **Richard Libby** (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and **Henry Ayres**. **Marie Libby** (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right) brought a beautiful birthday cake to share with our friends. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** decorated with Happy

Birthday banners. Henry's wife Ina, (far left) won a bottle of wine as a door prize. It was a fun celebration.

**Bob O'Roark** (our UAL Historian) and **Hank Heuser, Jr.**, took the opportunity to "catch up" with each other. At the flight attendants' table were **T.R. Evanson**, **Cheryl MacDonald**, **Kate Connelly**, **Patty Burch**, **Sandy Eggleston**, and **Barbara Polhemus**.

On the day that we had our party, our guests were treated to a tour that included watching as the wine was bottled. I and a few others brought our grandchildren. **Mike O'Meara** and his wife drove up from Richmond, VA with their dog. The place has something for everyone. As I said, a good time was had by all.

It is with great sadness that I report that **Tom Adams** informed us that **Fred Bena** was in the hospital. Fred passed away on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016. He is survived by his wife, **Bonnie**. Condolences can be sent to Bonnie at 4413 Majestic Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033-3536. Fred had worked in many places but was a supervisor in IADCG when he retired. He was a most respected person and loved by all. He will be much missed.

In this newsletter, and those to follow, I would like to sincerely thank Glory Days Restaurants, and the Herndon manager, Adam, for their continuing support of our chapter.

We had no luncheon in July, but there were many vacations. One trip taken by two of our members, **Judy Dunlap** and **Tammy Bussert**, sounds most enviable. They flew First Class to Rome, Italy. That nice touch was just the beginning of their fabulous vacation which included a 12 day cruise on Holland America. They visited many ports in Italy, Turkey, Greece and Croatia.

By next month, I will have probably have heard from other members about their vacations and summer frolics. I, myself, will be flying down to Birmingham, AL and then driving to the Gulf Shores, for a glorious week. I probably won't get first class, but no matter. Our travel privileges are a pretty great perk. Sometimes we get caught up in the negative: standby – yuk, middle seat – yuk, coach - horrors. We are pretty spoiled, aren't we? When I was 20, and beginning my career with UAL, I was not at all well traveled. I had been to 8 states and was hungry for more. Thanks to my career and my travel benefits, I have been to all 50 states and many foreign countries. My husband and children have also been given the luxury of travel. No, traveling "standby" is not for the impatient or the weak of heart. It is, however, a nice perk.

Just a reminder to anyone who would like to join our group, our luncheons are always held at noon on the second Wednesday of every month (September through May) at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. In June we have an annual picnic. This year and last, it has been held at the Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. It has been a most popular venue and will probably be revisited many times.

We are now looking forward to The Flying Circus in Bealton, VA. This year it will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The Loungers have rented a pavilion and will also have a pot luck lunch. The cost for this event for members is \$5.00 if they bring a dish to share and \$10.00 if they don't. There is an additional \$5.00 for non-members. We do invite all who are interested to join us. The food will be great, and the company will be the best. **Bob O'Roark**, along with other contributing members, will put up a tent with tons of UAL memorabilia. And the show is phenomenal. This event is packed with fun for everyone. If you are interested in attending, please notify me, **Judy Dunlap**, or **Cathy Gilbert Silva**.

Until next time, fly safe and be happy

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Hello RUAEA:

Happy Birthday America! I hope you all had a safe and sane 4<sup>th</sup> of July. As we move through the summer with family reunions, friend get-togethers and just enjoying life, our forefathers were so smart in establishing the best contract ever, The Constitution of the United States.

May we always remember those who fought for our freedom and as it continues today with our military. Bless those who keep us free and safe.

Continue to have a wonderful summer and I will chat with you again in August. Enjoy your families, friends, barbeques and RUAEA buddies!



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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 2016**:

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- 5) Address

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## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Robert Burke, Lynn Dever, Carol Estus, Elizabeth Midunsky, Janet Schmidt, Ken Smith, Connie Staton, Frank Whitecotton

### **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.)*

#### **Robert Aherns, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002-1232**

I have reached the age of 92. I renewed my driver's license for the years to come. I have no travel plans, but just for local trips. I occasionally make visits to RUPA, the Knights of Columbus, and American Legion events.

My children live in my general area, and keep an eye on me. I was an Air Force pilot in World War II and started work with United in 1946. I had 36 years of enjoyable service as Flight Dispatcher and Area Operation Manager. I retired in 1982 at the age of 60 from LAX and SFO.

#### **Lois Dick, 2310 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Unit 2, Longmont CO 80503**

It is hard to believe that it has been 26 years since Vic retired and we joined RUAEA. He was in DENMM for the 37 years he worked for good ole' UAL. That was a wonderful time for the airline!

