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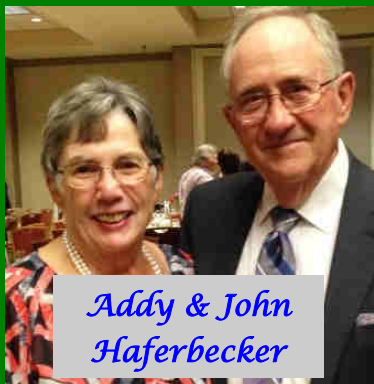
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2016 RUAEA Seattle Convention



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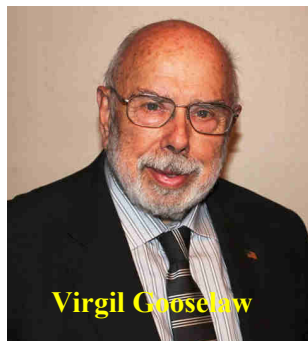


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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



We have just finished a great Convention in Seattle, WA. The result showed the tremendous amount of work and dedication by the Seattle Emerald City Slickers Chapter guided by Chairman **Ken Storey** along with RUAEA Vice President of Conventions **Ron Bertacini**. The Hotel, Double Tree Suites South Center was

very accommodative, every room was a suite and reasonably priced. We were privileged to have a great Benefit Panel made up of representatives from United Airlines and other companies that play a role in our retirement years. From United Airlines we had Janet Tyse, Employee Experience, Melissa Grubbs, Health and Welfare Benefits and Michelle Pritchett, Employee Travel Center. After the Panel presentation, there was a "breakout" session available to anyone that had specific questions of the Panel participants. "Thank You" to all the participants. The Tours were great and the Saturday Banquet was superb! When the Color Guard presented the colors everyone stood in a show of patriotism. The dinner was good and the entertainment by a precision singing group was outstanding with songs that we older folks could relate to.

To everyone involved with making the Convention great - THANK YOU!

During the Seattle Convention I became the President of RUAEA. I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. The past has a list of distinguished Presidents, Directors and Volunteers who have contributed to making RUAEA a great organization. I intend to look to them for guidance during my tenure as President. Past President **Hank Gosselin**, my predecessor, who served four years, passed the gavel to me. Hank has displayed a dedication that is outstanding and is greatly appreciated.

During my tenure I intend to continue making RUAEA the premier retirement organization that it is. We do have challenges before us, namely a big one is growth. Our membership has declined over the years, for various reasons and we need to collectively try to reverse the trend. We have a lot going for us. We have a superb communicative system in our Newsletter, Website, availability of our Regional Directors, Chapter Officers and we have two Directors, **Ed Tolle** and **Don Burbank** who have contacts within United Airlines. Ed and Don are in a unique position as they have access to UAL department

heads that can solve problems. By this means they can get problems solved or information on how to solve a problem. They can be accessed by their contact information in the Newsletter.

Good news, as this letter is being written, planning is taking place for the leaders of some of the retiree organizations to meet with Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines, in Chicago, IL. The details of the meeting will be reported to you in the next Newsletter. I appreciate the invitation we received from Oscar to attend the meeting. This is a great opportunity to enhance company and retiree relations and to work together for the good of both. Looking forward to the future, our next Convention will be in Las Vegas, NV September 27 – 30, 2017. There will be more information coming out later from the Convention Committee. Mark the dates on your calendar. This will be another good one.

Regards,

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

RUAEA 2016 Convention – Seattle We soaked it up with the Seattle Rain Dance!



Kudos to **Ken Storey** and the Emerald City Slickers, RUAEA's Seattle chapter, for a job well done! Over 300 retirees, family and friends attended the "Seattle Rain Dance," enjoying convention activities, tours of the local area, excellent accommodations at the Doubletree by Hilton Airport Suites – and especially meeting old friends while making new acquaintances to meet again next year. Even the notorious Seattle weather cooperated (for the most part) with only a few showers that barely dampened the ground, let alone convention spirits.

RUAEA Vice President of Conventions, **Ron Bertacini**, kept the ball rolling while **Hank Gosselin**, completing his fourth year as RUAEA president, was on the scene to keep **Ron** in line. Incoming president, **Virgil Gooselaw**, acknowledged **Hank's** contributions to the organization during the Saturday night banquet.

"The Mountain was out!" for the enjoyment of those traveling to Mt. Rainier on a pleasant fall day. Those more technically inclined journeyed north to Everett to tour the Boeing Wide-Body plant and the Museum of Flight Restoration Center to observe real time airplane-construction. Seattle's Museum of Flight attracted many to their displays. In addition to scheduled tours, several convention attendees followed directions from locals to visit some of Seattle's prime attractions on their own, namely the Public Market (familiarily known at Pike Place Market) and the Space Needle at Seattle Center or to enjoy an Argosy Cruise.

Of special note were the three evenings of musical entertainment in the super-sized hospitality suite, where the daily 50/50 prize winners were announced. **Kit Kitajima**, from Hawaii and henceforth known as “Lucky,” walked off with the 50/50 prize twice! Banquet entertainment by choral group Vocal Sounds Northwest, capped off the fun-filled evenings.

