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## 2016 RUAEA CONVENTION Seattle Attractions

*Boeing First 727*



*Boeing Everett Factory*



*Seattle Waterfront Ferris Wheel*



*Pike Place Market*



*Mount Rainier*



*Monorail*



*Space Needle*

# RUAEA CONVENTION 2016 ISSUE



# GENERAL NEWS

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### NOC welcomes retirees for 21<sup>st</sup> century tour



Retirees spent their careers helping build United Airlines and for many, UAL is something that will forever be near and dear to them. In recognition of their efforts, United recently

hosted a tour of the Network Operations Center (NOC) for 40 retirees from the Chicago Skyliners chapter.

The group had lunch and spent the afternoon touring the NOC, getting a firsthand glimpse at the operation. *“Our retirees care deeply about United, and that’s a testament to their pride and passion,”* Employee Relations Managing Director Penny Thomas said. *“We are very appreciative of all they’ve done for the company and it was a pleasure to provide this look into the current-day operation.”*

### From Diane Webb, RUAEA National Secretary and Chicago Skyliner member, who was part of this one hour walking tour at Willis:

*“What an amazing day! Janet Tyse (Project Manager) and Penny Thomas (Managing Director) from United’s Employee Experience really rolled out the red carpet to make us feel just like VIP’s. We got a first-hand look at the state-of-the-art NOC located on Floor 27 which operates 24/7 controlling our entire fleet of aircraft. From crew scheduling to load planning to real time weather information, every aspect of the work is done from climate controlled individual work stations permitting workers to sit or stand. It was just a privilege for us to return and see how our successors operate United today.”*

This is the second of three tours organized by Chicago Skyliners to the NOC.

### Message from Oscar: Q1 performance

Dear Team,

On April 20, United reported the company’s first-quarter 2016 performance. We delivered very strong financial and operating results and I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you and share some highlights.

For the first quarter, we recorded a pre-tax profit of \$688 million excluding special items, our eighth con-



secutive quarter of profitability and our highest first-quarter pre-tax profit ever. At the same time, we achieved diluted earnings per share of \$1.23, excluding special items, an approximately 30 percent increase versus last year when adjusting for taxes - an achievement that exceeded Wall Street’s expectations.

However, sometimes numbers - even great ones - can be a bit impersonal. But two numbers from our performance in the first quarter are extremely personal because they reflect the strides we are making together.

First, our customer satisfaction score over the first three months of 2016 was the highest in our combined company history. That’s a number we can all be incredibly proud of. Equally impressive was United’s mainline on-time performance of 71.9 percent for the quarter - a new record for the combined company.

Together, these accomplishments demonstrate the unmatched professionalism and passion all of you are bringing to the airline each and every day, and I thank you.

As I travel around the system, I see - and more importantly feel - this renewed energy and excitement. And clearly our customers are starting to experience it, too. Let me share a few other recent numbers and highlights that we can celebrate:

- ❖ Our best quarterly mishandled bag rate since the merger.
- ❖ Employees earned approximately \$30 million for achieving our operational goals.
- ❖ Ratified agreements with more than half of represented employees - pilots, dispatchers and IAM-represented employees.
- ❖ Further modernization to our fleet with the order of 65 737-700s.
- ❖ And the announcement of two new international routes: service between San Francisco and Hangzhou, China, as well as San Francisco and Singapore - the longest flight by distance operated by any U.S. carrier.

What do all of these numbers add up to? A very solid quarter and positive momentum that is firmly positioning us for even greater success in the future. This kind of success can only be achieved when we are all working together as a team, and I am certain that our shared purpose focused on running a great airline and taking care of each other and our customers will continue to accelerate United’s path forward.

Fly safe and fly friendly.

Oscar

### From Don Burbank, RUAEA Airline Liaison



**Don Burbank**

**Ken Tank** is a retiree from SEARR. He was invited back to Chicago headquarters to address some of the issues and challenges retirees faced during the November 2015 open enrollment for the employee benefit year 2016, which was complicated by the transition to Silver Scripts. He met with **Richard Mayes**, Director HR Optimization and **Monica Ward**, Senior Manager, Health and Welfare Delivery. They discussed some of the problems encountered by retirees with the change to Silver Scripts/CVS/Caremark. Other issues were discussed as well, such as the retiree enrollment time frame not meshing well with Medicare's early deadlines. Ken feels that HR has made significant progress in working with the retiree needs and believes the benefit enrollment for 2017 should be improved over this year. There is a good possibility that the retiree enrollment period will occur earlier in the year, although a date has not been decided yet. Ken also believes that the headquarters benefits presenters appearing at the September convention in Seattle will be attuned to the concerns of retirees and will focus their presentations accordingly.

### Letters And Notes



Starting with this issue, we have a new addition to the Letters Column. **Martha Gooselaw**, our Letters Editor noticed a correlation between the increase in credit card renewals and a decrease in the letters received.

After consultation with our Membership Manager and Computer Expert, **Cas Spokas**, Cas was able to add a section called Notes to the credit card renewal process. When you renew online, you are now able to write a short note. Notes will be printed at random, as space permits, in the now relabeled, "Letters and Notes Column". If you wish to receive responses from your Note, you will have to include your name, and address or email in the Note. Thank you to Martha and Cas for bringing about this improvement.

### Request From Our RUAEA Secretaries

In our April 2016 issue, we asked that when you send a check and/or a letter that you include your file number. Apparently, some members don't remember their file number. If you have this problem, please look

at your paper copy of the newsletter. You will find your file number on the back cover near your name. Your renewal date is also included in this area. The file number is very important as many members have the same name. We don't want to apply your payment /donation to another member's account. Thanks for your help in this matter.

### In-seat power now on all domestic 777s



UAL has installed in-seat power outlets in all rows of its domestic Boeing 777s, so customers on long flights such as those to and from Hawaii can use their personal devices to enjoy the Wi-Fi, streaming entertainment and other media without worrying about depleted batteries.

United now offers in-seat power in most of its mainline aircraft, with installations continuing on Airbus A319s and A320s. The domestic 777s are undergoing complete interior renovations starting this year but United didn't want to wait for those renovations to offer power on those aircraft, which has been requested by many customers. Senior Project Engineer Keith Shackelford said United found a cost-effective and efficient way to add the power lines and outlets under the existing seating, making it possible for United to proceed without waiting for the new seating sets and their incorporated power systems.

### So Simple By Sheryl



**Sheryl Schubert**

Spring is upon us and it's time to think of refreshing desserts. I have friends that have made Key Lime Pie for years, but have switched to my recipe after eating this. It is simple and delicious. If you want to make the recipe even simpler you can purchase a premade graham cracker crust. Enjoy!

#### **EASY KEY LIME PIE**

1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk  
1 6-ounce can frozen limeade concentrate (not thawed)

1 cup heavy cream  
1 graham cracker piecrust  
Zest of 1 lime

Place the condensed milk, limeade concentrate, and cream in a bowl and beat with electric mixer until fluffy and soft peaks form.

Pour the filling into the piecrust and smooth the top.  
Refrigerate until chilled and loosely set, at least 4  
hours and up to overnight.  
Sprinkle the pie with the zest before serving.

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Egges** at 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.*

### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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*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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Happy Father's Day

## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met April 11 at the Irondale Cafe. Attending were **Ken Yeager**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Herb Wilbanks**, **Jim & Donna Gooch**, and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

March birthdays were **Zoe Glass** (13<sup>th</sup>), and **Gay Fowler** on the 24<sup>th</sup>. An anniversary for March was **Keith & Charlotte Gibson** on the 12<sup>th</sup>. April birthdays were **Keith Gibson** (22<sup>nd</sup>) and **Carol Wilbanks** (29<sup>th</sup>). Happy Anniversary to **Ken & Beverly Yeager**.

We are happy to hear that **Beverly Yeager** is home recovering from a recent surgery. Our senior member **Bill Preston** has been in an out of a local hospital and living with his sister in Trussville.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bobby Cox**.

Remember we meet every even number month and always welcome all retired United families to join us at a local restaurant at 11:30am. Our next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup> and for more information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

### ARIZONA

### PHOENIX AZURES

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The Phoenix Azures Abuelos luncheon on 4/9 had almost 40 attendees, the 50/50 winners were **Ken Paulson**, **Jean Kerman** and **Rose Barry**. In addition, Rose and Jean each won scratch off lottery tickets which upped Rose's winnings by a \$1.00. Unfortunately Jean's lottery tickets won her nothing extra.

The new officers for the Azures for the 2016-2018 term are: **Lynn Cline** – Recording Secretary, **Claudia Richards** – Membership Secretary, and **Lonna Fischer** – Treasurer.

We thank and appreciate these ladies for volunteering. In addition, **Vivian Klick** and **Rose Barry** remain as the activities committee and **Don Brei** and **Mike Richards** will both begin new terms as Vice President and President.

April Birthdays ~ **Don Bergstrom** (4/21) and **Ziggy Butkiewicz** (4/30).

We wish our snow bird members a safe trip home and look forward to reuniting with everyone at our next Luncheon which is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, it will also be the welcome home picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West.

Lastly, we need to recognize **Carol Liltz** and **Joe Hopkins** for their years of service as Secretary and Treasurer.

**Curt Stenberg** has passed away, please keep **Linette** in your prayers, and cards may be sent to Linette at 8885 W. Thunderbird Rd. #1053, Peoria, AZ 85381. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 30 at Church of the Palms, 14880 North Boswell, Sun City, AZ at 1100am. It was a lovely service with mostly family members in attendance along with **Joe Hopkins**, **Vic & Carol**. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Linette, two sons and a daughter and six grandchildren. He worked for United for 35 years and retired from ORDSK as a Supervisor of Inflight Services. Curt was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and for many years coached youth football in Elmhurst, IL. The Azures made a donation to Hospice of the Valley in Curt's name.

Anniversary ~ **Don & Ann Bergstrom** (5/16), **Susan & Boris Spitz** (6/7); **Claudia & Michael Richards** (6/14); and **Pat & Lowell Neal** (6/15). Congratulations!

Birthdays ~ **Suzanne Hughes** (5/6); **Thomas Kerman** (5/12); **Jeanne Sellon** (5/2); **Boris Spitz** (5/6), **Marge Mullman** (6/6); and **June Murphy** (6/12). Happy Birthday!

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Tuesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The May dates are May 3, 17 & 31. (Each month breakfast is held every other Tuesday.) 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](mailto:phx22@cox.net).



#### **PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S**

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You have heard the saying: "April Showers Bring May Flowers", well, that didn't happen in Arizona exactly, as we didn't have any rain during February, March, or April; but, you do see a lot of yellow plants as you drive down the highways in the Phoenix area; plus a lot of the desert plants and bushes have bloomed from time to time, and fun to watch day by day as things change right before your eyes.

Our Re-United Chapter continues to meet on the fourth Friday of every month for Breakfast, starting at 9:15 a.m. We enjoy our get-togethers all summer long. Won't you come and join us at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert? If you're in the area visiting, why don't you come and have breakfast with our friendly group of retirees. You will definitely be pleased with the food you get and the price is not bad either. Many of our members stay around all year round. Just get into your air-conditioned car and come to the air-conditioned restaurant

to join our group for breakfast. You'll be glad you did! Contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know you will be at the breakfast, so she has a head count ahead of time to give to the cooks. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

We had 30 people at our annual picnic at the Crescent Run Park in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. We all enjoyed ourselves, having quite a few items in the raffle to give away, plus our normal 50/50. United Airlines turned "90" years old the day before the picnic. We were so happy to see former members back with us, **Richard & Elsie Alford** from Mesa. They rejoined our chapter after being away for several years. Welcome back Richard & Elsie! Our past Treasurer, **Rita Zarek**, turned over all her books, etc. to the new Treasurers, **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**. Rita has been our Treasurer for many years and has always done a wonderful job. Thank you again, Rita! We also have a new Sunshine person, and that is **Dakota Morris-Terry**. She'll be sending out cards to our members who have health concerns, etc. Dakota is a perfect person for that job as she is a bundle of sunshine all of the time.

We talked again about the RUAEA Convention coming up soon, it's being held September 21 to 24 in Seattle, Washington at the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport-Southcenter. There's so many things to see and do in the area and other places close by. You can really make it a nice vacation time and see things before or after the Convention. Start thinking about it before time gets away from you. You can call the hotel at 1-800-222-8733, and make your reservations now. Be sure and tell them you are with RUAEA, as you get the special rate of \$129 plus tax, which includes breakfast for two. Free parking too, unless you have an RV. Hope to see you there! All the information you need about the Convention and tours will be in this issue of RUAEA Newsletter. Be sure and check it out and mail in your application soon before time gets away from you. Our own **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** will really be involved in the Convention this year as they will take over being the Registrar and Treasurer of the Convention, taking over from **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, who did it for several years. Our chapter really gets involved!

Remember to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight for children who are in kindergarten up to second grade. Needed items are stuffed bears, mittens, socks, individual blankets, etc. Also, if you have the small shampoo, lotion, soap etc. items that you might have picked up in hotels, etc., please include those items to give to **Peg Snowdall**, who will be collecting and storing these items over the summer and fall for the Fantasy Flight, which will be the first week in December.

Received word that **Marilyn Marcy**, who was the Assistant Vice President of Conventions for RUAEA, has resigned for personal reasons. She really was a busy lady whenever we saw her at any of the Conventions. We wish her the best and thank her for all she has done for our Retired United Airlines Employees Association over the years.

Our sympathy goes out to **Lynn Hubbard** and her family in the death of her husband, **Bud**, who passed away in



Sedona on April 10. He and Lynn were long time members of our Re-United Chapter, and helped start our Chapter in the Phoenix area. He also was a past President of our group serving from 1994-1995. They came down from Sedona all the time for our luncheon meetings and All-Arizona luncheons. They haven't been able to come to our meetings due to his health recently. We will miss Bud very much. Our chapter will make a donation to the Hospice group that took such wonderful loving care of Bud the past 9 months in Sedona. Cards can be sent to Lynn at P. O. Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339-0183.

We have the following members celebrating birthdays in June: **Jay Hartough** (6/5), **John McFarland** (6/16), **Valerie Fosberg** (6/19), **Natasha Schmidt** (6/20), **Liz Tollefsen** (6/26), and **Joel Matteson** (6/29). Happy Birthday! We have four couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in June: **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89), **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60), and **Larry & Gayle Stanley** (6/21/69). Happy Anniversary to all the couples.

#### Calendar:

**June 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) with your reservation by Wednesday, June 22, or call her at (480) 396-3317.

**July 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

**August 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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



#### TALL PINES

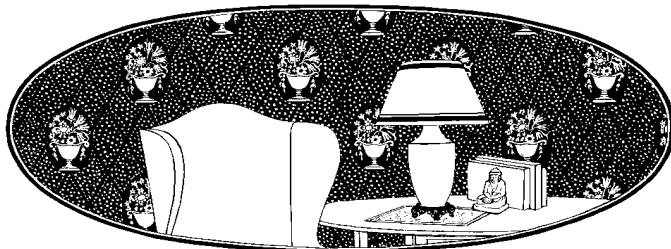
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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pine Chapter!

Our April luncheon/meeting drew six members (almost half of our membership!)

We are saddened to report the passing of member **Blas Arriaga**, after a long battle with cancer. We will all miss him from our group. If anyone wishes to contact his wife, they may do so at: **Mary Ann Arriaga**, 3565 E. Liese Dr., Prescott, AZ 86303-5747.

Our chapter is taking the summer off, so there will be no meetings in June, July and August. The next meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. All members will be reminded by a message from our friendly caller Dom. Ya'll have a great summer now!



#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Tucson Roadrunners met for lunch on Thursday, April 21, at the Agave Restaurant in Desert Diamond Casino, south of Tucson and the TUS airport, which is known for its eclectic menu, gambling, and good shows. There were 34 Roadrunners in attendance. The luncheon was hosted by **Mary Garrahan** and the "Gals from Green Valley". The most important feature of this luncheon is that we got to meet our new President, **Charli Nicholson**. Charli noted that she had retired from United in 2002 after 11 years of service. She was a Passenger Planner at Dulles IAD which is under Station Operations. They monitor flights for any actual or potential problems. If there are any irregularities (i.e. cancellations, weather, mechanical delays, etc.) affected passengers would be rescheduled or hotels booked, if necessary. Passenger Planners keep in touch with each flight to make sure it is boarded on time, connections are made, plane fueled, cleaned and food boarded. International flights are closed out at midpoint when the destination airport takes over control of the flight.

Charli wants to find a way that our group can get to know each other better and hopes members will share their stories, both good and not so good, of travelling "Space Available". I'm sure we all have little stories that may help others get where they want to go in an expeditious fashion. Charli introduced today's guests. **Michael Payne** was visiting them from Paris, France. He used to fly as a corporate pilot with her husband, Len, for MCI Tele Communications. **Sue Gardener** was visiting from Parker, Colorado, as the guest of **Henny Satterfield**.

