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The 2017 RUAEA Convention Committee looks forward

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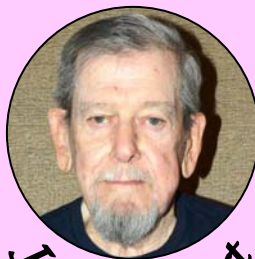


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Other Convention Volunteers from the Las Vegas Silverliners



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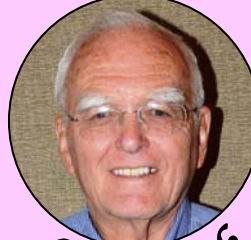
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



As I'm writing this letter my mind is saying "I hope everyone is having a great Fourth of July"! Yes it is "Great to be an American".

After the July issue was published, the Nominating Committee advised us that they had filled the Director Vacancies in Southern California (**Rosalie Tripicchio**) and the

Midwest (**Bill Corbett**) Regions. We appreciate these folks volunteering to fill these areas. In the back of the Newsletter there is a listing of the Officers, Directors and Staff, if you would like to volunteer and feel you may be able to do one of the listed positions please let **Hank Gosselin** know. Hank is responsible for the Nominating Committee and his contact information is on page 32 of this newsletter.

It was reported in the July Newsletter that the company was going to meet with the Retiree Organizations via a conference call on June 15th. A few days before the scheduled call, we were advised that because of circumstances within the company the conference call was being postponed until the week of July 24th, day and time to be announced. As of this writing the date is not set. The purpose of the call was stated to be a briefing as to where the "leadership" stood regarding our Pass Travel change requests. I'll keep you advised of any new information.

We recently were advised that our request, for RUAEA National, to be exempt from federal income tax per the IRS Code 501 (c) (3) has been granted. We are qualified to receive tax deductible contributions made under the IRC Section 170 and this also qualifies us to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. This simply means that any donations RUAEA receives can be deducted from the donors' taxes. We are now in the process of applying for tax exempt status in the State of Colorado for any item/s or service that RUAEA purchases. Note: the local Chapters are not amenable to this IRS Code awarded to RUAEA as they are autonomous (self-governing/independent).

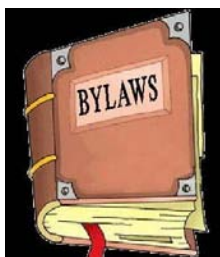
We are getting close to Convention time; the dates are September 25-28. If you haven't already, please take the time to make your Hotel Reservations and send in your Convention Registration form. For your con-

venience, the Convention Registration Forms are in this issue on pages 33 & 34. For the hotel, be sure to use the phone number listed in the June issue and mention the code PCIRUAE.

Hoping the best for all,

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

From The Board of Directors



The Board of Directors recommends the following amendments to the RUAEA 2015 By-Laws (Amended 9/28/2017) in accordance with Article XIII of said By-Laws.

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

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

Note: Changes are underlined.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE (Current)

The purpose of this organization is to maintain the friendships and associations of its members, and be a proactive voice of United Airlines Retirees' interests, issues and causes.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE (Proposed)

To provide information to the members through a newsmagazine and as an avenue for the retired employees to maintain in contact with other such members and conferences for the members to attend where information about what is happening in that airline community. This purpose shall also include providing education about the history of the airline industry, information for retirees that will assist them in dealing with retirement issues, support of aviation memorials around the country with a specific example being the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania memorializing those who died on that flight on 9/11. The Organization will also provide support for education about careers in the airline industry and schools that promote and educate students on subjects such as aerodynamics, safety management, aerospace & occupational safety, aircraft dispatcher, aviation business administration, aviation maintenance, pilot, ground support, customer and human relations (marketing). It is intended that the Organization act in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and its regulations.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 8 – Directors – (Elected) (Current)

The Directors, in addition to such duties as the President may assign, shall participate as members of the Board of Directors in planning & controlling the affairs of the Association. They shall also provide liaison with individual members and local groups, give advice and counsel to emerging groups, recruit new members, and generally promote the growth and activities of the Association. Area coverage will be determined and assigned by the Board of Directors, and will be published in the Newsletter from time to time, as changes are made.

Section 8 – Directors - (Elected) (Proposed)

The Directors, in addition to such duties as the President may assign, shall participate as members of the Board of Directors in planning & controlling the affairs of RUAEA. They shall also provide liaison with individual members and their respective Chapters, give advice, disseminate information received concerning RUAEA and the Company (UA), and other items of interest. They shall counsel emerging groups, recruit new members and officers, and generally promote the growth and activities of RUAEA. The area of coverage for each Director will be determined and assigned by the Board of Directors. They will remain in contact with their respective Chapters at least once a year, if feasible, or more if deemed appropriate by the President. Directors are charged with monitoring the Arrears List for their respective areas as published by the Membership Manager. Directors shall send out a standard letter to any member in arrears stating that they have not paid their dues. (The monitoring of the Arrears List and actions taken is the most important task of each Director to maintain membership.)

ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF OFFICE (Current)

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed. In an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5)

Regional Directors will be elected in any single year. With the concurrence of the Nominating Committee, officers and directors may run for continual terms. Officers and directors may be nominated, elected and serve in another office even though their current term has not expired. Upon election to another office, his/her office shall be declared vacant

ARTICLE VIII - TERM OF OFFICE (Proposed)

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed. In an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5)

Regional Directors will be elected in any single year. A onetime change to the By-Laws to stagger the election of Executive Committee Members by voting in the 2017 Business Meeting to extend the term of the VP-Conventions and of the Treasurer for one additional year, with their terms expiring in September 2019. Thereafter, their terms shall be for two (2) years. With the concurrence of the Nominating Committee, officers and directors may run for continual terms. Officers and directors may be nominated, elected and serve in another office even though their current term has not expired. Upon election to another office, his/her office shall be declared vacant.

ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION OF RUAEA

Change Section 501 (c) (7) to 501 (c) (3)

In the event that this organization should be dissolved, all assets will be disposed of as follows:

All assets remaining after payment of all legal obligations shall be distributed to any organization operating exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION OF RUAEA organization(s) to receive this grant shall be selected by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors at a special meeting called for this purpose.

Introducing New Regional Directors

As noted in the July newsletter, the annual election was not held as all positions had only one candidate. Fortunately, vacant positions have been filled by volunteers. **Norma Betters** accepted the position of Director, Northeast Region, **Bill Corbett** accepted the position of Director, Midwest Region and **Rosalie Tripicchio** accepted the position of Director, Southern California Region.

RUAEA thanks Norma, Bill and Rosalie for accepting the directorships.

Norma Betters, Director, Northeast Region (No photo available)

Norma was born and raised in Southwest PA. She married her high school friend, Bill who graduated from Pittsburgh School of Technology and was recruited by United Airlines upon graduation to work at Midway. They were a UAL family in Cleveland, Boston and Denver where he retired after a 13 year commute to Boston every week.

She pursued her career in nursing and hospital administration. Upon early retirement, Norma and Bill became involved in RUAEA when Boston was asked to hold the 1998 convention. It was a huge success. The highlight which gives her fond memories is 800 people

walking on a beautiful spring night from 2 nearby hotels to the Boston Symphony Hall. There RUAEA members filled the entire first balcony and were welcomed by the conductor of the Boston Pops, Keith Lockhart on a night when American Airlines was the sponsoring corporation.

Bill became assistant to VP of Conventions for 4 years and they worked diligently at those conventions while making many RUAEA friends. They withdrew due to Bill's health and became consumed with various roles in their local yacht club.

Since Bill passed in May 2015, Norma has attended the Nor'easters regularly and still enjoys the friendship of the UAL family. She looks forward to being involved with RUAEA in some limited way and renewing some friendships.



William (Bill) Corbett, Director, Midwest Region

Bill began his career with United in 1973 at MDWCS as a Ramp Serviceman. He spent all of his career in Chicago later on moving from MDW to ORDFF as a Cargo Lead. Bill received the Outstanding Service Award as Cargo Team Leader in 2001.

In retirement, Bill is a member of the Chicago Skyliners Southside. He volunteers at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Chicago Area Runners Assoc., Arts & Business Council of Chicago. Bill also served on the Board of Governors at the Lansing Country Club as well as Treasurer at the Pono Kai Resort in Kauai. In his free time Bill enjoys reading, walking, running and swimming. Bill now wears two RUAEA hats as he is the Assistant Vice President of Conventions.



Rosalie Tripicchio, Director, Southern California Region

Rosalie is a very recent retiree from United Airlines. We are very happy she is now a member of RUAEA and the San Diego chapter, the ReSans. She retired June 3, 2017 from United Airlines as a Customer Service Rep after 26 years of service. For the past 16 years, she was the president of the Mainliner Club at the San Diego airport. Her responsibilities included coordinating and planning all the Holiday parties.



Pass Travel Update From Kirk Moore

Standby, myUAdiscount, myUAdiscount Basic Economy



Pass riders flying space available or traveling on myUAdiscount tickets have the following carry-on and checked baggage allowances, 1 full-size carry-on (overhead) & 1 personal item (under seat) & 2 checked bags (belly of plane).

Note: When purchasing a myUAdiscount Basic Economy fare only one personal item is allowed onboard (must fit under the seat). However, you are still eligible for two free checked bags and one of those can be a full-size carry-on that will be gate checked and put in the belly.

Tickets purchased on the customer United website or somewhere else are not myUAdiscount tickets and you will not be eligible for the two free checked bags. To buy myUAdiscount tickets go to FlyingTogether > Travel > myUAdiscount or use the United app > Book a Flight (if your Mileage Plus number is linked to your employee profile in employeeRES).

Where do I sit?

- **Standby:** available seats are assigned at the gate, in boarding priority order, according to the cabin you listed in.
- **myUAdiscount:** select a confirmed seat when purchasing the ticket; upgrades to Economy Plus, FC or BF seats may also be available to purchase.
- **myUAdiscount Basic Economy:** an Economy seat will be assigned at the gate (there is no guarantee your party will be seated together); upgrades to Economy Plus, FC or BF are not allowed.

Correction and Clarification

*The new Basic Economy fares **do** accumulate Mileage Plus miles, so be sure to include your membership number in your reservation when using the MyUAdiscount program. Because these fares are so low they do not count toward Premier Status, segment count nor lifetime accumulated miles. Also, these low fares are **not** eligible for Economy Plus seating or First/Business upgrades.*

Kathie Torgison
Torgy's Travel Tips

Save The Date: SFO Family Day 2017



The 12th Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base has been scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This annual United event is open to employees, retirees and their family members and friends and features aircraft tours, displays, a car show, kids' carnival area, plane pull contest, and the 6-jet precision demonstration squadron, the Patriots Jet Team. This year's Family Day will pay special tribute to the Boeing 747, which will retire from the United fleet in the fourth quarter of 2017.

- ❖ What: 12th Annual SFO Family Day
- ❖ Where: San Francisco Maintenance Base
- ❖ When: Sunday, October 8, 2017, 11:00AM – 4:00PM
- ❖ Details: Every United Airlines employee and retiree can request up to four wristbands starting in late August 2017. Wristband requests will be communicated in the September edition of the newsletter.

❖ Contact: SF-FamilyDay@united.com

Boeing 747 Farewell ~ United says goodbye to the “Queen of the Skies” in the fourth quarter of 2017. We will be putting together a special 747 display for a special sendoff of the iconic aircraft. If you would like to contribute any photos, memorabilia or memories of the 747, please email SF-FamilyDay@united.com

Viva Las Vegas Shows

From Diane Webb

In my perfect world you simply can't leave Vegas without taking in at least one amazing show on every trip, especially when it comes with a discount.

Vegas rule #1: Never pay full price for anything. Here are 3 options:

1. For those who plan ahead and want to book a Cirque show, our UA Flying Together website offers discounts. Who knew? From the home page select Employee Services (5th button across top banner) and then scroll down half way to the grey colored box marked “Total Rewards” and select Employee Discounts. Move half way down on the right hand column and under Attractions and Tickets select “Cirque Du Soleil – 30% off select shows in Las Vegas.” Open the attached pdf. Walla!
2. For those who want to buy what is available when in Vegas, even on show day, “Tix4Tonight” is an option. Ten booths are located all over the Strip and one in downtown.

See their website www.tix4tonight.com or call 800-269-8499 for information. Note that the discount vouchers you obtain from “Tix4Tonight” must be redeemed at the box office of your show for actual tickets/seat assignments. Allow time for this too.

3. For those with military ID, \$30 discounts are available at the highly acclaimed production of Le Reve at the Wynn. In essence you pay for the Poolside blue/least expensive section, but sit in the Grandview red/upgraded section. This splurge feels more enjoyable with the discount. You may purchase these tickets either at the box office with your military ID or by calling (702) 770-9966. If you call, your credit card will be charged the special rate, seats will be assigned but you will need to show your military ID at “will call” 1 hour or more prior to the show to pick up the tickets. (For those without a military ID who are able to book more than 30 days ahead, a \$20 discount is available to you.)