We don’t want to start “naming names,” because we’re sure to overlook some of the very important volunteers from both the local chapter and the national officers, but it’s important to note the great job done by **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**, who kept the Hospitality Room decorated with toy airplanes and snacks, completing their efforts with vases of beautiful dahlias for the banquet. **Fran McAnulty** successfully solicited volunteers, an often thankless task, to man the registration table and raffle ticket sales. For a closer look at the committee, refer to your August issue of this *RUAEA Newsletter*, but the core of volunteers (thank you, all!) resembled a Slickers’ luncheon meeting.

Next stop – Las Vegas! But next year we don’t want “what happens in Vegas to stay in Vegas!” We’ll all want to share our experiences – see you there!

Gay Liesse and John Haferbecker, publicity

Election Results & Convention Recap **from Ron Bertacini**



Here are the 2016 RUAEA Election results. A total of 590 votes were cast, about 10% of the membership. Of the 590 votes, 459 were cast via the RUAEA website, this is about 80% of all votes cast.

The winners are as follows; *President – Virgil Goose-law* (Denver), *Executive Vice President – Jim Simon* (Lincoln, CA), *Treasurer – Pam Ziebarth* (Omaha), *Secretary – Mary Jane Stewart* (Pittsburgh area), *Vice President Conventions – John Zoboli* (Reno), *Director Midwest – Jan Gawenda* (Chicago), *Director Southern California – Claudia Blancett* (Los Angeles area), *Director Western – Roger Cast-erline* (San Francisco area), *Director Northern California/Nevada – Sonda Sandstedt* (Auburn, CA).

Unfortunately, we have not been unable to find a person for the Director Florida as of yet.

The 2016 Convention in Seattle is now history. The convention was pretty well attended and most tours were very successful. We had members from 27 different states with Washington and California leading the way. It was almost even in the number from each of those two states. Other states represented were, Arizona, Colorado,

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The venue was quite nice and the weather cooperated 95% of the time. Views of Mt. Rainier were outstanding most days. The Benefit Panel presentations were well attended and it looks like no significant changes are coming next year. You will find more information in another report. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for “plugging” our convention and helping to make it well attended, Clipped Wings, RUPA, RAFA and Dale Harper.

Ron Bertacini, Vice President Conventions

At RUAEA convention, **we share travel and benefits info**

With a retiree population of 80,000, it makes perfect sense for representatives from our Employee Experience, Employee Travel Center and Benefits groups to have attended the recent Retired United Airlines Employees Association annual convention in Seattle to present information to help streamline our retired employees’ experiences with us.



Janet Tyse, Michelle Pritchett, Melissa Grubbs

“Feedback was very positive, and we were able to answer a lot of the retirees’ questions,” said Employee Travel Policy and Procedures Representative Michelle Pritchett, who attended the conference with Employee Experience Project Manager Janet Tyse and Health and Welfare Benefits Senior Manager Melissa Grubbs. “We engaged the retirees by helping them load United’s travel app on their smartphones and iPads to help them become more self-sufficient through the app’s access for travel bookings. That should also help reduce call volumes to the call centers and questions at the gate. Our retirees were very impressed and pleased with what they could do on the app.” Our HR employees also joined benefits vendors Aetna, BCBS, Kaiser Permanente, Group Health Cooperative, CVS/Silverscripts and VSP at the convention, which more than 300 former employees attended.

From Our Membership Manager, Cas Spokas

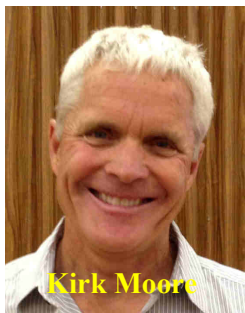
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If you have specific questions about your membership and/or website related questions, please send us an email at support@ruaea.org.

Also, please note that the Denver Office no longer has a fax machine.

Update from Kirk Moore



1) Open Enrollments for retirees:

✓ For 2017 Healthcare: October 31 - November 11, 2016 on "YBR". Access via FlyingTogether >EmployeeServices >Benefits >YBR (Your Benefits Resources).

✓ For 2017 Enrolled Friends: Will be announced in December, 2016. Access via FlyingTogether >Travel > "Update pass riders and buddies".

- 1) **United Pass Line is no longer automated** ~ United Pass Line automation has been discontinued. Now, when you call the UPL (Direct from the US dial 866-359-3727, from International dial 713-324-7277) you will always be transferred to a reservation agent. A \$25 fee will be charged to make a new booking or to change an existing booking's class of service (FC, BC, Y), pass type (Personal, Vacation) or Origin/Destination. However, there is no charge if you call to cancel a booking or to change a travel listing's date or time (with same city pair). RAFA recommends retirees learn how to list, change and cancel their pass travel for free using employeeRES on Flying Together or on mobile devices using the United app. To use the United app for pass travel and myUAdiscount travel you must be a MileagePlus member and link your MP number in your employeeRES Profile; click this link to find out how: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/Use-Uniteds-app-for-travel>
- 2) **Other Airlines: Important notices:**
 - ✓ ~ Alitalia (AZ) Alitalia (AZ) has informed

UA that access to AZ flights using MyIDTravelPurchase will be unavailable from Monday October 14, 2016 - Tuesday October 18, 2016. This outage is due to Alitalia's system conversion from ARCO to SABRE. Bookings, changes, and refunds will not be available during this outage.