The 50/25/25 raffle tickets were drawn towards the end of lunch with **Sandy Lawyer** and **Guy Wojtal** being the lucky winners. Congratulations.

Next month's luncheon will be on May 19 at the Claim Jumper, 3761 E. Broadway. Doors open at 11 a.m. We will order from the menu. RSVP by May 16 to **Lee** or **Jackie Benner** at (630) 464-2936 or by email to [chilee-jack@aol.com](mailto:chilee-jack@aol.com).

May Anniversaries ~ **Lloyd & Lorraine Tomac** (5/11/1953), **Ray & Phyllis Potsic** (5/23/1972), **Dave & JoAnn Folkers** (5/21/1982), and **Barbara & Armand Johnson** (5/28/1977).

May Birthdays ~ **Bonnie Royle** (5/2), **Merritt McGlothlin** (5/24), **Pete Lopez** (5/3), **Ken Bergsma** (5/25), **Ed Degan** (5/3), **Marian Dietich** (5/26), **Jinny Cable** (5/4), **Shirley Robertson** (5/28), and **Clyde Cable** (5/14).



## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our monthly April newsletter isn't one that I was looking forward to write. There is unhappy news about two of our members. **Eleanor Cunningham**, wife of **Jack**, passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup>. She and Jack were one of the originators that started the Central Coasters. They were married 11/15/41 and Jack made it a point of telling everyone each year how many years they were married. Jack & Eleanor live in Goleta, CA. They always had the furthest to drive, but we could always count on them to show up regardless of where we were meeting. All our members are praying for Jack. At this time, there is no further information on what Jack will be doing.

I also heard that **Peter Schaefer** has been hospitalized with a stroke. His wife **Joan** told me that he was not himself when he got up one morning, but by dinner he was unable to carry on a conversation. It was then she took him into the Emergency Room at their local hospital. As of now he is being transferred to a Healthcare facility. Joan will be keeping us informed as to his condition.

We had our luncheon/meeting at the Olive Garden in Santa Maria on April 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. President **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting. There were 12 of us present. Mike was setting up a carpool to attend **Eleanor Cunningham's** memorial service on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. So far **John Stilwell** and **Bob & Marcia Stanger** were going to go. Mike made sure that one of our original members, **Dana & Bill Noyes** were told about Eleanor. The Noyes moved to Missouri several years ago and they still are members of our Chapter. Mike said that they live near their son, who helps them, and they are happy where they are living.

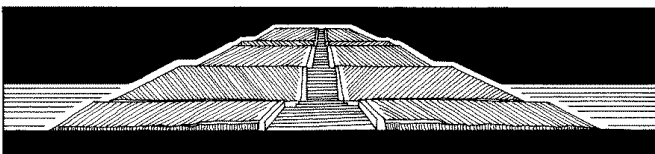
Mike asked if anyone would want to volunteer for table coverage during Fleet Week on October 9<sup>th</sup> at SFOMB. No one seemed available at this time. Also we were asked if anyone was going to the Convention in SEA. We might have one member attend, but not definite.

On a happy note, **Bob & Esther Bartlett** said that they would be celebrating their 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. **Mike & Bridget Zoldak** made a trip to Ireland to celebrate a wedding reunion that Bridget attended as a bridesmaid.

Our 50/50 was won by **John Stilwell**.

### Calendar:

**June 15** – Next meeting hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.



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**John & Maureen Schultz** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. On a beautiful mid-80's day, thirty Sunbirds (no guests this month), gathered at Mario's Italian Café, to enjoy various Italian dishes, including Veal Parmigiana and Chicken Primavera.

We had four of our "newest" New Members in attendance: **Pat Wieclawski** (guest of **Vern Behnke** and **John Bauer** many times); **Jim Gonzales**, guest of **Robb Bohart** last month; and **Norman & Judy Burnett**, who came to the luncheon for the first time, and became new members on the spot. Norman spent his 28 years with United at the SFO Maintenance Base.

Our featured Sunbird this month: **Mike Bailardo!** Mike graduated High School in 1956. After working in a machine shop for a year, he spotted an ad for an Airline School. Mike enrolled, and upon graduation he had interviews with Air Canada, American, Delta, and Capital. He took an offer from Capital as a Ramp Agent in EWR in July of 1957. Two years later, he was promoted to Operations Agent. United Air Lines acquired Capital in 1961. Mike worked as a Weather Clerk for about a year. United then established a Crew Scheduling Function (in EWR). Mike applied, got the job, and was in that position until April of 1967. In that year, he applied for and got the position of Systems Operations Crew Scheduler in EXO. In September of 1972, Mike was asked to take a Crew Scheduling Supervisor's position at ORD. He accepted, but was in that position for only a few months. Back to EXO in January of 1973 in the same job he had before (System Crew Scheduler). A Supervisory Position opened in LAX in early 1974. Once again, Mike applied for and was successful. He moved to Los Angeles in April, and until September of 1980, was Supervisor of Pilot Crew Scheduling & Dispatch.

In 1980, United centralized the Crew Scheduling function, and moved it back to EXO. United made a lucrative offer to return. Mike enjoyed working in the field, so much that he decided to stay put. He accepted a position as Flight Attendant Crew Scheduler in LAX where he remained until his retirement on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996 - 38 years, 8 months!

Mike has a private Pilot's License and has several hundred hours of flight time. In 1966, he had applied to UAL for a Flight Officer position, but had just turned 28, and didn't have a college degree. As he says, "My results were not favorable". He also applied to Mohawk, Trans Texas, Southern, and Piedmont, all without success. They were interested, but the Viet Nam War was getting pretty intense, and the thought of low level flying dropping pamphlets and supplies over Cambodia and Laos quickly lost its luster. Mike says, "Even at 78, I have the urge to fly. If I ever hit the Lotto, I'll definitely buy an airplane. I guess I better buy a ticket."

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Mike Bailardo**. Well, of course. There was no Birthday Lunch winner, as there were no April Birthday members there. Two bottles of wine were added to the 50/50 drawing donated by our hosts, the winners were **Glen Voirol** and **Robb Bohart**.



### GOLD DIGGERS

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We continue to have beautiful Spring weather here in the greater Sacramento area including plenty of sun with some days well into the 80's. We're getting more rain which is very welcome especially since it has produced lots of beautiful colored blossoms. A couple of the Gold Diggers are improving from a recent illness but some are still convalescing.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Awful Annie's in Auburn, which was hosted by **Ray & Lorna Andrejewski**. Chapter President **Sonda Sandstedt** welcomed the 37 members and 1 guest attending. **Lorrie Hukill** was a guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. Everyone thanked Ray & Lorna for hosting.

Vice President **Rose Wikstad** reminded the group that our June Luncheon will be held with the Hangtown Miners on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> instead of our normal last Wednesday luncheon. The luncheon information will be mailed to Gold Diggers about May 15.

Secretary **Terry Greenacre** announced the members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in April: **Ray & Lorna Andrejewski** (19 years), **Lee & Shirley Francis** (43 years), **Len & LaVerne Haubl** (58 years), and **Dale & Dorothy Volker** (60 years). **Harold Esola** led the group singing Happy Anniversary. The group also sang Happy Birthday to **Colleen Esola**.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the Chapter's financial report.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** was not in attendance so President **Sonda Sandstedt** gave the report. Sonda had a card for everyone to sign for **Rolf Kramer** who had a stroke. Rolf is at home now and doing well. Since the Kramers weren't attending the luncheon, they wanted their paid lunch to be added to the raffle prizes. Also, **Bob & Michiko Allen** couldn't attend due to illness and they also donated their lunches to the raffle. Sonda also reported that **Ron King** is convalescing and **Margie Fulkerson** is doing well in her new place and is missing all of us. Also, **Dan Figueroa** is convalescing slowly.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** took a photo of our recent new member **Jim Simon** to add to her Gold Diggers photo album.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** had new roster booklets available for members.

RUAEA Past President and V.P. of Conventions **Ron Bertacini** talked about the RUAEA Convention to be held

at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Seattle airport Southcenter this fall. There will be six tours planned, and plenty of restaurants and shopping nearby. It is reported that attendance numbers are looking good and the Gold Diggers will be well represented. Information will be in the June RUAEA Newsletter and on the RUAEA website on May10-12, 2016.

Ron mentioned that Boeing will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and United Airlines will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

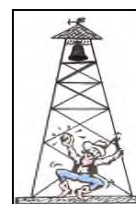
Sonda adjourned the meeting and we then had our Raffle.

### Calendar:

**May 25** – Meeting at China Buffett hosted by **Colleen & Harold Esola**

### HANGTOWN MINERS

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Greetings to all you Hangtown Miners! Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful, spring weather. I know more rain would be wonderful, but you hafta love this sunshine. **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** arranged a great luncheon for us this month. What's not to love about the food choices at the Old Spaghetti Factory! Our room was nicely filled with the 28 people in attendance. **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to Dan & Roberta.

This month we had four guests – all of whom were guests of **Bill & Jane Gibson**. Two of them, **Kent & Shirley Pfafman**, are longtime friends who were visiting from Indiana. Kent worked at United way back in the late 60's and returned to Indiana when he was laid off in 1971. **Andre & Jeanne Cardinaux** joined us so they could have some time to visit with Kent & Shirley before they returned home. However, Andre is also a retiree from United and they have joined our group. Maybe birthdays aren't quite as exciting now as they were when we were all kids, but they are fun to acknowledge – April is celebrated by **Ed Akin**, **Sherrie Wolfram**, **Jane Gibson** and guest **Shirley Pfafman** and **Andre Cardinaux**. Then there's the anniversaries! **Bill & Linda Dinette** celebrate 45 years together and **Bill & Jane Gibson** mark 48 this month. If you have/had a special day in April, hope it was a great day. Our thanks, welcome, Happy Birthday and congratulation to everyone.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a "report", but he did bring up an item to be aware of on your emails. While the internet offers wonderful websites for our use, there are always scammers out there who want to gain access to your personal information. Bill received a call from someone (with an accent that he couldn't even understand) wanting to get onto his computer with some outlandish reason. If you get any emails saying to go to another website – Do not do it! **Dan Ouchi** thought because it was from



someone he knew it was okay and has been getting hundreds of email as a result from opening a link to an unknown website. Should you get slammed, change your passwords so an outsider cannot get into your info.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report this month.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us, but **Suzanne Kenny** brought his report to us. Tom filled out and filed our tax return and it's confirmed that it was received. Thank You, Tom! We have received our annual dues from almost everyone. If you aren't sure that you sent in your \$10.00, you can check with Tom, [tc46@flash.net](mailto:tc46@flash.net).

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** brought a get well card for **Mary Buschman** and it was passed around to our members for their sentiments. Last we heard, Mary is doing better and may even be home again but with 24/7 care. Our thoughts are with you Mary. I will add that we also hope you're doing well, **Judie Leimer**.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** is working to update our website and make it so that you can add pictures to it. This is a great place to look in and see pictures of friends and hear what's happening. Be sure to check it out. To do that and see Lynda's great efforts, go to: <http://hangtownminers.weebly.com>. Thank You for setting this up, Lynda.

*Old Business* ~ Each year we hear about this get together of retired UAL mechanics in Minden, NV. In the past, this event has been held later in the summer. This year the get together date was moved to June. A block of rooms was set aside at a reduced rate, however, we understand that those are all taken at the Carson Valley Inn. There is also a camper lot where you can bring your RV/trailer and nearby motels. June 21-24 are the days for this event with the BBQ – the highlight of it all – taking place on Wednesday, June 22. There is a small fee for the meal, if you want to bring a pot luck dish or some other contribution that would be appreciated. You can email Darlene at: [imthemama57@msn.com](mailto:imthemama57@msn.com) for more info and the cost. This is quite a fun get together – last year there was about 100 retirees attending.

*New Business* ~ Hangtown Miners shirts with our nifty logo can be ordered through **Bill Voetsch**. Bill agreed to handle the shirt orders. He has information for the various styles available. You can contact Bill at [wmvoetsch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wmvoetsch@sbcglobal.net). These are really nice shirts and it would be great if we all wore our Hangtown Miners shirts to the June luncheon we are having with the Gold Diggers at the Akin Ranch in June.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close. The winner of the donator's prize for the Drawing Of Opportunity was **Irv Wolfram**. Our thanks to all who brought items to be raffled: **Dinette** – wine; **Blazius** – dish; **Lima** – cashews; **Ouchi** – 8 table "decorations"; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Gibson** – plant, fresh oranges; **Biro** – wine; **Wolfram** – garden tile; **Kozelka** – butter dish; **Akin** – plant.

Our May luncheon will be hosted by **Thom & Sherry Biro** at the Romanos Macaroni Grill in El Dorado Hills.



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

### **RETIREES**

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We were back at the Quail Inn on April 14<sup>th</sup> for our luncheon, hosted by **Pat Ortega** and **Mary Wilson**; the surrounding views of the Oakmont Golf Club and the Sonoma Mountain were stunning and green with fresh spring growth all around! The weather was warm and sunny that day. We had 19 members attending and a pleasant time visiting and greeting each other. **Pat Ortega** decorated the tables with beautiful New Guinea Impatient plants placed on circular mirrors with a bird decoration placed in each plant. Our menu was a buffet featuring Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad, mixed baby greens salad, bread rolls and butter, and for dessert a nice scoop of vanilla ice cream, drizzled with chocolate syrup. Everyone enjoyed the lunch, and some took seconds on the delicious Lasagna!

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by thanking **Pat Ortega** and myself for hosting the luncheon. He encouraged us to invite visitors and/or newly retired UAL or Continental Airline retired employees to grow our group. **Jerry Underhill** announced there were only 19 members attending, some were vacationing, and of course we are now missing our recently passed away **Brandon Maus**, whose life was to be celebrated at the All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro the Saturday following our meeting; a flyer with his Bio information was passed around to any that hadn't received the info from **Pat Maus**, Brandon's wife or from other members. His life story was amazing to read about; he was a highly educated accomplished man who served proudly in the U.S. Army, and as a long time employee for United Airlines as an award winning Chief Engineer, also as a leading engineer for Boeing and Lockheed. For many like me who only got to know him by becoming an RER member with my husband Larry, he was so much more than I could have imagined, **Pat Maus** recently sent a note to me and **Pat Ortega** for all the members, thanking us for the kind sympathy cards sent to her and telling us how much the RER chapter had meant to Brandon.

Historian and Travel Pass expert **Barney Hagen** shared with us about an essential app for the iPhone or tablets called the ID90 Travel app useful to buy e-tickets right in the airport when trying to get to a destination or change flight plans, and make new reservations at hotels with airline discounts. He encouraged us all to save time and load this app on our mobile phones.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was absent because she is celebrating her son's birthday on that day (April 14<sup>th</sup>). In her place announcing birthdays and anniversaries for April, was myself, **Mary Wilson**. The two birthdays being celebrated were for **Les Cary** and **Marge Bauer**. Neither was in attendance, and there were no April anniversaries among us to announce, so, sadly there was no one to sing congratulations to. Maybe there will be a better outcome for May!



Verda sent along with her note to me a great joke which came from the files kept by **Brandon Maus** back when he was the President of our chapter, everyone laughed and appreciated it very much. **Joanne Huhn** shared that she sent a card from our chapter to **Pat Maus**, as well as her own personal card. Many others admitted sending their condolences also. She said that **Nick VanKruining** was recovering from a recent replacement of his defibrillator and was feeling well enough to be with us today; she encouraged us to wish him well in his recovery; **Barbara Underhill** attended after only a few weeks after her total knee surgery; she is now doing well in her P.T. and got approved for additional sessions. Joanne also reported the sad news that **Naomi Tolf** had passed away recently, and that she had spoken to her sister, who sent a copy of her biography to her to share with us all. She was very well liked by the members and will be sorely missed.

We held the raffle next for the nicely wrapped wines from **Jerry & Barbara Underhill**, the See's candies brought by **Joanne & Ron Huhn**, and the lovely plant centerpieces from **Pat Ortega**, one of which I won ... Yeah! Though we were a small group this month, we had a great time visiting in the nice setting of the Quail Inn restaurant which their exceptional staff prepared for us.

We were adjourned by **Larry Wilson**, who reminded us to feed the Charity box on our way out; he announced that the next month's luncheon will be held at the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa on May 12<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Larry & Mary Wilson**. Our **Verda Burr** will be visiting family in Georgia that month, but we hope to see her in June; and **Jan Blackburn** should be back with us next month at the Villa. Enjoy the warm weather and beautiful blooming plants and shrubs everywhere in our Bay Area. See you in May!

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Wow! Lots of news to share. One of our long time leaders, **Barbara Smith**, was a correspondent for the RUAEA newsletter for a long time. She also worked with a travel agent to organize tours both local and abroad for our members. Several years ago, Barbara suffered a stroke and began a very long period of recovery to maintain communication with others. A very close friend, **Lu Friel** was contacted in mid-March by Barbara's nephew to advise he and his family have moved Barbara to a nursing home in Indiana for the convenience of the family. Her new address is: Hickory Creek Nursing Home, 1620 Lincoln St., Greensburg IN. 47240, (812) 663-7503. Barbara has no private phone; please send notes to her to keep her connected with friends. We send our love.

