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## *A Brief History of Simulation by Bob Duensing (DENTK - Ret.)*

**A**s announced, UAL management made the wise decision to consolidate the flight training in Denver, where a large amount of space is available for simulators and offices. Flight simulators save the company millions of dollars a year in the cost of pilot training.

I thought that perhaps the reader would be interested in how simulation evolved over time. My co-workers and I were fortunate to witness a large part of the progression after WWII.



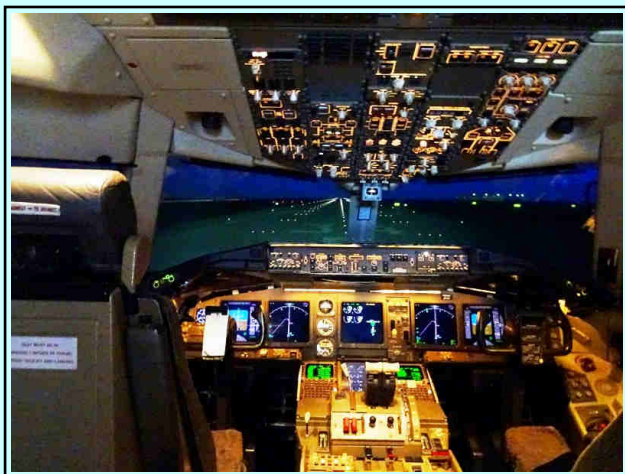
*Link Trainer*

The very first simulator was the Link Trainer, a modification of a carnival ride, which was developed in 1930's and used extensively in WWII. The Link Company was an organ manufacturer in Binghamton, NY. The Link Trainer was primarily a navigation trainer although it did have a primitive motion system consisting of bellows that were inflated and deflated by compressed air to give the feel of flight. Curtis Wright was the largest aircraft manufacturer during WWII. They also entered the simulator business for a time. Their simulators were analog devices which approximated flight with no motion or visual systems. United bought two Convair 340's, two DC-6's and a DC-7.

Link Aviation was the predominate simulator manufacturer for a good number of years and United purchased many simulators from them. United's first digital simulators were built by Link. Link was purchased by CAE (a Canadian company) in 1988. CAE continues to build flight simulators in competition with Redifon (an English company).

As the sophistication of simulators progressed, research and development of visual systems was a high priority. The very first experimental visual that I am aware of was a black belt with a white stripe down the center, mounted in front of the Captain's windshield of a DC-6. Visual systems lagged behind simulator development for quite a while. The first visual systems that were used extensively consisted of a mockup of a generic area, with a television camera mounted on a track that followed the simulators flight. The picture was visible in the pilot's windshields. Other systems that followed were a 70mm film system where 35mm was projected and moved within the 70mm for the pilots view. The first digital visual was a night only system and it was the first one that could be programmed to simulate any area in the world. This morphed into daylight scenes. The current state of the art is projected pictures in all cockpit windows.

Simulators are certified by the FAA and over the years, more and more flight procedures were approved to be accomplished in a simulator. Present day simulators duplicate flight to such a fine degree that an experienced pilot can be fully trained in a simulator.



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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,

We, your Elected Officers of RUAEA recently held a Board meeting. The main topic of discussion was the wellness of RUAEA, in regards to its finances and membership. At present we are OK financially. However, our membership is down. Loss of members has led to lower income, some \$20,000 per year since 2008. The in-

crease in dues and your contributions have helped greatly.

Your treasurer, Pam Ziebarth, has been a real asset in our financial activities both current and long term. She has reinvested our funds to gain more interest, along with establishing a budget for our spending guideline.

Another financial concern is our conventions. We had a financial loss in Pittsburgh due to low attendance. The Board considered not having a convention in 2017, due to some planning problems. Due to reaction from some members, we are in the planning stages for 2017. Please keep in mind that conventions every other year or none at all may become a reality. Not only do we need your support in attending conventions, but support from local chapters to hold a convention in your respective areas. We, the officers can help a lot in the convention planning, but we need help at the convention site during the convention. Please let your director know if there is a possibility of holding a convention in your area. Let us know and we can help. The 2016 Convention in Seattle is in the final planning stages. Tours of the Boeing Facility, the wonderful Museum of Flight, and Mount Rainier are planned. The Doubletree hotel is a totally remodeled suite hotel with 2 free breakfasts for each room, and free parking. Please plan to attend if you can. Plan your vacation around your Seattle stay. Oh by the way, a "Prop Wash Party" is planned, remember Seattle 2004. Hope to see you there.

Hank Gosselin - President - RUAEA

### SEATTLE RAIN DANCE September 21-24, 2016

The Emerald City Slickers are eagerly awaiting your arrival in Seattle for the annual RUAEA convention to be held at "The Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport - Southcenter" this fall. That's a real mouthful, but we think you'll like the location and the hotel amenities. Special convention rates include free parking and breakfast. *But*, where you lay your head is only part of the story. You're likely to



spend much of your time out and about with plenty to see and do. Tours can be offered to only a few of the Puget Sound Area's major attractions, so plan your time wisely to squeeze in as much as you can. Perhaps the biggest attraction for airplane buffs will be a tour of the wide-body **Boeing Everett Factory**, at Paine Field, where they build 747s, 757s, 767s, and 787s in what has been billed as the world's largest manufacturing facility. You'll also visit the **Museum of Flight's Restoration Center**, recently publicized for getting UAL's first 727 into the air for its flight down to the Museum in Seattle. Also included will be a visit to the **Paul Allen** (co-founder of Microsoft) **Airplane Museum** and its **Flying Heritage Collection**.

Another optional tour will be Seattle's **Museum Of Flight**, a must-see exhibit of Boeing history, special displays of memorabilia from WWs I and II, a fascinating array of airplanes and exhibits on space travel. A short walk will take you to the new outdoor display building, where you'll be able to see such famous planes as Air Force One, the Concord, and N7001UA. Many of the exhibits are open for your personal walk-through experience.

In the offing will be a day trip to **Mount Rainier National Park**, which covers 236,381 acres and became the fifth designated national park in the US in 1899. All 14,411 feet of **Mt. Rainier**, with its 25 glaciers, lie within the park. Sometimes shrouded in clouds, Mt. Rainier on a pleasant day proves why proud Seattleites boast that "The Mountain is out!"

Spend a day at **Seattle Center**, originally built for the 1962 World's Fair, featuring its best-known structure, the **Space Needle**. Upon its completion, the Space Needle was the tallest building west of the Mississippi at 605 feet. Have lunch in the revolving restaurant, survey the surrounding landscape from the observation deck, and choose your souvenirs for the kids back home in the extensive gift shop at ground level. **Seattle Center** also boasts the **Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum** and the very modern **Experience Music Project/Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame**. Take a ride on the **Monorail** just for the fun of it or stop to shop at **Westlake Center**. Last but not at all least is **Pacific Science Center** with Butterfly House, IMAX theaters, dinosaurs, and hands-on displays. Another day you might enjoy the **Seattle Waterfront**. Explore shops and restaurants or visit the **Seattle Aquarium** on Pier 59. If you'd rather spend your time on the water, reserve space on an **Argosy Cruise**, choosing your favorite from a variety of itineraries. All visitors want to see world-famous **Pike Place Market**. With refrigerator in your hotel suite, you'll have the means to store some of the local fresh food offered for sale.

Stay tuned for additional information, but if you just can't wait, visit any of these "sights" at their online "sites." The June edition of the **RUAEA Newsletter** is the convention issue and will provide you with registration information and requirements for reserving your spot on any of the offered convention tours. Don't let Seattle's rainy reputation dampen your spirits. Come along to enjoy one of our most pleasant months of the year. See you in September!

Gay Liesse and John Haferbecker - Publicity

## **Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, United**



On April 6, United celebrated the part we all have played in our 90 years of game-changing innovation. For all of our shared history, you and those before you have worked on a foundation of teamwork to grow our airline and make the world a smaller place for millions of people.

We have been recognized as leaders in the industry and credited with many aviation firsts, and today we are celebrating the teamwork that got us here. It is at the core of our past and what will power us forward for the next 90 years.

We remain focused on improving our product and the customer experience. Your experience is just as important.

### **See the famous Terracotta Warriors in Chicago**



Soon, United can take you to Xi'an, and now the company is bringing a bit of Xi'an back to the U.S.

United is proud to be a major sponsor of "China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors" exhibit at the Field

Museum in Chicago. More than 2,000 years ago in Xi'an, China, the emperor instructed craftsmen to make a terracotta army to protect him after his death. Thousands of larger-than-life-size clay soldiers, animals, musicians, acrobats and more were buried with him and remained until 1974, when a farmer digging a well found them.

It runs through January 8, 2017. The Field Museum is the only place in North America the warriors can be seen this year.

Starting in May, United will offer nonstop service to XIY (Xi'an), becoming the first U.S. airline to serve this city. United's new route will be the first trans-Pacific flight to XIY operated by any airline. But until you can get on that flight, you have an opportunity to see some amazing artifacts that rarely leave the country.

*"As a company that constantly seeks opportunities to promote diversity within our organization and to support organizations that bring cultures from around the world to our local communities, United welcomed the chance to bring this unique cultural treasure to our home city of Chicago,"* said Worldwide Sales SVP Dave Hilfman. Dave and Loyalty VP Praveen Sharma spoke at events opening the exhibition.

### **On deck: Which MLB teams will United fly this season?**

April 10<sup>th</sup> kicks off the 2016 Major League Baseball season, with opening day for the majority of the league on April 11<sup>th</sup>. United will fly 13 teams this season, once again playing a big role in getting teams where they need to be. United will operate these charters with its Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 fleets. Here are the teams United will fly: Baltimore Orioles, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleve-



land Indians, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, and San Diego Padres. DEN Flight Attendant Tonya

Johnson has flown the Padres for three seasons. She says making the players comfortable is like getting home and having your slippers waiting for you. She says rookie dress-up day - when veteran players make the rookies fly in goofy costumes - makes for some of the best memories. Tonya is most proud, however, of how the charter operation allows her to show off the company to these athletes.

*"Charter flights allow crews to see a different aspect of the service we offer and the different ways Food Services caters,"* Tonya said. *"I take great pride in showing the team how my fellow employees from throughout the company make United a great product. Everyone pitches in to make a successful flight experience."*

The players return the favor, too. *"Another sweet thing is when the players are leaving for their next round of games, they thank us,"* Tonya said. *"They may be the superstars, but they make us feel like stars."*

### **Torgy's Travel Tips**



**Kathie Torgison**

2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. National Park Service and this month's article is a tribute to the legacy that has been left to all of us who take the time to visit these wonderful treasures. Hailed as "America's best idea" by British Ambassador James Bryce in 1912, the National Park System totals 450 parks, monuments, memorials, historic sites, seashores, trails and parkways. The world's first national park, Yellowstone, was created in 1872. It was not actually called a national park until later on, but the intent was to set aside the entire area as a "public park and pleasuring ground for the people". Prior to this, in 1864 Abraham Lincoln signed an Act of Congress transferring the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove (Sequoias) to government control on condition they "be held for public use, resort and recreation, inalienable for all time". And even as early as 1776, there was a National Memorial to General Richard Montgomery. So why are we only celebrating a 100 year anniversary in 2016? Because it was President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 who created a system to place the protection, direction and upkeep of all these treasures under one umbrella: The National Park Service.

I could write for pages and pages (and maybe I will in future issues) about the highpoints of many of these national reserves, but I will concentrate this issue on a few that are found in Washington State, since our 2016 RUEA convention is coming to SEA in September. Remember, September



weather in Seattle is usually gorgeous and car rental rates decline after the summer rush. Think about combining your convention visit with some extra days to enjoy your choice of 4 National Parks: Mt. Rainier, North Cascades, Olympic or Klondike Gold Rush.

Mt. Rainier stands 14,411 ft. in elevation. It is one of the highest peaks in the lower 48. Although snow covered year-round, the roads are clear and open in September and the vistas are amazing. The park boasts 2 lodges, Paradise and Sunrise, and you can circumnavigate the park in one-day. Don't miss the short walk around Tipsoo Lake where the reflection of the mountain is often in view.

Olympics National Park occupies 1 million acres in the northwest corner of the state near Port Angeles. A must-see is the drive to the top of Hurricane Ridge where mountain goats and deer abound, often right near the day lodge. You can easily see Victoria, British Columbia across the straits of the Salish Sea from here. And if you want a bit of Downton Abbey atmosphere, catch the Black Ball ferry and cruise over to Victoria, either as a walk-on passenger or with your car. It's only a 90 minute ride each way and Orca whales are frequently sighted. Don't forget your passport – you are crossing the international border.

North Cascades National Park is a 3 hour drive north of Seattle into a wilderness wonderland. This park connects the moist, glacier carved landscape of the west to the shrub-steppe climate of the eastern side of the state. The western-themed town of Winthrop is a good turnaround point if you want to make a one-day trip, only.