- ✓ Turkish Airlines (TK) Downgrade Refunds. Since April 15, 2016 TK has been unable to issue refunds on cabin downgrades. This is due to technical problems with TK's system.

The Employee Travel Center hopes to have ALL ticketing for Other Airlines moved to the MyIDTravelPurchase website by the end of this year; we will no longer be using the ID90 website.

Note: For security reasons, the only way to access MyIDTravelPurchase is via signing into Flying Together>Travel>OtherAirline-InterlineTravel>MyIDTravelPurchase.

- 3) **Star Companion Passes, clarified** ~ Each year employees/retirees are allowed 8 "Travel Partner" passes (aka Star Companions) that can be used on 6 Star Alliance Carriers to accompany up to 2 companions on a flight. The carriers are: Air Canada, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian, Swiss International, and TAP Air Portugal. Rules:

- ✓ The employee/retiree must accompany their Travel Partner(s) on all flights.
- ✓ Each Travel Partner ticket is charged at the HIGH ZED fare.
- ✓ Each Travel Partner pass is good for a round-trip; if used for only one-way, one pass is used up.
- ✓ If you book A>B>C you may stay at B as long as you like before continuing to C on one pass.
- ✓ We do not get 8 passes per airline, but rather 8 shared among all the carriers per year; unused passes do not roll-over to the next year.

If using the ID90T website, "Travel Partners" / "Star Companions" are called "Buddies".

Note: If buying a "Star Companion" ticket for your Enrolled Friend on myIDTravelPurchase or ID90T, you CANNOT simply select them from your list of eligible pass riders, you must write their name(s) in as a "Travel Partner" or "Buddy".

All of this information is available in #2 on our RAFA webpage about Other Airlines: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1836104>

Updated: IAD lease extended through 2024

Reaffirming UAL's commitment to IAD, Chief Commercial Officer and EVP Julia Haywood and Chief Operations Officer and EVP Greg Hart shared with IAD em-



employees that United has extended its lease agreement at the airport through 2024. For the past 30 years, IAD has played a key role in United's industry-leading global route network -

where the company offers the only long-haul international service to travelers throughout the region. *"I'm excited that we're making this important commitment to Dulles and the international customers we serve here,"* said Customer Service Representative Steve Skewes. United continues to grow at IAD, increasing available seats by 7 percent over the second half of this year and launching new international routes to LIS (Lisbon) and BCN (Barcelona), new domestic nonstop service to FLL (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) and seasonal service to NAS (Nassau) and PLS (Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands) this winter.

And United continues to invest in IAD, refreshing the Station Operations Center, remodeling the offices behind the ticket counter, installing new self-tagging kiosks, refreshing United Clubs and rebranding its gate environment. The Commonwealth of Virginia is investing \$50 million to help reduce the cost of operating at IAD, making the airport more competitive and fostering growth. UAL wants to extend its appreciation to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Governor Terry McAuliffe and the Virginia General Assembly and Congressional delegation for their partnership in keeping IAD competitive.

Julia and Greg spent the day at IAD thanking employees for their focus and dedication - efforts that continue to show up in very tangible ways, including record on-time arrivals, departures and completion rates. Without their professionalism and hard work, this extension would not have been possible. *"This announcement gives us some security and, more importantly, added motivation to strive to be number one,"* said Airport Operations Supervisor Alton Watts.

IBT approves tentative agreement



The International Brotherhood of Teamsters told United recently that their negotiations committee has voted to approve the agreement in principle between the company and the union.

The tentative agreement will now be put forward for ratification by technicians and related employees, and IBT will share details about the contract and voting process. United is glad that its technicians will have the opportunity to vote for a new contract.

Torgy's Travel Tips – November, 2016



Kathie Torgison

England. You may have traveled there, several times in fact. But I venture to say that you probably have not "walked" England as I just did in August. Not the whole country, mind you, but a wonderfully picturesque part called The Cotswolds, located just south of Stratford upon Avon and about 75 miles west of London.



For 8 days my husband and I walked the public right-of-way paths between sleepy, honey-colored limestone villages, past thatched roofed cottages, through sheep pastures, across hayfields, over stiles and through "kissing gates", greeting friendly horses, cows and sheep and even friendlier people along several national trails in one of England's "Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB)". We overnighted in small Coaching Inns and B&B's, eating and quenching our thirst at storybook pubs along the way. We only had to carry a daypack with water and comfort supplies because a pickup service (Sherpa Van) collected our luggage each morning and delivered it to our next lodging point. All we had to do was to get there, by foot! With no previous experience doing anything like this, we were delighted to find that it suited us well, enabling us to savor nature, history and architecture, as well as having time for quiet reflection and the joy of being alone together with no distractions of our fast-paced society. Ahh ...