Our last luncheon was at the Sizzlers during a quiet much needed rain. Everyone kept watching the small rivers of rain running down the windows.

**Don & Marlys Popovich** surprised us with a visit. Don had a huge boot on one leg; and explained that he had

stepped in a gopher hole while golfing and would be out of commission for a while. Marlys looked great despite the cancer surgery done to her nose. It was so nice to see them returning to the group.

**Florence Hoy** was able to come with the kindness of one of her daughters to drive her. She said that she'd been in the hospital for 10 days with the "super flu". Due to the rain that day, it took a long time to drive all the way across town; but she said she just couldn't miss the luncheon. Nice!

**Phyllis Easley** called to see if we got a decent amount of rain. She lives in Western PA. They got 8 inches of snow that covered all her daffodils and spring flowers. She called to advise that **Margie Buck**, a dear friend from LAX RES, had passed away at the age of 93. Phyllis also advised that she'd had a pacemaker put in about a month ago. All's well!

**Art Cottrell** is due to have hip surgery soon. We send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Tarina & Charles Murray** appeared after a long recuperation time for Tarina. Out of the goodness of her heart; she donated 2 watches from her collection; to add to our door prizes. What a nice gift from her.

We received a call from **Olga Kotin** that **Jack** had passed away in April after a long illness. We had not seen them for a long time. Send notes to her at 11542 Leadwell St., No. Hollywood, CA 91605.

Our next luncheon will be at the Tin Roof Restaurant located at the Manhattan Beach Mall on Friday, June 10. Hooray, we will have a private room. More details will be coming soon.



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Our Spring Fling lunch was held again this year at the Tequila Factory in Old Town with an attendance of forty six. **Hal & Donna Klobe** and **Peter Schuster** drove down from Los Angeles to celebrate Spring with us. **Betsy Hamblin** and **Randy Tidmore** joined us from Clipped Wings.

**Farid Zamani** won the 50/50, and a free lunch at the Tequila Factory went to **Greg Krok**. We wish to welcome a new member, **Pat Bean Peterson** who worked with us in SANCS and has now moved back to the San Diego area.

**Arnie & Maria Pollack** are visiting with family in Toronto and will be in Canada for a few weeks. **Paul Zadrozny** has undergone a quintuple bypass surgery and our wishes are for a good recovery and that he is able to join us soon. At our breakfast this week, we were joined by **Jack Christy**; also by **Iris Hastie** who will be returning to Scotland shortly.

I have been advised by one of our crew members that when travelling in Europe, you need to be aware that ATM cards will only be accepted if they have the chip embedded. You must have a four digit pin and go to bank ATM's, not cash machines. Be sure to advise your bank you will be out of the country as they are now quick to put a lock on your account when they see transactions from another country. This is, of course, for your security. I also verified this with my bank and they tell me this is true.

If you are going to be in the area please join us for our next breakfast. We love having you drop in.

#### Calendar:

**June 2** - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.

#### GOLDEN GATERS

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Our April 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. President **Vera Kina** requested reports from the following:

*Treasurer* ~ **Art Barrett** wants to remind everyone to send in their dues, we are trying to get a roster going and we need your dues to have an accurate listing. \$12.00 per member / \$24.00 per couple. We all appreciate the dedication Art puts towards keeping us solvent and balanced!

*Vice-President* ~ We still need someone to leap up and assume this position, you will have plenty of help so do your civic duty and volunteer (puleeeezeee.)

*Secretary* ~ Special thanks to **Donna Taiclet** for filling in for the Secretary's job as **Ginger Dahlberg** was out of town. Donna put in many years as secretary and we appreciate her volunteering (well, she was commandeered into the job.)

*Membership* ~ Welcome back to **Barbara Underhill** who is now enjoying Physical Therapy, she will probably be dancing around the May Pole next week! **Dorothy Reuszer** took a tumble and injured her knee so she decided to take it easy; hurry on back Dorothy, we miss you! **Mary Hughes** is not feeling up to snuff; keep our ladies in your thoughts

everyone as those kind thoughts help people get well. Two members admitted to birthdays: **Ben Vietz** (who knows how old he is as he claims a birthday every month!) and special congrats go to **Shirley Dickinson** on her 95<sup>th</sup> natal day! Those are a lot of candles to blow out; all must have gone well as we did not hear the Fire Department sirens blaring away.

*Auditors* ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are busily working on the budget and also looking at the by-laws. The by-laws are somewhat outdated so changes will be made and brought up to date.

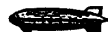
*Ticket Coordinator* ~ **Harriet Kunze** hustled the crowd and declared **Bob Taiclet**, **Yan Kudevitsky**, **Linda Barrett**, **Bill Heinrich** and **Emily Turner** winners in the \$25/\$25 drawing and Bingo games.

*President* ~ **Vera Kina** reminded everyone of the RUAEA Convention to be held in Seattle September 21-24; lots of good side trips and a great way to renew friendships. Our May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be a "Kina Truck Noodle Lunch" – the Kina Trust is providing the Ramen soup so if you want more food, please bring a sandwich to enjoy with your noodles. Our meeting place, the Foster City Recreation Center, has a monthly Food Truck gathering, a great way to taste a variety of foods. June will be our Hot Dog and Fixins'.

*Trips* ~ **Jim & Helen Goodwine**, **Bert Niedermaier** and his friend **Bertha**, and **Ginger Dahlberg** were seen tiptoe-ing through the Tulips in Amsterdam. Four days in Paris seeing all the sights (The Louvre, Monet's Gardens, Versailles, Lunch at the Eiffel Tower 58 Restaurant) and a delightful 7 day cruise on the AMA Waterways AmaViola – the highlight being the Keukenhof Gardens. Thousands of tulips, and many other flowers all in bloom, a sight to behold. This should be on your Bucket List! Contact Ginger if you are interested in the trips being planned for the remainder of the year: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or (650) 224-1865.

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

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

#### SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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Early in April, several members from our chapter attended a special event for our very own Sunshine Lady, **Maureen Snyder**. She was installed as High Priestess of the local chapter of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA). Hubby **Vern Snyder** and other family





members also took part in the ceremony with granddaughter, Arianna, traveling from Colorado to join in the festivities. Maureen has been a part of this organization for a number of years and is proud that they raise funds for the Shriners Hospital. LOSNA was founded over 110 years ago with aim and goals of promoting sociability, good fellowship and the betterment of all ladies connected with the organization. When the Shriners founded the Shrine Hospitals for Children and the first hospital was built in 1922, the ladies committed to supporting the Shrine's official philanthropy which offers treatment in orthopedics, burn care, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injury. These treatments are provided regardless of the patient's or family's ability to pay. Today, chapters across North America continue to support the hospitals through sewing projects, research projects and other areas of interest. In addition to raising funds for the hospitals, they donate clothing, stuffed animals, purchase equipment, staff the information desk in the various hospitals, and serve as office personnel on a voluntary basis. LOSNA contributes well over a half million dollars yearly to the Shrine Hospitals. Congratulations Maureen! We trust you will have a great year!



Thank you to **George & Julie Midwin** for planning an outing to the beautiful estate of Filoli the first week of April. The day was clear and beautiful as well with temperatures in the 80s and thoroughly enjoyable with a mid-morning tour

for our sizable group and delicious box lunch following. Filoli is a country house set in 16 acres of formal gardens surrounded by a 654-acre estate, located in Woodside, California, about 25 miles south of San Francisco. It has a rich history being built between 1915 and 1917 and has ties to Muckross Castle in Ireland which the original owners purchased in 1910. The estate is now owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is open to the public. It is a site to behold and a lovely place to visit no matter what time of year.

Yours truly and hubby, **Robin & Dave Garland**, had a lovely trip to Cancun in April. We had never been there before and thoroughly enjoyed the ruins at Tulum, the food, the climate, and snorkeling in the Gulf of Mexico. A highlight was snorkeling in a cenote (pron. se-no-te) which is a water-filled limestone cave. We know others in our chapter are traveling and hope you have safe travels and delightful stories to tell when you return.

A Friday breakfast meeting in April brought 47 attendees for the largest number this year. Several friends and relatives came and **Don Boyer** who has not been for quite some time attended. The wait staff was slightly over-

whelmed with our numbers so a little patience was needed but a good time was had by all. We had another impromptu Bingo game with **Albert Grossmann** winning the first game in March and **Thelma Graham** winning in April with the prize being a \$10 gift certificate for Holder's Country Inn. We added a new member to our roster! **Maryann Johnson** (SFOCS) joined our chapter in April. Thank you to **Hiroko Caster** for inviting her to our group. This brings our membership to 103 and years of service to 1,673.8. Wow! Congratulations are also in order to United Airlines for reaching 90 years on April 6!

In April, **Bill & Carol Copley** celebrated 64 years of wedded bliss and **Jay & Charlotte Cacioppo** celebrated 50 years. **Lloyd & Claire Eber** are coming up on 66 years in June and **Gary & Darlene Ikeya** will be celebrating 55 years also in June. Congratulations to all and we hope you had and will have a lovely time recognizing and celebrating your special day!

We have several members who are having various health issues. **Lois White** is having serious issues with her eyes and **Dan & Georgia Nielson** have both been ill which has prevented them from attending our breakfast meetings for some time. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and hope you are feeling better soon.

Flyers for our Summer Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos are now available on our website. If you'd like to join in on the fun go to: [southbayruaea.org](http://southbayruaea.org) and print out the flyer so you know what to bring and who to send your reservation to.

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

#### Calendar:

**June 14** – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

**June 18** – Sam Mazza's Castle, Pacifica

**September 14** – Fall Luncheon

**December 13** – Christmas Luncheon

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East Bay Diablos

Our April meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's in Concord. We had 28 attendees including a guest of **Darlene Platten**. **Cheryl Kinkead**, daughter of **Lou Kinkead** and a retired United Flight Attendant told us of the recent loss of her 93 year old father. Lou had been a member of our group for the last 13 years and Cheryl had been bringing him to our meetings (as well as being a member) when he was not able to drive. She shared a beautiful cake with our group in remembrance of his long career with United. He did love his cake! Lou will be missed.

We had another "Special Event" thanks to **Tom John-**

son, a member since May 2007. This was because 4/11/16 was the exact 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tom's sign on with United. To celebrate, he added a special round of fun prizes to our regular 50/50 drawing. What a guy!

**Russ Miller**, a nine year member, will no longer be attending. He is returning to Pittsburgh, PA, where his children live and where he spent most of his United career. We will miss him.

Don't forget to sign up for the RUAEA Convention, September 21-24 in Seattle!

Next month we will gather at El Tapatio in Pleasant Hill (good margaritas if you are so inclined). Please note the change of picnic date in June as listed below

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

#### Calendar:

**May 16** - El Tapatio – 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

**\*June 20\*** – Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's house

**July** – No meeting



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No meeting took place for the Northstaters in April. I would like to share the meeting place for May. We will meeting on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at Italian Cottage 2234 Esplanade in Chico, CA. We also will be having some fun entertainment so please join us if you are in the area.

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A luncheon was held at Cinzetti's restaurant on April 13<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 40 people. It also happened to be **Yumi Trujillo**'s birthday. **Joanne** (DENMM & DENCs) & **Bob Ewing** from Montrose, Colorado attended. They brought **Wayne Miller** (DENMM) with them. She worked in Customer Service and Aircraft Maintenance and knew quite a few of the people.

President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting after lunch and announced that he had parking passes for members that attend the monthly breakfast at TK. The parking lot is getting so crowded that they are starting to tow unauthorized vehicles. The next event will be a combined luncheon with United and Continental retirees on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Wings Over the Rockies. There were 140 attendees last year. Don introduced the guest speaker, Mario Terenzio, who is the Managing Director of Maintenance in Denver.

Mario announced that UAL is moving some of the flights out of IAH to DEN. That increased the flights out of DEN from 130 to 200 a day. There are a lot of overnight layovers and plenty of work. United has signed a lease for airport facilities stretching out 35 more years. UAL has a lot of focus on DIA and expanding flight operations. Mr. Terenzio feels that Oscar Munoz is focused on growing the company and is a people oriented person and is really trying to change things for the better. There are 335 mechanics and 25 supervisors in DEN. Maintenance does the Post Delivery Modifications here in Denver for new aircraft (formerly known as Pre Service Projects). Mario, in answer to a question, confirmed that there is some activity to replace some board members by outside interests. Regarding the Mechanics contract, he noted that the union has asked the members to fill out a survey to determine exactly what they want so the union will have a good idea of what is important to them. The National Mediation Board has asked the union to get together a good solid package of what they want, cost it out and present it to the company on the 15th of May. If the mechanics are on board, the NMB will schedule talks forward from that point. He said that despite the delay in the contract that the Denver mechanics are doing a superb job and there is no unrest due to the negotiations. There are about 40 aircraft that are now using the electronic log book.

President Burbank thanked Mario for joining us and for the information he provided. Don also thanked **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** again for their service as officers of the chapter for 17 years. **Laura Coats** was not there but her service of 10 years is also appreciated. Don also reintroduced the current officers, he, as president, **Gary Trujillo** as Vice President, **Marilyn Hansen** as Treasurer and **Bob Duensing** as Correspondent. Don also mentioned that he will try to get the 2017 Convention here in Denver and asked for volunteers to make it a success. He said that his goal is to provide better accommodations and food choices. It's an opportunity to meet old friends plus UAL provides people that offer the latest information on benefits, travel, etc. If you have problems dealing with UAL for any reason, contact Don as he is the Airline Liaison and can help solve your problems.

**Sharon Burbank** (IADCS) has started a Facebook page titled Denver Mile Highers which is a public group to promote membership. Please visit the page and take a look. She is also making an effort to compile contact information for all the members to facilitate notifying members of upcoming events.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were **Ray Colavita** (DENTK), **Ruth & Dwayne McKinney** (DENTK), **Gary**

(DENMM) & **Yumi Trujillo** (twice), **Virgil Gooselaw** (DENMM), **Ray Shoults** (DENMM), **Tom Goodyear** (DENOO), **Don LeFurge** (Continental) and **Mario Terenzio**, Managing Director of Maintenance in Denver.

The Denver Chapter monthly meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> with 37 in attendance. A guest, **Jay Hartow** from Phoenix was present. The area has three chapters and usually draws about 70 members to meetings. **Tom Johnston**, President of RUPA was also a guest. The 50/50 drawing winners were **Tom Johnston**, **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA Exec. VP), **Don Burbank** (President), **Yumi Trujillo**, **Paul Milke** (DENMM), **Bob Schmelzer** (DENMM).

President **Don Burbank** called the meeting to order and **Bob Duensing** (DENTK) read the minutes of the April meeting. Bob spoke about a travel experience returning from ORD. The flights looked grim until an extra section was initiated to handle the overflow of passengers. The system wouldn't let us list for first class and I talked to the PA about it. The Help Desk informed us that the system wasn't programmed to handle upgrades on extra sections. However, the PA did come on board just before departure and verbally assigned first class seats. As I went to sit down in my assigned seat, I noticed it was placarded INOP so I got bounced back to coach. Don noted that green parking tags were available for parking at the Flight Center. Cars without ID are being towed due to lack of space.

The Denver chapters of ARECA (Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines) and RUAEA will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Picnic at the "Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum" at Lowry Air Force Base 7711 East Academy Boulevard on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00-3:00. Lunch will be catered by Bennett's BBQ and served at 12:00 to 2:00. There are self guided tours of the museum and several aircraft and airline displays that are very interesting. The deadline for reservations is August 6, 2016. The cost is - adults \$25.00 P/P; walkup price is \$28:00 P/P. Submit your checks to RUAEA Denver Chapter, c/o **Martha Gooselaw**, 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011. Please include on the check, member's name, and spouse or guest name. The meal will be Tender Beef Brisket, Hickory Smoked Chicken, Slow Smoked Pork Shoulder, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, French Bread, Cookies for Dessert, and Iced Tea or Lemonade. All are welcome and it is an opportunity to relive the "good old days". Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs, etc. The food is very good. Don stated that he would like our attendance to surpass Continental's this year. Last year's attendance was CO 70, UAL 50. We want to do better. Please think about attending that function.

Don introduced **Carol Bare** (DENCM). She takes care of sending cards to people who have situations like illnesses, etc. She is also a Secretary for RUAEA. She is the Sunshine lady and does a lot for us. Don also reiterated a request to bring someone with you. Don noted that the B17 is here at Centennial Airport along with a B25, AT6, P51, and a Stearman. The charge for a tour of the B17 is \$10. The reason it costs \$10 is to help offset the \$4,000/hr it cost to fly the aircraft. They have 10 seats available for rides and they go for \$459 apiece. They keep it flying so kids

have an idea of what went on back then. A lot of people didn't make it fighting for our freedom so we can do what we do right now. It is Very important for the kids to see. There was some discussion about the Train to DIA. The fare is \$4.50 if you are over 65. That fare is good for a round trip on the same day. Returning on another day is another \$4.50. That fare is from anywhere in Denver – wherever you pick up the train. **Sharon Burbank** (IADCS) noted that **Marv Berryman** (DENTK) made the trip on inaugural day and took a lot of pictures that are available on Flickr or Facebook. Sharon also posted a link on the Denver Mile Highers Facebook page. The escalators at the airport are very steep so be careful. It drops you off at the TSA level so you have to carry your luggage up another floor if you are going to check baggage. There is no baggage drop at the lower level after exiting the train.

