

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Virgil Gooselaw

Winter is slowly slipping away and spring is just around the corner. Here in Colorado some of our members ski and others spend time with other activities such as ice fishing, hunting and doing things indoors in preparation for warmer weather. For me, I like to just enjoy friends and family. Many of

our friends are RUAEA members and our kids grew up as “airline brats” which I’m sure many of you can relate.

Good News – just heard from Janet Tyse, our liaison from WHQHR regarding the Retiree Meetings with Oscar Munoz. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017 at WHQ. The Directors will be in contact with you regarding this meeting and agenda items.

The Convention Committees with the guidance of **John Zoboli** and **Ron Bertacini** have been busy finalizing the 2017 Convention which will be held in Las Vegas, NV at the Palace Station Casino & Hotel, September 25 – 28.

The Las Vegas chapter, Silverliners, is gearing up for the work that will be done. Putting on a Convention takes a lot of effort and diligent planning to bring together. There are many challenges and proverbial “hoops” to jump through and any help and show of support; I’m sure will be greatly appreciated. As things materialize there will be additional information in the coming Newsletters.

We plan on holding the next RUAEA Board of Directors Meeting at Palace Station on March 22nd. There will be many items discussed and adjustments made as required. If you have input regarding how RUAEA can be better, feel free to let us know. Also if you want to become involved in RUAEA please let us know. The Northeast Region Director is vacant and if you are interested please contact **Hank Gosselin** at henry-gosselin@comcast.net or phone (253) 939-4362.

One concern that is always before us is the membership. We are always open to positive suggestions on how to encourage our retirees, old and young, to join and become active members of RUAEA.

Feel free to submit positive comments to me at vgoose@comcast.net or **Jim Simon**, our Executive VP at jimmyinc823@gmail.com or (916) 644-1604.

Regards and get prepared for spring!

Virgil Gooselaw - RUAEA President

RUAEA 2017 Convention



Las Vegas here we come. The last time RUAEA had a convention in Las Vegas was 1989 and much has changed since then. There are many more

large and sprawling hotels and casinos. Hoover Dam is nearby along with many other interesting sights. Our local committee is hard at work planning tours and other events for our annual Convention.

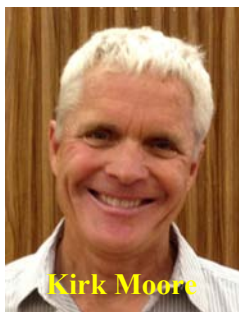
This year we will have a slight change in our timing. The Convention will begin on Monday September 25th and conclude on Thursday September 28th. The location as previously announced is the Palace Station Hotel & Casino. The nightly room rates are as follows ~ Sunday through Thursday \$68.01, tax and hotel service charges are included. The rate for Friday and Saturday is \$140.58 again inclusive of tax and hotel service charges.

The Palace Station is located a little off the Strip at 2411 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89102. The hotel does have scheduled shuttle service from and to the airport as well as scheduled shuttle service to and from the Strip. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 1-800-634-3101 and be sure to use the Convention code of PCIRUAE or identify that you are with RUAEA. Online reservations cannot be made at this time due to a problem with the system recognizing the discount code. So plan ahead and let's all have a great time in Las Vegas.

Pass Travel Updates

Compiled by Kirk Moore,

RAFA Travel Benefits Committee



Kirk Moore

1) 1099 Forms mean Imputed Taxes

If you receive a 1099-Misc form from United in February, it means your “taxable pass riders” accrued more than \$600 in pass tax value during fiscal 2016. You must declare that value on your 2016 income taxes. To see who flew when and where, you may generate a

Pass Travel Report by going to FlyingTogether>Travel>Pass Travel Report. For more info, read #2 on our RAFA page: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/Costs-and-Imputed-Taxes>.

2) Why should I join MileagePlus?

You'll accrue miles towards upgrades/free flights when you buy myUADiscount tickets. It's free; anyone can join and **you do *not* need a United Mileage Plus Explorer Visa card to be a Mileage Plus member.**

BEST REASON for retirees to join: If you link your MileagePlus number with employeeRES then you can use the **United app** on your smartphone/tablet to *book space-available flights* and to *buy myUADiscount tickets*. The app is easier and more convenient than using employeeRES. After you have linked your MP number in employeeRES, simply sign into the app with your MP number and password.

HOW DO I JOIN MP, LINK TO employeeRES AND GET THE APP? Easy! Just follow the 3 steps on our RAFA page: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/Use-Uniteds-app-for-travel>

DANG, I FORGOT MY MILEAGEPLUS NUMBER/PASSWORD! No worries, to find it, go to united.com>Contact Us>MileagePlus (click on the link below) or call 1-800-421-4655. <https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/Contact/mileageplus/default.aspx>

FYI ON BAGGAGE: Remember, we get TWO FREE CHECKED BAGS (up to 70 lbs each) when flying space-available *and* when flying on myUADiscount tickets.

3) International SOS for retirees!

"[International SOS](#)" is a 24/7 global infrastructure of 27 call centers staffed by doctors and nurses, 32 clinics, 8,000 professionals and 60,000 providers. Free advice (both medical and security) for United employees and retirees is available online, via their app or just a phone call away. This could prove invaluable if you have an emergency when traveling the world. Visit the webpage on [FlyingTogether>Travel>TravelPrograms](#) (left column) >International SOS.

Print the cards with United's member number and International SOS phone numbers. Put the cards in your passport! Download the app to have on your mobile device.

Check medical and security status of the country/countries BEFORE you go visit.

Note: Intl SOS may pay for emergency medical treatment of *working crew-members*, but not for retirees. However, the free information and advice they can provide us could be priceless; especially if something bad happens. Click for [International SOS Q&As](#).

Farewell to the Queen of the Skies from UAL President Scott Kirby

There's something very special about a Boeing 747. It's the one aircraft that even casual travelers can easily identify. And we know that the experience of traveling



on one, or flying one, is unforgettable.

As deeply connected as we all are to this iconic aircraft, the time has come to retire our 747

fleet from scheduled service. Last March, we announced that this would occur by the end of 2018; now we plan to operate our last 747 flight in the fourth quarter of this year.

It's a bittersweet milestone - this jumbo jet with its unmistakable silhouette once represented the state-of-the-art in air travel. Today, there are more fuel-efficient, cost-effective and reliable widebody aircraft that provide an updated inflight experience for our customers traveling on long-haul flights.

For these reasons, we're saying farewell to the Queen of the Skies, which has been part of our fleet since we first flew the aircraft between California and Hawaii in 1970.

We'll be working with all of you who fly or work on the 747s to ensure a smooth transition to other fleets. Our forward-looking fleet plan will cover 747 replacements and anticipated growth opportunities. And of course, we'll honor the 747 with an unforgettable retirement celebration - we'll keep you posted with more details on her final flight in the months ahead.

In the meantime, we've prepared a Q&A with questions you may have about this decision. You can read more on our [Wingspan leadership blog](#).

Thank you for all that you are doing. I am so proud and excited about the great future we're building together as we create the best airline in the world.

747 Retirement Q&A

Q: When will we operate our final 747 flight?

A: We will cease operating the Boeing 747 during the fourth quarter of this year. We will announce an exact date within the next few weeks.

Q: Why are we retiring the 747?

A: While the 747 has been a cherished part of the United family for nearly half a century, today there are more fuel-efficient, cost-effective and reliable widebody aircraft that provide an updated experience for our customers traveling on long-haul flights.

Q: Why are we now retiring the 747s even earlier than originally intended?

A: The 747 has been an iconic aircraft for decades. However, as our 747-400s have aged in recent years, the fleet requires routing limitations, extra Tech Ops attention, burns 20 percent more fuel per seat than the 777-300ER and has the lowest customer satisfaction scores in our fleet. Additionally, most carriers have already retired these aircraft, making parts availability a challenge.

Q: When will these fleet changes be reflected in the schedule?

A: We'll be sure to share the final flight timing with you within the next few weeks before any aircraft changes are reflected in the schedule.

Q: What aircraft will replace the 747 on the routes we currently deploy it on?

A: We intend to replace the flying with other widebody aircraft. Our forward-looking fleet plan will cover 747 replacements and anticipated growth opportunities.

Q: Can you update us on the plan for 747 flying, as well as other long-haul international widebodies, for 2017? What's going to happen in 2018?

A: Our Network Planning and Operations teams, working in close collaboration with our operating departments, are still developing those plans and we will share updates when available.

Q: Will this result in base closures for pilots and flight attendants?

A: Our current base structure will remain the same; however, pilots who currently operate the 747s out of our SFO base will transition to other fleets. For flight attendants, there are no plans to surplus from stations we currently operate the 747 from. We will make these transitions as smooth and seamless as possible, in accordance with the CBA, for our people.

Q: What impact will this retirement have on the San Francisco Maintenance Center and our San Francisco Line Maintenance operation?

A: This will have no effect on staffing at the SFO Maintenance Center. Our Line Maintenance team will continue to work on the widebody aircraft that replace the 747s. Furthermore, we will have fewer PW4000 engine overhauls as a result of the retirement of the fleet.

Q: When and how will we be celebrating our 747's retirement?

A: You can be sure that we will be honoring this iconic aircraft's retirement with a celebration worthy of its legacy. While the final flight will not be until the fourth quarter of this year, we have already started planning for an appropriate sendoff. We'll be sure to share more about our plans in the weeks ahead.

Q: What's going to happen with military charters?

A: United remains committed to our American troops and to working with our U.S. Government partners to facilitate their moves around the country and the world.

Q: Where will the retired aircraft go?

A: We have a combination of owned and leased 747-400s. The leased aircraft will be returned to their leasing companies at the end of the leases. Once the United-owned aircraft are retired from service, the aircraft will be placed into storage, where they will either be sold or parted out.

Torgy's Travel Tips – March 2017

Trusted Traveler Programs



Kathie Torgison

Three years ago, I wrote an article for this column describing TSA Pre✓, which was somewhat new at that time. Many of you may have periodically experienced the benefits of this program since then, even though you have never enrolled. That is now about to change as Customs and Board Protection (CBP) has announced the elimination

of random selection, meaning only enrolled participants will qualify for this expedited security program. So, I'd like to assist you with what choices you have to make your airport security and international border crossing experiences work the best.

There are 5 programs to choose between if you'd like to bypass long waiting lines. All have costs, all require an application and some require an in-person interview. Take a look:

TSA Pre✓ ~ \$85, valid for 5 years

- ✓ Logo on your boarding pass allows entrance to expedited security lines at 160 US airports
- ✓ Shoes and jackets stay on during security
- ✓ Laptops can remain in your carry-on bag
- ✓ Liquids/gels/creams can remain in your carry-on bag
- ✓ 30 airlines participate (including 6 international carriers) during check-in process
- ✓ Quickest program to qualify for, usually 7-21 days
- ✓ <https://www.tsa.gov/precheck>

Global Entry ~ \$100, valid for 5 years

- ❖ Includes all benefits of TSA Pre✓ *plus* expedited re-entry to USA from foreign ports
- ❖ Upon arrival into USA, proceed directly to kiosk for fingerprint verification and electronic customs declaration.
- ❖ Receipt prints and you proceed directly to bag claim and exit
- ❖ Requires rigorous background check and in-person interview
- ❖ Takes 4-6 weeks for entire qualification process
- ❖ <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>

NEXUS ~ \$50 valid for 5 years

- Includes all benefits of both TSA Pre✓ and Global Entry *plus* expedited land crossing between USA and Canada.
- Requires rigorous background check and in-



person interviews with both US and Canadian Border Protection agencies

- Can also include free iris scan to qualify for expedited air arrivals into Canada, if desired
- Primarily beneficial for those living near the Canadian border who cross by car frequently
- All vehicle occupants must have NEXUS when using these special lanes at the border
- Takes up to 4 months (sometimes longer) to clear qualification process
- <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>

SENTRI ~ \$122.50 valid for 5 years

- Includes all benefits of both TSA Pre✓ and Global Entry *plus* expedited land crossing between USA and Mexico. Similar application procedures as NEXUS.
- <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov>

Clear ~ \$179 valid 1 year only. **Non-governmental** company vetting your **ID only**

- Proceed through blue “CLEAR” lanes at 22 US airports for fingerprint and iris scan
- Escort will take you to beginning of regular (**not** TSA Pre✓) bag screening line
- Operated by a private company, partially owned by Delta Airlines
 - Note: This service bypasses the normal TSA ID check line only.
 - *All normal screening rules apply, i.e. take off shoes and jackets, take out laptops, etc.*
- <https://www.clearme.com>

How To Apply:

The process to apply for TSA Pre✓ involves an online application that takes about 5 minutes to fill out.