And can you believe there is a national park right in downtown Seattle? Even most locals are unaware that Klondike Gold Rush National Park is just 3 short blocks from the International District station of the city's bus/metro lines. (Take Link Light Rail or bus #150 from the convention site). Here you can trace the beginnings of the 1897 gold rush that made Seattle the jumping off point for those seeking to make their fortunes in Alaska. Great dioramas, artifacts and interactive exhibits chronicle the arduous preparation, perspiration and separation endured by everyone connected with the lure of gold. Now Mt. St. Helens is not a national park, but it is a US Forest Service site, and no visit to Washington State is complete without seeing the "mountain that blew its top" in May, 1980. Although closer to Portland than Seattle, the landscape has begun to rebound and the mountain itself is still growing. There are 3 visitor centers accessible from I-5. The Johnston Ridge Observatory, the closest to the actual blast site, is located 52 miles off the freeway. It is unsurpassed in offering the best views, explanations and options for exploration. See [www.mountsthelens.com/visitorcenters](http://www.mountsthelens.com/visitorcenters) for more info and fees.

In addition to all of this, the National Park Service offers some very interesting WWII historical sites in the area. Minidoka – Bainbridge Island Historical Site (a short ferry ride from downtown Seattle) is the location of the first forcible removal of Nikkei (Japanese-ancestry) families to internment camps as a result of Executive Order 9066 in February, 1942. If you've read the book relating to these events, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, the Panama Hotel at 605 ½ S. Main Street in downtown Seattle is a must-see. Nikkei family storage chests and furniture never able to be reclaimed by

their owners, can be viewed. Take Link Light Rail or bus #150 from the convention site to International Station and walk 2 blocks.

The Manhattan Project Historical Site in Hanford, located near the Columbia River in eastern Washington, is the industrial complex containing the B-Reactor where over 51,000 people worked during the war to fabricate, test and irradiate uranium fuel and chemically separate out plutonium. Free 4 hour bus tours are offered by the National Park Service from April-September.

So whatever you choose, remember to purchase a lifetime Senior Pass for only \$10 which allows unlimited access to all 450 facilities operated by the National Park Service. Proof of age and residency (like a driver's license) is all that is required.

See you in Seattle!

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

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

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



**Francis Domaratius**

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

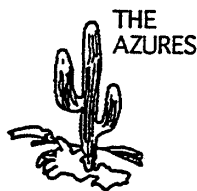
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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Don't you just love the weather here in the Valleys! Temperatures have been averaging 70-75 and now starting to climb into the 80's and 90's. That would seem too hot for the Midwest but, let's not forget; it's dry heat! Haha! Flowering shrubs and cacti are in bloom. It really is a beautiful time in the Southwest.

The Azures March 22 luncheon was held on the patio at Angela's Kitchen in Sun City Grand. Thirty-eight members attended. This was a repeat of our January lunch venue but it was a unanimous decision since everyone enjoyed the first time around. It seems that the self-pay luncheons are more popular than the higher-priced country club luncheons. We've found that many restaurants now have private or semi-private rooms for our meeting and information sessions, and we're always looking for new and interesting luncheon venues.

United flights have been pretty full during the "spring break" and Easter season. Storms on the East Coast and Midwest have contributed to weather cancellations and delays. We should now start to see somewhat of a decline in that kind of "airport mess". Make sure you check your flight before heading to the airport.

Just a FYI, if your get a chance, bring up <https://bigmetalbirt.united.com/> on your computer. It's a 5-part YouTube video on United's service, i.e. check-in, baggage, food, operations. Very cute and very well produced. And, of course, we still have that background music we've all grown to love "Rhapsody In Blue". The NOC (Part 4) video shows my son-in-law, Jeff Storm, Director - NOC Coordination, explaining United's extensive flight operations at Willis Towers in downtown Chicago. Sorry, just a little plug for the family!

Good News for **Jean Kerman** and **Tom Sieron**, Jean is finished with her six weeks of therapy after her hip was crushed from a fall in her driveway on January 24 and had subsequent surgery. She is feeling much better but her doctor has her activities very limited for at least six more months. **Tom Sieron** is almost 100% improved from his pneumonia and heart condition starting in November, 2015. We're glad our prayers were answered.

Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ Happy Birthday to **Susie Hughes** (5/6); **Elsie Dikeman** (5/11); and **Tom**

**Sieron** (5/12); and, Happy Anniversary to **Don & Ann Bergstrom** (5/16).

Breakfasts continue at Lou's Tivoli Gardens every other Tuesday. May dates are May 3, May 17, and May 31. Please contact **Sherry Muoio** at (623) 572-4828 by the Monday night before to reserve your spot at the table. This is a very popular breakfast place for seniors and golf groups, so Sherry needs a good count so Lou's can have the Azures table set up.

Stay well and happy ... and stay United!

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Spring is here. Soon it will be Mother's Day and Memorial Day. This is the time many of our snowbirds are gone; but quite a few of our members stick around all year. We continue to meet for Breakfast every month on the fourth Friday, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. If you have any guests, bring them along, they will enjoy themselves plus have a delicious breakfast too. We also encourage any United or Continental retiree or anyone that worked for the company at any time to join us. Don't forget to let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know that you will be coming to the breakfasts a couple of days before, so she can inform the restaurant how many to expect from our group. We have a private room to the left, as you enter the building. **Peg** can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

We had a good time at the Chicago Cubs/White Sox game March 12 in Mesa. We were up in the party deck and enjoyed the food and the game from there. It was even better when the Cubs won!

The All-Arizona Luncheon was held March 17 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. We had close to 70 people attend. There were a lot of door prizes of various kinds plus our 50/50 drawing. Our speaker, **Don Burbank**, couldn't make it out to Phoenix, but RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** was there and brought us up-to-date on RUAEA activities and the Convention coming up the end of September. The entertainment for the luncheon was our Re-United's Musical Men, dancing to the song, YMCA, which was a stitch. Everyone who came, enjoyed the afternoon.

There were 20 of our members present at the March 25 Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner. Vice President **Peg Snowdall** took over the meeting as **Shirley & Ron** were on a cruise. We talked about the picnic coming up April 7, which we all look forward to. We heard news about **Herb Sanders** having a blood clot in his leg; **Barb Paymaster's** mother being in Hospice, and one of our newer members, **Brenda Ruffins**, moving to California to be

closer to her grandchild. **Liz Tollefsen** noted the article in the April issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, highlighting one of our members, **Jay Hartough**. She plans on trying to highlight a couple more members during the year. It's a good way to get to know our members and their career at United Airlines.

Don't forget to make your plans to attend the RUAEA Convention September 21 to 24 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Seattle Airport-Southcenter. The rate is \$129 plus tax and includes breakfast for two. That rate is available three days prior, and three days after, based on availability. Parking is free, unless you have an RV. You can call 1-800-222-8733 to make your reservations. Be sure and tell them you are with the Retired United Airlines Employees Association. Here's a chance to make a nice vacation in the area and also come to the Convention.

Our new Membership Directories are available now, so be sure and pick yours up at one of our meetings. If you have any questions about yours, please contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 or by e-mail at [rzarek1@q.com](mailto:rzarek1@q.com).

Remember to continue collecting items for the children in our Fantasy Flight over the summer. Items needed are mittens, socks, blankets, stuffed animals, etc. The children range in age from Kindergarten to second grade.

Our annual picnic was held April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Park on Southern Avenue in Mesa. It's always a fun day, and the food delicious. Thanks goes out to **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** for being such good hosts!

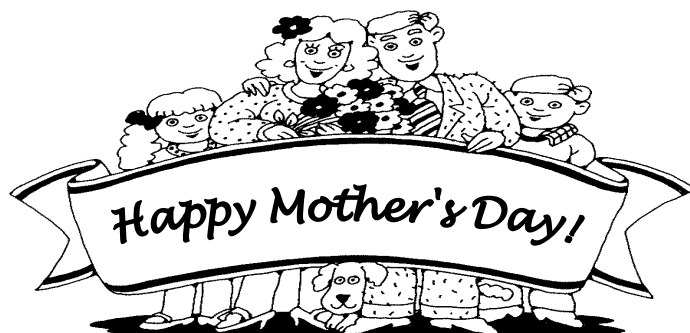
We have the following birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5/5), **Bill Betz** (5/9), **Oscar Aguilar** (5/12), **John Griffin** (5/13), **JoAnne Griffin** (5/16), **Gary Gerstung** (5/22), **Christine Rang** (5/22), and **Kathy Brigante** (5/25). Happy Birthday to each one! The following have Wedding Anniversaries in May: **Steve & Linda Cooper-Koltz** on 5/4/85, **Carole & Brian Hinkle** on 5/11/97, **Jeanette & Victor Kostecki** on 5/18/68, and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** on 5/23/70. Happy Anniversary to all these couples!

#### Calendar:

**May 27** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservation by Wednesday, May 25, or call her at (480) 396-3317.

**June 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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



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Fourteen members attended our luncheon/meeting in March at the Lone Spur Café. There was no official business on the agenda.

We are very saddened to report the passing of member **Frenchy Bourgeois**. We were always delighted to see Frenchy and his wife **Joan** at our special functions in Prescott. If you are interested in contacting Frenchy's wife Joan, you may do so at: Joan Bourgeois, 5457 East Oakhurst Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5178.

Our May luncheon will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lone Spur Café, 11:00AM.

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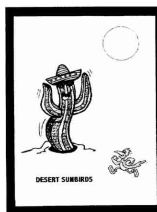


This was a quiet month for our Chapter since we did not meet. So no news is good news.

In today's news, our President Oscar is back on the job. It has been a long time.

#### Calendar:

**April 20** – Next meeting hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.



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The Desert Sunbirds' March Luncheon, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**, was held at Tony's Burgers in Cathedral City. Twenty five members and guests enjoyed their choice of four different kinds of Burgers - Chili, Turkey, Veggie, and Classic.

Three guests this month: **Patti Sica** brought **Mau-reen Kirkwood**; **Robb Bohart** brought **Jim Gonzales**; and **Maureen Williams'** guest was **Jan Miller**.

Tony's Burgers is a small restaurant, so the Sunbirds were in the same room as other patrons. President Mike decided that the "meeting" would be tabled until our April get-together.

Congratulations to this month's Anniversary celebrants: **Norman & Judy Burnett** (1 year on April 17<sup>th</sup>); **Ben & Shirley Schiewe**, (34 years on April 3<sup>rd</sup>); **Glen & Jan Voirol** (48 years on April 27<sup>th</sup>).

**Elaine Aggson** won the Birthday Lunch - by default. She was the only Sunbird there who had a March Birthday. **Melinda Lerg** won \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

We have decided to add another feature to our report. We're going to highlight the UAL history of our members - one each month. We start with the only logical choice ~ **Elaine Aggson**. Elaine graduated from Northwestern University in June of 1952. She married Ron and moved to Denver. She taught French and English at a private High School for a year. In June of 1953, she was hired by UAL as a Ticket Sales Agent at Stapleton Airport.

From 1953 to 1972, she was a TSR, OJT (on the Job Trainer), Passenger Station Service Instructor, and Regional Instructor (trained Travel Agents). In 1972, Elaine was promoted as the first female Passenger Service Supervisor at DENTR. In 1974, she was promoted to City Manager at Stockton, CA, where she was responsible for Airport Operations and Sales. She was promoted to Assistant to Regional Vice-President Ernie Lamarre in SEASR in 1976. In 1978 (to 1980), she was Cargo Sales & Service Manager in SEAFH.

Elaine was promoted to Customer Service Manager in LAXCS in 1980, and retired in June of 1987; thirty five years from the DC-3 to the 777.

For four months after her retirement, she was on a special assignment, opening operations at John Wayne Airport in Southern California. In 1988, Elaine moved to Palm Desert, and founded the Desert Sunbirds.

Now, in her own words: *"My 35 years from the DC3 to the 777 provided an exciting career in a dynamic industry. I was privileged to meet and work with so many fine people - both employees and customers. I also was fortunate to be the first female in each of my promotions and feel I was able to open a door and pave the way for the many females who have since occupied management positions at every level"*. Editor's note: *"Elaine, it's been a privilege to know you!"*

### **GOLD DIGGERS**

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### **SACRAMENTO**



We are enjoying beautiful Spring weather after some much needed rain here in northern California. Hopefully, this weather will help the many Gold Diggers that have been ill, or recovering from surgery, get back to their normal activities very soon.

We met on March 30 at Casa Las Katarinas in historic Grass Valley which was hosted by **Jean & Forester Sinclair**. President **Sonda Sandstedt** welcomed those attend-

ing and the members thanked the **Sinclairs** for hosting. She announced that we had 40 members and 1 guest attending. We all welcomed **Carla Moss**, guest of the **Sinclairs**. Sonda asked our newest member, **Jim Simon** to tell us about his time with United Airlines. Jim retired from United on 8/31/98 after 33 years of service at SFOMB. He moved to Wisconsin for 15 years and is the past Midwest Director for RUAEA. He returned to California October of 2013 and purchased a home in Lincoln the following year. Jim is a current member of the MN chapter, Northern Lites, and the Northwoods Loonies, and now the Sacramento Gold Diggers.

Sonda talked about our raffle guidelines that were suggested to maintain a high level of interest and keep the successful tradition exciting. Gifts are to be new, unused items including, wine, candies, plants, handmade or grown items with no white elephants please. We might consider bringing nicer items less frequently. If we have an overabundance of items one month Rose might choose to hold back some items for the next month. Sonda took the opportunity to introduce the restaurant co-owner, **Dave Francis** who once worked at United Airlines in Dayton, Ohio. He told of many interesting experiences at United and other carriers he worked for. We had a great lunch and a "free" guest speaker. Great work Sonda!