The Cotswold Way begins in the small village of Chipping Campden, famous for its sheep and wool trading markets in the 15th century, and ends 102 miles south in the ancient Roman city of Bath. Intersecting the Cotswold Way are several other trails such as the Heart of England Way, Monarch's Way, Winchcombe Way and more. We decided to walk a circular, northern route cov-

ering 64 miles using portions of all of these paths. Our walk took us to some of the most picturesque villages in the Cotswolds: Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, Lower Slaughter, Guiting Power, Stanton, Winchcombe, Broadway, Chipping Campden and Moreton-in-Marsh. We would arrive in our destination village usually around 2PM, giving us ample time to explore the town, many of which are located at or next to castles (Henry VIII's Sudeley Castle and Haile's Abbey near Winchcombe, the Broadway Tower or Sezincote House near Stow) before a leisurely dinner and perhaps catching a local event—choir concert, town meeting or festival. One B&B host even drove us with his family to a nearby town so we could have a “look-see”. We wore hiking shoes (not boots) and we each had 1 collapsible hiking stick that came in handy navigating across un-harvested hayfields or the occasional tree-sheltered trail still wet from morning dew or last night's rain. We found a small Cotswold-based company, *Cotswolds Walks*, online and had them book our accommodations and luggage transfers as well as providing us with an outstanding personalized map and instructions.

Having completed our walk in Moreton-in-Marsh which has a rail link, we proceeded with Great Western Railway to Bath in order to see the famous Roman-era spa Aquae Sulis, as well as Bath Abbey and the famous Royal Crescent of Georgian homes. This is also the home of Sally Lunn, for you bakers who enjoy Sally Lunn buns, and the Pultney Bridge over the River Avon which rivals the Ponte Vecchio in Florence, albeit not as long. A beautiful city, easily walkable and friendly. Try the Parade Park hotel (bookable on ID90Travel.com for a discount) due to its central location and good breakfast. (Note: It doesn't have an elevator, as is common in many British hotels.) Do not balk at the entrance fee to the Roman Baths – it is worth every pence. Included is a superb audio guide and the freedom to spend as long as you like exploring this amazing World Heritage site. For dinner, go up a few streets to *Sam Waller* pub. Great food, great beer.

From Bath, there are direct trains to London every hour, with discount tickets applicable to off-peak travel, defined as departures after 9:30AM. The train arrives at Paddington Station, where the Heathrow Express train can take you to the airport. And if you want to stay in London there are lots of economical accommodations 2 blocks away. Just exit Paddington at the large doorway closest to track 8, walking up the roadway/sidewalk where the smoking patrons linger. Look for London Street on your left and proceed along it for 2 blocks to Sussex Gardens where you will find small, quiet hotels like The Adare, The Balmoral, The Castleton or the art-deco Stylotel. Great location in a quiet neighborhood with close access to multiple Underground lines.

The British have done a wonderful thing by promoting healthy, free outdoor activity via mandating public

pathways on private property. Take them up on their generous offer! And if you think that a walk of this duration might be too difficult, you might consider taking the train to one or more of these villages to use them as a base for a lesser aggressive adventure. There are 50 walks of 2 to 10 miles that can be taken as simple day walks out of any of these, and other, villages in the Cotswolds. A proper map, using British Ordnance Survey parameters and accompanied by easy, turn-by-turn instructions can be found at bookstores or travel stores. Have a trip you will always remember!

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

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

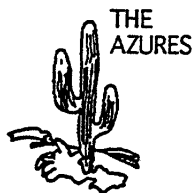
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LOCAL NEWS

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Greetings from Arizona!

We are sorry to report that **Don Brei** was just recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, he is currently undergoing chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. Don & Carole would surely appreciate some encouraging cards and letters from the Azures and the many folks he has worked with at United Airlines. Their address is 20588 N. 271st Ave., Buckeye, AZ 85396.

We are happy to report that **Warren & Gail Allen** and **Ron & Cheri Innis** who retired from IND are now living in this area and are joining the Azures! Welcome!

Happy Birthday to **Laura Ehas** (11/16), **Pat Lowell** (11/16), **Kay Heinig** (11/17) and **Lisa Hopkins** (11/24).

Happy Anniversary to **Joan & Dick Aaronson** (11/11), **Peg & Tom Heidecker** (11/30), and **Carol & Vic Liltz** (11/30).

The Azures officers for the 2016/2017 season are: *President ~ Mike Richards, Vice President ~ Don Brei, Treasurer ~ Lonna Fischer, Recording Secretary ~ Lynn Cline, Membership Secretary ~ Claudia Richards.*

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Tuesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The November dates are November 1st, 15th, & 29th. The address is 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224.

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We're happy that our "Snowbirds" are coming back to Arizona and look forward to seeing them at our Breakfasts or Luncheons. We hope more retirees that are in the area from United or Continental will come and join us. We are a fun group that enjoy being with each other and helping our chapter be as great as it is. If you

have any questions, please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610 or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Please give us a try.

There were 15 from our Re-United Chapter at the RUAEA Convention in Seattle. The weather turned out perfect; didn't need an umbrella at all. We all enjoyed all the tours, meetings, evening get-togethers, and the Saturday night Banquet, with the beautiful voices of the folk-song singers. Besides having a lot of fun being together, quite a few of our members won money or a gift card. What a lucky group! There were 317 people at the Convention, which was more than last year; so that was good news. We listened to various speakers on Saturday morning regarding Alliant Credit Union, pass travel, technical Service Desk, Flying Together, Aetna, and CVS Caremark. The annual enrollment for insurance is October 31 to November 11, 2016. Be sure and contact them if you want to opt out, or make a change.