We were very active in RUAEA until Vic got lung cancer and passed away in July 1989. Even after that, I remained active with it. I surely do miss those days, and all of the friends I have made. But as we all know, things change.

I am fairly content in my nice apartment in the Atria Senior Living Center in Longmont. I sold my home in Arvada this past year, after living there for 45 years. I sure miss being able to drive, too. Oh well, I try to keep on smiling.

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the convention in SEA. My best to all of you.

#### **Darlene Foster, 880 Cross Creek Ct., Roselle, IL 60172**

I have so enjoyed the newsletter, since I retired. The travel information and articles have been helpful. The letters from all of the retirees have also been enjoyable. Thank you for all you do to make this fun and interesting. I hope everyone enjoys the summer.

#### **John Francis, 37 Shorewood Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225**



Thanks for all the work you do with the RUAEA newsletter. I always enjoy reading it. I retired from United in Oct 2000 as a 777 captain based at ORD and at the end of a 33 1/3 year career.

I am attaching photos of our daughter, Joanna and son in law, Mark, who are both now 757/767 co-pilots based at ORD. I managed to squeeze into the old uniform one more time to have a couple of photos taken with them too! We are very pleased and proud to continue the family tradition. As an 11 year old, Joanna was lucky enough to take part in the wonderful experience of being based in London when United had a temporary 727 base there, and now she is flying to LHR herself.

#### **John Lunde, 351 Crestline Ct. Apt B, Lowell, IN 46356**

My how time flies when you are enjoying yourself.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1956, I answered an ad by UAL looking for Ground Service personnel. I went to the then EXO at 60<sup>th</sup> and Cicero in Chicago, and was hired. Little did I know that I would work for UAL for 39 years, and be retired for 21 and still counting!

Those were the years of DC3's DC4's, DC6's, DC7's, Convair 440s, and the Double-decker, Stratocruisers. TWA was flying the Constellations, and Capitol was flying the Viscounts which were called, the Screaming Mee Mee's. Ah yes, those were the days.



On the Executive Men Only flights to IDL, now named JFK and DCA, red carpets would be rolled out, complete with stantions, rubber carpets when the weather was bad. They handed out free cigars, cigarettes and gift packages. All of this happened until the women found out, and that was that.

Back in the day when you flew, it was something special. One dressed up as if they were going to church. It was like an unwritten dress code. Now days it doesn't make any difference how one dresses, as long as they have the money, they can fly.

In April 1959, I took a 4 year military leave of absence and joined the Air Force. I spent 2 years in Japan and learned to speak Japanese quite well. I was discharged in April of 1963 and returned to ORDCG. MDW was now a thing of the past.

Because I spoke Japanese, I worked with Emperor Hirohito's people and when the Japanese Prime ministers were in CHI, I worked with their people.

After transferring to ORDCS, I spent 32 years there, 30 of this was on the midnight shift.

We have seen the buyout of Pan Am and UAL became an international carrier overnight. Then there was the employee buyout, so that the company would not be sold to unscrupulous investors.

9/11 was dark in UAL history as well as US history. UAL went through bankruptcy and survived. Now we have merged with Continental. UAL has been a very resilient, surviving company.

Those of us, who have been with UAL for a long time, have seen many, many changes. Some were good and some were not so good.

Going to work every day presented new challenges, new problems, so it was never the same routine.

#### **Jack Oleson, Retired ORDCS, joleson63@aol.com**

I was one of the retirees who took the tour of the NOC in Willis Tower. It seemed to me that all of those people and all of those computer screens were there for two reasons. One, to maintain normal operations, and two, to get back to normal operations after delays or cancellations while avoiding major connection problems whenever possible. I knew crews had restrictions on hours, but had no idea of the number of restrictions or how they enter into operations when things go bad. I came away with the feeling that everyone there was there to provide the best service to the most important people in the world, the passengers of United Airlines. Thank you to all who made it possible for me and other retirees to be included.

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

Thanks to all of you people who get the newsletter out to all of us retired UAL people. I really appreciate all the work you do.

**Betty Hopkins, Dorothy Gallo** and I are going to the memorial service for **Von Gemeny**. There are only a few of us old timers from HDQCU left. We are from the **Ed Langel** and **Gene Artemenko** era.

Those were the good old days.

#### **Elaine Ptak, 9674 Moonlit Sky Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89147**

I was with UAL for 38 years and retired from CHIRR. Thanks to UAL I have travelled to many different destinations.