**Virgil Gooselaw** related that he is going to Ft. Bragg, NC for a biannual reunion with the troopers he was involved with back in the 50's. "There are only about nine of us left now." This is a highlight of one of the things that he likes to do every couple of years. They can still go out to the drop zones. Some things have changed radically over the years. They are now landing aircraft on dirt strips. When they reverse thrust, there is such a cloud of dust that the aircraft is not visible. They drop people when the wind is 15 mph or less. When Virgil was on active duty, there was no wind limit. He got to visit with troopers whose age ranged from 18 to 21 and some of them had already served 2 or 3 tours in Iraq. Virgil's father was a disabled Vet from WWI and there is military experience in his family. Virgil served in what was called the "Dregs" (E Company). His squad was made up of 11 men, 9 of which were in the military on court orders. Virgil, Sharon and Don went to the Retired Pilot's Association luncheon. A really good luncheon and met a lot of nice people. 10-15 members of RUPA are going out to see the B17 today. One of the pilots was actually a pilot of a B17 during the war.

**Don Burbank** noted that, "we also met with **Susan Osthoff** local ARECA (Continental) Chapter President and Past President **Don LeFurge** to try to get our two groups talking". Don is trying to do this with everyone now. He has a meeting set up with Clipped Wings and RAFA which is retired Flight Attendants. If we get together, instead of 50 of us we could go back to the company with 30,000 retirees. Numbers count.

**Tom Johnston**, President of RUPA remarks: "*We retirees were not so organized and we never needed to be until things went into turmoil after the bankruptcy and the merger or takeover whatever you want to call it. What we are doing here is a very good thing and I hope we can get some clout.*" He noted that some people have had trouble with prescription coverage. He still uses passes but a lot of retired pilots do not. Don offered his services to help solve problems with his contacts at HR. Don is now working on the question of whether we, as retirees, can ship remains for no charge.

**Marlene Miller**, former DENRR, passed away after a long series of health issues related to diabetes. Cards to family at 479 S. Nile St., Aurora CO 80012

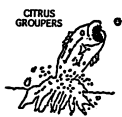


**John Eikerts** (DENTK) passed away on 4/27/2016. He is survived by his wife **Velta Eikerts**. No other information available. **Bob Duensing** spoke briefly about **John Eikerts** death a week ago and John's family's struggle to escape communist controlled Latvia and his journey to America. John was 88 years old.

**Herb Weil** (DENMM) passed away recently. No additional information available.

Mechanics Breakfast May 21, 2016. Location: Sapp Brothers, 7120 E. 49<sup>th</sup> Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022, (303) 289-3930. This is North of I-70 off Quebec. The restaurant is "The Apple Barrel" and it's located inside the main Sapp's building. When you turn off Quebec, back to the North, take the second turn (bridge) to the left and it will bring you right to Sapp's. The time is 9 AM.

## FLORIDA



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### Submitted by Kathy Faust

Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Village. There were 13 happy and hungry members at the luncheon.

Not a lot to report, this is a transition time in the Villages with our winter people closing and packing up to return north for the summer, which leaves all the goodies for us who are year round in paradise. Not that we don't enjoy returning to our former home states for family occasions because we do. The thing I miss most besides the fantastic people are the fall colors, my favorite time of year.

The 50/50 was won by my husband **Bob Faust**. He drew his own number, good going honey.

It's that time of year, our dues are due. See you at the next meeting. If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net).

### Calendar:

Meeting at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant, The Villages, FL

**May 26 - 11:30 AM**

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There was plenty of room for standby's today with a light load of 15 but we still had a great meeting! President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with the Pledge and a prayer and a brief bit of humor.

May birthday celebrants present were **Frieda Coughlin**, **Bud Gammill**, **Bill Lowry** and **Lillian Moddle**. Wedding anniversary couples were **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** (58 years) and **Gloria & Dennis Marcantoni** (45 years). Congratulations to all!

After a delicious lunch, we had our 50/50 drawing (won by **Gloria Marcantoni**) and 2 Mother's Day drawings won by **Lillian Moddle** and **Nita Ritt**. Then President **Dick Coughlin** continued with some humor and a brief UAL report. We're all looking forward to the Garrett's Popcorn.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave a financial report and it was suggested we start thinking of a charity we'd like to help out. **Ken Carpenter** reported that we have confirmed arrangements for our Christmas Luncheon at the Smyrna Yacht Club in New Smyrna Beach so save the date of December 1. It's a great venue with delicious food and we're already looking forward to it!

### Calendar:

**June 2 - 11:30** - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**July 7** - same as above



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A beautiful May day and a happy crowd of retirees gathered to celebrate it! We commented later that it seemed like way more than just 45 members and guests, as our private room looked to be bursting! Three of the surprise members happened to be former MCOCS Supervisors **Barbara Creighton**, **Laura Lofgren** and **George Gleason & Liz**. President Al joked that three was our limit! Missing today, First Lady **Lois**, **Julia Montalvo** and **Ted LeGrand**, but **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** brought their nice neighbor, Linda, as their guest

Al began our meeting with the Pledge to the Flag brought and held high by **Ernie Vosges**. Ernie asked the mothers to remain standing and he wished us all a Happy Mother's Day. Al then thanked all the good cooks, bakers, and burger-flippers on our super picnic fare last month!

Treasurer **Charlotte** gave her report and was proud to share that we have 100 paid members of our Real McCoy's Chapter for 2016! Yeah!

Secretary **Elaine** took the floor to share the sad and shocking news that **Marlene Raciak**, wife of **Dan** (retired MCOCS 2014) passed away at the beginning of April. A Celebration of Life, held for Marlene at their home on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, was well attended by retirees & active employees. Danny's address is 11843 Sir Winston Way, Orlando, FL 32824, [DanRaciak@gmail.com](mailto:DanRaciak@gmail.com).

Let's all take a moment to hold our United family and friends up in prayers for comfort, strength and healing today and every day.

Birthday Wishes in May to **Bob McNeill, Susan Ulman, Jerry Cosby, Mary Starzynski, and Cathy Llewellyn!** And Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** on Cinco de Mayo!

#### Calendar:

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

**June 7** – Luncheon

**July 5** - Luncheon

**August 2** – Luncheon

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The end of season steak fry at The Landings on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River was a huge success. The chapter supplied the steaks. Those attending brought the accompaniments, which consisted of potato salad, tossed salad, Ambrosia, fruit bowl, corn on the cob, calico bean casserole, green bean casserole, brownies, cake, Rocher chocolates, and iced tea. Everything was delicious! We will take a hiatus for the summer and meet again in October.

Attending were **Lynna Baker, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Ric & Jane Marton, Bee McCarthy, Craig Milan, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Pat Reid, and Diane Roberts.** There is never a lack of conversation at our get-togethers. Newcomers are always welcomed, and usually find somebody in the group that worked or lived in a city that they're familiar with.

We meet the first Friday of the month from October through May. A wish for good health through the summer for all of our members.



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We're taking June and July off so our next meeting won't be until August. I was wrong last month when I indicated that we were taking August off too. Sorry about that.

No one did any traveling this month except the **Lindstroms**. You might recall that in one of the past newsletters I mentioned that **Bob & Jan** were going to all the State Parks in Florida. Well, they finally got to their goal, a total of 152 parks. What a great accomplishment. They said it's something that anyone can do, particularly when you're retired. You get a booklet which is kind of like a passport. When you're at a park, you have a park ranger stamp the particular park page. The finished booklet is then sent on to those in charge of the Program. The National Parks also

have something similar. A picture of our officers was taken by **Bill Linehan**. You'll be seeing it in one of the upcoming newsletters.

Our next meeting will be at the IHOP on August 1.

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Never underestimate the power and merriment of our group, we had a total of 21 members in attendance and they were ready to go.

After lunch, President **Al Popek** brought down his large meat tenderizer on a block of wood; he brought it down twice with more force and that got our attention quickly. The meeting started with discussion relating to our picnic which now will be held in March and October to everyone's delight. The group wanted to have another one in the fall so perhaps some of the snowbirds could take advantage of the wonderful time we have. Not to mention the food, this group sure loves to eat. Al also spoke of the merger regarding American Airlines and US Air; our new CEO Oscar is doing a tremendous job considering his recent heart attack, we are all rooting for him to continue the great job he is doing bringing the company together. Our meeting by the way always starts with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Since some of our members are the travelling kind, he called upon **Gene & Fran Student** who are leaving soon for a trip to Iceland; of course, the weather is rather cold there so they are sure to take winter clothes with them and will tell our group all about the trip when they return. **Paul & Diane Leibisch** spoke about their recent cruise on the Norwegian America Line which they said was fantastic. **Jo LaRocca** is planning a trip to Italy and **Dinos Xifaras** is going to Greece.

**Arnold & Dee Lakso** were planning on attending but I suppose she is in too much discomfort so they were not able to come. We hope she gets well soon, our thoughts are with her. **Glenda & Jack Boisseau** are well and join us today, we are very happy to see them.

**Diane Brodis** won the 50/50 and the Progressive was won by **Dinos Xifaras**.

May Birthdays ~ **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), **Fran Student** (5/11), **Joan Palumbo** (5/23), **Barbara Blauschild** (5/24), **David Lindgren** (5/25), and **Jack Boisseau** (5/16). Happy Birthday to all, there are no anniversaries.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking, remember yesterday is history and today is a present, tomorrow is unknown.

#### Calendar:

**June 7** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

**July 5** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

**August 2** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

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All 20 of us Dixie Flyers met on May 4<sup>th</sup> for luncheon and discussion of whatever may be happening at UAL. President **Bill Elk** was absent due to illness, so **Gary Tuttle** filled in. **Don Shelley** gave blessings for the meal. **Bogie Wallace** and **Fred Cron** conducted the 50/50 drawing won by Melba, guest of **Fred Cron**. She donated her \$13.00 winnings to Ladies In Distress.

**Marge Shelley** passed away April 16<sup>th</sup> from pulmonary conditions. **Don Shelley's** annual Atlanta/Tampa reunion was also scheduled that day. **Gary Tuttle** started with 50 UAL retirees from Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, all retirees. A fun fest afternoon was had by all.

Our sick list included **Willie Foles** and **Marge Cebula**. Sunshine Lady **Sybil Voss** sent Get Well cards, along with myself, **Ron Heider**. I will be taking 2 pints of blood soon and hopefully find out where the leakage is coming from.

Our May birthdays are **Frank Russy** (5/8), **Andy Ryabik** (5/15), and **Glenda Tuttle** (5/11). Retirement anniversary was celebrated by **Willie Foles** (May of 1990),

### Calendar:

**June 1** – 2PM at the Broadway Diner, 535 Glynn St. S., Fayetteville, GA 30214, (770) 716-2628.

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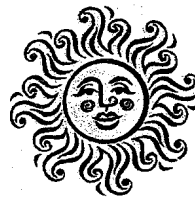
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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



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

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Our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was extra-special, having our RUAEA Northwest Regional Director, **Tom Cunningham**, and his wife **Barbara** join us; this was their first trip to Idaho.

**Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** have been volunteering at the Warhawk Museum and also Simply Cats. **Denny Snyder** actually flew his Cessna 172 to the Warhawk Museum nearby. **Roni Adams** traveled to Santa Fe, NM to visit friends and family. UAL, she shares, has flights to SFE that connect in Denver. Roni stayed at the famous (and expensive La Fonda Hotel, a real treat!). A month later she flew to Denver to visit with her "little" brother 6'2" tall, who is the youngest of her family. Roni also flew to SFO to visit a friend, that's all, folks! **Lois Rodriguez** shared that "Life is good in Idaho. Easy to travel the world! Flights daily to SFO, LAX, DEN, ORD, from there the World!" She closed with "Enjoy the Summer!" **Jack Murphy** was in PHX in March, full flights, weather in SFO, 6 hours in PHX. **Bud & Pat Peters** spent some time in the Bay Area, not expecting rain the whole time!

Tom shared a lot of good information with us, which was much appreciated. We believe this is Boise's first time to be visited by a Regional Director. Surprising bad news was that presently there are 500 fewer RUAEA members than one year ago.

If you belong to a local chapter, joining RUAEA is the best \$27 yearly you'll spend. Our conventions won't continue if membership continues to drop. Correspondence is the backbone of this organization. Information runs both ways. What we do is appreciated. The Denver office is alive and well. Currently there are 4 secretaries. Membership fee can be paid by credit cards, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. The link is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Your file number must be correct. There is no longer a 3-year option.



David & I feel privileged to have spent additional time with our guests following the meeting. We shared some of the highlights in town, including our beautiful Spanish style depot atop the Capitol Blvd. hill, and the Capitol building at the opposite end below. Then it was on to our World Center for Birds of Prey, which is always just as exciting as your first visit. We certainly invite you to spend a couple hours there should you be in Boise!

There's a Girl Scout song which says "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." That came to mind at the end of our great day together.

#### Calendar:

**June 8** - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

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June - the Midwest is famous for weather problems. Or, we in the airline business say, WX problems. We have four seasons, we can have snow, 34 degrees, rain, and 70 degrees, all in one week, or less. We're in June, you'd think we'd have a pretty steady WX pattern by now. Seeing that ORD is our big hub, and in the middle of the country, we get zonked with everything that causes many delays and cancellations. On a personal level, some people find the WX is the perfect scapegoat to blame for everything. My friend, **Juanita Schregongost**, ORDCG, blames the WX for her arthritis, headaches, and falls down the steps, swollen gums, dry cuticles, straight hair, curly hair, tight shoes, split ends, and the heartache of psoriasis. They call the wind Mariah! Poor Mariah, stays away from Juanita!

You can tell the WX is getting better, our Northside breakfast had over 30 people, and many were returnees that we haven't seen in a while. **Edie Heisler**, EXOCA, **Lois Malone**, EXOCU, and **Darryl Van Kampen**, EXORA, **Toni's** husband. **Jim Sommerfield** and **Shirley Johnson** have been busy, in April, they saw Herman's Hermits, in May, Donnie and Marie, and Frankie Avalon. In June, they're going to see the first place Cubbies! **Darlene Felske** is moving on up to the West Side of Rolling Meadows, from the East Side of Rt. 53.

The ORDMM breakfast welcomed back **Jim Vitte**, **Paul Skrudland**, **Harry Kargenian** and **Bob Palm**. Wedding anniversaries are being celebrated by **Sandy & Lance Albert** (56 years), and **Linda & Glenn Hill** (50 years). Speaking of Glenn, he has an interesting "after life" from UAL. He is the Traveling Aircraft Maintenance Officer (TOMA) with the B17, based in Osh Kosh, at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). This B17G was deliv-

ered May 18, 1945, too late to go to Europe, so it was sent to storage. They take the B17 to various cities across the country. There are two TAMO's with the airplane at all times. They travel with the plane for two weeks each time out, no days off. This year, his first tour includes Seattle, Victoria, and Calgary, Canada. And this time he's gone for 20 days. The TAMO's brief the passengers; one is the Crew Chief and the other, the Flight Engineer. They get to meet WWII vets along the way. Their numbers are getting fewer and far between, but they have some great stories to tell. There are 20 TAMO's, all are licensed A&P Technicians, with two being Charles Taylor Master Mechanics. Who said retirees lead a boring life? Fascinating! Tails up, Glenn!

At the Southside breakfast, we had 15 people, among them, **Marge Schmitt**, healthy again after a bout with her sciatica. Enough of us know what that's like. **Bill Corbett** was in "The Graduate" with the Beverly Theatre Guild the end of April. Another retiree who keeps busy in his spare time! The raffles were won by **Sylvester Gant**, **Bill Corbett**, and twice by **Scotty Adams**. One of the women pointed out only the men won. Is that politically correct? Who cares? Another reminder, check your expiration date on your car license stickers or pay a fine, which ain't fine.

In April, a few dozen of us were able to take a tour of the Network Operations Center, (NOC) on the 27<sup>th</sup> floor of the Willis Tower. What an amazing experience, to see the advancement in over 15 years was truly unbelievable. It is now state of the art and encompasses every department involved in getting an airplane off the ground, and in grand style, I might add. It's a young person's world and totally computerized. Technology has passed us by faster than the Millennium Falcon. I expected to see old friends of mine, I only saw three. The retirees and guests that attended were **Kitty Bystrom**, **Jean & Ross Cali**, **Carlos Chiriboga**, **Bill Corbett**, **Guy & Sylvia Davis**, **Joanne Frediani**, **Jan Gawenda**, **Ann Harris**, **Edie Heisler**, **Lois Ilg**, **Lois Malone**, **Tony & Pauline Mangino**, **Pat Muha**, **Carla & Evan Powell**, **Nick Serote**, **Manu & Nalini Shah**, **Joan & Joe Teister**, **Ed & Marilyn Thompson**, **Jerry Tipperreiter**, **Joyce Walker**, **Diane & Mike Webb**. Our guides were Nauman Rauf, an intern, and Jeff Storm, director of NOC routing coordination. **Diane Webb** deserves our thanks and kudos for setting up this fabulous tour. If you're interested, call her at (630) 963-3806 or at [dgwebb334@hotmail.com](mailto:dgwebb334@hotmail.com). Another tour will be on June 17. If you ever worked in operations of any kind, this tour is a must.

