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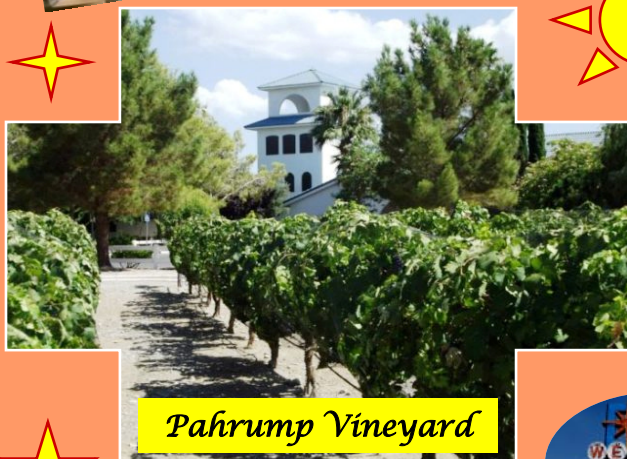
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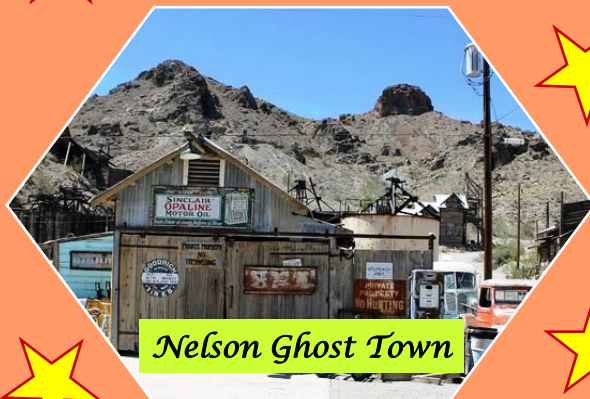
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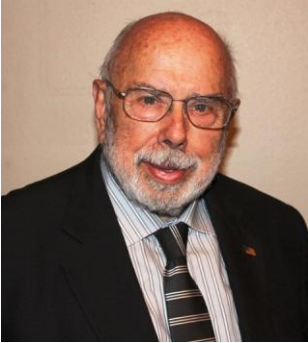
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Happy Spring time! I hope you all are finalizing plans for the summer. We are not going to get any younger and we might as well enjoy ourselves spending time with friends and family or maybe just some quiet time in a place that you want to disappear.

The activity scale has been high all year for RUAEA. In March we held the mid year Board Meeting in Las Vegas. We have been working with the Convention Committee and the Las Vegas Silverliners planning for the 2017 Convention. The Silverliners are doing a great job and are keeping **John Zoboli**, our VP of Conventions busy. It is a lot of work putting things together for a convention and it always requires someone to step-up and take the lead. **Don Rutkowski** of the Silverliners is the man and he wears many hats right now. He is a super fellow and supplies the motivation to get the job done. Be sure and make plans to attend September 25 - 28. This issue is our Convention Issue and has information concerning the Convention.

On April 12, as planned we had our second meeting at World Headquarters in Chicago. We were scheduled to meet with Oscar, but he was tied up with the fallout of the incident regarding the United Express flight and was not able to meet. United President Scott Kirby took his place and chaired the meeting. Those present from the company were: VP Total Rewards, Anthony Scattone, HR Retiree Services, Janet Tyse, Corporate Communications, Julia Wislocha and Mandeep Grewal, MD Chief of Staff. This is the first time that most of us met Scott and we appreciate that he was able to take time to be with us.

We had been requested to have the three top items that our retirees were concerned with so that they could be presented at this meeting. All three had to do with pass travel and the first one discussed was "Boarding Priority". It is felt by most retirees that the "playing field" needs to be leveled so that the retiree has an equal chance of being boarded when using trip passes (those below the vacation pass) as does the active employee. This item took most of the meeting. We presented what we felt would work for the retirees and Scott supplied the "cons" to our proposal. We discussed "Enrolled Friends" and how we would like to see it expanded, "Vacation Passes" were discussed and proposals for enhancement of the vacation pass was promoted by the retirees and pass privileges for the "Surviving Spouse" of the retiree was also put in play. But, as stated, most of the time was spent on boarding priority. And no decisions were made in this meeting, as was expected.

With a few minutes of our time left, Oscar came in. He was given a warm welcome expressed by a "standing ovation". To me, it was a very moving moment. He had just been on Good Morning America and had been fielding, for the past few days, every type of critical question imaginable while trying to hold down the damage that had been done to our company. All of which was probably not United's fault, but being the man he is, he accepted the responsibility because it was a "United" flight. I am pleased to know that the Board of Directors supports Oscar and the efforts he is putting forth to rectify the incident. And it goes without further comment that the retirees also support Oscar and the Company for handling the matter in a dignified manner. In other words we are behind them!

Before the meeting broke up we agreed to meet again in a few months, probably in June. We hope to get some resolution of the items we discussed. We have been told that these meetings will continue and that the dialog between the retirees and the company is desirable and we want to continue to promote this relationship. We must also understand that we (the Retirees) have no bargaining power; we are not legal representatives or a union. What changes come, if any, will be a result of management's willingness to listen and make concessions or not, based on a sense of fairness. The Leaders of the Retiree Groups need everyone's support and understanding.

On to another subject: The Denver Office is in a state of transition. The entire Training Center is being renovated in preparation to house all of United's flight training and segments of other types of training. The verbal communication in and out of the office is not good, and internet access reliability and speed is marginal. **Cas Spokas** our Membership Manager has done wonders with the systems, but we are limited. There is a new phone system being installed, but it isn't totally up and running yet and some of the old is still there. The bottom line is we don't have a voice mail box and probably won't until the system is fully functional which may

be 6-10 months away. Such things as address changes have been affected and just any message that needs to go to a voice mail box, doesn't happen at this time. Another situation that has affected us is that we normally have three secretaries that work the office, but due to surgery, **Juliana Alfonso** has been out and the other two, **Marilyn Hansen** and **Carol Bare** have been handling the office load. Juliana is doing well and returned to work the first week of May. We appreciate the added work they have been able to do. Our Exec VP **Jim Simon** in concordance with Membership Manager **Cas Spokas** have been working on the means that you, the membership, have to get your needs taken care of. See Jim's article in this Newsletter.

Until next month, take care and enjoy yourselves!

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

Letter From the Executive Vice President



The Denver RUAEA office continues to be affected by the remodeling of the Training Center. We are in temporary quarters for an indefinite period of time. We have full usage of our computers and membership data base but we are lacking reliable phone service. The phone system is being changed from AT&T to Cisco and all features are not available to us yet. The phone system works for call in and call out purposes but we have NO mailbox for incoming calls. The best way to get a message to us is by email ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by snail mail through USPS sent to: RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.

If your message is an address change, the best way to get the message to us is to use the credit card feature on our website at www.ruaea.org by entering/changing your **address** to your **new address** and make a \$1.00 contribution. Your address change will automatically be input into your membership record when the data is downloaded. **You must also make sure the billing address is current for the card you use.** The minimal contribution is necessary to make the system work and is just an option for you to use for an address change.

Address changes must reach the Denver office by the 1st of the month to receive the next months Newsletter at the new address.

Example: To have the June issue sent to the new address, the address change request must be in the Denver office no later than May 1st

Thank you all for your patience as we go through this transition period.

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Convention Information From Convention VP, John Zoboli



The first thing to do upon checking in to the Hotel is to proceed to the Rewards Desk and sign up for the Rewards Card. The Rewards Card is used in all of the Restaurants, Gaming Machines and for some items in the Guest Shop. The card when used will accumulate points or, in the case of the Buffet, reduces the price. If you are a Veteran and provide proof, the card has additional benefits especially on Mondays. As with most casino reward cards, once a certain reward level is reached, it may be used for comp meals.

The weather in Las Vegas at the end of September / early October should be warm. The average for the last few years has been 76/82 F. Humidity average has been 25/30%. Comfortable for the end of September. As always, sun screen and head cover is recommended, it is the desert.

To locate the convention area, proceed thru the gaming area, turning left each time the lay of the building changes. You will come to the sport book area, take the escalator up. The convention area is to the right thru large glass doors. Watch for signs.

If you have been saving your change for the Casino, stop. Convert the change to paper bills. I have not seen any machines in the casino that accepts coin. The machines only accept paper bills and the script you receive as winnings at the machine. The script can be converted to cash or re used in another machine as credit.

The table games prefer house chips which are purchased at the cage. Chips and script can not be used at the restaurants, bars or gift shop.

Planning a Tour at the Las Vegas Convention or Thinking of Doing One?
by Don Rutkowski, Convention Chair



JD Tours is the Company handling the Convention Tours here in Las Vegas. They advised me and Tour Coordinator **Christine Earl** that they will not be able to handle **last minute attendees for tours**. They are required to pay the vendors upfront by a certain cutoff date and it would not be possible to accommodate last minute extras. I cannot stress and emphasize enough to all planning on attending the Las Vegas Convention to book tours ASAP because JD Tours and their vendors will not be able to accommodate anyone on the day of the tour. **All tours must be reserved and paid for when submitting page C-12.** So for your enjoyment and good memories of the Convention, plan ahead. Thank You!

Pass Travel UPDATE by Kirk Moore



1) **Pass Travel Attire** ~ Due to the recent “leggings event” in the news, it’s important for you and your pass riders to review the Pass Travel Attire policy before arriving at the airport. You are ultimately responsible for your pass riders’ behavior and appearance when they are traveling under your pass travel privileges. Remember, when in doubt, don’t wear it.

Visit: FlyingTogether > Travel > Travel Policies> Attire.

https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=FlyingTogether_HR&path=/documents/WorkingTogetherGuidelines/Pass_Travel_Attire.pdf

Traveling on “Other Airlines”? Dress appropriately or you may be denied boarding. Check the interline agreement on FlyingTogether > Travel > OtherAirline InterlineTravel for travel attire guidelines. The following website has dress codes for most carriers: <http://www.flyzed.info>. If you are unsure, call the airline.

2) **Pass Travel on Qatar Airways ends May 5th** ~ From the Employee Travel Center:

Qatar Airways agreement canceled effective May 5th. Our commercial interline ticketing and baggage agreement (ITB) with Qatar Airways (QR) will cease on May 5, 2017. QR’s internal policy does not support a pass travel agreement without an active commercial ITB. Therefore, United’s leisure pass travel agreement with QR will be canceled and all travel must be completed by May 5th. If you have future travel plans on QR, you can request a refund for any unused tickets via the ID90Travel website or by calling them at 1-877-298-5233.

Helpful information:

- ❖ View the quick reference guide (PDF document) on how to request a refund using the ID90Travel website.
- ❖ When logging in to the ID90Travel website, use your six-digit uID without the U.
- ❖ For ID90Travel website password assistance, call 1-877-298-5233 (Toll free 24-hours).

3) **Other Airline travel on Star Alliance; BC or YC?** If you buy a Business Class ZED ticket on Star Alliance partners, you will receive a refund if you have to sit in Economy Class (allow at least 4 weeks for refund processing). On non-Star Alliance carriers there are no fare-difference refunds; so buy both BC and YC ZEDs and use the one for cabin that has available seats. **Note:** If you purchase a YC ZED ticket and Economy is full, you will NOT be seated in BC. Read this message from the ETC:

We have agreed with our Star Alliance partners to refund the difference when a C class seat is purchased but we are seated in Y. This agreement is only with our Star Alliance partners.

Other partners that we have a C class agreement with are not entitled to issue a refund on the difference. It is recommended that a C and Y class ticket is purchased and that the employee/retiree can get a refund on the ticket that is not used.

RAFA’s guide to Other Airline travel: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1836104>

4) **TSA will not accept Driver Licenses from 6 states in 2018** ~ Important information from the TSA: This may apply to residents of Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Washington. Other states may be affected in the near future.

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/airlines-airports/no-drivers-license-tsa-rule>

So Simple From Sheryl



Are you looking for an easy recipe to make after doing yard work, going shopping or just want to be lazy? This is the recipe for you. You can make it up in the morning before you leave home or before you get busy and then put it in the oven when you get home. Hope you enjoy!

No Peek Chicken

1 cup dry regular rice
1 can celery soup
1 can mushroom soup
1 can mushrooms
4 - 6 chicken breasts or thighs
1 can water

1 package Lipton onion soup (dry)

Put in 13x9 pan and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake at 250 for 2 ½ hours. Do not open cover until totally cooked.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

*Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Dave Voit** at 507 Hunting Whip Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342-2223.*

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met on April 10th at the Fish Market in downtown Birmingham. Joining us for lunch were **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Herb Wilbanks**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Joe & Jane Jones**, **Donna Gooch** and her guest **Stacey Schrimsher**, and **Joe & Gloria Singleton**. We were delighted to have Joe and Gloria with us, as they had not been able to come to the meetings for some time.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Jean Cox** and **Herb Wilbanks** was kind enough to bring a bottle of the famous Loachapoka Ribbon Cane syrup which we drew for, and was won by **Stacey Schrimsher**.

Several of our more senior members have not been able to attend and we send our best wishes to them and hope to see them again soon.

We meet every other month on the even numbered months at a local Birmingham restaurant and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. For more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

ARIZONA

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Greetings from sunny (and warmer) Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Barbara Carns** (6/2), **Marge Mullman** (6/6), **Sheila Mahoney** (6/8), **June Murphy** (6/12) and **Bruce Rosch** (6/28).

Happy Anniversary to **Claudia & Mike Richards** (6/14) and **Pat & Lowell Neal** (6/15),

Twenty seven members attended our lunch at Abuelo's on April 6th and we said so long to many of the snowbirds. Great lunch, we played Easter eggs games, prizes were lottery scratch tickets and chocolate covered marshmallow bunnies. Thanks to **Vivian Klick** and **Rose Barry**, our entertainment committee. Our next outing will be October 19 at Beardsley Park.

The Azures have decided to make a sizable donation to the Valley View Community Food Bank, Sun City.

Breakfast Reminder: We will continue to have breakfast through the summer, every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are June 14 & 28. The address is 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ; (623) 974-8224. RSVP: Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.