We retired to Las Vegas 17 years now. We golf and hike and take driving trips to Utah, California and Arizona. This past November we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on a 15 day cruise to Hawaii. We had a 4 hour drive to San Pedro then parked the car across from the ship and walked on board. We also fly to Maui once a year where we rent a condo on the ocean. We golf, go on a dinner cruise and just kick back and relax.

I do keep in touch with many UAL friends on Facebook, phone and emails. It is nice to see many in the RUAEA newsletter.

Thank you all for all you do.

#### **Ilene Swan, 63500 E Holiday Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739-2147**

After living in CO for 30 years and losing my wonderful husband Al, a change was needed. I moved 3+ years ago and I really like AZ living, including most of the summer temps. However the main reason for writing is a bit of trivia. I recently read our CEO's article about another proxy situation.

While working in DENCS (which I later retired from) in the 80's rumors started flying. Someone was buying large amounts of UAL stocks. It was a name unfamiliar to me and co-workers. We assumed it was for a takeover but not so. It was just a very sharp businessman who made a bundle upon selling his shares. I am sure you all will recognize his name today. This businessman is Donald Trump.

My best to the many people I have worked with from NY to Hawaii and in between.

#### **John "Scotty" Thomas, 810 Gonzalez Dr., 7K, San Francisco, CA**

I had a lot of memories come back to me when I read about **Vern Snyder's** (SJC) visit to Castle Air Museum in Atwater, CA. When I completed my training as a jet engine mechanic at Shepherd AFB in Texas, I was assigned to Castle AFB, CA. along with several other mechanics who were originally from California. The day after we arrived, we were taken to the flight line for indoctrination. We had to fill out a form for our security clearances and, while everyone else had finished, I was still writing so the young officer came and asked me

why it was taking me so long. I told him it was the question about relatives who lived overseas. I explained that I was only in the USA less than a year and I had many relatives in Scotland. He turned white and said, "LeMay will not like this." He was gone about fifteen minutes and when he returned he had two air policemen with him and I was escorted off the flight line back to my first sergeant who informed me that I was banned from the flight line until further notice. I had to report to the first sergeant every day for some menial duties. After two weeks, I received orders to report to another base. The first sergeant told me that I was the luckiest guy at Castle AFB because, not only would I be out from under General Curtis Lemay's SAC, I was being assigned to the country club of the USAF, namely Hamilton AFB in Marin County, CA. I arrived at the base around midnight and when I awoke the next morning, I thought I had died and gone to heaven because when I looked out the window all I could see was beautiful palm trees and beautiful lawns. I spent the next three and a half years there and loved every minute of it.

I do not think **Jay Caccioppo** enjoyed his year at Castle AFB as much as I enjoyed my time at Hamilton AFB.

**Geraldine Vann, 375 Apache Ln., Winter Haven, FL 33881-9416**

How fast the years fly by. This year on July 1, I will be retired from United ORDCS for 20 years.

The last 4 years my husband, Endel, and I have lived in Florida. We love it here. Since we have moved here we have joined the Orlando Real McCoys chapter. It is a great group of United family.

Previously living in IL we were members of the Chicago Skyliners. It is so great that we have RUAEA chapters all over.

Thanks for the hard work and wonderful job everyone does.

**John Wachowitz, JWACO22@aol.com**

There are many good points too numerous to list that made the event so superb! I was delighted and very much impressed with the warm welcome and hospitality. I am very proud of our United Airlines Company, and further impressed with the success and growth of our quality product.

Everyone with the tour was exceptionally professional and kind, and helped to remind us that we are still partners with the United Family. And that our past works contributions are an integral part of the healthy growth and future successes of our great company.

Added thanks and plaudits to Jeffery for his thoughtfulness, and most outstanding performance in conducting a very comprehensive tour. Magnificent! After being away for 15 years, it all came back to me.

Thank You to **Penny Thomas**, who continues to inspire us all!

P.S. Also, we must thank **Janet Tyse** for her exceptional help.

**Ed Pozzi, MM Foreman, 145 Main Ave., Lake Grove, NY 11755**

For everyone's information, LGAMM still has a main liner club run by A&P Mechanic. But the supplies are limited due to a lack of space. Since the hangar was torn down space at terminal is limited. However retirees are unable to go downstairs to make purchases. If the TSA sees anyone other than employees, we would be subject to arrest and fines.

My daughter is an ex-employee (laid off 4 years ago), I went with her prior to layoff to have ID renewed, I was questioned why I was there so I left.

I hope this helps.

*Notes*

**Oscar Aguilar**

My apologies for my late payment, I sure don't want to lose my Membership, RUAEA means a lot to me. I am a little tight with money right now, next time I will help with the Newsletter Postal Fund.