People are cruising again. **Donna & John Smiley**, ORDMM, **Lynn & Don Tutt**, ORDMM, **Phyllis & George Kordecki**, CHIRR and ORDMM, **Carole Lauterborn**, CHIRR and her friend Peg, flew to Amsterdam, spent a few days there before boarding the AMA CERTO, going through Holland, France, Germany and ended in Basel, Switzerland. The same cruise was enjoyed by EXOCM's **Ellen Maisel**, but on a different day. **Joe Sammartino**, from OPBCM and MSPCS, visited the canals and flowers of Brussels and the Netherlands. Joe has a Master Gardner degree. They all had a wonderful time on their river cruises.

Departed from our UAL family are **Margarete Stahl**, EXOFA, **Jim Sontheimer**, ORDMM, **Dona Cameron**, ORDSW, **Debbie Porter**, secretary to Board of Directors, **Curt Stenberg**, ORDSK, **Tina Acoba**, wife of **Tony**, EXO Finance. Also, past RUAEA president from 1996-1998, **Howard Pollard**, CHIPE, 99, literally one of the very last of the Patterson "era", one of the "good guys" that really cared about the employees as Director of Personnel. See Letters to the Editor for a letter from his son, Steve. Also gone from our world are Mike Pappas, Patty Duke, Merle Haggard, Bill Henderson, Madeleine Sherwood, Billy Paul, Prince and the incomparable, Doris Roberts.

#### Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**June 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**June 27** - Summer Luncheon—Chandler's Restaurant, 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL, 11:00 Cocktails, 12:00 lunch

### INDIANA

#### INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers are saddling up for their Summer Picnic next month. Members will enjoy a "Tex-Mex" themed party at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN beginning at 1PM Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional information about the pitch-in picnic, which replaces the regular July meeting, will be available at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Indy Racer meeting.

The group has determined that we will continue our relationship with the US Marines and the Christmas Toys for Tots Program. Member **Jack Conway** reported that he has a close relative affiliated with the Marines who will be happy to serve as our liaison with the Corps and make sure our Toy Collection is properly delivered to the Marines for distribution to underprivileged children.

The Racers were happy to welcome **Rita & Frank Prins** to the April meeting after Rita's recent hospitalization. The group was also happy to see retiree **Warren Sherman** join the group for the April meeting.



Congratulations to one of our founding members and officer, **Hannelore Brabo**, (pictured) on winning \$21 in the 50/50 drawing.

The group wishes President **Mario Bregante** success in the completion of his six-week program of classes and vocational therapy at the Hines Institute for the Blind in Illinois.

Members attending the April meeting were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**, **Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Bob & Ruth Duffey** and

**Ed Duffey**, **James Gibson**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Joan Romano**, **Warren Sherman** and his guest **Kirk Wenck**, **Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony Theiss**, and **Tony Urbanovich**. Birthday greetings to the following members celebrating in June: **Elly Barnett** (6/19); **Bob Duffey** (6/21); and **Chris Johnston** (6/25). Celebrating June Anniversaries are **Frank & Rita Prins** (6/4); and **Robert & Myrtle Duty** (6/20).

#### Calendar:

**June 14** - Luncheon at Emmy's Restaurant in Avon begins at 12:30PM and the business meeting starts at 1:30.

### MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters luncheon on May 2 brought out one of our smallest groups yet, only 19 members. However, our venue, Jimmy's Steer House in Saugus MA, as always, welcomed us with their usual "glad to have you" attitude, plus good food and reasonable prices. I've been advised some members don't like going there. We do try to find different venues in different locations, to accommodate all our members' needs. Plus, we're always open to suggestions!

Despite our small size, all had a good time and that camaraderie for fellow employee/retirees is still there! The 50/50 was won by **Elaine Vanderwal**, free future lunches won by **Elaine Vanderwal** and **Peter Fusco**. Gift Certificates provided by Jimmy's Restaurant was won by **Don Latter**. Bottle of wine won by **Peter Fusco** and the progressive won by **Lew Shakley**. Before leaving us for the Friendly Skies, **Bill Shailor** was our very regular winner. He has been replaced by **Elaine Vanderwal** who seems to have something magic about winning abilities. Buy lottery tickets Elaine!

Pres. **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** returned from a Viking River Cruise on the Seine River from Paris to Normandy, France. The tour, boat and land excursions were all first class, and the food to die for! Carleen said everyone should consider a river cruise! Carleen & Bruce announced their 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild, a boy, Jackson Bruce. Congrats!

**Sarah Pitt-Wooll** has taken the position of stage manager at the Players Ring Playhouse in Portsmouth, NH. Sounds like an easy fun job, but when she told me all the different tasks she may be responsible for, it sounds like working again. Portsmouth, a very old town on the coast of NH, is quite a tourist Mecca half the year. Good place to visit when one is on the East Coast.

VP **Mercedes Hersom** is having a problem with her arm and missed our meeting. Her doctors were baffled too, but set her up with therapy, of which she had doubts. But found it is helping! Get better Merc, we miss you.

**Ron Heiseler** has been under the weather and he and **Joyce** couldn't attend this meeting, although they planned to. **Bob Anderson** took their "meals to go" from Jimmy's to Ron & Joyce. Get better, we miss our regulars!

I think my brain is getting like the Bermuda Triangle. Lots of information goes in, never to be found again!

June's birthdays ~ **June Alberino, Bruce Casassa, Susie Dolgin, Marie Dwyer, Francis Mathews, Barbara McFarland, Anthony Postale Jr., Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries ~ **Patricia & Robert Austin** (42 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (60), **Jayne & John Regan** (24), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (51), and **Richard & Delores Woodworth** (56).

#### Calendar:

**June 7** - Reds Restaurant, Route 1 north, Peabody, MA

### MICHIGAN

#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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It has been a quiet month in southeast Michigan. Spring has started to show its loveliness. For that we are grateful.

Our retiree group, twenty one strong, met at Ginapolis' restaurant on May 5. We were greeted with colorful bags that contained sweet treats all thanks to our host, **Lynn Manzi** and her husband, **Ken**.

**Marie Cook** is feeling and looking much better since she fell last month and bruised the side of her face. She is looking forward to her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 16.

We are still looking for a new correspondent for the RUAEA newsletter. You could be located anywhere in the world. We communicate by computer so being local is not a necessity. Please contact me at (248) 667-9258 or [bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net).

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Well, my friends, I had to laugh when I reread last year's report of our April meeting. With the exception of the number attending and the date, I could have used the first paragraph again! This year we had 26 attend on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

*"The April, 2015 gathering of the Lites was windy but mild; everyone has noticed that in recent years the wind in MN has really been a factor in the weather comfort. Why is*

*it windier lately? Another perplexing conundrum for the weather weenies to ponder. It doesn't matter ~ the Lites show up no matter what Ma Nature hands out and April 11th was no different. 29 stalwarts and one guest came to eat and visit."* (!!)

It seems that the security situation at MSP has improved a bit over recent months. Our still-actively employed pal, **Melissa Noonan**, joined us for lunch and reported that although things may be a little better, we still have the summer traffic to deal with. That should slow things down again if staffing improvements aren't made soon.

**Jim & Mary Brennan** made it back from Kona this year as slick as a whistle, even got first class all the way. Hopefully that erased the horror from their 2015 return, which included renting a car and driving back from Chicago.

While the **Brennans** were in Hawaii this winter, their 5-yr-old great-grandson was diagnosed with leukemia. If you've got some spare prayers, that little guy and his family could use a few. Mary is wearing through her rosary beads at quite a pace.

We're receiving outstanding service from Perkins Restaurant, our new meeting venue. This month, the management chose 3 items for "specials", one breakfast, one lunch, one dinner. Their enormous menu is also available as well. Most of the group was happy with the "special" choices, but a few ordered from the menu. If only the room was a little bit larger.

Among the raffle winners was a very happy **Sonja Gunderson**. Obviously, she'll be sitting in that same booth next month.

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

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We had a very nice luncheon with 35 of us enjoying the food and conversation at Finnegan's Pub. After the luncheon, Marge had arranged for us to tour a fire station nearby. About 10 of us went to the one at 11111 I St. We got to see all the equipment, etc. stored in the big ladder truck and look at the pumper truck, and try on the heavy gear that they wear. It's amazing they can walk let alone carry all the extra equipment. The rescue squad was out on a run at our arrival but returned while we were there. The EMT on the truck was the same person that had assisted in taking Keith back to the hospital after his heart surgery. He thought Keith looked a lot better this time. I have known him and



his wife for years as his wife and I worked together at Immanuel for a long time.

We were very happy to see **Roger & Carol Jensen** at the luncheon. Roger has had numerous problems with a broken hip and cancer treatment so it was wonderful to see him up and well enough to attend.

Winners of the 50/25/25 were **Shirley Peyton** (a first time winner) and **Kathy Janus**, who won last month also. We missed **Marilyn & Dick Weak** this month. They were unable to attend due to an electrical outage.

We are sorry to report that **Bracston Olds** passed away on March 19 after what seemed to us like a short stay at a skilled facility. Our sympathy goes out to **Myrtis** and family. Bracston worked for United for many years and at one time held the dubious record for the most laid-offs during the period of not so good times with personnel here in Omaha. Many employees suffered transfers and layoffs during that period of time, many giving up and finding new employment, but Bracston stuck with it and eventually retired in Omaha.

We also heard from **Hilde Schwan** that her husband **Dick** passed away. He had been having a struggle with his lungs and with his memory. Our sympathy to Hilde and her family.

May Birthdays ~ **Larry Nolette** (7), **Van VanHouten** (9), **Linda Chapman** (22), **Ed Delong** (24) and **Andy Vasios** (29). Happy Birthday everyone!

For those of you who have not sent in your dues, I will be contacting you to see if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter any longer. We do not want to leave you out, but do not want to send it to you if you prefer not to be bothered. Besides, I'll get to talk to you and see how you are doing.

#### Calendar:

**June 7** - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Toddy Manson**

**July 5** - The Back Forty, hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

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

### NEVADA



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April 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting was attended by 35 members and guests. Our "crazy hat" theme was not embraced by many, but a few of us participated, and **George Fox** won a free luncheon.

President Rosemarie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Diana Heinz** thanked everyone for their cards and support in the loss of their son, Jeremy.

**Christine Earl** gave her report on our funds, and thanked **Don & Georgia Rutkowski** for donating a micro-

phone for our meetings. She then introduced guest speaker, **Sophia Lagomarsino**, with Prestige Travel. Sophia gave us some good suggestions on trips and cruises; also some interesting day trips in the Las Vegas area.

Winners of the 50/50 drawing were **Ingeborg Levy**, **JoAnn Sanders**, and guest, **Sigrid Wright**. There were numerous winners of the many items on the raffle table.

Next luncheon/meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a guest speaker, and will report on that in next newsletter. Theme for this luncheon will be Western wear. Everyone in Las Vegas always enjoyed May Helldorado Days in the past. Hopefully, members remember those "good ole days" and participate.

We failed to announce the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Jim & Diana Heinz** on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and **Ingeborg & Bob Levy**'s 47<sup>th</sup>. **Marlene Morwick**'s birthday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. May and June birthdays are: **Willie Bullinger** (May 2), **Georgia Rutkowski** (7), **Jerry Meierkort** (11), **Arlene McCroy** (14), **Elaine Ptak** (17), **Max Miller** (18), **Margie Klaus** (19), **Jeannie Rolland** (June 2), **Chris Czaplewski** (7), **George Fox** (8), and **Mary LeChevallier** (10). Wedding anniversaries are: **Bob & Marlene Morwick** (53 years on June 1); **Christine & Woody Earl** (19 years on June 7). Congratulations to all!

We're urging members to attend the National Convention in SEA in September. That was a very nice write-up on it in the May Newsletter. Hope there will be a great attendance!

#### Calendar:

**June 9** - Giuseppe's Bar & Grill, 6065 S. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV, Western Theme

**August 11** - "TBA"

**October 13** - Halloween

**December 8** - Christmas

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There were 13 members at our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Black Bear Diner, plus guest **Yesenia Anguiano**, who is an assistant to **Maurine Williams**.

A March birthday was celebrated by **John Barlow**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Patricia Nettles**. The surprise gift was won by **John Brown**.

There will be a celebration of life for **Bob Hallden** at 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 21 in Reno at the Elks Lodge. Hosting will be Bob's children Judy and Robert. If you would like to attend, please let me know so I can forward the count to them.

Our next meeting will be May 9 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.



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The Garden Staters met on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's for their April meeting. It was opened by a flag salute by **John Deily**.

We are sad to report another passing of our United family, **Nydia Lopez** passed away on April 3, 2016. Nydia was an important member of the EWR SW in-flight office for many years. And yes, she will be missed.

It was good to see **Charlie Donerly** and **Dick & Lena Confer**. Let's hope we can see more of them. **Ida Enfield** won the 50/50 and our next meeting will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>. All our veterans are urged to bring in some mementos to share with the rest of us.

Also on our schedule, our next meeting will be June 29, that will be to bring in any hobbies for show and tell. If you have any trouble, explaining something, you will be sure to get help from the crowd!

*\*\*"Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy, you must have somebody to share it with."*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Maybe it was the nasty weather that kept some away, but we had only 25 at our May luncheon. We'll expect more for our summer picnics in July and August, but where is everybody? Pretty soon we can just pick a centrally located parking lot and have tail-gating parties.

**Ed Pozzi** reported the death of **Ed Farrell** (JFK), our condolences to his family. **Lenny Pascale** had valve replacement surgery. **Fred Jones** is in rehab. We wish them both speedy recoveries.

Happy Birthday to **Donna Feingold**! Those present at luncheon and celebrating anniversaries are: **Diane & Ed Pozzi** (54<sup>th</sup>), **Madeline & John Klos** (55<sup>th</sup>), **Emma & Nunzio Milazzo** (44<sup>th</sup>), and **Mary & John Green** (47<sup>th</sup>). **Evelyn & Mike Schroeder**, re-acclimating to NY weather, in front of a fireplace on their 55<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all!

**Lillian & Paul Cohen** are once again getting ready for the Rio Olympics. Remember they went to Sochi for the ice dancing competition? Paul already lost five pounds because he was sent from bank to bank, trying to get rid of some old blondes. Isn't that against the law? My proofreader is pretty sure he said "bonds". There's nothing wrong with my hearing. When I told her I was studying music, she

gave me a gift. I thought it was a horn, but it is an ear trumpet. I want to bop her over the head with **Al Popek**'s meat tenderizer.

**Nick Manfredo** was so preoccupied shredding his losing lotto scratch-offs, they got mixed up with his salad. Oops! That's protein, isn't it? The winners of the 50/50 were: 1<sup>st</sup> – **Lillian Cohen**, 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Jim Richardson**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Jim Richardson**. Did I hear right this time? What luck! Thanks to Paul for his cookie donations for the tables.

### Calendar:

**June 1** – Meeting at Davenport Press

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Buckeyes enjoyed lunch on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Mahle's Restaurant with 61 members in attendance. As customary, the food was above reproach. We especially looked forward to their special ice cream dessert which is a signature recipe. We thanked our hosts, **Gene & Jacki Craig** for arranging this venue.

President **Dolly Taucher** opened the meeting with "Grace", and did so as **Arlene Taylor** is still enjoying a reprieve from our winter. Nobody in our group can perform this prayer as eloquently. **Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 drawing, which is "of course" the Hi-Lite of our meeting. Well, for the winners anyway, **Nancy McLaughlin**, **Tom Hockett** and **Steve Pytel**.

We are so sorry to announce that **Mary Louise Kuretz**, our dear friend, member, and former secretary of our Ohio Buckeyes for the past 6 years has passed away suddenly on April 20, 2016. Mary Lou will truly be missed by all. She was such a very special person, and now she has gone home to be with God. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with her husband **George** (CLECG) and their entire family.

Long time member, **George Werner** who retired from CLERR passed away on March 29, 2016. To know George, was to love him. George resided in Strongsville since 2013 at Falling Waters Care Center. He will be missed by many.

Also **Nancy Pater**, although not an active member of the Buckeyes, who worked at CLETR and as a long time hostess in The Red Carpet UAL Lounge in Cleveland, passed on April 13, 2016 in her home state of Virginia after a sudden illness. She had just returned from an 11 night RCCL Cruise with several of our Cleveland members. Please take time out to remember these fine people in your prayers, if you are so inclined.