As we look ahead to RUAEA Convention week in September, **Monday or Tuesday evenings are unscheduled and might be a good time for a show. We will need to make our own arrangements as the committee has left this part up to us.** For me, I'm hoping to squeeze in “Le Reve” at Wynn, which is high on my bucket list. I hope you can find your perfect show too. Until then, Viva Las Vegas!

Joint Contract for Flight Attendants?

From Scott Kirby, UAL President

Completing flight attendant integration. The leadership team and I are truly sorry for how long this has taken to finish and wish that we could accelerate it even more. We recognize how difficult it's been for you and how important it is for you to achieve all of the benefits of our new contract and to be on one common crew management system, with seniority that is accurate in every crew base without regard to UA or CO metal. Getting this integration done, and done well, is our highest priority. I'd like to thank the Joint Implementation Team (JIT) that is working diligently to make sure this is done right. And getting it right means ensuring software development properly implements the intent of the contract and includes thorough testing and training. This is why the JIT has been reviewing all 400-plus pages of the legal contract and making sure we all agree on the intent of such. This is a huge undertaking, and we will need to change 37 different systems that touch the flight attendant contract. For this, we've added more than 150 people dedicated to the completion of the joint collective bargaining agreement. We'd add even more if it could get us to the end game sooner, but, un-

fortunately, the training time for new people to learn the complexities of the systems and contract would just slow things down. Let's look forward to a big celebration when this is done.

Order a retiree badge



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Verification of Eligibility Letter when applying for any applicable discounts offered to United retirees. This badge is in no way mandatory nor is it required for pass travel. Please note: The badge cannot be used to go thru TSA checkpoints.

Retirees may only order the badge *online* through the "United Service Anywhere" self-service portal on Flying Together. "United Service Anywhere" or "USAW" can be accessed via the dark purple tile on the Employee Services page (it's also scrolling across the Travel page). You can also go to employeeRES > Quick Links > EmployeeProfile > "Click here to obtain your Retiree Badge" which will redirect you to USAW (same link as above).

Once arriving on the USAW page, type "**Order retiree badge**" in the search box. Read the FAQ article or simply click on the green "Request Service" box to order.

First pay a \$35 fee for the initial badge, payable thru PayPal.

To complete your order:

1. Input your payment confirmation number from PayPal.
2. Submit a passport size photo of yourself in jpeg format (on a light blue or off-white background).
3. Submit a copy of your government issued ID for identity verification.
4. The badge will be sent via FedEx; a signature is required for delivery.

To print a Verification of Eligibility Letter go to FlyingTogether > Book a Flight (employeeRES) > QuickLinks > EmployeeProfile > "Click here to obtain your Verification of Eligibility letter". It's in the "Saved EmployeeRES Information" box.



Changes to the MileagePlus program



United announced changes to the MileagePlus program that include adjustments to the award options available to MileagePlus members. The program changes include:

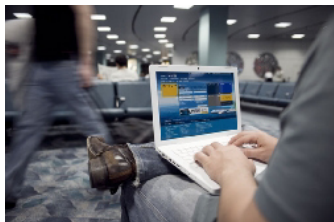
- ❖ Introduction of Everyday Awards, a dynamic award with pricing that will vary from flight to flight. Everyday Awards will replace Standard Awards on Nov. 1, 2017. While prices will fluctuate, United will publish an award chart for Everyday Awards so that members will know the highest number of miles needed for each award.
- ❖ Lower prices on most short-haul intra-region Economy Saver Awards for flights outside of the U.S., such as flights within Europe.
- ❖ Increased prices on Saver Awards for select international markets.
- ❖ Increased prices on United Business Saver Awards for U.S. premium transcontinental routes and for select Hawaii routes.
- ❖ Implementation of \$125 redeposit fee for members who do not show up for their flight and request a redeposit of their miles. This fee will apply to all award bookings made on or after Nov. 1, 2017, and will apply to all members.
- ❖ All changes are effective for tickets booked on or after Nov. 1, 2017.

What's staying the same:

- United will continue to offer two types of awards, Saver Awards and Everyday Awards.
- There will be no price changes for Economy Saver Award travel to, from, or within the 48 contiguous United States.
- MileagePlus members can still take advantage of the Excursionist Perk, which is a free, one-way award within select multi-city itineraries, assuming all requirements are met.
- United's close-in fee structure will stay the same, as well as fees that are incurred at reservations offices and fees for changes or redeposits made before departure.
- United will continue to offer MileagePlus Upgrade Awards.



United complied with new DHS security directive



Recently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced additional security measures for all airlines that operate at international airports with direct flights to the U.S.

These measures include heightened screening of large electronic devices, as well as additional screening of passengers.

United's top priority is the safety of its customers and employees, and the company will continue to work with DHS to comply with the new security directive.

United expects to have more information about how this will affect its employees, customers and operation in the coming days. United will continue to provide updates, so please stay tuned to United Daily and the operations communications channels.

Until the new security measures become effective, the current policies remain in effect.

For more information and to read a [fact sheet](#) about the new directive, please visit the DHS website at www.dhs.gov.

ELB migration completed



As of July 1, all 749 United mainline aircrafts are operating with a common Electronic Log Book (ELB) - meaning the integration of United's Technical Operations systems is complete.

The integration process included moving all United's aircraft materials onto the SCEPTRE platform, which climaxed on what was known as "Tech Ops Day One" in 2015, migrating the existing ELBs to the SCEPTRE ELB, and installing the ELBs on SCEPTRE-controlled aircraft that were still utilizing paper logbooks.

Each of those logbooks was encased in a metal binder; as the paper logbooks were rendered obsolete, their covers were retained and transformed into plaques, which were given to several hundred key players in the integration process at a recognition event for the teams last month in Chicago.

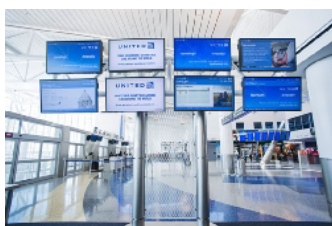
With the ELB migrations complete, Tech Ops and IT are now focusing on improving the logbooks and introducing United Tech, a mobile platform designed to improve efficiency and give technicians the ability to handle many routine tasks right at the aircraft.

"Although we are done migrating, it is only the beginning for improvements and changes to ELB," said

TPA (Tampa, Florida) Line Maintenance Senior Manager Dan Sonego, who's been a leader in the integration effort since the beginning. *"We are working to enhance the ELBs functionality and correct known issues."*

United quietly reached another major integration milestone in late April, when the United Airlines Certificate Management Office (CMO) of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) archived the document known as "United Airlines Operations Specification A502 – Air Carrier Mergers / Acquisitions." That document let United operate during the merger, which the FAA now considers done.

IAH rebanking to create more flexibility for customers



Strengthening United's hubs, creating opportunities for future growth and competing aggressively for customers everywhere United flies are key to realizing the potential the company has

to build the greatest route network in the world. And United is embarking on a new strategy at IAH that will help it achieve those ends. For several years, United has operated a schedule of ten flight banks at IAH, with the hub serving as a connection point primarily for east-to-west routes across the U.S. Beginning this fall, however, United is moving from that model to a consolidated eight-bank structure that connects customers from all directions, giving the company more flexibility to feed aircraft throughout the entire country while maximizing its approximately 90 gates at IAH.

A bank of flights is made up of a number of aircraft that all arrive at a hub at roughly the same time and then depart to different spoke destinations. Past banks at IAH would include as many as 50 arrivals per bank. The new schedule plan calls for eight daily peaks with as many as 75-80 aircraft arriving in the bank.

Rebanking allows United to improve connectivity for its customers and provide greater access to more destinations across the country. The move is also expected to increase passenger demand in several markets, enabling us to upgauge some United Express flights to mainline, and it will result in better utilization of our space at the airport.

To help minimize any negative impact on United's customers or employees, Network Planning team worked closely with IAH leadership and members of Operations Strategy, Planning and Design, eliciting feedback from the different operational groups at IAH and ensuring that potential pitfalls were addressed.

"We are going to invest in the right assets at IAH so that our employees have the tools they need to be suc-

cessful under this new configuration,” said Operations Network Analysis Senior Manager Mark Nelsen. “For instance, we’re focused on things like making sure the baggage system, our lobbies, TSA and ATC can all handle the increased movement of customers during those eight peaks. We’re also adding staffing and block time so that our employees can adequately support larger numbers of flights in each bank.”

Additionally, there will be several other areas of investment meant to facilitate the new bank structure, including installing more lobby kiosks and adding ground support equipment.

Customers can begin purchasing tickets for flights within the new schedule on June 24 for travel beginning on October 29.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Summer is here! The time for barbeques, parties and fun with family and friends. I have a gone a little past “Simple” this month, but this is a recipe that will make you the hit of any gathering. Try it, you’ll like it and so will everyone else.

Chocolate Cake

2 c. flour
2 c. sugar
1 stick butter
4 tbsp. Hershey’s unsweetened cocoa
1 c. water
2 eggs
½ c. buttermilk
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt

Stir together flour and sugar and set aside in large bowl. Mix in saucepan the butter, cocoa and water and bring to a slow boil, then pour over the sugar-flour mixture. Stir well. Mix together eggs, buttermilk, soda, vanilla and salt and add to first mixture. Pour into greased and floured special pan, 16x11x1 inch. It looks like a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Cool.

Frosting:

1 stick butter
4 tbsp. cocoa
6 tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 pound powdered sugar
1 c. chopped walnuts

Combine butter, cocoa, milk, and vanilla. Bring to a boil in saucepan. Stir while cooking. Take off stove and add the powdered sugar (use your judgment as to how much you want to add depending on thickness of frosting). Beat with electric mixer. When smooth add walnuts. Spread on cake. Serves 25.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

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

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 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (**Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the *Obits* section of this Newsletter), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the

7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to 2ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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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Birmingham chapter met Monday, June 12th at the home of **Gay Fowler** in Columbiana. Joining us for lunch were **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Donna & Jim Gooch**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Joe & Jane Jones** and a friend of Gay, **Leslie Appleton**, a retired flight attendant for Delta, and of course **Gay Fowler**.

We are sad to report many of our members have health issues and not able to attend. We send special best wishes to **Joe & Marie Duncan** as Joe has been a bit under the weather. Also, we send best wishes to **Travis & Zoe Glass** celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 23.

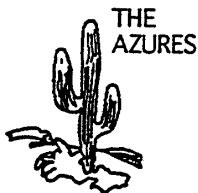
Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Carol Wilbanks**. Also, **Herb Wilbanks** brought 3 plants he grew we could draw for. Those were won by **Jane Jones**, **Ken Yeager** and **Bobby Cox**.

We meet on the second Monday at 11:30 for lunch on even numbered months and welcome all retired United friends and families to join us. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711 or **Joe Jones** at (205) -646-3825.

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We are nearing the Monsoon weather here in Phoenix which means thunderstorms and high humidity (some days our humidity is 2%!)

Happy Birthday to **Bob Maloney** (8/3), **Ginny Weiler** (8/10), **Dick Aaronson** (8/15), **Linette Steinberg** (8/16), **Warren Allen** (8/18), **Gene Hinners** (8/21), **Olive Crowthers** (8/27), **Daphne Reynolds** (8/28), and **Vivian Klick** (8/31). Happy Anniversary to **Marge & Gene Hinners** (8/27).

UAL Family Updates: Many of you may remember **Vic Eifert**, the United Credit Union branch manager at Dulles. Vic moved to Texas when he retired. **Kerri Schneider** recently spoke to his sister since she hadn't heard from him in a while and my Christmas card to him was returned. She said that unfortunately he has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. His family felt he might have trouble staying alone in his house and so had him admitted to a local facility. He has good days and bad days. One of the things Vic really enjoys is receiving mail. He keeps a pile of cards from folks on his table and goes through them every day. His sister thought he would truly love hearing from his old friends (his birthday is July 11). **Ann Fehler** will be sure to take them to him and help him remember just who we are. You can send your cards to: **Victor Eifert**, c/o **Ann Fehler**, 1823 Locksford Street, Houston TX 77008-1007.

Dan Eary, retired IADCG, was diagnosed with cancer recently and has been undergoing chemo treatments. He was admitted to the hospital late June but hoped to be released early July. He has asked for our prayers while he is fighting this dreadful disease. You can send your get well messages to: 1339 Destrier Street, Ranson, WV 25438-1671.

Ann Schneider's husband **Dutch**, retired IADCG, is also a cancer patient. He has been receiving radiation for the last 3 weeks in June and has 6 more weeks of daily treatments to go. So far he has been tolerating the treatments although the side effects are now starting to give him problems. If you would like to send him a card, you can mail it to: 9085 Baber Drive, Manassas, VA 20112.

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



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Hopefully, all of our members living in the Phoenix area are staying as cool and comfortable as they can. We hope it cools down real soon. The weather doesn't stop our chapter members from getting together though. We get together on the fourth Friday of each month for breakfast, and always look forward to seeing everyone that attends. We meet at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E.

Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We have our own private room to the left as you come into the restaurant. Vice President **Peg Snowdall** stays around most of the summer, and would like you to call her if you're planning on attending the breakfasts so she can let the staff know how many people to expect from our group. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Let her know by the Wednesday before the breakfast. Our August Breakfast is on the 25th.

Our June breakfast had 18 people in attendance. **Bill & Shirley Eaton's** grandson, 10 year old Jonathan Eaton visited us. I bet he wondered about all those "old" people attending the breakfast. We also gained a new member, **Kay Weber**, who lives in Gilbert and worked at ORD-RSM & FF. Welcome, Kay, we're happy to have you with us! We talked about various things associated with United Airlines that have been in the news and also about the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas in September.

Have you made your decision to attend the RUAEA Convention? It's from September 25 – September 28 at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino, located at 2411 West Sahara Avenue in Las Vegas, NV. Reservations for the hotel must be made by August 30th. That date is coming up fast! Call 800-634-3101 and mention the code PCIRUAE to receive the discounted rate for our group. The group rate is \$68.01 Sunday – Thursday, and \$140.58 for Friday and Saturday. (Both rates include tax and hotel service fee) The deadline for the Convention Registration is September 11. You will find the Convention Registration Form in the back of the Convention issue, or you can download it at www.ruaea.org. Mail it in now, before you forget!

If you're interested in taking one or more of the tours, you will find the information in the June RUAEA Newsletter. The tours start on Monday, September 25 and continue through Wednesday, September 27. There is a Hospitality Party in Salon C on Wednesday evening starting at 5:30 p.m., where you will find various cheeses, fruit, and an Antipasto Display, with entertainment, co-hosted by the Alliant Credit Union.

The Business meeting will be in Salon B on Thursday morning from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., followed by the Benefits Panel Presentation from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. Plan to attend those meetings as they are very informative.

The RUAEA Banquet will be on Thursday in Salons A and B. Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional. Plan on getting together with our Re-United friends at one or more tables. The Cash Bar before the banquet starts at 5:30 p.m. The banquet menu consists of Spinach Salad; choice of: Sirloin, California Chicken, or Salmon with Chef's vegetable medley and mashed potatoes, with New York Style Cheesecake with berry sauce

for dessert, along with bread, coffee and tea. Sounds good, doesn't it?

We have the following Birthdays in August: **Ame Esan** (8/7), **Richard Vehring** (8/7), **Wendy Young** (8/10), **Pat Nicholaisen** (8/11), **Shirley Claggett** (8/21), **Larry Young** (8/22), **Rita Zarek** (8/23), **Barbara Tremonto** (8/24), and **Marjorie Matteson** (8/26). Happy Birthday to all!

We have the following couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: **JoAnne & John Gaudio** (8/11/84), **Marilyn & Keith Morey** (8/18/51), **Pam & Gary Gerstung** (8/25/73), **Richard & Janet Vehring** (8/28/76), and **Larry & Wendy Young** (8/28/66). Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes!

Calendar:

August 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by Wednesday, August 23.

September 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

September 25 – September 28 – RUAEA Convention at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas, NE.

October - Luncheon - TBA

October 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Twenty two Roadrunners met for lunch on June 15 at Harvest Restaurant in Oro Valley, just north of Tucson. June 15 is the official first day of the beginning of Monsoon season in Arizona. Now anything goes with our weather until September.

Today's lunch was hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson**. In addition, we greeted a new Roadrunner member, **Grace Caldwell**, who recently moved here from St. Charles, IL, with her husband, **Richard**, who is a new member, also. Grace had been with Customer Service at O'Hare. They moved to SaddleBrooke Ranch to the North of Tucson. Welcome to Grace and Richard.

The 50/50 winners were announced as we were finishing lunch: **Lou Dykhuis** and **Pete Lopez**. The Robertsons donated a bottle of wine to be included in the drawing which was won by **Roger Callahan**.

Pat DiLallo chaired the meeting in lieu of President Charli who was unavailable on Thursday. Pat thanked

Ron & Shirley for arranging today's lunch. RUAEA Regional Director **Chuck Cole** announced that the meeting he was supposed to attend with UA President Oscar Munoz and the Board of Directors regarding retiree pass benefits has been postponed until July 24.

The July 20th Roadrunner Luncheon will be held at Twigs Bistro at the Tucson Mall. Meeting will start at 11:30 A.M. as usual. Please RSVP to **Dave & Jo Ann Folkers** no later than July 17. Or do it now, before you forget.

Before departing, we had the opportunity to wish a Happy Anniversary to **Pete & Alice Lopez** (6/15), and a Happy Birthday to **Pat DiLallo** (6/16), who will be going to the Arizona Inn, her favorite place.

July Anniversaries ~ **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer** (7/12/1982), **Henny & Clyde Satterfield** (7/15/1978), **Leland & Jackie Benner** (7/22).

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

CALIFORNIA

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This has not been a very good year for our Chapter. We lost another long time member, **Peter Schaefer**, in May. When I talked the last time to Peter, he and I remembered working at MDW in the 50's. I'm hoping that **Joan**, his wife, will continue meeting with us.

Another member of our Chapter, **Nina Powers**, suffered a stroke in May. She is our World Traveler with a lot of stories to tell. She has been on the go most of the time and she missed our last meeting due to one of her trips. She is now home and said that she is feeling fine. She told our President, **Mike Zoldak**, that she has a new computer she is trying to use. Her right side is affected and she cannot walk. We are hoping she can communicate with us once her computer is working.

Due to Peter's Memorial Service, being held on June 21st, the same day as our scheduled monthly meeting, the meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

We then also got news that our So. Ca. Director, **Claudia Blancett**, has resigned. We now have to wait and see who the next Director will be.

In the July 2017 Newsletter, **Donna Klobe** of the Re-LAX-ers, wrote an article regarding the passing of **Bill Noyes**. He was one of the founders of the Central Coasters. We haven't heard from his wife **Dana**, but I

was surprised to read that she was 93 years old and is now living in a single apartment. She needs an electric wheel chair to get around. Our President has kept in touch with her from time to time and we will always remember her.

The next meeting will be at a later date.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Sandy Sereno hosted the Desert Sunbirds' June Luncheon. It was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Cathedral City. Twenty four Sunbirds (no guests) braved the over 100 degree temperature to dine on Reuben Sandwiches, Chicken Wrap, or Quesadillas.

Dede Utzinger is back at home in San Luis Obispo after suffering from fatigue and difficulty breathing. After a pulmonary test and a CAT scan, no determination of the problem was made. The doctors are still checking for Lime Disease and Valley Fever. Please keep Dede in your prayers.

Dee Whately spent two months in Sacramento awaiting her second grandbaby. I believe the parents - and Dee, were expecting a girl, but Daniel Joseph arrived, and Dee says he's just as cute as his big brother.

Congratulations to our July Anniversary Couples: **Dave & Kathy Wilson** (23 years on 7/1); **Jan & Bob Keck** (24 years on 7/3); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (35 years on 7/29); **John & Maureen Schultz** (52 years on 7/3); and **Melinda & Ron Lerg** (56 years on 7/29).

Kathy Wilson won \$40.00 in the 50//50 drawing, and **Mark Kaplan** won the Birthday Lunch.

Dave Wilson, our featured Sunbird for August ~ Dave graduated High School in 1954. He entered the Machinist Apprenticeship Program with United Air Lines at the San Francisco Maintenance Base in August of that year. He finished his apprenticeship in 1958. He joined the Air Force in August of that year (figuring he was about to be drafted); and completed his Service commitment in March of 1962.

After his discharge, Dave returned to work at the Maintenance Base. Throughout his 45 year career, he worked at the Maintenance Base, and held positions as Machinist Inspector, and Lead Machinist.

During his employment, Dave used his GI Bill to continue his education. After two years of schooling, he received his A&P License, and joined the United Flying Club at the San Carlos Airport.

Dave continued his love of flying, reaching the highest Piston Engine credentials of "Certified Flight

Instructor” with Instrument and Multi-Engine ratings.

During his 45 years, Dave used his flight benefits to visit many countries around the world: England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Lichtenstein, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Mexico, New Zealand, and a Photo Safari in Kenya.

Dave married Kathy in July, 1994. He retired in August, 1999. He and Kathy moved to Maui, residing there until July of 2011. Upon returning to the mainland, Dave and Kathy set up residence in Indio, CA and, of course, joined the Desert Sunbirds.

SACRAMENTO



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly luncheon on June 28 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville. It was hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 33 Gold Diggers and 1 guest: **Lorry Hukill**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. He thanked Ron & Barbara for hosting the luncheon.

Ed advised that we have a new member, **Margret Gaber Milan**, a former Continental employee. She plans to attend our meeting in July and we will welcome her into the chapter at that time.

Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced that the hosts for our July luncheon are **Bob & Michiko Allen**. It will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at Fat's Asian Bistro in Roseville.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the June Anniversaries: **Hank & Rose Wikstad** (56 years), **Harold & Barbara Mitchel** (45 years) and **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (48 years).

Treasurer **Judi King** gave the financial report for June.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** reported that **Marv Becker** is recovering from surgery and a sympathy card was sent to **Judi King** whose father had passed away. A letter was received from **Donald Rushton** advising of the death of his father **Roy Rushton** on May 30 at the age of 97.

Past RUAEA Vice President - Convention **Ron Bertacini** announced the convention plans are going well and he advised members to sign up as soon as possible for any tours they wish to take.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** reported the Pass Related questions to the board will be

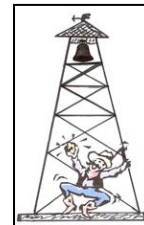
discussed at the July meeting and she will give a report at our next meeting.

Ed thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the excellent staff of the Old Spaghetti Factory.

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

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hello to each of you,

Okay, I think we can all agree that summer has arrived - by the calendar and Mother Nature! We have actually turned on our air conditioner. Bill says that “we need to be sure it runs!”

Our June luncheon at the Akin Ranch was delightful. The weather hadn't hit the “way too hot” level so we were comfortable. We only had 5 Gold Diggers join us, but I think they enjoyed themselves. It was the first time that some Miners came out to Ed & Lindalee's ranch and Ed's amazing collection of Caterpillars wowed them. Of course, there's more than just those huge machines to keep one's eyes popping! After lunch Ed started the airplane engine he has, as well as the double “8” Cat! If you came from the right direction, you were able to see Lindalee's herd of miniature horses.

Fit For A King catering prepared a delicious meal for everyone. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to Ed & Lindalee. Bill also asked if there were any birthdays - seems that **Jack Fitzpatrick** and **Joe D'Amico** share June for their big day(s). I don't think Bill asked about anniversaries, however, I see from my records that **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** have 50 years now; **Angie & Frank Dellinger** have 48; **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** claim 16 and **Tom & Suzie Kenny** mark 26 years together. Congratulations to you all!

Our guests included Ed & Lindalee's son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Lynn, as well as **John & Sharon Gorcozyca**; **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** brought Reggie and Janice and **Nancy DeVore's** friend, **Gaynelle Craig**. It's always fun to have new faces there.

Bill shared the sad news that **Charlie Hyde** passed away. Our Sunshine lady, **Suzie Kenny**, send a card of condolences to **Carleene** from the Hangtown Miners.

Traditionally, we don't hold an “official” meeting nor do we have our monthly raffle. We will do both in July when we meet at the Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park. Be sure to let the D'Amicos know that you're coming.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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Our RER group came together on Thursday, June 8th at the comfortable Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa for a nice late Spring afternoon luncheon, hosted by **Sam & Mickie Orchard**. They decorated the tables with several tall vases of roses and orchids brought from their own garden to represent June as the romantic wedding month! The Orchards themselves had just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on June 1st.

We enjoyed several minutes visiting together as everyone arrived, until we were served our lunch choices of Chicken, Calamari Steak or Burger sandwiches on Focaccia Bread and a Caesar Salad with grilled Chicken. It also included a tasty house salad. Everyone seemed to enjoy their selections and the conversations were friendly and noisy!

President **Larry Wilson** thanked everyone for coming and praised the Orchards for hosting our luncheon and providing such a pretty floral setting for our tables. Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced that there were 18 members attending and no guests; we were sorry that **George & Lois Schwind** were home ill, and we hope to see them next month. True to his commitment, George sent over a joke to be read along with the birthday list as he said he would. We also missed seeing **Roger Casterline**, and hope to see him next time! **Verda Burr** is enjoying a family reunion in Oregon with her son.

Barney Hagen, Chapter Historian and UAL travel expert, announced that during the following week, United Airlines will begin three flights per day in and out of the Sonoma County's Charles Schultz Airport from San Francisco. He also mentioned that the Collings Foundation have been coming in to the Charles Schultz airport, offering flights on a number of restored WWII warplanes to raise money for the continued work for their foundation, charging \$500/ride. It is not known how many more weeks they will be in our area.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** read the current status of our RER General and Charity Funds; she reported that there is \$1057.36 in the General Fund and \$336.35 in our Charity Fund. **Larry Wilson** encouraged the members to donate to the Charity Box while attending the luncheon.