Vice President **Rose Wikstad** announced that our June luncheon will be with the Hangtown Miners on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, instead of our regular luncheon. Rose is also in charge of our raffle.

Our President told the group that **Harold Esola** is having health problems that are requiring more time of our Secretary **Colleen Esola** so **Terry Greenacre** will take over as secretary. (Note: since the meeting, Terry spoke to Colleen and both agreed that Terry is prepared to take on the secretary duties for the remainder of the year. Colleen will decide if and when she is ready to return as secretary.) **Terry Greenacre** acknowledged the contribution that **Colleen Esola** and **Harold** have made to the Gold Diggers. Both served as President, jointly, for two years and Colleen served as Vice President, Sunshine Person, and Secretary for nine years. In addition to that, they normally host a luncheon every year. Their unselfish time and effort benefit the Gold Diggers members and is surely appreciated.

Terry announced the members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in March; **Marv & Jean Becker** (58 years), **Billy & Joanne Blizzard** (50 years), **Bob & Judith Miller** (53 years), and **Ed & Shirley Vanderzyl** (51 years). The group sang Happy Anniversary to the couples. Treasurer **Judie King** was not in attendance so **Forester Sinclair** gave the report.

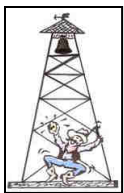
Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** has been quite busy. She sent cards to **Harold Esola**, **Dan Figueroa**, **Ron & Judie King**, and **Bob Eggert**, wishing them all a speedy recovery.

Chapter Historian **Stephanie Norton** was not in attendance today.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** had new 2016 roster booklets for the members. He has an Excel copy of the Gold Diggers Roster if any Gold Digger needs one.

RUAEA Past President and V.P. of Conventions **Ron Bertacini** gave us some information about the upcoming RUAEA convention in September. He gave details about the facilities at the Double Tree Hilton, restaurants, and also some of the tours that are being planned. All the information will be published in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. There are many Gold Diggers planning to attend the convention this year.

After our meeting was adjourned, we enjoyed the Raffle. Our next meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 at "The New Awful Annie's Restaurant" in Auburn hosted by **Ray Andrejewski**.



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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First I want to apologize for being soooooo late getting these minutes out to everyone. I have been "building" a wedding gown for a friend along with a Mother-of-the-bride dress and hosting friends from Indiana! It has been just a bit hectic around here.

Okay, here we go! Can you say – delicious? That is just one word to describe the lunch we enjoyed at Fernando's Costa del Sol Restaurant in Cameron Park. **John Muir** arranged everything for us and decorated the tables with the appropriate green for March. President **Rudy Blazius** extended a hearty "Gracias" to John. Rudy discovered no guests this month, but, we did have some birthday celebrators amongst us. To **Roberta Ouchi**, **Cindy Blazius**, **Linda Dinette** and **J.R. Heier**, we gave enthusiastic Happy Birthday. We also made sure that **Charlie & Carlene Hyde's** 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary was not missed.

*President* ~ Rudy reported that **John Zoboli**, RUAEA Regional Director, was planning to join us at this luncheon. However, John called Rudy to let us know that he would not be able to attend after all. Seems that the wonderful, snow laden storm we just enjoyed was making a trip over the Sierras a bad idea. Rudy suggested that maybe it would be a good idea for John to plan on attending our June luncheon at the Akin Ranch. We will be enjoying that luncheon with the Gold Diggers so he could cover two chapters at one time. That seems to be the new plan. We look forward to seeing you then, John.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report this month.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** also did not have a report.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. It's always good to see him. There are still a few members who have not paid their annual membership dues of

\$10.00. If you aren't sure if you sent them in yet, you can check with Tom at [tck46@flash.net](mailto:tck46@flash.net). We will be calling those who we have not heard from yet to see if you plan to continue as a Hangtown Miner. I'm going to sound like an advertisement, but, for 10 bucks you get a year of information, people to come and visit with, pictures if you can't come – heck of a deal!

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** handed the mike over to **Rosemary Heier** regarding **Mary Buschman's** progress. As you remember, Mary had a massive stroke last month. Mary has been moved to a rehabilitation facility, first in Folsom and now in Sacramento. Her daughter shared with Rosemary that her mother is making good progress on her road to recovery. They are hoping that Mary will be able to return to her home with around-the-clock help, of course. If you would like to (continue) to send Mary encouraging cards, you can send them to her home address: 7018 Rosado Drive El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought our wonderful albums. Lynda has set up a website – <http://hangtownminers.weebly.com> – where you can go to look at pictures and minutes from past months. She is also trying to hook this website up with others so you can view more United retirees. I have gone to this website and Lynda has really done a great job with it.

*Old Business* ~ As mentioned before, our June luncheon will be with the Gold Diggers. **Angie Dellinger** will be checking with them to see if they want to have a raffle at this luncheon.

*New Business* ~ A reminder that the annual retired mechanics' picnic in Minden NV will be June 21 – 24 this year. The barbeque will be on Wednesday, June 22 about 1 or 2. This is really a fun event, there are "special" rates for us and, if you prefer, you can bring your RV/trailer and stay at the park right there where it all takes place!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. The drawing for the donator's prize was won by the **Hydes** – nice anniversary present! Our hearty Thank You to all who brought items for our raffle: **Blazius** – serving dish; **Wolfram** – bird house; **Dellinger** – beer bread kit; **Kenney** – recipe divider and tape measurer; **D'Amico** – tub of peanut brittle; **Heier** – candle holder; **Biros** – puzzle; **Dinette** – wine; **Lima** – basket; **Delleske** – wine; **Ouchi** – picture album; **Akin** – plant; **Gibson** – tote bag; **Hyde** – Easter bunny & bowl; **Kenny** – St. Paddy's in a bag.

### **REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES**

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We all met for a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jan Blackburn**, who had



the tables decorated with wine bottles wrapped in green and white tissue paper, tied up with a large green bow and shamrock cut-outs up and down the long tables. After a time of visiting and sharing our recent travel stories with each other, our luncheon started with a tasty cream of mushroom soup, a spring salad with a creamy dressing, along with a choice of entrees of Filet of Beef, Chicken in a creamy wine sauce, Filet of Sole, as well as a vegetarian dish, veggies and mashed potatoes. The dessert was a decadent chocolate Mousse!

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by announcing to all who had not heard that **Brandon Maus** had passed away rather suddenly only just a few days before our luncheon; he then led us in a few minutes of silence in his honor. Brandon was one of the original Charter members of the Redwood Empire UAL Retirees chapter, and served for many years as the President and Secretary; he brought us many stories of his and Pat's travels, as well as how to get through all the changes that have taken place over the retiree stand-by travel status since the merger of United Airlines and Continental Airlines. He will be sorely missed, and we had just printed in our last newsletter about Brandon's being asked to serve as the Technical Engineering Advisor on the restoration of the original 727-100 in Seattle, WA set for presentation this month. We plan to send cards of love and condolence to his wife Pat!

Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced that there were a total of 37 members and guests attending; the 7 guests included **Linda Pilar**, **Gary Gravier**, **Tony & Patricia Hughes** all guests of **Jan Blackburn**; **Lynn Cassil** and **Beth Pitchford**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **Jeanine Lane**, guest of **Dick and Carol Hanna**. **Barbara Underhill** also attended only a little more than 3 weeks after her total knee surgery; we passed around a get well card for all to sign and presented it to her. What a trooper she is! The Treasure's report was brought to us by **Valerie Hulsey**; she reports that we have a current balance in the general fund of \$498.96, and \$325.78 in the Charity fund. We are looking healthy and sound in less than 6 months into the year!

Pass Travel Expert, **Barney Hagen** said he and **Clare** had recently traveled to San Diego and were able to get the 20% discount and check their boarding pass using the smart phone. He reminded us that your name on the Flying Together website and the pass information have to be identical in order to check in. He mentioned the improvement in the SFO TSA area which is a larger room and is more efficient to get you to your gates faster.

**Roger Casterline** was also on a trip this month and should be back for our April luncheon!

I stood in for Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr**, to announce the March birthdays, which were **Jack Donahue**, **Christine Eberle**, **Edie Olson**, **Barney Hagen**, and also **Richard Southon** of Deerfield, IL; the winner of the free lunch was **Jack Donahue**! There were no wedding anniversaries to announce for the month of March. **Val**

**Hulsey** delivered a couple of "prize" jokes in place of Verda that everyone enjoyed! Valerie also mentioned there were a couple of names to be added to the address list which she will revise and send out to all the e-mail addresses included on the document. If you would like a new address list and don't have e-mail, call Valerie to get one. Next, the raffle was held for all the wines and See's Truffles candies as well as the centerpiece St Patrick's theme wrapped wines! Everyone seemed to have enjoyed our good time and appreciated the great food served by the La Gare staff.

**Larry Wilson** reminded us that the next RER luncheon will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Quail Inn in Oakmont, hosted by **Pat Ortega** and myself, **Mary Wilson**, and he told us not to forget the Charity box on our way out!

Happy Spring; see you next month!



### **RESANS**

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We are looking forward to our Spring Fling lunch on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at The Tequila Factory in Old Town, the same place as last year. We are expecting a good turnout as this is a popular venue for us. I will have a report for you in next month's newsletter. Also our monthly breakfast occurs after the newsletter is due so there will be lots of news for next month.

**Donna Capps**, **Roberta Parisi** and **Barbara Drews** took a day tour to Los Angeles to see "A Swingin' Affair", The Music of America's Greatest Generation. The event was held at the Huntington Beach Library and Cultural Center. We were entertained by the music of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr. with a special performance by Judy Garland. We also had an all-inclusive lunch at Applebee's in Fountain Valley. We were treated to good service by Day Tripper tours and it was so nice not to have to drive in the ever worrisome traffic! I am hoping to have more of these in the future as there is so much to see in the LA area and a nice air conditioned bus is a nice way to go.

**Tom Prewitt** is a grandfather for the second time. A grandson, Wyatt Donald Prewitt, born on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Tom loves being a grandpa and this will help keep him occupied in this retirement.

Don't forget the RUEA convention in Seattle this year, September 21<sup>st</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>. A beautiful time of year to visit the Pacific Northwest and I am sure they are planning a wonderful time for us.

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

### **Calendar:**

**May 5** - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Faith 'n begorra, the little green men (i.e. Leprechauns!) were madly cookin' up Corned Beef and Cabbage for The SFO Golden Gaters. President **Vera Kina** opened up the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a few moments of silence for our troops serving in our Armed Forces. Not many pots of gold but lots of good food, our thanks to the Executive Board for cooking up a storm and providing the CB&C for our gang. Stealing the limelight for being the best chef, **Ben Veitz**, announced that everyone had to try his food 'cuz it was the Best! Hummmphff, ours was special too! Members brought their specialties for a successful Pot Luck. An Easter Bunny was lurking around also.

President **Vera Kina** requested reports from the following:

*Treasurer* ~ **Art Barrett** advised us that dues are coming in very slowly, yoo hoo, don't forget to send in your dues: \$12.00 single / \$24.00 for couples. Our thanks to **Art** for keeping us solvent.

*Vice-President and Secretary* positions ~ We still need someone to volunteer for these, someone, please step up and help. You will have plenty of support from the rest of the Board.

*Secretary* ~ **Ginger Dahlberg** stepped in again for this job, as was mentioned before, a card was sent to **Al Christian**. His wife, **Lil**, attended the meeting and said that **Al** is doing much, much better, he was practically bed ridden previously and with a change of Doctors', change of diet and lots of TLC, **Lil** says that he is like a new man and will, hopefully, be at our next meeting! Way to go **Al**! Under the weather also is **Jerry Milner**. She suffered a slight stroke and could use some cheering up. Her address is 531 La Casa, San Mateo, CA 94403. **Walter Kina** is recouping from a dastardly flu bug, we missed you at the meeting. Two members admitted to birthdays: **Emily Turner** and **Jim Goodwine**. On a sad note, long time members **Jack Gardner** and **Paul Munson** passed away this past month. Our hearts go out to their families, do keep them in your thoughts. Two very special people that we will miss. We had two retired UAL guests visiting us today: **Merle Kohr** who lives here in Foster City, so join up Merle! And **Dave Garland** who is a member of the San Jose Southbay retirees. Always nice to see new comers!

*Membership* ~ **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting as she had a physical therapy session, all went well with her knee surgery.

*Auditors* ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are busily working up the budget for the year, thank

goodness they have 6 hands (and 60 fingers) to count with!

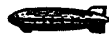
*Special Guests* ~ We had a guest speaker from the Foster City Fire Department, Fire Inspector Rimple Paul. She spoke to us as to how very important it is for everyone to have Fire/Carbon Monoxide detectors in our homes. Changing the batteries twice a year was recommended, a good reminder when day-light savings time changes, change those batteries! Rimple has a twin, Dimple, I am sure they had lots of fun growing up with those unique names!

**Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2016 trip. Future trips, information and dates to be advised will include several day trips, theater and lunch / Bingo Bus trip to Thunder Valley, possible overnight / a Fleet Week Bay Cruise with the Blue Angels which is almost full, so send in your booking forms and checks. Longer trips in the offing are Pageant of the Masters, where Art comes to life and a visit to the Reagan Library. Interest sign up lists will be available at our regular meetings or you can call Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email her at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** had two winners of the Twenty-five/Twenty-Five jackpot, **Linda Barrett** and **Marilyn Guenther** (she donated the money back to the group, thank you!) Our thanks to **Jim & Helen Goodwine** who donated 2 sets of tickets to the Pre-season Giants vs. A's baseball games, winners **Gene Walter** and **Bob Donovan** will enjoy watching the Giants beat the A's! Go team!