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We hope everyone is enjoying themselves this summer, maybe getting away for a few days or longer to various places, or just getting together with family and friends. If you're available, our chapter continues to meet every month on the fourth Friday for breakfast. We would love to see new faces as well as our present members at any of our activities. If you have worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and are 55 or more, please make an effort to attend any of our monthly breakfasts during the summer. You'll be happy you made the effort, as we are a friendly group and always welcome new members.

We had our annual picnic on April 6 at the Crescent Run Park in Mesa, where Shirley & Ron live. We had 33 members attend. As usual, the catered food was delicious and plentiful. Besides the normal 50/50 drawings, a number of bottles of liquor were also raffled to some lucky participants. We talked about the upcoming RUAEA Convention at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas starting Monday, September 25 thru Thursday, September 28. The Palace Station Hotel is just off "The Strip" on W. Sahara Avenue. There is a shuttle service provided for your convenience by the Hotel to and from McCarran Airport and the main part of The Strip. There is much to do there. There are ten tours planned, but no show tours. We hope many will attend this Convention. It's always fun to be together with your friends and co-workers and partake in all the activities. It isn't a bad drive from Phoenix, so you might consider that. The room rates are as follows for Sunday through Thursday, \$68.01, plus tax and hotel service charge. If you want to stay longer, say, Friday and Saturday the rate is \$140.58, again inclusive of tax and hotel service charges. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-800-634-3101. Be sure to use the Convention code of **PCIRUAE**, or identify that you are with RUAEA. All the information about the Convention and forms to fill out to make your reservations will be found in this month's June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

There still is no definite plan yet where our Fantasy Flight is going to be held at the Phoenix Airport later this year. Until we know more, we're holding up collecting items for the children which we normally do. Hopefully, we'll hear more very soon.

At our morning breakfast on April 28, we had 16 members present. Our normal waitress, Janna, had fallen in the restaurant just before we got there, and a substitute took over. Janna cut her hand and ended up getting stitches to stop the bleeding at Urgent Care. She hoped to return to work by the end of the month. Since our President **Shirley Claggett** is gone for the summer, our capable Vice President **Peg Snowdall** has taken over and tries to come up with a couple of jokes that **Shirley** is good at telling.

As you probably know, the Denver RUAEA office continues to be affected by the remodeling of the Training Center, the phone system has been changed and works for calls in and out, but they have NO mailbox for incoming calls. The best way to contact them is by email at ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by mail at RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207. If you have an address change, it must reach the Denver office by the 1st of the month to receive the next month's Newsletter at the new address. Example: To have the June issue sent to the new address, the address change request must be in the Denver office no later than May 1st.

I discovered a mistake in **Bob Irwin's** story last month that I made. Bob had a heart attack and double bypass surgery in June 2016, not 2017 as stated. Sorry!

We have the following 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 to all. We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries, **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89), and **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations to all the couples!

Calendar:

June 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by Wednesday, June 21.

July 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ

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

TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter!

We here in Prescott are gearing down for the summer. We are suspending our meetings for the months of June, July and August.

Our next get together will be on September 19th at the Lone Spur Cafe at 11:00 AM. Until then, our best wishes go out to our fellow retirees for a happy and healthy summer.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were twenty eight Roadrunners on hand for lunch at Olive Garden Oro Valley Marketplace on April 29. Lunch had been arranged for us by **Merit Nerland** and **Emmett Doyle**. Olive Garden offered selections from their Luncheon menu, along with their unlimited salad and bread sticks.

As we were finishing lunch, the tickets were drawn for our 50/50 raffle. The winners were **Wayne Norman** and **Charli Nicholson**. Congratulations!

President **Charli Nicholson** opened the meeting thanking Merit and Emmett for hosting today's lunch. She also reported that discount travel only permits one bag which is to go under the seat, vs. our regular allotment with our travel benefits. She noted that we need to review our dress code for pass travel: ladies are not to wear tights as pants and we need to remind our companions.

Chuck Cole sent a report that there is a review of retirees' travel benefits being conducted. The TUS to ORD non-stop is being continued for at least this year.

Pat DiLallo reported we have \$570.00 in our treasury. The Arizona Inn has been booked for our Christmas Luncheon. This year the treasury will be paying for a portion of the meal vs. the wine at the Xmas lunch.

We are sad to report that the **Degans** have been under the weather, which is why they haven't been around lately. We hope they are feeling much better.

Our May luncheon will be hosted by **Alice & Pete López** on Thursday, May 18 at 11:30am. We'll be at the new Guadalajara Original Grill at 7360 N. Oracle Rd., between Magee and Ina (former location of Macayo's). We'll be ordering from the menu. Please RSVP to Alice & Pete no later than Sunday, May 14 at ALandPAL@comcast.net or (520) 797-9331. There is parking in front of the restaurant, on the side, and in back.

May Milestones: *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). *Birthdays* ~ **Bonnie Royle** (5/2), **Merritt Mc Glothlin** (5/24), **Pete Lopez** (5/3), **Ken Bergsma** (5/25), **Ed Degan** (5/3), **Marian Dietich** (5/26), and **Shirley Robertson** (5/28).

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Our meeting was held on April 19th at Ventana Grill Restaurant in Pismo Beach. In attendance were **John Wessal, Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Ken & Stella Bake, and Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We had the pleasure of **Barbara Stilwell** who joined us after losing her husband **John** last year. We missed **Peter & Joan Schaefer** who were unable to attend. Also, **Jack Cunningham** called to say he would not attend due to health reasons. He has the furthest to travel and we look forward to seeing him whenever he can make it.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting and told us of his trip to the Boston Marathon. His son was one of the runners and he and Bridget had a chance to visit grandchildren also. Mike took non-stop flights from SFO to BOS, both ways. Due to the negative publicity about UAL, he said there was plenty of seating on both flights.

Along with a similar situation, **Bob Stanger** told us that his son was flying from MIA to SFO on standby. He had second thoughts and bought a ticket for \$300. He wondered if he didn't have to spend the money, until two standbys showed up and they had to be removed from the flight due to being oversold.

The 50/50 raffle was won by the **Zoldaks**.

After our lunch, **Barbara Stilwell** told us about her life now that John is gone. He had accumulated so many items, including tools and a garage full of stuff. John had a sport car that she was able to give to her son. Barbara has a Jeep that one of her grandsons has his eye on, but she is not ready to give it up yet. She is a very strong lady and is adjusting to single life even though it has been a very short time.

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

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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Maureen Williams hosted the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. We dined at Frankie's Old World Bakery & Cafe in Cathedral City. Thirty three members and three guests squeezed into a very small restaurant. But it turned out that everyone had a great time. The owner and his chief cook took the stage (small platform), and entertained us with a couple songs; "Sway With Me", and "I Believe". Then they serenaded **Patti Sica** with "Happy Birthday". Patti was the only Sunbird April Birthday in attendance.

Three guests this month: Maureen, our hostess, brought daughters **Jane Miller** and **Mary Franklin**. **Alice Papanastasatos** was the guest of **Sandy Sereno**.

Both **Barbara Harrison** and **Carole Paquin** sent their regrets, as they were both too ill to attend.

Patti Sica, mentioned above, won the Birthday Lunch; and appropriately, our hostess, Maureen, won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Extras in the drawing, provided by Maureen were the Centerpieces at each table. **Jane Miller, Elaine Aggson, Brigitte Brunken, and Marji Lamas** were the winners. **Lois Hopkins** won a bottle of Merlot. Finally, **Alice Papanastasatos** won a \$25.00 Gift Card donated by Frankie's.

Robb Bohart - our featured Sunbird this month. In the fall of 1965, while attending Grad School at Portland St. University; on a lark, Robb submitted an employment application with United Air Lines at PDXTR - and was hired. According to Robb, it was a wonderful time ... until early 1967, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served two years at the Pentagon in Data Processing.

Upon discharge, Robb returned to PDXTR. In 1969, he was selected as an FSD (Flight Service Director) at LAXTR. The classification phased out two years later, and Robb became a Storekeeper at LAXJL, a job he did not like!

In 1974, Robb became an Employment Rep at SFOPE. According to him, an exciting job, hiring Aircraft Engineers, Aircraft Painters, Kitchen Staff, Flight Attendants, etc. That lasted about three years when court-ordered Affirmative Action went into effect. Hiring Flight Attendants became particularly challenging. Only about one of one hundred applicants was selected. So, as Robb says, *"I kind of hired myself to be a Flight Attendant."* This was in 1977.

Robb stayed a Flight Attendant until his retirement in 2003. He had flown out of CLESW, LAXSW, SFOSW, and SEASW. Robb says, *"I was so lucky to have worked at a job I loved; and honored to have represented United Air Lines. But, despite all the great memories, I was so happy to retire after 38 years with United."*

Robb is now what we call a "snowbird", splitting his time between Palm Springs and Edmonds, Washington, a Seattle suburb.

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly meeting on April 26 at Lucille's Smokehouse Barbeque in Rocklin and was hosted by **Victoria Enriquez** and **George Taylor**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 42 Gold Diggers and 3 guests: **Ellen Alexander**, guest of **Judie King**; **Tom Miehle**, guest of **Pat Quinn** and **Cindy Morgan**, guest of **George Taylor** and **Victoria Enriquez**. He thanked **Victoria** and **George** for hosting the luncheon.

Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes. **George's** daughter, **Cindy**, made the beautiful floral table decorations and some other handcrafted items which were also given as raffle prizes.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced that the host for our July luncheon is **Bob & Michiko Allen** and the luncheon will be held at Fat's Bistro in Roseville.

Our May luncheon will be held at the Monkey Cat Restaurant in Auburn on Wednesday, May 31 and hosted by **Forester & Jean Sinclair**.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the April Anniversaries: **Dale & Dorothy Volker** (61 years), **Lee & LaVerne Haubl** (59 years), **Lee & Shirley Francis** (44 years) and **Ray & Lorna Andrejewski** (20 years).

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

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** was absent and the report was given by **Rose**. Cards were sent to **Jim Simon** and **Terry Greenacre**. Both were in attendance at our Luncheon and we were glad to see them. A note was sent to **Karl Stammnitz** who is still recovering from previous surgery. **Liz Church** sent a note to the chapter stating that it is hard for her to attend our luncheons but she wanted to keep in touch with members.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** has arranged to have her computer up and running and will be able to continue with pictures and articles for the chapter records.

Roster Keeper **Jack Raynor** passed out the new Members Directory for 2017.

Past Vice President RUAEA Convention **Ron Bertacini** said the convention plans are going well. He advised that when making your room reservations to call the hotel directly and be sure to tell them you are with the RUAEA group so RUAEA will receive credit for the reservation as they have committed to 200 rooms being reserved. They have a number of tours planned and he also gave the room rate for anyone wanting to come earlier or stay after the convention closes.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Jim Simon** gave an update regarding the RUAEA office which is temporarily a small room. Calls can be received and sent from the office, however, there is no mailbox set up to leave a message at this time. They hope to have this fixed in the future. If someone is there, they will answer the phone.

The Retiree Summit Meeting was held as planned and the items that the retirees were concerned about were discussed. They hope to continue the dialog between the retirees and the company. The attendees agreed to

meet probably in June to further discuss the concerns that were brought to the meeting. They hope to continue the dialog between the retirees and the company.

Ed thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the excellent staff of Lucille's.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Greetings to all of you! Have you taken a little time lately and gone for a leisurely drive in the hills? Or even just taken a moment while you're on your way "somewhere" and appreciated the beautiful Spring colors that Mother Nature has used her awesome pallet to paint our world? I hope so because "She" has outdone herself this year!

Dan & Roberta Ouchi arranged our April luncheon at Casa Ramos and did a great job making the room/tables look so fresh and festive. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to Dan and Roberta. To the question regarding Birthdays, we found that **Ed Akin** and **Jane Gibson** both claimed this month. As far as Anniversaries go, **Bill & Linda Dinette** as well as **Jane & Bill Gibson** tied the knot in this Spring month. Our Happy Birthday and Congratulations go out to all. If you have one of these events to acknowledge (in any month), be sure to let us know!

Bill also welcomed back our new member, **Holly Hilton**. Holly pops back and forth from Placerville to Paris! She had returned just a couple days ago from Paris and felt the jet lag.

President ~ **Bill Gibson** shared some information from our regional director, **Sonda Sandstedt**. She encourages chapter members to join RUAEA. We need to support the national organization as they are our voice with United management. Bill also shared that UAL is in the Top 100 Most Valuable brands. A lively discussion ensued when Holly mentioned the two latest problems that United has had to deal with; employee's daughter's dress choice and the "we want/need your seat" event.

Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** was out on her RV trip still, but **Pati Kenney** passed along Rosemary's Hello!

Treasurer ~ It was great to be able to have **Tom Kenny** here this month. For those who may not know, Tom works for the Ace Hardware Store (longest established business in CA) in Placerville – a job he seems to enjoy quite a lot. We have received acknowledgements for our 2017 donations from 2 of the 3 charities we supported. However SHARE has not sent any note saying they received the \$200, but, our bank statement indicates that they have cashed the check. Tom looked into this and found that they now divide donations amongst several different ministries. In other words, not all the money may remain local. Tom plans to follow up (yet another reason he is such a good treasurer) and find out where the monies went. This is something we may need to consider next year when deciding which charities to support.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a "report", however, she asked again if anyone wanted to order a badge. Right now there are 3 folks who would like one – do you want/need a badge? Last time I ordered them, they were \$6.50. Let me know as soon as you can – they take a couple weeks to get to me.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** passed along the info that **Mikki Dalleske's** brother passed away. Our condolences, Mikki.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was in Mexico with his granddaughter helping to build house(s) there.

Old Business ~ There are a few members who have not yet paid their 2017 dues. If we don't hear from you soon, this will be the last time I will be sending the Hangtown Miners minutes. Don't lose out on all the info we pass along – send your check, made out to Hangtown Miners, to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA, 95667.

Minden's Retired UAL Mechanics Reunion! Ever wonder where ol' "so-in-so" wound up? There's a good chance that you can get a lead on him at this reunion. The dates are June 20 – 23. Nice hotel, Carson Valley Inn, for all the information, contact Darlene by email: imthemama57@msn.com. They also have RV/trailer spots.

Andre Cardinaux and **Bob White**, we are all thinking of you and sending best wishes for continued recovery.

New Business ~ No “new business” to cover other than Holly said she’s almost over her jet lag!

Contributions ~ No one had any experiences to report this month.

