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Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Update



On April 24, 2017 my wife, Elaine, and I paid our first visit to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. I had heard the stories and read the information about the Chapel, its founder and its purpose but I was not prepared for what I saw. The Chapel is a well maintained white building with a red roof. It has a very impressive bell tower, which was built by a local artisan and topped with a donated bell. There is a perpetual light burning outside as well as inside. The Chapel is located at the intersection of two roads in a remote location outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The Chapel was originally purchased

by the late Rev. Father Alphonse Mascherino who made it his mission to repurpose what was an old seed storage building. With the help of many volunteers and the generous donations from 84 Lumber and other companies in the area, he was able to resurrect the building and make it a non-denominational place of worship to honor the fallen heroes of UAL Flight 93.

Over time, the grounds surrounding the Chapel took on new meaning for family members, friends and associated organizations (UAL pilots, flight attendants and employees) as the memorial grew. Several organizations and government groups have donated monuments which adorn the grounds behind the Chapel. The NY-NJ Port Authority donated a 3000 pound remnant from the World Trade Center which was forged into a UA93 monument. The Cause Foundation, an organization of United flight attendants, donated a marble monument which was placed in the middle of a garden setting with four accompanying marble benches. The obelisk contains the names of the flight and inflight crews. It is a beautiful piece. There is also a small garden area with flowers and two donated American Elms which they call freedom trees. This area is maintained by local volunteers.

During our visit to the Chapel we met with Archbishop Ramzi Musallum who represents the Catholic Church of the East. He spent about two hours filling us in on his background and how he ended up taking over ownership and oversight of the Chapel. It became evident to us that this was not an easy transition. There were several people and organizations that felt the property belonged to them and had their sights on moving the Chapel and all the memorabilia within to a site outside of the National monument and turning it into a tourist attraction. In other words, a money-making proposition. Through legal action taken by Archbishop Ramzi the Chapel remains under his ownership and continues to be a non-denominational place of worship.

The intent of the Chapel was never to make money from the fallen heroes of Flight 93 but to honor them for their sacrifice. Over the last ten years the Chapel has been visited by dignitaries from the US and foreign countries. Families have donated keep sakes from their lost relatives. RUAEA, UAL crew members and visiting employees have left pictures, flags and UAL memorabilia. There are pictures of crew members and passengers with messages written by family members celebrating their lives. The Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is a beautiful tribute to the fallen heroes of 9/11 and a place that survives on the generosity of family members, visitors and friends.

David L. Voit
Chairman of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Fund

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



This past month has been busy. My wife Martha and I attended the Northwoods Loonies gathering in Oshkosh, WI. **Jan Gawenda**, the Chicago Skyliners Correspondent headed up the gathering. We stayed in the Best Western Premier Hotel and couldn't have asked for a better setting.

Jan made arrangements for a trip to the World War II part of the EAA Museum. It was very interesting. She also made arrangements for the group to dine together in the evenings.

The best part of the trip was our flight from Denver, CO to Appleton, WI and then back home. We felt like we were flying on the old UAL. No hitches with connections, baggage or etc. I personally have flown numerous times in the last 6-8 months and can see a positive trend by the customer service folks towards paying customers, pass riding employees and retirees. It feels good to be welcomed!

Getting together with fellow retirees for these kinds of get-togethers is a lot of fun.

We got word last week from our contact in UAL Headquarters that our next Retiree Meeting with Management will be via a conference call on June 15th. The agenda will be a discussion on where management stands on our requests for enhancements of various aspects of the Pass Travel policy. Hopefully, we will see some movement towards a more equitable policy.

Also, this Newsletter issue, July, is normally our Election Issue. But, this time we were unable to get new volunteers with a desire to serve as Directors. We polled the current Directors and most of them agreed to stay on at this time, therefore we elected, with concurrence of the Board of Directors to forego the election this year.

We currently have two openings, the Southern California Region and the Midwest Region. **Claudia Blawett** had the Southern California Region and had to resign for personal family reasons. **Jan Gawenda** was the Midwest Region Director and she also resigns for personal reasons. Both Claudia and Jan have done a good job and they will be missed. The door is open for them to return at anytime they are able.

I enlist all of us to give consideration to the volunteer positions with in the RUAEA framework. Look at the Inside back cover of the Newsletter and you will see most of them. If you are interested and able to volunteer a few hours a month, please get in contact with **Hank Gosselin**, our Past President who is in charge of the Nominating Committee. Hank's contact information is on the inside of the back page.

Our 2017 Convention in Las Vegas is just around the corner. Grab the June issue and make plans now. Hope to see many of you there.

Cordially,

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

Letter From Past President Hank Gosselin



Hi Folks, as your Past President I am the head of the Nominating Committee for elections. At this point we are not going to have an election. Our By-Laws state under Article VIII Term of Office; The term of office for all Officers and Directors shall be (2) years and thereafter until successors are installed.

With that said, I have not been able to obtain new candidates for election. The incumbents and those agreeing to stay on are covered under the By-Law above, and RUAEA graciously thanks them for volunteering. We do need candidates for upcoming positions and if you're at least interested please contact us for more information on the position you are interested in.

Is this the demise of RUAEA? Quite simply the answer is no. We need membership and volunteers and this will always continue to be so. Yes, we can change our By-Laws and Policy and procedures to adapt. This will be on our agenda at our September Board Meeting. If you have any input, please let us know prior to our Las Vegas Convention in September. If you are planning on attending the Convention please plan on attending the Annual Business meeting for more information on this topic. I hope to see many of you in Las Vegas.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA Past President

4th of July

Convention News Updates from John Zoboli



The access to the convention area from the hotel has a new access. The modifications to the building now allow access to the sport book area with two new outdoor doorways of which one has a ramp. The escalator or elevator is still required to access the second floor of that side of the building. Note, access from the hotel tower to the convention area is not possible.

If bingo is your game, the new bingo palace is now open with seating for about 400 people; included in that room is a deli and bar area. With the new addition, the casino area has opened up somewhat for foot traffic.

Make your hotel reservations soon.

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 August 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.



Check out improvements to the Travel tab



UNITED

United has made it easier to find the information you're looking for on the Travel tab. When you visit the tab on Flying Together, you'll notice an improved left navigation panel. Here are a few examples of what you'll find. Click on:

- ❖ Pass riders to see information on who you can register as an eligible pass rider and how to register them.
- ❖ Types of travel to learn more about vacation passes and buddy passes.
- ❖ Preparing for travel to get information on dress attire, payments and refunds and baggage and baggage fees.

The policies and programs have not changed and the original documents are still online; we've just removed a lot of the pdf files and made it quicker and easier to find what you're looking for. Still have a question? You may contact the Employee Travel Center through United ServiceAnywhere. While you're on the Travel tab, be sure to read the latest travel blog. For a chance to be featured, submit your travel experiences through Share Your Stories and be sure to include photos.

United increases U.S. Military luggage allowance



United now allows active U.S. military members traveling on official orders to bring five bags up to 100 pounds each - up from the previous allotment of 70 pounds - on United and

United Express flights.

The same applies to their dependent (on relocation orders), not traveling with the military member. The weight limits and free bag allowance are the same for both economy and premium cabin tickets and are more generous than the published policies of United's primary competitors.

“We greatly appreciate the sacrifice of our U.S. military customers, and this increase in their luggage allowance allows us to better meet the needs of those customers and their families when flying United on official orders,” Ground Experience Managing Director Michelle Brown said.

Normal fees apply for any special items (bicycle, surfboard, etc.) for military customers on both official orders and personal travel. Normal bag fees apply to family members traveling for personal reasons without being accompanied by the military customer.

Baggage on travel to/from some locations outside of the U.S. may still be limited to 70 pounds based on individual countries' government regulations.

President Trump announces plan for ATC reform



President Donald Trump outlined his plan to modernize the U.S. air traffic control (ATC) system recently at the White House, urging Congress to separate the ATC service provider from the FAA and establish an independent, non-profit model.

The new entity would be funded by users of the system and capable of planning for long-term capital improvements, versus the current model, which is subject to the annual federal budgeting process. Under the proposal, the FAA would continue to focus on its role as safety regulator. The new, nonprofit ATC Corporation would be governed by a board of directors representing users of the system and would have the authority to borrow funds and access capital markets to make important investments.

Shifting from WWII-era ground-based radar to GPS and advanced software to manage flights will result in enhanced safety, reduced delays, fuel savings, fewer emissions and greater operational efficiency. United supports ATC modernization that improves upon the current system in order to run the most reliable airline for customers. Congress is expected to debate ATC reform as part of legislation to reauthorize the FAA due by September 30.

Rocking the Rockies for 80 years



On May 15, 1937, 11-year-old United Airlines started flying the air mail route from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming, commencing operations at Denver Municipal Airport (it would be renamed Stapleton in 1944). The route was operated by a Boeing 247. Recently, United marked the milestone by celebrating 80 years of service at DEN.

Together with the Denver International Airport (DIA), United planned a series of fun events throughout the day for customers and employees, including hosting a photo booth and playing music and distributing candy from the 1930s on the concourse. United also served cakes in employee break rooms as a special treat.

“United has played an integral role in serving the Denver region and helping DIA become an essential

hub for connecting travelers to destinations around the globe,” said DEN Managing Director Steve Jaquith. *“We’re proud to be celebrating such an incredible feat and to continue this great partnership with the airport and the city of Denver.”*

DEN Fun Facts:

- ➔ 13 people allowed on a 247 (10 passengers, 3 crewmembers)
- ➔ 260 dollars – average ticket price, which was around half the price of a brand-new car
- ➔ 11,500 feet – approximate cruising altitude for low-altitude transcontinental flights in 1937
- ➔ 6.5 million United departures out of DEN in 80 years
- ➔ 580 million passengers served out of DEN in 80 years

Things to see and do that are free in Las Vegas

By Don Rutkowski, Convention Chairperson



There are plenty of places to spend plenty of money in Vegas. These aren't any of those places. These are the spots where you can have tons of fun without ever opening your wallet. Watch water dance in a fountain show that's as exquisitely choreographed as a professional ballet. Or lights that fly to music above your head on the world's largest LED screen. You can even witness the fall of Atlantis, see a volcano erupt and tour a chocolate factory in one afternoon. Plus, you can do it all without ever buying a ticket. Priceless!

Many of you are coming to the RUAEA Convention in September and are planning on going on a scheduled tour every day. Remember, our tours provide transportation and the camaraderie of your fellow RUAEA friends. If you are coming early, staying after or just want more to do, I want to give you an alternative of things to do that are FREE. Yes, believe it or not, there are many FREE things to see and do here in Las Vegas. But, you do have to provide your own transportation. A list of a few things and places includes The Aquarium at the Silverton, Bellagio Conservatory, Bliss Dance, CBS Television City Research Center, Circus Acts at Circus-Circus, Ethel M Chocolate Factory, Fall of Atlantis at Caesars, Fountains of Bellagio, M&M's World, and many more. Plus, if you have a computer, go to the internet and enter the address below. This will take you to a web page where you can click on location and receive more information about it. You don't have to spend all day in your hotel room. Get out and enjoy the city and the strip. Remember it is FREE and you will have many pleasant memories of your visit! <https://www.vegas.com/attractions/free-attractions-las-vegas/>.

Torgy's Travel Tips – July 2017
FlyingTogether Travel Tab Improvements
TSA Changes and Upcoming Device Ban
National Park Pass Price Increase



User friendly improvements have come to the FlyingTogether website! It couldn't be easier to book a flight, whether you want to use a pass for standby travel or book a confirmed seat using the myUADiscount program. The website developers deserve a big thank-you for placing at our fingertips an easy to understand layout and

providing intuitive formats.

All you have to do is sign into flyingtogether.ual.com with your 6-digit file number and password and then click on the TRAVEL tab from the top line of the home page. Once the Travel page loads you will see 5 blue boxes below a photo montage allowing you to choose between the following options:

1. Book a Flight
2. Update Pass Riders
3. Pass Tvl Report
4. OA/Interline Travel
5. myUADiscount program

Clicking on **Book a Flight** takes you directly to the Employee Res page where you can create a listing for standby travel, check flight loads, change or cancel UA/UAX standby bookings. There is nothing new to learn.

Update Pass Riders takes you directly to the portal for naming your enrolled friends. Remember, if you already designated both of your slots during open enrollment last December, you cannot add, change or delete these names until the next open enrollment. If, however, you left one or both slots vacant last December, clicking on this link now will allow you to register the person/s of your choice which will allow them to travel through December 31, 2017. It normally takes about 24 hours before you can book travel after registering your friends.

The **Pass Tvl Report** tab brings you to the site where you can check how many passes you have used, a history of where and when you've traveled on a pass and your tax liability computation from those passes used by enrolled friends. This is a good place to review when determining the impact to your income tax as a result of allowing that enrolled friend to use your passes.