Next year's RUAEA Convention will be in Las Vegas, NV at the Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 E. Harmon Avenue, two miles from the airport. Reservations at the hotel are from the period of September 24 through October 2, 2017, with the main banquet being Saturday, September 30. The rate is \$89 plus tax, which includes breakfast Monday through Thursday. The reservation group code for the RUAEA Convention will be "RUAEA17". The deadline for making your reservation will be Saturday, Sept. 5, 2017. Some of the highlights for this hotel are: Largest non-gaming Resort in Las Vegas, three pools, fitness center, complimentary Airport and Strip Shuttle Services, close to shopping, dining and the Las Vegas Strip, and No Resort Fees. Toll free Reservations are: 800-582-2228. Mark your calendars. Should be no problem driving there from Phoenix.

Our September 30th Breakfast had 21 people there. There were four guests. **Pat & Sheila Power**, from Elk Grove Village, IL. Pat worked on the ramp with **Harry Cloud** at O'Hare, and **Bill & Shirley Eaton**, who were guests of **Orland Baldwin**. They knew each other from Denver. They joined our Chapter. We always enjoy having visitors. Welcome!

There were 26 members at our October luncheon at the Bavarian Point in Mesa, hosted by **Dakota Morris-Terry**. Everyone enjoyed the food and had a good time. Thanks to Dakota for doing a wonderful job in setting up this great German Restaurant.

Our next luncheon is Thursday, November 10, at the Golden Corral, 1318 North Cooper Road in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a.m., for socializing and 12:00 noon for the buffet. There is always a huge amount of food to choose from; won't go away hungry from this place. Our hosts are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, so be sure and let her know you'll be attending. Ginny can be

reached at (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at bvrock@cox.net. Look forward to seeing everyone there. Our November Breakfast will be Friday, November 18, one week early due to Thanksgiving on November 24, at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Peg Snowdall, our Vice President, know you will be attending by Wednesday, November 16, so she knows how many to expect from our group. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

The Fantasy Flight plans are taking shape. There have been a couple of planning meetings, plus one Fund-raiser at the Ahwatuckee Country Club, with golf, dinner, and a silent auction, with Decoration Day being in November at Gate C, on Wednesday, November 9th, and the Fantasy Flight being on Friday, December 2. Our United Airlines Fantasy Flight has been chosen as the Channel 12 Honoree charity during December 2016. We will receive the following recognition from Channel 12: A \$1,200 donation for the work of our organization, featured live on Arizona Midday at the beginning of the month as well as on [12 news.com](http://12news.com); a 30 second promotional commercial based on the story and mission of our organization will air for the month of December 2016, and a 1-2 minute segment about our organization that will also air on 12 News during one of their newscasts. To date we have hosted 2,340 children on a flight to the North Pole, and have donated \$57,416 to special schools to help their children. Isn't that wonderful? What a wonderful charity event. There are a number of items needed for the children involved in this Fantasy Flight: Socks, that fit Kindergarten to Second Grade children, Gloves for the same size children, Stadium -size Fleece Blankets, and Barbie Dolls and trucks (need 60 each), plus cute, huggable stuffed animals. We are planning on having 120 children again this year. Please give any of these items to **Peg Snowdall** at any of our upcoming breakfasts or luncheons. The children will love you, and it will make you happy too.

We hope our good member, **Bob Irwin**, is feeling much better. He had a setback in September, while in cardiac rehab for a double heart by-pass, he fell over a piece of equipment and broke his right hip. Hope nothing else goes wrong. If you wish to send him a get-well card, his address is 1 S. Lincoln Ave., Lombard, IL 60148. He doesn't expect to be back in Arizona until January at the earliest. Get well soon, Bob! We miss seeing you.

It was brought to our attention by **Martha Goose-law**, the Letters Editor for the RUAEA Newsletter, that members can now write Notes on the web at www.ruaea.org, when renewing their membership. She also asked that members consider writing about their past and include their phone number, so she can contact you if there are any questions. A lot of people read the

notes that people send in with their checks to renew their membership, and would like more people to do that, as it makes it more interesting for others to hear what is currently happening to them, plus where they worked in the past. So, remember that, when renewing your membership with RUAEA.

If you haven't joined RUAEA yet, please do. The yearly dues are only \$27, and you get very important information all the time. They are on top of things happening with our company, so if you have any type of question, you will be able to get information through them. Also, it is fun reading what other chapters are doing and hearing about some people you may have worked with at some time. You can use a credit card to pay your dues. They accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards. The credit card option is available online at www.ruaea.org. If you wish to mail a check for your dues, it can be made out to RUAEA, and mailed to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Remember to include your File Number. Do it now before you forget about it.

We have the following birthdays in November: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), and **Buss Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to each one of you! We have two anniversaries and they are **Doreen & Harry Cloud** (11/11/72), and **Donna & John Smiley** (11/20/62). Congratulations and Best Wishes to both couples!

Calendar:

November 10 – Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 11:00AM, with buffet lunch at 12:00 noon, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Contact them with your reservation at (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at bvrock@cox.net.