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

**SFO/SJC**



**SOUTH BAY RETIREES**

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We had a splendid time at our Spring Luncheon held on March 16. It was a St. Patty's Day affair complete with our very own leprechaun, **Vern Snyder**, decked out in the proper attire for the occasion. Some exciting raffle gifts were donated by our members and subsequently won by those in attendance. This is the way we fund "extras" in our chapter and it works quite well. We thoroughly enjoyed our meals at The Fish Market and several wait

staff commented that they felt like they were part of our gathering. We do like to have a good time!

At one of our Friday breakfast meetings, **Balim Jaber**, a historian/archivist and founder of the USAF 682<sup>nd</sup> Radar Squadron Veterans Association, and member of the Umunhum Conservancy, gave a presentation on the preservation of a radar tower located on Mt. Umunhum (Ohlone Indian word meaning “resting place of the hummingbird”) in the Santa Cruz Mountains to the south of our local area. Southbay RUAEA members, **Ben & Cheri Scales**, have a personal stake in this project as they met on Mt. Umunhum when Ben was stationed there in 1965. Almaden Air Force Station was the base for an early-warning radar antenna which was used to detect incoming airplanes during the Cold War years 1958-1980. Of all the buildings in operation at that time only the radar tower now remains. Effort is being directed at having this tower designated a historical landmark. Mr. Jaber is working with our county’s Historical Heritage Commission and hopes that the HHC will recommend that the County Board of Supervisors include the tower on the county’s Heritage Resource Inventory. Inclusion would give the tower some limited protection against demolition. For more information on this project, please go to: [umunhum-conservancy.org](http://umunhum-conservancy.org).



The Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara was the location of a recent outing by our chapter during an exhibit entitled “Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame” which began in the weeks leading up to Super Bowl 50. The exhibit featured the best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s vast collection, including over 200 football mementos; award-winning photography; one-of-a-kind documents; interactive exhibits that challenged both mind and body (How big was that bicep George?); spectacular footage from NFL films; the Vince Lombardi Trophy; and more. Several mentioned that this was a thoroughly enjoyable visit that included representation and history of many NFL clubs.

**Albert Grossman** was at a breakfast meeting without his bride, **Elfriede**, who normally attends with him. She has been having some health issues which have sidelined her recently. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you both and we hope to see you again soon Elfriede!

We enjoyed a visit from **Doc & Lisa Donaldson** at a recent breakfast meeting. Lisa is the daughter of members

**Tony & Sally Urso** and she is also a United employee working at the Flight Center in Denver.

**Keith & Ann Olthof** are on a several week trip to visit family in their homeland of Holland and take an excursion to Vienna with Keith’s sister. We hope you have safe travels and look forward to hearing of your adventures when you return.

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

#### Calendar:

**May** - TBD – Niles Canyon Railroad

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

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

**September 14** – Fall Luncheon

**December 13** – Christmas Luncheon

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Our March meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a record number of 32 attendees and guests at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

We welcomed **Cajun Skonberg**, a 50 year retired flight attendant. **Mary & Nola Untied** were off celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Gail Sexton** was unable to attend because of a broken bone in her foot (ouch). We also missed **Carol Parks** and **Russ Miller** who were under the weather.

Congratulations to **Pat McEnaney** who was celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.

RUAEA Regional Director **Roger Casterline** and guest **Zelma Kibler** attended. Roger gave us information on the Convention. A very nice hotel and activities are planned.

Treasurer **Rich Bouska** is collecting dues for 2016.

The Family Day is coming in October at the MOC. We hope to have a good turnout of retirees.

**Roger Casterline** won the 50/50.

There is a change in the annual picnic at Diane & Manny’s house. They have a grandson graduating from UC Santa Barbara that weekend, so we are moving it to June 20<sup>th</sup> instead of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to

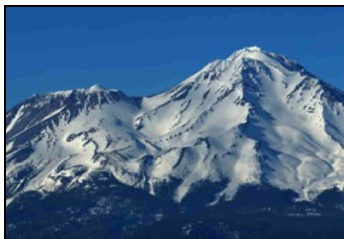
the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

Calendar:

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

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

**July** – No meeting



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Spring is here in Northern California with more water in the lakes, a little fishing and boating! Looks like a better summer for all of us. But, we are still in a drought.

Our March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held at Holiday Inn in Redding. Again, the group enjoyed the meal very much. **Merritt Odor** called the meeting to order and thanked **Richard Skelly** for setting up our luncheon. We had 24 retirees and spouses in attendance. Merritt welcomed members **Gail & Paul Poling** after a long time absence. Gail worked in our San Francisco ticket office and it was good to see them again. Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Bill Simonton**, **Glenna Sollid**, **Dick Hooning** and **Vince Neidlinger** will all have birthdays in March and April.

We missed some of our members who were out ill and wished them all a speedy recovery.

Merritt spoke about the convention in Seattle in September. He encouraged members from the Northstaters to attend and the tour information for the program will be available shortly. Merritt again invited everyone to join RUAEA for only \$27.00 a year. He spoke about representation for the retirees and what they contribute.

**Dick Hooning** shared some comments about his recent cruise he took on NCL to Mexico out of Los Angeles. He felt the cruise lines are pushing more for the paid restaurants. Dick makes reservations through Cindy Interline Program.

**Gail & Paul Poling** have sailed on over 80 cruises and shared some great stories about their adventures. Gail suggests a web site, [perx.com](http://perx.com) or [VacationstoGo.com](http://VacationstoGo.com), for the best prices. **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** spoke about their river cruise last year and shared some information on gift cards from Viking Cruise Line.

Lots of events are happening in the north state in the next few weeks. Vincent spoke about "Kool April Nights" in Redding that will be held April 21-24. There

are a lot of show cars and activities that take place during the weekend. Red Bluff is having a rodeo roundup. **Sharon Simonton** spoke about "Gold Nugget Days" in Paradise that will be held April 21-24. Lots of crafts, food, parade and a dog contest will be held. There will be lots of activities at the Gold Nugget Museum which is one of the best local museums in the North state.

**Kent & Billie Jorgensen** spoke about the meeting in July at their lovely home in Lake Almanor. The date was set for July 27 and more information will be available later. This event was a highlight last year.

Merritt again encouraged anyone that has a story to tell, a hobby to share or any travels to share to please do so at our meetings.

**Vincent Neidlinger** won the 50-50 raffle and **Merritt Odor** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in Chico and the restaurant is TBD. **Billie Jorgensen** offered to look for a place that will hold our meeting in a separate room and also take separate checks.

Calendar:

**May 25** - Wednesday at 11:30 AM Restaurant TBD. Come and join us! Happy Spring!

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The April breakfast was attended by 32 members. The winners of the 50/50 drawing were **Ray Shoults** (DENMM), **Marv Berryman** (DENTK), **Tom Goodyear** (DENOO), **Charles Hassler** (DENMM), **Orland Baldwin** (DENMM), **Gene Sibley** (DENMM), **Walt Hansen** (DENMM), **Gary Trujillo** (DENMM), and **Rich Conner** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since the chapter does not collect dues.

The meeting opened with our new president, **Don Burbank** thanking **Tom** (DENOO) & **Nancy Goodyear** along with **Laura Coats** (DENRR) for serving as officers for 17 years and 10 years respectively. Don then introduced the new officers. Don is the new president, **Gary Trujillo** is Vice President and **Marilyn Hansen** (DENCg) is the Treasurer.

**Don Burbank** announced that because of tax purposes the proceedings will be run more like a regular meeting, calling the meeting to order, reading of the last meeting minutes, etc. **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA Executive Vice President) is working on a 501C-7 IRS classification which will help the chapter to move its checking account to the Alliant Credit Union and take advantage of a not for profit organization. We are part of RUAEA even though everyone isn't a member. **Sharon Burbank**



(IADCS) is the RUAEA Director of the region (DEN, SLC, OMA & LAS). Don also requested that when the meeting is in progress and someone is talking, please refrain from talking so the person speaking can be heard by the audience. If you have something to say, raise your hand and you can have the floor. In addition, before a new meeting is conducted, the minutes of the last meeting will be read to refresh everyone's memory.

Don mentioned that one of the things that he would like to see is people talking about their travel experiences. What have you been doing, did you have trouble with transportation and did you have a good time, things like that. Also, anything important that is going on in your life that you wish to talk about. Don also asked everyone to please come to Cinzetti's for the luncheon on April 13<sup>th</sup>. It is really a good restaurant. **Marion Terenzio**, the Managing Director of Maintenance will be there, he has been in that position for probably 10 years. Don continued, stating that the Board of Directors of RUAEA had a lively discussion about the future of the annual conventions. They were thinking about not having a convention in 2017. He brought up the possibility of this chapter hosting the convention here in the Denver area and asked for a show of hands of people that would volunteer their time to help in the organization and carrying out of the event. There appeared to be an adequate number of volunteers.

Also mentioned was the collection of cans which provides additional income along with the 50/50 drawing to preclude having to collect dues. **Tom Goodyear** (DENOO) will continue to collect the cans on days that he attends the meetings. In the event of an officer being unavailable for a meeting, other officers or members will be asked to cover for the person. The B-17 will be here on May 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be at Centennial Airport if you care to take a look at it.

A reminder, guests are welcome at these meetings. They don't have to be members. If you know anyone with airline experience or just friends, they are welcome to come and have breakfast with us.

The mechanics breakfast which has been held every other month will be at Sapp's Truck Stop in May but that may be the last time because there were problems with the service last time. Virgil said that they were going to give them one more try before looking for another restaurant. After the last breakfast the mechanics have voted to have the breakfast the third Saturday of every month.

**Jim Spate** (DENMM), spoke of his fishing experiences with his grandson and son-in-law about 75 miles north of Tampa. They were fishing for sharks. The first one played out a whole reel of line and when it broke, it was like a rifle shot. They were able to bring the third shark alongside the boat and it was 7 feet long. They also caught Grouper but had to release them because they were out of season. They had no problems with flights. His next trip is to Honolulu. **Yumi Trujillo** related her experience to West Palm Beach to help out a girlfriend recover from surgery. No trouble getting there. However,

getting back was another story. She flew to Newark and couldn't get out because of weather in DEN and had to return to Florida. In the process, her luggage was lost. She still couldn't get out and started looking at a My Discount ticket. It was \$144 and it was the last seat on the plane. **Donna Miller** (DENRR) told us about a trip to OMA. The gate agent called her name but didn't give her a seat number. She told them, "One of you two has to give me a seat assignment". They looked at each other, gave her a seat number and she got on board.

**Sharon Burbank** (IADCS) traveled to the Far East with a group that has travelled together for a few years. They travelled to HKG and on to Hanoi, then Laos, back to Hanoi and then to Cambodia. Unfortunately, she didn't do her visa correctly. She didn't factor in the International Date Line and had the wrong date on her visa. She was denied boarding and tried to get an emergency Visa, which didn't work. The group left without her. She eventually went to Bangkok then Laos to meet them but when you are 70 years old and have to sleep on a bench at the Thailand/Bangkok airport it's not too comfortable. She finally met up with her group and everything turned out OK. She also mentioned that she picked up a lot of the RUPA newsletters and read an article titled How to Care. It is kind of between rehabilitation and a hospice so if you are a caregiver or possibly in transition it is very interesting and possibly a new way of doing things. **Glenn Cannon** (DENC) also returning from the same trip used a ZED fare on Lufthansa from Hong Kong to Frankfurt, UAL from FRA to ORD. Of course, he couldn't get out of Chicago so he went from ORD to Aspen to DEN. He said, "Basically, I flew around the world."

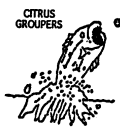
**Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** have flown more in the last four months than they had in the last 10 years. DEN-LAX, SAC, SEA, EVV SDF IAH. One leg out of DEN was First Class. Virgil feels that the pass system works quite well and retirees shouldn't be afraid to use that benefit. With retiree's seniority, vacation passes usually place us near the top of the boarding list. Virgil also wished Don the best of luck as the new president. He also mentioned that the Denver Chapter had not missed a column in the newsletter since he has been in the group and that started in 2003. Over the years he has been active in the Denver Chapter, **Harriett Ahr**, **Jo Madden**, **Tom Goodyear** and **Sharon Burbank** have written the column.

**Dan Listul** (DENMM), (SFOMT) and (DENMT) passed away on March 12, 2016; there are no pending services. **Roger Bottomly** (DENGQ) passed away, he had been retired for about 18 years. **Norman Schuller** (DENOO) passed away March 18<sup>th</sup>, he worked for UAL for 35 years and retired in 1995; Norm lived in Kauai. **Martha Gooselaw** is having hip and left knee (replaced about 5 years ago) problems. They think that the hip is causing the knee problems. Her right shoulder is also causing pain in her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A breakfast is held at 9am the first Saturday of every month in the cafeteria at the Flight Center (DENTK). The

cafeteria is staffed with a Chef and there are a variety of breakfast items. It is a good opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. I encourage you to consider attending. Don't forget to bring aluminum for recycling. The May breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## FLORIDA



### CITRUS GROUPERS

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Our March meeting was held on March 24, we were a small but lively group.