Want to travel standby on an interline carrier but don't know how to get a ticket? Well just click on the **Other Airline/Interline Travel** tab and select the airline from the alphabetical list provided. Follow the in-

structions contained inside each airline's profile and voilà! You will be directed to one of 2 online ticketing portals and after providing your credit card information an electronic ticket will be issued. Many of the carriers automatically list you for your desired flight and those that do not still provide you with directions on how to list via phone or email.

And who among us just doesn't want to put up with the uncertainty of standby travel, especially as flights fill up faster and faster these days. Well, take heart because you have easy access to the **myUADiscount program**—where a confirmed seat at 20% off the lowest applicable fare is just a few clicks away. It is applicable to all UA/UAX flights and your enrolled friends can use this program, too. When you click on the link you will first go to a page inside the FlyingTogether website which explains the program, shows who is and isn't eligible to use the discount and explains that 2 checked bags are free, mileage plus miles accumulate, compensation for denied boarding is the same as for full-fare passengers and that all rules of the fare you select are applicable. You must then click the myUADiscount box on the right side of the screen again to enter the actual booking site. There is no other way to obtain this discount! Once you indicate your travel date and city pairs, indicate the number of travelers, etc., you will be shown all the applicable fares. Note that each fare clearly shows the words "employee fare" above the fare amount so you can rest assured that your discount has been factored. The discount program applies to all fare classes (basic, economy, business and first class) and all fare levels (refundable and nonrefundable). A great bargain to watch for these days is the new "basic" class. This fare type does not allow advance seat assignments, mileage plus accrual nor any carry-on baggage except that which fits under the seat – and they mean it! But, remember that we are allowed to check up to 2 bags per person for free, so if you can live without your suitcase for a few hours, this inexpensive fare may be "just your ticket". You can also upgrade using miles on this fare.

The Travel Tab is an easy and convenient place to book and ticket all your travel. You will also notice it contains advisories (like dress codes), phone numbers to the Employee Travel Center (ETC) as well as a place to submit an inquiry to the ETC. In summation: Try it, you'll like it!

Device Ban ~ You have most likely heard that electronics larger than a smartphone are now banned in carry-on luggage on flights departing 10 Middle East airports with US destinations. There is speculation that this ban may be expanded to include more departure locations outside of the Middle East. This ban will have major implications for most travelers and especially for us pass travelers who rely on laptops and tablets to monitor standby lists and to add or change listings or

purchase offline travel tickets while at the gate. The current ban requires that all electronics larger than smartphones be placed inside checked baggage. It will be important to be prepared if your travel is affected by the current ban locations and to review TSA guidelines for future changes by consulting www.TSA.gov. Remember that many cell phone plans charge extra for overseas connectivity and it is not advisable to use public Wi-Fi when transmitting sensitive information such as credit card info and employee/retiree information. Be sure that you quickly retrieve your luggage upon arrival in baggage claim and perhaps inquire before traveling about baggage insurance riders for electronic devices that may be available through your home/travel insurance. More information will be forthcoming from the united.com website as well as through FlyingTogether if and when the ban changes.

There is also a TSA test underway at 10 US airports which requires travelers to separate electronics larger than a cellphone, as well as paperback books and food from their carry-on baggage and place those items into separate bins for X-ray screening. The 10 airports include LAX, Phoenix, Detroit, Boston, Las Vegas, Ft. Lauderdale, Colorado Springs, San Juan, Boise and Lubbock. This change may be expanded to other airports in the future, depending on the results of the initial 10 station tests. Note: Travelers enrolled in TSA Pre-Check are exempt from this change.

And lastly, save yourself from a huge upcoming price increase for the National Park Service Senior Lifetime Pass. AARP reports that the current \$10 lifetime pass will increase to \$80 by the end of 2017. Already the National Park Service is inundated with requests and it is taking 10 weeks to process those requests. You can purchase a senior pass in person at any National Park and avoid the wait. It's the best bargain, anywhere!

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.*

Corrections

In the June issue, we listed **Mary Morse** as a new member. Mary is the wife of our new member, **Rick Morse**. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Welcome to RUAEA, Rick and Mary!

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

ARIZONA



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Hello from sunny and much warmer (it's a dry heat) Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Claudia Richards** (7/19), **Joan Aaronson** (7/21) and **Sonny Cairns** (7/25).

Breakfast Reminder: We will continue to have breakfast through the summer, every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are July 12 & 26. The address is 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ; (623) 974-8224. RSVP: Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.

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Happy Fourth of July! Hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday and enjoy themselves with family and friends. It's a special time to celebrate our great country!

Whenever you're in the Phoenix area and want to check our chapter's activities, we meet for Breakfast each month on the fourth Friday at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We meet for breakfast all year round, but also meet for lunch at various restaurants usually during October through March, and have our annual picnic in April. We would love to have you join us any time. All you need to do is contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Please let her know if you plan on joining us, so she can advise the restaurant how many people will be attending. Peg will be glad to give you directions and any information you might need. We're open to anyone who has ever worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and is 55 years old or older. You will definitely enjoy the members of our chapter as they are very friendly and outgoing.

Our May 26 Breakfast had 16 people there, which is pretty good considering it was the Holiday Weekend. Our waitress, Janna, was back with us. Her finger has healed on the outside, but still healing on the inside. It is swollen and stiff and still hurts, but she served everyone and had no problems at all. We had one visitor, Dakota brought her sister-

in-law, **Martha Maes**. We were happy having her join us. We heard some news that on May 10, **Ame Esan** and **Arthur Anderson** got married in Las Vegas. Congratulations go out to the newly married couple. If anyone in our chapter wants to host a lunch get together for our group this summer, please let **Peg Snowdall** know. It would be fun for those staying around during the summer to get together in a nice air-conditioned place, sometime during the week.

The RUAEA Convention is coming up soon, its September 25-28, at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. All the information concerning the Convention can be found in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter and also can be downloaded if you go to www.ruaea.org.

We have the following birthdays in July of our members and/or spouses: **Veronica Kundit** (7/7), **Paul Paymaster** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Pam Betz** (7/12), **Donna Smiley** (7/13), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27), and **Steve Cooper** (7/28). Happy Birthday to all the people celebrating their July birthdays. We have no known Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Calendar:

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

August 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ
September 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

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

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were twenty four Roadrunners and one guest in attendance for the lunch on May 18 at the Guadalajara Restaurant. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and good service provided for us that day.

As we were finishing lunch, the 50/50 raffle tickets were drawn. The winners were **Jackie Benner** and **Doris Nicholson**; one of our guests, President Charli's, husband Len's Mother. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

President Charli opened the meeting by thanking our hosts, **Alice & Pete Lopez**, for arranging the luncheon today. Charli likes to keep abreast of interesting things around Tucson and pass them on to us. Today she alerted anyone who may want to learn French to check out the Alliance Francaise located in Tucson at 2099 E. River Road in the Junior League Building. She also suggested that we look for "Lovin' Life After 50" which is a special section of The Arizona Star. I don't know specifically when this particular section is published. Charli said it contains great informa-

tion on monthly events, like hikes, birding, health, etc. There is information about an amazing train trip to the Copper Canyon to/from Phoenix, etc.

There is no news yet about the possible increase retiree benefits. **Chuck Cole** will be keeping us informed.

The June luncheon will be hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson** at Harvest Restaurant on June 15 at 11:30, at 10355 N. La Canada Dr. (on the SW corner of La Canada at Lambert Ln.). The chef will be preparing a special lunch for the Roadrunners of soup, salad, sandwiches and beverages. Contact Ron & Shirley by Sunday, June 11 at ronandshirley@centurylink.net or (520) 818-3020.

June Anniversaries ~ **Loretta & Wayne Norman** (6/6/1959), **Alice & Pete Lopez** (6/15/1968), and **Carolyn & Frank Di Santo** (6/17/1961).

June Birthdays ~ **Pat DiLallo** (6/16), **John Bennatts** (6/23), **Phyllis Potsic** (6/20), **Wayne Norman** (6/24), and **JoAnn Livingston** (6/29).

CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter did not meet in May. The only news I have received is that one of our members, **Peter Schaefer** passed away on May 24th. Peter had health problems for several years, but still was able to attend as many of our meetings as possible. He always had a positive attitude and a smile whenever we asked about how he was doing. His wife, **Joan**, was very supportive and kept us informed as to their activities. I had talked with Peter several months ago and found out that he and I worked at MDW back in the 1950's. I worked for CAP in the terminal area and he worked in UAL's hanger offices. It was good reminiscing with him for that short time we spent together. Our prayers go out to Joan and the family.

I also received word from our President **Mike Zoldak** that a long time member and world traveler, **Nina Powers**, has had a stroke. She did not make our last meeting since she was on another one of her trips. I was hoping that she would be at our next meeting and fill us in on all the things she saw and did. Mike has been getting all the news and he did comment that the month of May has not been kind to our Chapter. Mike said that the information he received is that Nina is recovering but it will be some time before she's fully recovered.

The next meeting will be on June 21st, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Carole Paquin, with assistance from **Barbara Harrison**, hosted the Sunbirds' May Luncheon at the Oceans in Cathedral City. Thirty eight Sunbirds and five visitors made their dining choices from Greek Salad, Seafood Caesar Salad, Grilled Swordfish, and Ravioli.

The visitors were **Mark Morris** (LAXCS - Retired) and wife **Joy**; and **Betty Opbroek** (LAXSW - Retired), her sister, **Susie Bennett**, and friend, **Arlene Kaminsky**.

Patti Sica missed the Luncheon as she was cruising the Baltic Sea. Tough duty! I have received no information concerning health issues, so I hope that means we have no members fighting illness or injury. Well yes, there is one. I slipped on the kitchen floor about three weeks ago, when my cane went out from under me. I fell on my left arm, and thought at first that it only was a bruise. But an MRI and an X-ray showed a rotator cuff break. So now I'm doing some stretching exercises, and hopefully, will be back to normal in 3 or 4 weeks.

Brad Zittel was the Birthday Lunch Winner; **Melinda Lerg** was \$50.00 richer in the 50/50 drawing. Two bottles of wine were added to the 50/50, won by the **Brunkens** and **Gay Traber**. The Restaurant added "Lunch for Two", won by **Mike Bailardo**.

Our featured Sunbird of the month, **Tom Sabo** ~ Tom knew what he wanted to do for a living from the age of eight. He wanted to work for an airline. After graduating from High School in 1973, he attended "Airline" school in Kansas City.

The airlines, unfortunately for Tom, were not hiring at that time, so he returned home in Clio, Mich., still dreaming of world travel. He worked as a salesman in a clothing store, a waiter, and then as a long distance operator for Michigan Bell. At the same time he was attending Junior College, and sending resumes to all the airlines - to no avail.

Finally, in the Spring of 1978, Tom was offered jobs by Northwest, North Central, and United. He chose United, and started in DTWRR in April. The following spring, Tom moved to the Apollo Travel Services Help Desk.

In 1980, Tom transferred to LAXTR, and was promoted to In-house Instructor. He was also selected for numerous special assignments to plan, develop, program, and test new upgrades to the Apollo system; thereby spending a lot of time at EXO, and the Denver Central Site of Apollo. He was also sent on special training missions to Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Osaka, Hong Kong, Sydney, and London.

Tom headed for PHX in 1985, where United was focused on converting Travel Agents from AA Sabre to UA Apollo. His training classroom was in Phoenix, and his territory covered Arizona and Nevada.

In 1988, United sold the computer system and Apollo Travel Services to a newly formed subsidiary named Covia.

Working for the new company would mean severing all ties with United, so Tom transferred as a CSR to PHX. Less than a year later, there was a massive cutback in PHX, Tom was bumped to LAXTR.

Tom worked in all areas of Customer Service - Ticketing, Gates, Control Center, and Baggage Service. He was also selected as part of a team to help develop the new FASTAIR programs that would make Apollo easier to use and more efficient.

Shortly after 9/11, Tom transferred to Baggage Service, eventually becoming a QAR (Quality Assurance Rep), with these duties - checking PAWOB files for accuracy, training, assigning "charge codes" to the files, and challenging and correcting the "charge codes" wrongfully attributed to LAX.

Tom remained in Baggage Service until 2013, when United offered a "Buyout", and he accepted, retiring after 35 years. He now lives in Desert Hot Springs, and says that he enjoys attending the Luncheons with his fellow Desert Sunbirds.

GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly meeting on May 31st at Monkey Cat Restaurant in Auburn and was hosted by **Forester & Jean Sinclair**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 40 Gold Diggers and 3 guests: **Lorry Hukill**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger** and **Kurt & Sherri Lea Smith**, guests of **Forester & Jean Sinclair**. He thanked Forester & Jean for hosting the luncheon. Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes.

The Gold Diggers have been invited to attend the Hangtown Miners Luncheon on June 12th at the Akin ranch in Placerville.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced the hosts for our July luncheon, **Bob & Michiko Allen**, it will be held at Fat's Asian Bistro in Roseville.

Our June luncheon will be held at the Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on Wednesday June 28th and hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the May Anniversaries: **Terry & Penny Greenacre** (55years) and **Harold & Colleen Esola** (20 years).