Bill Gibson closed our meeting and the raffle began. Our thanks to all who brought items: **Blazius** – dish; **Kenney** – cheese plate with knife; **Lima** – basket; **Dinette** – vase with wine; **Ouchi** – flower pot as well as the table decorations; **Wolfram** – bunny dish; **Ridsdale** – dish & cards; **Gibson** – jar solar lights; **Biro** – candle holder with candles; **Kenny** – U-Grip car mount; **Kozelka** – red wine; **Akin** – plant. Winner of the donator’s prize – **Sherry Biro**.

Our May luncheon will be at Poor Red’s.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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I hope you are enjoying our nice spring weather and emerging plants and flowers all around; I was driving yesterday on the 101 highway, enjoying seeing the green hills and the trees and bushes blooming along the way!

On April 13th we met at the Union Hotel once again for our spring/April luncheon; it was hosted by **Valerie Hulsey**, **Clare Hagen**, and **Maddie McKinnis**. They decorated the table with pretty posies and wine bottles which are to be raffled off at the conclusion of our luncheon. The menu included Chicken Piccata and Beef Stew over creamy Polenta, which I ordered, but had to miss the luncheon in order to take care of my 2 yr. old granddaughter, while her mother was taken to the hospital to be examined due to labor contractions, to see if the baby was ready to be born. It was a false alarm, and the baby finally came on Easter morning, at 9:24 a.m., a baby girl! So President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting, calling on VP **Jerry Underhill** to give us the number of people attending; there were 18 members and 2 guests present. No changes to the March minutes, for which I was glad since I wrote them!

We had an article from the San Francisco Chronicle, brought in by **Maggie McKinnis** for us regarding the recent passing of one of our members, **Zelma Kibler** on March 11, 2017 at the age of 92. She was one of only two women to serve as the president of the national RUAEA. We enjoyed having her as a member of our retiree chapter; and her special friend, **Roger Casterline** was with us at this luncheon. They enjoyed many trips and cruises together in the last few years. She will be sorely missed!

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** talked to the group regarding the recent United Airlines passenger “eviction” incident. Then, he reminded us that the RUAEA convention will be coming up in September (25th – 28th) in Las Vegas. The hotel chosen for the event is the Palace Station Hotel off the main strip in Las Vegas. He encouraged us to get our reservations in soon! He said the food prices appeared to be “good” or affordable.

The birthday and anniversary list was short this month, read to the group by **Mary Hill**; there were no anniversaries for April, and the two birthday people were not in attendance: **Marge Bauer** and **Sam Orchard**. Therefore, there were no free luncheons awarded! Next month, our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** said she will be back to take over the birthday/anniversary announcements! **Valerie Hulsey** brought us some jokes donated by **George Schwind** for this segment, who also could not be there due to his wife **Lois** being under the weather.

Valerie Hulsey, who is also our Treasurer, brought us the status of our General and Charity funds; we have over \$1100 in the general acct. and \$295.35 in the Charity account! Doing well by this time of year!

The anticipated raffle was held next for the wines and plants from the table and the See’s candies brought by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**! **Larry Wilson** announced that the next luncheon will be held at the Villa Restaurant in Santa Rosa on May 11th, hosted by **Pat Ortega** and **Jerry & Barbara Underhill**.

Until then, enjoy the sunnier, less rainy days ahead!



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Our wonderful spring was scattered with showers here and there and slowly the temperature rose. Easter Sunday was perfect.

The Tin Roof luncheon was exciting with the appearance of several visitors. RUAEA Director of So. California region, **Claudia Blancett**, came to introduce herself to us and offer her support. We also welcomed two Fantasy Flight Leaders **Michelle Kostka** and **Artemis Bayandor**. They came with a lovely Easter Basket filled with goodies to be raffled off.

We happily accepted a new member, **B.J. Bennett**, an ex LAXRR member and now returning to LA from Hawaii. Welcome B.J.

Through Hal's Facebook connection; he was informed that **Gene Gawenda** had passed away. Gene and his wife, Lu were members of Re-LAX-ers when Hal and I joined on retiring in '92. I went scrambling in some photo albums of the group and found a picture of Gene and **Joanne Briggs** at our steak fry in 2005. Wow! That picture brought a smile. Gene's wife passed away and Gene moved closer to his family in Chicago. We have not seen him for a very long time.

Once again we are searching for a place for our meetings that we can afford. At present, we've secured a Sizzler down in Torrance. So, let's see if this will work. See you in June!

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The Resans Spring Fling was a popular event with almost fifty retirees joining us for lunch at the Tequila Factory in Old Town. The Mexican Buffet, enhanced by Margaritas and good friends made the lunch special for all of us.

Angie Derrick has recently married and brought her husband **Jeff** and introduced him to us.

We also wished Happy Anniversary to **Bill & Rosina Krefft** who were celebrating forty years of marriage.

Rosalie Trippicchio joined us for her first visit as a new retiree and we are so happy to have her in our family. Rosalie has been in charge of the Mainliner Club and we have worked together on the Christmas parties; she comes to our breakfast and sells items from the Mainliner Club, such as UA hats, t-shirts, tote bags, etc. Rosalie was also the winner of our 50/50 raffle. Not bad for beginner's luck!

For our May breakfast we welcomed a new member, **Marti Ambrosio**, who we look forward to seeing at future meetings.

Ann Medve joined us from the Big Island of Hawaii where she is now living and has not been to the mainland for several years. It was great to talk over past times and also talk about future times, more visits and more fun times together.

Betty Tomaino reported on the RUAEA meeting with Oscar Munoz and the interest he showed with the issues regarding concerns of the retirees. They have planned more meetings at future dates to communicate further with the retirees. Betty also announced that we have a total of fifty five dues paying members in our group.

Our May birthdays were **Barbara Drews**, **Robert Taylor** and **Ray Wood**.

We look forward to having you visit when your travels bring you to sunny San Diego!

Calendar:

June 1 – 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. Vera graciously donated a “Cup O’ Noodles” so everyone could enjoy that with their BUOBLunches. “Let Them Eat Cake” sez our Historian **Jim Goodwine** – our 55th Anniversary is this month, that calls for cake, hooray!

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

- ❖ **May 22** – Please note the correct date (Ginger goofed last month) BUOBL – Bingo after lunch
- ❖ **June 26** – Our early 4th of July Hot Dog and all the trimmings feast – Red, White, and Blue is the color of the day
- ❖ **July 24** – BUOBL – ‘nuther bring ‘ur own bag lunch.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** said that dues are really slowing down, we miss all of you! We need to beat the bushes or rattle cages. Come out, come out wherever you are!

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, after the May date goof, minutes were amended and approved as read. 4 invitations were sent out to new RUAEA Newsletter members who live locally, beating the bushes for **Joan Prack, Pat Nolan, Juan Alvarez** and **Delynia Hunt**, y’all come, we’d love to see you!

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** welcomed **Bob Dickinson** from Denver, son of **Shirley Dickinson** who is celebrating her 96th birthday shortly, we will need a very big cake to accommodate all those candles. Happy Daze **Shirley!** We had 38 people in attendance today. It was great to see **Paul Larson** who is lookin’ good and enjoying his stay at an extended living facility in Burlingame. **Pearl Bloom**, wife of deceased **Ernie**, also is living in that facility. **Butch & Cookie (Joan) Brochu** send their “hellos”, health issues keep them somewhat “home bound.” Stay well everyone! While not members, **Dave Homsher** and **Charlie Callaway** passed away recently, many remember them from the MOC. **Bernice Trullingers’** son passed away not long ago, our condolences to you and the family.

Auditors **Gene Walter, Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are starting a sign-up list for our July Hot Dog extravaganza. Please sign up so we know how many dogs to get! **Gene Walter** presented revisions for the By-Laws, several suggestions were made by the Board so Gene can amend the document. Our thanks for a job much appreciated. Kudos **Gene!**

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** doled out the 25%/25% winnings to **Jerry Milner** and **Charlie Bogert**, a much needed supplement to their pensions! (Doesn’t even qualify as a COLA.) Thanks to those who brought goodies to raffle off. Taking home “treasures” – **Paul Larson, Ginger Dahlberg, Marilyn Guenther, Shirley Kensinger** and **Helen Goodwine**. Needing armed guards to protect them, the winners of Bingo were **Bob Donovan, Gene Walter, Linda Barrett** (twice! – obviously the company pay check he gets for being Treasurer doesn’t cover much), **Margaret Reelfs, Barbara Underhill**, and me, **Ginger Dahlberg** (twice also, the big one at the end, that will help subsidize the \$.12 cent per gallon increase in our gas taxes, no thanks to Governor Moonbeam! Where has all the money gone ... as Peter, Paul and Mary appropriately sang, “The Answer, my friend is blowin’ in the wind; the answer is blowin’ in the wind” - with thanks to Bob Dylan for writing it.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2017 trips. A Cache Creek Casino outing is planned for June 13th, flyers are available. Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865 to get a flyer or to be put on the interest list for future trips.

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

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The jet setters are still on the block with several members having either traveled to other destinations this spring or they have plans coming up. Earlier, **George & Evelyn Dye** took a cruise up the East Coast and another one around the Greek Isles. **Louis & Jean Marcolina** cruised to Alaska. Is any time not a good time to go to Alaska? **Dave & Robin Garland** were in Havana, Cuba for a week early in March on a trip with their church. They said it was a very interesting experience. The people they stayed with and got to know were very hospitable and pleased that they came to visit. The people there still feel quite isolated from especially the U.S. but things are changing slowly and hopefully good changes will continue. **Keith & Anne Olthof** were in Hawaii for a week accompanied by Anne's sister who was visiting from The Netherlands. They had a delightful time. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichert** were in Napa, California for an enjoyable weekend taking in some wine tasting. **George & Julie Midwin** had exciting travels to Portugal and Spain the end of April—a 3-week trip visiting many beautiful historical sites. **Dave & Robin Garland** will be off again in May this time heading to Zimbabwe for a 2-week mission trip to help at a camp for AIDS orphans. And, **Alice Rostirolla** is looking forward to a cruise visiting Scandinavia and St. Petersburg the end of May. I'm sure there are more travels that I've missed. I hope all are safe and enjoyable and you have fun stories to share when you return.

Our story contributor this month is none other than **George Midwin**. Thank you for sharing your work experiences with us! While working as an aircraft mechanic in the mid-1970s, my partner and I were assigned to work on a customer's DC-8 in Hanger 3 at SFO. Most customer aircraft had one or more customer representatives (reps) on the hangar floor each shift. On our particular shift there was a rep who constantly observed everyone working on the plane. He would often rudely dictate how we should go about making repairs or accomplishing even the smallest of tasks. Although United's quality standard was being exceeded, his unflagging criticism of the work being done was ongoing. After a few days of his constant interfering we decided to get back at him. My partner and I took a Pepsi can, cut it open, and flattened it out. We then painstakingly cut the heads off of a number of rivets and glued them to the flattened can. Our assignment that day had been to repair a dent in the left hand leading edge wing. Using double-backed tape we placed our Pepsi can repair over the damaged area. It really was a marvelous looking repair, but completely un-airworthy. Soon enough, after we completed the task, the rep came by and he was not amused at our handiwork. He quickly reported this to our foreman who did not take to our act with much kindness. We both received a letter of reprimand, but we felt it was worth it considering how the rep had treated us.

One of our members—**Marion Gaevert**—turned 90 years young in April and she had a delightful afternoon luncheon at the historical Cupertino de Oro building with friends and family to help celebrate. Many in our chapter were invited to join in the festivities. Marion grew up in the Bay Area and was married to **Herb Gaevert** who worked at SFO.

We have a chapter outing planned for May 24 to the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. If you would like to join us and don't attend our weekly breakfast meetings; please give President **Boyd Sweet** a call at (408) 247-5777. The more the merrier! Our summer picnic is coming up also on June 14. Flyers have been sent out and a response is needed by June 7. Take a look at our website for a copy of the flyer or contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-7855.

We lost another one of our members in April. **Ella Souza**, wife of **George Souza**, passed away and several in our chapter were able to attend her service. **Lloyd Eber** is expecting to have knee surgery on his birthday—May 10. We hope it goes well! Others continue to be on the mend from various other ailments. We hope to see you again soon.

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

Calendar:

May 24 – Blackhawk Museum, Danville

June 14 – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos



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On Thursday, April 16, we met at Mountain Mike's Pizza in Manteca. We were able to use a private room off the main dining room (which is helpful as we often are a bit loud). Each could order the pizza we desired and everyone I spoke to enjoyed their lunch. Twenty members were in attendance.

Since **Bob Scoble** was unable to attend the meeting, **Bobby Brooks** (acting in his stead) began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our local comedian, **Don Nesja** to lighten the day.

The get together was hosted by **Pat Passarell**, and we all gave her a huge thank you. Without members willing to take on the host/hostess duties for a meeting, we would not be able to have one, and all of us appreciate it.

Steve & Jacqui Foster joined us and Jacqui took the opportunity to announce that Steve retired officially on April 2nd, after 41 years of UAL service. We all celebrated the new life Steve is beginning.

There was no old or new business, except for encouragement for attendance at the Mechanics Reunion at Minden, NV June 20-23 and the National RUAEA gathering at Las Vegas, NV September 25-28.

Jacqui Foster informed the group the Vietnam Moving Memorial will be in Stockton from June 29 to July 3. More information can be found at <http://www.visitstockton.org/event/the-moving-wall>.

Rudy Reyna presented the Treasurer's report indicating all income and expenditures were accounted for and our checking account balance is over \$450.00. There are no outstanding bills.

The group cheered on the birthdays for **Barbara Roberts** and **Don Rentzel** and the anniversary of **Don and Kathy Rentzel**.

Hostess **Pat Passarell** had cute plants and United First Class packets for raffle prizes, enjoyed by all.

Acting President **Bob Brooks** closed the meeting, reminding all that the next meeting would be May 11th. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is Thursday, May 11, with **Bob & Eleanor Woods**, in Modesto. Feel free to call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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We had a most enjoyable lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory with some new menu choices. The quality and service was outstanding as usual. We had 31 members and guests for a good sized and noisy crowd – fun as usual.

Jo Payne is coming along well with rehab from a stroke. Hope to see her at our next meeting. **Barbara Underhill** enthusiastically took over the 50/50 for Jo and did a wonderful job. Thanks also to **Jan Soderstrom** who just took over the cashier's responsibility and gave **Tom Cunningham** a break.