- ✓ You must pay the non-refundable \$85 fee with a credit card at the time you submit the application.
- ✓ (There are discounts available through Mileage Plus as well as several other credit card companies and loyalty programs, such as Hilton HHonors, Chase Sapphire Card and select American Express cards.)
- ✓ You select the time and location (usually an airport) where you wish to be interviewed by CBP personnel.
- ✓ Following your interview, you will receive an email, usually within 7 to 21 days with your “Known Traveler Number (KTN)” if you have been approved.

Global Entry, NEXUS and SENTRI applications take about 30 minutes to fill out online.

- Payment of the non-refundable fee must be

made at the time you submit your application and there are NO discounts.

- Wait for an email granting you “Conditional Approval” which can take anywhere from 7 days to 4 months.
- Select a time and location for your in-person interview once Conditional Approval is received.
- During your interview, your Known Traveler Number (KTN) will be issued if you are approved and you may use it immediately for air travel.
- The physical plastic card for NEXUS and SENTRI arrive by mail about 10 days later. You cannot use the NEXUS or SENTRI driving lanes at the border without the card.

Lastly, once you have your KTN you need to enter it into your employee profile.

- ❖ Go to flyingtogether.ual.com>employee res>quicklinks>employee profile
- ❖ Select the blue line titled: Add/Edit Secure Flt Info and Travel Contact Info
- ❖ Highlight your name and select the tiny “pencil” icon which means edit
- ❖ Scroll down to Known Traveler Number, type in your number and select Submit.

Each time you fly, whether on a pass or with your 20% MyUADiscount ticket, the TSA Pre✓ logo will appear on your boarding pass granting you access to a quicker departure! When flying on other airlines, enter your KTN when you make your listing or reservation.

Happy Travels!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

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

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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



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Attention All United and Continental Golfers

The 42nd UAL Retiree Golf Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 15th to May 17th, 2017

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Our January 20th luncheon at Pebble Creek was a lot of fun with 26 people attending! See photo.



Happy Birthday to **Jean Kerman** (3/6), **Patricia Burnette** (3/8), **Pat Butkiewicz** (3/18), and **Susan Spitz** (3/28).

Happy Anniversary to **Barbara & Sonny Carns** (3/12).

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are March 8th & 22nd. 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: Tel: (623) 572-4828, Email: phx22@cox.net.

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RE-UNITED

We are fortunate to be living in Arizona especially this time of the year, where the weather is warm and sunny. If you have any visitors, please bring them to any of our Breakfasts or Luncheons. I'm sure they will feel welcomed. If there are any retired visitors from either United or Continental Airlines in the area, please take the time to attend one of our activities. We would love to have you join us any time. Please contact our President **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [- 6 -](mailto:phom-</p>
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feldt@cox.net. They will be glad to hear you will be coming, and will give you directions as to where we will be meeting.

Our January luncheon was held at the Stonebridge Manor Bistro in Mesa and attended by 25 members. It was originally a private residence for Carl Jensen and his family, and consisted of almost 16,000 livable square feet. There were ten bedrooms, 14 bathrooms, two kitchens, two laundry rooms and a movie theater. The Jensen's had nine children. Later it was remodeled, purchased by another family, and opened for weddings and receptions. The grounds were huge, included the pool, tennis courts, and landscaped very nicely. Thanks to **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** for setting up this luncheon, where most of us have never been before.

President **Shirley Claggett** reminded our members to think about new officers for our chapter to be elected in February. We heard the next RUAEA Convention has been changed in Las Vegas and that it will be held at the Palace Station and the dates will be September 25 to September 28 (Monday thru Thursday). We have not heard whether there will be an All-Arizona Luncheon or not. If not, we will plan on getting together anyhow, and a place and time will be announced later. Our February luncheon place has been changed, due to changes in personnel and commitment at Mimi's, and will now be held at The Old Spaghetti Factory in the Chandler Fashion Center. More information will be forthcoming from **Donna Pedone**. Our annual picnic will be held April 6 at Crescent Run Park, in Mesa.

Our January 27 Breakfast had 32 people attending at the Black Bear Diner in Mesa. We were happy to have two guests of **Bob & Valerie Forsberg**. They were **Cathy & Ray Reifschneider**. Cathy worked for United Airlines. We also had **Larry & Wendy Young**, from Ahwatukee attend. He was a Continental Airline employee at one time. They also decided to join our chapter, and we are delighted to have them. We again reminded our members of the change in hotels in Las Vegas for our RUAEA Convention to the Palace Station, from September 25 – September 28. We haven't heard anything further on the All-Arizona Luncheon. Every third year, it is our responsibility to organize the All-Arizona Luncheon. We were in charge of it last year. We hope to continue with it as it is always a nice get together with other chapter members in Arizona.

Our February 10 Luncheon was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory at the Chandler Fashion Center, hosted by **Donna Pedone**. We will report more about this next month.

Our February 24 Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert will also be reported on next month.

We have the following Birthdays in March for our members or their spouses: **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Richard Fezekes** (3/8), **Bill Eaton** (3/9), **Janet Vehring** (3/10),

John Smiley (3/14), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), **Rita Krist** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to all! We have one couple celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**, who were married on March 11, 1961. Congratulations to you both.

Calendar:

March - Luncheon to be announced.

March 24 - 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, March 22.

April 6 – Annual Picnic at the Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, by the Community Room, where Shirley & Ron live. Please let them know if you will be attending at (480) 354-7610 or by Shirley's e-mail address Indind75@yahoo.com, or Ron's rjpa196@yahoo.com.



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter.

Our group gathered for a Holiday dinner in our beautiful downtown Prescott, aka Arizona's Christmas City! Our gorgeous city square was amazingly decorated, you've got to see it to believe it.

We in Prescott had our first white Christmas in quite a number of years. Eight inches of snow kept us home-bound for a few days and we really enjoyed it.

We want to take this opportunity to wish all our retired brothers and sister a most happy and healthful New Year.

Our next gathering will be on February 21st at the Lone Spur Café, 11AM.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were twenty one Road Runners for lunch on January 19 at the Thunder Canyon Brewery at the Foot Hills Mall on a chilly, early winter day. Thunder Canyon Brewery has been a popular spot for the Road Runners to hold their luncheons, but with the recent sale of the Foot Hills Mall, the future of the entire place is up in the air, as we airline people like to say.

Pat DiLallo announced she had received a note from our friend, **John Bennatts** who is currently in New Hampshire. He wanted to try this change in life style for a year, but isn't quite ready to make a commitment. She also received a thank you from Seniors for Kids for our generous gift. She gave a short report on our finances and reminded us that dues of \$5.00 per member are due by February 28. Pat also reminded everyone about the UA Tree Ring Lab tour preceding lunch, please RSVP as soon as possible.

Tree Ring Lab Tour University of Arizona: Thursday, February 16. Tour starts at 10:00 a.m. Check in time 9:45 a.m. The tour will begin in the main lobby of the Bryant Bannister Tree-Ring Building and will last about 1-1.5 hours. There is no fee for the tour. However, they do accept donations. All visitors are advised to allow for extra time to access campus and parking. The closest parking is in the Sixth Street garage, which is adjacent to the building. A map and directions may be found at <http://ltr.arizona.edu/map>.

The parking garage is on 6th Street East of 1st/Park (1st Ave. turns into Park) and West of Campbell Ave. Lunch time, ~11:30 - 11:45 depending on the length of the tour. Lunch to follow the tour at Claim Jumpers Restaurant (we will order off the menu), 3761 E. Broadway (If you get to Alvernon Way you went too far), Tucson, AZ. Please contact **Pat Di Lallo** at (520) 825-7370 no later than February 10th. If you have any questions call Pat or Rich at the number above. Let her know if you are going on *Tour only*, *Tour and lunch* or *Just lunch*.

As we were finishing lunch, the 50/50 drawing winners for today were **Merit Nerland** and **Pete Lopez**. Congratulations to the winners. President **Charli Nicholson** then added a few comments. United will be offering "basic economy" service as will Delta and American: No seat assignments, no upgrades or changes, only one carry on will be permitted which will go under the seat. Of course, there were many questions regarding "how will this affect employee travel?" This has yet to be determined, so we have to "hang in there" to find out. She also said that the Tucson Gem Show starts January 27. Schedule is on line. Also, the Tubac Festival of Arts is February 8 through Feb. 12. She suggested Shelby's is a nice place to eat, and I concur.

February Anniversaries ~ **Eileen & Bob Loshbaugh** (2/8/58).

February Birthdays ~ **Tom Worker** (2/5), **Alice Belzer** (2/11), **Erika Williams** (2/11), **Gary Rayburn** (2/14), and **Beverly Worker** (2/16).

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Our Chapter did not meet in January. The sad news was that one of our founding members, **Bill Noyes**, passed away on January 15th. Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, called the Noyes to fill them in on our Christmas luncheon. He was told that Bill had just died that morning. They had moved to Missouri several years ago to be near their son, and they were kept as paid up charter members. Bill had been ill since Christmas and was under Hospice care. We would not have a chapter if it wasn't for the **Noyes, Wagners, and Cunninghams**. **Jack Cunningham** is the last active member of our Chapter and had just become a great grandfather.

I have not heard from any of our other members and my hope is that they survived the rain that the Central Coast had this past week.

Our next meeting will be on February 15th, hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Kathy & Dave Wilson were the hosts for the Desert Sunbirds' January Luncheon. Twenty eight members and one guest (**Doreen Roberts** brought her significant other, **Tom Wheaton**), dined at the Broken Yolk in La Quinta. As we enter the new year, to quote **Elaine Aggson**, our Founder and long-time President; "*We look forward to a 2017 filled with happiness and good health.*" In a seven months period from June '16 to January '17, we lost four members; **Liz Clapper** in June, **Val Tinus** in July, **Jerry Waiss** in October, and **Jim Clapper** in January '17. The Sunbirds also send special good wishes to **Jim Rotella**, **Judy Ford**, and **Mary Butler**, all battling health issues.

Only one Anniversary celebrated this month: **Dick & Lois Hopkins**, 10 years on February 22nd.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Mike Bailardo** - by default. He was the only member present with a January birthday. **Al Beuchel** won \$40.00 in the 50/50 drawing.



Desert Sunbirds' Featured Member this month - **Carole Paquin**. When Carole was three years old, (the family living in Norfolk), her dad got a job as a Design Engineer with Lockheed, in Burbank, CA. After High School Graduation (in Burbank), she attended LA City College, majoring in Air Transportation - a two year course. United Air Lines hired Carole in June of 1958 (Stewardess); but the training classes didn't start until January of 1959.

Upon graduating from Stewardess Training, she was assigned to EWRSW. After a little over a year, wanting to get back to the sunshine of Southern California, Carole transferred to LAX. By this time she was planning to get married, which of course, meant no more flying.

Carole chose to transfer to LAXRR. She spent four years there - did get to train her (still) good friend, **Brad Zittel**. Brad was the subject of my column a couple months ago.

In 1966, Carole transferred to LAXTR. She did many different jobs in TR - Ticket Counter, Red Carpet Room, Aloha Lounge, Training (Ticket Counter), Gates, and PSR (meeting and greeting VIP's and movie stars).

In the late 70's, Carole received the Award for "Agent of the Year". It was also about that time that she was chosen by Management to make a recording for play at the Airport. The recording reminded passengers to keep their eyes and attention on their luggage. This ... long before 9/11!

Carole was at work in the "Briefing" room when the Twin Towers were hit. Helping out in the lobby (where bags were all over the place), Carole re-injured her back. She had had back surgery in the 70's. She took two months off, back at 'em again for a couple more years, then retired - after 45 years.

Carole says, *"I grew up with UAL, and I'm so glad I had that opportunity. I traveled the world with good friends - many from the 60's - and we are still good friends. Thank you, United."*

SACRAMENTO



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly meeting on January 25 at Awful Annie's in Auburn and was hosted by **Ray & Lorna Andrejewski**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 47 Gold Diggers and one guest **Lorry Huckill**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. He thanked **Ray & Lorna** for hosting the luncheon.