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

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** reported **Marge Fulkerson** had passed away and **Dorothy Stroud** had moved from her house in Eskaton Village to an apartment in the assisted living section of Eskaton Village. **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** attended the services for **Marge Fulkerson** and met many of her relatives at the reception who shared stories with them about Marge.

Angie found in the RUAEA newsletter the names of several persons who had retired in our area. Our chapter will

contact them to invite them to join our group at a Luncheon and perhaps they will be interested in becoming a member. **Jim Simon** will look into whether RUAEA could provide some help in learning about new retirees in our area.

Past Vice President of the RUAEA Convention **Ron Bertacini** said the convention plans are going well. He advised that when making your room reservations to call the hotel directly and be sure to tell them you are with the RUAEA group so RUAEA will receive credit for the reservation as they have committed to 200 rooms being reserved.

Veronica Domaratus advised that San Francisco Airport MOC will be holding a United Family Day in October. The persons planning would like to receive any memorabilia and pictures of the 747 you may have and further information will be forthcoming.

Ed thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the excellent staff of the Monkey Cat Restaurant.

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

HANGTOWN MINERS

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May, the month in which we celebrate our Mothers. Some will have their children (with Dad's assistance?) making them cards, gifts and the ever so favorite "Breakfast in Bed"! Those can be very unique, to say the least! May is also the month when another "Mother" shows off - Mother Nature! Hasn't "she" just been brilliant this year? All the rain we have enjoyed really set off the seeds because the wild flowers have been magnificent. Of course, the weeds are going crazy too, but I guess it's the price we pay for the rest.

President **Bill Gibson** welcomed everyone to our May luncheon and gave our thanks to **Thom & Sherry Biro** for organizing the event. It was the first time we went to Poor Red's to enjoy their delicious food. We dined in their patio area under umbrellas with plenty of room for visiting. Bill asked if anyone was celebrating their birthday in May. **Lindalee Akin** and **Thom Biro** claim this month to celebrate - Happy Birthday! And while no one present had an anniversary this month, I see that **Jon & Alice Somplack** do! Happy Anniversary to you two. Next, Bill introduced our guest, **Jerry Avallone**. Jerry decided to join our group! Welcome, Jerry!

President ~ **Bill Gibson** passed along the information that **Al Doehler** passed away May 2nd. Al has been living in Arizona for the past several years. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** expressed her appreciation to **Rudy Blazius** and **Bill & Pati Kenney** for handling the raffle while she was out touring the USA.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny was on the East Coast so **Jane Gibson** gave his financial report. There are monies from last month's raffle as well as incoming annual dues still to be

deposited. Tom mentioned that we are now in our fifth year of tax free status since we acquired that 501(c)7 status in 2012.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson pointed out that our esteemed group began in 2007, making this our 10th Anniversary Year. I believe that September was the first month!

Sunshine ~ Since **Suzanne Kenny** was also on the East Coast, she sent along her report that all seemed to be fine. **Bob White**, and wife, **Carol**, were able to be at this luncheon. Bob thanked us for all the “good wishes” he has received. He also related that in '94 he underwent a bone marrow transplant for a (cancerous) tumor in his sinuses as well as radiation treatment. The 16 people who had these procedures before him only lived a couple years more, but Bob is still going 23 years later! It did play havoc with his equilibrium and he is still recovering from the fall down the stairs, but, overall, Bob is doing well.

Rudy Blazius passed along information regarding **Charlie & Carleene Hyde**. They had gone to Maryland to visit with their son but while on the trip Charlie became ill. The result of this has prevented him from traveling. They have a place and car they're renting for the time being. Charlie has been placed on hospice. Carleene is planning to stay back there to be closer to their son. Eventually she will return to handle selling their house here. We are so sorry to hear that all this has happened and send our good wishes to them both. Should you wish to correspond with them (they will remain members of the Hangtown Miners), here is their address: **Charlie & Carleene Hyde**; 3330 North Leisure World Blvd., Unit 726; Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Also, **Thom Biro** reported that **Jim Fowley** passed. Rudy and Thom were able to attend his funeral. Thom reported that **Vic Vasquez** had a stroke.

Old Business ~ As we approach the middle of 2017, we come to the month of June when we descend on **Ed & Lindalee Akin**'s ranch. We will, once again, be able to enjoy a trip out there! We are also inviting the Gold Diggers to join us. Ed will be in touch with Leo, the caterer who made the great food for us in December. **Jane Gibson** will be the contact person and will collect your pay ahead money.

New Business ~ **Bill Gibson** shared story about “Freedom Bird” and United articles.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. Remember, June luncheon at the Akin's Ranch, Monday, June 12.

A big “Thank You” to all who brought items for the raffle: **Kenney** – Pyrex with carry case; **Heier** – chip basket; **Blazius** – bell; **Wolfram** – rose; **Gibson** – tote bag; **Kozelka** – garden gnomes; **Biro** – wine and table decorations. Winner of the donator's prize is **Bill Gibson**.

RE-LAX-ERS

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I must begin this column with an apology to **Dana Noyes**. Her husband **Bill**, had passed away in January and I reported in error, that it was she and not Bill that had passed

away. I wrote a note of apology to her and she responded so lovingly with a very nice letter. She also sent this wonderful letter regarding Bill's role in establishing the Central Coasters.

“Bill Noyes passed away on January 15th in a hospital in St Louis. He was just two months shy of 97 years of age. He and his wife, Dana had just celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary. They have two sons.

He enjoyed his many years with United Airlines and all his friends; plus all the dinners, parties and travel. It was at one of those dinners that he and Dana and Bob Wagner started talking about a central meeting place for retirees to get together and keep up on United. That next week they got together again to make plans and notified as many as they could. A Rep from LA came to Pismo Beach and made it official. Thus the Central Coasters was formed and still in existence. Bill retired in the Santa Barbara area and it was a whole new world. He and Dana had a great life with a new home and lots of travel. They moved to St. Louis five years go to be near their oldest son. The last few months were hectic as Bill dealt with carcinoma in the entire head area and he was hospitalized for 17 days.

After his passing, her sons moved Dana to a single apartment with an electric wheel chair to assist her in getting around. For her 93rd birthday, her sons brought her red roses and an ice cream cake.”

This ends her story. Please send notes to Dana at 13457 Tessen Ferry Rd., #358, St Louis, MO 63128.



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We had twenty three retirees at our June breakfast and we enjoyed hearing about everyone's summer activities and trips.

Angela Derrick and her husband **Jeff** returned from a trip to Lake Tahoe and they had some beautiful weather to view the mountains and the Lake.

John & Sandy Cunningham spent a couple of weeks in Maui and Honolulu while **Rosalie Trippicchio** was travelling in Italy and visiting with family in Tuscany and Cinque Terre.

The birthdays for June were **Esther** and **Dan Cohen** both celebrating the same date of June 23rd.

Ed Knight told us about the Board of Directors Race and Charity Raffle at the Pt. Loma Yacht Club on September 23rd. The race is open to all racers and friends and we are invited to attend and participate in the race and charity event. All funds raised on behalf of the event will go directly to “Elder Help of San Diego.” Ed has asked for participants to contribute items, such as old jewelry and small items to be raffled off at the event.

We were also told about the United Airlines Sailing Club and their participation in sailing events all over the world, sponsored by the airlines and employees sailing to-

gether at venues all over the world. Ed is a member of the Club and invites anyone interested in some fun sailing to join him on one of the upcoming sails. Dates to be announced.

Our sympathy goes out to **Claudia Blancett**, our RUAEA Director of Southern California, on the recent loss of her father. Our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time of sorrow and loss.

Don't forget to mark the dates for the 2017 RUAEA Convention being held in Las Vegas, September 25 thru 28. If you didn't notice, hotel and tour information was in the June RUAEA newsletter, with a list of all the tours being offered and a summary of each. Also included is information on the Banquet dinner being held Thursday evening, September 28th. The cutoff for hotel reservations is August 30th. Deadline to register for convention is September 11th.

Summer is here so enjoy the sunny days coming our way!

Calendar:

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Our May 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. May is here in the Golden State – sunshine and the ending of the drought has brought our state flower, the Golden Poppy, blanketing the hills; the roses are exquisite and the trees are producing our hay fever pollen! Achoo!

Here's what is on the menu for the next 3 months:

- ➔ **June 26** – Red, White and Blue attire as we celebrate an early 4th of July with Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and the works. Call **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765 by June 21st to let her know you are coming so we have enough food.
- ➔ **July 24** – BUOBL – Personal bag lunch again with Big Time Bingo afterwards – bring your wallet!
- ➔ **August 28** – Pizza and Salad (anchovies on your Pizza - yummmmm?), maybe a surprise dessert!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** posted his financial report. To help save some money, the Board decided to close the P.O. Box in Foster City. All mail will go to President **Vera Kina**, see the new address at the end of the Newsletter. Too much junk mail so it makes sense to save some pennies.

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the April minutes which were approved as read. With a little bit of luck a roster will be ready for members at the next meeting; for those of you holding your breath ... you can now breathe. We have not had any up-dated information regarding memorial services for **Zelma Kibler**.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** reported birthday celebrations for **Jerome Underhill**, **Charlie Bogert**, **Don Rueszer** and **Margaret Reelfs**. We ran out of candles. **Gene & Carol Walter** are celebrating their 53rd anniversary while the **Bogerts** have a ways to go with 30 years. Happy Daze to y'all. **Ben Vietz** decided that the food at the hospital was tastier than his so he went in for a couple of days ... his cooking skills are "a little bit of this, a little bit of that" and, hopefully, **Linda** will smile when he sets the plate in front of her. We understand that **Marie Cavalli** is having a birthday but we don't know how many years, it is over the 100 year mark. We need to find a contact for her.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** have a sign-up list for our July Hot Dog extravaganza. Please contact **Dorothy Reuszer** at the above phone number to let her know you are coming. **Gene Walter** had revisions for the By-Laws, a final report will be ready next month.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** handed out the 25%/25% winnings to **Linda Barrett** and **Bill Heinrich**. Lots of raffle gifts went to **Rex Reelfs**, **Marilyn Guenther**, **Bill Heinrich**, **Jerry Milner**, **Dolores Frank**, **Emily Turner**, **Gene Walter** and **Ben Vietz** (yup, a Cook Book!) Many members stayed for Bingo so the winnings were HUGE! Raking in the dough: **Margaret Reelfs**, **Bob Talclet**, **Barbara Underhill**, **Art Barrett**, **Dorothy Pearl** and **Ginger Dahlberg** (yippee – I won twice, the Blackout no less ... anchovies on my Pizza please, now I can pay for them!!)

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** said the 2017 longer trips are on a wait-list basis. (The August "Let it Rhine" 3 days in Lucerne and 7 day cruise on AMA Water-Ways from Basel to Amsterdam and the San Antonio-River Walk trip in late November.) Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865 to get on the wait-list ... there are often cancelations. We manage to have some fun and lots of laughs.

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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The South Bay RUAEA had its annual picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. It was held on Flag Day June 14th. Many of us wore the traditional red, white and blue patriotic colors to help celebrate the day. The appetizers, barbecue and des-

serts were delicious as always. Many had a wonderful time, reacquainting friendships, playing Bingo and winning prizes donated by chapter members. Many thanks to all that contributed their time in making this annual event so successful.

We were happy to see **Helen Rose Seidl**, and **Al & Elfriede Grossmann** back at our Friday breakfast. Our chapter has had many of its members out with various illnesses or surgeries keeping them close to home. We miss seeing **Bill Copley**, **Charlie Brown & Barbara**, **Lloyd & Claire Eber**, **Gary & Darlene Ikeya**, **Julie Midwin**, **Vern & Maureen Snyder**, and **Boyd & Merle Sweet**. Hope to see you back in our midst soon.

Some of our members have been traveling. **Dave & Robin Garland** have been on a two week mission trip with their church to Zimbabwe. **George & Evelyn Dye** cruised around Europe. **George & Julie Midwin** visited many of the sites in Spain. We enjoy hearing about their adventures when they return.

We love to celebrate birthdays and special anniversaries. Recently **Lou & Jean Marcolina** celebrated their 60th anniversary. Congratulations to the two of you.

Our Vice President, **Bob Devlin** has been filling in for **Boyd Sweet**. Thanks Bob for filling in.

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:

May 24 – Blackhawk Museum, Danville

June 14 – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

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Our May meeting was held at the Old Mill Restaurant in Modesto, hosted by **Bobby & Eleanor Woods**. We had a private room so people could go from one to another and visit prior to an excellent lunch and wonderful service. There were 30 members in attendance. President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then thanked our host and hostess. Following honoring our country, **Don Nesja** took over with his list of jokes with the laughter setting the group up for a joyful luncheon.