Florida Regional Director **Don Nellans** lead the meeting as our President, **Ralph Brick** was unable to attend. After a tasty lunch at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant, which is our normal meeting place, we had a short meeting. **Joan Brandonisio** gave the treasurer's report. We talked about the procedure for adding a registered friend to your pass rider's account which is not easy if you do not know the nuances of this procedure. It was nice to have **Ross & Marilyn Kavanaugh** back. We missed **Isabel Buchanan** and **Elainne Lies** as they are both home recovering, they should be back with us soon. The usual suspects **Claus Brinnitzer** and **Dee LaChance** were there as well as **Terri Davis** and **Mary Nellans**.

Our next meeting is April 22 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages Florida. Whether you live here or are just passing through on vacation, you are welcome to join us. For further information about our group, you can contact President **Ralph Brick** via email at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net), (352) 219-0289.

### Calendar:

Meeting at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant, The Villages, FL

**April 22 - 11:30 AM**

**May 27 - 11:30 AM**

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It was a great turnout of 21 folks for our April meeting! Back for a visit was **Gail Wood**, a Flight Attendant with over 43 years of service. She clipped her wings a few months ago so we hope to see her more often.

Our only anniversary celebrant was **Juanita Ritt** who started with United this month back in 1964. Congratulations Nita!

President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with his usual humor and gave us a UAL report which included information about an IAM agreement, customer service improvements, coffee beans, and chartering baseball teams.

**Marian Wickersham** told us a true story when she was working a charter flight a few years ago, one of the players literally picked her up and put her in the overhead bin! What happens on the charter stays on the charter!

Finally we had a discussion about the new prescription drug service and received mostly good feedback. It is confusing though as we don't all have the same plan.

**Penny Logan** was out traveling today so we will get a treasurer's update next month.

### Calendar:

**May 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL**

**June 2 - Same as above**



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A beautiful, sunny Orlando dawned and many of our group of retirees gathered to celebrate friendship and a great cook-out!

Once again, burgers and hotdogs were grilled to perfection by **Stan Halterman** and **Ernie Vosges**, with go-for duties by President **Al Fields**! And it worked!

The pavilion at Cypress Grove Park has a beautiful flag for our Pledge of Allegiance and after prayer by Pres. Al, the food line formed! Ah, the plates might have been a bit small!

Joining in the food and conversation were: **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Mary & Bob McNeill**, **Cliff Hill & Jerry**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Loretta Finn**, **Diane Lewis**, **Patti Clark**, **Linda Agnello & Bob Olsen**, **Laurie & Darrel Bork**, **Jim Mummah**, **Ted & Char LeGrand**, **Joanne & Al Mollet**, **Dee Francis**, **David & Lisa Leighty**, **Betty Davidson**, **Justin (Gene) Hall & Eleanor**, **Tom Cannata**, **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, **Barb & Stan Halterman**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, **John & Gay Crawford**, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, **Mack Chandler**, and **Ken Weisz**. **Rich & Cathy** brought a special guest, **Don Jaworske**, son of **Al & Lou Jaworske (CLEGQ)**, whom many of us former CLE folks knew! What a nice surprise!

Thanks to all for the wonderful picnic fare and especially those *desserts*! Yum!

Two very special birthdays this month ~ Drum Roll ... **Loretta Finn** and **John Crawford**!

### Calendar:

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

**May 3** – Luncheon

**June 7** – Luncheon

**July 5** - Luncheon

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We had our spring picnic and the food was delicious as usual. Many members whom we don't see as frequently as we would like were there which gave us the opportunity to do a little catching up.

Our meeting on May 2 will be our last until September so hopefully we'll have another good turnout.

**Terri Breslin** is doing well after her hip surgery. She's getting a little stir crazy being housebound and not being able to be as active as she usually is.

**Dave & Carolyn Lodge** went on a cruise recently which turned out to be part of their friends' honeymoon. Carolyn explained that the trip had been planned for some time. A few days before departure the friends got married. Guess at our age, a foursome honeymoon isn't any big deal.

**Pat & Jim Hottel** are celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, a big congrats to them.

Our May 2 meeting will be at the IHOP at 10:30.



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With 24 Members in attendance including 2 new members, **Don & Joyce Smith**, we again had a robust group which is wonderful to have and handle. Joyce worked in NY reservations and retired in 2001 from JFK cargo sales. The Smiths are snowbirds and are from the great state of NY living in Lynbrook; when in Florida they make their home here in Tequesta. Welcome to our group, we are very pleased to have you as new members. Our picnic this year had the weather on a scale to 99 so we decided to do it in March next year, a lot of the members would like to have another one perhaps in the fall, perhaps November, we shall discuss this further.

Again, some of the patrons of Duffy's where we have our Luncheon Meeting stopped President **Al Popek** during the meeting and remarked what a wonderful and congenial group we were and who were we? Another compliment

about our group and it makes us very happy and proud to be complimented.

When Al brought down his meet tenderizer to bring the meeting to order, all members gave a sound of applause, what a group indeed. We began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Al mentioned about the incident on a Sacramento to Houston trip that a First Class Flight attendant put down the chute and sent her suitcase and she herself went down. She was certainly bringing something to attention!

UA CEO Oscar seems to be doing well with the employees; all departments are getting good marks. **Al Popek** wants to congratulate all the secretaries of the different Chapters for the great work they do each month and send a special thanks to Constance for her hard work dealing with all of us.

First Vice President **Bob Langevin** passed out info regarding pass info to everyone in attendance.

April Birthdays ~ **Don Smith** (4/14), **Aura Xifras** (4/18), **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Carolyn Lindgren** (4/28). Happy Birthday to all! One Anniversary, **Don & Joyce Smith** (4/20), Happy Anniversary!

I guess everyone is aware of the fact that Alaska Airlines purchased Virgin America so they could have East and West Coast Cities. Hopefully, everyone knows they offer great breaks on pass prices.

**Arnold & Dee Lakso** were not able to attend our meeting since Dee fell and broke her elbow, our Get Well Thoughts are with you.

Since we have to have a group picture of the governing group for the Newsletter, **Vicky Snyder** did the honors and took a few pictures for Al to select and send to Denver.

The 50/50 was won by **Ed Snyder** and **Arnold Lakso** won the Progressive; since he wasn't in attendance, it goes back for next month.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking. Worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it doesn't go anywhere.

### Calendar:

**May 3** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, Florida

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

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



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The Dixie Flyers had the monthly luncheon on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. **Fred Cron** did triple duty as he led the pledge of allegiance to our flag, offered grace before our meals, and conducted 50/50 with the help of **Bogie Wallace**. \$13.00 was won by **Sybil Voss** who donated her winnings to our charitable cause the Women in Distress, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Our long time Chaplin, **Don Shelley**, was absent due to **Marge Shelley's** confinement in the hospital with lung problems.

The annual Tampa/Atlanta reunion is still scheduled for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Shelly's Ponderosa in Locust Grove, Georgia. If Shelley cannot host the event, **Gary Tuttle** will host.

**Dave Bellavance**, Atlanta retiree, attended this luncheon. **Jesse Hicks** from Camden, Tennessee will attend the reunion again with **Bogie & Jodi Wallace**.

May birthdays include **Andy Ryabik** (15<sup>th</sup>), **Frank Russey** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Mary Ann Goforts** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Glenda Tuttle** (11<sup>th</sup>). Retirement anniversary ~ **Willie Foles** in May, 1990.

### Calendar:

**May 4** – 2PM at the Broadway Diner, 535 Glynn St. S., Fayetteville, GA 30214, (770) 716-2628.

## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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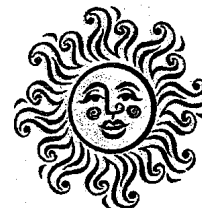
Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to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

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



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

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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Spring surely has arrived in Boise! Our winters are not severe, however, so we find it to be a great place to live. I may be just a little prejudiced, as I was born here. We did live in Portland and Seattle during the war years. One of my best friends, who now lives on Bainbridge Island, was my playmate up the street in Ballard. I'm so thankful that we've never lost one another!

Our news is slim again this time, unfortunately. I'll share first another story from the past, this time written by **Bud Peters** (1960-1998).

*"During the mid-1960's, United flight dispatch office in SFO was located on the second floor at the end of Concourse C. To get to the office, one had to take an elevator or a flight of stairs to the second floor.*

*There was a balcony with a wrought iron railing going around the perimeter of the second floor with entrances to offices housing inflight, flight operations and flight dispatch. Looking over the railing you looked down into the passenger boarding area.*

*While working the midnight shift, at about 1:00 AM or so, shortly after the bar located on Concourse C closed, we were very surprised to see a very inebriated gentleman stagger into the open double doors to flight dispatch. The senior dispatcher on duty walked up to this man and informed him that the office was off limits to the general public and he would have to leave. The gent was very agreeable to that and promptly walked out on the balcony, climbed up on the railing and jumped off. He landed one story below in the passenger boarding area, narrowly missing two passenger service agents and a custodian. Result, an early morning visit to the concourse by the airport paramedics, a trip to the hospital with a number of*



*broken bones by the jumper, six very surprised dispatch personnel, and two very startled passenger service agents.”* In the next issue I will report on our visit from **Tom Cunningham**, RUAEA Northwest Region Director. We are looking forward to his visit in May.

Calendar:

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

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**May** I - wish you a Happy Mothers Day? **May** we - celebrate all of our veterans who have kept our country safe? **May** I - help you pick out flowers for your garden? Don't forget the petunias in your onion patch. **May** we - enjoy Star Wars Day? May the Force be With You! If Harrison Ford comes with it, yes, yes, yes! Yes, **May** we all have a fabulous, beautiful month of May with lots of sunshine, flowers, happiness and lots of friendly visits with those that can't get out like we can!

Our Northside breakfast had about two dozen folks. **Darryl & Toni Van Kampen** are on the move again with a trans-Atlantic cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Bermuda-Southampton-Liverpool-France and Germany. There will be tours of the Beatle's hometown, Normandy, Hamburg and other highlights. On Easter, **Rich Maionchi** left on a Caribbean cruise. A couple of the men were proud to say their women sent them flowers on Valentine's Day. Well, wasn't that special! How sweet! Who said that can't happen? Smart ladies, if you know what I mean! Congratulations to **Diana & Norm Wilkinson** on their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Wishing them many more.

The Southside breakfast attracted 16 retirees. **LaVonne Halach** returned after a short break. She's back! **Bill Brookins** celebrated his birthday on Easter, we sang to him as he sold his raffle tickets. Winners were **Perry Pahl, Bill Brookins, Tom Hurley** and **Jan Gawenda**. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** are going on a bus trip with the Sociable Seniors and Retirees to Tunica, Mississippi for some friendly gambling. Hope they bring back some of that Lucky Southern Cash, no, not Confederate.

Our Spring Luncheon at the Cotillion in Palatine was very lovely. Over 110 people attended and enjoyed a Patsy Cline Tribute singer. She sang all of Patsy's big hits and gave a history along with it. She and her husband were very entertaining. A good time was had by all, of course, it was a United Party!

Departing from our United world are **Dare Messina** and **Julie Dunkle Sellers**, from ORDSW, and **Stan Komaniecki**, from EXOKF (IT). Also gone from our world are Frank Sinatra, Jr., Joe Santo, Joe Garagiola, Ken Howard, Gary Shandling, Patty Duke, Mother Angelica, Sir George Martin, Robert Horton, Gogi Grant, Larry Drake, David Smyrl, Rita Gam, Rob Ford, Jim Harrison, Ronnie Corbett, Eric Engberg, and Merle Haggard.

Thanks to **John Kozlik**, ORDMM, who gave me a few pamphlets that helped me remember some of the old radio shows we used to listen to over half a century ago. How about The Shadow, The Green Hornet, Gangbusters, Inner Sanctum, Fibber McGee and Molly, The Bickersons, Henry Aldrich, Jack Benny, Judy Canova, Fred Allen, Amos and Andy, Burns and Allen, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Duffy's Tavern, Life of Riley, Drag-net, the Westerns, oh, the list goes on. The era when we had to have an imagination and picture what they looked like, what they were doing. I imagined everybody looked like Betty Grable and Cary Grant. What a shock when I saw Fannie Brice and Boris Karloff. Those spooky shows used to scare me to death. I was even named after a character on Lorenzo Jones.

First Quarter Postage Donors: **Peggy Andersen, Joan Anderson, Marlene Anderson, Jay Boberek, Harvey Bruning, Stephen Conrad, Rich DelBoccio, Mary Florent, Frances Gascon, Cesar Guerra, LaVonne Halach, Bill Hamilton, George Haupt, Gene Hinnens, Ed Keifer, John Koehl, Kathryn Kuehl, Sharon Larson, Lillian Mallstrom, Henry Mueller, Pat Muha, Judi Nelson, Marj Nelson, Ruth Opitz, Ann Pepper, Joan Poerstel, Syed Razvi, Gilberto Romero, Tom Sashko, Stephanie Simpson, Jim Sommerfield, Mary Szabo, Ken Thiede, Ginny Vlach, Barb Wesemann, Norm Wilkinson, Anna Wozniak.**

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Don't forget the State of Illinois is **not** sending out renewal notices for your license plate stickers. They announced this about a year ago, but not many are remembering this. The fines are horrendous. The state has already made \$2.7 Million from late fees since January 1 until February 22. Yikes. So, check your plate, see when it expires. If you have a computer, register yourself and they will send you an email reminder at least a month ahead. It's [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). If you don't have a computer, mark your expiration date down and make sure to go to the DMV and get that sticker on time. Ask your children or grandchildren to help you. Tell them your fine comes out of their inheritance, that will get their

attention! You might need an emissions test, too, they will send out a notice for that. Don't say I never tell you anything. A few of our friends have already been caught with their stickers down.