November 18 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15AM. This is a week early than normal because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will attending by Nov. 16, at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

December 7 – Annual Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen**. More information will be forthcoming.



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter in Prescott, Arizona. We are online again after a 3 month summer "off" period. Our first meeting in September con-

sisted of a nice lunch and no business. Fourteen members attended.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at the Lone Spur Café. See you all then.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were fifteen Roadrunners gathered for lunch on September 15 at El Minuto Café which is across from the south side of the Tucson Convention Center. As we arrived, we were greeted by our hosts **Charli & Len Nicholson**, and they treated everyone to Cheese Crisp, a house specialty, which Len said you have to go to Sonora, Mexico to get anything quite like it. It was a special, melted cheese on a flaky tortilla, unlike anything I had ever tasted. Delicious! Everyone who tried it, really liked it. We ordered off the menu which offered some interesting regional selections. As lunch was wrapping up, the 50/50 drawing was won by **Rich Di Lallo**.

President Charli informed us that as of October 6, there will be a United (Skywest) nonstop from Tucson to Chicago. Also, Aeromar will fly from Tucson to Hermosillo, MX. In addition, there will be a new flight from Newark, NJ, EWR, to Havana, Cuba; although there might be an initial embargo for employees.

The next luncheon will be on Thursday, October 20 at Trattoria Pina Cucina Italiana at 551 North Swan Road, just south of Sunrise, at 11:30 – look for their bright yellow awning in front, next door to the bank on the corner. We'll be ordering from the menu. There is parking on the north and south sides of the restaurant. (For anyone who has difficulty walking, you will definitely want to park on the north side (closer to Sunrise) as the walk is level. The walk from the south side parking lot is a steep uphill climb, difficult with a cane or walker! Please RSVP no later than Friday, October 14, to **Alice & Pete López** at alandpal@comcast.net or (520) 797-9331.

We saw the movie "Sully" and really enjoyed it.

Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 8 at Oro Valley Country Club, 300 W. Greenock Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737 (More details to follow).

October Anniversaries ~ **Suzanne & Tom Fehseke** (10/17/1970) and **Marcy & Ed Degan** (10/22/1960).

October Birthdays ~ **Jeff Lawyer** (10/1), **Mary Garrahan** (10/8), **Rich Di Lallo** (10/5), **Ray Potsic** (10/11), **Pat Carera** (10/6), **Stephanie Rayburn** (10/20), **Sandy Lawyer** (10/7), and **Larry Clark** (10/26).

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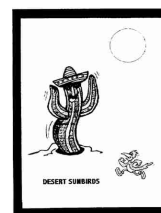
The month of September was a very quiet one for our members. We did not meet, but we will look forward to our next meeting in October.

I just received my copy of the October Newsletter and on the back page was a picture of a DC7 flying over Hawaii. This reminded me of the time that my family of five flew first class both ways from SFO. That was back in the 1970's. I don't think we would be able to do that again using the present pass policy. UAL gave us a great pass program that made the Retirees honored for the service they performed over the years. I'm glad I was around to enjoy that privilege.

Mike Zoldak & Bridget will be hosting next month's meeting. Mike has taken on more responsibilities since our group has grown smaller. I'll have more information after our October meeting.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Another short meeting for the Desert Sunbirds in September, as President Mike was still on his "Magic" tour. **Patti Sica** again took charge as Hostess for the Luncheon. We met at the Fantasy Springs Casino in Indio for their outstanding Buffet. Oh, I ate so much. A small group of twenty eight Sunbirds (no guests this month) attended, and after lunch, many stayed to try their luck at the tables and slots.

October Anniversaries were celebrated by **Bill & Lia Schultz** (55 years on 10/28); and **Chuck & Marji Lamas** (36 ... months! OK 3 years on 10/26).

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Maureen Schultz**; **Carole Paquin** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Desert Sunbirds' featured member this month ~ **Barbara Harrison**.

Barbara graduated from High School in 1967 in Owensboro, KY. After graduation, she went to work for the largest natural gas pipeline transmission company in the South. Two years later, the lure of beaches and big-time fun drew Barbara to Los Angeles. She worked for

Mazda Motors of America for seven years. By this time, Barbara had married, and given birth to a son. He went on to graduate from USC. He founded a music academy for young musicians, performs professionally, and teaches at an elementary school in Hermosa Beach.

In June of 1976, she applied for an administrative opening with UAL in LAXSS. It led to other administrative positions, including the Regional Vice-President's Office, and the Reservations Office. In 1987, Barbara transferred to LAXCS, holding positions in the International Concierge and Special Services Program, as well as CSR. Barbara became a Customer Service Supervisor in 1988. In 1999, while still a Supervisor, she took on the role of Hub Security Manager, with oversight of the Security Checkpoint Contractor, and liaison with local and Federal Law Enforcement.

Then, 9/11! Security Regulations changed daily. In December, the FBI created a Citizens' Academy to unify local industries for collaborative emergency response. Representing UAL, Barbara graduated from the first class held in Los Angeles. It was an eight week training course - of which two weeks included "Active Shooter Response", and eight hours weapons training.

In 2002, Barbara advanced to WHQ Corporate Security as Senior Staff Representative. The position included "Risk and Threat Assessment", Security System enhancements, and training domestic and international ground security coordinators.