The birthdays and anniversaries were read by me, **Mary Wilson**, in the absence of our Sunshine Lady. The June birthdays were **Pat Beery**, **Judy DeFord**, **Maria Southen** and **Doug Sanders**; none of them were

present at the luncheon to be awarded the free lunch. The three Anniversaries for June were **Sam & Mickie Orchard** (66 years); **Pat & Les Beery** (also 66 years); and **Barney & Clare Hagen** (52 years). A bottle of Champagne was presented to Sam & Mickie for the longest lasting wedding anniversary of those present!

Larry Wilson led a discussion about the future of our chapter, due to drop in numbers of attendees, and having no new additions to the membership; also the restaurants we use are raising their rates and say they cannot do hot lunches for the price range we are accustomed to paying, and they also require a limit of attendees to guarantee the prices. Members were encouraged to send an e-mail message in response to how many times a year to meet up based on these changing conditions. This discussion will continue at the next month's luncheon.

In closing, we held the raffle for the wine offerings brought by **Jerry & Barbara Underhill**, See's Candies, brought by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, and the centerpiece flowers in vases, provided by the Orchards. While the numbers were being read, we each enjoyed a slice of sherry cake made and served by **Valerie Hulsey**, our Treasurer with coffee and hot tea.

Larry thanked everyone for coming and a special thanks to Valerie for the dessert, and to **Mickie & Sam Orchard** for all the decorations; providing champagne for the raffle and for giving their champagne to **Barney & Clare Hagen** for their 52nd wedding anniversary. He announced that the next luncheon will be held at the La Gare Restaurant, Santa Rosa on July 13th, hosted by **Ted Bell**. See you then!

RE-LAX-ERS

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We welcomed 35 guests at a new location, Sizzlers in Torrance. The restaurant is south of the LA Airport and the driving time is different for everyone. Rising costs at restaurants keep moving us around as our bank balance declines. Kind members are assisting us in donating door prizes. So, we're still a happy group!

Becky Booker brought potted plants she created from her garden. Others donate new books and everyone's favorite - cookies! **John Daley**, with his caretaker, Caesar are happy that the luncheon is closer to his home in Palos Verdes. With a recent move, **Sharon Carey** said she could walk 5 blocks to the new location. We still have many members that drive long distances. **Dick Pendleton** drives from Covina, **Florence Hoy** from the Griffith Park area, **Fran Elsner** from Thou-

sand Oaks and **Bruce Dunkle** drives many miles from San Diego. Well, at least it's no longer an everyday commute. And to them we say, thank you for your constant loyalty!

I received a welcome call from **Donna Brandt**. She and **Jerry** have moved to Florida to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and warm weather. She's a RUAEA member and noted my phone number from the newsletter column. I'm so glad! We hope to see her and Jerry and **Phyllis & Tom Easley** at the RUAEA Convention.



RESANS

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The summer is moving along and everyone is involved in projects such as yard work, time in the sun, reading a good book and spending time with friends and family.

Last month we welcomed **Rosalie Tripicchio** as a new retiree and member of RESANS. This month we welcome her as a new member of RUAEA!



Ed Knight asked us to assist him with a fundraiser for the Mission Bay Yacht Club. They are asking for new and gently used costume jewelry. The funds will go to Elderhelp of San Diego. This is a great opportunity for us to go through our jewelry collection for long forgotten, no longer worn items to be raffled for a good cause.

Louis Semon has recently returned from a three week trip to Beijing and Shanghai. He has traveled to China a few times and he commented on how Beijing has become a modern metropolis with great hotels, large buildings and lots of traffic. He reports it was very clean and no smog. Louis recommends purchasing tickets to visit the Great Wall by Cable Car and to return

back down the mountain via a Toboggan ride. It was fun and the scenery was beautiful. After five days in Beijing, Louis next travelled to Shanghai by high speed rail. He spent five hours in business class on a very clean and comfortable train. Once in Shanghai he visited all the tourist sights, had a suit custom made and ate some great food. It was a great trip and Louis is looking forward to returning to see even more. Anyone who is interested in visiting this exciting country, check with Louis for up to date travel recommendations.

If you have not made your reservations for the RUAEA Convention in September, refer to the June issue to register and sign up for any tours you might want to take. The Las Vegas team is working hard to make this a great time for everyone.

Calendar:

August 3 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our June meeting was called to order by President **Vera Kina**. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a few moments of silence for our military forces both here and abroad. June roared in with temps up in the 90 – 100+ degrees, I guess we can't complain as those who live in the San Joaquin Valley saw 110+ degrees. (We won't mention PHX or Arizona.) Please note our new address for dues and 1st class information at the bottom of the page. In order to have a few more shekels in our coffers, we decided not to renew our post office box as most of the mail was requesting donations or junk mail. Today we celebrate, a few days ahead of time, the 4th of July – patriotic shirts and pins were seen on lots of folks. Here's what is on the menu for the next 3 months:

- ✓ July 24 – BUOBL – Personal bag lunch again with Big Time Bingo afterwards.
- ✓ August 28 – Pizza, Salad and Dessert. Tickets/ Sign up list at the July meeting. \$10 member/ \$15 guest.
- ✓ September 25 – Our Annual Picnic, now catered by Armadillo Willys' BBQ, a real delish meal!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** posted his financial report. No dues received today. Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the May minutes which were approved as read. The roster will be updated shortly. People kept coming and going, I think we had 36 at the meeting.

Membership Coordinator **Barbara Underhill** reported that no one was born this month, attendance was down. The only one we know who is recouping is **Margaret Reelfs** who had surgery on her neck. Get well as we miss you. Regulars have missed several of our meetings – hope you are OK – see you soon. We had 2 anniversaries: **Jim & Helen Goodwine** with 58 years under their belts and **Don & Mary Hughes** leaping over the 60 years mark with 64! Wow – way to go! With sadness, we inform you of the passing of **Dennis & Helena Vernak** – Dennis was a Mechanical Engineer and Technician for United. He and his wife suffered fatal injuries in an automobile accident. Dennis was a prolific contributing letter writer to the local Daily Post newspaper. They had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary asking for no gifts just flowers as they would “brighten their day.” We also bid a sad farewell to **Margret Christoffersen**, she and **Glen** traveled with us on several trips; she was such fun to be around, a terrific laugh and always had a good story to tell. She worked in the Accounting and Purchasing departments with United. They had moved across the Bay in 2014 so we did not see them often. Keep them and their families in your thoughts, we will miss them.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** have given the Board the up-dated By-Laws and Policy Manual. The 2016 Audit was completed. With the help of **Jim Goodwine** and a unique Abacus, all numbers and figures looked correct. Thanks for all your work, we appreciate it!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave out the 25%/25% winnings to **Bill Heinrich** and **Emily Turner** (who donated her winnings back to the GG’s) and raffle goodies to **Betty Garner**, **Linda Barrett**, **Dave Oxendine** (guest), **Helen Goodwine**, **Ginger Dahlberg**, **Bill Heinrich** (twice!) and **Jan Pietrzyk**.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** had nothing to report.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** said the 2017 trips are still on a wait-list basis. Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865 to get on the wait-list ... there are often cancelations. On the list for 2018 trips: USA National Parks with Glacier National Park, Iceland and the Northern Lites, New Years’ on the Queen Mary & the Rose Bowl Parade. Day trips are in the hopper. Interested? Email me.

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

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A big Thank You to **Rosemarie Reichert** for covering for me last month while hubby, Dave, and I were in Zimbabwe on a mission trip with our church. We had a wonderful trip and we are grateful for the opportunity to work at a campground facility outside Harare with children whose families have been affected by the AIDS epidemic.

President **Boyd Sweet** shares an experience this month that he had while working for United. *In 1986, PANAM sold their Pacific routes and fleets to United. Three types of aircraft were involved: 1) the 747-100 which UA had been operating for many years, 2) the 747SP which was new to UA but had a lot of commonality with the -100, and 3) the Lockheed L1011, totally new to UA. The contract specified that \$50 million of spare parts would be provided by PANAM. At the time, I was a Senior Inventory Planner in SFOIP. I was assigned the task of identifying the parts, item by item; that would satisfy the \$50M contract requirement. Since UA had a huge database of 747-100 parts usage (reliability), it was easy to identify the parts we wanted for that fleet. This review was also easy for SP parts that were common (same) with - 100 parts.*

Then, to review the unique SP parts and the L1011 airframe, engine, and APU parts, we needed information we did not have at UA. So began a number of trips (four as I recall) to Hong Kong to work with two airlines that operated the L1011 and thus had parts usage information. Cathay Pacific and Gulf Air were our source. Cathay not only operated the L1011 but also had maintained the SP for PANAM in HKG. Gulf Air had only one L1011 but had a few years of info.

So, for several weeks we reviewed parts, item by item, looking at how many Cathay and Gulf owned and what were their removal rates. With this info I could decide the items and quantities UA would want from PANAM. After each day's work at Cathay, I would go to the HKG Maintenance Manager, Ken Diggs, office and use his computer to send parts lists to my SFOIP boss, Nels Maxwell, and he would see that purchase orders were issued to PANAM so we could get the parts to support our new fleets.

This process continued until we had reviewed all the applicable parts, made our selections, and spent the \$50M. PANAM shipped the parts to SFOMB where our shops inspected and/or repaired the parts, attached ser-

viceable tags, and routed the parts to UA stock throughout the system. This was truly an interesting assignment and a \$50M spending spree for a frugal, coupon-cutting person like myself.

ID90 travel insurance was the topic of conversation at several recent breakfast meetings and all who contributed were thankful for having this insurance available for a nominal price. **George & Julie Midwin** tapped into this insurance when traveling to Spain earlier this year when facing some health issues and **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** were reimbursed for additional expenses when their flight to Narita, Japan was diverted 200 miles north due, I believe, to weather. When planning a significant trip and flying stand-by on other airlines you can get ID90 travel insurance of which a variety of protection plans are offered. Go to: www.id90.com. You will need to sign up and establish a password. It's very simple. On the sign-up screen (www.id90travel.com/membership/new) indicate that your airline is United Airlines, enter your 6 digit file number, and enter a password of at least 5 characters. Once you are signed in you can find out more information. On the home page there is a 'Trip Insurance' tab listing the different plans available.

Alice Rostirolla had a wonderful 2-week cruise at the end of May visiting several Scandinavian capitals, and had two days in St. Petersburg, Russia visiting the palaces, museums, and cathedrals built during the times of the Czars. She flew to Copenhagen from SFO on SAS using ZED fares. Being the world traveler she is, she has graciously offered to help others in our chapter with their travel plans. Thank you Alice!

We lost two members in June: **Gary Ikeya** and **Clyde (Jack) Jenkins**. Several from our chapter attended both memorial services and were thankful for the opportunity to have known these two hardworking, faithful, family men.

Boyd Sweet had surgery and is on the mend. Seems that he was recuperating, along with wife, **Merle**, who was also celebrating a birthday, in Hawaii for a couple of weeks to which we are very pleased. What better place to rest up? We are very grateful to VP **Bob Devlin** for stepping in to cover for him during this time! **Lloyd Eber** had knee surgery in May but has had some complications. We miss you and **Claire** and hope to see you soon! Others continue to be on the mend from various other ailments and you are not far from our hearts and minds.

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

Calendar:

September - Fall Luncheon TBD



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Our June meeting was held June 8 at Dickey's Bar B Que Restaurant in Jackson. We were able to meet in a private room off to the side (since we tend to be noisy, this works well so we don't disturb other diners). **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked **JoAnn & Don Nesja** for hosting the group.

Bob reminded all of the unexpected passing of **Max Fountain** in May. We had a silent moment in his memory, and Bob shared the thank you note from **Chris Fountain** (Max's widow).

Prior to enjoying our lunch, **Don Nesja** shared his strange humor with the group, who enjoy booing or cheering or just laughing, setting up an attitude for a happy lunch.

Since there was no new or old business, Bob reminded everyone of the UA Mechanics Reunion in Minden and the RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas.

Our next meeting, July 13th will be hosted by **Hans Weber** at his ranch in Escalon. If you are planning on attending, please contact Hans at (209) 968-9362.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** indicated all income was deposited and all bills paid at the end of May, leaving us a balance of over \$500.00.

We celebrated birthdays of **Nancy Huffington** and **Nancy Buddington**, and there were no anniversaries in June.

Our usual raffle was held to the joy of the members.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month. Feel free to call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.

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Perfect day for our annual picnic on June 12th. The heat wave came 3 days later! Huzzah! We hosted 27 members. Some of our regulars had other obligations with grandchildren, moving, etc. The meal was catered by Back Forty Texas Barbeque with ribs, chicken, corn, and lots of salad variations. Everything was delicious.

We had a great chocolate cake and ice cream sundae table. Soft drinks, water, wine and beer rounded out a great eating experience.