We celebrated birthdays this month: **Len Friedel**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **Mary Merleno** and **Barbara Wachs**.

April wedding anniversaries: **Len & Mary Ann Friedel** (52 years); **Steve & Lee Rak** (53 years); also **Earl & Arlene Taylor** (17 years).

*"It's Spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart."*

Calendar:

**June 8** - Rosehill/Medina, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**  
**July 13** - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**

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Our April luncheon was again a small group, only 69 this time. Those in attendance were treated to a guest speaker, **Phil Chaperon**, a WWII Veteran, and guest of **Jack Curtis**. He spoke about his flying experiences as a gunner on a B17 during the war.

*Illness/Deaths:* **Ed Nolan**, who retired from SFO Maintenance, passed away on March 28, 2016 of congestive heart failure and pneumonia at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife **Mary** and 3 children, Nancy, MaryBeth and Ted. Condolences can be sent to PO Box 36, Moss Beach, CA 94038

**Dick Johnston**, retired PDXMM mechanic, passed away March 9, 2016. We don't have any further information other than he was living in Salem, OR.

**George E. Witt Sr.**, passed away on March 2, 2016 at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his wife, **Donna** in 2014. Both George and Donna worked in the PDX cabin appearance department. A celebration of George's life was held on March 20, 2016.

*Announcements/New Business:* **Paul Russell** informed us that Falbo Field, at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbia Blvd. was vandalized. Falbo field is named after **Chuck Falbo**. The Falbos have been long standing members. A motion was made and seconded for the Dew-er's to donate \$100.00 to help in the restoration of the field.

It was pointed out to those who are RUAEA members, and receive their monthly newsletter, should look on the last page of the April issue to see the picture of our chapter's board members.

*Anniversaries ~* **Ted & Velda Schoessler** (62 years).

*Birthdays ~* **Patty Cox Hollosy**, **Inga Pempeit** (age 79), **Kathy Russell** (age 72), and **Dennis Cline** (age 68).

*Drawing Winners ~* Lunch/Door Prize - **Shirley Walker**, Men's Birthday - **Dennis Cline**, Women's Birthday - **Kathy Russell**, 50/50 - **Bob Edwards**.

Calendar:

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

**June 8** - Social

**July 13** - Indoor Picnic Fun



**OUR CLUB**

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What a wonderful start to the month of May. We had a wonderful turnout at the Tin Tin Buffet in Medford hosted by our favorite English Lady, **Alberta Randall** and her better half hubby **Russ**. So much news to report to all our fellow RUAEA friends that I just don't know where to start.

The big surprise was **Carl & Carole Widrig** (the brother and sister in law of our beloved Wayne) came to our luncheon and decided to join our chapter. We are all thrilled. Carole was a flight attendant for United beginning in 1960 at which time she met Carl who worked at the maintenance yard and soon after became a pilot. I was told she had to stop working for United because in those days United employees could not be married, what the heck was that all about? I have been told there was also a time women could not vote, we've come a long way baby. Seeing the lunch was held in Wayne's honor at his favorite restaurant it was only right that they came. We must have made a good impression on them to join that very day. **Linda Althouse** was kind enough to bring along **Sonnica Appleton** and **Laurie Jordan** so they could join us, a big thank you Linda for doing that. Laurie was happy she came as she won our 50/50 drawing. **Marge Calkins** did not make it as her daughter from back East is visiting for Mothers Day. To have everyone there was wonderful. **Miriam Lindberg** came along with **Bob** and it was so nice catching up with her. The funny part is when **Carole Widrig** starting talking to her, they were both from the same area growing up and had lots in common. It was meant to be.

I was finally able to get in touch with **Doe Pope** who is still in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Our heart goes out to Doe with all she has been through. While still visiting with her children she fell and injured her neck and head. She was in intensive care for eight days and is also in a neck brace. She is having therapy a couple times a week and may not be back home here in Oregon until the end of June. Her good news was her son Steve is 90% free of cancer now so she did have something wonderful to share.

Ric and I will host the June luncheon and are finding a place with a private room as **Russ Randall** has agreed to share stories of his days in the military. I made the mistake of saying he was in the Air Force and thought I would be shot on the spot. He is a highly decorated Marine and they take which branch of the military they were in very seriously. So I will say it now "Russ forgive me" next time I will call you a "Fly Boy" because that is what my Dad called pilots when I was growing up and he worked at a military base until he retired. He protected your runways.

I hope you are all well and getting your gardens and yard done before the hot weather sets in or the mosquitoes eat you up. When you live by a river you just can't get away from them.

God Bless you all and more news to come next month.  
Your friends in Grants Pass, Oregon

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Twenty four people enjoyed the luncheon on April 11 at the Clarion Hotel in Essington, PA. The food was very good. **Joyce Lindenmuth** won the 50/50 and **Gail Bradley** won the free lunch.

As we age gracefully, the sick list does not get any shorter. **Al & Kathy Edwards, Carol Rose, Lynn Sonderman** remain on the list. Yours truly is much improved after a bout with sepsis and endocarditis.

We received a thank you letter from the vets for the Christmas boxes we sent.

## WASHINGTON

 **EMERALD CITY SLICKERS**  
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Welcome to Seattle! That's what we Emerald City Slickers would like to say to each and every one of you United and Continental Airlines retirees at the annual RUAEA convention September 21-24. Please note that this June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter contains all the information you need to make informed decisions on which tours to take, which meetings to attend, and which social events appeal to you most. September is a beautiful month in Seattle, so take advantage of the opportunity to pay us a visit.

Our April meeting was the first luncheon at our newest venue, Angelo's Italian restaurant in Burien, Washington. Forty five members and guests met to enjoy good food and great service. As our secretary, **Mary Ann Andersen**, reported in her minutes, Angelo's received two thumbs up. Maybe the cheesecake for dessert had something to do with the enthusiasm. President **Ken Storey** opened his remarks with his usual supply of jokes and funny stories. This was **Ken's** last Slickers meeting until September, as he is leading a tour group in Europe in May and will have missed the May meeting by the time you read this. Very capable **John Hafnerbecker** was tapped to conduct the May meeting. The summer months won't bring much of a vacation to **Ken**, as he grapples with convention arrangements as local chairperson. **Ken** introduced RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin**, a member of our local chapter, who brought us up to date on the "state of the organization," noting that membership is down at all levels, as is true with most professional and social groups. **Hank** reported that overall planning for the September convention in Seattle is on schedule. **Hank** also

reminded members to use their retiree ID cards to garner discounts (e.g., 75% at FedEx and discounted cruise fares).

UAL's new president, Oscar Munoz, has been invited to attend the September RUAEA convention. What a wonderful opportunity to meet The Man if he is able to accept our invitation.

Snowbirds **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** are serving as convention treasurer and registrar and have requested the help of local chapter members to serve a couple hours a day to assist with registration and in the hospitality room. **Ken Storey** is collecting volunteers.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** was assisted by **Bob Brumfield** in the distribution of door prizes. **Ken Walters** took home the 50/50 prize.

It's that time of year! **Bob Howard** has scheduled the annual Seattle Retirees' Golf Tournament for Wednesday, June 29 at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila. Using the scramble format and a minimum of two drives per player, **Bob** welcomes UAL and Continental retirees, current employees, friends and family. Featured prizes to be awarded in the Club House Restaurant immediately following play include Closest-to-the-pin – men's and ladies' front and back nines, and men's and ladies' long drive. Cost (\$34 for seniors 62+ and \$39 for youngsters) includes fees and prize fund. Cart rental, which is not included, runs \$14.50 per rider and can be reserved through **Bob Howard** (253) 946-3462 or Foster Golf Course (206) 242-4221. Get your reservations in now by signing up with **Bob**.

**Dick Clement** told a great story linking Angelo's with United Air Lines. In the 60s, a UAL employee talked Angelo into serving San Francisco Sourdough Bread. Several times a week, Angelo met the plane at Air Freight and took the bread – sometimes still warm – directly to his restaurant. An article and photo is displayed in Angelo's foyer. Has anyone recognized that long-ago UAL employee?

**Ken Tank** had a meeting with the United's Human Resources in Chicago scheduled for April 18 to discuss and clarify erroneous information being provided to retired mechanics by the Benefits Center, as well as updated information on CVS/Caremark and benefits enrollment difficulties encountered by members. We look forward to an update at our May meeting. This information could prove helpful to participants in the RUAEA Convention's Benefits Panel, so they are prepared to answer pertinent questions.

**Helen Clement** displayed a coffee table book being sold by the Burien/White Center Rotary Club.

It was fun in April to greet several members who had been infrequent attendees over the past few months. They undoubtedly came out to "test the waters" at Angelo's with the new lower fare. Those we don't always see included **Richard & Helen Clement, Hank Gosselin** and **Carol Lucarelli, Edna Harris, Ted Higley, Dave & Linda Jones** and **Otto Wieland**. Welcome back! We hope to see you on a more regular basis but understand this snowbird-and-family thing, though Seattle had only about an inch of snow last winter.

Once again, we thank **Vicki Shumaker** for creating and e-mail distributing our all-important (how else would you know what to order for lunch?) chapter newsletter, *Con-*



trails, and to **Phyllis Bowman** and her crew for printing and mailing hard copies. They're off the hook until the September issue, to be published in late August, unless a special issue is needed for convention business.

See you at the RUAEA Convention in September! Register now.

Calendar:

**June, July, August** – No regular meetings

**September 13** – Luncheon meeting

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

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**THE DULLES LOUNGERS**

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Greetings from the Dulles Loungers. Spring has been quite elusive but we are hoping that we have seen the last of the 40 degree weather for a while. Our flowers are in full bloom and the gardens are ready to be mulched. This is the best time of the year (IMHO).

Our April luncheon was conducted by **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, since I was recovering from a knee replacement. As always, she did a great job. The luncheon was well attended and a good time was had by all. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Linda Scriven**. This raffle is used to finance our door prizes and to help pay for some of our expenses at our annual picnic.

Our annual picnic will, as usual, be at noon on the second Wednesday in June. Once again, we have decided to have it at The Barrel Oaks Winery because it was so popular last year. The BOW is located in Delaplane, VA, nestled in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is both a beautiful and historic area. We will have a full catered lunch and will be giving Barrel Oaks wine bottles as door prizes. Anyone who has not yet put in their reservation but would like to attend, please email or call me at the above address. Don't miss your chance to visit with old friends and taste the best wines of Virginia. This place is both child and pet friendly.

We have quite a few wedding anniversaries in the month of April. Celebrating 49 years will be **Jeanette & Bob Allen**, **Fred & Bonnie Bena**, and **Bob & Charlotte O'Roark**. **Dutch & Kerrie Schneider** have made it to 46 blissful years and **Ginny & Ed Kildoye** are happy to celebrate their 44 years together. Congratulations to all!

**Ina Ayres** has done a great job as the Chair of our Sunshine Committee. We have kept her quite busy lately with birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions of both joy and sadness.

We are sad to report the death of our dear **Nancy Pater** (IADTQ). Nancy's picture was in last month's newsletter because she was celebrating her birthday at our luncheon. Nancy's kind and gentle spirit will be missed. Also, our

condolences go out to another member of our United family: **Marge Dayock** lost her beloved husband, **Bob**, after many happy years of marriage. Marge ended her long career with UAL as a coordinator at IADSW.

Back on a happy note, **Tana Rae "TR" Everson**, (DCASW) took a short trip to Pennsylvania and returned with freshly baked pretzels for everyone who attended our March luncheon. Thank you TR, this was a very thoughtful gesture.

Until next month, happy gardening and fly safe!

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Hello RUAEA:

I hope most of you are experiencing a wonderful beginning of summer. Mother Nature has been rather nasty to some parts of the country. We certainly send our thoughts and prayers to those of you who are having a tough time.

We continue to reach out to Capital, United and Continental Flight Attendants who have retired, resigned or are still flying "the friendly skies". I neglected to include "Capital Airlines" the last time I spoke about our recruitment. Mea Culpa! Those lovely ladies are a very important part of our Clipped Wings Organization. We have 29 Chapters. I am sure one is just right for you. Contact me and we will find the right Chapter for you.

We are looking forward to our National Convention over Labor Day in SAN. We encourage all Flight Attendants to attend. It will be a great 3 days.

Enjoy the sun when it reaches you. Take care of yourself and Honor those we lost on Memorial weekend.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **April 2016**:

Allasia, Linda, SEACU, 10503 165<sup>th</sup> Pl. NE, Redmond, WA 98052  
Allen, Caroline, LAXCS, 1416 Dalmatia Dr., San Pedro, CA 90732  
Delisle, Gerry, SFOFO, 1109 Bluelake Square, Mountain View, CA 94040  
Gallo, Joseph, BOSCS, 33 Rockland St., Hanover, MA 02339  
Kaplan, Irene, MIASW, 1204 Whitney Ave., Apt. 416, Hamden, CT 06517  
Osthoff, Susan, 2285 Monaco Parkway, Denver, CO 80207  
Rawlinson, Mary, 150 Halcyon Dr., Southern Pines, NC 28387  
Spring, Cleave, SFOFO, 1104 Burke Lane, Foster City, CA 94404  
Taylor, Edward, SFORQ, 2348 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403



## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2016**:

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Doering, Robert D. Edwards, Thomas E. Emborsky, Shirley Finkelstein, Wanda Garofalo, C. Sam Geiger, Otto Gierstorfer, Jean A. Gill, Robert K. Gillman, Diane K. Glenn, Rosemary Gora, Taketosji Handa, Lois E. Hewelt, Shelley A. Hofmann, Pamela Hussey, Yoshimi Iwasa, Gerald J. Janezick, Hans Jantzen, Don Johnson, Joseph Kalata, Irene Kaplan, Lorraine Y. Karpen, Lyn M. Kerns, Robert Kivlehan, Nora Kocsis, Carol L. Kuhn, John L. Lacount, Patricia A. Langhart, Jeanne B. Leo, Bobby Lowden, William V. Lowry, Richard H. McCoppin, Kenneth A. Miller, Fred S. Miller, Stephen Moddle, Mary Ann Moylan, Jacklyn C. Muller, Susan R. Patti, Gary F. Peck, Francis A. Pellizzari, Gerald (Jerry) Pipinich, Mary Rawlinson, Deborah D. Runyeon, Henry Sanchez, William Schultz, Marjorie Segal, Arc Seven, Ruth E. Short, Robert Shriner, Albert Silva, Donna Marie Simpson, John T. Small, Pascal C. Soriano, Mary W. Spafford, William C. Speicher, Joan Patricia (Pat) Spilotro, Patty Sue Stanton, Donna M. Stewart, Pamela G. Takacs, James R. Taylor, Edward Taylor, Thomas A. Teets, Jack Tinney, Joan T. Tremblay, Anthony F. Tricoli, Gerry F. Troppe, John B. Vierung, Arvid Von Nordenflycht, Ronald A. Wallace, Herbert C. Wilbanks, Fred S. Wise.