There was no unfinished business, and the only New Business for discussion was regarding experiences of many concerning the travel dress code changes over the years along with the treatment of retirees. Then we moved to the challenges that Spirit Airlines is having with cancelled flights. It was announced that the Aerospace Museum of California in Sacramento was celebrating Mother's Day with a Renaissance Faire on Sunday, May 13th. The museum has a display of the DaVinci "Machines in Motion" through September 4, 2017.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented his report indicating all monies received have been deposited and all expenses have been paid, leaving a balance of over \$500.00.

Hand Weber and **Pat Scoble** celebrated their birthdays with the group singing to them. There were no anniversaries in May.

Bobby & Eleanor Woods held a raffle and had some wonderful raffle prizes. Thank You!

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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We enjoyed a warm spring day on May 8th with 27 attendees. The Old Spaghetti Factory does a wonderful luncheon for us.

Tom & Barbara Cunningham were unable to come as he was assisting a retiree who had an emergency trip coming up and had never used a pass. **Jo Payne** missed our meeting while she completes her recovery from a stroke. The Payne's daughter, Kathy, came in her place and assisted in several areas. Thanks so much to **Barbara Underhill** who took over again the 50/50 collection and **Wilma Leather** and **Jan Soderstrom** for cashiering.

Great to see **Rich & Georgia Bouska** who returned from the heavy snow country near Lake Tahoe where skiing has been wonderful this year. They shared some great pictures with us.

Our Candy lady, **Carol Parks**, is back after some health issues last month.

We plan to have our major summer event catered by Back 40 BBQ at **Diane Griego's** backyard in June. By the way – Diane did not win the 50/50!

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:

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

July – No meeting

August 14 – El Tapatio

September 11 – Old Spaghetti Factory

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"School's out for the summer!", so the song goes and it truly is summer in the Northstate. Because of the great rainfall, fishing and all other outdoor activities are at their peak. As always, we want a summer without fires.

Our May 24th meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Redding, CA. President **Merritt Odor** thanked **Kay & Vincent Neidlinger** for setting up the restaurant. We had 24 retirees and spouses in attendance. Merritt welcomed a few members that we have not seen in a while. It was good to see **Jim & Caroline Geiger**, **Gaylen & Kathy Eslinger**, **Richard Skelly**, **Mike & Sue Johnson**, and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. Ron is now the Site Committee Chairman for RUAEA. Merritt also welcomed **Daphne Raitt**, a retired flight attendant, to the meeting. Hopefully she will be joining us.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Lowell Herrid** will be having a birthday in June as well as **Vanessa Pratt**.

Sharon Simonton passed a get well card around to be signed for **Hal Burdick** who recently took a fall and was in the hospital.

Merritt shared a short story about how he became involved with the RUAEA group and how he became the President of the Northstaters with the help of **Ron Bertacini**. Merritt has been the President since we began and would like to give it up but our membership continues to say a rousing "No!" So Merritt still devotes his time to leading our group. Merritt also reintroduced the rest of the board and thanked them for their continued service to the group. They are **Richard Skelly**, Vice President; **Sharon Simonton**, Secretary and **Billie Jorgensen** and **Klarin Odor** as Co Treasurers.

Ron Bertacini gave a great presentation on the convention to be held in Las Vegas this year. The tour package has been set up and everyone can go online for further information. Ron had some information packets for people to see.

Gaylen Eslinger spoke about the construction going on at SFO Airport during the summer. Apparently a lot of flights are being cancelled from the smaller stations such as Redding due to the congestion and the construction.

Linda Delaney gave a great presentation on her Alaska fishing adventures. She brought pictures to share and gave a delightful talk on her experiences as a boat owner and fisherperson for 5 years in Alaska. This happened before she was a maintenance inspector for United. Her stories were amusing and the group enjoyed the presentation very much.

Kent Jorgensen offered to give a presentation for our next meeting. Merritt encouraged more members to give a presentation for the enjoyment of everyone.

Merritt announced the Ribs and Rods Car Show at Roll-

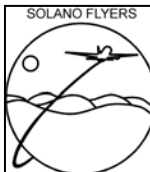
ing Hills Casino by Americans Corvette Club on June 10 and encouraged everyone to come as this is a fundraising event. All proceeds will benefit local charities.

Glenna Sollid won the 50/50 raffle and **John Delaney** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19, at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact the restaurant and set up the meeting.

Calendar:

July 19 - Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Come and Join Us! Happy Summer!



SOLANO FLYERS

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May 17th, 11 am found the Flyers on a 72 degree day in Rio Vista, CA at The Point Restaurant overlooking the Sacramento River. President **Deno Poolos** welcomed the attendees, as the conversations were underway.

In attendance were **JoAnne & Bill Blizzard**, **James Ellison**, **Barbara & Harold Mitchell**, **Nelson McKinley**, **Diosnel Perez**, **Anita & Deno Poolos**, **Allan Pochop**, **Jamie Schwafel**, **Paul Schwafel**, and **Frank Uhl**.

This month we had one birthday, congratulation to **Barbara Mitchell**. Also one anniversary, **Peggy & Allan Pochop** celebrating 53 years.

Going into the summer months with many family activities and members traveling, the July meeting was canceled.

The group was reminded of the United Retiree annual gathering in Minden, NV, June 20-23 at the Carson Valley Inn Casino.

It was suggested, and approved that we have our August 16th meeting back in Rio Vista, but at a new location, Foster's Bighorn Restaurant & Sports Bar, <http://fostersbighorn.com/>

Deno concluded the meeting at 12:45 with the 50/50 drawing; he selected **Frank Uhl** to draw the ticket from the drum roller. As the last four digits were read off and no one claimed ownership; we finally discovered that **Frank Uhl** had selected his own ticket.

COLORADO

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The June breakfast was attended by 33 members. The 50/50 winners that returned their winnings to the chapter were **Tom Goodyear** (Chapt. Pres. Ret.), **Ray Shoults** (DENMM), **Ron Cannon** (DENMM), **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA Pres.) and **Charles Hassler** (DENMM). The

50/50 drawing, along with the collection and sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

Vice President **Gary Trujillo** conducted the meeting. Plans are underway to have the Christmas party at the same Holiday Inn restaurant as last year. The date will be Wednesday, December 13th. Plans are also taking shape for the fall luncheon at Wings Over the Rockies museum. The food is excellent at both of these events. More information will be available at the next meeting. Gary informed us of the following recent new RUAEA members from Colorado: **Judy De Napoli** (DENKT), **Rick Morse** (DENCs), **Terry Seanor** (SFOFO) and **Joy Siegmann** (DENPV).

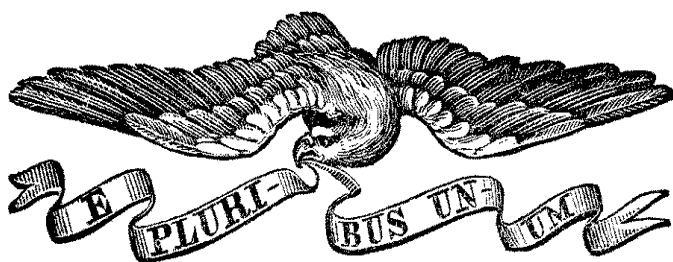
RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** announced that there will be a follow up to the recent meeting at WHQ concerning passes, etc. This meeting will be in the form of a conference call on Thursday, June 15th and will include Virgil and **Tom Goodyear** representing RUAEA & UAHF. Virgil noted that there still seems to be some confusion regarding boarding priority for pass travel. It is recommended that a vacation pass be used which would place you ahead of all other pass travelers except positive space travelers and vacation pass travelers with more years of service. If you would like a more detailed explanation of boarding priorities, log into Flyingtogether and select TRAVEL. The first column on the left of the resulting page side will also be labeled Travel. From the Travel column, select Boarding Priorities and Cabin Eligibility. From the drop down menu, select Boarding priorities and procedures. There, you will find a detailed explanation of how the boarding priority codes are structured.

Tom Goodyear updated us that the remodeling of the Flight Center is progressing and the main entrance to the facility will be F Bldg. That is the first building on the left as you enter the complex. Completion of the remodel is still anticipated in late 2017 or early 2018.

George DiMicco (DENCO) passed away on May 8th after a long illness. During his career, George also worked at DENRR and CTO. Cards can be sent to **Jean DiMicco**, 2711 S. Truckee St., Aurora, CO 80013-2173.

Ruskin (Russ) Savig (DENTK) passed away on May 18th. A private family memorial service will be held at a future date. The complete obituary was published in Denver Post on May 28, 2017.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 1st 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



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Seventeen members met at Cody's Original Roadhouse in the Villages for a delicious lunch and meeting. We have a new member, **Suza Barr**. She was a flight attendant for United; she was unable to attend this meeting and we are looking forward to meeting her next month.

Terri Davis attended the 42nd UAL golf tournament in Mesquite, NV and came home with the honor of closest to the pin. Good going Terri, we are proud of you. Know you had a good time.

Speaking about travel, a reminder that RUAEA 2017 convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Palace Station Hotel September 25-28. This is a good time for all, seeing old and meeting new friends.

We have 3 birthdays in May, hope it's the best ever ~ **Sherry Jazwinski** (May 5), **Isabel Buchanan** (May 14) and **Gail Brenner** (May 25). Tita brought a delicious dessert to celebrate and it was enjoyed by all.

Joe Di Staso gave us a travel update on retiree baggage allowance. The 50/50 was won by **John Whalen**, congratulations.

It was put to a vote and was unanimous to raise our dues from \$2.50 per person to \$5.00 per person starting in January.

Beginning this month, Tita started a getting to know you interview. So many of the group's members have worked together for years and know one another like brothers and sisters in our United family. Then there are groups that never worked together. Our connection is we all worked for United. That is the story of our group. This is a way of getting to know one another better and telling our individual lives and experiences with United.

Captain **Dale Buss** worked for United from 1970 to 2009. He is definitely one of our favorite members. He has a wonderful personality and keeps us in stitches most of the time. He shared some wonderful memories and stories of his years in the cockpit. I'm sure it was fun working with him. He is still giving of himself by volunteering here in the Villages. Thank you Dale for being the first interview and breaking the ice for the rest of us.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 22 at 11:30 AM at the Waterfront Inn Amelia's Restaurant and Lounge, 1105 Lakeshore Drive, The Villages. Our guest speaker will be Alexander Warmka from Florida Department of Agriculture Consumer Services. See you all there.

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



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We had a nice group of 13 today for our June 1st meeting. Joining us was **Helene Kavetschanky**, a guest of **Marian & Dave Wickersham**. Helene retired from ORDSW and still lives in Chicago but remains in contact with the Wickershams. She and Marion met years ago working on a 727 and have been friends ever since. We were also happy to see **Naomi Riddle** again and hope she joins us often! Most of the regulars were in attendance but a few were traveling and busy with appointments.

Bud & Karen Gammill celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this month and **Herb & Molly Gardner** have been married for 18 years. Congratulations to both couples!

The only Company anniversary was **Gloria Marcantoni** who was hired 49 years ago.

Penny Logan was our lucky 50/50 winner and also gave her treasurer's report.

At the last meeting **Bud Gammill** had asked about the \$10,000 life insurance policy benefit many of us used to have. After some investigation he determined that whether or not you still have that as a benefit depends on when you retired and under which contract and, in some cases, the election you made. Thanks Bud for checking on that!

President **Dick Coughlin** shared his UAL report including discussions on policy changes for denied boarding and larger UAL planes being scheduled for some routes.

Calendar:

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

August 3 – Same as above



THE SAND DOLLARS

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We had a nice turnout at our last regular luncheon of the season at Barnacle Bill's, Sarasota. The food and service were both very good. **Ginger Hyde** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and also sold the 50/50 tickets as the **Horuczis** have headed north for the summer. We missed many others who have gone to their summer homes, but we look forward to their return in the fall.

Ginger Hyde shared with us a very appreciative thank you letter she had received from the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial for the donation we sent to them recently. She asked whether the Sand Dollars who are still here would like to continue meeting for lunch a few times

during the summer. The consensus was that we will do so, meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month instead of our usual Thursdays.

Bob Young's name was drawn for the attendance, but as he and **Lisa** were in Iowa the \$20 went back into our treasury, and we will start with \$5 next season. **Alice D'Souza** won first prize of the 50/50, followed by **Paul & Shelly Grossman** and **Bob & Shirley Adams**.

Anniversary congratulations for July go to: **Betty & Rupert Woods-White** on the 5th, **Bob & Lisa Young's** 25th on the 19th, and **Ted & Liz Mavis's** 47th on the 31st. July birthday celebrations will be: **Eunice Bruton** on the 2nd, **Shirley Adams** on the 4th, **Lisa Young** on the 8th, **Kathy Deibel** on the 13th, **Kathy Frait** and **Will Collins** on the 21st, **Jeanne Sudol** and **Peggy Wingardh** on the 30th.