Thanks to **Roger Casterline**, our Regional Director, for making the trek across the Bay. Roger encouraged all to attend our Convention in Las Vegas.

Arnold Hansen was unable to come due to surgery. He is doing much better. Our Sunshine Lady, **Barbara Cunningham**, is sending a card. **Tom Cunningham** took a tumble in his back yard and broke 3 ribs. He valiantly came to the picnic anyway. **Jo Payne** came after a long absence due to her stroke. It was wonderful to see her at the meeting again. Howard and Jo's daughter, Sue, attended. Thanks to **Jan Soderstrom** for doing the cashier duty and **Barbara Underhill** for taking over the 50/50 and badge duties. **Jack Smith** won the 50/50, so yes, Diane did not win again ... sigh.

A personal note of thanks from Diane for The Bouskas who always come early and help with the last minute set up – **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** who also help with the last minute chores. Thanks also to those who stay and help fold chairs and take down the tables. It helps so much. Diane's son, Matthew, stopped by after work as a Lead Ramp to help with the take down also. He expressed his gratitude for the toiletries donated to a co-worker for a Women's Shelter.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. The patients at the hospitals are most appreciative. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the Christmas cards. In addition to books and magazines, **Diane Griego** has offered to accept any of your shampoo, shower gel, etc. that we many times bring home from our trips for a wonderful Domestic Violence organization that was created by one of our special UA ramp employees.

Calendar:

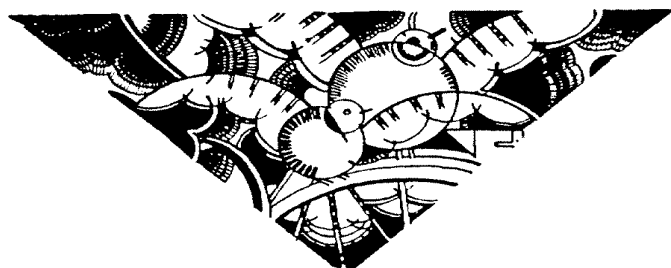
August 14 – El Tapatio

September 11 – Old Spaghetti Factory

October 9 – Old Spaghetti Factory

November 13 – TBA

December 11 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection at Zeo Fredo's in Pleasant Hill.



COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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The July breakfast was attended by 31 members. The 50/50 winners that returned their winnings to the chapter were: **Tom Goodyear** (Chapter Pres. Ret.), **Walt Hansen** (DENMM), **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA Pres.), **Larry Rehfeld** (DENMM), **Charles Hassler** (2) DENMM, **Matt Ohr** (DENMM), and **Ed Moore** (DENTK). The 50/50 drawing, along with the collection and sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

President **Don Burbank** conducted the meeting. Don commented on the good turnout for this meeting on a holiday weekend. He noted that the combined CO-UA retiree groups for planned fall Bar-B-Que at Wings Over the Rockies has been cancelled. The museum where we have had luncheons in the past is demanding an exorbitant \$1,500 for a one hour rental of the facility. We have had luncheons there for the last several years and had not encountered any problems. Don mentioned Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant in Northglenn as an alternative and will take up that possibility with the Continental retiree group. The Christmas lunch is on schedule for Wednesday, December 13th at the Holiday Inn on Colorado Blvd. Please remember to bring recyclable aluminum to the meetings to help finance the chapter. Don also spoke about the Alliant Credit Union and pointed out that you do not have to be a UAL employee to benefit from Alliant's services. Friends and relatives can join and benefit from rates that are above average for savings and checking accounts. Loan rates are also attractive compared to other institutions. Alliant has a large number of ATM's available that do not charge a fee and will refund fees that were charged at other banking ATM's. Don also mentioned that he travelled to Maryland recently on a pass and didn't encounter any problems.

Tom Goodyear pointed out that in Colorado when you go to get your vehicle license renewed, you must provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. Don also pointed out that if you present your DD-214 to the DMV, you can have your veteran status noted on your driver's license and it can then be used for veterans discount at numerous businesses.

Virgil Gooselaw shared that the conference call with WHQ concerning pass issues for retirees that was scheduled for June 15th was canceled and rescheduled for July 24th. Virgil spoke about helping a friend obtain a 20% discount ticket on UAL. It is relatively easy to

book and the resulting fare for positive space travel is lower than traveling on Southwest. Baggage fees are waived in the 20% discount fare structure. This benefit is also available for enrolled friends.

Ray Sonheim (DENTK) passed away recently. He was a supervisor in Simulator Maintenance when he retired. Ray was 84. No other information is available.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City, (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly Street and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

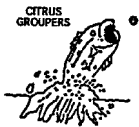
FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

The Villages, FL

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Seventeen members met for a delicious lunch and meeting at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages. After lunch, our meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Claus Brinnitzer**. Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** reported we have \$231.15 in the bank.

We had two birthdays in June ~ **Mary Jo Brick** and **Dale Buss**. Tita brought a cake and we all sang Happy Birthday. 50/50 was won by **Joe DiStaso**, congratulations. Joe is having foot surgery, please keep him in your prayers. Get better soon!

We will be voting on which charity to donate to. In the past we donated to flight 93, the Chapel. A quiet place where visitors can rest, meditate and pray for the victims. Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Alexander Warmka, Training and Outreach Coordinator for Florida Department of Agriculture Consumer Services, gave us valuable information on how to safeguard ourselves from people trying to take advantage of us. There is a telephone number to check on just about every service to make sure they are legitimate, 1 800 435 7352. He emphasized never give out your personal information unless you originated the call.

Our second Getting-to-Know you Interview is with **Dick Bligh** ~ Dick started with United Air Lines in 1968 as a team leader for the construction of the RCS (Recoverable Control System) which are aircraft components that are used and re-used after being repaired and recovered at the maintenance base at San Francisco.

Back in 1967 there was no internet and no network that companies could use. United had a Reservation system in Denver called Instamatic. That system only kept bucket counts by flight and class.

United had visions of a giant computer complex at EXO. The system was to be known as Unimatic and Univac was contracted to supply the hardware and operating system. The contract was canceled in 1969 and United rebuilt in Denver on IBM hardware. The system was called PARS by IBM and after modifications, was renamed Apollo by United. Soon after RCS was operational I was assigned as team leader to build Phase 1 of the crew management system requested by flight operations. Along the way I was prompted to programming manager for the crew management system. Phase two or lines-of-flying was underway when I was transferred to San Francisco to work on the MOC System. Being a part of those large and complex Systems within the United Organization was extremely challenging and very rewarding. In June of 1979 during the Mechanics strike, I left the Company to return to the Midwest. In many ways my years at United were the most formative, enriching and educational in my entire career.

The Citrus Groupers will be taking July and August off. Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 28, 11:30AM at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages. See you all there. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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



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Summer has hit the Florida cities with record-breaking heat - that was May; record-breaking rain and storms - that was June. And now here it is July and we've our own personal saunas! This secretary has missed the May meeting, made the June one, and missed July, and got a Mac Book which I can barely use - darn these learning curves!

In late April, our dear friend and chapter member, **Carol Woods**, MCOCS Service Director retired, passed away. The funeral home viewing and services were packed with the many folks Woodsie touched throughout her life and her career with UAL. She could light up a room with her smile and had an infectious laugh like no-one else. She will be sorely missed.

Longtime chapter member **Gene Hall**, and sweet **Eleanor**, finally made their move north. New address is 2087 White Road, Abbeville, AL 36310, jhall2087@gmail.com. I teasingly suggested that the McCoy's have their next picnic at his house and, if you know Gene, you know he said, "That'd be great ... ya'll

come on up!" Super couple - super friends! They will be missed.

The Real McCoys meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1300 at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Our next luncheon meetings will be August 1st and September 5th. Hope to see you there!

TREASURE COAST

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Our July meeting was cancelled due to our usual 1st Tuesday of the month meeting falling on the 4th of July. We hope everyone had a safe celebration.

Summer has certainly arrived here with hot, humid days and lots of rain. Here's hoping we have no named storms this hurricane season. What are the chances?

I have only heard from two members with news to be included here. **Constantinos "Dinos" Xifaras** is still unpacking boxes at his new home in Port St. Lucie and is waiting for his SP to get his e-mail set-up. He had been ill for several months with a rare blood disorder. He is doing so much better and looking forward to our August meeting. He will be traveling to Greece in September and meeting up with "400" old friends from high school. He is so excited for the trip. It has been three years since he was able to travel there.

Bob Langevin has settled into his new home in Lake Worth. I imagine he is still unpacking as well and looking for places for all his treasures.

Many of our members are traveling all over the world this summer. Cruising and flying to exotic destinations, celebrating with families, graduations and births of new grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the death of longtime member, **Mari Hirjak**. She passed away unexpectedly at her home. She was 92 years old. Don't forget to call **Al Popek** with your vote for the December Holiday party. Info went out via e-mail last week.

July Birthday celebrations ~ **Truman Barker** (15th), **Glenda Boisseau** (18th) and **Anne Kenda** (27th). **Alan Popek** will celebrate his birthday on August 1st. July Anniversaries ~ **Ron & Diane Brodis** (15th) and **Gene & Fran Student** (20th).

Calendar:

August 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 PM

September 5 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 PM

October - Semi-annual picnic, date and time - TBA

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DIXIE FLYERS

On July 5, the Dixie Flyers had their 2 PM luncheon. Our chapter president, **Bill Elk**, was home recuperating from two back to back surgeries in treatment of cancer. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Fred Cron did triple duty, Pledge of Allegiance, blessings of the meal, and 50/50 drawing which winner split was \$23. **Andy Ryabik's** granddaughter was asked to draw the winning ticket and it turned out to be Andy's, which amounted to \$23. He donated his share to the Promise Place, a home for battered or abused spouses.

We learned of **Frank Preminger's** passing in April, he was an ATLMM mechanic.

Only July birthday was **Fred Cron**.

Barbara & Frank Russey had a recent photo album of their two daughters and grandchildren. The family looked beautiful, including Frank.

Next monthly luncheon Wednesday, August 2, 2 PM, Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia.

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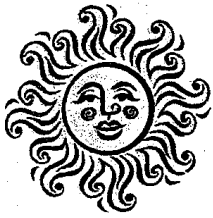
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to 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 and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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August—Hot month, Chicago blue skies, green trees, and brown grass. No rain, just humid and hot. Ugh, time to go to Alaska. We have the Perseid Meteor showers to look forward to August 12-13, between 9:00 pm and 5:00 am, look Northeast. Big time news in the sky, on August 21, there will be a total solar eclipse, but the bad news; it won't be in the Chicago area. If you want to drive to Southern Illinois, you can get a glimpse of it. It starts in Redmond, OR, through Idaho, Wyoming, Missouri, Knoxville, TN, and ends in Charleston, SC. Yellowstone Park, the Great Smoky Mountains, and Kentucky, will have a good view. If you are lucky to be in this path, don't forget your protective sunglasses. The other big news of the month, school starts for many of our urchins. It's the most wonderful time of the year. Wal-Mart is already selling school supplies. Many of your grandchildren are going to college. It seems like yesterday you were changing their diapers, and dropping them off at kindergarten. The pages are just whizzing off the calendar, aren't they?

Our Northside breakfast had a newbie, **Don Wilson**, ORDCG/MM, and a few returnees, **Dona Nefczyk**, **Larry Malech**, EXOKF, and **Mary Nolan**, EXOSY. **Rich Maionchi**, took a cruise to Bermuda, got back to New York, then got on another ship and went up to Northern Maine. We just can't keep him on terra firma any more. Who cares, he's having fun. Life's too short, enjoy. We should all be cruizin', somewhere, somehow.

The ORDMM breakfast brought back some faces from the AZ and FL areas, **Dave Stoves**, **Vince Vincent**, and **Bob Hardin**. **Don Mack** returned also, he just couldn't get out of his Corvette. **Sandy & Lance Albert** were up in Wisconsin with friends, when Sandy fell and broke her hip, ouch! Many of the fellas are having their cataracts taken care of. Guess that what happens at 70+++ . If getting up for 8:00 am is too early for the guys, they go to The Filling Station, in St. Charles, at 4:00 pm, on the third Wednesday of the month. Join us, the food and company is great! **Jack Schramm** just had his knee replaced in Florida. He's doing really well for 85.

There were 25 people at the IAM luncheon on June 13, at Sweet Baby Ray's. This month, we brought our own Brown Bag lunch to the Retiree Meeting. Next month, August 3, the lodge officers will do the BBQ cooking for us at our indoor picnic, sans bugs and heat.

The Skyliners Summer Picnic attracted about 120 people at Chandlers. New comers included **Jean Gill**, **Larry Bretz**, **Penny Thomas**, **Jeff Hughes**, **Walt Fink**, **Clinton Merrill**, **Sarita Lostos**, and **Shirley Telegdy**. We had the pleasure of Hawaiian dancers, **Lockcey Tiarado-Goravica**, **Alicia Kanahele** and **Ann Frances Guerrero**. Lockcey and her niece, Alicia, flew in from Kauai to join us. They were also first time attendees. The Hawaiian group that played for us all afternoon was Hoapili. Three of the performers are UAL employees, and from Hawaii, **Danny Yamamoto**, **Keenan Kamae**, and **Ron Cabanada**. **Mark Pruha**, is from the island of Naperville.