Ever bump into somebody that you know you're going to have a 20 minute conversation with, that you don't want to have a conversation with? You have to have an "exit strategy" figured out ahead of time. Have a story ready, something set up ahead of time. Can you do that? Or are you that somebody that your friend has to have the strategy ready for?

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**May 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**May 31**). Last Tuesday of the month.

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

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

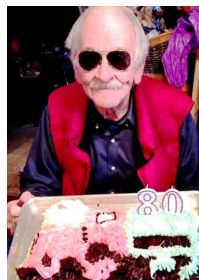
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The Indy Racers will continue meeting at Emmy's in Avon for the next 6 months. We will determine if another meeting location will be selected for next year's meeting before the end of this year. Members agreed that changing locations can be confusing and could require additional communication efforts to keep everyone informed of meeting locations if we were to make changes at this time. Vice President **Margie Bregante** announced that she had conducted an audit of the 2015 Indy Racer financials and found that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects and/or give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework.

We had good weather and a good turnout for our March meeting. Attending were **Hannelore Brabo, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Ed, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob & Myrt Duty, Jim Gibson, Ed Loftus, Chris & Shary Johnston, Dimple Rihel, Joan Romano, Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony**, and **Tony Urbanovic**.

The Indy Racer Annual Summer Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be sent to members in June.

**Jack Conway** won the 50/50 drawing and **Bob & Ruth Duffey**, who celebrated a wedding anniversary in March, won the dessert wine raffle prize.



Congratulations to **Charles Theiss** (pictured) who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in his "Joe Cool Sunglasses" with friends and family at the end of March.

We're hoping **Rita Prins** recovers quickly from her recent stroke and that she will be able to join us for meetings very soon. Both **Margie Bregante** and **Joan Romano** participated in retreats for women this spring. **Margie** spent several days in the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Indiana at a Lutheran Women's retreat. **Joan** and her daughter from North Carolina enjoyed a retreat in Northern Massachusetts. President **Mario Bregante** is completing an adaptive living and communication training session for the visually impaired at a Veteran's Administration Hospital in Illinois. Secretary **Wanda Bryce** has been traveling this spring visiting friends and family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as well as Ft. Lauderdale and Ft. Myers, Florida.

Happy Birthday to **Shary Johnston** (5/28) and Happy Anniversary to **Mario & Margie Bregante** (5/20).

#### Calendar:

**May 10** - Luncheon at Emmy's Restaurant in Avon begins at 12:30 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 1:30.

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The Nor'easter March luncheon at Jeveli's in East Boston brought out 25 members. Jeveli's, less than a mile from Logan Airport has been well visited over the years by a majority of our employees and is not a stranger to us. It is also a great meeting place with good food and caters to our group. They boast being the oldest Italian restaurant in Boston. All our regulars attended plus rarely seen attendees, **Paul O'Mara, Pete Nichols, Dayle Vee** and **Bruce Casassa**.

A last minute unexpected member, **Don Latter**, fresh off his South Pacific trip (second honeymoon?) with recently retired wife **Kathy**.

The 50/50s were won by **Norma Betters** and **Dayle Vee**. Free lunches were won by **Joan Simard, Don Latter** and **Dick Vee**.

Our progressive, not won the past five meetings went to **Andy Montalto**, \$50. The next progressive will start out at \$10. Be there to win!

President **Carleen & Bruce** are off to Paris for their spring vacation. Not using passes. They are looking forward to a 17<sup>th</sup> grandchild due shortly.

**Andy Montalto** is taking Tai Chi classes, his son being the instructor. Andy is the oldest class member and his son tends to work him harder than most.

**Bob DePippo** recovered nicely from his hip replacement, saying the toughest part of the whole ordeal was the physical therapy.

**Bill Vanderwal** has a summer cottage on Onset Island on the Cape Cod Canal. Despite all our senior aches and pains, he just shingled a new roof. Bill's still a doer. More power to you Bill!

**Helmut Umbley** attend a reunion of the crews of the USS Hancock, CVA-19 WWII Essex class carrier, held in SAN this year. They still get up to 250 members including WWII veterans.

In the last two Newsletters, I extolled the easiest winter ever here in the North East. So far this spring, we've had two snow storms and colder than normal temperatures. Seems like things are backwards! Somewhere in state archives, New Hampshire had snow in June, dubbed "the year without summer".

May's birthdays ~ **John Dellelo, Peggy Dellelo, Ron Heiseler, Audrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Patti Flanagan Mix, Andy Montalto, Jayne Regan, Lewis Shakley and Kenneth Washburn.**

May's anniversaries ~ **Nicholas & Sandra Bouzianis** (46 years), **Bob & Susan DePippo** (33), **Eric & Kathleen Fairweather** (32), **Mary Beth & Stanley McDermet** (45), **Thomas & Liliana Snyder** (29) and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** (46).

*When I was a child I thought nap time was a punishment. Now as a grown up, it's more like a mini vacation!*

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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**Mary Kay Edoff** is hosting the luncheon on April 7 at the Brighton Bar & Grill, this luncheon will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

We received word last week that **Alma Seaborn** passed away on March 22, 2016. Alma started her career with United in reservations and became an instructor in Apollo Services. She transferred to Chicago and EXO. After retiring in the Los Angeles area, she returned home to Detroit several years ago. It was so good to see her last year when she attended an Escapee retiree luncheon.

It is official ~ **Jeff Lefluer** retired on March 31. He and Carole are hoping to be able to join us at a luncheon in the near future. Keep feeling better, Jeff. You can keep in touch with them at 1117 Scarlet Oak E., Jackson, MI 49201.

DTWRR is sponsoring a "United We Care" bowling

fundraiser on Friday, May 20, 2016. The event will be held at the Ford Lanes in Dearborn, MI starting at 7 p.m. For bowling information or information on pledging money or to donate, contact **Charmaine Victor** at [Charmaine.victor@united.com](mailto:Charmaine.victor@united.com).

## MINNESOTA

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The Lites gathered back in Woodbury again, this time at Perkins Restaurant. The establishment had set aside a small semi-private room for us and since the menu there has about a thousand choices on it, **Lee** selected 3 different entrees for us to choose from for this initial visit ~ a Swiss and mushroom omelet plus pancake, a chicken salad and a meatloaf dinner. Everyone seemed happy with the choices and the food is always good at Perkins.

There were 30 of us plus **John Beveridge's** daughter, **Liz Stelek**. **John** has decided to live with Liz as a couple of falls let them all know that 93 years young can be hazardous. His computer croaked not that long ago, so he no longer checks his email. His new address: 5175 240<sup>th</sup> St. East, Hampton, MN 55031, (651) 437-8727.

The TSA screening issue with extremely long waits to get through security at MSP was all the talk, not only at our lunch, but in the local news media as well. Instead of six screening portals, they reduced it to **two**, thereby saving lots of \$\$\$ and thoroughly messing up the start to everyone's trip. An hour and a half is not uncommon to get through security and by then the passengers are so frazzled and their blood pressure is so high that shouting matches have broken out. Well, Duh! What did they expect?

Into all this walks our own, beloved **Nel Brawner** who was travelling to Laughlin, NV with some friends for a spot of gambling. On the way from their homes in Wisconsin, she discovered that somehow, her purse containing \$\$, ID's and virtually her whole life didn't get transferred from her car to her companions' car. To return for it meant that they would miss their flight, so they came ahead. She did have her phone and boarding pass, so believe it or not, *they let her on the plane!* (You have to know Nel ...) Most of her time in Laughlin was spent trying to get hotels, casinos and the airport to accept a copy of her WI driver's license which she'd had faxed to her. Moral: keep your purse chained to your wrist.

Our honorary Northern Lite, **Tom Caffisch**, coaches college football in River Falls, WI and related the story about a young 31-year-old man he's kind of taken under his wing who is the first member of his family to attend college. Actually, he's the only member of his family who hasn't done time in prison. He's excited and proud

that graduation is right around the corner. The story touched us all so much that we voted to give him a graduation present of \$100 from the group with our wishes for success.

**Joe & Arlene Kelley** took a trip recently to SEA using passes for the first time since the merger. They live up in the northern part of the state, so they were listed on a flight out of Duluth. **Arlene** was very impressed when she got a text message to let them know about the flight being delayed.

The **Kelleys** are hosting the Spring Northwoods Loonies event May 17-20 in Cloquet, MN. They welcome any and all to join in the fun. Their contact for more information is (218) 879-6171.

**Janet Meyer** won the birthday prize and raffle winners were **Fred Stang, Dick Haag, Gordy Olson, Joe Kelley** and **Donna Gray**. Maybe next month, you'll win!

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

## NEBRASKA



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On a very crisp, cold day, 33 UAL retirees gathered at the Pizza Ranch for good food and great conversation. Since there was no snow, wind, rain or hail, I guess we have to say that March "came in like a lamb." For those of us who believe the old superstitions, then it should go out like a lion, so, be prepared.

The day also happened to be **Marge Edwards'** birthday and the first time she attended since retiring from the secretary position which she held for 15 years. **Tony** gave her a golden pen with the United logo. It was a fun celebration.

Some discussion ensued regarding people's experiences with the new drug company. It has been found that there is a wide discrepancy in price between using local pharmacies and receiving the drug by mail order. Using CVS or mail order was decidedly cheaper.

Marge presented a letter she received from **Fred Jansen** regarding **Eddie Quinn** who passed away in 2010. Both had worked in Omaha before transferring to Denver reservation in the 80's. Many in attendance fondly remember the two of them.

Winners of the 50/25/25 were **Kathy Janus**, a first time winner and **Marilyn Weak**, the queen of the raffle. Each received \$18. Marilyn had many requests to buy a lottery ticket or go the casino with her.

Once again, for those of you, who have not paid your dues, please contact **Eileen Holly**, 6535 Cypress Drive, Omaha, NE 68137, (402) 895-6743.

There are some address changes that you need to note in your directory: **Bracston Olds**, 9229 Tomahawk Blvd, Omaha, NE 68134, (402)-455-8952. **Mike Blasco**, 3709 Calgary Court, Unit A, Box 2, Bismarck, ND 58503, (701) 667-9990. **Nancy Thomas**, 920 Arapahoe Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020, (408) 767-2935. **Andy Vassios**, apartment change only to #3010. **Lorraine Stanfield**, 6737 Woodbine Circle, Ralston, NE 68127, (402) 331-2991.

I noticed in the RUAEA newsletter that **Bob Faust** had surgery. I called and talked with him and learned he was diagnosed with kidney cancer recently. Due to some health concerns, the surgeons did not want to do surgery but he did have a cryoablation procedure to kill the tumor. They felt it was very successful. He said he feels tired, but otherwise is recovering well. Kathy is also well and says hello to all.

Our next luncheon will be April 5, at Finnegan's Pub, 4309 S. 120<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, hosted by **Marge Edwards**. Following lunch we are all invited to tour the firehouse at 11111 I Street. Marge says the firemen are really looking forward to showing us their house, so are hoping for a good turnout.

Random Acts of Kindness are acts done for others to help them out or make them feel good, and in return makes us feel good also. Several of our members are no longer able to drive or drive long distances from their home. They hate to be a "bother" so don't ask for a ride. So instead just don't attend our luncheons. Look around at our member list and see if there is someone that doesn't come often who might like to have a ride to the next meeting. It will make everyone feel good.

April Birthdays: **Arnie Mahoney** (1), **Bill Anderson** (1), **Keith Cornish** (2), **Kathy Janus** (6), **Evan Holly** (9), **Allen Purkapile** (10), **Clair Soseman** (10), **Bob Glover** (13), **Denny Pierson** (14), **Glen Saffer** (14), **Hilde Schwan** (14), **Angela Hansen** (15), **Penny Sophir** (16), **Virginia Nollette** (18), **Tony Sortino** (22), **Ray Ziebarth** (24). Wow, that was a big month. Happy Birthday everyone!

### Calendar:

**May 3** - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk & Mel Harrison**

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

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





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Spring is here, but it seems a lot like summer, with our temps in high 80's and low 90's. Hope that's not an indication of a long, hot summer. DEN and other areas are still waiting for spring!

Our Sunshine lady **Eleanor Vasko** experienced some "gray clouds" recently when she went for some routine tests. Upon returning home, she got very ill; was rushed to the hospital where she was told she had an infection in her pancreas; then developed pneumonia. She spent 10 days hospitalized. On returning home, she fell in the shower and cut her leg. She is now doing much better.

**Ingeborg Levy** experienced a freak accident; on backing out of driveway, a youngster on a bike ran into her car. Shocked, she got out, forgetting to put car in "park". Car started rolling, pulling Ingeborg with it. She was very badly bruised, and is still recouping.