Many of those present at the luncheon are looking forward to visits from friends, family and especially grandchildren over the summer. **Alice D'Souza** will be taking two young grandchildren to NYC before heading off on her Rhine cruise ending at Budapest. She strongly recommends signing up for Global Online Enrollment System (GOES), costing \$100, as a way to ease airport security delays when traveling internationally. We missed having **Inge & Bill Phillips** with us at lunch, but they were traveling. They were able to get the flight out of SRQ to ORD, then got first class from ORD to MUC, where they bought a 3-day transportation pass allowing them to travel by tram, bus or subway around the city. One of the many highlights of their MUC stay was seeing the Botanical Gardens with the tulips all in bloom. After three days in MUC they continued on their adventure and, joining up with some cousins, boarded a motorsailer for a "Road Scholar Educational Tour" along the coast of Slovenia and Croatia. This motorsailer had 16 cabins with a capacity of up to 32 passengers. It was equipped with three sails, but they motored most of the trip. After this tour **Inge & Bill** met relatives who live in a small village closer to FRA, where they were invited to spend a couple of weeks with them. On their return, they once again got first class from FRA to IAD – some people have all of the luck! We're happy to have them home safe and sound.

We always give a warm welcome to any visiting retirees and would love to have you join us at our monthly luncheons. Call **Ginger Hyde** (941) 360-6671 or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

... and remember ... never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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The last meeting of the season was held on May 5 at The Landings. We'll take a break until the first Friday in October. Many of our members leave Florida for their Northern homes and relatives.

There were 22 members attending the annual steak fry. In addition to the delicious tenderloin steaks, there was an abundance of wonderful side dishes brought in by the members. **Ed Clarke** is an expert griller!

In attendance were **Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Ed & Judy Clarke, Lynna Baker, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Tom & Joanne Halt, Maxine Brown, Ray Jensen, Bill & Margie Burg, Pat Reid, Diane Roberts, Nancy Kopp, Wallis Alves, Ric & Jane Marton, and Bee McCarthy,**

We all celebrated **Ed Clarke's** birthday. Just think of all the Cinco de Mayo parties celebrating with him too.

Pat Reid, who lives at The Landings, has already reserved Picnic Point for our May 2018 steak fry. Many thanks to her.

Calendar:

First Friday of the month October to May. Meet at 11:15 am at KJ's in Fort Myers.



TREASURE COAST

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Our June meeting was held at Duffy's South Stuart with 18 members and 3 guests in attendance. President **Al Popek** brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A warm welcome was extended to guests, **Pattie Connell**, a retired United LAX Flight Attendant and **Thomas Odom**. They were introduced by member, **Jim Moorehead**. Both of them have officially joined our group. We welcomed back **David Damon's** son, David, who was visiting his dad.

Hurricane season has once again started. We were surprised so many members were able to attend given the heavy rains we are already having. It was wonderful seeing **Ron Brodis** back with us following his ongoing health issues. **Millie Rossi** was also able to attend again.

Bob Burtis reminded everyone of the anniversary today of D Day and offered a toast.

We discussed the news that United will be flying an 18 hour flight in November that will break a previous record for the longest non-stop flight. First Class is already sold out.

Several of our members will be attending the convention in Las Vegas in September. They are busy making their plans for a much anticipated event.

A vote will be taken via e-mail soon to address the changing of our annual Holiday party in December from an evening event to an afternoon one, running from 12-4 versus 6-10 PM. Please let us know your feelings on this when you receive your e-mail. It will once again be held at The Twisted Tuna.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **David Damon's** son David. Our biggest Progressive ever won was claimed by **Bob Burtis**.

Due to our normal 1st Tuesday of the month meeting falling on the 4th of July, that meeting has been cancelled. **Al Popek** wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

Birthday celebrations in June include **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Ron Brodis** and **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12). Two anniversaries: **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** (6/11) and **Arnie & Dee Lakso** (6/20).

Calendar:

July - No Meeting

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

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

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Wednesday, June 7th, the Atlanta chapter of RUAEA met. **Don Shelley** gave blessings of the meal. **Fred Cron** lead the group of 32 Flyers and friends in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A get well card was tendered by **Frank & Barbara Russey** for **Bill Elk** who is undergoing chemotherapy and is feeling not well.

Fred Cron filled in and spoke of pass travel to Grand Junction, Colorado where he visited his brother. We talked about the RUAEA convention in Las Vegas. Our chapter may have 4 people in attendance. This person lived in Las Vegas for 10 years and the tours planned are great. Which ever way you go, you will see plenty of desert scenery. I would recommend the Hoover dam tour. They are all good.

Our sickness report is **Willie Foles**, one of 2 ATLMM, is not well at all. And his wife **Bobbie** is also not well. **Ron Heider** was told to lay off salt or sodium or he is a likely candidate for dialysis three times a week.

The 50/50 amounting to \$22 was won by **Richard Thompson** who donated his share to the Promised Place. It is a shelter for battered and abused wives. **Jim Blevins** is recovering from bypass surgery and wife, **Sandra** has been battling her Alzheimer's condition.

Don Piatt took care of the Blevins instead of going to the ATL/Tampa reunion. We did not have our list of birthdays or anniversaries, or retirement, so no report to give on that. We will double up next month. Next chapter meeting Wednesday, July 5th, 2 PM At Broadway Diner Fayetteville, Georgia.



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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

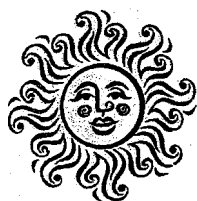
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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Nine of us enjoyed the food at Famous Dave's Barbecue on June 6th. Meeting every other month is working out well, also gathering together at different restaurants. We were ready for a change!

Rick & Shirley Dempsey celebrated their 37th anniversary in Disney World. They had a fabulous time, despite the heat. Following that, they headed to Tampa to meet Rick's two brothers and spouses for a cruise of the Western Caribbean. This was their 3rd Brothers reunion cruise. **Marlene Croghan** enjoyed a visit from her daughter on Mother's Day. **Joe & Joan Varady** went to Cave Creek, Arizona to celebrate Joan's 80th birthday with her family. In June they will go to the Wisconsin Dells to be with Joe's family. "The winter in Garden Valley was horrendous!" (You need to know that they live 50 miles north of Boise.) Ice had to be removed from their roof by men with chain saws! Lastly,

40,000 people are supposed to be in their area for the eclipse! **Bud & Pat Peters** enjoyed a good visit with friends from California (X-UAL pilot & flight attendant).

Others in attendance were **Lois Rodriguez** (Hello from Idaho ~ Come visit!), **Denny Snyder** (Still flying!), and **David & Carol Adams**. We, David and Carol, were on the road recently for many miles (our Subaru outback was much appreciated!)

We found out the 1st of May that David's school in Lexington, Missouri was closing, having opened in 1880. David attended for 7 years (1953-60).

The last year his rank was cadet commander, with 600 cadets. (A wife has bragging rights!). We went for the closing in mid-May. David was hoping to bring back a bust of his close friend, Bill Adams (no relation). It was kept in a glass display case. Bill had won the congressional medal of honor. He was shot down as he was attempting to rescue wounded soldiers in Viet Nam. We returned home, having driven 2900 miles. Four days later we received word that we could finally get the bust of Bill. We drove back to Lexington, picked up the bust, and delivered it to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Craig, Colorado. (Craig was Bill's home town.) We are always so happy when we can get together with Bill's wife Sandra. Her sister and hubby prepared a great meal for us. We will be back soon in Colorado for Bill & Sandra's granddaughter's wedding. Friends are such a gift!

We enjoy reading the articles from different chapters. It's obvious that we are one of the smaller groups. We have lost several members in the past few years, and others we miss because of aging. It happens to the best of us! We always enjoy one another whenever we meet together.

Should you be in our neck of the woods in August, we would love to have you join us. You can reach us at (208) 344-6897 or (208) 867-3153.

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July—I'll say it again this year, like I have every year, half the year is over. Done anything exciting? Earth shattering? Helpful to your fellow man? Yeah, me either ... One of my friend, **Peter Gropp**'s favorite lines is, 'June is over? July!' Think about it. We have the Fourth of July coming up, 241 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Do you have plans afoot for family, fun and fireworks; this is the week to do it. The lazy, crazy days of summer, remember Nat King Cole's song? July also has the Dog Days of summer. Remember, in the Southern Hemisphere, right now, they are freezing off their koalas. July 14th is Senior Citizen's Day. Didn't know we had a day all

to ourselves. On July 27, it's National Sleepy Head Day, all you nappers! We also celebrate National Hot Dog, Ice Cream, and Lasagna Days this month. We can't miss those! These are the days we waited for all winter, and we'll probably stay inside and put the air conditioning on. Hello, get outside! (Not if you have COPD). I have to admit we're damned lucky, we're still here! We've lived through a lot, seen so many changes in life and our world, and hopefully, will live through a lot more, with at least two more generations of US, to be with, and play with. God Bless America! Get out and enjoy those fireworks with your families, and wave that beautiful flag of ours!

A few old-timers returned to the Elly's last month, **Dale & Karen Richman**, and **Bill Bergner**. We also had some newbies come, too! **Bernie Faust** and **Ann Mahoney**, from ORDCS. **Vicky Heuer** brought her best friend, **Marc For-man**. Great to see new, smiling faces at our breakfasts, and they joined in with everyone. When will we see yours? C'mon down, we're a fun group of people. **Virginia Kondraros** is going to Spain next month. **Bob Kalicki** had his cataracts done; now he can really see what's going on. **Joan Teister** flew to PHX to attend a baby shower of an old neighbor. They were shocked that she came out just for a few hours. Heck, that's what airline people do!

The IAM lodge 1487 is having open enrollment for membership. Anybody who was ever in the IAM 1487, is welcomed to join. Whether you went into management, or left the department, as long as you were in lodge 1487, come join us the first Thursday of the month at the Union Hall. **Karen Carney**, the president, welcomes you! There are special luncheons every month and of course the camaraderie of your friends from ORD and EXO.

The UAL RUPA lunch at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin, was well represented with 70 people. We had a lovely buffet lunch overlooking the golf course. Old friends there were **Howard & Marj Nelson**, **Barb Weir**, **Bill & Ceil Myers**, **Claude Nickell**, **Bruce Carey**, **Jim & Mary Jeanne Trosky**, **Bonnie & Gene Ruder**, **Jan & Walt Fink**, (the excellent party planner), and my bestie, **Jim McCusker**. **Ned Ricks** was our guest speaker, telling us of his adventures, or misadventures in Viet Nam. **Bob Helfferich** spoke of his work with the RUPF, the Retired United Pilots Foundation. They help the families that need a little extra help after the death of the pilot. The flyboys had a great time reminiscing and talking of retirement. Most pilots said they'd still rather be flying because they had so much fun.

Our Southsider's breakfast also welcomed back an old-timer we haven't seen in ages, **Bob Irwin**. He's been through a lot in the last year, a heart bypass last June, and hip surgery in September. It was so good to see him again, cane and all! **Gwen & Bill Brookins** went to Potawatomi with their Senior Club, hoping they'd win big. All Bill won was cash in our raffle, along with **Bill Brookins**, **Perry Pahl**, twice, and **Bill Corbett**.

Our fellow retired friends that left us this month, **Cheryl Miller**, CHIRR, **Maureen Harte**, EXOVY, wife of **James**, **David Ogburn**, EXOWH, husband of **Elizabeth**, EXOAC, **Bill Frenk**, ORDCS, **John McFadden**, and **Lois Cwick**, ORDF, **Jim Barry**, ORDCG, **Mitch Russo**, OR-

DOO and OPBVV, and from ORDMM, **Dick Rugg** and **Harry Bielewicz**. Also gone from our world are, Powers Booth, Greg Allman, Manuel Noriega, Michael Parks, Chris Cornell, Roger Ailes, Dina Merrill, Sir Roger Moore, Jared Martin, Zbigniew Brzezinski, sports figures, Jim Bunning, Dan Rooney, Jack McCloskey, Jim Piersall, and Frank De-ford. Also the 22 innocents killed in Manchester, England, and the eight in London.

Checkout my report on the Northwest Loonies trip a few pages down.

By July 1, our transcontinental flights will add enhancements to our service that will match our international flights. Customers, and us, will enjoy a flat-bed seat plus improved food and beverage offerings inspired by the United Polaris dining as well as deluxe amenities. Beginning July 1, Economy Plus fliers will also enjoy a coastal-city-inspired menu, at no charge. Customers will enjoy a hot entrée, dessert, a pre-arrival snack and alcoholic beverages. And, let's not forget those hot towels! These changes are to and from NYC/LAX, NYC/SFO, and BOS/SFO. Might be a nice flight for us to try out, just for kicks, we might even get Economy Plus!

I must make a correction on the obits from last month. I listed **John Gill** as an employee that passed away. John was not an employee, he was a litigation attorney. His wife, **Jean**, EXOOU, worked here. I was thinking of a different John Gill, and read my notice incorrectly. My apologies to his family and you for any confusion.