Wilma Leather and **Barbara Cunningham** had surgery last month and both are making remarkable recoveries. **Glenda Kennedy** is no longer using a cane from her knee replacement surgery. Just can't keep good women down! Kudos ladies!

Memorial services was held on April 22nd for **Ruth Kinkaid**, **Cheryl's** mother, at Zion Lutheran Church in Piedmont.

Many thanks to **Cheryl Kinkaid** and **Barbara Cunningham** for the contribution of toiletries to the Domestic Violence shelter. Very generous and much appreciated.

Howard reports that two of our members, **Tom Johnson** and **Arnold Hansen** had perfect attendance for more than two years. **Ken Price** and **Jack & Judy Smith** have only missed one meeting. Congratulations and thanks to all of them.

The 50/50 was won by **Joe Leather**. Thanks to the **Cunninghams**, we had lots of door prizes to give out.

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

Calendar:

May 8 – Old Spaghetti Factory

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

July – No meeting

August 14 – El Tapatio

COLORADO



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The May breakfast was attended by 45 members. The 50/50 winners that returned their winnings to the chapter were **Tom Goodyear** (DEN Chapt. Pres. Ret.), **Rich Conner** (DENMM) (2x), **Ron Cannon** (DENMM), **Charlie Hassler** (DENMM) and **Paul Miller** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing, along with the sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting by welcoming **Kathy Sibley** as the new Chapter Treasurer. Don asked for a show of hands on whether to stay at Ted's Place or return to DENTK Cafeteria when it is available. There was an even split and the decision is postponed to some future date. Help was offered to people having trouble accessing Flyingtogether with either a computer or smart phone. Computer literacy is encouraged and necessary to access information from UAL. Don offered a reminder to bring Aluminum for recycling. **Bob Duensing** (Correspondent) submitted a sample letter and suggested to Don that we send a welcome letter to new members inviting them to the meetings and outlining the advantages of being a RUAEA member. Don is also going to meet with mechanics that are retiring to encourage them to join RUAEA. Don also announced that the spring luncheon at Cinzetti's Restaurant has been cancelled. He did receive a call from Continental's retiree group inquiring if we were willing to have a combined get together at Wings Over the Rockies again this year. That idea was approved by a voice vote. Even though we don't have a date yet, please keep this event in mind. Last year we didn't have the turnout that we had the year before. Don spoke briefly about the inquiries he fields and they mostly concern pass travel. Vice President **Gary Trujillo** will conduct the June meeting in Don's absence.

RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** offered an update on the retiree groups recent meeting with Oscar Munoz (UAL CEO). Please read the President's Letter on page 2.

Minoru Yamamoto (DENCg) passed away on 2/13/2017, father of **Judith Yamamoto**, 2659 W. 104th Ct., Westminster, CO 80234

Ed Eson (DENMM) passed away on Sunday, April 23rd. Ed retired in 1990 and was 87 years old. He is survived by his daughter, Pam Kershaw.

Michele Rusin (MIASW) passed away on 4/19. Michele was the former domicile Mgr. in Miami and retired in 2001 after 25 years with the company. She is survived by her husband, **Zen Rusin**, former Maint. Mgr. (DENMM). Cards can be sent to Zen at 3800 S. Ocean Dr. #405, Hollywood, FL 33019.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City, (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go

North on Dahlia St off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly Street and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

The Villages, FL

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On Thursday, April 27th, fifteen members met at VKI Japanese restaurant in the Villages for a fantastic and delicious lunch at the tepanyaki table. The chefs work their magic on the hot grills and put on quite a show plus delicious food. We then moved to a private room for our meeting. **Claus Brinnitzer** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed a new member **Elaine Krapf**, her husband was Captain for United for forty years. She worked as a stewardess for three years. We are very happy to have you join us. The 50/50 was won by **Gail Brenner**, congratulations.

Our guest speaker was **Ray Jensen**, RUAEA Florida Regional Director. He is a wonderful speaker with a varied and interesting work record from 1965 - 2013. In 1966, he worked in Hawaii ticket office, sales in New York and 1968, and travel manager for Richard Nixon for one year. We really enjoyed him and are looking forward to a repeat visit. He also talked about what is going on with United at this time with all the bad publicity.

I worked as a ticket agent for United at Epley Airport in Omaha, Nebraska from 1956 to 1959. We had a beautiful baby boy and was lucky to be able to be a stay at home mom for him and his three sisters for fifteen years before I went back to work as a travel agent. Thanks to the training I had as a ticket agent for United.

I know United and all the Airlines have grown and times have changed but that old saying (Do unto others as you want them to do unto you) never goes out of style. We were always reminded that the **equipment** is the same; it's **the people** that make a difference. So many things have changed; it seems to be all about the bottom line. Charges for things that were free - planes with less leg room instead of more. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we went back to making passengers feel special? It seems to me they would be beating a path to our door. Sorry had to get this off my chest.

We received our Master Schedule for 2017-2018. And our Membership Directory which we have wanted for a long time. Thanks to **Tita Dumagsa** and **Dick Bligh** for all their hard work and dedication.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 25 at Cody's Original Roadhouse, 1041 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages, (352) 259-8500. See you all there.

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

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13 Sand"Dabs" came out for our meeting today.

President **Dick Coughlin & Frieda** were unable to attend as they were traveling to a family event. So our Vice President **Steve Moddle** conducted our get-together. We were also missing our Treasurer **Penny Logan** who is literally lying around recovering from some eye surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ed Martin celebrated his Company anniversary this month and **Dennis & Gloria Marcantoni** celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Birthday congratulations were in order for **Bud Gammill**, **Bill Lowry & Lillian Moddle**. Best wishes to them all! **Bud Gammill** had an extra birthday present as he won the 50/50 drawing.

Steve Moddle related how some recent personal events reminded him how important it is to have your affairs in order. Review your beneficiaries, documents and other important papers. Make sure they reflect your

wishes. It will save your heirs considerable time and frustration. And on another note, don't leave your cars unlocked! Be safe!

Calendar:

June 1 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

July 6 – Same as above

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There were 30 cheerful Sand Dollars attending our latest luncheon at the Cedar Reef Fish Camp in Bradenton. After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** thanked **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** for selling the 50/50 tickets all season. They will be returning to Michigan for the summer and we look forward to their return in the Fall. **Judy Macklin** was thanked for doing the RUAEA article each month; **Inge Phillips** and **Alice Parker** were thanked for the many ways they help with various projects throughout the year.

There was discussion about the unfortunate incident on the UAX flight in April, with many of us relaying stories about our own difficulties during our work days. It was encouraging to see Management actively working to restore the UA reputation.

This being the "end of season" in Florida, we are having to say goodbye to many snowbirds. **Vince & Norma Malena** were unable to attend as they had family visiting and were planning to go north when the family left. We will see them again in October. **Maria Santangelo** was in Las Vegas, and **Bob & Lisa Young** are on an 18-day cruise which is taking them through the Panama Canal and will make a couple of stops in Mexico before they fly home from SAN. We are sorry to learn that we must say goodbye to **Pat Trice**, who was President of our group for many years, as he is moving to TN to be near one of his four sons. We do not have a new address for him but will announce it as soon as we do. **Skip & Cindy Irwin** will be heading to Ohio for the summer. **Diane & Lee Hoffer** will be leaving for their summer home in Illinois. We will miss all of you who go to your second homes. Have an enjoyable and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Doug Dannebrock's name was drawn for the attendance drawing, but as he was not present another \$5 will be added to the pot. Winners of the 50/50 were **Cindy & Skip Irwin**, **Lee & Diane Hoffer** and **Gretchen & Dick Bulin**. We had additional drawings for gifts which were won by **Doug & Sandy Horuczi**, **Nancy Gibbs**, **Jeanne & George Soudal**, and **Bob & Shirley Adams**.

Birthday celebrations coming up in June are: **Jan Murphy** (3rd), **Roy King** (20th), **Liz Mavis** (20th), **Dick Bulin** (25th), and **Lesley Brynjolfsson** (29th). Anniversary congratulations go to **Bob & Shirley Adams** (14th), **Dick & Gretchen Bulin** (22nd), and **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** (24th).

Our luncheons are at various locations around the Bradenton area. They are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30 am. If you live in the area, or are just visiting, we'd love to have you join us. Call **Ginger Hyde** (941) 360-6671 or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

We learn something every day, and lots of times it's that what we learned the day before was wrong.



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Our meeting was called to order at 10:45 by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 13 in Attendance. **Jan Lindstrom** read the April Minutes which were approved as read. **Lillian Sawyer** gave the Treasurers report which was approved as read.

Birthdays for May ~ **Ron Wilkerson** (14th), **Bob Lindstrom** (16th). Anniversary ~ **Jean & Bill Linehan** (56 years on May 6th).

Birthdays for June ~ **Lillian Sawyer** (22nd). Anniversary ~ **Ron & Willie Wilkerson** (56 years on June 9th).

Birthdays for July ~ **Jean Linehan** (July 5th).

Sunshine Lady **Terri Breslin** said no cards were sent out for the Month of April.

Chapter Membership ~ **Jean Linehan** reported 21 paid up so far, she's expecting more to come in and will send out reminders.

Travel ~ **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** went camping at Hillsbrough River State Park, enjoying good relaxing few days.

Beverly Alderdice thanked all that helped out at our Spring Picnic. Fall Picnic is scheduled for October 2nd.

Peggy Manuel thanked all for the cards and donations for **Les Manuel**.

Discussion was held regarding the recent UAL incidents.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

June & July – No meeting

August 7 – IHOP, 10:30

September 11 – IHOP, 10:30

October 2 - Fall Picnic

November 6 – IHOP, 10-30

December 6 - (Wednesday), Christmas Luncheon at Heritage Spring. One and all are invited, bring your friends.

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Our May meeting was held at Duffy's South Stuart with 13 members in attendance. President **Al Popek** brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A warm welcome was extended to our new member, **Robert Burtis** who drives down from Melbourne to join us.

We had a "lengthy" discussion about the recent onboard dilemmas at United and other carriers. We are all baffled by the lack of civility, courtesy and morals in our traveling world today.

Many of our members are either ill or recovering from illness. **Janice Popek** was able to attend our meeting after many serious issues and a hospitalization. **Constantinos "Dinos" Xifaras** has finally moved into his new home, his illness has prevented him from attending our meeting for quite some time. **Millie Rossi** was having a reaction to medication. **Anne Kenda** and **Vicky Snyder** both are down with chronic ailments. **Ron Brodis** has had more than his share trying to get back to 100%. We were pleased to have **Diane Brodis** here to give us an update.

Our 50/50 was won by yours truly. The Progressive is really getting sizable after rolling over once again. **Jo LaRocca** was not present to accept the hefty winnings.

Due to our normal 1st Tuesday of the month meeting falling on the 4th of July, that meeting has been cancelled.

Celebrating birthdays this month include **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), **Fran Student** (5/11), **Joan Palumbo** and **Jerry Zadar** (5/23), **David Lindgren** (5/25), and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26).

Al wished all the mothers a "Happy Mothers' Day" and everyone a "Happy and Safe Memorial Day".

A big Thank You went out to Vice President **Bob Langevin** for keeping us abreast of the current United news and reminders concerning meetings, etc.

Our newest members heading North for the summer are **Joyce & Don Smith**. They'll return to South Florida in September. Best wishes to **Michael & Maureen Carragher** who are back in Flushing, NY.

Calendar:

June 6 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart

July 4 – No meeting. Happy Independence Day Everyone!
August 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart.

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

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

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

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Greetings to All of You! We are happy to say that the weather is no longer a major issue! However, what we are experiencing now is that each day might vary significantly in temperature. However, in all our travels, I've not been anywhere that I would rather live. I may be a bit biased, Boise being my birthplace, also my mother's. It has so much to offer!

The changes we made recently as far as our meeting place are working out very well. We are liking the idea of meeting every other month, also having those in charge being able to choose the place. We enjoyed meeting at the Kona Grill in The Village in nearby Meridian.

Bob & Palmer Sarnoff went to Salt Lake City for a long weekend, spending some time in Park City, Utah (beautiful). Another long weekend was spent in Baker City, Oregon. Palmer's friend and fellow flight attendant and husband met us there. He is an excellent docent on the Oregon Trail, great fun! **Denny Snyder** succeeded in passing his biannual flight (Was there any question?) **Lois Rodriquez** commented (Snow All Gone) Happy Spring!

Bud & Pat didn't share for this article (but they did talk to all of us!). We were very glad to welcome **Jim Reed** into our group. It's been way too long for us see a new face! Jim retired as a UAL captain, and his wife served as a flight attendant. We look forward to meeting her. They winter in Arizona. David and I have several trips ahead, which we will share at a later time.

Calendar:

Our next meeting will be in June. Should you be in the area and like to join us, please call us at (208) 867-3153.

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June—‘Green Green Grass of Home’. Tom Jones crooned that old song. He was talking about a prisoner longing to be home. OR, ‘Green Green’, by the New Christy Minstrels, talking about going away to where the grass is greener still. I’m talking about the Midwest finally having our beautiful green grass that we’ve been waiting for since fall, when ours turned brown. So you go to where the grass looks greener, and you find out they have Astro-turf. It’s just a façade, it’s best to stay where you are. Make the best of life, we ain’t getting out of it alive. Remember the Go-Go dancers and the Hootenanny’s on TV? Ah, the good old days when we didn’t make noises when we got up. Good times! Speaking of music, do you remember what happened June 1, 1967? The Beatles released their Sgt. Pepper’s album. Can you believe it was that long ago? At the time, it was considered really inventive and innovative. The songs, the different psychedelic sounds, reverberations, and who can forget that cover? We tried to figure out who all those people were. Say what you will, the Beatles definitely broke new ground with every song they wrote. Have to give credit to their PR firm and George Martin. I always said he made the Beatles, without him, they would have been Nosey Naumann and the Four Nasty Nose Pickers.

The Northside breakfast had about 20 people in attendance. **Rich Maionchi** went to see his son in COS. They might be going to Bermuda on a cruise. While he’s here, he’s a volleyball referee. **Daryl Van Kampen** joined his wife, **Toni**, after spending time up North.