Four years later, Barbara returned to California, and accepted a position as Operating Manager in SFOCS. There she stayed until her 30 Year Anniversary, retiring in 2008 to her new home in Palm Desert, CA.

Barbara says it is a great pleasure to be part of the Desert Sunbirds, revisiting the comradeship we had as employees. She is grateful for the path afforded her, and the support of many friends and mentors along the way.

Awards and Honors: City of Los Angeles, Outstanding Contributions, FAA Certificate of Appreciation, Support and Contributions, US Olympic Committee, Certificate of Appreciation, US Secret Service, Certificate of Appreciation, US Department of State Diplomatic Security, Certificate of Appreciation, US DOJ FBI Citizens Academy.



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers did not have a regular Luncheon Meeting in September since many of the regular attendees were in Seattle for the 2016 RUAEA Con-

vention. Thanks to the entire Seattle Convention Committee including Gold Digger members **Ron Bertacini**, V.P. of Conventions, and **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, Newsletter Manager and Convention Photographer, 18 Gold Diggers and many others enjoyed another successful convention.

The Gold Diggers who attended the convention were **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**, **Frank & Angie Dellinger**, **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, **Terry & Penny Greenacre**, **Syd & Sherrill Morgan**, **Ed & Rose Rheam**, **Sonda Sandstedt**, **Jim Simon**, **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** and **John & Pat Zoboli**.

After returning from the convention, we received the very sad news that one of our long time Gold Digger member, **Ron King**, passed away on September 25, 2016 after a long illness. Ron was President of the Gold Diggers in 2000. Ron will be missed by all of us. A memorial will be held on October 29, 2016. For additional information please contact the Gold Digger Secretary, **Terry Greenacre**.

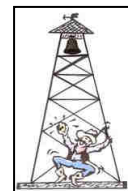
Two Gold Digger members will be having medical care soon. **Ken Norton** will be having hip replacement surgery on October 5 and **Frank Dellinger** will have a medical procedure done for his heart very soon.

In the August issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, we reported that the Gold Diggers welcomed **Lorry Huckill**, guest of **Carolyn & Orville Harshbarger**, at our July luncheon. Lorry is 94 years old and still has her private pilot license. I just received a letter from **Charles Miller** from Jasper, AL, 84 years young, who retired from UAL in Chicago in 1987 and still flying his Cessna 150. He wants to congratulate Lorry and possibly correspond with her. I will forward his letter to Orville so he can get it to Lorry. I hope that Charles is inclined to submit a letter to RUAEA Newsletter about his flying experiences with United.

We will not have a meeting in November because of Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be December 7 at Turkey Creek Country Club which will be hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**.

HANGTOWN MINERS

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September is such a special month. When we were younger (!) it was the month that our children went back to school (yippee) and the crazy life that went with those kids hit high. Now that we get to sit back and watch our children be the parents, we can enjoy the month that brings us the first day of autumn and the changes that season brings. If we have any trips planned, there are

pluses – less crowds, more room on the flights, better rates – or, we can just stay home and savor the last of the fruit and vegetable gardens. **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** arranged our September luncheon at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Folsom. What a great plan, we were seated in a separate room where they closed the "windows" connected to the big dining room, turned down the music and had plenty of servers to take and deliver orders. Everyone was able to order "just what they wanted"! President **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to Gary & Mikki. Oh, Mikki, who is a wizard with crafts, put together the table decorations, which became part of the raffle. While there were no anniversaries noted for this month, there were several birthdays: **Sherry Biro, Tom Kenny, Bob Ames** and **Bill Kenney** all claim this month to celebrate. Happy Birthday to each of you!

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** updated us regarding members from whom we have not received the 2016 dues. **Jane Gibson** will send an email to each of the (only 4) to see if they want to stay with our group or be dropped. There are only 3½ months until our 2017 dues will be paid! Rudy also let us know that **Bill Voetsch** brought the shirt catalogs. There's a variety of styles and many colors to choose from, so let Bill know if you wish to order.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** was silent – no, really, he didn't have anything for us!

Treasurer ~ Since **Tom Kenny** was working, his wonderful wife, **Suzanne**, brought his report. **Kerry Kozelka** discovered that BJ's offers a fundraising program to non-profit organizations. Unfortunately we did not have all the info in time to take advantage of this program. However, if/when we have another luncheon there, we will know when and how to get the paperwork done in time.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** received a postcard from **JR & Rosemary Heier**. Those two are off exploring again! At the time the card was sent, they were at Graceland "having a great time despite the 90% humidity & 90+ heat!" They were heading to see Grand Ole Opry next. JR & Rosemary sent their "Hi"s to all.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** is keeping up with those we know may be having some difficulties. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing good things or not so good, please let Suzanne know so that she can stay on top of the situation.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** was not at this meeting. She and Joe will be hosting the October luncheon at Casa Ramos on October 10.

Old Business ~ Rudy covered the membership and shirts under "President".

New Business ~ Hangtown Miners 2017 Officers: Rudy reminded us that the time is fast approaching for us to nominate our officers for 2017. Please come to our

October luncheon to participate in the discussion and nomination of members to hold the offices for our club. Nominations will be made, you will have a month to think about it and then, in November, those offices will be voted on for 2017.