Also, a note, I have resigned my position as the Midwest Director of RUAEA, because of personal reasons. If anybody is interested in this really fun job, please contact **Hank Gosselin**, at (253) 939-4362. I really hate having to resign, but sometimes we just have to do what we have to do. I will still be the Chicago Correspondent for the RUAEA Newsletter.

Another quote from **Peter Gropp**, which I love, 'The older I get, the better I was'.

Have a great summer, enjoy your 4th of July! And, Senior Day!

Calendar:

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

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

IAM Lodge 1487 Luncheon, Lodge Office, 11:00, 50 W. Oakton St., DesPlaines, (**July 6**). First Thursday of the month

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



INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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On May 9, our Indy Racers met at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, Indiana. After a time of fellowship, **Tony Urbanovic** provided the group with information on Pass Travel.

June's gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th and will also be held at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon. Lunch begins at 12:30.

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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The Nor'Easters June meeting was held at Isaac's Waterfront Restaurant in Plymouth, MA, with twenty five members present. Several members not seen in some time, **Bob & Jean Lincoln**, **Barbara & Robert McFarland** and **Jim & Kathy Murray**. Also, **Irene (BOSCS) & Bob Kimball** joined our group this day. Isaac's food was great as always, and despite a dreary rainy day, all enjoyed. The 50/50s were won by **Kathleen Murray** and **Lew Shakley**. Free lunches were won by **Fred Parks** and our winningest member, **Elaine Vanderwal**. **Frank DeStefano** couldn't attend at the last minute, so **Janet** brought his lunch to him.

Meeting info provided to me by President Carleen and VP Sarah. There wasn't a Progressive drawing, as your truly, with the name chits, wasn't at the meeting. Next meeting's Progressive will be \$30. Be there to win.

I had just returned from a two week trip to Italy and Sicily. That six hour time difference hasn't straightened itself out yet. We did get United business class crossing the pond both ways. Great service, one could get spoiled!

Our own **Lynn O'Hara** went off hiking again in May. Another 600 mile trip, the Camino Del Norte in Spain. This time she traveled the northern border, a little harder than the coastal route, her last trip. As of this writing, she had walked 300 miles in 17 days and says her feet hurt! She'll leave me in the dust, for sure!

July's birthdays ~ **Elizabeth Palmer**, **Joan Twing** and **Paul Ward**.

July's anniversaries ~ **Ron & Joyce Heiseler** (59 years), **Donald & Kathy Latter** (22), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (51) and **Elizabeth & Joseph Palmer** (50).

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down".

Calendar:

September 5 - To be announced

December 5 - Christmas Party, location, yet unknown

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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Happy 22nd Birthday, Escapees! DTWRR retiree group was founded on June 17, 1995 by **Marie Cook**. I found the original newsletter that Marie published after the first meeting. Seventeen attended the luncheon located at the City Tavern in Dearborn. She wrote: "*A fun time was enjoyed by Agatha, Barb, Carol, Dee, Marge, 3 Maries, Max, Rhea, Rose, Sally, 2 Sharons and a Suzi*". No last names. Think most of us old timers can guess who attended. It must have been fun. It has continued for 22 years all thanks to Marie.

We received the sad news that **Deborah Palmer** passed away a couple of weeks ago. We have no further information.

Our June luncheon was cancelled.

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May's meeting/luncheon included some of our snowbird friends who only get back "home" to MN in the summer when it's too bloody hot where they've chosen to live now. We're always glad to see **Randy & Georgia Cirksema** and **Lenny & Ginny Tousignant**. This month, **Donna Krogman** brought her daughter **Katie** to brighten up the place and we hadn't seen the Caflisch's (our honorary Lites) in awhile.

I'll get the bad news out of the way first:

- **Ray & Yvonne Thorson** are weathering some health issues which prevent them from joining us for lunch; they could use some prayers.
- **Al & Mary Kilian** were among the missing this time; Mary hadn't been doing too well but hopefully they'll be able to be with us next time.
- **Joann Eichacker** fell & broke her noggin ... er,

hip on the 31st of May; had surgery which reportedly went well, so we're cheering for her to be her sassy self again soon.

Lee Storlie told us a bit about his trip to CA to visit our old buddy, **Jim Simon**. Those two hang out every now and again, taking road trips and seeing new places. Lee said he had good luck getting out and back on a pass this time. Whenever he passes through MSP, he makes a stop at the Red Carpet Club to visit with whoever happens to be working at the time. He later got a call from the manager offering him a part time job as a bartender! Couldn't be because of Lee's gift of gab, could it? He said thanks, but no, thanks.

Lenny "Toots" & Ginny Tousignant announced that they're great-grandparents. Heck, none of us are old enough to be great-grands! That must have been a senior moment.

Our hometown airline, Sun Country, is one of aviation's successes. They started years ago when Braniff and the original Frontier went belly-up; some of their people started SC and struggled over the years but eventually became a first-class operation. Recently they announced that in honor of their home state of Minnesota, they're naming their planes after Minnesota lakes. Isn't that cool?

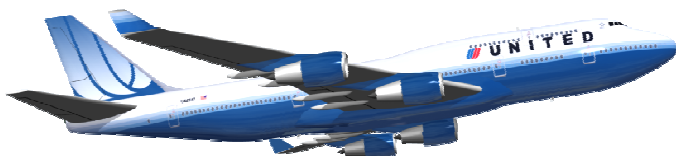
Dave & Janet Wiley took a cruise through the Panama Canal. Dave said the engineering that was required to build the Canal was amazing. He said it was the best trip he's ever taken.

There were three May birthdays amongst those attending, so they had to roll the dice to see who got the prize. **Katie Krogman** won the toss! (I always like it when a first-timer wins.)

The Northwoods Loonies' event in Oshkosh, WI was a resounding success. **Jan Gawenda**, Midwest Director & correspondent for the Chicago chapters hosted the Loonies spring fling. Great job! Everyone enjoyed the EAA museum (experimental aircraft) because of all the planes and wonderful artifacts and displays, but our docent who conducted the tour was terrific. He made the tour most enjoyable. We toured the Opera House, a wonderfully restored venue from the late 1800's which is in use today for plays, receptions, weddings, etc. The manager and his sidekick did a great job of the history of the building & was eminently patient with the questions, questions, questions.

As usual, the visiting with friends is the main event of every Loonies gathering. Those who haven't experienced some of the meetings we've had over the years have missed out on some amazing things that are being done by mostly small companies in the upper Midwest where the events take place. But mostly, you've missed out on knowing some really great people.

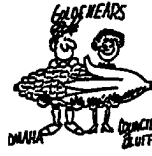
Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd), then right to Perkins.



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On May 2, we gathered at Elmwood Tower for a wonderful lunch and great community. It was hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk** and **Mel Harrison**. It's a wonderful place to gather and a popular one for the group. Thirty seven of us attended and we were happy to see some of those who we haven't seen for a while.

Van Vanhouten joined us, he will soon turn 97. We also had one new attendee, **Vicky Henkelman** came for the first time. She has worked for United in Denver and Omaha for 26 years, she is a welcome addition to our chapter. We were also happy to see **Dick Chizek** and **Elaine Carlson**. It's been a while for both. We were greatly entertained by Judy who read an old newsletter from 20 years ago. It was written by **Joe Edwards**, a former secretary for many years and included health news of several of our current members and humorous anecdotes. The cost of their lunch then was not greatly different that it is now. The winners of the 50/25/25 were **Myrtis Olds** and **Larry Nollette**, each received \$23.

Marge Edwards had a call from **Sydney Greenstreet**. He lives in Meridian, Idaho near his daughter and is now 100 years old. She says he's a fun person to talk to with a great sense of humor. We also learned that **Rose Langan** has had knee surgery as has **Toddy Manson**. Both are doing well and we hope to see each of you at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be the pot luck picnic at Cooper Farm, 8502 Mormon Bridge Road, Omaha on June 6, hosted by **Toddy Manson** and **Keith Cornish** and will be reported next month.

Change of address: **Helen Taylor**, Skyline Retirement community, 7300 Graceland Drive, Apt. 608A, Omaha, NE 68134, (402) 453-2186. The telephone remains the same. **Vicky Henkelman**, 7832 S. 162nd Street, Omaha, NE 68136, (402) 960-5904. Please make changes to your address list.

June birthdays ~ **Jim Sophir** (14), **Rita Purkapile** (16), and **Jim Braden** (29).

Calendar:

July 11 - Pizza Ranch, 3010 South 84th St., Omaha, hosted by **Marge Edwards**

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

September 6 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Keith & Jan Cornish**



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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill with 43 members in attendance. Our Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** opened the meeting; Chris also mentioned that we are in need of someone to come forward and take on the position of Silverliners President. We are hoping that someone will step up and take the position soon.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, our Sun Shine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Birthday and Anniversary List of our members; she also reported that our former Vice President **George Fox** was in the hospital fighting high blood pressure. **Arlene McCroy's** husband **Jim** is in the hospital suffering from a long illness he has been fighting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and the family.

Our Treasurer **Jeanie Rolland** gave the financial report to our members, it was well received and accepted.

Next, RUAEA Vice President of Conventions **John Zoboli** briefly touched on where we are in the process and he was ready to answer questions after the Luncheon which he did.

Secretary **Don Rutkowski** talked a little about **Georgia's** & his trip through the Panama Canal. He also is the Head Chair contact for the Silverliners Las Vegas Convention and he asked that all Convention Volunteers remain after the Luncheon for a photo session. Our member **Alex Klaus** agreed to take photos for the RUAEA Newsletter of all volunteers and committee chairs, so with the help of his wife **Margie**, he accomplished the task.

Raffle Chair Person **Georgia Rutkowski** wants to give a big thank to **Mary Chandler** for covering and getting the raffle done while she was on her cruise.

Prior to closing the meeting, we had our 50/50 raffle plus we raffled off gifts donated by members of the Silverliners. We closed the meeting and wished all well and to be safe. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on August 10, our next luncheon meeting.

I want to take this time to thank all the convention Volunteers, **Arlene McCroy** for the entertainment, **Christine Earl** for setting up the tours, **Lee Price** for the table center pieces and snacks for Convention attendants. Plus, the ones I have not mentioned that have assisted and support all of us through this process; the Silverliners could not deliver a first-class Convention without their help. Thank You All!

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with

one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 15 members and 1 guest, **Camille Christison**, companion to **Maurine Williams**, at our May meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle** and **Geri Boutz**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by birthday girl – **Bonnie Royle**.

Master Baker **Bill Perkins** brought a lemon cheesecake to share. It was **so good!** Even the wait staff that handles our group looks forward to extras each time he brings something in!

Our next meeting will be June 12 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St. at 11:30 a.m.

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Our meeting opened up with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Cornell Maribel's** wife who passed away, and for **Jeff Bare** of EWR ramp service for his passing. We were also notified, that **Anna McKenna**, had fallen and is back home recuperating. We don't have to say it, but we wish her a speedy recovery.

In honor of Memorial Day, all our members who are veterans brought in mementos to be photographed. If at all possible, I will send this photo on for later publication. **Kathy Deily** won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains on June 28 at 12 PM sharp.

"Those who give with no interest, are sure to be blessed, those who do good deeds have a pathway to happiness".
From the great prophet Leroy.

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On a sunny day, 26 of us met at the Davenport Press Restaurant. **Lillian Cohen** and **Harold Koch** will be celebrating June birthdays.

Congratulations to **Nick Manfredo**, **John Koch** and **Evelyn Schroeder** for winning our 50/50.

Mike Schroeder had a tooth pulled - dentist kept it. **Emma Milozzo** - at same dentist - had an implant. She now speaks with a German accent.

Thank you Paul for the Kedem Tea Biscuits.
Happy Summer to all!

Calendar:

July 5 - Meeting at Davenport Press
August 2 - picnic \$15 - Wantagh Park

NORTHWOODS

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The Northwood Loonies met in the beautiful town of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for three glorious days, May 16-19. Nineteen retirees from three states met and had a ball. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, more fun than to reconnect with friends from different cities and jobs, with one thing in common. We worked for the greatest airline, in the glory days, and we won't forget it either. We genuinely like each other and could talk forever about our families, jobs and now, our ailments. But that's another story, and we don't dwell on that!

The Illinois people that traveled North were **Helen Cauwels**, **Jerry & Linda Cilona**, **Mike Pasquerelli**, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, **Pam Boydston**, **Ginny Vlach**, and me, Jan; and others that used to work in Chicago, but have moved. They include, **Bob & Carol Faust**, from Denver; **Clyde Johnson**, from Michigan; **Rich & Connie Glattly**, from Minnesota; **Bud & Jo Ayers**, from Wisconsin, and **Charlene & John Roberts**, from Wisconsin. We were honored to have our RUAEA president and his lovely wife, **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, join us from Denver. Virgil always had interesting things to share with us.

We met on Tuesday, went to Roxy's Restaurant, and enjoyed their German Night menu. Food was delicious, German beer flowed freely. They put us in a private room, they knew we'd get raucous and noisy, and we did! (Not me of course ...) We met back at the Best Western Hotel,

which was very gracious to the Loonies, by the way. We had a large meeting room and were able to have our snacks and drinks there until we started to fall asleep.