Ed Rheam advised that **Terry Greenacre** was checking that all the email addresses were correct and note if there are any changes to their address. There are 8 persons who need to respond regarding their correct email address.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced we need hosts for the luncheons for May, June, July and October. He encouraged members to consider hosting one of our luncheons.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report as of December 2016, the balance is \$1602.95.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** sent a get well card to **Charles Szekretar** and a sympathy card was sent to the **Rolf Kramer** family. She spoke to **Velma Stough's** daughter to express our sympathy. **Velma** was 95 and went peacefully. **Angie** spoke with **Colleen Esola** and she advised that **Harold** will be coming home next week.

Jack Raynor advised he will bring the spreadsheet for the Members Directory to the meeting in February and it can then be checked for accuracy by members before sending it to be printed.

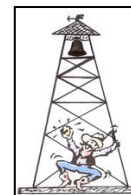
Ron Bertacini gave an update on the Las Vegas Convention to be held in September. The Palace Station Hotel is where it will be held. So far reservations can only be made by phone.

The Past Presidents luncheon will be held on February 22 at Lucille's Smokehouse Barbeque in Rocklin and hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**.

The meeting was adjourned followed by the raffle.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, ready or not, the New Year 2017 has arrived. Like all of you, I'm sure, I am hoping for a year filled with fun, laughter, good health and positive direction. Since California has been "dry" for so long, all the rain and snow we are receiving (Thank You, Mother Nature) is most welcome. Maybe we will be seeing green lawns once more. In any event, we are off to a good start!

President ~ New president **Bill Gibson** extended a heartfelt "Thank You" to the three officers from last year's board, **Rudy Blazius**, **Bill Dinette** and **Lynda Lima**, who all chose to "hang up their hats". Each of these individuals gave our chapter their time and efforts to keep us informed and active. Bill also acknowledged the great job **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** did to organize our first luncheon for 2017. The food at Los Pinos is very tasty and the service (for 27 Miners) was pretty efficient.

To the question regarding who has a birthday in January, **Bill Gibson** and **Dan Ouchi** owned up to this. Seems there are no anniversaries this month. So, Happy Birthday to Bill and Dan.

Bill reminded us about some of the items covered in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Vice President ~ Returning to the board, **Rosemary Heier** will hold down the job of Vice President. She is also in charge of our monthly raffle. In that capacity, Rosemary made sure everyone had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and that they received a "Red" ticket as a prize donator.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us for this luncheon. The balance is after all expenses for the December 2016 luncheon were deducted. Tom also reminded everyone that our annual dues of \$10.00 is due. If you have not already paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. You can mail a check, made out to Hangtown Miners and send to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

Secretary ~ Continuing as secretary, **Jane Gibson** read a thank you letter from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association: *"The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association would like to thank you for your generous donation of Gift Cards, Toys and Food. With your help, we are able to provide 4 families with a large box of food and a turkey for Christmas Dinner and 5 children with several gifts for Christmas. Please thank all of your members for your continued support of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association's Christmas Basket Project."* Jane also passed out current rosters. Those present who wanted a copy were able to take one home, the rest she will mail to members. Please let her know of any errors/changes.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** shared the sad news that two more of our members, **Judie Leimer** and **Carolyn Parkinson**, have passed away. We all send our condolences to their families. Suzanne has sent each of them a card for us. She asked **Rudy Blazius** to give us an update on **Linda Dinette**: Linda is doing well after having extensive reconstructive work on her foot. She will have to stay off her foot for several weeks, but Bill is doing a terrific job taking care of her. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery.

Historian ~ Our new Historian **Thom Biro** may be changing the website for our chapter. Lynda had set up a very nice site on Weebly where we can go to check out the goings on of the Miners. Thom is thinking to switch that site to Shutterfly instead. Will keep you informed. Thom also has the responsibility for ordering monogrammed shirts again. **Bill Voetsch** had taken on the task for us but has recently returned to the work world in a full time position. These shirts are really very good quality and have our chapter logo embroidered on them. If you are interested in ordering one, let

Thom know – there's many colors and several styles from which to choose.

Old Business ~ We traditionally have made donations to various charities, the amount depended on how our account looks. This year we have done quite well, so it is time to undertake the task of selecting which charity to donate to. Bill asked Rudy to go over our options. After some discussion it was decided that the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services, Snowline Hospice and SHARE will be the charities we will give a donation to. A motion was made and the vote taken to send each of these organizations \$200.00. **Tom Kenny** will send a check to each of them.

If anyone would like to order a name badge, please let **Jane Gibson** know. Last time I ordered them, they were \$6.50 each. **Sherrie Wolfram** has requested one – **Judy Fitzpatrick** requested a reminder call to bring theirs!

Member Contributions ~ Bill asked if anyone had any experiences or questions to share. **Suzanne Kenny** related a new experience while on a trip to/from Maryland. They were flying along, all was well when their plane suddenly dropped! She said it felt like they were falling out of the sky! Quite a mess in the cabin as drinks were splattered all over the ceiling and stuff everywhere. Not something she wants to do again anytime soon.

Bill wrapped up our meeting and the raffle began. **Dan Ouchi** was the winner of the donator's prize. Thanks to all who brought items to be raffled: **Heier** – wine; **Biro** – holiday ramekins (2 boxes); **Blazius** – scarf; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Kenney** – salsa & pickled carrot; **Lima** – cookies; **Ridsdale** – fruit holder; **Ouchi** – book; **Kenny** – olives; **Blazius** – table decorations.

Our February luncheon will be hosted by **Rosemary & JR Heier**. They have made arrangements for us to get together at the Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park. We haven't "done" pizza before, but this pizza place had more than just pizza!



Redwood
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Retirees

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Welcome to a new year of hope and excitement for what lies ahead! We had our first of the year luncheon at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jan Blackburn**.

We all arrived amidst a heavy downpour rain storm that did little to quench the spirit of friendship and joy of meeting together after the long holidays.

Barbara Underhill, representing Vice President **Jerry Underhill**, who was out ill, announced that we had 23 members and 3 guests attending; the guests were **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **Carol Turek**, guest of **Doug Saunders**. We also were thrilled to have long distance members **Richard & Maria Southon** from Deerfield, Illinois visiting with us; they say that they try to get out to California a couple times a year. It was very nice to have them with us and to get better acquainted.

Barbara also announced to us that RUAEA has relocated the venue for the 2017 RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas to a different hotel more suitable for the members who complained that the current hotel does not allow gambling in the facility. The new hotel was announced in the February RUAEA Newsletter.

RER Historian **Barney Hagen** took lots of pictures, of us all visiting, for the picture albums that he has compiled for the chapter over the years. It is a great way to look back at some fun times we have had together at these luncheons. He also brought us some sad news that **Les Carey**, longtime RER member, had passed away recently; he had been a significant influence in building and restoring airplanes for the Boeing Aircraft Museum. He moved to Montana to live near his son years after retiring from work at United Airlines. He was a beloved personal friend to many members of our RER chapter. Barney also clarified some of the rules for the two friend or family yearly choices for standby passes and access to discount and vacation passes. He reminded us that the enrolled friend seniority for boarding is lower for the friend who accesses the system for himself.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** announced the balances of our General and Charity funds; she shared that in our General Fund we have over \$1000.00 and a starting point of \$98.34 for the year in our Charity Fund.

Valerie also had a great joke for us since our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was out having foot surgery that day. I announced the Birthdays and Anniversary for January for Verda; the birthdays were **Ted Bell**, **Pat Ortega**, **Pat Maus**, **Sheila Legnitto** and **Cindy Hiroshima**; the one Anniversary being celebrated was for **Heino & Inara Witt** with 37 years! Congratulations to all! **Pat Ortega** was the winner of the free lunch! **George Schwind** brought us a couple of additional jokes in Verda's absence!

Our raffle drawing was held next for the fine wine centerpieces by Valerie and Jan, and the See's candy truffles provided to us by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. Larry won a bottle of his favorite Chardonnay, "Coppola".

President **Larry Wilson** announced that he and I are hosting our February luncheon at the Union Hotel, Mission Blvd, Santa Rosa, along with the help of **Herb Johnson**; **Valerie Hulsey** said that she will provide her Sherry cake for dessert, since this restaurant does not

provide dessert. We will enjoy her great cake! This will be the first time using the Union Hotel, and hopefully we will want to revisit it again in the future; the restaurant seemed happy to have our reservation! Larry reminded us all to remember the Charity Box on our way out. Stay warm and dry out there.

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Greetings to all and I hope everyone has their rainy day projects out of the way. We can now move onto thoughts of sunshine and soon to arrive spring.

We had four Birthdays this month: **Louis Semon**, **Liz Kamoo**, **Skip Householder**, and **Helen Soderberg**.

Everyone was so excited to see **Kit Fogelman** who has had a long year of illness. Both Kit and Frank are doing well at this time. **Robin Muncey** drove all the way from Orange County to join us and she has been involved with family illness also. **Pauline Reynald** told us about her recent trip to the Grand Canyon. The first time for her and she was amazed at the stark beauty of the canyon and its environs.

There were twenty eight at breakfast this morning and **Ralph Hernandez** once again won the 50/50. This always seems to happen when we have good attendance and the winnings are larger! **Maria & Arnie Pollack** are enjoying a Caribbean Cruise, we look forward to their return and telling us all about their trip.

Betty Tomaino announced that **Claudia Blancett** is our new Southern California Regional Director and we hope to have her visit with us in the near future.

Mark your calendar for the RUAEA 2017 Convention in Las Vegas. The hotel is the Palace Station Hotel and Casino located off the strip at 2411 West Sahara Ave. The convention begins on Monday, September 25th and the last day will be Thursday, September 28th.

United Service Anywhere is a new self-service information portal that provides answers to commonly asked questions regarding retiree travel badging and other issues and where to find them. Access United Service Anywhere at ess-usaw.ual.com or by going to Flying Together>Employee Services>United Service Anywhere. USAW is mobile friendly and can be accessed on your smartphone or tablet Flying Together>HR Tools>UnitedServiceAnywhere.

Stay well and see you next month!

Calendar:

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



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our January 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. As there was no changing of the Guard (read Board) – (no volunteers to take over Board positions,) we did not have a Transition of Officers Luncheon. We opted out for a December Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant that included all members of the group. It was very successful so this will now become an annual event.

Vera recapped the next 3 month Lunches: February 27 – Catered Chinese Lunch, \$10 per member / \$20 per guest. Call **Dorothy Reuszer**, (650) 341-5765, to let her know by February 23 so we can have an accurate count. March 27 – St. Paddys' Day Corned Beef and Cabbage (Board members will supply) with members asked to bring their favorite Pot Luck goodies (1 member enough for 4 people / 1 couple 'enuf for 8 people.) April 24 – BUOBL ("Bring ur own bag lunch")

Treasurer **Art Barrett** asks that everyone bring their check books so that they can pay their dues - \$12 per person. Our beautiful (the lovely lagoon with an occasional Orca leaping out of the water!) room rental fee is our biggest expense and we need to beef up the coffers!

Secretary ~ Temporary Stand-in **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes which, thankfully, were approved as read. If anyone corrects the minutes - they automatically become the Secretary (and that is not an empty threat!) As soon as dues come in, an up-dated roster will be printed up and distributed.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** commented on the pouring rain which was an indication of the low attendance. Sunshine and flowers are the norm so when that wet stuff comes down (in buckets,) everyone hunkers down. Roads were slick and flooded so TV watching took precedence – hopefully we are not in the same category as Jerry Springer or "All My Children." **Linda Vietz** celebrated her birthday in December and no one had a birthday in January. **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** celebrated their 69 years of wedded bliss in late December – no anniversaries in January. **Ben Vietz** had laryngitis as he didn't leap up to announce his monthly birthday/or anniversary (did someone see Linda kick him in the shins?)

Gene Walter couldn't make the meeting as he was recuperating from shoulder surgery. **Betty Bliss** is staying with relatives in the Morgan Hill area and is waiting

for an opening in a Care Facility near there. **Paul Larson** is in a rehab facility and hopes to be back home soon. If you need addresses for them, call or email Ginger. **Antonio MacPherson** passed away recently – our condolences go out to his wife, **Helene**, and family. Cards were sent out to them.

Auditors ~ **Gene Walter** (in absentia,) **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are busily working on the budget – their abacus is getting a work-out.