The folks at the Southside breakfast celebrated the 95th birthday of our leader, **Agnes Pearson**, with a cake and lots of love. We all hope to have the energy and mental acuity as she does when and if we reach that milestone. She's one in a million and we all admire her. Our raffle was won by **Bill Corbett** and **Marge Schmitt**, twice! Since Marge never wins, she deserved the two wins.

Bill Corbett has volunteered to be the new Midwest Director, for the next year. We wish him the best.

Sandra Piwowarczyk's granddaughters, **Lilija** and **Evija**, went to an overnight Latvian Girl and Boy Scout Camp in Beecher, IL. They cooked all of their food over a fire, even loaves of bread. Evija went on a hike, seeing the Goodenow Nature preserve, which included seeing snakes and frogs. Lilija went canoeing and floating down the Kankakee River, for 12 miles, very cooling on a hot day. In the evening, they sang Latvian camp songs. How great to keep the traditions of our ethnic backgrounds. They all had a wonderful time. That was a lot for an overnight trip, bet they went home and slept.

In June, I was lucky to get a ride on the Ford Trimotor, with my friend, **Bill Thacker**, ORDFO, from the

Clow airport in Bolinbrook. This is all part of the EAA program where they fly their vintage planes around the country in the summer and offer rides to the public. This plane was built between 1926-1933, and was eventually replaced by the DC-3. My nephew, Chris Amico, came with me. Believe me, this was a thrilling ride for both of us and would be for any enthusiast of 'days gone by' aircraft. I think we're still smiling. We flew for about 30 minutes around the Southern Suburbs. Check EAA.org under Flight Experiences, you will see the cities the Trimotor and the P-17 can be seen and flown in the Midwest this summer. Another friend, **Glenn Hill**, ORDMM, will be flying the P17 out of the Lewis Airport, August 25-27. Just looking at these beautiful silver machines is a thrill for us aircraft lovers. Can you imagine the history in those planes?

In United News, there will be daily flights from EWR to Rome starting in October. Also, we will have daily service to all the Hawaiian Islands from DEN, ORD, LAX and SFO, beginning December 20. DEN will be the primary interior gateway to Hawaii. This is our 70th anniversary in Hawaii this year. 70 years! Wow! We really are good! Another longevity city is Omaha, celebrating 90 years of being opened. They started July 1, 1927, with a mail run from OMA to North Platte, NE, and onto SFO, their final destination. Also, we have 30 years between Paris to Newark, 20 years from Milan to Newark, 25 years from Brussels to Dulles, and five years from Dublin to Dulles. Do you remember how excited we were when we got the international routes? Something like when we got the Miami routes.

Our fellow UAL'ers who have flown West this month include, **Jim Moore**, ORDFO, **Lisa Zajac**, ORDSW, **Nick Wangke**, IADRR/CHIRR, **Lillian Beavan**, EXOAX, **Al Milbratz**, ORDCG, **Jim Sima**, ORDF, **Linda Wilson**, mother of **Liane** and **David Wilson**, CG and SOC, **Donald Cushing**, EXO, and **Barbara Allen**, our first female Director. Also gone from our world are Stephen Furst, Pat Killibrew, Miss Mary Ann (Romper Room), Bill Dana, and John Avildsen. Also gone to Kitty Heaven, is my little 18 year old Cary Grant, after kidney and thyroid problems. He joins my Greta Garbo and Zsa Zsa Gabor, at the Rainbow Bridge. Two legs or four legs, they're family.

We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**August 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**August 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 Luncheon, Lodge Office, 11:00, 50 W. Oakton St., DesPlaines, (**August 3**). First Thursday of the month

September 12 - Skyliners Fall Luncheon—Belvedere Restaurant, 11:00 A.M., 1170 W. Devon, Elk Grove

INDIANA



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On June 13, our Indy Racers met at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, Indiana. There was a myriad of discussions going on around the tables as our members enjoyed lunch. Women talked politics while the men talked about the latest with the airline industry.

We will not be meeting on the second Tuesday in July, but instead we will be holding our annual picnic on Tuesday, July 18th at the Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, Indiana. The fun begins at 11:30 and ends at 2:30. This year's theme: Country Chic.

For more information regarding Indy Racers, please contact **Margie Bregante**, Historian, at (317) 418-8243.

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No meeting, no meeting news.

I attended a retirement party for **Lynne Chang**, BOSCS, who worked customer services for 45 years. Lynne will not be joining our group as she plans on returning to her family home in Honolulu. It was good to see old friends from Logan Airport, and current employees I've never met before. However, it is a sad note that a dedicated employee of 45 years didn't warrant a retirement party organized and provided by UAL. A positive note from this meeting however, **Judy Kearney**, BOSCS, may become the Nor'Easters newest member.

I recently heard George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. It automatically made me think of United's intro to 'Fly the Friendly Skies' commercial. A great coup for UAL to have picked that! Still effective all these years later!

My nephew says, at weddings, old people poke him and say, 'You're next'. So, now at funerals, he pokes them and says, 'You're next'!

August's birthdays: **Irene Kimball, John Parks, Michel Provenzano, Mabel Reyes and William J. Vanderwal.**

August's anniversaries: **Bob & Judith Austin** (58 years), **Tom & Delores Blackwood** (34), **Gary & Anna Bosworth** (48), **Fred & Rita Casey** (61), **Michael & Paulette Provenzano** (52) and **Lucinda & Ronald Suga** (52).

Calendar:

September 5 - To be announced

December 5 - Christmas Party, Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We had another successful luncheon held on July 6 at Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi, MI. In attendance were **Patty Gates, Marlene Heaney, Pam Shamey,**

Lynn Manzi, Suzy Friedman, Marie Cook and her daughter, **Jeen Kobb, Joan Robinson, Joni O'Brien** and her mother, **Helen Venn, Marguerite Venn, Sharon Jacob** and her daughter, **Lisa, Debbie Palmer, Rick Schwendenmann, Gwen Dyc** and our hosts, **Carol Shaffner and Joan Benoit.**

I am saddened to report that three of our United family members have passed away, **Sandra Remus, Velma Truly and Roma Pighee.**

Save the date ~ DTWRR is again having a Remote Picnic. United co-workers, retirees, family and friends are all invited. It will be held on Saturday, August 26, at Hines Park at the Waterford Bend Recreation Area, 17387 Northville Rd., Northville, MI 48167. More picnic details will be coming next month.

Have a great July.

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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.

Along with 18 other Lites, **Virginia Swenson** and her sister, **Marge** arrived at Perkins to join us again. They brought jars of bounty from their New Richland, MN farm. Each year they toil through the summer tending, harvesting and preserving the fruits (literally) of their labor. The profits of their efforts go to their favorite charity. They said that this will be the last year that they attend the market in Bloomington to sell their wares.

Jack Spalding came to join us for one of his summer visits from his Florida home where he shuns our MN winters. To think, this is the guy who used to **run** in the ice and snow to stay fit.

News of those in the not-up-to-snuff department ~ **JoAnn Eichacker** is in rehab after surgery and could use some cheering up, 10751 So. Ocean Blvd., B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957; **Yvonne Thoreseon** needs some prayers; say a few for **Ray**, too.

News of the passing of old colleagues ~ **Sonja Butterfield**, ORD flight attendant who for years commuted from MSP to her job took her last flight in June. **Arnie Monke**, long ago Freight agent at MSP, bought his last round for family and friends at the Lion's Tap Grill in June. **Andy Holen** related the story about when the new MSP terminal was first built in the early 60's, several of the workers and Arnie went over to take a

look just before it opened. They were all impressed with the size of it and **Arnie's** comment was "Wow! A guy could really stack a lot of hay in this place!" **Gary Johnson**, former Customer Service and Sales Rep. passed away. Unfortunately, we have no family contact info for any of these folks

Jo & Bud Ayres, along with several other Lites, attended the Northwoods Loonies event in Oshkosh, WI in May. **Jo** told about the different events and sights seen during the 3½ day affair, wonderfully hosted by **Jan Gawenda**, RUAEA correspondent for the Chicago-area chapters. For you who have never experienced a Loonies reunion, you have missed out on a good time and knowing some good folks.

Some of the family members of a couple of Lites are active bikers and annually ride in long-distance charity events. **Jo & Arlene Kelley's** daughter rode in the MS fundraiser, a distance of about 140 miles from Cloquet, MN to Minneapolis. **Mary & Jim Brennan's** daughter and grandsons rode 300 miles, a 5-day event, for another MS fundraiser. Catherine's ride is her 10th, son Nick's his 4th and nephew Andrew's first. Everyone was so impressed that a donation to the MS Foundation was voted.

The almost destroyed photo albums are again making the rounds. Currently, **Gordy & Lou Olson** have them and are enjoying seeing faces and events from the past.

Among the hard core members who were conspicuous by their absence were **Nel Brawner**, whose encounter with a deer in the woods of Wisconsin rendered her vehicle unsafe for the drive to Woodbury; **Janet Meyer**, who was off to Hilton Head with some girlfriends; **Rich & Connie Glattly**, who were off on their annual fishing trip to Canada. (BTW, the fishing was great!)

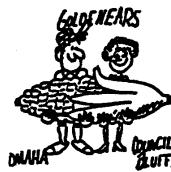
Mike Cunningham agreed to take over hosting the July meeting to give our Intrepid Leader, **Lee Storlie**, a little break. After all, Lee has been President of the chapter nigh onto 15 years, it seems like ... well, maybe not fifteen.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd), then right to Perkins.



NEBRASKA

OMAHA GOLDENEARS



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I'm a bit tardy getting this newsletter out this month. There is no good reason. The days just zip by; I'm not sure what I did to occupy my time. I sure didn't accomplish anything significant.

Our last meeting was held June 6th at Cooper farm with a pot luck lunch hosted by **Toddy Manson** and **Keith Cornish**. Thirty two of us attended on a day made to order. The temp was in the low 80's, a light breeze and beautiful clear sunshine. It couldn't have been better. Marge had received word that **Sydney Greenstreet** had passed away on April 29th. He had celebrated his 100th birthday January 4th. He worked here in Omaha back in the late 50's but had always stayed connected through the newsletter. He had a great sense of humor and "gift of gab."

I think we can start our own Knee Replacement Club. About half our retirees have had the job done. Most recently it would include **Rose Langan**, **Toddy Manson** and **Arnie Mahoney**. All are doing well and getting on with their recovery therapy. We missed **Stan Longmeyer** who had intended to come, he had to have a stent put in his heart instead. He says he is doing fine.

The next meeting will be at Pizza Ranch, 3010 S. 84th St. just south of Center on 84th street on July 11. This is a change in date because the 1st Tuesday is July 4th. It's on the west side of Shopco. This will be a buffet but, even though their name is Pizza Ranch they are noted for their fried chicken. Pay as you enter. It will be \$9.86 which includes tax and a drink. They open at 11:00am and we do have a room reserved. There is no need to call in advance, just come.

Change of Address: **Al Hostetter** – 25 S. Linden St., Apt 104, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, (712) 256-0040. **Glen & Ruth Saffer**, 6508 Darlington Court, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, (402) 450-8009.

August Birthdays ~ **Judy Vogt** (13), **Shirley Mahoney** (27), **Sue Manhart** (28), **Shirley Payton** (29), **Helen Taylor** (30), **Ruth Saffer** (30), and **Ralph Westadt** (31).

Calendar:

August 1 - Fernando's Café in Blair, hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**

September 6 - (Wednesday*, note date change), Cooper farm, hosted by **Jan & Keith Cornish**

October 3 – TBD, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 14 members at our June meeting at The Black Bear Diner. In spite of the mild snow storm, The Roes were able to join us from Lake Tahoe.

The date for our August summer picnic is Friday, September 22, at the Plaza Pavilion. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. The flyers will be sent out on August 1st.

June birthdays were celebrated by **Larry Reid**, **Ann Batty** and **June Roe**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Mary Withers**. **Kathy Robinson** won the 4th of July decoration and **Ann Batty** won the surprise mystery gift.

In addition, **Bill Perkins** was presented with a thank you card and gift certificate for a local restaurant in appreciation of all the goodies he has baked for us over the past months.

Our next meeting will be July 10 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

NEW JERSEY



THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's restaurant on June 28 for our monthly meeting. A flag salute was led by our Pres. **Frank Worzocha** and thankfully there was no dedication for anyone's passing.

Marty Etler reported that he had talked to **Freddie Landspurg** who still can't drive, but wants to be remembered. Also **Anna McKenna** is now home resting and is doing much better.