On Wednesday, we started the day at their Ground Round Restaurant, with their ample Senior Breakfast. Then onto the Experimental Airplane Association building (EAA). We had a very thorough tour with Leon, our guide, who just happened to be an aeronautical historian. Leon was able to give extra facts of history that others might not know. Afterward, we were able to discover more on our own and go to lunch. Some walked around the city, enjoyed homemade ice cream, and other points of interest. Some of us took a ride out of town and saw M. Schettl Sales. What a fascinating place. There were three buildings, one that had cabinets and countertops for bathroom and kitchen. Another with interior things, like windows, hardware, siding, doors, boats, toilets, and furniture. The third building which was the most astounding, had lamps, furniture, plumbing accessories, shampoo, cream, dolls, statues, jewelry, food, yard and garden supplies, diapers, beds, and comforters. If you can't find what you're looking for in here, you don't need it! We walked around in disbelief with our mouths opened, but smiling. Look them up on the internet, there are pictures, you won't believe it. A quick trip home and out for dinner and drinks at Wendt's, for delicious fish and chops. We could look out the window and see Lake Okeechobee, and the beautiful blue sky. Back to the hotel for more talk and laughter.

On Thursday, after our breakfast, we were off to the Oshkosh Grand Opera House. What a beautiful place, built in 1883. Our guide, David was the manager, and after a thorough history of the House, including the stories of ghosts, he took us around. We saw the stage, with the lighting and audio systems, and different curtain backdrops. Then down to the basement to see the dressing and makeup rooms, props, and various rooms. The hallways were very narrow. Don't know how the Victorian dresses or chubby ghosts got through there. Upstairs they built a bar area, where you can sit and enjoy your drink during intermission or after the show was over. What a great idea, you don't have to leave and go somewhere else, just stay, have snacks and a drink. Karl was our bartender, willing to make all sort of exotic drinks for us, but since it was only 11:00 A.M., we just drank in the beauty of the Opera House. A lot of us ended up at Rhapsodies for lunch and homemade ice cream. Our dinner that evening was at Becket's, on the Fox River, a beautiful place with great food. Again, they put us in a private room, totally glass enclosed. We were subdued that night, no drunken episodes. We drove back to the EAA to hear a UAL pilot speaking about the 90th anniversary of the Lindbergh flight in the Spirit of St. Louis from EWR to Paris. Unfortunately, he was sick and unable to attend. Back to the hotel for more snacks, drinks, and lively conversation. Nothing stops us from talking about the good old days, and about some of the people that couldn't make this trip. We missed them very much.

Friday, we had our last spectacular breakfast, said goodbye to our friends with lots of hugs and hopes that we would see each other again soon. Our next Loonies trip is unde-

cided. Someone will have to step up and offer to plan the trip. As with all groups and organizations these days, our Loonies group is getting smaller, mostly because of illness and aging. We can't rely on the same four people to plan our excursions. So, until somebody steps up and offers to host a trip to somewhere, we will wait to hear of our next nomadic trip, and keep in touch with email.

Thank you again to all who attended and kept us laughing and talking. What ailments? Don't have them when we're together. Thank you, United, for letting us meet these fascinating people during and after our working years.

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We went back to Tavolo72 located in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights. We thanked our hostess, **Barb Vauls**, with a big round of applause for all she has done. President **Dolly Taucher** opened our meeting with information on the passing of **George Kuretz** on April 7th. We had received a "Thank You" card from his daughter Kim Reddy and Family, which expressed how important the Ohio Buckeyes were to both George and Mary Lou (spouse, who passed away last year on April 20th). Dolly also announced the "Celebration of Life" for **Dan Bracken**. Prayers were requested for **all** members as everyone is dealing with some sort of problem. Dolly began the saying of "Grace" with everyone joining in. Everyone enjoyed the dinner which was exceptional as usual.

We had 70 members in attendance. After dinner, **Dave Placko** conducted the 50/50 Raffle. Unlike last year, this year the gentlemen ruled with **Ed Allen**, **Richard Mullen**, and **Bob Alexander** being the happy winners.

Dolly then announce that we have 3 new members. Two of whom were present and introduced, **Sue Broderick** and **Linda Klemencic**, who received a warm "Welcome". The third new member is **Dave Pfaff**. Dave lives in Colorado, but his wife felt that he also should join our chapter.

May Birthdays ~ **John Kercel**, **Peggy King**, **Ed McCarthy**, **George Oncu**, and **John Taucher**.

May Wedding Anniversaries ~ **Gerald & Peggy King** (25 years); **Dave & Marie Placko** (56 years); **Jack & Kay Preston** (57 years); and **John & Dolly Taucher** (54 years).

Nancy Oncu reminded everyone that for September we have booked the "Nautica Queen" for a cruise of our lake front. If you want to go on the cruise, send your reservation and money in now. Once the ship is full, we cannot fit you in.

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**. Non-Members are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person + a dish for 8 to 10 people. We normally have 100+ in attendance (some from out-of-town).

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We enjoyed mingling with 62 members at our May luncheon. After lunch, we spent most of the meeting discussing how best to bring new members into our group. A variety of suggestions were made, which included being sure to invite new members in our newsletter article.

We do hope that anyone in the Portland/Vancouver area will come join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of 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 many our local chapters. We love to meet new folks. Please join us if you are in the area.

Unfortunately, we need to report the death of **William LeRoy "Bill" Keys**. He passed away on April 12th, 2017. Bill was married to **Aldean "Pat" Keys**, PDXHH. A memorial was held on June 4th.

Following is the info on retired PDXCS employee **Bobbie Bills** Internment (his death was reported in an earlier newsletter): **Bobbie Bills** internment will be at Willamette National Cemetery on Monday June 12, 2017. If you plan to attend, please meet at the staging area at 1230 hours to be lead to the service pavilion where service will be at 1300 hours. Join us for a Memorial Reception (1400hours) at Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda Street, Portland, Oregon 97213. Enter Youngson Hall through the basement entrance on 58th Street.

Anniversaries ~ **John & Anita Donaldson** (58 years), **Ed & Sue Rommel** (57 years), **Marilyn & Bob Woods** (24 years), **Ken & Marcy Von Huson** (54 years).

Birthdays ~ **Carol DeFord**, **Anna Miller** (82); **Anita Uhl**, **John Donaldson** (80); **Margaret Borbley** (76); **Harvey Larkin** (88); **Dennis Scheuerell** (75) and **Tom Hotchkin** (72).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Carol Howe**, Men's Birthday - **Tom Hotchkin**, Women's Birthday - **Margaret Borbley**, 50/50 - **Patsy Ogden**.

Calendar:

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

June 14 – Social

July 12 – Our annual indoor picnic

August 9 – Social

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Our meetings for the year are over. We want improved attendance in the fall. We had 2 deaths of our members last month. Our condolences to the families of **Jack O'Conner** and **Don Wray**. They both suffered from Alzheimer's.

Would the member who called me about the death of **Carol Rose** please call me again or email. Please leave your phone number slowly and distinctly as I could not make it out and kept getting a wrong number.

Remember our sick list. **Al & Kathy Edwards, Frank Egges, Jim & Barbara Fanto.**

Have a safe and healthy summer.

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We wish that June brings you sunshine, smiles, and warmth of Heart! Here in Pittsburgh, we are playing for the right to raise the "Lord Stanley Cup" as 2017 National Hockey League Champions! If we do win, it will be the first time a team has won consecutive hockey championships two years in a row since 1999, when Detroit did the feat. Pittsburgh is playing against Nashville (Tennessee) who is a good opponent, fast, young, and hungry, in their first attempt to win the Stanley Cup! Go Pens!

We were sorry to hear that **Kenneth Wolfe**, Customer Service agent, Pittsburgh, passed away at the age of 78 on May 15, 2017. Ken was married to **Jean** for 57 years and they had eight children, eighteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Ken was very active in RUAEA and was Past President of the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers. Our deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and family and he will be sadly missed.

We also heard that **Harry Bielewicz**, passed away on May 28, 2017, at a young age of 86. He was predeceased by his wife **Clara**. Harry served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and was member of Polish Falcon's and Local 1044 IAMAW and retired from United Airlines with 41 years of service as a mechanic in Pittsburgh. He had three sisters and two brothers, and one of his sons is a priest, Father Harry R Bielewicz, Jr., in Butler PA. Harry had a Christian Burial with full Military Honors and his son officiating the event, he will be sadly missed by all.

Joseph Scafoglio, former Supervisor, Customer Service in Pittsburgh was ill with pneumonia, he is coming along much better. Wishing you well Joe, I hear that warm red

wine helps cure pneumonia! So grab a glass and bottoms up! Get well wishes can be sent to 8890 E. Carol Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

Pittsburgh RUAEA Advisor, **Joann (Jeri) Juth** had a very happy surprise when St. Joseph's Villa had entertainment for the residents with piano music and songs for the Holidays! Little did she know it was a very pleasant surprise, a prior Pittsburgh United Airlines, Customer Service Agent, **Gene Testa**, who worked with her at United! Some may remember that he also entertained the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh! He was a great hit and was very much enjoyed by all! I understand that Gene has been entertaining at St. Joseph's Villa, Baden, PA for their summer picnic and light-up for Christmas. If any RUAEA member or association is looking for an evening with Gene, you can reach him on his phone (724) 375-5583 or email Testagene@hotmail.com.

Wishing all of our RUAEA friends a safe, happy, and peaceful summer and enjoy each day!

Joann Juth and **Treatie Karwoski** are coming along; they give love and peace to all of their RUAEA friends too!

We are looking forward to our Spring Luncheon on June 15 at J.W. Hall's Restaurant!

July Birthdays ~ **Paul Musko** (11th), **Bill Redfern** (25th), **Gwen Detwiller** (13th), and **Bill Chicots** (3rd).

July Anniversary ~ **Paul & Betty Musko** – (4th).

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As the old saying goes, "no news is good news". On May 16th, only thirteen members were able to attend the Cumberland Playhouse and luncheon. The members attending agreed not to have a meeting. So I have no news to report. No one is ill that I know of. And our June Breakfast event is just a week away from my deadline to report any news to the RUAEA newsletter.

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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President **Ken Storey** conducted the May 9 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, at our regular meeting place of Angelo's Ristorante in Burien, Washington, near SeaTac Airport. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ken regaled the group with the type of jokes and stories we all receive in Internet forwards.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** presented her always-perfect report with copies placed at each table for the convenience of members. She noted that we now have about 120 paid members and reminded the group that her stint as treasurer will end with the November meeting and that we still need a volunteer to fill the position. **Hank Gosselin** brought news from Oscar Munoz's meetings with retiree representatives and reminded the group of the RUAEA National Convention in Las Vegas in September.

With May's being the last meeting until fall, **Ken Storey** gave details of the July 11 catered picnic to be held at the Lake Burien waterfront home of a friend. Cost is \$20 per person, and **Virginia Dice** will take reservations for the event, which requires an earlier-than-usual RSVP. The meal will feature barbecued ribs and chicken, as well as rolls and a veggie tray. Water and soft drinks will be furnished, but anyone desiring beer or wine is expected to provide his/her own. **Vicki Shumaker**, editor of our local newsletter *Contrails*, has agreed to produce an abbreviated version of the chapter newsletter, giving picnic details.

Bonnie Frey, in charge of ordering name badges for chapter members who did not receive them years earlier, thanked **Ed Liesse** for providing a source for the engraving project, which will feature plastic badges in the shape of the State of Washington at a lower price than Bonnie had found from other companies. Ed and Gay have dealt with a Seattle group for years in preparing an annual award for a local model railroad group.

Ken welcomed several members who have returned to the Puget Sound area for the summer. Among the snow birds were RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin**, **Carol Lucarelli**, and **Shirley Claggett**.

Editor of our local chapter newsletter *Contrails*, **Vicki Shumaker** and her husband also were back in town and attended as guests. We appreciate Vicki's commitment to publishing the newsletter and her continuing as editor even after moving away from our area. Having no real connection to UAL, Vicki has been a long-time friend and neighbor of our Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**.

Lily Kodama also was on hand to end the regular season of meetings. Lily has been instrumental in presenting the plight of local Japanese families, who faced hardship and relocation during World War II. She has been featured in the press for her commitment.

Another committed Slicker is **Otto Wieland**, former chef with United Airlines. Being familiar with the ins and outs of airport food for many years, Otto has spent four years volunteering to collect fresh-but-usable leftover food from airport restaurants for distribution to a local food bank. Otto recently was featured on a local afternoon TV show as part of a story on the food rescue project. Thanks to **Addy Hafferbecker** for recognizing Otto and alerting your correspondent, who quickly found the news video online.

Bob Howard, who for years organized an annual golf tournament for local retirees and friends, has decided to skip this year. An aging population and complicated schedules have made the event almost impossible and it seemed the time was right to give it up.