Ticket Coordinator ~ **Harriet Kunze** handed out huge winnings in the 25%/25% drawing and Bingo games. New to the list of winners: **Margaret Reelfs** – all the other winners tried to pool their money but could not get enough to pay for gas to the nearest Jack in the Box.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2017 trips: A day trip to The Graduation for Guide Dogs for the Blind has openings – dates are April 15th and July 8. Attendance is limited to 40 people, hence the 2 dates. August 8 – 19 / 3 days in Lucerne, Switzerland and a 7 day cruise on the Rhine River with AMAWaterways – call as space is very limited. 5 day trip to San Antonio, dates only (flyer is being completed) November 30 through 4 December. Interested? Call or email gingersfo@aol.com or (650) 224-1865 to get on the interest list. More trips in the works.

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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Our Spring Luncheon will be on March 21 at The Fish Market in Santa Clara. It will begin at 11am with lunch served at noon. Salmon, Mahi Mahi, and Chicken are the entrée choices. Along with our usual raffle, we are looking at helping the Shriner's Hospital in Sacramento by either donating school supplies or giving a monetary donation for medical equipment. One of our members has a connection with this organization and it seems a worthy cause for children facing serious health issues. More information will be posted on the soon available Spring Luncheon flyer. We look forward to see you there!

Officers of our chapter had a delightful meeting and lunch at President **Boyd & Merle Sweet's** home on January 18. Plans are underway for the year and we're anticipating great opportunities for making memories together. See Calendar below for events planned thus far for the year.

In keeping with my goal this year of having our members tell about their work experiences, I recently talked to **Donald Nessling** about his service with United. He actually began his career in the airline industry with Pennsylvania Central Airlines (PCA) back in 1941. At the time PCA had 15 B-247Ds. Two of them remain in museums today—one at the National Aviation Museum at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and the other, the City of Renton, is in flying condition and is located at the Museum of Flight, Boeing Field, Seattle, Washington. Perhaps some of you saw the City of Renton when you were in Seattle for the United RUAFA convention last year.

By 1947 PCA's route network no longer reflected their name and on April 21, 1948 the airline adopted a new insignia, colors, and the name Capital Airlines. Donald recalled his almost 44 year experience fondly remembering the many repairs that took him traveling to do the job.

He was a junior mechanic while on his first trip which took him to Roanoke, Virginia (ROA). This was to repair an engine nacelle on a Navy R3D that had been burned. His next trip was to La Guardia in New York (LGA) for a temporary repair of a Constellation that had a dented left leading edge. Other trips took him to Baltimore, MD (BWI); Newark, NJ (EWR); Pittsburgh, PA (PIT), and Lansing, MI (LAN). Repairs included a DC-4 that had been struck on its leading edge when the #1 engine propeller sheared off, two Vickers Viscount fuselages that had caved in on their left sides when hit by the stabilizer of a passing airplane (LGA), the repair of a Viscount lower fuselage when it had come in for a belly landing (BWI), the temporary repair of a six foot hole in the left side fuselage of a Viscount (EWR), replacing a right wing tip on a DC-3 (PIT), the repair of three Viscount fuselage nose sections when nose gears collapsed (3 cities), and replacing spars on DC-6s.

His most memorable repair was the replacement of a Viscount RHI lower spar cap. At this time he was a foreman. With 11 mechanics working, six on days and five on swing shift, it took three weeks to complete the repair (LAN).

In the late 1950s, Capital began to struggle financially and in May 1960, Vickers foreclosed on Capital's entire fleet of Viscounts. Bankruptcy for the airline seemed certain. However, on July 28, 1960, a merger with United Airlines was announced. And as they say, the rest is history. Donald retired on October 1, 1985 and is the senior member of our chapter having now

been retired 31 years. We are very pleased to have Donald in our midst for our weekly meetings and extra events during the year.

Lloyd & Claire Eber's daughter, **Karen Kay**, visited us at a breakfast meeting early in January. While on a business trip to Boston, MA last Fall, she made time to see the USS Constitution "Old Ironsides" and shared her experience with us. Lloyd saw the ship a few years ago as a 7 year old and he and Claire visited it again in 1996. If you haven't seen her yet, be sure to put this trip on your bucket list! She's the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel afloat and was launched in 1797. Wow!

We've had some recent ailments in our chapter and our thoughts and prayers go out to those having had or expecting surgery in the near future—**Karen Devlin** (knee surgery) is doing well, **Gary Ikeya** will be having surgery soon. **Charlie Brown** isn't getting around very well so **Don Boyer** (who was at a recent breakfast meeting) says he goes to visit Charlie every couple of weeks. **George Midwin** reported that his granddaughter, who lives in Australia, is recovering from back surgery and wife Julie will remain in Australia indefinitely as she recovers. **Harry Willever's** wife, **Teresa**, fell and broke her shoulder.

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

Calendar:

March 1 – Second Harvest Food Bank

March 21 – Spring Luncheon at The Fish Market, Santa Clara

June 14 – Summer Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos



East Bay Diablos

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The East Bay Diablos celebrated the beginning of our 19th year of getting together. Mercy, where has the time gone! We returned to our favorite, The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord. Despite some inclement weather, we had 26 in attendance. Lots of laughter, good conversation and exchange of information. We missed the **Underhills** who were unable to attend due to the weather. **Diane Griego** celebrated a new record with our chapter. This is the 7th consecutive year she hasn't won the 50/50 cash ... sigh. Ah well, there is always next month.

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. She knows of one of our UA employees who volunteers at a Domestic Violence center and these women are very grateful.

Calendar:

March 13 – El Tapatio

April 10 – Old Spaghetti Factory

May 8 – TBA

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

July ~ No meeting

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NORTHSTATERS**

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A very big happy New Year to all from the wet & wild North state! It keeps raining & raining but we feel very fortunate. We now hope the drought is over in Northern California.

Our first meeting for 2017 was held on January 25th at the Italian Cottage in Chico. **Merritt Odor** called the meeting to order & thanked **Billie & Kent Jorgensen** for arranging the meeting place. We had 26 retirees & spouses in attendance.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Merritt Odor, Sharon Simonton, John Delaney & Walt Grundherr** all had birthdays in January.

Our lovely oldest member of the group, **Charlotte Puryear**, was not able to attend the meeting due to a fall. She is ok & we do miss her when she cannot come.

Linda Delaney was nice enough to do an audit on our treasury & she found all records to be accurate. Merritt thanked Linda for her effort & also thanked **Billie Jorgensen** for doing a great job with the treasury.

In this issue, I would like to mention all of the members that come to our meetings. They truly are a wonderful group & we have so much fun together at our luncheons.

Don & Ursula Arndt, Bob Brand, Bill Brooks, Hal & Phyllis Burdick, Mark Chiles, John & Linda

Delaney, Bill Dodds, Gaylen & Katherine Eslinger, Carl & Grace Franke, Jim & Caroline Geiger, Ray & Jean Herrick, Lowell Herried, Dick Hooning, Kay & John Innocenti, John & Chris Isbell, Mike & Sue Johnson, Kent & Billie Jorgensen, Vincent & Kay Neidlinger, Merritt & Klaren Odor, Gail & Paul Poling, Vanessa Pratt, Charlotte Puryear, Alan & Glenna Sollid, Bill & Sharon Simonton, Richard & Raejean Skelly, Jim & Bunnie Stuart, and Walter & Vreny Grundherr. These folks truly make a very enjoyable group and come from diverse United work environments and our discussions are amazing. Thank you to these people that helped make United strong and make our luncheons/meetings fun.

John Delaney won the 50/50 raffle and **Vreny Grundherr** won the \$15.00 lunch voucher.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 22 at 11:30 AM at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Sharon agreed to give the restaurant a call & set up the meeting place.

Calendar:

March 22 - Wednesday at 11:30 AM at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Hope to see you there!

COLORADO

**DENVER
MILE HIGHERS**



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The February breakfast was attended by 27 members. The 50/50 winners that returned their winnings to the chapter were **Cas Spokas** (DENMM), **Jim Spate** (DENMM), **Bill Brehmer** (DENMM) and **Ray Shoults** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing along with the sale of aluminum cans helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

Chapter President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting. Don announced that the Saturday, March 4th RUAEA meeting will still be held in the DENTK cafeteria. **Cas Spokas** (DENTK) will bring his laptop to the next meeting and offer training to anyone that has difficulty accessing or navigating within flyingtogether. The RUAEA web page also has a link to access flyingtogether. All you need is your UAL file number and your password. If you have difficulty, there is a number to call. A whole host of information is available once you have access to flyingtogether. Most of the questions that are asked of Don are already available on the flyingtogether web page. If not, Don can get answers. His phone number is on RUAEA's web page.

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill **Marilyn**

Hansen's position as Treasurer. Don noted that about 90 percent of the Caremark/Silverscript users are not having trouble. It seems to be non generic prescriptions that cause the difficulty when generic medication is available.

Don also noted that he and **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA President) are working on trying to get all of the health benefits people to give us updates when they have them so we can offer the information in the RUAEA Newsletter. The Retirees Communication project will be an ongoing project that will constantly be updated as necessary. United Service Anywhere is part of that and provides a great deal of information especially if you use your flight benefits. We still need aluminum cans to recycle and help fund the chapter. 2017 convention will be in Las Vegas 25-28 of September. Further details will appear in the newsletter in the future. It was noted that a member received a 1099 form and had not received one before. Don noted that there is a threshold of about \$600 in order to be taxable.

Virgil Gooselaw spoke of the possible upcoming meeting with UAL President **Oscar Munoz**. Although no meeting has been scheduled, Virgil received a phone call from Janet Tyse (HR) asking him to put together a package for changes to our Enrolled Friends pass privileges. The problem being that we only have 8 vacation passes a year and to get a traveler to a higher level, you have to travel with them or try to get them on a vacation pass which is limiting for a retiree. Another suggestion will be changing enrolled friends during the year rather than on a once a year opportunity as it is now. Another possibility would be to authorize two more enrolled friends. Some of this is an effort to correct benefits that we lost as the result of the merger. RUPA has already requested that trip passes be reinstated for retirees.

Lew Fontana (DENTK) and his wife **Mary** went to San Diego recently and toured the U.S.S. Midway.

Don Burbank is headed to Arizona for a couple of weeks to work on the B-17.

John Fultz (DENMM) is now a resident of Shalom Cares Senior Healthcare Facility at 14800 E. Belleview Dr. Aurora, CO 80015. He can be reached at 303 699 4386. His room number is 235.

Joseph Bain (DENMM), passed away on Monday, January 16th. Cards or letters can be sent to his wife, **Nancy Bain**, 2459 S. Moline Way, Aurora, CO 80014.

Roland Heppler (DENTK/FO) passed away on January 30, 2017. Cards can be sent to family at 194 Aspen St., Broomfield, CO 80020.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held at the Flight Center Cafeteria (DENTK) on Saturday, March 4th 2017.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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Submitted by Kathy Faust

22 members met at Arnold Palmer Country Club in the Villages for lunch on Thursday, January 26th. Everyone enjoyed the menu and delicious lunch. It was unanimously decided that we come here again so our next meeting will be at Arnold Palmer Country Club on Thursday, February 23rd at 11:30AM.

We received a thank you letter from Operation Shoebox for the donation we sent for postage. They do a wonderful job for our service men and women.

We want to welcome our new members **David & Josefa Ivey**. David worked in San Francisco for 37 years in terminal maintenance and Josefa (Jo) in San Francisco stores for 35 years. We are so happy you have joined our group.

Hey gang, it's that time of year again; dues are due, \$2.50 per person, \$5.00 per couple. Our president **Ralph Brick** is asking for one of our members to step up and volunteer for the president position. We will talk about it at our next meeting.

See you all at our next meeting. Remember it will be at Arnold Palmer Country Club at 11:30AM. If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Ralph Brick** at brickralph@cox.net.

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Our February meeting at the Golden Corral boasted 42 members, quite an increase over January's 26 members. A wonderful gathering full of fellowship followed. President Al began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance as all members stood. Members present today included: **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Mary & Bob McNeill, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Joanne & Al Mollet, Jim Mummah, David & Lisa Leighty, Karen Carlson, Gerry & Endel Vann, Dan Raciak, Dick & Cathy Benson, Tom Deckrow, Eric Dodson, Chris Hess, Bob Duszynski, Jim Feeney, John Wiseman, Mack Chandler, Monty Martin, Cliff Hill & Jerry, Ken &**



Shelby Michels, Ted & Char LeGrand, Laura Bork, Tom Cannata, Retta Finn, Patti Clark, Linda Agnello, Diane Lewis, Al & Lois Fields and yours truly, Elaine Tillman-Mannella.

First on the agenda, President Al invited all of us to the annual April Picnic, which will be held at Cypress Grove Park on Tuesday, April 4th. We girls, he suggested, need to be checking our recipe boxes for that special dish to bring! Ho! Details at the March meeting.