Marty further reported that last month they had "career day" sponsored by the Fairlawn Rotary club at the Fairlawn Memorial high school. The purpose of this is to have students who are in the eighth and ninth grades think about job opportunities when they finally graduate school. I can tell you that with the help of **Frank Kokaska**, who is still working, brought along giveaways, and two pilots, which meant that United Air-

lines was well represented. I can also report that we were an outstanding success. If we do this again next year, I'm going to make it a gala event!

Our 50/50 was won by **Bill Mcay**.

Our next meeting will be on July 26, at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

****As the great prophet "Leroy" says, "If there's a will, I want to be in it!"

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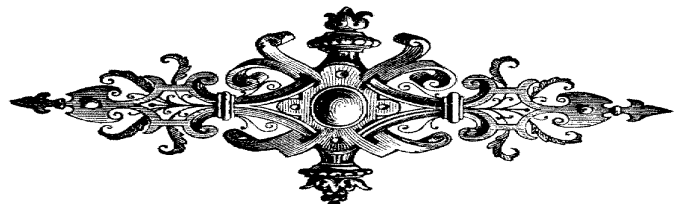
June 20th found us in a new restaurant, new to us anyway, The Gate House Grill. Several of us have been there before but the surprise was it is now included in the restaurants that give mileage points for holders of a United Credit card.

Nineteen Chips were in attendance for the order from the menu individual check luncheon, a switch from having a choice of 3 menu items and prepaying for your meal at the door so we could receive one check. It worked well and as the restaurant thought opened up their entire menu. A number of doggie bags were noted leaving the restaurant always a sign of a surplus of good food.

Sick call claimed **Don & Franke Gaydos**. Because of our move from Wednesday to Tuesday, Don had an important doctor's appointment he couldn't change. **Norm Scheaffer** is recovering nicely from cancer treatment and is currently in remission. He has been getting out a bit but Marlene says he limits himself to fast food drive through so he doesn't have to leave the car. **Donna Stevens** has reached a plateau and for the first time in recent memory hasn't visited a Dr. in 8 weeks.

United's improvement in the various parts of service to customers was noted, especially the incentives available to those doing such a fine job. One couple enjoyed First Class both to and from Japan and couldn't stop telling how great the service and food were.

Our next meeting will be in September, date and place will be announced shortly. Hopefully we will make it back to an old favorite we haven't visited in a number of years. More later.





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Due to a family medical emergency, there will be no report from the Metros. See you August 2nd at the picnic at Wantagh Park.

Calendar:

August 2 - picnic \$15 - Wantagh Park

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June is finally here and we are having some great sunny days, but we are still running into regular cold spells 50 degrees or less. Today for our luncheon the weather was just beautiful and since the location is a few extra miles away, we all enjoyed the ride. This month we are scheduled for a "great buffet" and it couldn't have been better ... food, service, dessert, etc. Rose Hill Restaurant in Seville, our "thanks" go out to **Carrie & John Kercel**, for hosting this month's luncheon. We were so glad to see our Vice President **Arlene Taylor** back with us and leading us in saying Grace.

50/50 Lucky Winners: **Nancy McLaughlin, John Kercel**, and **Barb Vauls!** Thanks again **Marie & Dave Placko** for all you do to conduct this.

President **Dolly Taucher** announced that we had 64 members in attendance. While mentioning the membership, we are happy to say that at our May luncheon, Dolly announced that we had 3 new members and 2 of them were in attendance. Well, **Sue Broderick** was back with us again this month; Linda could not make it.

I am happy to say that we have 2 more new members, **Susan Fusco** and **Pat Snow**. Let's "Welcome" them. That brings the total New Members since January of 2010 to a grand total of 94. And I want to say "Thank You", because if it wasn't for you, we would not have those kinds of numbers.

We had a guest, **Carol Tymke**, a friend of **John & Dolly Taucher**, we have heard that she enjoyed herself.

We do like to sing for our monthly Birthdays, and this month we had 3 stand up while we serenaded them. **Richard Mullen, Dave Simpson**, and **Judy Spooner**. We wish them many, many more! To all of you who were unable to join us, hope you enjoyed your "day".

June Anniversaries were acknowledged with our best wishes and hopes for many more: **Tom & Helen Hockett** (25), **Ed & Shirley McCarthy** (59), and **Frank & Barb Wachs** (23).

Happy Father's Day to one and all. We also hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.

**A new broom sweeps clean, but it takes an old one to get in the corners!*

Calendar:

July 12 - Shale Creek Golf Clubhouse, hosted by **Vince & Norma Malena**.

August 9 - Annual Picnic at "The Chalet" of Strongsville, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**. This is our Picnic/Reunion for ALL Retirees. Cost for non-members is \$5 each (guests are Welcome). We provide the delicious chicken. Bring a side dish or dessert. Come and join in on the fun. Call in your reservation to (440) 572-1925. Or email dollyta1040@yahoo.com (White or Dark meat?)

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We had a small, but fun group of 52 for our June luncheon, and were delighted to welcome **Glen Swanson's** son Walter as our guest. We did not have a lot to discuss but did enjoy lots of laughter.

Member **Kathy Russell** shared a wonderful quote, "*Celebrate growing older as many are denied the privilege.*" Personally, I have repeated that numerous times since our meeting, especially if I'm experiencing some aches and pains, and have embraced it as my new mantra!

Everyone was reminded that the July meeting will be our annual "indoor picnic" with lots of prizes and giveaways! We will enjoy a menu of Pulled pork, BBQ chicken, potato and three-bean salad. Members will bring desserts. Please plan to come.

We do hope that anyone in the Portland/Vancouver area will join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday, every month, at Colwood Driving Range. Socializing begins at 11:00AM, and lunch is served at noon. Prospective new member retirees and their spouse, will be treated to lunch on us for their first visit! Any former UA employee may feel free to join RUAEA at one of our many local chapters. We love to meet new folks. Please take time to come meet us if you are in the area.

Unfortunately, we need to report that **Dorothy Retzlaff** passed away on Saturday, Jun 24th at the age of 102. She worked both in PDXRR and PDXCS. At Dorothy's request, there will be no funeral service. If you wish to send a card following is her nephew Gary Plieth's address: 1370 Char Diaz Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045.

We also received word that **Nancy Ink**, retired PDXCS agent, passed away Tuesday evening, Jun 27th. At this time we do not know if there will be any service.

We have received word that **Leota Kyle** (age 83), wife of **Lonnie Kyle** retired from PDXGQ and PDXMM passed away on Tuesday, July 4. There will be no service. Condolences can be sent to **Lonnie Kyle**, PO Box 457, Sandy, Oregon 97055-0457.

Anniversaries: Amazingly, no one in attendance had a June anniversary. Shocking but true.

Birthdays: **Glen Swanson, Dave Smith, Frank Bullis, Kent Uhl, Ed Rommel, Emily Newberry and Lois Gruenberg.**

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize ~ **Harold Miller**, Men's Birthday ~ **Ed Rommel**, Women's Birthday ~ **Lois Gruenberg**, 50/50 ~ **Anita Uhl**.

Calendar:

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

July 12 – Our annual indoor picnic

August 9 – Social

September 13 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA

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We are having beautiful weather in Pittsburgh, temperature in the 80's, nice! Our gardens are growing fast from the rain and sometime it feels like Denver weather. Rain storm comes through for about 30 minutes or so, then the sun comes out and quickly dries the ground in 20 minutes. Love it!

Welcome from RUAEA Pittsburgh! We hope all of our RUAEA friends are getting ready for the Convention in Las Vegas which is coming soon! A great place to enjoy our friends! As we are writing the report, we had a wonderful July 4th weekend – fireworks, travel, food, some enjoyed families, and friends in their homes and, most of all, wearing red, white, and blue! One of our most favorite times of the year, as our wedding anniversary is on July 4th. Imagine, at the time, picking a

3-day weekend for a wedding with a rotating schedule with UAL shifts! “Oh my, no one is going to come to our wedding.” Well, it was a great surprise, we had more people attend than we invited! Also, with fireworks, everyone celebrated with us! We gave up our independence that day (53 years ago). Wow!

Ice Hockey update* since our last newsletter, I am proud, as you may all know, that “yes,” our Pittsburgh Penguins, again, won the Stanley Cup for the 5th time, our 2nd time winning it back-to-back which is very hard to do! The last to achieve that goal was the Detroit Red Wings 1997-1998. Now you can hear chants on the streets of Pittsburgh of three peat, three peat, as you know, is wishful thinking. Imagine “Marc-Andre Fleury” was recruited to Las Vegas' new ice hockey team! Pittsburgh Hockey fans will sadly miss him.

Our luncheon at J.W. Hall's on June 16 had 25 members in attendance. **Treatie Karwoski**, our awesome 2nd Vice-President, conducted a great meeting since our President **Dave Beatty** was unable to attend and congratulations to our new Vice-President, **Bill Redfern**! Our amazing Advisor, **Joann Juth**, transported from the residence of St. Joseph's Villa Baden, attended with dark sun glasses, to cover her black marks on her face and eyes, and sadly to say, had a fall at St. Joseph's residence in the bathroom, but, nothing kept Joann down. With Bernie helping her, she was able to attend the luncheon! That's not unusual for an ex-marine! Again, amazing. God Bless our friends for all the courage. Many of us have health problems and keep our courage. I do believe that we must keep it in our hearts. There was a moment of silence prayer for Veterans and deceased members, **Harry Bielewicz** and **Ken Wolfe**.

It's great to see **Mary Jane Stewart**, **Georgia Garcia** and **Bob** too! **Phyllis Smith** – so happy to see you.

Lorraine Keith won the door prize! **Betty & Jack Tinney** had great news - Twins (Great Grandchildren) born! Cute as can be, Logan and Lucifer! Wonderful moments to enjoy!

Vic Ferrence attended our luncheon but Joan was not able to.

RUAEA Secretary **Mary Jane Stewart** enjoyed their trip to Milan, Lake Como, Italy, and, Zurich, Switzerland in May! Our #1 favorite place to go.

In June, Mary Jane competed in Southwestern Pennsylvania Senior Games and won two Gold Medals! She also participated in the Vintage Show representing 1920 era in a black and silver flapper dress! Oh wow, great – sounds like great moments for our RUAEA members to attend! Congratulations Mary Jane! Sounds like fun!

Peace, love, happy and safe travels to our friends. Let us know, email or call, Paul/Betty or **Joann Juth**, if you would like to share any special moments. If anyone would like to join and travel to Pittsburgh for our

RUAEA luncheons, we will make a Pittsburgh special agenda! Let's Go RUAEA!

August Birthdays ~ **Sandy Burns** (8th), **Patty Wagner** (15th), and **Bronco Lapceviech** (19th).

August Anniversaries ~ **Karen & Steve Moliterno** and **Bronco & Lillian Lapceviech** (22nd) and **Mitch & Doris Abbas** (31st).

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Our June Breakfast Event was a hoot! 17 attendees had to wait for our meeting room to be vacated and reset for us.

Finally when we were all settled down, our President **Pollie Klosky** brought into the room a surprise for us. The surprise was our Vice President **Betty Shipe**. Betty is recovering from a stroke. It was so great to see her on the mend. We all missed her. Betty thanked us for all of our support, cards and well wishes.

Marlene Scott announced that her daughter Elisabeth Scott, a member of the USAF, is attending the pilot training at Del Rio, Texas. Note: Elisabeth is a third generation pilot.

We again exchanged books, magazines and talking books. The book exchange is a great hit and enjoyed by all.

Calendar:

July 20 - Luncheon and meeting 11:30 am ET at Puleo's Grille, 110 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN (Hwy 11-75 at Merchants Drive). RSVP to **Les & Carolyn Hartshorn**, (865)-951-1198.

August 17 - Breakfast Event 9:30 AM, the Egg & I Restaurant, 5018 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (Bearden), TN. RSVP to **Pollie Klosky**, (847) 757-5261.

September 21 - Luncheon and meeting location TBA. For info, contact **Herman & Beverly Emmel**, (865)-605-2050.



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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Welcome to The Dog Days of August from the Seattle area, where August isn't much different from July or September. We aren't sure what dogs have to say about this – or if it might refer to the University of Washington Huskies, often known as the Dawgs.

As you've heard, "no news is good news." That's just what you might find here, as the Emerald City Slickers have not met since May and the formerly annual local golf tournament was not scheduled for June.

We still anticipate a catered picnic on Lake Burien July 11, but you'll have to wait for the September issue for details. Thank you, **Kathi Skarbo**, for opening your lakefront home for our summer event. Kathi is a friend of **Ken & Judy Storey** and has no connection to United Airlines, so her offer is doubly appreciated. **Virginia Dice**, who recently moved into the new Merrill Gardens retirement community in Burien with her husband, **Bud**, has accepted picnic reservations from members.

Mary Luke, wife of the late **John Luke**, is settled in an apartment in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. We miss them both!

Ed & Gay Liesse will attend the annual convention of the National Model Railroad Association in Orlando. Yes, Florida in August. The real draw is Gay's sister and her family (hubby, kids and grandkids). This will be the third train convention of 2017 for the **Liesses**.