**Carrie Takeuchi** is having cataract surgery, so we will miss her at our coming luncheon.

**Frank Kosa**, husband of **Barb** (LASCS) experienced a stroke while they were vacationing in the Florida Keys. This happened as they were returning their rental car for trip home. Quick response by the EMTs got him to a hospital immediately. Poor Barb went thru a lot of trauma and worry between hotels, rental car, and trying to be with Frank as much as possible. He finally got well enough to return home, and is receiving excellent recovery care. Barb says he is doing much better. That's really tough to have something like that happen while away from home.

My hubby, Jim, recently had surgery on both feet, and is recovering well. I think his "summoning for me bell" is wearing out!

**Jerry & Madeline Meierkort** were on a 7-day cruise to the Mexican Riviera in February. Jerry said they have cruised there so many times that they don't even leave the ship, except to shop in Mazatlán. **Chris & Woody Earl** were on a 10-day cruise there also. They both speak highly of the Ruby Princess ship line. Many of our Silverliners are experienced Cruisers, and it's wonderful to hear about their trips. We are all thankful for our rewarding experience with the "good old UAL".

**Winnie Stone, Lamar Shreeve**, and family members will be vacationing in Oceanside, CA; so we will miss them at our coming luncheon/meeting. Winnie's son is going thru some bad cancer issues, and will be going thru more surgery when they return.

Members celebrating birthdays in April are **James Czaplewski, Vicky Brender a Brandis, and Lois Miller.**

**Koji & Carrie Takeuchi** celebrating 58 years of marriage, and **Warren & Gail Allen** with 10 years.

### Calendar:

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

**August 11** - "TBA"

**October 13** - Halloween

**December 8** - Christmas



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There were 12 members at our March meeting at The Black Bear Diner. We welcomed new members **Alice & John Roe** to the Sierra Roundup. Alice retired from Reservations and John retired from the U.S. Army. They make their home at So. Lake Tahoe.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and **Jim Wagner**. 50/50 raffle was won by new member **Alice Roe**; that is certainly an incentive to return in April.

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

## NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's at 12:30 PM with a flag salute by President **Frank Worzchoka**. It was followed by a long moment of silence for two of our people who have passed on: **Mary Bush**, an EWR flight attendant, and **John Carson** of EWR customer service.

I also have been informed that **Roy Portelli**, of EWR and LGA MM, has passed away. All of us had great memories of him when he was at Newark.

We got a thank you note from the Marine Corps reserve of Toms River, NJ, for all the help we gave them in their "Toys for Tots" program. **Jerry Confer** would be proud.

**Rich Creighton** from local 914 expressed many thanks for our help in this past union election. As the saying goes, every vote counts. Frank gave our treasury report, and from the generosity of our winners of the 50/50, we are back in the black again.

**Rich Creighton** won the 50/50 as he has done so two previous times, is there something going on here?

Our next meeting will be on April 27. Since May will be Memorial Day month, our veterans should bring in some memorabilia of their service, I will notify everybody when I write the notice of the May meeting.

*"I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow."*

## NEW YORK



**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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Twenty six Chippers enjoyed lunch at the Erie-Statler Room of Erie Community College on March 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the students of the Culinary Class put an extraordinary meal before us. Served in courses were soup, salad, entrée followed by a sliver of Raspberry Pie that was to die for. Most of the conversation centered on UA's problems and all expressed hope that CEO Oscar Munoz will follow up on the good things he has been talking about.

Joining us, **Mary Ann & Frank Palumbo**, both retirees from BUF. Welcome and come back many more times. The old man of the group, **Clyde Butcher** celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. I couldn't keep up to that but did turn 88 on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Following that we found the real Senior Citizen and a former member of the Buffalo Chips, **Lloyd Cliff**, retired MM Foreman from BUF now living in a Senior home in Centennial, CO. He is in good spirits and enjoying life with his daughter and family. One bit of bad news, **Roger Townsend**, called the morning of the lunch to explain he would not attend as he had a problem driving the night before, went off the road and hit a pole. Said he wondered why he was driving on the side of the road but couldn't do anything about it until the pole stopped him. A check at the hospital suggested he might have had a minor stroke. He is fine, living at home and being chauffeured around by one of 4 grandsons. Not sure when he will be able to drive again but at present is in good health and looking to the future.

Next meeting will be in June at a day and time to be announced.

## NEW YORK METROS

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We met at our new spot, the Davenport Press with 34 members plus one guest in attendance. The guest is my dearest friend since our kindergarten days, **Una Degeorge**,

also the sister of our member **Alice O'Hagan**. I think we would all agree that the food was delicious. We'll meet there again for June and July.

As reported last month, we lost our dear friend and long time member **Roy Portelli**, after a long battle with cancer. He was waked on his birthday, 3/9 and buried on mine 3/10. We had been celebrating them together for years, something I'm going to miss. Rest in peace, Roy! We also got word of the passing of **Carlos Franko**, **Jerry Carnegie** and **Roberta Spinoza** (nee Nagle). Our prayers and condolences to their families.

**Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** are back from 3 months in Hawaii. Mike says the weather was the best in years. How perfect must that be? Also back from FL, **Frank Ferrara**. Welcome back! Sorry it's a little chilly yet for spring and El Nino showed up here too. Very windy!

50/50 winners, **Pat Hannon** (\$15), **Werner Buck** and **Margaret Hansen** each received \$10.

One of our United family made the news (and I hope she doesn't mind my reporting it). It is my understanding she took early retirement (or buyout) when JFK was closed. She was caring for a baby boy whom she pushed out of the way of an oncoming vehicle, saving his life, as witnessed by many, calling her a true hero. She was hospitalized and in a coma, but, thankfully, recovering now. We're proud of you, **Loretta Penn**, nee **DiMaggio**, and wish you a full recovery.

## Calendar:

**May 4** – Meeting at Davenport Press

**June 1** – Meeting at Davenport Press

## OHIO

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Hello Everyone! This has been a very interesting (supposed to be) winter here. While all of our "Snow Birds" had flown south, we have enjoyed "Fall" then "Spring" with temps in the 70's, all with not more than 3 scattered days of less than an inch of snow. Now the flowers and trees are blooming everywhere. And we did not have to go "South".

The day of our March luncheon at the North Olmsted Party Center was no different with a beautiful day and wonderful chapter members to enjoy it all together. We would like to thank **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack** for making all of the arrangements for this luncheon.

Our luncheon opened with only 25 members attending. There are many members that regularly attend, but 9 of them are on a cruise, and we have at least 4 additional "snow birds" this year. We were treated to our choice of 3

different wines, complements of Mae, the owner of the party center. Between that and the good food and great company, our members sure did have a good time. After lunch, **Dave Placko** conducted our Fifty/Fifty drawing. Our lucky winners were **Bob Templeton** and **Marty Hassel**. Treasurer **Steve Pytel** gave a report, adding that there are still a number of people that have not paid their 2016 Membership Dues. Remember, they are due in January and the price is "still" only \$5.00 per person.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting with celebrating our members with a March Birthday. **Frank Osborn** was the only member with us who was celebrating a March birthday. Yes, of course we serenaded him with our usual beautiful voices. We also recognized **Frank Osborn** for his service in World War II. We appreciate his service as we do everyone that has served our county. As for March Anniversaries: Although they were not in attendance, it was announced that **Vince & Norma Malena** are celebrating 49 years together! Congratulations from all of us!

We wish everyone a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend.

#### Calendar:

**May 4** - "Tavolo72" at Crowne Plaza. Cost is \$20.

**June 8** - "Rose Hill" in Medina. Cost is \$20. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

**July 13** - "William's On-The-Lake" in Medina. Cost is \$20. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

### OREGON

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It was a very windy, rainy, blustery day for our March luncheon, which kept a lot of folks away, so we were a small group of only 56. Those in attendance feasted on a lovely St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage.

**Dick Marley's** widow, **Freida**, joined us for the first time since his death in December. It was great to see her.

**Barbara VonPegert**, wife of retired PDXCS agent **Fred VonPegert** passed away on February 11, 2016. She was born December 2, 1940 in Gleiwitz, Germany. A memorial service was held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Dennis Cline** recently received information that retired ramp serviceman **Robert (Bob) Mehrlich** passed away back in 2014, but no other details were available.

**Jeri Blodgett** was in attendance after her recent surgeries to remove portions of both lungs due to lung cancer, and thanked everyone for their cards and out pouring of best wishes. She is doing very well and was delighted

to report that no further treatment is necessary and she is considered cancer free at this time. **Dick Miller** was also in attendance and doing very well. **Carol Luyton** is in the hospital with a lung infection.

Anniversaries ~ **Anita & Kent Uhl** (48 years), **Terry & Tom Hotchkin** (46 years), **Jeri & Len Blodgett** (51 years), **Sarah & Cliff Blare** (56 years), and **Kathy & Paul Russell** (51 years).

Birthdays ~ **Russell Stinnett** (63), and **Mike Thomas** (68).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Anita Uhl**, Men's Birthday - **Mike Thomas**, Women's Birthday - None, 50/50 - **George Thomas**.

#### Calendar:

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

**May 11** - Social

#### OUR CLUB

(Oregon United Retires)

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Our luncheon was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tokyo Restaurant in Grants Pass. Our hostess with the mostest, **Sonia Appleton**, greeted us all with a warm welcome and a big smile and good news. She has sold her house and is moving into town at a wonderful location close to stores and one of our members, **Laurie Jordan**, is right across the street. We were all quite surprised as at our last luncheon she had mentioned maybe listing her house and four weeks later it is sold; she is boxing up and already has the keys to her new home.

President **Ric Walcha** wants to get a moving party started so we can pitch in and help her move. I think he failed to remember he will soon have carpal tunnel surgery and lifting boxes with one hand is not an easy task. It was amazing how many came forward with offers of trucks and help. We all are so excited for her.

I wanted to start off with good news first as we have some very sad news. We have lost another member of OUR Club. **Wayne Widrig** passed away on March 26, his brother Carl gave us the sad news. As I had mentioned in our last newsletter, Wayne had been in the hospital twice in February but one is still never prepared to lose a friend. Wayne had a special twinkle in his eyes, was a prankster, loved to tell jokes, emailed daily jokes and loved God, his Country and his friends and family. I myself had a bond with him as we both are huge Green Bay Packer fans and love our Wisconsin. Five of us attended his Memorial Service which had an honor guard and many members of the American Legion of which he was a member for 67 years. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

I also got an email from **Doe Pope** who has lost one of her grandchildren and is currently in California with her

family. Our prayers go out to both the family of Wayne and Doe that they are comforted in knowing we all care and love them.

The weather has been beautiful and the flower display of nature brings smiles. Baseball season is starting so you know spring is here. Oregon was blessed with a wet winter and a good snow pack in the mountains so our rivers are flowing, the dams are getting full and we finally have relief from another year of drought. **Russ & Alberta Randell** will host the May 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Looking forward to Pittsburgh and getting ready, let's go Bucs – Pittsburgh Pirates Opening Day, a great time for Pittsburgh families and all baseball fans. Yah – Imagine - Pittsburgh Won! Sorry St. Louis – “Hee” - “hee” - “hee” \*\*\*\*\*Clean Sweep! Our Penguin hockey team is in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, no repeat of last year's “frozen”.

Our meeting at the JW Hall's Restaurant in April – St Patrick's Day Luncheon with 24 people attending and great social mingling and good food! Door Prizes - **Diane Weber**, 50/50 Raffle and door prizes (J.W. Hall's Restaurant certificates) won by **Mary Jane Stewart** and **Treatie Karwoski**!

We were so happy that **Barbara Guida** was able to attend the luncheon, escorted by **Jim Weber**. Barb has been relocated to the memory care section called Pathways, The Residence at Willow Lane, Pathways, Rm 108 B, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, as her dementia progresses, she needs more structure and support. She still has a wonderful smile and is very happy to see all of us; she enjoyed showing visitors her new place and escorted us to see her new home.

**Mitch Abbas** is in the hospital and is on dialysis at Washington Hospital. Cards can be sent to his home, 590 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 16301. **Vic Ferrence's** wife **Joan** is at her home recovering from back surgery. Cards can be sent to 133 Convair Dr., Moon Twp., PA 15108. It was decided that our yearly picnic will be cancelled this summer and we will meet for a luncheon in June, and, hopefully have new members!

Our dearest friend and RUAEA dedicated officer **Jeri Juth** is recuperating with her physical therapy sessions and doing well. She has mentioned she would like to thank all of the people who visited her at St. Joe's Villa in Baden and greatly appreciated all of the cards and prayers sent to her. She'll be relocating to another physical therapy rehabilitation residence. We are not sure where,

surely by the time this article is published, we will keep you informed. Bernie will get cards sent to her home!

Another dear friend and RUAEA Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** is coming along much better and wants to thank all for their thoughts and prayers. Hurry Treatie, get well soon!

Enjoy the beautiful weather and gathering at all of the meetings with RUAEA wonderful people and friends! Looking forward to our June luncheon.

May Anniversaries ~ **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (5/13), **Rich & Barb Guida** (5/26), **Bill & Ruth Redford** (5/26), and **Vic & Joan Ferrence** (5/30).

Happy Birthday wishes to **Ed Ike** (5/3), **Carl Chiocchi** (5/7), **Johnna Chicots** (5/9), **Barbara Guida** (5/11), **Harry Shirley** (5/12), **Dee Chiocchi** (5/16), and **Joe Scafoglio** (5/17).