Treasurer Char gave her report and Secretary Elaine then took the mike. We have had a lot of "sad" in our circle of UA friends since the holidays.

- MCOCS (and still working) **Connie Lenard's** sister, Janie, passed away in EWR very suddenly on January 27th. Address: 1541 Oak Hill Tr., Kissimmee, FL 34747
- **Sid Edelman** suffered a heart attack and is home now recuperating. At the same time, Sid's wife, **Linda**, fell and broke her hip/leg. She is also home now. Address: 380 Alabama Ave, Merritt Island, FL 32953
- **Joe & Barb Fitak's** daughter, Lisa, is facing more tough cancer challenges. Their address: 108 Poppy Court, Kissimmee, FL 34743
- Real McCoys member **Marilyn Ulmer** passed away on December 9th of a cardiac event. Her niece, Christine McCloy, 2953 Mondavi Ct., Hilliard, OH 43026; contacted me recently with the sad news.

As I am a former Cleveland, I received info on two fellas I worked with "back in the day". CLECS retirees, CSR **Danny Bracken** and Skycap **Riley Moore**, both passed away recently. Address for Danny is c/o Terri Bracken, 20269 Kramer, Rocky River, OH 44116.

Please remember these folks in your prayers and healing cards, I'm sure, would be welcome. As you have a minute, we could all use prayers as we continue to age gracefully!

A much happier note are the birthdays our members will be celebrating this month! Happiest of Days to **Bob Duszynski** (24th) and **Al Mollet** (18th). Have a wonderful day guys!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Our next luncheon meeting is March 7th, followed by the picnic on April 4th.

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Seventeen members met for lunch at KJ's on February 3. **Dick Allen, Wallis Alves, Lynna Baker, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Joanne Halt, Nancy Kopp, Stella & Jim McCaffrey, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Pat Reid, and Roger Schonewise** enjoyed recalling old times at United. Some of our regular members were cruising, which seems to be a monthly activity within our group.

In addition to lively conversation, and a tasty lunch, a 50/50 raffle was held. **Paul Olson** sold the tickets and won half the money. Second ticket pulled was to **Dick Allen** (who pulled his own ticket three more times. He declined to accept a gift after the first one. Balance of winners **Gary Crittenden, Stella McCaffrey, Nancy Kopp, and Margie Burg.** People all seem to enjoy the chance to win something.

Congratulations to one of our members, **Ray Jensen**, who has assumed the duties of Director of Florida region. He will do a great job.

We welcomed **Joanne Halt** to the group. Hope to see her again.

Calendar:

First Friday of the month October through May

THE SAND DOLLARS

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There were 30 Sand Dollars attending our luncheon on January 12th at the Olive Garden in Bradenton. **Ginger Hyde** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance before we ordered our meals, and announced that unfortunately **Betty Woods-White** was not able to attend this time because of problems with her back. The 40+ mile drive, plus some of the medication she is currently on, made it best that she stay home this time. We hope she will be able to join us next month.

Lisa & Bob Young were headed to Hawaii for a little get away. It was nice to have **Vince & Norma Malena** join us again. **Loretta Marvett** came in from St. Petersburg with her friend **Bob Weber**. **Loretta** was one of the original members of our group and was Presi-

Happy St. Patrick's Day

dent for a number of years. It was so nice that she and Bob could join us and we hope to see them again at future luncheons.

The 50/50 winnings were: \$18 to **Bob Weber**, guest of **Loretta Marvett**; **Larry Johnson** won \$14, and **Alice Parker** won \$10.00. The \$20.00 attendance drawing was won by **Suzan Goodson**, so next month it will start back at \$5.00.

Birthday wishes in March go to **Doug Dannebrock** (1st), **Skip Irwin** and **Vivian Rucker** (2nd), **Nancy Gibbs** (11th), **Sandy Horuczi** (22nd), and **Ken Bauman** (28th). Anniversary congratulations go to **Bob & Kay Frye** for 57 years on March 2nd.

Our meeting ended on a lively note when one of the Sand Dollars decided to make an exit through an alarmed door, causing quite a to-do in the whole restaurant. I was struck by the long time it took for the restaurant staff to deal with the problem – we CSRs knew how to deal with the doors from the gate areas to the ramp much more swiftly.

The Sand Dollars meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and we welcome any visiting retirees from UA or CO.

And remember – even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

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Our meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President **Beverly Alderdice** with the Pledge of Allegiance being said. There were 19 in attendance. **Carolyn Lodge** read the November and December minutes which were approved. **Lillian Sawyer** gave the Treasurer's report which was approved.

Volrie Fusina was the only birthday celebrant for the month of January on the 27th. **Terri Breslin** gave the Sunshine report. A sympathy card was sent to **Peggy Manuel** in regards to the loss of her husband **Les Manuel**. **Les** passed away on January 4th and a memorial service was held in New Port Richey on 18th. A get well card was sent to **Lynn Dever** who was in the hospital but now is at home.

A discussion was held to have our Christmas luncheon at Heritage Springs on December 6, 2017. **Beverly Alderdice** and **Jan Lindstrom** will be co-hostesses as **Terri Breslin** had been Christmas luncheon chairman for 15 years. **Terri** stated that she will help with whatever they needed. **Volrie & Don Fusina** will also check on Timber Greens as a possibility for the luncheon.

Jon Wilkinson had brought up the idea of forming

a group with the southeast side of Tampa, having a meeting one month in that area and the other where we are at the present time. A discussion was held and it was decided to table this for next month.

Bob Lindstrom discussed the two prescription cards received for our CVS coverage. The ones mailed to us were in error.

Jon Wilkinson gave the latest UAL news and about his Kids and Kubs softball league. **Jon** is President of the league.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22.

2nd Report: Our February Meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice** with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Low attendance this meeting due to illness, Super Bowl and trips.

No Birthdays or Anniversaries, no Sunshine Cards were sent.

Treasurer Report: Donation check was sent to Flight 93.

Travel: **Mary Judd** spent Christmas in VA and said it was very cold, she froze. We all had a good laugh, it seems we don't miss the cold weather.

A Memorial Service was held on January 19, 2017 for **Les Manuel**. Several of our Chapter Members attended.

Locations on where to hold our Christmas Luncheon was discussed, everyone present decided to stay at Heritage Country Club. Beverly will confirm the reservation and a deposit check will be sent to them. Just a reminder, Christmas Luncheon will be on December 6. It also was discussed to send e-mail reminders of our meetings. Sign up for Picnic will be at our March meeting. This meeting's 50/50 will be put into our treasury.

Meeting Adjourned.

Calendar:

March 6 - IHOP Restaurant 10:30

April 3 - Picnic at Anderson Park - 11 o'clock meeting - Picnic at Noon



TREASURE COAST

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Our February meeting was held at Duffy's with 17 members and three guests attending. **Millie Rossi** brought son David with her, he is visiting from Korea. **Donald & Joyce Smith** brought guests **LeeAnn Lack** and **Skip Zawrotny** from New York.

President **Al Popek** brought the meeting to order and led the Pledge Of Allegiance. The table was festive

with a Valentine theme. His wife, **Janice** was unable to attend today due to illness. She has had two hospital stays since returning from their cruise. She is recovering from a bad bout of pneumonia at home. We all wish her a speedy recovery. They celebrated their actual anniversary at the hospital with the staff providing dinner for them.

Al shared that their 50th anniversary cruise went well except for rough seas and having to skip one of their ports because of conditions. 16 members of family and friends were along for the celebration. They, luckily, avoided the mayhem at the Fort Lauderdale airport. Their timing was nothing but luck. Getting onboard the ship had to be with a sigh of relief. Other passengers told of their harrowing experience at baggage claim. The ship left 5 hours late awaiting incoming passengers.

Also hospitalized was member, **Constantinos (Dinos) Xifaras**. We hope to see him next month at the picnic. He will soon be moving into his new house. Don't work too hard and stay well!

Since "Pats" fans, **Dee & Arnie Lakso** were unable to go to the celebration parade, they brought their Patriots paraphernalia with them. Huge fans, I'm thinking.

The 50/50 was won by **Dee Lakso**. The Progressive will roll over once again since the ticket drawn was **Anne Kenda** who was unable to attend. The centerpieces were won by **Sharon Kirk** and **Al Popek**.

Our next gathering will be our Spring picnic at DuBois Park on March 7th. A list was passed around for signing up for your special dish. If you still need to sign up, please contact Al.

Celebrations this month include Anniversaries for **David & Carolyn Lindgren** on the 2nd, **James & Janet Hanley** on the 22nd. Birthday celebrations for **David Damon** on the 17th, **Janet Hanley** on the 17th and **Gene Student** on the 22nd.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of **Jane Kerr's** son, David. Although he had been ill for some time, it still has taken us all by surprise. He was just 52 years old. Our deepest condolences to you and your family, Jane.

March 7 - Picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, 12 noon

April 4 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart, 12:30

May 2 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's, South Stuart, 12:30



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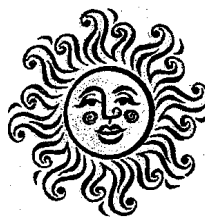
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to 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 RUEA 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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Our January meeting was cancelled due to weather. 30 inches of snow on the ground that week - that was a record for us in Boise.

Calendar:

March - TBA



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March - In like a lion or in like a lamb? How about the lambs eating the lion and let's forget the whole thing. It's Chicago, it's winter, the weather's going to be crappy for another few weeks, and all of a sudden, crocuses and tulips will be here and we'll be walking around in Bermuda shorts! After at least 65 years on this earth, we know what comes next! Umbrellas, sun, lots of wind, at least one more big snow storm, flowers, and one more fall on the ice. Yes! One more, 'Help, I've fallen, and I can't get up!' Please be careful, our bones are just not what they used to be! It may be humerus, but not when it's broken ... haha! I'm so silly.

We move our clocks ahead on March 12, we lose an hour! Then comes St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, where I understand some Irish lose a few hours and their sense of dignity. On the 19th, St. Joseph's Day, the Italians and Polish celebrate with lots and lots of food! Now we're talking!

The Northside breakfast still is attracting a nice amount of retirees but we would love to see more join us now that the weather will be getting warmer. Newbies included **Mary Dolan**, from EXOLD, and **Christopher Beaudette**, **Roseanne Beaudette's** son. Cruising on the high seas is back in vogue. **Barb Weismann** visited relatives in COS, then took a cruise to the Mexican Riviera. **Rich Maionchi** flew to FLL, picked up a friend, and sailed to Cozumel and the islands around Cuba. Rich has done many boat trips this past year, and why not, great food, entertainment, good company and total relaxation. **Toni & Pierre Lupori**, ORDMM, took a seven day cruise to Cienfuego, Santiago, and Havana, Cuba. Pierre said the weather was perfect, in the 80's, the food was delicious, and there were vintage cars everywhere, in beautiful shape. Now that travel restrictions have been lifted to Cuba, getting there is much easier.

At the Southside breakfast, we welcomed back **Marge Caliendo**, who was knocked out with a bad virus/cold/something for a few months. She looked great, so the virus must be gone. **Bill Corbett**, ORDFF, told us that his mom died in December. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and Kathy. The raffle was won by **Tom Hurley**, **Bob Pearson**, **Gwen Brookins**, and **Perry Pahl**.

By now, most of you have heard that the last 747

has flown out of Chicago. Don't cry. We acquired our first 747 in 1970. What an exciting plane we saw the first time we put our little feet in it. Think back, remember that new plane smell? It was so big, two aisles, a first class bar, a circular staircase leading to an upper level, we could sit there with our custom made drinks, no little bottles, and hors d'oeuvres, knowing the flight crew was just head of us flying us to our destination in style and comfort. We dined on roast beef, sliced to our liking, ice cream sundaes, cookies, after dinner drinks, port wine, hot towels, ahhh, those were the days, my friends. Thank God, we were there to have that first time 747 experience. Remember those days? Yes, I know you remember it, I see you smiling. We were lucky. According to my information, we can still fly the Queen of the Skies from SFO to the Far East, LHR and FRA, if you're interested. Just one more time ... and then they'll be gone in October of 2017. Some of the planes will go to private companies, UPS, and some to the desert, or a fate you don't want to know.