Our Southside breakfast had over a dozen people. **Ed Ward** will be going to Michigan to get his summer hideaway ready. **Agnes Pearson** attended her son’s 70th birthday party. How many people can say that? The raffle was won by **Bill Corbett**, **Bob Pearson**, and **Jan Gawenda**, twice!

Some of our prodigal sons returned to the ORDMM breakfast at Maxfield’s. **Bob Palm**, **Harry Kargenian**, **George Fudge**, **LB Neal**, and **Gene Hinnens**. **Walt Chornomaz** is going on another Caribbean cruise.

The IAM luncheon on May 5th was a big success with Pizza de Mayo, as **Ken Thiede** calls it. June is busy with a Meet and Eat on June 1. Then on June 13, they will have a lunch outing at Sweet Baby Ray’s in Elk Grove. June is not a diet month.

The Skyliners Summer Picnic is June 19th at Chandler’s Restaurant on Roselle Road, in Schaumburg. The cost of the buffet is \$24.00. There will be entertainment, and it has a Hawaiian theme. C’m on down, you Menhune’s, and get a lei. Our Little Corner of the World, remember? Invitations have gone out, but if you haven’t received yours, contact **Charlie Lewis**, (847) 255-8154.

Our friends that flew West last month are **John Gill**, EXOOU, **Marilyn Ulmer**, EXOWS, **Terry Ward Potenzo**, ORDMK, **Cheryl Miller**, CHIRR and CHITO, **John Viering**, CHIDD, and **Michele Rusin**, MIASW, wife of **Zen**, EXOHR and ORDMM. Also gone from our world, Jonathan Demme, Dorothy Letterman, (Dave’s mom), J. Geils, Erin Moran, Charlie Murphy, Dick Contino, and Kathleen Crowley. Gone from my world is my uncle, **Gene Gawenda**, a pilot from LAXFO, a great guy. He started after the war on the ramp, went to school, and became a pilot. He truly was a self-made man. A teacher in high school told him he’d never amount to anything. Ha, I guess Gene showed him!

We will be receiving 14 new 777-300’s this year, they will replace my beautiful 747-400 that will be retired in December of this year. Still time to fly it out of SFO ... hurry!

We have updates on highway operations, in the air and the ground. The Suburban O’Hare Commission will be rotating landing/departure configurations. They’ll start out in June with West diagonal for a week, then move to parallel West, third week will be diagonal East, ending June with parallel West. It will change with wind

direction, of course. So, we that live close to ORD, will suffer only one week at a time. Now, on the roads, IDOT says I-390 will be completed to York Road by the end of the year, also adding the tolls. The Barrington, Meacham and Roselle Roads reconstruction should be complete by Fall. Those big black TV screen things, above the highway, called gantries, are almost ready to be implemented. They will give drivers info as to accidents and road conditions. They are also doing construction on I-294 and I-57 interchanges. Two seasons in Chicago, winter and construction. But it's great when they're finished.

First Quarter Postage Fund Donations: **Larry Parker, Grace Witt, Steve Conrad, Ginny Vlach, Ted Jung, John Kozlik, Diane Webb, Lillian Mallstrom, Sophie Wajda, Lynn Clark, Nalini Shah, Walt Chornomaz, Marj Nelson, Ruth Opitz, Gene Vegeais, Anna Wozniak, Jim Vlazny, Marlene Anderson, Richard Southon, Sharon Dunham, Cesar Guerra, Corrine Strobel, Joan Teister, Pat Muha, Herlinde Mandala, Ann Pepper, Jack Rairigh, Hank Mueller, Jay Boberek, Ed Meyer, Jim Sommerfield, Edie Heisler, Ken Thiede, Bill Brookins, LaVerne Lundquist, Arlene Malachuk, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Bill Hamilton, Sharon Larson, Alvin Anderson, Tom Badon.**

First Quarter Website Fund Donations: **Rich Buchman, Delphine Perry, Diane Thompson, Steve Conrad, Ted Jung, Lillian Mallstrom, Toni Van Kampen, Marj Nelson, Marlene Anderson, Sharon Dunham, Ann Pepper, Jay Boberek, Ed Meyer, Jim Sommerfield, Ken Thiede, Arlene Malachuk, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Bill Hamilton, John Koehl, Tom Badon, Penny Treptow.**

It's not how hard you fall, but how high you bounce that counts. Our Little Corner of the World has taken a beating this last month, but we've been through worse, we'll come back. It does hurt though, doesn't it?

June 14th is Flag Day! Fly it proudly!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**June 14**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**June 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

June 19 - Summer Picnic. Monday, 11:00, Chandler's Restaurant, Roselle Road, Schaumburg

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On April 11, our Indy Racers met at Gray Brother's Cafeteria, in Mooresville, Indiana, where we enjoyed an array of food ranging from fried chicken to homemade pies.

Those attending this gathering were **Jack & Carol Conway, Charles & Anthony Theiss, Bob Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Wanda Bryce, Ken & Deanna Boeke, Hanelore Brabo, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Jim Gibson, Dimple Rihel, Joan Romano, Tony & Barb Urbanovic, Chris Johnston, and Mario & Margie Bregante.**



After sharing stories over our bountiful meals, **Mario Bregante** gave an overview of his recent trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Indy Honor Flight.

Indy Honor Flight is part of the National Honor Flight Network. Their mission: "To transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifice." It's more than a simple "thank you." Veterans who participate in the Honor Flight get to see the Washington, D.C. war memorials built and dedicated to their services and sometimes the ultimate sacrifice. The Honor Flight Network was founded in 2005 by a doctor in Ohio. The first flight consisted of six small planes carrying 12 Veterans to D.C. Now, the network has expanded to over 100 Honor Flight hubs across the country, including Indiana and has flown more than 100,000 Veterans at no cost to them. All Veterans given a true hero's welcome home, complete with marching bands! Mario's best friend, **Bill Steinke**, served as Mario's travel guardian.

Thank you for your service! On April 23rd, we said our final good-byes to our beloved **Sharon Johnston** at a memorial service, held in her honor, at Broadway United Methodist Church, in Indianapolis. Shary's husband, Chris, was joined by many family and friends to share their fond memories of Shary.



We shall remember you, always, Shary!

May's gathering will be at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, on May 9th at 12:30. **Tony Urbanovic** will discuss Pass Travel.

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

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

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No meeting, no meeting news.

June Alberino gave me a bit of trivia about recently departed **Fran Mathews**, gleaned on her cruise from Paris to Normandy. Fran landed on Normandy Beach during D-Day Invasion, June 6, 1944. That day was Fran's 21st birthday.

I spoke with **Charlie Staula**'s niece, Arlene recently. Charlie has been in a nursing home a few months, sometimes all is fine, other times it's "get me out of here". Sometimes he's with it, sometimes not. Look what we face as we get old!

When the snow ended in mid-April, the rains began. The drought of several years here in southern NH ended early May and now there is the possibility of river flooding.

UAL pulled out of MHT and gave it to UAX some 10 or 11 years ago. I've managed to contact 55 past employees and retirees for a reunion. Summer won't work for many, so looking at September. Perhaps future Nor'Easter members.

In May I celebrated 20 years of retirement. My goal is to be retired for the amount of years I worked to optimize equal years of pension payments! Ten more to go!

Growing old is hard work. The mind says 'Yes'! But the body says 'What the hell are you thinking'!

June's birthdays ~ **June Alberino**, **Susie Dolgin**, **Marie Dwyer**, **Barbara McFarland**, **Anthony Postale Jr.** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries ~ **Patricia & Robert Austin** (43 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peter** (61), **Jayne & John Regan** (25) and **Helmut & Patrica Umbley** (52).

Calendar:

June 6 – Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth, MA

September 5 - To be announced

December 5 - Christmas Party, location, yet unknown

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Our last two luncheons were a great success. Those attending the April luncheon at Richard's restaurant were **Camille Wade, Nancy Woolen, Murphy Jean Miller, Scott & Sharon Jacob, Debbie Monette, Patti Gates, Marie Cook** and her niece, **Michelle Petry, Pam Shamey, Joan Robinson, Lynn Manzi, Lynn Atkinson, Suzie Friedman** and **Marcy Vance**. It was a great luncheon especially with **Nancy Woolen's** suggestion of everyone taking a turn and telling a little bit about themselves like when they started at United Airlines, when they retired, departments they've worked, and anything interesting they wanted to share.

Our May luncheon was probably one of the biggest (except for the January 2016 luncheon which was held on the day of the closing of DTWRR). **Patty Gates** hosted the luncheon held at Bar Louie in the Laurel Park Place Mall. Twenty eight attended: **Sallie & Wayne Reithel, Sharon Jacob** and her daughter, **Lisa, Marie Cook** and her daughter, **Jeen, Joni O'Brien** and her mother, **Helen Venn, Marguerite Venn** and her friend, **Michelle, Bill & Camille Wade, Nancy Woolen, Jean Miller, Suzie Friedman, Debbie Monette, Vi Thomas, Pam Shamey, Marcy Vance, Marlene Heaney, Pat & Henri McElhone, Joan Robinson, Carol Shaffner, Bob Renaud, Patty Gates,** and **Rick & Gwen Schwendenmann**. We celebrated **Marie Cook's** 87th birthday (actually May 16) with cupcakes and candy. Think everyone had a good time. Pat, Henri, Rick and I didn't leave the restaurant until 6 p.m! Hey, we had a lot to catch up on. Then we headed to Sanders for a cream puff hot fudge sundae. What better way to end the day?

Sharon Jacob's son, Scott suffered a stroke the end of February. He is feeling much better and has started back to work. We are wishing him the very best of health.

Shirley Furdak is staying at The Halsted place, an assisted living senior residence in Farmington Hills. She would love to have visitors or receive cards from friends. The address is 29451 Halsted, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

Thought for the month: Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

The message in my fortune cookie says "This is a good time to finish up old tasks". Guess I better get to it!

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Perkins was once again the site of another gathering of the Lites. 27 attended and we were surprised and pleased to see **Bob & Helen Grissom** who rode with **Andy & Norma Holen** from over in the Brainerd Lakes area of Minnesota. It had been years since we'd had the pleasure of a visit with the **Grissoms**.

Mary Brennan read the minutes of last month's meeting. She wasn't in attendance last month because she and **Jim** were in Kona lapping up sunshine and mai tai's. However, she was able to cobble up some minutes from the phone call the group had made during the April meeting! Ya gotta do what ya gotta do when both you and the deputy secretary are unable to attend.

President **Lee Storlie** although being the diligent soul that he is, wasn't able to come up with much for the meeting this time. We had to suffer through some really bad jokes. Fortunately, he keeps us up to date on the health and wellbeing of his wonderful granddaughter, Brook.

The photo album from years ago that was rescued from the dumpster at MSP (you may remember, the active employees were cleaning out and found it?) is making the rounds of us Old Ones, trying to identify people in the pictures. Currently, **Nel Brawner** has it and will join **Mary Brennan** and **Connie Glattly** over lunch and wine

to collaborate on the identification process. Once we're finished with it, someone else can take it for a month to see about further ID's or just to revisit the old times.

The raffle went very well again. We heard a loud "yea-haw" from the booth in the corner when **Sonja Gunderson's** number was called. It's always an adventure when she wins.

Note: A navy jacket with an airplane pin on it was left at Perkins by one of our group after a meeting a couple of months ago. If it belongs to you, please contact me so that we can retrieve it from their lost-found stuff and return it to you.

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

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There were twenty four bright smiling faces at the Olive Garden on April 4th, hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**. We were treated to our own room with attentive service and great food. To me, it doesn't matter where we meet. I just enjoy getting together with everyone and seeing familiar faces and catch up on how each person is doing and what is new in each other's lives. At this stage of our lives, we all "have something" so it's a matter of how we are coping and dealing with change. I look forward to seeing each and every one each month.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were **Marge Edwards** and **Larry Farrell**. Larry has won numerous times before, but I think this is Marge's first win, finally.

Toddy Manson let me know that she had knee replacement surgery on April 17. She has been trying to get this done for quite a while but other issues needed to be resolved first. We wish you all the best Toddy and hope your recovery is speedy.

We were notified that one of our members, **Ruth Jeppesen** passed away on March 31, after suffering a stroke. She had worked in the flight kitchen for a number of years. Arrangements were handled privately. Ruth had been living alone since the death of her husband **Karlo** about 5 years ago. Keith and I were fortunate to visit her just before Christmas when we took a poinsettia to her. She seemed well, but was very sad and missing Karlo. She was 91.

At the time of our meeting, there was nothing new to report regarding United Airlines. Since then the news has been filled with not complimentary reports. I'm sure the company would like to be able to have a "do over" of that situation.

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Our next meeting at the Elmwood Tower hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk** and **Mel Harrison** on May 2 will be reported in next month's newsletter.

May Birthdays ~ **Larry Nollette** (4), **Van VanHouten** (9), **Linda Chapman** (22), **Ed Delong** (24), and **Andy Vassios** (29). Happy Birthday to YOU!

Calendar:

June 6 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Toddy Manson** and **Keith Cornish**

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

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

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Minutes and report of luncheon/meeting held at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant on April 13; reported by VP Chris Czaplewski, for vacationing Secretary Don Rutkowski.

Members and guests enjoyed another wonderful meal at Giuseppe's. It's nice that we always have a personal choice of menu, and are allowed 'take-home' boxes.

The Pledge of Allegiance and meeting was conducted by VP **Chris Czaplewski**. The 45 in attendance included guests **Sigrid Wright**, lovely daughter of (just as beautiful) **Zenta Berghofer** (LASHH); **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, members of both the Phoenix Re-United's, and the Seattle Emerald Slickers. They are on the RUAEA Convention Board, and will be helping us with the LAS Convention in September. We were happy that they joined us for our meeting, and will certainly appreciate their knowledgeable help with our Convention. Las Vegas has not hosted in many, many years, so we look forward to a great attendance. We were happy to see some members that have been away for a while; **Baldor Ziel**, **Jan Carney**, and **Rosemarie Restivo**. Thanks to all our past Board members who have devoted so much of their time and effort for our Chapter. High winds did not keep **Barb Kosa** and **Bob & Marlene Morwick** from 'blowing in' safely from Boulder City.