Forty-eight attendees necessitated adding extra tables, and we always appreciate the willingness of restaurant staff to accommodate last minute changes, though it would be easier if everyone followed the rules and made reservations for lunch.

Phyllis Bowman recognized everyone celebrating birthdays or anniversaries during May through August when the chapter won't be meeting – a long list! **Bob Brumfield** helped Phyllis distribute door prizes. **Tony Morella** was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 prize. **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** gathered up leftovers from the "library" table to deliver them to appropriate venues.

Just a week out from a total knee replacement, **Gay Liesse** shared war stories with **Mary Ann Andersen** (knee) and **Jim Small** (hip).

We've received news from her son that 95-year-old **Phyllis Mitchell** (SEAAH) suffered a fall last April, fracturing her elbow and pelvis. After leaving the hospital and beginning rehab, Phyllis suffered complications and a stroke, affecting her vision. Prayers are offered for Phyllis and her family.

Emerald City Slickers have embarked on a business-free summer with no regular meetings until September. Members look forward to their first summer picnic in several years and thank **Ken & Judy Storey** for organizing the event.

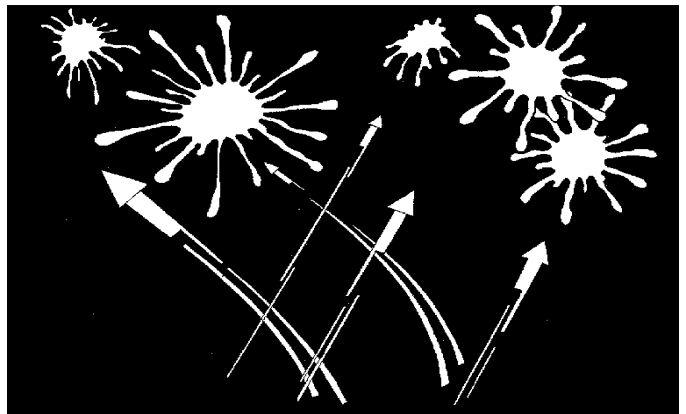
Calendar:

June, July, August – No regular meetings

July 11 – Summer picnic

September 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

October 10 – Lunch Meeting, Angelo's





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Summer has arrived (okay June 21 to be legal), everyone is busy after a long cold/wet spring!

Gary and I have been gone the past six weeks, and we are leaving again in two weeks; summer RV'ing visits with family and friends.

The Lilac Flyers have not met; maybe we can encourage (coerce) one of our members to host a meeting!

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Loungers are ready for our annual "picnic" luncheon. For the 3rd year in a row, we are holding it at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane. Attached is a photo from last year's event. This year we will be celebrating all of the members' birthdays which occur during the months of June, July, and August. There will be a very large birthday cake for the party and each celebrant will receive a souvenir birthday glass. The chapter will also be honoring **Cathy Gilbert-Silva, Judy Dunlap, Kerrie Schneider, Linda Scriven, Ina Ayres, Bob O'Roark, Mary Beth Collins, Cheryl MacDonald, and Gunn Chencinski** for their devoted service during the year. They will each receive a gift certificate and our thanks.

We will have no meetings in July or August. We are already planning our month of September, though. On Wednesday, September 13, we will resume our monthly luncheons at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. They will

be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On September 24th, The Dulles Loungers will attend our 3rd annual Flying Circus event in Bealeton, VA. We will have a potluck lunch under an open-air tent and then watch the most skilled of pilots do tricks and maneuvers. Each year we set up many tables for our members to display all of their United memorabilia. The major contributor is always our chapter historian, **Bob O'Roark**. If you would like to join us, please let me know. We are always happy to welcome our fellow airliners.

Until next time, fly and be safe.

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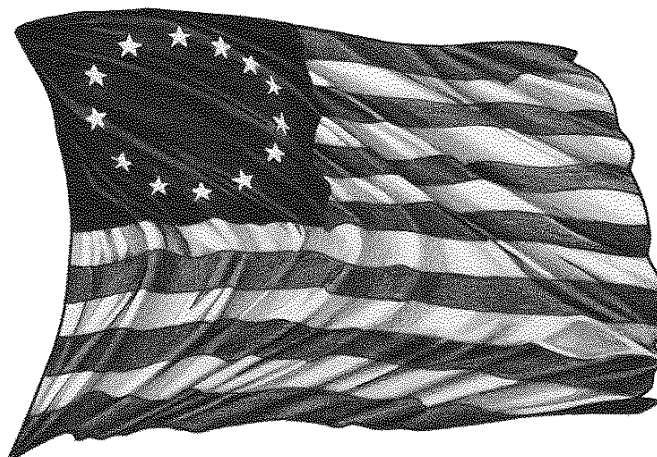
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Summertime – aaaahh! Hope you're reading this while barefoot and in a place you really enjoy! Or if you've decided to travel hope you have no problem making your connection. If you happen to be making that connection in ORD we'd like you to know that Clipped Wings has a very special ORD Chapter whose members always make their connections. They do this by helping to make a difference in the lives of the developmentally disabled adults at Little City (formerly Countryside). This dynamic chapter has been very busy preparing and hosting their 16th (wow!) Annual Clipped Wings Golf Outing. They've used their funds from the past few years to purchase a new van which was needed to transport the Little City clients. Another absolutely amazing fact is that this is the second van that they have purchased for Little City!

This is just one example of the ways our Clipped Wings Chapters are reaching out and making connections with others in many different creative ways. If you are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member you can contact us for information about a chapter in your area at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We offer the pleasure of continuing friendships and the opportunity to volunteer and help people in need. Wishing you blue skies.

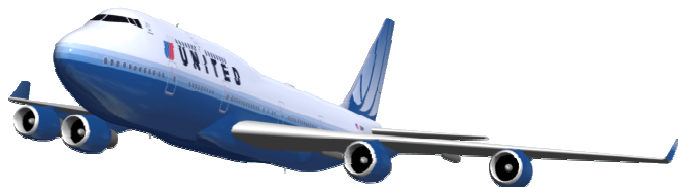


NEW MEMBERS

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 **May 2017**:

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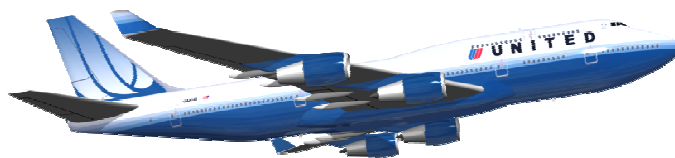
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- 5) Address

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

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- Retiree – **Gawenda, Eugene L.**, on 4/19/2017, LAXFO, husband of Florence Gawenda, LAXCS (Deceased), 3915 Via Nivel, Palos Verdes E., CA 90274
- Retiree – **Harte, Maureen K.**, on 3/21/2017, EXOVY, wife of James Harte, 7409 Cambridge Dr., Crestwood, KY 40014
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- Retiree – **McFadden, John M. (Mitch)**, on 5/9/2017, ORDF, husband of Lolita nee Bourgeois and Norma nee Brockman – both deceased, 1246 S. Mitchell, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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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.

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

Ronald Bergquist, Jean Cali, Charlotte Flagg, Barrie Hooley, Louis C. Kelly Jr., Ray Klapatauskas, Patricia Langhart, Kenneth Lee, Bill Lowry, Joan Palumbo, Frank Whitecotton.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romanza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Thanks for everything you do for us. You are such a good advocate for the forgotten retirees. Keep up the good work of keeping us informed of all the current changes and planned flight information. I really look forward to the doings of all the old people.

Keep the news flowing and hopefully I will see you at convention.

Robert England, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

It seems like yesterday that we were starting out with our beautiful fleet of DC 3's at SFO. It is now time for renewal, wow! Where did last year go?

United's current leadership takes time to consider how we have managed to come this far.

As I recall, we under Pat Patterson, set out to provide the finest, most reliable and friendliest service in the land. We achieved all of that and even enjoyed doing it. I don't believe that air travel had come to its present state; from "Getting there is half the fun" to "Flying is such a drag!"

A hearty thanks to our volunteers at RUAEA and a "Hi" to all of my friends from 45 years at good old UAL's SFOMB.

Helene MacPherson, 1608 Howard Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010

Thank you for allowing me to be a member of RUAEA, so I can keep up with all the changes with UAL. The e-mail addresses and phone numbers are needed for information.

Cathy Gilbert-Silva, PO Box 77, Delaplane, VA 20144

Enclosed is a check to cover my dues and a little extra to use as needed. As the VPM (Versatile Principal Minion) for the Dulles Loungers and now Editor of our Newsletter filling the shoes of our much loved Kerrie Schneider, I know that there are always extra expenses.

Thank you for all you do for our Retiree group. There are always the few who do the work for many and your efforts are tremendous.

I'd like to share advanced notice of our third annual Dulles Loungers event on Sunday, September 24th, 2017, at The Flying Circus at Bealeton, VA complete with biplanes, wing-walkers, the Red Baron and featuring many of our own. We also bring a "museum" of UA/Capital history. Bob O'Roark, our official Historian shares his impressive collection along with many of our members. (<http://www.baesel.net/cap1.htm>). I hope others will join us for this fun filled day. Some details are below. Here is the link to The Flying Circus <http://www.flyingcircusairshow.com/> with schedules, rules, fees, directions & cancellation info. We qualify for group rates paid at the entry gate to the Flying Circus. We'll be undercover at the Pavilion. The event is a *potluck* with Dulles Loungers organization providing the main course/beverages (lemonade, ice tea, water). Attendees provide appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. Our pricing is the same as the entry fees for The Flying Circus. If you are unable to bring a potluck item: (\$10 for 12 yrs. & up, \$7 for 6 to 12, FREE for 5 & under). If you bring a potluck item, the fee is \$5 for ages 6 to adult, 5 & under still FREE. This event is family friendly and with a few ruts in the field around us, it is also wheelchair friendly. We suggest *no pets* because of the airplane noise. Interested? Email me if you have questions or if you want me to send you the flyer for the event once it is prepared. cigilbertsilva@gmail.com

Again, thank you RUAEA!

Irma K Weber, 4224 Tyson St., Gilbert, AZ 85295

I have a new address.

It was hard leaving my "beloved" mountain home in Pine/Strawberry, AZ. But due to the death of my companion of 4½ years, I felt it was better to be closer to my family in the Phoenix area.

I try to remind everyone to enjoy each day with your loved one. After losing my husband (Augie) 9 years ago and now losing my companion (Jim); it is a constant reminder to cherish each moment you have together.

I would appreciate this to be in the Letters of the Newsletter. I enjoy keeping in touch with my UAL friends.

Mickey Wehman, 3440 Monte Carlo Ave., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

Thanking you for the reminder.

A big Hello to all who work so hard for us.

It was the Best Years of my Life 1963-1996. Good memories, good friends and a Great company to work for! Thanks for the memories.

Notes

Oscar Aguilar

I am very pleased to say, I am retired in Mesa, Arizona. I worked for United Airlines in the Bay Area S.F., CA for 36 years and now am a member of RUAEA in Mesa, AZ.

Carolyn Alva

I wish to thank all the members of the RUAEA committee for all their work and continued dedication to keeping us all informed.

Lewis Fontana

Retired after 23 years of service at United #39's Flight Center as a member of the Flight Simulator Maintenance & Engineering staff.

Gerald Brazeau

I retired in 2002, after 43 years at ORD, and now, my wife, Vera, and I live in Frisco, Texas. Our daughter, her husband and 3 children live ten minutes away, so we keep busy spoiling the grandchildren! We travel back to the Chicago area often to see friends, family and grandchildren, as well as Sarasota, Florida. I loved working at United and enjoy the newsletters very much. Thank you!



Mary Cronin

George died April 2nd, 2007. I would like to pay annual dues for returning member.

Mark Bushnell

I've just retired from United Airlines on May 1, 2017, having started with Continental Airlines in June, 1989.

Deborah Runeon

Just turning 70 this year and still working at my second career (Marriage and Family Therapist). Thanks for providing the connection to and information about UAL.

Suzanne Hughes

Recently purchased a small RV. We plan on doing some travel visiting the western National Parks over the coming years.

Eleanor Hughes

In spite of what I had heard, I have been flying standby to visit children around the country with little trouble. I'm learning all the time. There are discount UAL tickets if needed but, unfortunately, widows cannot be a part of ID90. In any case, patience is the secret.

Betty Tomaino

My name is Betty Tomaino, President of RE-SANS, the San Diego Chapter of RUAEA. This membership is my Retirement gift to Rosalie.

Connis Kimball

I retired from United in 2007. I am now the co-owner of a business.

Sylvia Hirning

Thank you for keeping us informed.

*We appreciate your letters.
Please keep them coming!*



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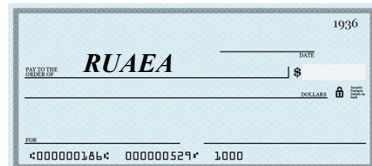
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By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired - Photo by Thom Rowland at Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

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