Our Spring Luncheon will be on April 4, at The Cotillion, in Palatine. The entertainment will be, The Banjo Buddies, a rousing three piece Dixieland Jazz Band. You'll really enjoy this group. Invitations have gone out, hope you can be there to see old friends and spend a fun afternoon. IAM 1487 had a Chinese lunch in honor of Chinese New Year. It's good we had a yen for Chinese food. Lots of money given away with the raffles. The next meeting will be March 2. There will also be a St. Patrick's Day luncheon at Peggy Kinane's, in Arlington Heights, on March 14.

Word has it that some retirees are having a problem signing into Flying Together when you're trying to list your Enrolled Friends. If you do have difficulties, call 877 825-3729, the ETC line. I hit the buttons asking for help with a real person, I think it was x4, and x5, and reached a kind woman. She said they would stay with you until the problem was resolved. If you're having an issue with your password or signing in, call 847 700-5800, x9, they will also stay with you all the way. Both areas have been very kind to me. Apparently, it started at the beginning with the new year. Also, there's a new phone scam going on. Someone calls you, and asks a simple question like, 'Can you hear me?' when you answer, 'Yes', that person is recording your answer, they use that, 'yes', to buy products and say you're legally obligated to pay for that on your credit or debit card. These people stay up nights thinking up nasty things like this to steal our money! Awful, terrible, crooked jerks! Be careful, just hang up. Or if you have Caller ID, and don't recognize the number, don't answer. That's what answering machines are for, if the caller is legitimate. Just heard that there's also a scam with the IRS now, too, with someone taking your info and getting your refund. So, file as soon as you can.

We lost quite a few friends this month. From ORDMM, **Al McKey**, 98, and **Jim Carroll**, 88, ORDJL, **Danny Igoe**, from EXOKF, **Leona Gasiorowski**, 91, EXORA, **Lillian Beavan**, **Cheryl Deak**, many departments from EXO and ORD and from OPBSP, **Nancy Collins**, **Sharon Keller**, and **Art Christenson**, 71. **Gary Edulan**, and **David Wilson**, 51, both current employees of ORDCG, died of a heart attack. David was the son of **Don Wilson**, retired from ORDCG/MM. Also passed, Capt. **David Cronin**, who successfully landed flight 811 in 1989 travelling from Honolulu-Auckland when the cargo door blew out, killing nine passengers, but he saved 354 passengers. Also gone from our world are Gene Cernan, Miguel Ferrer, John Hurt, young baseball players, Andy Marte and Yodano Venturo, Buddy Greco, Barbra Hale, Mike Connors, Bobby Freeman, David Axelrod (composer), Professor Irwin Corey, Anthony Armstrong-Jones, and the woman we young girls wanted to emulate, Mary Tyler Moore, a total beauty.

Confession time, I made my first mistake of 2017 last month. **Perry Pahl**'s wife's name is Lori, not Theresa. **Larry & Mary Alice** are the **Parkers**, not the **Webers**. My apologies to all! I don't even have a good excuse.

It's hard to reminisce and be nostalgic when your memory isn't worth a damn.

Calendar:

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

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

April 4 - Spring Luncheon, Tuesday, Cotillion Restaurant, Palatine, 11:00 cocktails

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Happy St. Patrick's Day! No meeting so no meeting news.

Sorry ATL, the BOS Patriots did it again, 5th time, a record.

We recently had our audit at our President **Carleen Eddy**'s new home. (Nice and all on one floor.) Despite the 36 degree temp, I still showed up in my convertible

with the top down. Yes! People stare! Tough breed New Englanders! Present for the audit were our officers: President **Carleen Eddy**, VP **Sarah Pitt-Wooll**, Treasurer **Bill Vanderwal** and Secretary **Dick Vee**. Also present were members **Andy & Carol Montalto**, **Bruce Eddy** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. Our Treasurer advised we are sound and in the black, although, as our membership decreases, so does the balance. Our 2016 donation was to the Boston Food pantry. We also made tentative plans for our chapter's 2017's meetings.

Andy & Carol's daughter, Leslie, is going back to school to get her Nursing Master degree. She is still working but moved home again. Andy said "*it's so mommy and daddy can pay for everything!*"

Ed Aldorisio will go for his 4th spinal disk operation in early February, just after I send this report in. I should have info in the next chapter report.

Some members still haven't sent in dues for 2017. Please! Do so now! Help your secretary keep records completed. I don't understand why I have to beg for this timely action every year. Help me out people!

The grandkids texted me 'plz' which is shorter than please. So I texted back, 'no' which is shorter than yes!

March's birthdays: **Robert Austin**, **Mark Bonnell**, **Lee Lyon** and **Mary Beth McDermet**.

March's anniversaries: **Frederic & Rita Casey** (62 years), **Susie & Alex Dolgin** (21), **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** (23), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (60) and **Lewis & Sylvia Shakley** (54).

Calendar:

March 28 - Jevelli's Italian Restaurant, East Boston, MA

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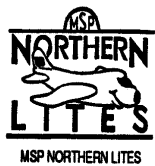
It was a very cold day but thirteen retirees showed up for our February luncheon hosted by **Marguerite Venn**. In attendance were **Carol Shaffner**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Carol Slade**, **Sue Craig**, **Gail Buchanan**, **Bob Renaud**, **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Marie Cook** and her niece, **Michelle Petry**, **Marguerite Venn**, and **Rick** and me. Annie's Restaurant and Bakery was new to us but it worked out well; good food and good service. The candy message hearts and chocolate kisses were a nice touch. Thanks Marguerite for hosting.

Murphy Jean Miller surprised me with a call the other day. She is looking forward to joining us at a luncheon soon. She would be in need of a ride. If you

can lend a hand (or a ride) give her a call at (313) 342-8874. Or drop her a note at 15774 Cherrylawn, Detroit, MI 48238. She really would like to hear from her old United Airline friends.

Sharon Jacob is now home from the hospital and rehab. She, too, would like to hear from her old friends (well, and some young friends also). Drop her a line at 411 Coledale, White Lake, MI 48386.

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For the first time in the 26-year history of this chapter, the monthly meeting was again called off because of bad weather.

This month, as opposed to last, the weather had warmed to the point that we were having weather conditions more common to Missouri ~ freezing rain, ice storms, leaving driving a hazardous undertaking. Since our members drive anywhere from 5 to 140 miles distant, President **Lee Storlie** opted to be safe and not risk anyone's sliding into a ditch. The phone chain started and hopefully, everyone was alerted to just stay home.

Heck, I drive about 105 miles, so I'd already come to that conclusion!

No news this month, bad or good. Stay tuned until April!

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to Currell Blvd, right to the first driveway on the right.

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Thirty seven retirees enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral on January 3. It was a very cold and windy day but it takes more than that to discourage the Midwestern psyche. We had a great lunch and were so happy to welcome several people that had not been in attendance for quite some time. Among those surprise guests were **Hilde Schwan** accompanied by her son Corbin Bennett.

Hilde has recently moved back to Omaha and now will be able to attend our luncheons. **Bill Cunard** attended for the first time and **Betty & Hank Marquardt** joined us. **Stan Longmeyer** was in attendance as well as **Bill Vogt**.

Several chapter members have sent thank you notes. **Rogern Grandgenett** thanked us for the Christmas card and **Melvina Brazys** for the poinsettia. **Jean Kovarik** and **Kenny & Sandy Bender** wished us all a Happy New Year. We also received a thank you note from **Dick** and the **Weak** family for condolences. It's always great to hear from those who have moved away or for whatever reason are not able to attend our meetings. It's a way for us to keep up on the happenings of our extended family.

The 50/50 was won by **Sid Schneider** and **Russ Meyer**, each received \$17.

Peggy Casebeer let us know that she will be having shoulder surgery on January 17. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The recovery will be quite extensive since it affects her dominant hand.

Our next meeting will again be at the Golden Corral at 6006 N. 72nd Street. Pay at the door. The restaurant does not open until 11am so there is no need to get there early. The cost is \$8.99 and does not include a drink. Since there are several months this year that no one has stepped up to host, we decided to hold the gatherings those months at the Golden Corral. It is convenient to get to and we have a separate room and a variety of food choices for all taste buds.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. Amounts are still the same, \$10 per person living in the area, \$10 per couple outside the state. Please make your check payable to United Airlines Retirees and send to **Ev Holly**, 6535 Cypress Drive, Omaha, NE 68137. If you have already paid, thank you.

Birthdays for the month of February ~ **Casey Casebeer** (3), **Pam Ziebarth** (6), **Larry Farrell** (19), **John Mason** (24), **Myrtis Olds** (27). Happy Birthday one and all!

NEVADA

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The Silverliners did not hold a regular Luncheon Meeting in January but there was a meeting of the Convention Volunteers to discuss assignments for the up-

coming Convention. **John Zoboli**, VP Conventions, flew in to Las Vegas to assist us and make sure we were headed in the right direction. A number of the volunteers took on assignments to research tours, entertainment, publicity and other items that needed to be taken care of. We will have our regular meeting on February 9th and after the meeting, we will get together for a quick review and update on progress.

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.

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 11 members at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner. Guess everyone was tired after the holiday festivities.

The date for our summer picnic is Friday, September 22, at the Plaza Pavilion. Please note that the month has changed – we are hoping it will not be as hot as last year. The fee and \$100 cleaning deposit have been paid. The cleaning deposit will be refunded if we leave the pavilion clean. The \$500,000 insurance liability certificate will be acquired closer to the date.

Hopefully, no one was flooded and the end of winter may soon be upon us.

January birthdays were celebrated by **Jean Stephens, Mary Withers, Duncan Scaife, Kathy Robinson, Nina Mischker** and **Ralph Mischker**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**, who was also our winner in January 2016. That is a good omen for the New Year.

Our resident chef extraordinaire, **Bill Perkins**, provided beautifully decorated “2017” star shaped cookies to help start out the New Year right.

2017 dues are now payable. The cost remains the same ~ \$5.00/person. Please mail the checks to **Kathy Robinson**, 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502.



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A flag salute was led by our President **Frank Worzocha**. Sadly, we had to report two deaths and had a moment of silence for **Bob Callcagno** of EWRMM and **Earl Runckle** of EWRFF.

Kathy & John Deily were absent because of an eye operation for Kathy. Hope she has a speedy recovery. **Rich Creighton** and **Bill Imbema** were there to give an update on what is happening first hand with company operations. While I can send you all the information that comes from Dale Harper, it's nothing like hearing it in actuality. I would say our group is being served well by the leadership of local 914 at Newark, and I sincerely hope that they continue in this endeavor. It's always good to remember the retirees. Enough said.

Our next meeting will be on February 22 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains, at 12 PM.

As the great prophet Leroy says, “*Life is short, smile while you still have teeth*”.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

December 7, 2016, 26 Chips met at Russell's Steaks, Chops and More for our Christmas Luncheon. The food was exquisite with choice of 1. Steak a la Russell, 2. Chicken Marsala and 3. Poached Salmon. This started with a fine Caesar Salad and followed up with NY Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce topping. It never ceases to amaze with 3 entre choices; the end result for 26 Chips was 25 Steak a la Russell and 1 poached Salmon. The one guest was my daughter **Ellen Kaiser**, who works for Jet Blue.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch and the owner Russ Salvatore stopped in to visit his favorite airline people. While we were still working, Russ was a frequent favorite traveler of everyone at United.

Those of you familiar with Buffalo probably remember Salvatore's Restaurant on Transit Road about 2 miles from the airport. It was decorated with many

white statues and other figures from Italian history. At one point it had a miniature model of Rome with all the famous spots included in one corner of the main dining room. Once you saw it, you never forgot it. About 8 or 9 years ago, Russ turned Salvatore's over to his children and headed for retirement. That lasted about a year and he built the new Russell's, Steaks, Chops and More, including a hotel and the School of Hospitality with Trocaire College.

Since the last meeting we have lost 2 of our friends:

Present member **Elizabeth M. (Betty) Falkowski** on November 4, 2016 at age 79, beloved wife of **Joseph E. Falkowski**, loving mother of Joe (Carol), John (Tracy) and Jeremy Falkowski; cherished grandmother of Amanda, Matthew, Kimberly, Sarah and Emilia. Joe recently moved into Senior Assisted Living.

Frank Marinaro, retired BUFMM, a past member passed away on January 24, 2017.

Condolences have been sent to both families

Next meeting is set for March 7th, at Erie County Community College, North Campus, Erie Statler Dining Room 11:30AM, Oktoberfest Menu. The Hospitality group is preparing and serving the meal, with all the trimmings.