Don & Georgia Rutkowski have been on a Panama Canal cruise, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary (1/1/2017). My hubby, James, and I were on a 7-day Mexican Riviera cruise. **Jerry Meierkort** is recovering nicely from a TIA. **Max Miller** arrived on crutches, supported by his wife, **Lois**, and brother, Clinton. While attending an antique equipment show, a heavy table fell on his foot, breaking some bones.

Willie Bullinger was in hospital with a stomach problem. We hear **Koji Takeuchi** has had some health issues. Prayers and get-well wishes to them all! It was sad to hear about the passing of **Zelma Kibler**. She served on many RUAEA Board and Chapters; including ours, many years ago. **Mary & Michel LeChevalier** announced that this would be their last attendance with the Silverliners. They are moving to a retirement home in the Bay Area where one of their sons lives. They are such dear friends, and always a joy to visit with at our luncheons; they will be greatly missed. Maybe they will hook up with another RUAEA chapter in that area. We wish them well. Thanks to **Jeannie Rolland** for jumping in and is doing a great job as Treasurer. She gave us our financial report, and our ever "Sunshiny Lady", **Eleanor Vasko**, gave us updates on who was on the "N" list; also announced birthdays and anniversaries; thanks Eleanor! Information on the Convention will be in this newsletter ... watch for it.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.

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There were 14 members at our April meeting at The Black Bear Diner, plus guest **Coral Ball**, **Kathy Robinson**'s sister who plans to relocate to the Reno area with her husband.

An April birthday was celebrated by **John Barlow**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Perkins**. The surprise gift was won by **Lynda Klemm**.

Once again, our master pastry chef, **Bill Perkins**, brought a tasty delight to the meeting: lemon custard cake.

NEW JERSEY



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Our meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Worzocha**. It was good to see **Staley Kott** back in action after a knee replacement, but he is still doing rehab to get back to his full strength. Since **Marty Etler** had his 88th birthday on the 24th, he did get a nice round of a happy birthday chorus and many well wishes. He also received a nice piece of cheesecake which Snuffy's restaurant is renowned for. In all it was a great day for him.

Rich Creighton from local 914 was there to give us an update on the happenings at Newark. He said things were getting slightly better, and they are continuing to add personnel in all areas because of the heavy workload. I suppose that's all good news. It seems Newark has now become a superstation along the United routes. It's hard to believe when I first started with United at the old Brewster hanger, we were still flying a few DC 3s out of the old original administration building, yes that was in March 1953. Can anyone tell me where has all the time gone?

Rich Creighton won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on May 31st at Snuffy's, 12 PM sharp. Our President also urged those of us who are veterans to bring our hats in, in commemoration of Memorial Day. We should never forget.

"In golf, subpar is great, but in all other endeavors it is not good enough".

NEW YORK



NEW YORK METROS

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We are in the midst of a glorious spring - pink cherry blossoms, white apple blossoms and what I think is called a redbud, with ½" bud like blossoms of purple/pink. It's great to be outdoors as 32 Metros would agree.

Another very, very sad death to report, that of **Mary Riordan**, who worked in the Red Carpet Room at LGA. Many of you scattered around the country will know of the serious accident Mary endured while at a red light. The air bag deployed, breaking Mary's neck. She was declared dead at the scene but revived, although the doctor told Don not to expect her to live through the night. That was 23 years ago, and after several years of hospitals and rehab, Mary went on to live life of love, sharing and caring. In writing her obituary, her daughter, Amy mentioned Mary's "sarcastic wit". I thanked her for writing that, for it was so much a part of Mary. Many laughs shared. Christopher Reeve's doctor was in touch with Mary's doctor, so I'm sure she's written up someplace.

We were also informed of the passing of **Carol Woods**. I believe she lived in the Orlando area. I'll never forget the night Carol and I were meeting the last flight of the night - a DC10. You know how long it takes to raise the jetway from the level of a 737 to a DC10? And then the cabin, to the left, to the right. I swear this is true: By the time we got to the door, the bags were all off, the ramp guys were all gone! We grabbed the liquor money and ran. Rest in peace, both of you. You were part of a great group.

Our 50/50 went to **Nick Manfredo**, me (**Cassie**) and **Evelyn Schroeder**. Happy Birthday to **Marylou Ellis** and **Donna Feingold**, and **Chen Lee**. Lots of anniversaries, **Ed & Diane Pozzi**, **John & Madeline Klos**, **Emma & Nunzio Millazo**, **John & Mary Green**, **Richard & Irene Zubris** and **Evelyn & Mike Schroeder**.

Rumors of the return of United to JFK. I'll check with the Pres. to see if that is real news. It will be great and welcomed, if true. **Kathy Richardson** was honored for years in education, at the 26th celebration Nurses Mass.

I found out **Emma M.** is in a choir, as were **Una De George** and I. We broke out in three part harmony of Silent Night. We were so good, we are booked for the Christmas luncheon. We'll ask **Paul Cohen** to be our agent, as he and **Lillian** seemed to have given up on the ice dancing competition.

George Riggi says he is on the lam. He and his wife and **John & Gloria Manzo** are off to Cancun this month. Could be trouble at the border. But you can't hide, George. See you all next month.

Calendar:

June 7 – Meeting at Davenport Press

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On April 5th, the Buckeyes again enjoyed lunch at Mahle's Restaurant. We had a total of 51 members in attendance. Our numbers are slipping a little because of members passing away, and other members that have decided to fly south for the winter and they have not returned "home" yet. As usual, the food and service was great. It looks like we have another "regular", this time for the month of April. Yes, we had their special ice cream pudding dessert which is a signature recipe of the owners.

We had our socializing time first, to catch up with friends to see what is happening. And of course, this is the time that **Dave & Marie Placko** sell the 50/50 tickets. The dedication that they both have in volunteering is really remarkable. When everyone had arrived we all bowed our heads, praying together, as President **Dolly Taucher** said "Grace".

After the wonderful meal and with everyone's full and undivided attention while they clutched their tickets in hand waiting, **Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 drawing. And the winners were **Florence Alexander** and **Helen Hockett**. Congratulations to both.

We thanked our hosts, **Gene & Jacki Craig** for bringing us back to Mahle's and arranging this wonderful luncheon. We welcomed back **Tom Hockett** from his illness. It was good to see his smile again. Dolly announced several illnesses. Among them was that **George Kuretz's** cancer was back with a vengeance and he was not doing well at all. **I am very sorry to say that just 2 days later, on April 7th, George passed away. He has now joined Mary Louise (passed April, 2016). As we know, everyone is dealing with something, and we Ohio Buckeyes take the time to include them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dolly announced that **Tony Novak** (Treasurer) has resigned because of his illness. Then she introduced **Bernie Garrah** as our new Treasurer, which was met with a huge applause from everyone.

We celebrated April birthdays: **Len Friedel**, **Bernie Kazimer**, **Mary Merleno**, and **Barbara Wachs**. Yes, we sang "The Song" to them.

April anniversaries: **Len & Mary Ann Friedel** (52 years); and **Steve & Lee Rak** (53 years).

"Happy Father's Day to all Dad's"

Calendar:

June 7 – Rosehill/Medina, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

July 12 – Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Vince & Norma Malena**

September 6 - Cruise on the Nautica Queen: Includes lunch! We must receive your check before June 26th so that we can mail in total payment. When the ship is filled, we will not be able to add you in. It's only \$25 for seniors. Hosted by **George & Nancy Oncu**

OREGON



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Our April meeting had 61 attendees. We enjoyed a lovely lunch and then a guest speaker, **Tom Cottrill**, General Manager for UAL PDX, filled us in on the many changes coming to PDX specifically, including an expansion of the E concourse, and with the culture of UAL in general. He was a dynamic speaker, providing many interesting facts, and taking time to answer lots of questions from the audience. A big thank you to member **Harvey Larkin** for arranging this very engaging speaker.

We were also delighted to have several guests: Carolyn, daughter of **Ken & Marcy Von Huson**; **Freida Marley**, friend of **Mary Lou Falbo**; and long-time Dew-er's member, **Anne Farmer Turner** come over from Bend, OR and brought her friend Sharon.

We are sorry to report that **Patricia Davis**, former PDXRR employee, passed away on March 25. She had worked for UAL 24 years. She was married to **Harold Davis** who worked in PDXCS. Condolences can be sent to Harold at 4701 NE 77th Ave. # 36, Vancouver, WA 98662-7903. Services have been held.

Also, shortly after our meeting, we learned of the passing of **William "Bill" Keys** on April 12th at the age of 92. He was married to **Aldean Keys** who worked at PDXHH and attended many of our Dew-er's functions. He was a decorated veteran and resided in Lebanon, OR at the VA Home. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, June 4th at 2:30 PM at The Troutdale House, 411 East Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale, OR.

And lastly, for those that remember **Ginny (Virginia) Merris**, from PDXRR and SEARR. Her husband **Ralph** (age 98) passed away on Sunday April 2, on their 76th anniversary. Ginny is 95 and presently OK, but has difficulty walking and has some memory problems.

Anniversaries ~ None this month.

Birthdays ~ **Inga Pempeit** (82); **Patty Cox** (83); **Jeri Blodgett** (74); **Kathy Russell** (73) and **Nancy Hooper** (72).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Marcy Von Huson**, Men's Birthday – none, Women's Birthday - **Nancy Hooper**, 50/50 - **Jeri Blodgett**.

Calendar:

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

May 10 - Social

June 14 – Social

July 12 – Our annual indoor picnic

PENNSYLVANIA



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16 of our group of UAL retirees met at 12:30 at the Clarion Hotel in Tinicum. A good lunch was enjoyed by all. Bingo was played afterward.

Al & Kathy Edwards are still ailing as are **Frank & Marge Egges**.

Joyce Lindenmuth won the 50/50 and **Donna Lynn** the free lunch. **Janet Gemsheim** was the big bingo winner with coverall.

See you in June for our “picnic” on June 12th, our last meeting till September.
Have a healthy summer. Watch those steps!

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Welcome RUAEA! The beauty and warmth of May is bringing out the tulips, dogwood and magnolia trees – outstanding! Can’t wait to go to our mini garden and pick red tomatoes, free crispy green and red peppers, and zucchini, eat homemade zucchini bread, cookies and zucchini cake! If anyone has a good recipe for zucchini to share with our RUAEA friends, send it to us and we can publish it in the RUAEA newsletter! Always enjoy new recipes to share!

For our RUAEA friends following Pittsburgh’s sports teams, the Penguins leading 3 – 1 and staying in our igloos and watching the game! The Pittsburgh Bucs – Pirate Baseball team is trying hard but their defense needs more practice, maybe!

Good news to share: **Joanne Juth** received an email from retired RUAEA Pittsburgh customer service agent, **Bill Chicots**, announcing that he and wife, **Johnna**, just became first-time grandparents. His son John and Avery had a baby girl (Hallie Jane) on May 5. Congratulations to both of you and your family. Welcome (Hallie Jane) from our RUAEA family and friends! Bill has worked at Shultz-Ford-Lincoln in the wholesale parts department, and his wife is an Engineer at Westinghouse. He is also the Chief of Franklin Park Fire Department and has been an active volunteer for 32 years. Congratulations can be sent to grandparents **Bill & Johnna Chicots**, 2419 Rochester Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143.

RUAEA meeting news - On the first Monday of May, the Pittsburgh chapter executives met at the Eat N Park, Moon Township, for a RUAEA Breakfast meeting and discussed new officers for this year and further activities for our Chapter. In attendance were **Mary Jane Stewart**, **David Beatty**, **Treatie Karwoski** and her friend **Roseann Woolley**, **Lorraine Keith**, **Bill Redfern**, **Olga Karmazyn**, our Ambassador, **Jim & Diane Weber**, and **Phyllis Smith**. All agreed to JW Hall’s for June 15th, Thursday luncheon!

This year’s officers: *President* ~ **David Beatty**, *1st Vice-President* ~ **Bill Redfern**, *2nd Vice-President and Membership Coordinator* ~ **Treatie Karwoski**, *Secretary* ~ **Lorraine Keith**, *Treasurer* ~ **Olga Karmazyn** and **Joann Juth (Jeri)**, our *Advisor*! **Paul & Betty Musko** write Pittsburgh chapter reports for RUAEA newsletter! All RUAEA friends who attend our Pittsburgh meetings, we would love to hear of anyone who could help our chapter and maybe invite new membership!

Our wonderful “star advisor” **Jeri Juth** is living at St. Joseph’s Villa Baden and **Bernie** is always there to transport her to RUAEA luncheons. Jeri and the amazing **Treatie Karwoski** are working hard to help our chapter to be successful and keep all who attend happy. They are our beautiful special RUAEA people!

We are here for anyone who wants to visit Pittsburgh. There is much to see and, again, many new restaurants venues and activities! Let’s Go RUAEA. Call **Paul Musko**!

We recently heard **Dee Chiochi** was in the hospital and is now home recovering; trying to gain strength. Get well wishes may be sent to **Dee Chiochi**, 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061. We would like to receive emails or calls to let us know who would enjoy cards of get well wishes, sympathy, and congratulations.

Hope to see our RUAEA friends at this year’s Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, our fav place with greatest tours and entertainment!

June Birthdays and Anniversary Celebrations: Birthdays - **Verna Alex** (7th), **Jean Wolfe** (20th), **Phyllis Smith** (22nd), and **Jim Weber** (24th).

Anniversaries - **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (2nd), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (18th), and **Dave & Gwen Detwiler** (22nd).

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Our April breakfast was held at our new location (the Egg & I restaurant in Bearden). 17 members and two guests attended. Our guests were **Randy & Sonia Hartshorn** from Maui, HI. Before anyone notices the last name is the same as mine, the answer is yes they are our “children” visiting my husband and me. They really enjoyed meeting all of our TN Rocky Tops and RUAEA buddies.

The only business that we discussed was we needed to change the get together time from 10:30 am to 9:30 am. We needed to make this time change so that we could continue using the private meeting room. One member asked if this going to be a pajama party.

Our May 16th meeting and play is coming up, so I have nothing to report except that 18 members have signed up and purchased tickets to attend the play.