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**Obit Notice Policy:** Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**. The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is re-

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

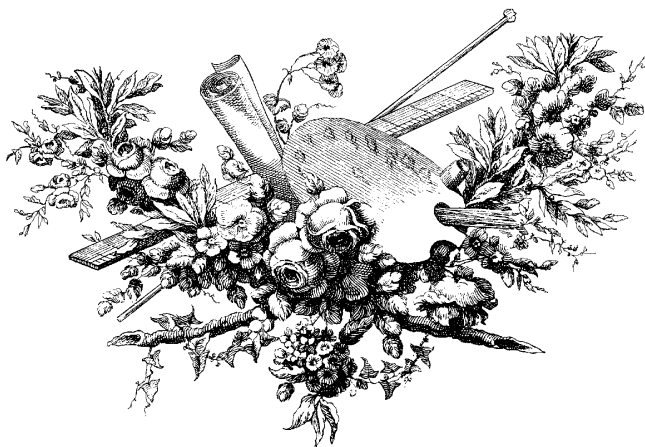
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- Retiree – **Balian, Shahan (Doc)**, on 3/24/2016, PHLMM, husband of Eleanor Balian (deceased), 1043 Rainbow Circle, Elmer, NJ 08318
- Retiree – **Burton, Harold A.**, on 4/19/2016, PHLFF, husband of Kathleen Burton (deceased) 2710 Whitney Dr., York, PA 17402
- Retiree – **Connelly, Catherine S.**, on 3/28/2016, CHITO, aunt of Paul Rampe, 1019 Lander Road, Mayfield Village, OH 44143
- Retiree – **Cunningham, Robert D.**, on 4/21/2016, SFORN, husband of Elesia Cunningham, 4475 Queen Anne Dr., Union City, CA 94587
- Retiree – **Edwards, Hurley H.**, on 12/14/2015, SFORQ, husband of Ruby Stone Edwards (deceased), 586 Manzana Place, San Jose, CA 95112
- Retiree – **Eikerts, Janis P.**, on 4/27/2016, DENTK, husband of Velta Eikerts, 1531 S. Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224
- Retiree – **Farrell, Edward J.**, 4/29/2016, JFKCG, husband of Patrica Farrell, 15 Meroke Lane East, Islip, NY 11730
- Retiree – **Hubbard, Harold D.**, on 4/10/2016, SFOLQ, husband of Lois Lynn Hubbard, PO Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339
- Retiree – **Kinkead, Louis R.**, on 3/10/2016, SFOLM, husband of Ruth M. Kinkead, 4325 Hazelwood Ln., Concord, CA 94521
- Retiree – **Maus Jr., Frank B. (Brandon)**, on 3/8/2016, SEAEG, husband of Patricia A. Maus, 2696 Marineview Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577
- Retiree – **Pollard, Howard L.**, on 4/30/2016, EXOPE, husband of Melba J. Pollard (deceased), 800 W. Oakton St. #314, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
- Spouse – **Sorensen, Boyd B.**, on 3/19/2016, DENCS, husband of Mary Lou Sorenson, DENRR, 2597 S. Independence Ct., Lakewood, CO 80227
- Spouse – **Sontheimer, James**, on 3/14/2016, ORDMM, husband of Jacqueline R. Sontheimer ORDMM (deceased), father of Colleen Sontheimer, 411 S. Roselle Rd., Roselle, IL 60172
- Retiree – **Stahl, Margarete**, on 3/27/2016, EXOFA, wife of Wilhelm Stahl (deceased), 1171 Marshall Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016

Retiree – **Stenberg, Curt R.**, on 4/21/2016, ORDSK, husband of Linette Stenberg, HDQCU, 8885 W. Thunderbird Rd. #1053, Peoria, AZ 85381

Retiree – **Tolf, Naomi J.**, on 3/1/2016 SFOCY, wife of Albert (Al) Tolf (deceased), 2444 Pratt Apt 237, Longmont, CO 80501

Retiree – **Tarleton, Woodrow W.**, on 12/27/2015, husband of Carrie R. Tarleton, 1174 Countess Ct., San Jose, CA 95129



## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Nancy Adams, Beverly Alderdice, Beulah Barber, Nancy Bessenbacher, Bernard Eilers, Wanda Garofalo, Paul Gilson, Marilyn Hanson, Ralph Hernandez, Sylvia Hirning, Hazel Kaspari, Lyn Kerns, Patricia Langhart,



Jeanne Lee, Kenneth Lee, Marjorie Segal, Patty Stanton, Ronald Wallace, Jerome Watnemoe.

#### **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.)*

#### **Howard L. Pollard, 800 W Oakton St #314, Arlington Heights, IL 60004**



Howard was born December 24, 1916 in Boone, Iowa to the late William & Effie (nee Stotts) Pollard, passed away April 30, 2016. Family and friends celebrate his life as one not only well lived but enriching to all who knew him. He will be remembered for his gentle kindnesses, love of life, positive nature, and his ability to demonstrate love in his every act.

Howard's warmth and innate ability to work with people served him well in his 44+ year career with United Air Lines where he became Director of Personnel, as well as in the many appointed and volunteer positions he held.

Howard's career began with UAL in Cheyenne, Wyoming where he worked at the Maintenance Base. There he met and married the love of his life, his wife of 68 years, Melba.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, Howard returned to UAL where he began working in personnel. As he grew with the company, he and his family lived in Colorado, California, and Illinois. During his tenure with UAL, Howard participated in union-labor negotiations in Washington, D.C. under the Johnson Administration, averting a five airline strike.

Wherever he lived, Howard gave back to his community, employing his tact and people skills, serving on the Arlington Heights Police and Fire Commission, Beautification Committee and as President of the Real Estate Review Board, as well as in many other volunteer capacities with the Heart Association, United Way, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and on several mediation boards. He was a long time member of the United Methodist Church, serving on many church committees and projects. Howard continued his UAL connections after retirement as President of the Retired United Airline Employees Association for two years and was an active member until his death.

Howard's long and purposeful life was enriched by his love of family and friends, almost as much as he enriched theirs. His UAL colleagues were friends that endured through the years. With each move, his circle

of friends grew larger. He and Melba traveled for business to Japan, where he negotiated UAL's expansion there, and for pleasure to Ireland and throughout the US to visit family and friends. Whether at home or traveling, his affable and enthusiastic nature ensured warm feelings all around. He loved to entertain guests, sharing grilling tips and recipes that endure.

Howard loved all kinds of music from classical to jazz and could play most musical instruments by ear. He enjoyed playing tennis, skiing, and golf, playing in UAL leagues into his 80's. The highlight of his golfing experiences was meeting Arnold Palmer at a UAL sponsored golf tournament organized by Howard.

To Howard, every day was a beautiful day, no matter what the weather. He loved unconditionally and enjoyed nothing more than being with his family. The positive example of his life will be remembered and honored by those he leaves behind.

My family would like to thank everyone at United for your kind words of sympathy. We can see he was loved by you as well as by us. Thank you so much. Steve Pollard, son

#### **Virginia Rood, 141 Hastings Ave, Elk Grove, IL 60007**

Thank you all for all you do.

I turned 80 on February 11<sup>th</sup> and have had one illness after another. Two of these illnesses required me to be hospitalized. But I seem to be recovered now and praying to stay well for the rest of the year.

This past year kept me pretty busy taking care of my brother who is now in Branson, MO and my cousin here in Elk Grove Village.

My husband and I enjoyed the Christmas party but I missed many of my old co-workers who did not attend this year.

#### **Thomas Teets, 7734 Rosina Dr, Fairview, PA 16415**

Another year has passed and I am still here.

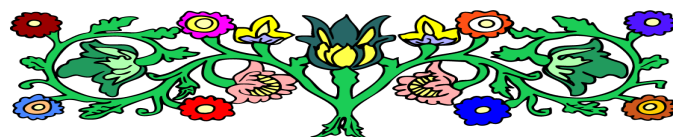
It was nice to have seen a note from **John Hildebran** in the April Newsletter. He started after me and retired before me by two years, back in Erie, PA with Capital Airlines.

Another old timer from Erie, **Paul E Wagner** passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They both went to FLA, when Capital discontinued service in Erie around 1960.

I was glad to see UAL in Erie again, with the merger with Continental; that puts Capital in Erie via UAL merger, but that's airbiz!

American returns to Erie via merger with US Air!

Just keep hem flying and "Keep the Skies Friendly".





## Notes

### Margaret Kuhn, 400 N. Haddon Ave., Unit 107, Haddonfield, NJ

I continue to spend my winters in Arizona and summers in New Jersey. I have children and grandchildren in both places. I like to receive the RUAEA newsletter and keep current.

### Edward Taylor, 2348 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo, CA

Retired 2005 and want to see what is going on.

### Linda Allasia - New member.

I keep in contact with friends from SEA & IAD through Facebook. Might be nice to actually see them sometime! Several IAD friends are going to be here for the convention in September. Thought this would be perfect opportunity for me to reconnect. I keep pretty busy taking care of my home & yard, helping my elderly mother, young grandsons, am an ambassador for American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; sell my photography online, etc. Just like everyone else, wondering how I ever had time to work!

### Irene Kaplan

I want to renew my membership to keep in touch with what is going on with United and to make the most of my benefits, and to get in touch with old friendships.

### Larry Newsome

Thankful for 33+ years with UAL and enjoying life in North Carolina near my children and the **best** medical care here in the Triad! God is good. The RUAEA keeps us retired folk informed about the **latest** happenings with UAL - especially issues that specifically apply to us!

### Robert Schrinier

We recently moved from Texas to my hometown, Lincoln, NE.

### Michael O'Meara

Just retired again! 12 years as Airport Operations Supervisor at RIC. They are the Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC).

So I was with the Mainliners 1968 to 2003, followed by 2004-2016 with CRAC. Can't get away from the drug labels!

### Esther M Skeggs

I appreciate RUAEA representing the retirees on issues that are important to us and for keeping us updated on information important to us. Thank you for all you do. ■

## Important Phone Numbers



Updated 2/2016

### United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

### United Employee Service Center

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

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

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

### Employee Travel Center

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

### Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

**New United number: 877-825-3729 (International use: 847-825-3729)** This is a new, centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United. After calling the new number, **select option #2 (for retirees)**

**Aetna** 1-800-334-0110

**BC/BS** 1-800-535-9825

**PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

**Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

**Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

**Medicare Hotline** 1-800-633-4227

**CVS/Caremark (Pharmacy)**

1-844-635-3401

**VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time)** 1-800-877-7195  
(M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)

# United Airlines Historical Foundation



"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"



The above full-scale DC-8 mock-up is complete with chairs, floor covering and interior finish. The company is proceeding to install a complete cargo and baggage compartment and the simulated jet will be used during the next several years to test various phases of in-flight and ground service preparatory to scheduled operations in 1959. United officials believe this is the first time in history that an airline has constructed a mock-up of an airplane several years in advance of its intended delivery.

United's work is centered in San Francisco where the company has its engineering headquarters and where it has built a complete jet fuselage which figured in the evaluation of present and available jetliners which led to the DC-8 order. It will continue to be used in developing all aspects of cabin interior arrangement.

United continued its aggressive program with the Douglas Aircraft Company to make the DC-8 the finest aircraft yet conceived. Douglas, of course, is bringing into play all its long experience in the design and production of commercial airliners which have become famous all over the world.

United's leadership in being the first domestic airline to announce a contract for jetliners (October 25, 1955) met with a strong response from patrons and the general public throughout the country.

Sales managers and station managers all along the Main Line said that customers were expressing an enthusiastic and gratifying interest in the company's plans to establish jetliner service by 1959. As a matter of fact, one request for a reservation on the first DC-8 schedule already has been received.

The nation's press reflected the general public's interest in United's order. Both *Time* and *Newsweek* gave

large space to the story. Front-page stories were carried in most of the cities on the Main Line. Editorial comment was extremely favorable.

Despite the high price tag of \$175 million for the 30 jets ordered by United, the planes will be more economical than the current piston-engine planes.


United's President W. A. Patterson said: "*In sched-*

*uled operation a fleet of 42 DC-7s produce 853,000 passenger seat miles per hour. By contrast 25 jet planes will produce 1,840,000 seat miles per hour. The jet's cost of operation will be about 13 to 14 percent less than the DC-7". "We will be getting much greater efficiency, dependability and much more traffic because of the jet's speed."*



Presidents W. A. Patterson and Donald Douglas sign a contract for 30 DC-8s. Mr. Patterson then gave Mr. Douglas a check for \$5,640,000, the largest initial payment ever made for a commercial airline purchase.

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

Please mail your tax-deductible \$ contributions and donations of **United & Continental Memorabilia & Artifacts** to: **UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.** Visit our website at [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org) 



**Welcome to the 2016  
RUAEA Convention  
Seattle, WA  
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# **Welcome to the 2016 RUAEA Convention**

RUAEA and the Seattle Emerald City Slickers would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. There is a lot to pack into this wonderful time of year, so we encourage you to come in earlier or stay later to enjoy all the tours and festivities. The Convention is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family, including; RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association), Clipped Wings (Former and current UAL Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots), ARECA (Association of Retired Continental Employees), RAFA (Retiree Association of Flight Attendants), the IAM Retiree Association and Golden Penguins (Former Continental Flight Attendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city for the fall foliage, tours and camaraderie we all share at the Convention.

Our hotel is the **DoubleTree Suites Southcenter**, not to be confused with the DoubleTree Seattle Airport. Most of our Convention activities will be held in the **Dallas/Phoenix Room - our Hospitality Suite**. Registration will be staffed Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the hours will be 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Late Tour Sales hours will be 7:00 AM to 10 AM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday then on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be limited registration staffing on Saturday, so if you are only coming for the Banquet, please make arrangements to pick up your package early.

**Please see schedule of events for late tour sales hours on Wednesday – Friday.**

The Hospitality Suite is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales. Maps and other local information to help you navigate the Seattle area will be on hand. Also available will be maps of the surrounding area showing the many shops and restaurants within a mile of the hotel. This room will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Wednesday through Friday with a cash bar from 5:30 until 8:30 PM each evening. We have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. Note there is a one hour Double Tree hosted event on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your ticket will be good for one beer or glass of wine and will include light appetizers. This will be sports night so bring your favorite team's shirts, caps, etc. Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the 'Prop Wash Party' with a mixture of Cheese Trays, Fruit Trays, Mediterranean Spreads, and Smoked Salmon Trays co-hosted by Alliant Credit Union.

The RUAEA Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Dallas/Phoenix Room also known as the DoubleTree Ballroom. We will not be offering table assignments this year. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends and grab a table.

We have a varied selection of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sites with your friends is always fun. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many things to do and see in the Seattle area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. The hotel is offering the convention rate three days prior to three days post-convention based on availability. The Seattle Light Rail has a station at the airport and fares are reasonable.

**See pages C 6-8 for details and sign up early.**

Representatives of the United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) will be present to answer questions regarding UAL's history. Donations, both of memorabilia and monetary value are always welcome by the Foundation. All donations are tax deductible, as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

Members of Clipped Wings will be present to represent current and former UAL Flight Attendants. They have two different scarves and hope to have both available. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or **Ron Bertacini** – VP Conventions at [bertacini@surewest.net](mailto:bertacini@surewest.net).



# **Seattle Convention Information**

## **SILENT AUCTION**

We would ask that anyone who wishes to contribute an item for a silent auction please bring it with you to the hotel. These will be displayed in the Hospitality Suite for all to enjoy. Final bidding on these items will close at 6:15 PM on Friday and winners will be announced at 6:30 PM. We thank all previous donors for their generous contributions.

## **50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE**

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality room, Dallas/Phoenix Room at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Friday at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature Hilton Honors Points. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Summit 1 Room. Please RSVP to **Diane Webb** at (630) 963-3806 or [dgwebb334@hotmail.com](mailto:dgwebb334@hotmail.com) prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**Francis Domaratius**, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Summit 2 Room. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## **RUAEA BOARD MEETING**

This meeting will take place on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM until 4:30 PM in the Summit 1 & 2.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM in Dallas/Phoenix Room. The state of affairs of RUAEA and the 2016 election results will be announced by President **Hank Gosselin**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt and representatives of various departments of United Airlines will be on hand, Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM in Dallas/Phoenix Room. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 1:15 PM until 3:15 PM in the Summit 1 and Summit 2 rooms for anyone with individual questions or concerns.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages 11 and 12. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for cancelling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the Convention. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

**Registration fees are non-refundable.** For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or write to her at 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Convention if there is no cost to the Convention. **Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 24 hour cancellation policy.**

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# **The Retired United Airlines Employees Association**

## **September 21-24, 2016**



**DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport/Southcenter,  
16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle, WA 98188**

**Please join us for The Retired United Airlines Employees Association convention at the  
DoubleTree Suites Seattle Southcenter**

### **Hotel Amenities:**

- **FREE Parking ~ Limited RV Parking (only three spaces plus a fee of \$50.00 for a week)**
- **FREE Airport Transportation to/from Sea-Tac International Airport ~ call 206-575-8220**
- **Indoor Pool, whirlpool and sauna**
- **Northwest Landing Restaurant, Atrium Lounge and the Cyber Café ~ 15% discount voucher will be given to all guests to use for all dining options.**
- **Guest Suites include a refrigerator, microwave upon request, 2 flat screen TVs, iron & ironing board, coffee maker with complimentary coffee & tea, hairdryer, 2 telephones with voice mail & data ports, electric door locks and individual climate control. Free WI-FI**
- **Reservations can be made by calling 800-222-Tree. Please mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$129 + tax which includes breakfast for two. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals.**
- **Westfield/Southcenter Shopping Mall is just across the street a 5-10 minute walk. The hotel shuttle can take you anywhere within a mile of the property and bring you back, based on driver availability.**
- **Check in: 3:00 pm and Check out: 12:00 noon – There is a 24 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.**
- **Reservations must be made by 9/4/2016 to guarantee the Convention rate.**

*These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Convention based on availability.*

**Airport Transportation:** The Hotel will be offering complimentary shuttle service from the Sea-Tac International Airport to the Hotel. For pick up at the airport, call hotel from the baggage claim area 206-575-8220. The Hotel recommends that each individual that needs to secure transportation back to the airport to please pre-register by signing up at the front desk upon arrival. Returns to the airport are every half hour from 4 AM – 1230 PM and on demand after 1230 PM. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and not for group pick-ups. Check with bellmen if you have any questions.