## TENNESSEE

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We had our social breakfast on February 18<sup>th</sup> at The Egg and I with 20 or so in attendance. We socialized and **Betty Shipe** brought some cute pictures of previous outings.

Our March meeting was held at Puleo's in Knoxville. **Wes & Carolyn Hartshon** were the guest host. They did a great job of decorating with plenty of shamrocks, etc. We had 23 people in attendance. We welcomed **Chuck & Rhea Tantlinger** back to our group, they were members when the **Barrs** were in charge and kind of lost touch for a while. Due to the absence of our “world travelers” **Terry & Polly Klosky**, **Betty Shipe** ran the meeting.

The treasurer's report was given by my **Mike Chapin**, we have \$338.00 in the treasury.

Door prizes were won by **Patti Leonhard**, **Noreen Koan** and **Al Barkman**, the 50/50 was won by none other than **Patti Leonhard**; she is a lucky lady.

There was a discussion about the May meeting and I gave out driving directions to those who plan to attend. We enjoyed the meals as usual and the meeting was concluded by 2:00pm.

### Calendar:

**April 21** - Breakfast at the Egg and I in Knoxville

**May 19** - Lunch at Mountain State Park Crossville, TN, Play at Cumberland County Playhouse Crossville, TN; name of the play is the Sparkley Clean Funeral Singers.





## WASHINGTON

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March 8 found 36 diners gathering at the Burien Elks Club for the monthly luncheon meeting with **Ken Storey** presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ken provided his usual collection of chuckles with “plane crazy” stories. One of Ken’s tales concerned his and **Jim Fauber**’s being dispatched to Boise to replace a failed engine and finding no spare locally available. When a replacement arrived from Seattle, there was no hoist to lift it into place and our intrepid mechanics hired a local “cherry-picker” outfit for the job. As they watched the engine swaying to and fro, the two thought *their* jobs might be on the line, but all’s well that ends well.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** announced that paid membership is up to 121. If you’ve been postponing your contribution, please send your \$10 annual chapter dues to Jackie. In return, you’ll be rewarded with a copy of *Contrails* (preferably electronically if you use e-mail – this saves a bundle of money), our local chapter newsletter that is published prior to each meeting to provide information on upcoming events and luncheon reservation requirements.

Speaking of the luncheon, our April meeting was moved to Angelo’s, a family-run Italian restaurant in Burien, for a trial run. Increasing the choice of entrées to five was a challenge to **Tom Holford** and **Dolores Steger**, who take reservations by phone and computer. They, in turn, telephone their orders to Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, who forwards the information to the restaurant. This is, as always, being written before the meeting occurs, so we have our fingers crossed that all orders are/were served as diners expected.

**Ed Liesse** set up a photo “studio” in the hallway to take pictures of convention committee members. Photos were duly sent to the RUAEA National Newsletter for publication on the cover of the August issue prior to the September 21-24 RUAEA convention in Seattle. Smiling for the camera were **Ken Storey**, local convention chair; **Bonnie & Fred Frey**, tours; **Fran & Frank McNulty**, raffles; **MaryAnn & Phil Andersen**, banquet decorations; and **Gay Liesse** and **John Haferbecker**, publicity. Missing committee members will be caught by the camera’s eye later.

**Ken Tank** has taken over tour arrangements for **Bonnie**, as she has had to step back for family responsibilities. Welcome to the group, **Ken**, and we look forward to **Bonnie**’s participation closer to convention. Some convention planners are from other locations and are providing their own pictures to the RUAEA Newsletter staff.

Jackie read a note from long-time members, **Howard** (SEARR) & **Ruth Ann Clark**, who have relocated to an assisted living facility in Mesa, Arizona.

**Dick Wiesner** (SEAFO), a resident of Judson Park retirement facility in Des Moines, Washington, celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in March. Many happy returns, Dick!

**Ruth Spence** has moved away from the Seattle area to be closer to family.

**Mary Luke** suffered a fall at home and seriously damaged her ankle, resulting in surgery and a stay in rehab. While visiting Mary every day, **John Luke** also was preparing to share his woodworking skills at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Best of the Northwest Arts and Fine Crafts Show in Seattle’s Magnuson Park on April 9-10.

**Betty Paul** helped Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** distribute door prizes, which consisted largely of beautiful flowering plants this month. Included were a flat of bright primroses (I think) and seasonal specialties - Irish shamrocks and an Easter lily. Even a chocolate Easter bunny showed up on the display table. **Fred Frey** presented the lucky 50/50 drawing ticket.

**Ed & Gay Liesse** missed the adventure at Angelo’s, as they were on their way to Palm Springs and Modesto, California – a circuitous route. Gay relied on Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** and publicity cohort, **John Haferbecker**, for information to appear in next month’s column. Thanks!

### Calendar:

**May 10** – Luncheon meeting

No meetings June through August unless called to order for convention business

**September 13** – Luncheon meeting

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

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The weather is warm, flowers are blooming, Spring has arrived.

We met on March 6 in Post Falls, ID at American Legion Post for breakfast, the day was plagued with heavy rain. The meeting was hosted by **Jerry & Edna Tefft**. There are many wonderful choices with so many items to choose from and one could go back for seconds, the price was right.

**David & Theresa Reinsnauer**, **Gary & Sharon Holmes** were in attendance. We lingered over coffee talking, it’s so nice to know more about each other. Kudos to the **Teffts**.



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I was not able to attend our March luncheon since my husband Dan and I were in Florida. We had intended to fly down but the return flights from Orlando looked to be booked pretty solid. So, we drove down. It was a lovely drive, making many stops along the way. We visited family in Southern Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Savannah before pushing on to Cocoa Beach. We had a beautiful week of sunshine. While there, we decided to go to two Spring training ball games. We went to the Nats versus the Mets for a win of 9 to 4. Our second game was the Nats versus St. Louis Cardinals, which ended in a tie of 4 to 4. It was great fun.

While I was away, **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** took my place at the microphone, and I hear she did a marvelous job. She arranged for a guest speaker to speak on estate planning. The presentation was met with much enthusiasm. The reports I received, were that she was very interesting and had some very good messages for our members.

There have been quite a few inquiries about our own **Linda Scriven**. The news concerning Linda is very good. She has recovered completely from her surgery and also from her stroke. She is back to the Dynamo that we all know and love. She has since traveled to a RUAEA Board Meeting, has had lunch and breakfast with many other chapters, and is probably planning a cruise to somewhere exotic as we speak.

**Nancy Pater** upon returning from a cruise, took a fall, and was taken to the hospital. Nancy remains in Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg Virginia with double pneumonia. Nancy could probably use some notes of encouragement from her friends. They can be addressed to the hospital, or contact me for her home address. Nancy is such a beautiful and vibrant woman, and I know she will recover quickly with the love and prayers of our united family. Update: Nancy was released from Inova Loudoun Hospital to Ashby Ponds Rehab Center, 1160 Ashby Ponds Blvd., Rm 122, Bldg. 3 Maple Grove, (571) 291-6200. She had double pneumonia and is slow in recovering. She is doing a little better.

I, sadly, now bring you the news of the death of **Marguerite McCausland** on March 5, 2016. Marguerite was a flight attendant (DCASW), and a Survivor of the Midway crash. Mary recovered from those injuries but was left with lifelong complications. Condolences can be sent to her husband, Bob, at 21045 Cardinal Pond Terrace #319 Ashburn, VA 20147.

**Bob Dayock**, husband of **Marge**, passed away on

February 25, 2016. Marge was an IADSW coordinator and occupational administrator prior to retiring in 2003. Marge could be reached at 280 Ridgeview Estates, Harleysville, PA 19438.

The winner of the Door Prize of Lunch for Two at Golden Coral was **Gale Heuser** who happened to be celebrating her birthday the same day, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This week was also hers and Hank's anniversary, so a fun win for them. The winner of the 50/50 raffle of \$34 was **Dutch Schneider** and he immediately turned it over to Kerrie.

I would like to end this newsletter by thanking two of our sponsors: Glory Days Restaurant and the Golden Coral. Both of these restaurants have provided us with gift certificates, free of charge, to their restaurants to be used as door prizes.

Until next time, fly safe and be safe,

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Hello RUAEA:

Happy Spring! Hope you are enjoying the spring flowers and the sunshine where ever you are. Here in California, we are experiencing El Nino in full form. Lots of rain and wind, but our lakes and reservoirs are filling up.

Once again, I am calling upon our friends and Family of RUAEA to send me names of possible Flight Attendants who live in or near Charlotte, North Carolina. We only need a few more people to get this Chapter off the ground and we need your help. They must be United/Continental ~ resigned, retired or still flying Flight Attendants. I thank you in advance for your help.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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# Welcome

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Thank You 

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## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

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## **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.)*

## **Colin Cooke (son), 23 Edgecliff Terr, Yonkers, NY 10705**



My father passed away in his sleep on the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup>. He was 91 years old. He was born on the Isle of Wight, England in 1924. At age 10, he won a singing competition and was accepted into training as a chorister at Chichester Cathedral, and lived there full time for the next five years. One highlight of his time there was being chosen to sing as the solo chorister at the Coronation of King George VI in 1937.

The family house on the Isle of Wight was bombed during the Blitz in World War II. His grandmother was killed and several others were wounded. Drafted into the RAF during WWII, he was trained as an engine mechanic on Lancasters and Mosquitos. He served in England, India and Burma.

Post war he traveled to Canada, and worked on diesel engines for heavy road construction projects such as the Trans Canada Highway. He met my mother, Anne Carter and married her in 1948 in Barrie, Ontario. I was their first child, born in Canada.

Looking for consistent work, my father bought a 32 ft trailer and a Ford pickup and we traveled with him from job to job heading south to Maine where my brother, Kevin was born. We continued our journey south, and Dad worked in Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia. The hard demands of working outdoors and with large machinery made him answer an ad for a job as a mechanic at United Airlines. He took a test, got the job and had one week to show up to work in San Francisco. He drove the trailer for 5 days across the US with all of us to set up our new life in California. Eventually he bought a piece of property

on the California coast in Montara and had a house built. He worked at United for 29 years and worked his way up to cockpit instrument technician. He was appointed as the liaison between the management at United and the union, and became the editor of the union newspaper for eleven years. He retired at the age of 60 and was retired longer than his time working for the airline.

He lived with us for the last 3½ years, and spent his time writing his memoirs, taking walks around the neighborhood, reading the New York Times and other health journals, and catching up on British TV shows. I know he enjoyed his conversations with many of you. He stayed in excellent health both physically and mentally. He never drank, smoked or exercised a day in his life! His younger brother Clive Cooke who lives in England survives him. We miss him.

He didn't want a funeral or services, only to be taken back to England where he grew up.

**Jeanette Lee, 313 Cedar Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108**

Thank you all for the great work you do and have done. I have been under the weather for a while now. I have a brain tumor. The Doctor wants to cut some nerves in my neck. It is only a 70% chance that it will get better. In spite of this, I am blessed to wake up each morning and I thank God for that.

I haven't travelled for a long time. I manage to stay busy with my kids, grandkids and great grandkids. I have 2 kids, 12 grandkids and 13 great grandkids.

I hope all is well and keep up the good work.

**James Lundy, Apt #4, 63 East Ave., Cortland, NY 13045**

Another year has past and it is dues time. I enjoy reading the newsletter each month.

I have sciatica problems and other health issues. My wife, Wilma has eye problems and other health problems. I am 92 and she will be 92 in August.

We have one great grandchild and will have another one in June.

**Newton R. Rutter 4607 Brookmont Ct., Greensboro, NC 27406**

Wow! Time goes by fast when you're having fun (or getting old). 18 years retired and enjoying every minute of it. Don't travel much by air anymore since they fouled up the BP status for UAL retirees.

Fell back in love with driving vacations. Enjoy the Newsletter, very informative.



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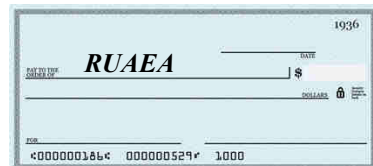
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Station Ground Services Manager Earle F. Garber discusses a sales program with Charles Cole, George Zumstein (standing) and Orval Rose. In the photo at right, Rose and Zumstein check-in passengers for Flight 300.

North Platte was the home of "Buffalo Bill" Cody at "Scout's Rest Ranch" Northwest of the city and was the site of his first "Wild West Show". North Platte's current claim to fame is that it is the home of the Union Pacific Railroad's Bailey Classification Yards with "The Golden Spike" Observation tower.



The LBF airline code was adopted in 1941. The airport was named Lee Bird Field for the son of a prominent North Platte family killed in 1918 while in military aviation training during World War I.



North Platte, Nebraska has been "air-minded" since the 1920s when Post Office pilots flew the mail by day and put it on trains at night. Its airport was one of the first lighted for night operations.

In October 1956, when this article appeared in the United Air Lines News, it had three concrete runways. The longest was 6,600 feet and United operated two trips through North Platte daily, one eastbound and one westbound.

In the first half of 1956, United's four-man staff handled 2,720 passengers and 37,630 pounds of Airmail, Express and Freight.

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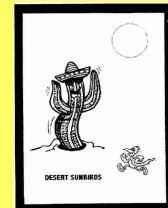
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