Calendar:

May 16 - Cumberland Play House and luncheon. For information contact **Robbie Corbin**, (931) 456-2790

June 15 - Breakfast at the Egg & I, please RSVP to **Pollie Kiosky**, (847) 757-5261

July 20 - Luncheon and meeting TBA, **Carolyn Hartshorn**, (865) 951-1117

WASHINGTON

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Past President **John Haferbecker** filled in for President **Ken Storey**, who was tasting the salt air on the Pacific Coast while 43 Emerald City Slickers enjoyed the April luncheon meeting at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien. Once again, the school bell belonging to **Bob Brumfield**'s grandmother brought the meeting to order.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** presented her usual upbeat financial report and noted that membership in the local chapter was up to 102. She does an excellent job and will be sorely missed when she retires from that position at the end of the year. **Jackie**'s successor has yet to volunteer, so applications are welcome.

Our May 9 luncheon is/was the last for this spring and will be reported in the July RUAEA Newsletter. A catered summer picnic at the Lake Burien home of friends of **Ken & Judy Storey** is scheduled for July 11. Further information was not available for this issue, but there will be time to make reservations when details are announced in July.

We were pleased to welcome back several members we seldom see and hope to see more of **Jim Fauber**, **Dave Jones**, **Syd Reynolds** and **Larry Schmick**. **Edna Harris** had returned from her winter home in Cathedral City, California, where she caught up with **Kay Johnson**, who had recently celebrated her 99th birthday – **Kay** did the driving!

Bob Brumfield (SEACS) was the subject of “Employee Highlights,” authored by Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**, in our May *Contrails*. **Bob** is well known throughout the United family and has had many special and unusual opportunities over the years to meet and greet famous people, including **Eleanor Roosevelt**, **Katharine Hepburn**, **Emperor Akihito**, and others too numerous to mention. Oh, the stories he can tell! When UAL initiated a direct flight from New York City to Las Vegas in the 1960s, **Bob**'s suggestion to renumber the flight to Flight 711 caught on quickly and even rated an article in *New York Times*.

In addition to his travel experiences, which included two complete circumnavigations of the globe, **Bob Brumfield** has taken advantage of his family's musical background to enjoy long-time service as a baritone with

the Seattle Men's Chorus. In addition to lending his voice, **Bob** is well known for his behind-the-scenes service to the organization.

We aren't quite finished with **Bob**. As he frequently does, **Bob Brumfield** assisted Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** with distribution of door prizes at the April meeting. **Gay Liesse**, who was one of the April birthday celebrants, bought her first-ever string of 50/50 raffle tickets – and won! (**Gay** is a little groggy while typing this, following a total knee replacement this week.)

We've lost another long-time Emerald City Slicker with the death of **Jim Bernovich** (SEAGQ) at the age of 90. **Jim** had experienced various jobs before beginning his more than 37-year career with United Airlines as a mechanic in San Francisco in 1951. Many interests (sports, gardening, dogs, fraternal groups) filled **Jim's** life and he was especially proud of his Croatian heritage. His wife **JoAnn** passed away in March after 65 years of marriage.

Unusual thunder and lightning highlighted this May week's weather. A few of us thought we had been transported back to the Midwest.

Calendar:

June, July, August – No regular meetings

July 11 – Summer picnic

September 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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Our April gathering in Spangle, WA had to be cancelled; Theresa re-scheduled for May, expect a phone call. It will be time to schedule gatherings through out the year.

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Our April luncheon was very well attended. Each of our members received a plastic Easter egg which contained candy, and in some cases, a note to let that member know that they were a lucky door prize winner.

Our 50/50 prize winner was **Dan Eary**, who generously gave his winnings back to the chapter. At the business portion of our meeting, we announced birthdays and anniversaries. **Linda Scriven** gave us an up-to-date report of RUAEA news and once again encouraged everyone to become members of our parent group. We also discussed our upcoming events and plans for the future of our chapter.

We do have quite a few new members of our local chapter and it looks like we will meet our goal of 100 members by the end of the year.

The painting is named Fields of lavender by **Ruth Blackwell**, a member of The Dulles Loungers. She donated this oil painting to Clipped Wings to be raffled off for a charity fundraiser

On June 14th, we will have our annual picnic at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. Delaplane is a beautiful little hamlet in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and next door acres away but with a clear view) of the John Marshall home (original Supreme Court Justice).



There will be a small fee for non-members but well worth the money. There will be a fabulous picnic lunch, as well as a wine tasting. Door prizes will be very nice bottles of Virginia wine from this very winery. Anyone interested, please get in touch with me as soon as possible so that I end up with a correct count for the caterers.

Until next time, fly and be safe.

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You had to be there to really understand what actually happened - so glad I wasn't. In journalism, the term "gatekeeper" refers to reporters, editors and publishers who consider various news items and determine which stories are newsworthy and are comprised of accurate facts. Then along came the Internet and FaceBook and the flood "gates" were opened wide including way too much coverage of our infamous UAL Gate incident where poor judgment was running rampant on many different levels. Or so it seems to those of us who weren't there. Let's consider the reliability of all of our sources and then hope that some positive changes to attitudes and procedures can come from this most unfortunate incident.

So if you're looking for a much gentler and friendlier place without gates and are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member please consider checking us out on our Clipped Wings website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. In the interest of accurate reporting I must tell you that Clipped Wings members do sometimes deal with gates but they're gates associated with Special Olympics athletes and it's a privilege to enter through them.

If your everyday paths do happen to come in contact with any of UAL's current employees please extend a thank you to the many unsung heroes who are working hard each trip and each shift to keep UAL flying safely. Even though we all know we have to move forward to be successful in the airline industry maybe it would be a good idea to just take a few steps back through the gate called The Friendly Skies.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of April 2017:

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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

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Retiree – **Sochin, Charles J.**, on 4/14/2017, IADMM, husband of Ella Sochin, 329 Clydesdale Dr., Stephens City, VA 22655

Retiree – **Viering, John B.**, on 3/29/2017, CHIDD, husband of Patricia Viering, 111 Juniper Street, Manteo, NC 27954

Retiree- **Weigel, Paul**, on 1/19/2017, DENTK, husband of Regina Weigel (deceased), 13801 E. Yale Ave. Unit 524, Aurora, CO 80014

Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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

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

Beverly Alderdice, Cecilia Allen, Lonnie Autry, John Bogdanoff, Anthony Caputo, Richard Bresett, Mary Buckner, Anthony Caputo, Dewitt T. Ferrell, Jr., Carrol Gilson, Harrison Good, Joe Hegner, Diane Hrdlicka, Lorriane Karpen, Park and Billie Learned, Jake Lion, Linda Brown Marek, Hale McPhee, Sheila Rowan, Karel Rugebregt, Ursula Sadlowski, Joe Saladino, Susan Thornton, Eddy Dent-Whitaker, Herb Wilbanks.

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.)

Jessie Brock, 5225 Wilson Lane Apt 4114 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Being a Life Member makes it very easy to forget to keep in contact with you. But having a stroke in Nov. 2016 and turning 90 plus, I had to make some decisions. So I decided it was easier for me to move closer to family so they could check on me. So I left sunny Florida & came to Penn, where the weather reminds me of Chicago, where I grew up – so my new address is above. Also my real first name is Gelsomina, but my friends call me Jessie.

The Newsletter keeps me informed of what is going on although my flight to Harrisburg was not on United. Keep the news coming. Thanks.

Patricia Conrad, 21011 W Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544

I have been retired since 1992 and look forward to the newsletter every month. Great job!

I still fly whenever I can, but not on a pass. I find that it is too difficult. It is so sad to see a benefit go astray. Hopefully, in the future, it will be easier for retirees to travel on passes. I hope this issue will be resolved soon.

I like the direction that United is finally moving.

Joyce Hendricks, LAXSW, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596

My birthday came so fast! Please excuse an old fashion way of writing – not Word but pen & paper. My computer crashed and I haven't bought another yet. Maybe next week!

I'm well, my husband Kennedy is well and life goes on, Praise God. Still busy with Tampa Woman's Club, Church and friends. Still staying in touch with LAX friends. Memories are so welcomed at age 77 yrs. I feel like a baby when I hear from friends doing well at 80 – 90 yrs. & etc. Life is good!

Thank you always for the wonderful job you do.

Bernard McManus, DTWCG, 13185 Lakeview Dr., Belleville, MI 48111

Thanks to Jan Gawenda – Mid West Regional for the very kind reminder of my dues being overdue, I forgot!

Thanks to you and your team for putting out a knowledgeable Newsletter. It sure keeps us up on the news and many changes. Keep up the good work and Happy Easter!

Mary Ann Moylan, 255 Texas Street, Apt 342, Rapid City, SD 57701

Sorry this is late – keep the extra for a donation.

Special thanks to Carol Bare, Marilyn Hansen, Juliana Alfonso and Sharon Burbank for your dedication thru the 6 X 6 facility!

Thanks to all the rest, as well. Go United!

Marjorie Segal, 301 E. 48th St. # 10E, New York, NY 10017

Our membership of "Guy and Dolls" has dwindled down to a "precious few". Hopefully we will be able to meet this year.

Happy to see RUAEA is getting new members and will keep it going.

Dues and postage enclosed. **Marge, New York Chapter Guys & Dolls President**

Virginnia Swenson, SFOSW, 26088 145th St, New Richland, MN 56072

Hello Again,

In 1955, I went through UAL Stewardess training at Cheyenne, WY. They defined service as treating passengers as you would guests in your home. My, how United has strayed from Mr. Patterson's leadership.

This will be our last year of Vesta Sisters Jams/Jelly. After fourteen years we are running out of jars, Ha!

It's been a great witness and we will miss our regular customers, now friends.

A correction to last years note – the bomb at Johnson Island on 7/6/62 detonated at an altitude of two hundred fifty miles. I think it was the 1st of MOAB's. Keep looking up.

Nancy Weilmvenster, 1216 Mahogany Run, Two Rivers, WI 54241

I just had to voice my displeasure with the out-sourcing to a foreign country for our United Benefits Phone Center!

I needed to contact them for change in my email address. So I called them on the 800-651-1007 number. I could not find my password for healthcare – when I called and the automated system transferred me to a non-working number – this happened three times.

The next day I tried again and was successful but, the person was hard to communicate with & kept putting me on hold and repeating herself. When she asked me one of the security questions I answered the name Bob. Then she asked me how to spell it! I said where are you located? She replied in the Philippines Manila. Now is United so worried about the bottom line, we have try and communicate with people in foreign countries. I worry about security and accuracy in our dealings.

Just wondering if other retirees are having the same problems. Thank You

Notes

Gail Cleary

I'm concerned about current events at UAL.

Bonnie Bena

My husband just passed away and I would like to continue receiving the Newsletter if possible. I was a "Stewardess" (based in EWR and then DCA) when I met and married Fred Bena - back in the early "60's." This will allow me to feel a connection to United. Thank you for all you do; it is important to many.

Roger Ehm

I live in a retirement community in Northern California, and have a few friends who also worked for UAL. We all go to the monthly meetings of "The East Bay Diablos". It is a delight!

George Haupt

Newsletter is VERY well done. Good info about the new United, pass policies and discounts.

Harry Labrow

Thanks so much for keeping us informed. I enjoy getting the news letter online. I live in Bullhead City, AZ and there is no RUAEA Chapter close by so the news letter is a huge help. I am looking forward to the convention in LAS this year and hope to see many old friends.

Cecile Myers

My sincere apologies for the tardiness of this, I have added extra for your administrative purposes.

Thank you for all you do to keep all of us informed. It is great to see news of friends from our United family.

Art Rugh

I am living the good life in Henderson, NV and our home in the High Sierra of CA. I escaped 20 years ago but still miss the fine people I worked with over the years. We appreciate all of the people's efforts to keep RUAEA going and we enjoy going to the Conventions and meeting up once again with our many friends. Keep up the good work!

James Wagner

I just turned 87 and in good health. I am on a senior bowling team. I sold the airplane in 2007, so, I am retired from that too, but I do miss it. It is sad to be losing so many of my old friends and relatives.

I appreciate the updates via the RUAEA newsletter on what is going on in the company.

DON'T MISS IMPORTANT RESOURCES ON THE NEXT PAGE

Important Phone Numbers



Updated 10/2016

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 (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

Employee Travel Center

1-877-825-3729, 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)

RUAEA



Convention 2017

**Welcome to the 2017
RUAEA Convention**

Las Vegas, NV

September 25 - September 28

Welcome to the 2017 RUAEA Convention

RUAEA and the Las Vegas Silverliners 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 (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation), Clipped Wings (Former and current UAL Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots), ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **C**ontinental **E**mployees), RAFA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **F**light **A**ttendants), 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 **Palace Station Hotel & Casino located at 2411 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102**. Most of our Convention activities will be held in the **Salon C - our Hospitality Suite**. Registration will be staffed Sunday, September 24th from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the hours will be 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. There will be limited registration staffing on Thursday, so if you are only coming for the Banquet, please make arrangements to pick up your package early. Also when checking in be sure to get your **my/Rewards Boarding Pass Card which entitles you to discounts at various restaurants in the hotel**.

Very important - RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page 4 using the RUAEA code. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.

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 Las Vegas area will be on hand. This room will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Monday through Wednesday with a cash bar from 5:30 until 8:30 PM each evening. We have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. On Wednesday September 27th will be the 'Party Time' with a mixture of Cheese Trays, Fruit Trays, Mediterranean Spreads, and other Assorted Trays; in addition entertainment will be included, co-hosted by the Alliant Credit Union.

The RUAEA Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 28th in Salons A&B. 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. Remember that the RUAEA Banquet is a three course dinner followed by entertainment.

We have a varied selection of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! **All tours must be reserved and paid for when submitting page C-12. There will not be tour sales at the convention.** 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 Las Vegas 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.

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 of 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 a scarf to sell with proceeds going to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or **John Zoboli** – VP Conventions at johnzoboli@aol.com.

Las Vegas 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 Wednesday 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, at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Wednesday at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will be gift cards and other interesting items. 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

Virgil Gooselaw, RUAEA President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Salon C. Please RSVP to **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or stewartmaryjane@aol.com prior to September 9th, 2017.

CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING

Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Wednesday September 27th, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Salon D. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net by September 9th, 2017.