NEW YORK METROS

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Only 21 Metros attended our first luncheon of 2017. Our new treasurer, **Emma Milazzo**, wants to remind all that dues are due – let's dance. **Ed Pozzi** announced the deaths of **Peter Kraus**, on 12/17 and **Jimmy Coogan**. Our prayers and condolences to their families.

The **Manfredos** just returned from a week at the Westin, in Maui. Nick had high praise for it, and says we should all go there - his treat? **Carol Maley-Davis** shared news at our table about her daughter, Danielle Davis, who is an opera singer, and will be performing at a recital on 2/11, at St. Paul's church in Northport. **Una DeGeorge** and I hope to attend among others. We are great with our bravos.

Our 50/50 winners were **Werner Buck**, 1st prize, and **Margaret Hansen**, 2nd.

We meet again at Davenport Press March 1st, Ash Wednesday. Maybe. I'll call and make sure they have fish on the menu.

I tried in vain, to find more news, but alas, I've lost my muse.

Calendar:

March 1 – Meeting at Davenport Press



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As usual, we do not have a meeting in January. But that does not mean that nothing is going on. We are very sorry to announce that on January 12, 2017 the unexpected passing of member **Shirley Moses**, wife of **Joe Moses** (CLEMM). She will truly be missed.

Attention all Ohio Buckeyes. Our Newsletter that you received in December has 1 major change.

#1- July 12 luncheon: We have changed the restaurant. We will be going to Shale Creek Golf Club. We were there for the first time last September, and by all reports it was a big hit. Members will be receiving a new July sheet with all of the information in our next Newsletter. That Newsletter will also include the remaining 2017 months of September thru December and will be mailed before the end of March. We will need payment for September, 3 months prior because we have to send a payment in. That is because our lunch will be on board the Nautica Queen as we cruise our beautiful skyline and enjoy their lunch buffet. The total cost is only \$25 for seniors and \$17.50 for Children 11 years old and under. When the ship is full we will not be able to accept more reservations. So send your check in early.

We invite everyone to visit "Our" website and see what we are all about. Who knows, you may want to come and visit. The site has been updated. The "Newsletter" tab has all upcoming events. The "Past Meetings" tab has slide shows with pictures and videos of what we did, and some extra special touches showing what you missed if you did not attend. The "In Memory of" tab is remembrance of our brothers and sisters (including spouse) that have passed (with date).

Our chapter is not a one person show. We have many members that volunteer in one way or another. Including: 1- Hosts: They organizes a monthly event which includes setting it up, collecting the payment from members, etc. 2- Callers: They notify all members without email of a members passing, and other important information. 3- Photographer: They of course take pictures at our events. 4- 50/50: They sell the tickets and conduct the drawing. 5- Communications: Sends emails with important information and maintains our website. 6- Our members: Even if they can't attend our events, they keep us informed of i.e. a restaurant we are scheduled for has closed, or had a fire, a retiree's passing, or any other info we need to know. 7- Our

Members: Those that participate in our events. Simply put, if they don't attend, then it is all done for nothing. And Last but not least; 8- Officers: No matter what I say, it won't be enough. They work well together and do a fantastic job. We all are a "Team", and everything we do is for our members.

Seven years ago the Officers had promised all members that the luncheon cost would be kept at a maximum of \$20.00, and that has been accomplished with the help of being "Tax Exempt". Yes, the cruise does cost more. We might get it for \$20.00 if we could sail with life jackets (that's a joke). We also promised that we would keep our dues at \$5.00 per person. We have not only done that, but we have cancelled the payment of our 2017 dues (because we could). Without the members help we would not be what and where we are today. We "Thank each and every volunteer for their dedication".

Calendar:

March 8 – Carrie Cerino's Ristorante

April 5 - Mahle's Restaurant

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our January meeting was canceled due to wintery weather, something Portland is ill-equipped to handle since our usual snowfall is about "15 minutes a year", as a Realtor once told us when we moved to this area. On the rare occasions that we do have any accumulation of snow, the roads quickly prove impassable and our wonderful city grinds to a halt.

Announcements ~ We are sorry to report the passing of **Jim Riehl**. Jim passed away from gall bladder problems on Saturday, January 6th. He was a retired Ramp Serviceman from PDXCS. There was no service.

Calendar:

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

March 8 - Social

April 12 – Social



OUR CLUB

(Oregon United Retirees)

Grants Pass, Oregon

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Greeting to all and a belated Happy New Year from Southern Oregon. We had steady days of snow along with rain, freezing black ice and a lot of lucky retirees who could stay at home and be safe. We have such a difference in altitudes here that at our home it will be raining yet four miles away it will be snowing. January was a busy month for road crews.

We had our luncheon on February 3rd with 10 in attendance, we enjoyed our very own private room at the Black Bear Diner. I left the meeting early so Ric filled me in on everything.

I handed out the new chapter rosters and luncheon list; we decided to make some changes in our chapter. We will no longer have a president or secretary, **Linda Althouse** said she would continue to be the keeper of the check book and when I am able I will get a newsletter out.

After I had left, former president and now chairman, **Ric Walcha**, volunteered to contact those who were not present regarding the location of our next luncheon. Those in attendance wrote down where they would host so I believe we have an entire year planned out already.

If you have moved to our beautiful valley of Southern Oregon and would like to join our little group, please give me a call. We are looking for new members with new ideas to share.

Until next time, God Bless you all and God Bless America.

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We are thankful for a mild winter **so far**. It's not over till it's over!

Sadly, we have 3 deaths to report: **Carol Rose, Roland Wolbach**, and **Lynn Sondermann**. Lynn was the wife of our dear friend Walt. He never misses a luncheon. Our heartfelt sympathy to all family and friends of the deceased.

Al & Kathy Edwards are still on the sick list, **Frank Eggles** is on our sick list. **Joyce Lindenmuth** is improving. I finally have permission to drive, yahoo!

Our luncheons resume in March. See you at the Clarion in Essington on March 13th, check your email for details.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Belated Valentine Greetings from Seattle! Our February 14th luncheon at Angelo's Ristorante is likely see plenty of red hearts and shirts. We'll accomplish two goals – celebrating our loved ones with hearts and flowers – and observing Heart Month by wearing red.

Snow Day! You've undoubtedly heard about the snow that turned the Pacific Northwest into a picturesque winter scene on Monday, February 6. Picture San Francisco, should that city ever be snowed in, and you'll understand why Seattle traffic comes to a standstill in and around our hills. Those of you who graced our fair city for the 2016 national RUAEA Convention will remember that Seattle *is* built on hills. Often, it's black ice hidden under the snow that snarls traffic and causes accidents. But while the kids are still out of school and some businesses are closed a second day, *the RUAEA Newsletter must go on!*

At the January meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, President **Ken Storey** (SEAGQ) got the attention of chattering attendees (sometimes the social hour that precedes our luncheons can become *really* social!) by ringing a loud brass school bell that had belonged to **Bob Brumfield's** grandmother. No doubt the clanging of that bell had her students hurrying to attention. It worked for us!

Ken led us in the Pledge of Allegiance before reading a letter that clarified the erroneous prescription cards sent from CVS and cautioning retirees that their insurance membership cards should bear the SilverScript logo and plan numbers. Ken also pointed out that there will be a change in the venue for the 2017 national convention in Las Vegas, and we await further information.

After a favorable report from our treasurer, **Jackie Stenger**, companion of the late **Paul Burton** (EXOHH), the chapter voted to contribute to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.

We gave **Bob Brumfield** (SEACS) a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday," as he celebrated #84 at our January meeting. Bob has been sharing artifacts and collectibles as door prizes, as he downsized in preparation for moving into an assisted living situation. Unfortunately, Bob's new location in Everett will make his at-

tending luncheons on a regular basis difficult, as he doesn't drive and it's a "fur piece." We hope Bob finds a way to be with us often.

Several members told humorous stories, with questionable accents, for the benefit of our Scandinavian members, most notably **James Hafterson** (SEAGQ).

While we had previously mentioned the involvement of **Frank McAnulty** (LAXOZ) and the late **Rita Reynolds** (SEAOZ) in the establishment of the nationwide retirees' travel desk that operated for 16 years, we neglected to recognize **Bob Brumfield**, who played a significant role in organizing the service, which originated here in Seattle.

Jim Small (SEARR) has joined the Hip-Hop Club with a successful hip replacement January 31. Surgery was minimally-invasive and required only an overnight hospital stay – how times have changed! We expect Jim is diligently pursuing his recovery and physical therapy, so he can once again dance the light fantastic.

Chapter members signed a birthday card for out-of-town member **Helen Ebert** (SEARR), who celebrated her 104th birthday in February. Yes, you read that right. We were privileged to have Helen with us in February of 2016, but the weather may have precluded a drive across the mountains this year.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** performed her usual duties of congratulating birthday and anniversary celebrants before distributing door prizes with the help of **Ken Storey**. **Fran McAnulty** contributed her 50/50 winnings to the chapter treasury.

Sadly, it's beginning to feel as if this had become an obituary column with the loss of so many of our elderly members in recent years. This month we regret to tell you that **Mary Bratovich**, wife of **Mike Bratovich** (SEAMM), passed away after a brief hospital stay. Mike & Mary had lived in the same house in Auburn, Washington for 66 years. Mary enjoyed travel, gardening and entertaining, even while working in the Auburn Public Works Department. Their daughter frequently brought the **Bratoviches** to chapter meetings, wheelchair and walker supporting the pair.

Gay Liesse will read *You're Only Once!* by Dr. Seuss as the program for the February meeting. Almost everyone is familiar with the rhythm and rhyme of Dr. Seuss' children's books, and many of us may know all too well the thrills of medical attention provided for seniors like the story's victim and his day at "The Golden Years Clinic in Century Square." **Ed Liesse** (SFOED) and **Judy Storey**, a former school teacher familiar with the cadence of Dr. Seuss, will share illustrations from the book to the group at large. The biggest challenge? Making sure the audience can see and hear!

Now it's on to the second Tuesday in March, when we look forward to seeing plenty of "the wearin' 'o' the green." Happy St. Patrick's Day, especially if corned

beef and cabbage are on the menu at our Italian location.

If you plan to be in our area and would like to join us, please contact **Gay Liesse** via her e-mail address at the top of this column for information on how you can become part of the ***Emerald*** City Slickers for a day.

Calendar:

March 14 – Luncheon meeting, Angelo's

April 11 – Luncheon meeting, Angelo's

May 9 – Last meeting before the summer break



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We did not have a gathering in January. However, kudos to **Theresa**, you pulled off a surprise 80th Birthday for hubby **David Reisenauer** on December 11, who was very surprised! Planning was months in the works, no one slipped up.

David, any cookies left? (David received many packages, cans, etc. of cookies). Thank you for inviting the Lilac Flyers.

PS: What a great Reisenauer family.

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Our January luncheon was very spirited and enjoyable. We had many things to discuss regarding the continuation of having our luncheons at the Golden Corral and whether to continue making the flying Circus an annual event as well as our June picnic at the Barrel Oak winery. The votes were affirmative on all three issues. We are going to try however, to form carpool to go to the winery and to the flying Circus. Both of these events are located in different areas of the state and not very convenient for the people who live in DC and have no cars. We have decided that they are both unique activities and venues and serve our group well.

Thanks to **Kerrie Schneider** for taking notes from the meeting so that we could enter those notes into the minutes. **Linda Scriven** talked to the group about the advantages of joining RUAEA. She explained to the chapter the difference between the Dulles Loungers and

the Retired United Airlines Employees Association. She will be distributing applications for membership at our luncheon on February 8. **Ginny Kildoye** informed us that the old United Airlines Reservation Center in Sterling, Virginia, has been razed. This is sad news for many of our local employees. The building holds a lot of memories and had a lot of great employees working there. **Pat Watson** had a birthday in January, she also won the 50/50 prize. **Mike O'Meara**, our newest member, ran into an old friend at the luncheon. This was a gentleman that he had worked with many years ago. Our chapter is all about renewing old friendships and making new ones.

As of today we have 56 paid members. There are others that I believe are planning to sign up. Right now, however, that is the count.

Our luncheon on February 8, will be sponsored by Miracle Ear. They are going to give a 15 to 20 minute talk about hearing loss and their product. They will then have a couple of representatives from the company standing by to answer any individual questions. They have graciously offered to pick up the cost of our entire luncheon. We are looking forward to an informative meeting and a free lunch.

By the way, what's with this weather? Two days ago it was 16°. Today was the most beautiful spring weather I've ever seen. I'm not complaining, just saying.