On a more serious note, we mention the passing of long-time Slickers member **Charlotte Brinker**, 92. Charlotte continued to attend meetings after the death of her husband, **Jim Brinker**. Jim had worked in the Flight Kitchen as a pastry chef and served as president of the Seattle RUAEA chapter in 1992.

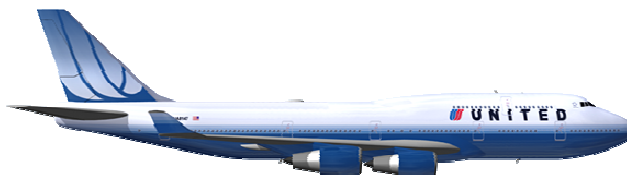
Enjoy the rest of your summer and anticipate the return of regular meetings in September. Remember that Football Season will be here soon – Go Seahawks!

Calendar:

August – No meeting

September 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien (reservations required)

October 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

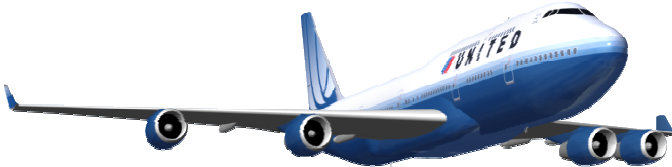
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August and we're all (hopefully!) just relaxing and enjoying summer. So we'll take a break and put this Clipped Wings column into "Summertime" mode by just sharing:

Advice from a Sea Turtle:

- Swim with the current
- Be a good navigator
- Stay calm under pressure
- Be well traveled
- Think long term
- Age gracefully
- Spend time at the beach!

We also wanted to share that Clipped Wings has been contacted with requests to start new chapters in the MCO, CLT and Chico, CA areas. If you're a current or former UAL/CO inflight crew member and would like more information about membership possibilities in any of our chapters, please just contact us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We look forward to hearing from you. And just in case you do happen to be wondering, our fun activities and fun facts don't usually involve sea turtles!



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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 2017**:

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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

- Retiree – **Beavan, Lillian D.**, on 1/26/2017, WHQAX, wife of Jack Beavan (deceased), 8851 S. Kostner Ave., Hometown, IL 60456
- Retiree – **Retzlaff, Dorothy L.**, on 6/24/2017, PDXTR, aunt of Gary Plieth and good friend of James J. McIntosh (WHQSW), 13710 Char Diaz Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045
- Retiree – **Edkin, Ace Duncan**, on 6/23/2017, SFOEA, husband of Barbara Edkin, 1616 Sapphire Dr., Livingston, CA 95334
- Retiree – **Mc Millen, Harry L.**, SFOKM, 1427 Madera Way, Millbrae, CA 94030
- Retiree – **Spielman, Dean G.**, 5/20/2016, SFORN, husband of Amanda Spielman, 308 19th St. S., La Crosse, WI 54601



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:

Marlene Duoch, Janet Jolly, Tosh Okada, Georgia Phillips, B. Sakely, Janet Schmidt, June Stevens, Richard Wildman.

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.)

Trudy Engeldinger, P.O. Box 4850 Walnut Creek, CA 94596

I so appreciate all you do, keeping us informed, planning conventions and hearing about other RUAEA chapters and all the things they do.

My husband and I are moving up to the Rocklin, CA area next week, so I wanted to give you a temporary address until we find the "right" place.

Again, thanks and I sure will miss my dear 'East Bay Diablos' chapter of RUAEA.

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

Thank you for all of your hard work on our Newsletter. I greatly appreciate all who are a part of this wonderful communicative and informative Newsletter!



Jeanne Garcia, 7277 Roycroft Dr., Roseville, CA 95678

Thank you for the Newsletter. If it wasn't for the information I receive from your hard work, I would be lost. Retirement is great and I have been fortunate my health is still really good. My handwriting is declining, however. Thank you to all you hard working people for your time and effort making information available to us retirees.

Patricia Mix, P.O. Box 567, Pocasset, MA 02559

Thank you to all for being our 'guiding light' that keeps us retirees informed! Where would we be without you! I am most grateful and my thanks again.

Charles O'Brien, 36500 Wild Rose Cir., Selbyville, DE 19975

Thank you all for what you do for us retirees. It is sad that our company looks at us retirees like an old out dated piece of equipment, when we all retire or say "out of service".

You guys are great; one day management will get their reward as we have.

Lois Pitman, 13422 Vermeer Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

My husband, Merle Pitman, passed away two years ago. I do enjoy reading the Newsletter. It is my only source to keep up with what is happening with United.

Keep up the great work! I appreciate everyone's efforts.

Mike Richards, 27700 N. 130th Glen, Peoria, AZ 85383

As a past Director and Vice-President of RUAEA, I am extremely concerned about the RUAEA Board's decision that there will be no election for officers of RUAEA this year.

I am well aware of the difficulty in finding volunteers willing and able to serve. However, I find it difficult to believe that there was absolutely no interest for any open position, particularly internal candidates interested in moving to a different level of leadership.

Several years ago the by-laws were changed to allow unlimited two year terms as a way of dealing with this apparent lack of ready willing and able volunteers, replacing the previous two term limit for all positions. That change resulted in what has proven to be a false belief that everything would be okay. Unfortunately it's not working and many of the positions have become permanent. While recognizing and thanking the dedication of those continuing to serve it has led to complacency and either inability or unwillingness to even consider needed and necessary changes.

Failure to recognize the need for change has caused many once great organizations and companies to fail. Two excellent examples: Pan Am is just a memory and

Sears is tottering on the brink of bankruptcy. Additionally, innovative companies such as FedEx and UPS continue to thrive while the U.S. Postal Service remains a poor step child.

We can do something creative and new, instead of recycling the same faces and ideas. Obviously the nominating committee has been unable to get anyone willing to serve. So why not have a creative solution rather than a dissolution of the election? Announce that all expired terms of office in 2017 will be open to the floor at the annual meeting?

It might inspire some new volunteers and the worst case scenario would be "we failed but at least we tried a new approach." On the other hand if even remotely successful it might bring about some sorely needed new life to what was once a powerful voice for retirees.

Geraldine Vann, 375 Apache Ln., Winter Haven, FL 33881

I totally missed my renewal. Good thing you used that red stamp. As always and in so many ways, with all your hard work, you take care of us retirees, keep us informed and provide guidance in the newsletter.

My husband, Endel, and I haven't done much traveling lately. We are enjoying the beautiful areas and beaches in FL.

Notes

Mary Ann Christenson,

It is great to read Jan Gawenda's updates for our area. I also enjoy looking for old friends in other parts of the country. Thanks for your efforts.

William Anderson

We enjoy the newsletter and read it as soon as it comes each month! We have been using our flight privileges quite often; five trips to Hawaii last year and this year flew to Sydney and back for a NZ cruise. It's getting almost impossible to get first class, but we are still grateful for the flights. Thanks for all the information you give us.

Marian Bruns

Looking forward to the party for the retirement of the 747. Hoping lots of retirees will come to Family Day in old uniforms!

Mary Jo Carson

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

Roger Casterline

Being part of United's great retiree organization, RUAEA, means I get to write Arrears letters to delinquent members each month. So it behooves me not to be delinquent in my dues.

George Cox

Good health living in COS. Go to APF for part of the winter.

William Hayes

I am retired and would like to talk to people who fly a lot.

Russell Klipple

I have just returned from the annual fishing trip with work friends from UAL both SFOMM and SFOOT. We have been doing this trip for 27 years. I have never known a better bunch of guys.

The trip is easy for me because I am one of the retired in this group, I don't have to beg or juggle my time off. I had the pleasure of working for UAL when it was operated by airline people.

Richard Nelson

My daughter has worked for UAL for 25 years, a son has worked for Continental for 25 years and has one month seniority, now flying.

Joretta Gerry Schneider

RUAEA is the only access to any information about travel, insurance, etc. that we retirees have. Rich and I are well and have 7 Grandchildren and 3½ Great Grandchildren. We enjoy catching up with everyone via the Newsletter. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Boris Spitz

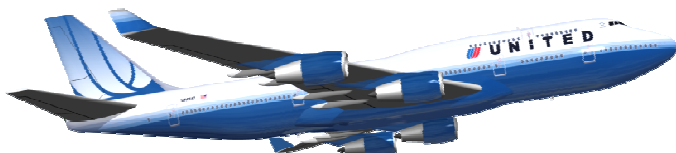
Besides meeting for breakfast with UAL people, I am involved with the Trilogy at Vistancia Veterans Club. We help needy vets with food and furniture. It is very rewarding!

James Weeks

I have been retired for 24 years after working in ROC, BHM, ATL, Montgomery AL AT SATO, and MCO. Retired and loving it.

Mary K Wetherington

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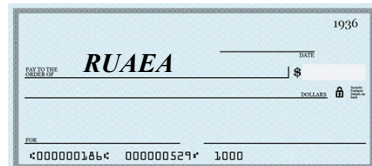
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Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 30th, 2017

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(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	
Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes) Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____ Enter email address :					

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 – 2017		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable					\$15.00	\$
Fee Required for each Attendee						
Wed., Sept. 27	Party				\$18.00	\$
Banquet						
Thurs., Sept. 28	Sirloin Steak				\$53.50	\$
Thurs., Sept. 28	California Chicken				\$47.50	\$
Thurs., Sept. 28	Sautéed Salmon				\$48.50	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from Page C-12 =						\$
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check						\$

Make Check Payable to: 2017 RUAEA Convention
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Tour Registration

Date – 2017	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Mon. Sept. 25	Zion National Park	1	\$69.00				
Mon. Sept. 25	Hoover Dam	2	\$53.00				
Mon. Sept. 25	Mob & Neon Museum	3	\$77.00				
Mon. Sept. 25	Mob Museum & Downtown	4	\$53.00				
Tues. Sept. 26	Valley of Fire	5	\$38.00				
Tues. Sept. 26	Ghost Town Nelson	6	\$47.00				
Tues. Sept. 26	Spring Preserve	7	\$47.00				
Tues. Sept. 26	Atomic Testing Museum	8	\$43.00				
Wed. Sept. 27	Wayne Newton	9	\$53.00				
Wed. Sept. 27	Pahrump Winery	10	\$73.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on Page C-11)							
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION							

The deadline for hotel registration is August 30th, 2017 and the deadline for registering for the convention is September 11th, 2017 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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(left photo) An increasing number of hardy souls proved willingness to fly, United's predecessor companies separated them from mail sacks by introducing planes with cramped box-like cabins. This Pacific Air Transport Boeing 40-B-4 carried four passengers at around 100 miles per hour. The pilots still rode in open cockpits.

(right photo) In 1951, passengers accounted for 80 percent of United's revenue. The company had faster, more comfortable, more efficient planes, had introduced refinements such as Stewardess service and full-course hot meals. The DC-6 Mainliners carried 50 passengers at 300 mile-an-hour speeds.

United Air Lines had its beginning on April 6, 1926 when Leon D. Cuddeback piloted a Varney Air Lines Swallow from Pasco Washington to Boise Idaho and Elko Nevada.

In July 1931, Varney Air Lines, National Air Transport, Pacific Air Transport and Boeing Air Transport were joined to form United Air Lines. This date is accepted as the point at which air travel ceased to be a dubious up-start and became a permanent force in U.S. transportation.

Perhaps the Boeing Air Transport innovation which pleased passengers the most was when eight young nurses headed by Ellen Church were hired, beginning Stewardess service. This service was introduced between San Francisco and Chicago on May 15, 1930. By 1951, there were more than 600 "sky girls" serving United's passengers.

Advances were not limited to aircraft. In 1936 United opened a Flight Kitchen at Oakland. Flight Kitchens staffed by United Chefs soon operated in 12 cities along the Main Line. In 1937 United established the first fully-equipped Airline Medical Department. This Medical Department with three medical centers, not only conducted a program of preventative medical care for employees, but also made major contributions to passenger comfort and well-being.

In 1942 United assigned half of its fleet to the U.S. Army for World War II operations. United crews flying under contract for the Air Transport Command, logged more than 61,000,000 miles on Trans-Pacific, Alaskan and Domestic flights. During this time period the company also trained hundreds of ground and flight crews for military duty and its Cheyenne shops modified nearly 6,000 bombers for combat.

By 1951, United had expanded its routes from 460 to 13,250; its Personnel from 10 to 10,000; its Fleet from 6 single-engined Swallows to 133 multi-engined Airliners and all-cargo Airplanes. It had progressed from 90 mile-per-hour Biplanes to 300 mile-per-hour Douglas DC-6 Mainliners and Boeing Stratocruisers. By its 25th birthday, the "Silver Jubilee" in 1951, United Air Lines had direct service to 83 cities and 22 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired, from the April 1951 "United Air Lines News" magazine.

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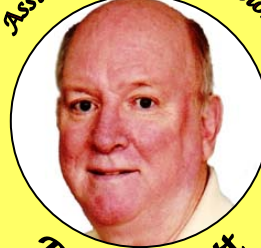
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