RUAEA BOARD MEETING

This meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 12:00 PM until 4:30 PM in Salon E

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th at 8:30 AM in Salon B. The state of affairs of RUAEA and the 2017 election results will be announced by President **Virgil Gooselaw**. 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, Thursday September 28th from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM in Salon B. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 1:15 PM until 3:15 PM in Salon D and Salon C 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.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by September 11th, 2017 at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or write to her at 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **September 20th, 2017. After this date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. 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 72 hour cancellation policy.**

The Retired United Airlines Employees Association

September 25 – 28, 2017



Please join us for The Retired United Airlines Employees Association convention at the

Palace Station Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

Hotel Amenities:

- **FREE Parking**
- **FREE Airport Transportation**, see schedule on page 10
- **FREE Strip Shuttle** available, see schedule on page 10
- **2 Outdoor Pools, Fitness Center and Beauty Station.**
- **Many dining options, Charcoal Room, Oyster Bar, Feast Buffet, Grand Café, Cabo & Food Express.** Discounts are available when you sign-up for my/Rewards Boarding Pass Card at check-in.
- **Guest Rooms with latest flat screen TV, iron & ironing board, hairdryer, phones with voicemail & data ports, electric door locks, individual climate control, FREE Wi-Fi.**
- **Reservations can be made by calling 800-634-3101 and mentioning the code PCIRUAE to receive the discounted rate for our group. The group rate is \$68.01 Sunday – Thursday and \$140.58 for Friday & Saturday. (Both rates include tax and hotel service fees). Your credit card is required to guarantee your reservation and a \$100.00 deposit is required at check-in to cover incidentals. You will be charged for the first night at the time you make your reservation.**
- **Reservations must be made by August 30th, 2017 to guarantee the Convention rate.**
- **Palace Station is an entertainment/casino business governed by the laws of the State of Nevada Gaming Laws. Therefore minors (under the age of 21) must be accompanied by an adult during check-in, not be left alone in their room and may not loiter in or near any gaming area.**
- **Check in: 3:00 pm and Check out: 12:00 noon – There is a 72 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.**

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



RUAEA CONVENTION 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 25 ~ 28

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sunday	September 24	12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration – Salon C
Monday	September 25	7:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration – Salon C
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Salon C
		7:00AM – 8:00PM	Tour 1 - Zion National Park Day Trip
		8:00AM – 1:30PM	Tour 2 - Hoover Dam
		8:30AM – 3:00PM	Tour 3 - Mob Museum & Neon Museum
		8:30AM – 2:00PM	Tour 4 - Mob Museum & Downtown LAS
		1:00PM – 5:00PM	Executive Committee Meeting – Salon E
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Salon C
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle – Salon C
Tuesday	September 26	7:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration – Salon C
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Salon C
		8:00AM – 12:00PM	Tour 5 - Valley of Fire
		8:00AM – 12:00PM	Tour 6 - Ghost Town of Nelson
		9:30AM – 1:30PM	Tour 7 - Springs Preserve
		9:30AM – 1:30PM	Tour 8 - Atomic Testing Museum
		12:00PM – 4:30PM	Board of Directors Meeting – Salon E
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Salon C
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle Drawing– Salon C
Wednesday	September 27	7:00AM – 8:30AM	Correspondents' Meeting – Salon D
		7:00AM – 8:30AM	Chapter Presidents' Meeting – Salon C
		7:00AM – 5:00PM	Registration – Salon C
		8:00AM – 6:00PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Salon C
		9:00AM – 11:30AM	Tour 9 - Wayne Mansion & Museum
		9:30AM – 3:00PM	Tour 10 - Pahrump Winery Tour & Tasting
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Party – Salon C
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing Salon C
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	Silent Auction Winners Announced
Thursday	September 28	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Registration on Request
		8:30AM – 9:30AM	RUAEA Business Meeting – Salon B
		10:00AM – 1:00PM	Benefits Panel Presentation – Salon B
		1:15PM – 3:15PM	Benefits Breakout Session – Salons C & D
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Cash Bar before Banquet – Salons A & B
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	RUAEA Banquet – Salons A & B

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Convention Committee

Chairperson – Don Rutkowski

Entertainment Chair – Arlene McCroy

Tour Chair – Christine Earl ~ Publicity Chair – Don Rutkowski

Raffles Chair – Georgia Rutkowski ~ Hospitality Chair – Chris Czaplewski and Jeannie Rolland

Registration Chair – Eleanor Vasko ~ Decorations Chair – Lee Price

Registrar – Ron Paluch ~ Treasurer – Shirley Claggett

President – Virgil Gooselaw ~ Vice President Convention – John Zoboli

Assistant VP Conventions – Bill Corbett ~ Site Selection Committee – John Koehl and Ron Bertacini

Newsletter – Veronica & Francis Domaratius and John Chu

RUAEA 2017 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES **Monday, September 25th**

Zion National Park - \$69.00 P/P

Tour # 1 operates on Monday, September 25, 2017 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Board the bus for about a three hour drive to Zion National Park. There is a one hour time change in route to the park. Zion is located in southwestern Utah and encompasses some of the most scenic canyon country in the United States. Follow paths where ancient native people and pioneers walked. Gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink and red that soar into a brilliant blue sky. Experience the wilderness in a narrow slot canyon. Zion's unique array of plants and animals will enchant you as you absorb the rich history of the past and enjoy the excitement of present day adventures. Guests are dropped at the pedestrian entrance and given re-entry stickers so they can visit the park as well as the shops and restaurants in the quaint neighboring town of Springdale. You will have ample time on your own to experience the beautiful landscape, have lunch and do some shopping before returning to Las Vegas. Driver gratuity is included.

Hoover Dam - \$53.00 P/P

Tour #2 operates on Monday, September 25, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

You will arrive at the Hoover Dam Tour & Visitor Center where the tour will begin. The Powerplant Tour offers a combination of presentations by Reclamation guides, audio and film presentations, exhibits and other media that provide a comprehensive view of the massive dam and its operations, as well as highlight many of the unique features around the site. There will be photo opportunities above the dam at Bighorn Sheep/Hemenway Park. You will have time for lunch on your own in Boulder City. Work on Hoover Dam began in 1931 and the Dam was dedicated in September of 1935. Admission and driver gratuity is included.

RUAEA 2017 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Monday, September 25th

Mob Museum & Neon Museum - \$77.00 P/P

Tour #3 operates on Monday, September 25th, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Mob Museum or the National Museum of Organized Crime & Law Enforcement provides a world-class interactive journey through true stories. From the birth of the Mob to today's headlines. Shadows and whispers. G-men and Made Men. Whether you like it or not, this is American history. This eye-opening, authentic view of organized crime's impact on the world reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the continuing battle between the Mob and the law.

The Neon Museum was founded in 1996 and is a collection of iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts and cultural enrichment. The Neon Boneyard North Gallery houses rescued signs.

Tour includes a self-guided tour of the Mob Museum, a guided tour of the Neon Museum, lunch on your own and free time for more exploring on your own. Admissions and driver gratuity included.

Mob Museum & Downtown Las Vegas - \$53.00 P/P

Tour #4 operates on Monday, September 25th, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Mob Museum or the National Museum of Organized Crime & Law Enforcement, provides a world-class interactive journey through true stories. From the birth of the Mob, to today's headlines. Shadows and whispers. G-men and Made Men. Whether you like it or not, this is American history. This eye-opening, authentic view of organized crime's impact on the world reveals an insider's look at the events and characters of the continuing battle between the Mob and the law. From the Mob Museum travel to the Main Street Station where you will have time for lunch on your own and exploring the area on your own, Admission and driver gratuity included.

RUAEA 2017 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Tuesday, September 26th

Valley of Fire, Elephant Rock & Lake Mead - \$38.00 P/P

Tour #5 operates on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Valley of Fire State Park is the oldest state park in Nevada. It derives its name from sandstone formations, formed from great shifting sand dunes during the age of the dinosaurs. These features, which are the centerpiece of the park's attraction often appear to be on fire when reflecting the sun's rays. You will have photo ops at various locations, Beehives, Atlati Rock and Arch Rock and spend time at the Visitor's Center. On your return there will be photo ops at Elephant Rock, Views of Lake Mead and White Domes Road. Driver gratuity included.

Ghost Town, Nelson, NV- \$47.00 P/P

Tour #6 operates on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The area known as Nelson was originally called Eldorado in 1775, by the Spaniards who made the original discoveries of gold in the area that is now Eldorado Canyon. The town was the site of one of the first major gold strikes in Nevada. Gold and silver were discovered in 1859 and the rush began in 1861. In its heyday the town had a reputation for being rough and lawless. During the American Civil War, deserters from both sides would wander there hoping that the isolated location would be safe from military authorities. You will have time to explore the ghost town and later have a guided tour of historical Techatticup Mine. Admissions and driver gratuity included.

RUAEA 2017 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Tuesday, September 26th

Springs Preserve - \$47.00

Tour #7 operates on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Springs Preserve offers a variety of activities. The various attractions include the Origen Museum, Nevada Energy Foundation Sustainability Gallery, Boomtown 1905, Nevada State Museum, Butterfly Habitat and Walking Trails. There also is the Divine Café and of course a gift shop. You will have time to explore whatever looks appealing. Admission and driver gratuity included.

National Atomic Testing Museum - \$43.00

Tour #8 operates on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The National Atomic Testing Museum is a national science, history and educational institution that tells the story of America's nuclear weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site. Nowhere else can you see a large nuclear reactor that was used in the development of the nuclear rocket and the first air-to-air missile, Genie. Personal atomic weapons that were developed to use in place of conventional weapons such as the Backpack Nuke and the Davy Crockett Weapon System (recoilless gun) are placed throughout the 8,000 square feet of museum exhibits. From the Atomic Age culture to the scientific and technological advances, the Museum highlights 70 years of nuclear testing. Self-guided tour. Then on to Main Street Station where you will have time for lunch on your own. Driver gratuity included.

RUAEA 2017 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Wednesday, September 27th

Wayne Newton's Mansion & Museum - \$53.00

Tour #9 operates on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Wayne Newton's Mansion, Casa de Shenandoah is 52 acres of lush landscaping, natural streams, ponds and waterfalls. You may see peacocks, swans, geese and a variety of exotic birds. The Museum has a car collection, a private jet and tour memorabilia including gifts from close friends, Frank Sinatra, Jack Benny, Nat King Cole and Elvis Presley. Admission and driver gratuity included.

Pahrump Winery & Wine Tasting - \$ 73.00

Tour # 10 operates on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Limited space

The Pahrump Valley Winery opened in 1990. Shortly thereafter the first vines were planted. Unfortunately wild horses thought the young vines were dinner and they fell victim to the herd. After several attempts the vineyard was renewed in 2002. You will enjoy wine tasting and lunch as well as a tour of the winery. Driver gratuity included.

Party Menu

Wednesday Evening, September 27th, 2017

Cheese Platter with assorted cheeses, artisan breads, crackers, fresh grapes & berries

Fruit Platter with melon, sliced fruit & fresh berries

Antipasto Display, assorted Italian meats, cheeses with roasted peppers, grilled & marinated vegetables, olives and artisan breads

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BANQUET MENU

Thursday Evening, September 28th, 2017

Spinach Salad with walnuts, pears, bleu cheese, thin red onions

Choice of the following

Sirloin with Classic Bearnaise Sauce

-Or-

California Chicken

Stuffed with avocado, Monterey Jack cheese and sun-dried tomatoes

-Or-

Sautéed Salmon with Lemon caper beurre blanc

All entrées come with Chef's vegetable medley and creamy mashed potatoes

New York Style Cheesecake with berry sauce

Fresh Bread Presentation

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea Service

Wine available for purchase during dinner by the Bottle

Entertainment following dinner!

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Transportation Information

You can travel to virtually any city in the world to and from Las Vegas. By now everyone should be familiar navigating flyingtogether.ual.com for travel plans and opportunities. Don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Other carriers serving Las Vegas are Alaska, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Jet Blue, Southwest, Spirit, 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 Palace Station provides complimentary scheduled shuttle service from the Airport to the hotel. Pickup from terminal 1 is on the west side outside doors exits 7-13, from terminal 3 outside on zero level west end of the building.

See Schedule below

AIRPORT Shuttle Schedule	Departing Palace Station To Airport	Departing Airport To Palace Station
The Shuttle is a service to our Hotel Guests only. Airport pick up on level zero between stalls 21 – 23. Delays may result due to circumstances beyond our control, such as weather, mechanical, traffic, etc. 24 HOUR NOTICE RECOMMENDED FOR ADA TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE PALACE BELL DESK. 702-367-2411	6:00am	6:30am
	7:00am	7:30am
	8:00am	8:30am
	9:00am	9:30am
	10:30am	11:00am
	12:00pm	12:30pm
	2:00pm	2:30pm
	3:30pm	4:00pm
	5:00pm	5:30pm
	7:00pm	7:30pm
	8:30pm	9:00pm
	10:00pm	10:30pm
	11:30pm	12:00am



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OTHER TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

- ❖ Super Shuttle, which gives a UA discount if you book online and use the code YUS68
- ❖ Palace Station also has a scheduled shuttle to and from the Las Vegas Strip ... see below

STRIP Shuttle Schedule	Departing Palace Station To Fashion Show Mall	Departing Fashion Show Mall Palace Station
The Shuttle is a service to our Hotel Guests only. Pick up location on Fashion Show Mall Drive. Delays may result due to circumstances beyond our control, such as weather, mechanical, traffic, etc. 24 HOUR NOTICE RECOMMENDED FOR ADA TRANSPORTATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE PALACE BELL DESK. 702-367-2411	10:00am	10:15am
	11:30am	11:45am
	1:30pm	1:45pm
	3:00pm	3:15pm
	4:30pm	4:45pm
	6:00pm	6:15pm
	8:00pm	8:15pm
	9:30pm	9:45pm
	11:00pm	11:15pm



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2017 Las Vegas Convention Registration Form

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

The deadline for Convention Registration is September 11th, 2017

(Please Print Clearly)

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

Instructions:

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

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

Make Check Payable to: 2017 RUAEA Convention
 Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2017 RUAEA Convention,**
c/o Shirley Claggett, 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198
Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com

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Tour Registration

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

The deadline for hotel registration is August 30th, 2017 and the deadline for registering for the convention is September 11th, 2017 so if you register after that date, your name may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory.

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

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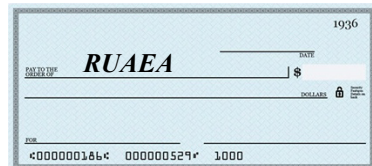
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