# RUAEA CONVENTION 2016

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 21 ~ 24

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
Tuesday	September 20	12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room
Wednesday	September 21	7:00AM – 6:00PM 7:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM  1:00PM – 5:00PM 2:00PM – 5:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:30PM – 6:45PM	Registration – Dallas/Phoenix Room Late Tour Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room 50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room Tour 1 Boeing Museum of Flight Late Tour Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room Hospitality Get Together – Dallas/Phoenix Room 50/50 Raffle – Dallas/Phoenix Room
Thursday	September 22	7:00AM – 6:00PM 7:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM  8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 5:00PM 9:00AM – 4:00PM 2:00PM – 5:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM  6:00PM – 7:00PM  6:30PM – 6:45PM	Registration – Dallas/Phoenix Room Late Tour Sales - Dallas/Phoenix Room 50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room Tour 2 Mount Rainier Tour 3 Boeing Everett Plant & Paul Allen Museum Tour 4 Waterfront & City on Your Own Late Tour Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room Hospitality Get Together – Dallas/Phoenix Room Sports Night Hotel Hosted Reception - Complimentary one Beer or one Wine 50/50 Raffle Drawing– Dallas/Phoenix Room
Friday	September 23	7:00AM – 8:30AM 7:00AM – 8:30AM 7:00AM – 5:00PM 7:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:00PM 9:30AM – 4:00PM 9:00AM – 4:00PM 9:00AM – 11:00AM 12:00PM – 4:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:30PM – 6:45PM 6:30PM – 6:45PM	Correspondents' Meeting – Summit 2 Room Chapter Presidents' Meeting –Summit 1 Room Registration – Dallas/Phoenix Room Late Tour Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Room 50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Dallas/Phoenix Tour 5 Boeing Museum of Flight & Lunch Tour 6 Seattle Center on Your Own Executive Committee Meeting –Summit 1 Room Board Meeting – Summit 1 & 2 Rooms Hospitality Prop Wash Party – Dallas/Phoenix Room 50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing Silent Auction Winners Announced
Saturday	September 24	8:00AM – 11:00AM 8:30AM – 9:30AM 10:00AM – 1:00PM 1:15PM – 3:15PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM 7:00PM – 10:00PM	Registration on Request RUAEA Business Meeting – Dallas/Phoenix Room Benefits Panel Presentation – Dallas/Phoenix Room Benefits Breakout Session – Summit 1 & 2 Cash Bar before Banquet – Dallas/Phoenix Foyer RUAEA Banquet – Dallas/Phoenix Room also known as Double Tree Ballroom

## **Convention Committee**

***Chairperson – Ken Storey***

***Tour Chairs – Bonnie & Fred Frey, Dave Jones and Ken Tank***

***Publicity Chairs – Gay Liesse and John Haferbecker***

***Registration Chairs – Carol Lucarelli and Helen Cauwels***

***Registrar – Ron Paluch ~ Treasurer – Shirley Claggett***

***Entertainment Chair – Bob Brumfield ~ Hospitality Chair – Fran McNulty***

***Decorations Chairs – Mary Ann & Phil Andersen***

***Raffle Chairs – Frank & Fran McNulty***

***President – Hank Gosselin ~ Vice President Conventions – Ron Bertacini***

***Assistant VP Conventions – John Zoboli***

***Site Selection Committee – John Koehl and Marilyn Marcy***

***Newsletter – Veronica & Francis Domaratius and John Chu***

## **RUAEA 2016 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES** **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Boeing Museum of Flight - \$38.00 P/P**

**Tour # 1 operates on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The year 2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boeing Company and its historic contributions to this century of aviation history. The Museum of Flight is a showcase for this history that includes United because the company was part of Boeing for a short period almost 90 years ago. The museum collection includes a number of historic United airplanes including a Varney 1928 Swallow, a replica of a Boeing/United Transport Model 40A, a restored United Boeing Transport Model 80, and a United Boeing 247. Another historic airplane in the collection is the first B727, United's N7001U, which made its final flight to the museum in March of this year. A highlight of the tour will be the new, immense 3-acre Aviation Pavilion that is to open June 25, that houses 19 of the museum's most significant aircraft. The museum offers something for every airplane or space enthusiast, from the Caproni 20, the world's first fighter plane, to the record setting Concorde, the original Air Force One, and the Space Shuttle Trainer. Transportation will be on school buses as the museum is a short distance from the hotel. Tour includes transportation and admission to the museum.

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# **RUAEA 2016 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Mount Rainier - \$99.00 P/P**

***Tour #2 operates on Thursday, September 22, 2016 –8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.***

Experience old-growth forests, wildflower-filled meadows and thundering waterfalls on your tour of glacier-clad Mt. Rainier. Also known as Mt. Talol or Mt. Tacoma or Mt. Tahoma by Native Americans, Mt. Rainier is the highest mountain in the Cascade Range. The current name was given by George Vancouver in honor of his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier. Mount Rainier stands 14,411 ft. in elevation. It is one of the highest peaks in the lower 48. Although snow covered year-round, the roads are clear and open in September and the vistas are amazing. The park boasts two lodges, Paradise and Sunrise, and you can circumnavigate the park in one day. Again the views are outstanding. **Tour includes round trip transportation, admissions, box lunch and driver gratuity.**

### **Boeing Factory, The Museum of Flight Restoration Center, Paul Allen Heritage Collection - \$75.00 P/P**

***Tour #3 operates on Thursday, September 22, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

Witness the awe inspiring process of jumbo jet assembly up close inside the world's largest building. See several planes in various stages of assembly for airline customers around the world. Planes in production are 747, 767, 777 and the 787 Dreamliner. Observation of the entire site is from the Strato Deck. There is a guided tour of the Future of Flight Aviation Center. In the Flight Restoration Center aircraft are brought in for a thorough evaluation to determine the work needed. Some of the recent restorations are a de Havilland DH.106 4C Comet and the Boeing 727 prototype. The Flying Heritage Collection is Paul G. Allen's collection of rare military aircraft which comprises artifacts from Germany, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. The museum is located at Paine Field in Everett, Washington. Paul Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft, began acquiring and preserving vintage aircraft in 1998. Allen's passion for aviation and history, and his awareness of the increasing rarity of original WWII aircraft, motivated him to restore these artifacts to the highest standard of authenticity and share them with the public. Many of the historic aircraft have been restored to flying condition. **Tour includes round trip transportation, all admissions, a box lunch and driver gratuity.**

### **Seattle Waterfront and Heart of Downtown on Your Own - \$36.00 P/P**

***Tour #4 operates on Thursday, September 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.***

Your bus will take you into the Seattle Waterfront and the Heart of Downtown, where you will be on your own for a day of many options. There are lots of things to choose to do while spending time here. This area has many attractions including shops, restaurants and the world famous Pike Place Market. The Market is one of the top attractions in Seattle. Then there is the Seattle Aquarium. The Aquarium species collection is featured within six major exhibits: Window on Washington Waters, Life on the Edge, Pacific Coral Reef, Underwater Dome, Birds & Shore and Marine Mammals. The Aquarium opened in 1977 and has expanded by 18,000 square feet in 2007 with new exhibits and a gift shop. Argosy Cruises offers many different excursions. Then there is the Great Wheel (Ferris Wheel), Ivar's Acres of Clams, one of many famous restaurants in Seattle, as well as the Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe featuring many interesting items. **This tour includes round trip transportation to the Waterfront.**

# RUAEA 2016 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

## Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

### *Celebrating Boeing's Centennial and United 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Museum of Flight- \$59.00 P/P*

*Tour #5 operates on Friday, September 23, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

The Museum of Flight is pulling out all the stops to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boeing Company and its historic contributions to this century of aviation history. We are planning this day to give attendees a rare opportunity to relive part of the history we have been apart of at United. Because United was part of the Boeing Company for a short period almost 90 years ago, this day will be a chance to re-live and better appreciate the great history of the 2 companies. The museum collection includes a number of historic United airplanes from the early years of the company including a Varney 1928 Swallow, a replica of a Boeing/United Transport Model 40A, a restored United Boeing Transport Model 80, and a United Boeing 247 that made its final flight to the museum on April 26. Another historic airplane in the collection is the first B727, United's N7001U, which made its final flight to the museum in March of this year, and which will undoubtedly bring back fond memories for many of our members. We will plan guided docent tours during the day that highlight these airplanes for tour attendees and a luncheon presentation and discussion on early history of airmail and the company. A highlight of the day will be viewing the new, immense 3-acre Aviation Pavilion that is to open June 25, and house 19 of the museum's most significant aircraft. The museum offers something for every airplane or space enthusiast, from the Caproni 20, the world's first fighter plane, to the record setting Concorde, the original Air Force One, and the Space Shuttle Trainer. We are planning to offer multiple bus trips to and from the hotel and museum so attendees will have flexibility in their day. We have reserved a large meeting room for the entire day which will serve as the site for a delicious buffet luncheon and also be available during the morning and afternoon for just relaxing and visiting with friends should you want to get off your feet. The room offers a great view of airplanes arriving and departing from Boeing Field for all you airplane spotters. **This tour includes transportation, admission and lunch at the museum and driver gratuity. Transportation will be on school buses as the museum is a short distance from the hotel.**

### *Bus to the Seattle Center \$36.00 P/P*

*Tour #6 operates on Friday, September 23, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Your bus will take you to the Seattle Center, where you will be on your own for the day. Attractions in the area are the EMP Museum, the Space Needle and the Monorail. The EMP Museum is a nonprofit museum, dedicated to contemporary popular culture. The EMP Museum was founded by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen in 2000. Since that time EMP has organized dozens of exhibits, 17 of which have toured across the US and internationally. Also in the area is the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum. Another option is the Pacific Science Center featuring science exhibits, laser shows, a tropical butterfly house and an IMAX movie theater. The Monorail station is close by and the fare for seniors is \$1.00 cash. There will be time to explore these museums. The Space Needle has become a Seattle landmark. It was built in conjunction with the 1962 World's Fair and has been a major attraction ever since. A little history about the Space Needle is that Eddie Carlson, then with Westin International Hotels, drew a sketch on a cocktail napkin illustrating a similar tower he had seen in Germany. He thought it might make a good attraction for the World's Fair. It turns out he was right. If you would be interested in having lunch at the top of the Space Needle, check with the hotel concierge to make reservations. **Your tour includes round trip transportation and driver gratuity.**

# *Menu Prop Wash Party*

Friday Evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Smoked Salmon with capers, onions & assorted crackers  
Cheese Platter with assorted cheeses, olives, pickles & crackers  
Hummus, Baba Ganoush, Olive Tapenade, Warmed Pita, Feta Cheese, Cucumber,  
Grape and Tomatoes  
Fruit Platter with melon, citrus, pineapple, grapes & fresh berries

*Subsidized by our Alliant Partners*

## *SATURDAY BANQUET MENU*

Saturday Evening, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Double Tree Suites Signature Salad

*Choice of the following:*

Roasted Pork Loin

Slow cooked Pork Loin with a Black Fig Demi-Glaze  
Served with Maple Infused Mashed Sweet Potatoes

*Or*

Lemon Seared Pacific Salmon

With a Tarragon Butter Sauce, Rice Pilaf

*Or*

Herb Roasted Tri-Tip, thinly sliced  
With Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes

All served with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Signature Strawberry Shortcake or Walnut Carrot Cake

Fresh Baked Bread Presentation

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea Service

Wine available for purchase during dinner by the Bottle

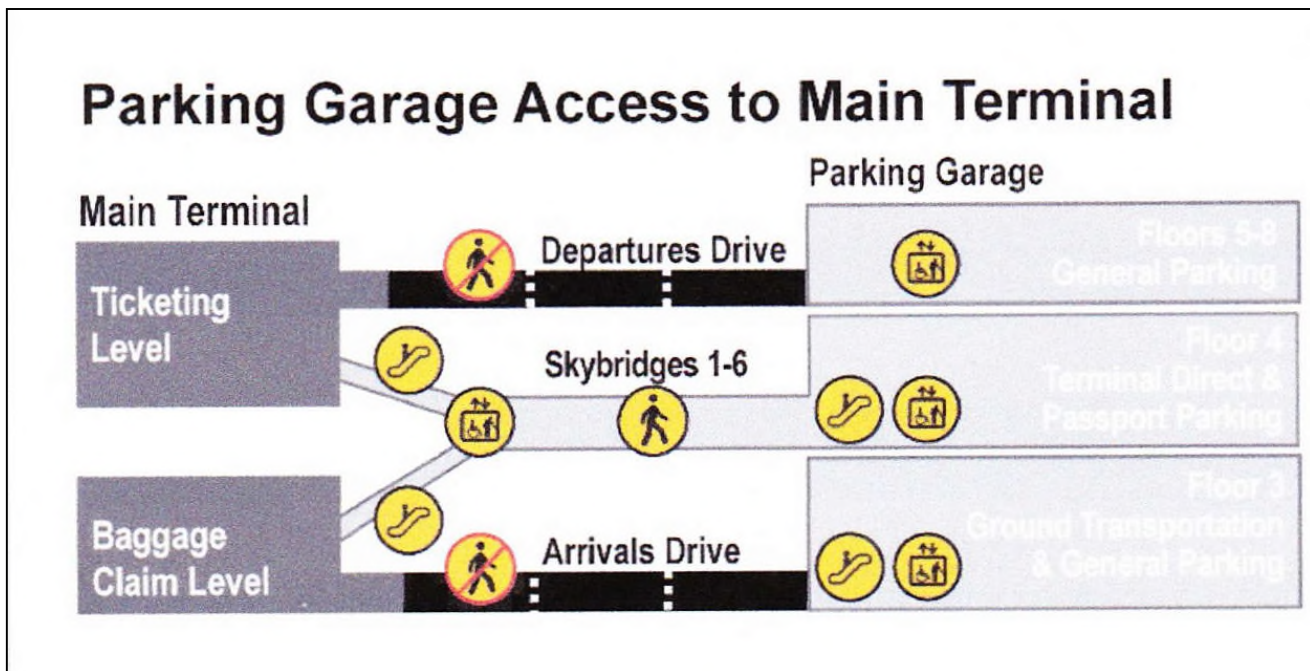
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## **Transportation Information**

You can travel to virtually any city in the world to and from Seattle. By now everyone should be familiar navigating [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) for travel plans and opportunities. Don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Other carriers serving Seattle are Alaska, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Sun Country and Virgin America. ID90 is available on most carriers. Be sure to check Travel in Flying Together for booking and listing information.

## **Ground Transportation**

The Double Tree Suites provides complimentary shuttle service upon request. Call 1-206-575-8220. Pickup and drop off are on the third floor of the parking garage at Islands 1 and 3. Although it may seem a little tricky, since you have to change to different levels but there is adequate signage in the terminal and baggage claiming area directing you to the ground transportation area. **Once in the baggage claiming area you need to go up to the sky-bridge to the garage and then down to the street level and cross over to the pickup area.** The diagram below is a profile view of the different levels.



### **OTHER TRANSPORTATION / SIGHT SEEING OPTIONS WHILE IN SEATTLE:**

- TAXI: [www.seattleyellowcab.com](http://www.seattleyellowcab.com) - the exclusive provider of taxis at Seattle-Tacoma Airport, Sea-Tac
- UBER: [www.uber.com/cities/seattle](http://www.uber.com/cities/seattle)
- SOUND TRANSIT: [www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org) - a navigation friendly website to help plan your sight-seeing while here - you can take the Link Light Rail from Sea-Tac Airport to Seattle (take the hotel shuttle to the airport to connect with Light Rail). From Seattle, Westlake Center, you can take the monorail to the Seattle Center.
- ARGOSY CRUISES: [www.argosycruises.com](http://www.argosycruises.com) - sightseeing cruises in the bay, through the locks, and in to Lake Union

### **EXTENDED TRAVEL PLANNING RESOURCES:**

- CRUISES departing from Seattle: [www.portseattle.org/cruise](http://www.portseattle.org/cruise)
- TRAIN: [www.amtrakvacations.com/destinations/seattle-wa](http://www.amtrakvacations.com/destinations/seattle-wa)
- VICTORIA CLIPPER: [www.clippervacations.com](http://www.clippervacations.com) - offers short overnight get-aways to Victoria, plus other water sight-seeing adventures.

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## 2016 Seattle Convention Registration Form

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

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

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number		Department Retired From:	
Last Name:	First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:	First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 1 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 2 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 3 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
Guest 4 Last Name:	First Name:		City / State
<b>Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes)</b> <b>Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____</b> <b>Enter email address :</b>			

### **Instructions:**

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

Date – 2016		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>					<b>\$15.00</b>	\$
Fri., Sept. 23	Prop Wash Party				\$14.50	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Sat., Sept. 24	Pork Loin				\$41.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 24	Pacific Salmon				\$41.00	\$
Sat., Sept. 24	Roasted Tri-Tip Beef				\$46.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-12</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2016 RUAEA Convention**

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

c/o Shirley Claggett 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198

Email – [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com)

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**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016\***

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

### Tour Registration

Date – 2016	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Sept. 21	Boeing Museum	1	\$38.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Mt Rainier	2	\$99.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Boeing Everett Plant	3	\$75.00				
Thurs., Sept. 22	Waterfront	4	\$36.00				
Fri., Sept. 23	Boeing Museum	5	\$59.00				
Fri., Sept. 23	Seattle Center	6	\$36.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-11</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>							

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

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

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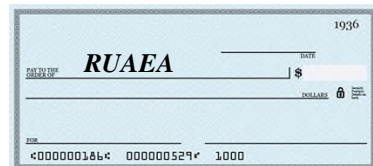
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