Our next luncheon will be March 8, Wednesday, at the Golden Corral in Manassas. As always, we will meet at noon and have our business meeting at 12:30. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

Until next time, fly safe and be happy.

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CLIPPED WINGS

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Top of the Morning to You! We are all a little bit Irish on March 17th so go ahead and have your green beer or green M&Ms to celebrate. And since the tie that binds us together is our careers at United – an international airline, it probably would also be very fitting on March 22nd to celebrate International Goof Off Day. I know it will be a great challenge on our parts but let's try to just chill out on that often overlooked holiday so do, or rather don't do, your part on March 22.

Just also wanted to share with you that Clipped Wings has Chapters in many areas of our nation and

some are located in places where it's Green all year round. Take our vivacious group located in LAS for example. In 2016 one of their chapter's most memorable events would be the fun they had while touring the Las Vegas Show Girls Museum. Another fun chapter is in MIA where they held a croquet outing complete with white parasols!

These are just two examples of our carrying on with fun and friendships so if you're a current or former UAL/CO inflight crew member, check us out on our website to find a chapter near you www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We'd love to welcome you as a member into our Clipped Wings organization so you can also join in our fun, friendships, and shared opportunities.



NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **January 2017**:

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OBITUARIES

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

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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

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Retiree – **Heppler, Roland M.**, on 1/30/2017, DENFO, husband of Jacqueline M. Heppler, 1194 Aspen St., Broomfield, CO 80020

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Retiree – **Lokken, Manley D.**, on 1/26/2017, SFOPE, husband of Arlys Lokken (deceased), 8838 Wine Valley Cir., San Jose, CA 95135

Retiree – **Mesics, Charmaine L.**, on 1/3/2017, JFKSW, significant other of Thomas Smeriglio, Jr., 7 Sugar Maple Lane, Ridgefield, CT 06877



Letters & Notes



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

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

John Albert, John Byers, Edward Carnes, Joanne Craig, Leslie Doughty, Veronica Errichson, Gabrielle Dentraygues, Stephen Gray, Theresa Jones, Elsie Kaenel, Jean Kerman, Donna Kopec, Andrew Palmisano, James Petri, Rechie Santander, Patricia Schultz, Joseph Scafoglio, Gayle Swanson, Norm Wilkinson.

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.)

Christina Gallagher, 221 Iron Lake Dr., Exton, PA 19341

Again, it's time to express my appreciation for all the work done by the Newsletter Staff. I enjoy the Newsletter every month, and often pass along articles. My folks especially enjoy the United Historical Foundation page. It brings back a lot of memories and educates the younger folks on UAL operations and services in an era – long past.

After serving as a paratrooper in World War II, my husband Jim Gallagher, joined UAL November 1945 at Philadelphia and remained for 40 years.

It enabled us to travel extensively to six of the seven Continents. It was such a privilege! United was certainly a great company for our generation. I'm now 92.

George Haupt, 840 Villa Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

I have just finished reading the January Newsletter and was interested in Torgy's Travel Tips about visiting our nation's capital. I find it interesting that she overlooked visiting Arlington National Cemetery. As a former Tomb Guard (1954-55), I can personally vouch for the importance Arlington holds. In addition to it being the oldest National Cemetery, it is the final resting place of many famous Americans (Audie Murphy, President John Kennedy, Admiral Peary, and has memorials to the NASA shuttle Columbia crew and the Battleship Maine. The change of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is one of the most visited events/sites in the DCA area. Also for airplane buffs, I recommend going to the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy air museum at IAD. It is huge and has one of the best displays of aircraft. I have enjoyed life since retiring in 1998 after a bit over 40 years at MOW, ORO, DEN and EXO/WHQ.

Trevor Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Where has time gone? I hired on With UAL 3/1955 as a mechanic and got my A & P Licenses. I was a line mechanic and then became an inspection foreman and general foreman.

I retired from UAL in 12/1989 and began working part time as an associate with Aircraft Management Systems, working with Air Tran in Orlando, FL, America West in Phoenix, Dimension in Phoenix and Sun Pacific Aviation in Phoenix.

Finally, I contacted, interviewed mechanics, inspectors and Lead mechanics for Timco Aviation in Good-year, AZ.

*Note: The above letter was entered as a **Note** by mistake in the February issue and the last sentence in the February Newsletter was also in error.*

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Yes, it's time to renew. Thanks for all you do for us "old folks" and thanks for the "red stamp".

Ron and I are doing pretty well these days. We're having a new house built in Fruita, CO on the western slope. The area is basically a suburb of Grand Junction. If the schedule holds, we'll be moving in May. Since this will be our fourth "retirement" home, Ron is hopeful we'll get it right this time.

We haven't been traveling with the move pending, but afterwards, I'm pretty sure the Stephanie Inn will be our destination of choice. Cannon Beach, OR in October is hard to beat.

Let us hope for a happy 2017. At least we don't have to elect a president for a while. It will take some time to recover from the most recent debacle.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

Virginia Monaco, 516 Camdon Cir., Bartlett, IL 60103

Thank you once again for my yearly reminder. Where did this last year go? I retired in 2001, and it seems as though the years have flown too quickly.

I appreciate all you do in letting us know what has been happening with all our friends and co-workers these past years. Remembering faces, places and fun times we all spent together.

Since I retired in 2001, I have been very busy either working or traveling. My husband Carl passed in May of 2014, and my life has changed drastically. We had 51 wonderful years together. Traveled a lot with good friends and saw much of the world, thanks to our United Benefits. I never regretted a moment.

I still travel, but not as often, thanks to friends who want to go with me. I'm slowly getting my Mojo back.

I'm wishing you all a blessed 2017, filled with love, good health' and friendship.

Frank Stout, 6025 Century Way W., Johnston, IA 50131

December is my birthday month and believe my RUAEA dues are due. A check is enclosed.

In 2017, I will celebrate my 22nd year of retirement. The days seem to go slow but the years whiz by. For the most part both Vi & I are healthy. A few aches and pains are normal yet we are coping well.

Permit me to share New Year's greetings with my version of the "Seven Wonders of the World."

To See

To Hear

To Touch

To Taste

To Feel

To Laugh

To Love

May all have a very healthy New Year!

Notes

Joan Clout-Kruse

I just got married 7 months ago at age 80.

Marriage is much easier at this age as we are both finished raising children, taking them to school, buying homes, etc.

We are just having fun being with each other, meeting our families and sharing family stories.

William Walker

When United closed the Atlanta station in 1979, I was part of the group that opened the station in Sarasota

in December of 1979. I returned to Atlanta when the station was reopened in June 1984. I retired in 1993 and moved back to Sarasota in 2000.

I am a member of the Board of Governors, Stoneybrook Golf Course and chairman of the Golf Course Committee.

Yvonne Wright

I just want to thank everyone for all the information I have received over the years.

My 30 years with UAL were some of the best years.

Joann Rose

Harold and I retired 2007 and 2008 from UAL. Harold passed away in 2016 and I am now living in SC. I am ready to start traveling again and need to know the new "rules of the road".

Russell Miller

Recent move kept me busy. UAL & RUAEA have been in my life many years & mean a great deal to me.

Kathryn Hermen

My husband Joe passed away October 2014. I have moved to Taos permanently for the time being now. I started a non-profit helping women who are homeless or near homeless get their life turned around and become independent.

Judith Evans

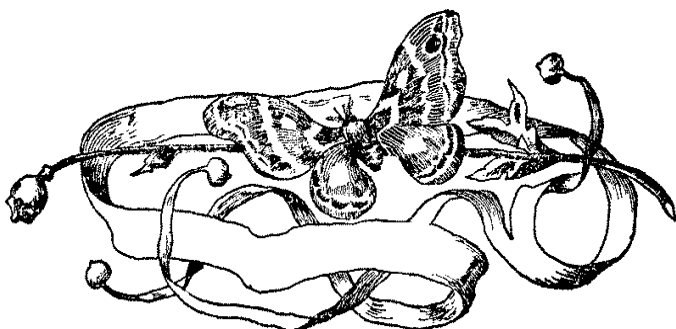
I was a flight attendant. I miss all my friends at United. I am so thankful to be able to travel on standby when I can get on. I miss my newsletter, and I didn't know it had run out. That is how fast time flies.

Albert Brose

Retired for 17 years and it seems like only yesterday that I left UAL. Enjoyed my 41 years of work at ORD/OPB. Still traveling got to Europe the last 2 years and HNL every year. Keep up the excellent work you all do every day to keep us informed by way of the newsletter. Thank You Very Much.

Wayne Walusiak

Pulling my hair out with UAL retiree medical stuff



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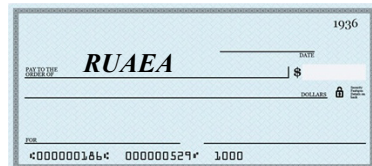
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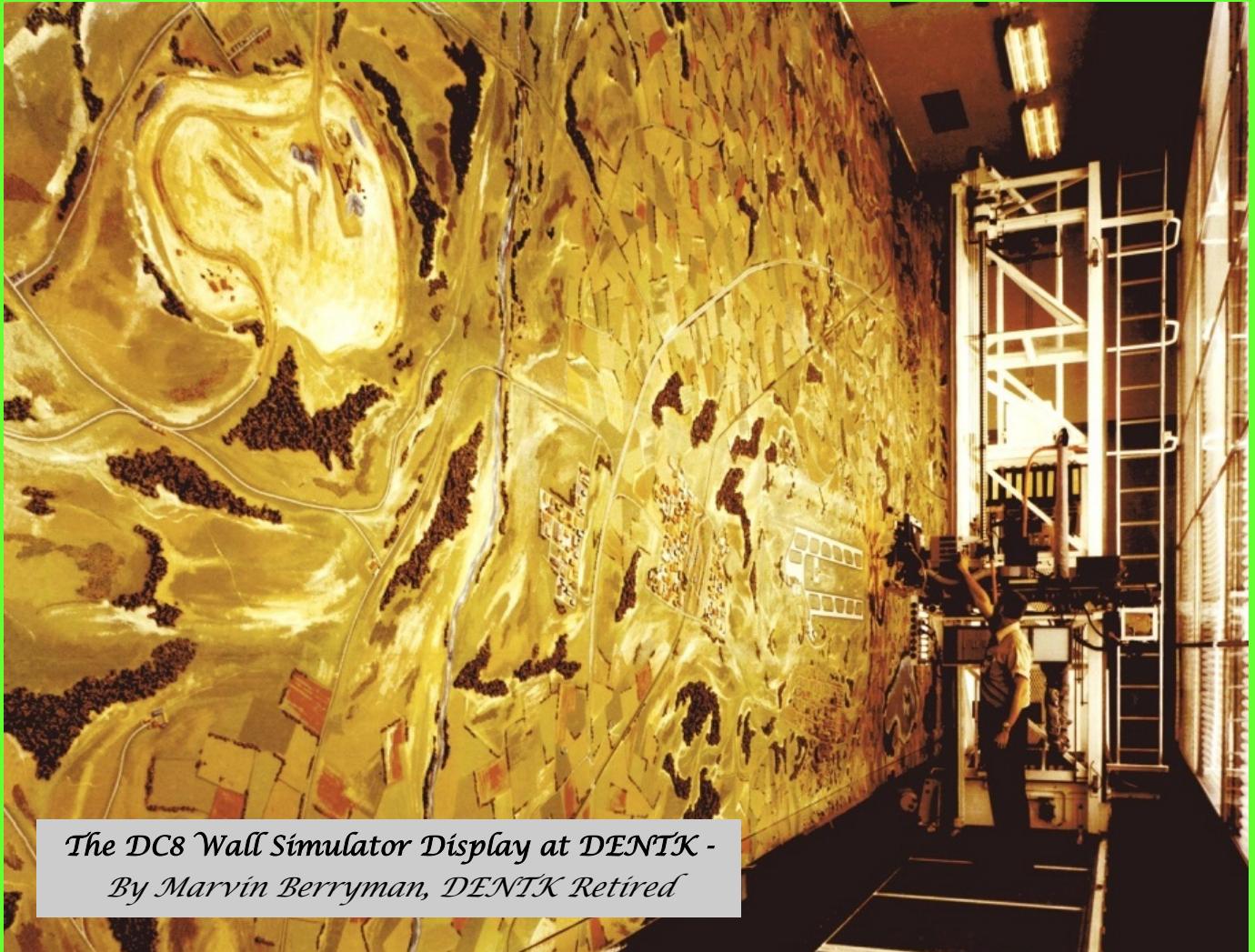
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