**Alan Andersen**

I just retired the beginning of May. I am very disappointed with the changes to the retiree passes that were imposed with the merger.

When I walked out of the ORD Service Center for the last time, it should have been a happy time, but it was very sad, not because I was leaving but because the company doesn't care about you or your years of contributions after you leave. The lower priority pass benefits reflect this.

**Mary Jo Carson**

I am a grieving widow. I have gotten lots of support, encouraging letters and cards, and well wishes from United Airlines employees, wives and other friends of **John E. Carson**.

**Walter Bird**

We travel lots. We just got back from LHR; even though our flight was 12 hrs late on the return to SFO. The staff made us very comfortable.

**Ann W. Bryan**

**Max Bryan** passed away January 1988. But I appreciate the newsletter and keeping up with United. Thanks RUAEA.

### **William Chicots**

I am spending a lot of time as a volunteer firefighter, which I have done since 1974. Currently, I am serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. I also work for a local Ford/Lincoln dealership in wholesale parts sales.

### **Charles Clayborn**

I am lucky enough that I have a group of retirees who meet for breakfast once a week. Through their friendship, I was able to shake off the demon that haunted me from the merger. I can now critique the Company (good and bad) without clenched teeth.

### **Barbara Drews**

I can't believe I forgot to pay my dues. Especially since I am after all my RESANS members to pay theirs!

### **Joretta Gerry**

The newsletter is the only place that we retirees can access information. Thanks for a good job.

### **Marie Kocevar**

In May, I visited my brother in MFR and friends in PDX. From there, I flew to LAS to join a Trafalgar tour. We visited the Grand Canyon, Sedona Memorial Valley, Lake Powell, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon. This was my first visit in these areas and it was awesome!

Taking a tour made it so much easier as there are no worries about driving, getting a hotel or dining. I find it easier to fly confirmed. So in the last few years, I either buy a ticket or use MPI or Sky Miles on DL.

Thanks to the RUAEA newsletter crew for keeping all of us up to date on the latest UA news.

### **James Weeks**

Thanks for all the information you send out.

### **E K Williams**

Most commonly we say that what is missed in retirement are the people we worked with.

Thanks to RUAEA and RUPA, I get to have social time with those I had worked with on the ramp and in the cockpit. Thanks to all of you who make these organizations possible, nationally and locally.

### **Kathleen Monaghan Prager hlpkmp@aol.com**

Willis Tower Tour: This was an eye opener into the future operations of our airline. We also had the one day opportunity to experience the Polaris Business Class, very exciting.



## **Important Phone Numbers**



*Updated 2/2016*

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

### **United Employee Service Center**

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

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

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

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

### **Employee Travel Center**

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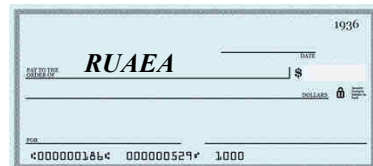
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## 2016 Seattle Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is September 4, 2016\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number			Department Retired From:		
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)</b> <b>Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____</b> <b>Enter email address :</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 in advance or at the Convention.

Date – 2016		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b>					<b>\$15.00</b>	\$
<b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>						
Fri., Sept. 23	Prop Wash Party				\$14.50	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Sat., Sept. 24	Pork Loin				\$41.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 24	Pacific Salmon				\$41.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 24	Roasted Tri-Tip Beef				\$46.00	\$
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>						\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2016 RUAEA Convention**  
 Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2016 RUAEA Convention,**  
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**Tour Registration**

Date – 2016	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Sept. 21	Boeing Museum	1	\$38.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Mt Rainier	2	\$99.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Boeing Everett Plant	3	\$75.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Waterfront	4	\$36.00				
Fri., Sept. 23	Boeing Museum	5	\$59.00				
Fri., Sept. 23	Seattle Center	6	\$36.00				
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>							

The deadline for registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you register after that date, your name may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory

**Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.**

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# United Airlines Historical Foundation



"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"

A "Day in the Life" of a Station Agent. (continued from the previous RUAEA article)

(right photo) During a "lull", Rex Blyton joined Adam Claus for a well-deserved "Moment of Relaxation".



(below left) Rex Blyton Station Manager at South Bend Airport delivered passengers' baggage to the Claiming Area. (middle) He completed paperwork on an Air Express shipment. (right) He handled reservations with Bernice Burns and Violet Shaw.



(above left) Rex sent a batch of Operations and Reservations meters. (middle) He consulted with Station Manager George Clark. (right) Rex concentrated on figuring weights for the next outbound flight.

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Ret., from the July 1957 United "Shield" magazine. Website at [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org).

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