Rudy reminded everyone that our October luncheon will be at Casa Ramos in Placerville on Monday, October 10. Be sure to call/email **Joe** and/or **Lynda Lima** by the 5th to let them know you will be attending.

Our meeting closed and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Suzanne Kenny** was the winner of the donor's prize. Our great big "Thank You" to all who brought items to raffle: **Blazius** – candy dish; **Quinnell** – Grill mat; **Biro** – candle set; **Gibson** – salt & pepper shakers/towels; **Kenny** – ladies fanny pack; **Kenney** – vase; **Dinette** – bathroom set; **Dalleske** – table decorations.



Redwood
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Retirees

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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We met again at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa on September 8, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**, who had pretty fall colored flower arrangements in autumn-themed containers on the table. We enjoyed our time of greeting and conversation together to welcome the fall season!

Our menu consisted of a choice of Beef Filet, or Salmon with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables; the desserts were a pear mousse, or a pumpkin pineapple mousse.

RER President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting, thanking Valerie and Jan for hosting our luncheon; he welcomed the members and guests, including a new member **Doug Sanders** and his friend **Carol Turek**. He also acknowledged that **Maria van Kruining** was back with us after the recent passing of her husband, **Nick van Kruining**.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** reported a healthy \$572.78 in the Charity fund, and \$426.82 in the general fund. She also announced that beginning in October; we will be collecting dues for 2017, which will be \$20.00 per member for the year ahead.

Vice-President **Jerry Underhill** told us that there were 7 guests, including **Marilyn Schuler**, guest of **Verda Burr**; **Lynn Cassil**, guest of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, also guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**; **Carrol Turek**, guest of **Doug Sanders**; and **September Holstad**, guest of **Valerie Hulsey**.

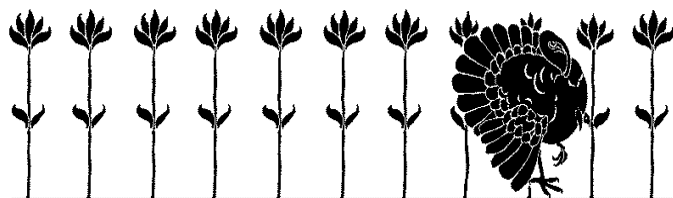
RER historian and travel pass expert **Barney Hagen** talked to us about receiving many questions regarding survivor's benefits. He checked the RUPA, the retired Pilot's website, which gives a pretty clear explanation on how to use the pass travel info for those who qualify for survivor benefits (a surviving spouse). He pointed out that survivors don't get vacation passes, and noted that retirees can accumulate 8 vacation passes per year, up to 40 vacation passes in 5 yrs., and then they will drop off. He reminded people to link their acquired mileage plus info to their profile info on the Flying Together website, to get access to United.com through the smart phones, to monitor the flights both to list and to change listings.

RUAEA Western Director **Roger Casterline** was recently re-elected for next year, reminded us about the RUAEA convention in Seattle. He also relayed that there is a positive direction for the United Airlines in the news, one of which is that there are a new President and Vice President recently elected.

Next, **Verda Burr** read the birthday and anniversary list: **Norma Davis, Jan Baty, Rich Hanna, Zelma Kibler, Lou Legnitto, Lois Schwind, Mickie (Maxine) Orchard** and it also would have been **Nick van Kruining's** birthday this month. The anniversaries were **Larry & Madelyn Schmidt** (30 yrs.), **George & Lois Schwind** (67 yrs.), **Larry & Mary Wilson** (51 yrs.) and a special recognition for **Ron & Joanne Huhn** for 60 yrs., celebrated last month. A fine bottle of wine was presented to them in honor of their 60th by Verda from our chapter.

Joanne Huhn shared about those who are out ill, which included **George Schwind**, who just returned home from the hospital. She will send a card to him from our chapter. **Maria van Kruining** thanked all those who sent her cards of condolence at the passing of her dear husband, Nick. Joanne also mentioned that the end of year Charity distribution time is fast approaching, and asked if it would be agreeable to recognize the favorite charities of those four members who left us this year. She will compile the list to be voted on at the November luncheon. To send a card to **George Schwind** to wish him a quick recovery to come back and join us soon, 301 White Oak Drive, #348, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

The raffle prizes were drawn next for the nice wines, See's Candies, and the lovely fall flower centerpieces. Our next month's luncheon will be held at the Villa Restaurant, 3901 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa, on October 13th, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. See you all then!



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We are enjoying some beautiful fall weather but, alas it is teasing us. Another heat wave is moving in for the weekend.

Bill & Rosina Krefft enjoy looking up their past in Ireland, connecting with their heritage, looking for any remnants of their families and the stories of a time long gone.

Ed Knight has been sailing in Gmunden, Austria in the World Airline Regatta and now in Munich for Oktoberfest. We will enjoy hearing about his adventures when he returns.

Our monthly breakfast is after the deadline for this newsletter but we are looking forward to hearing about the RUAEA Convention in Seattle.

We will be talking about plans for our upcoming Christmas Luncheon and catching up on all the stories from those who are now out travelling.

Did you know that we will begin flying to Cuba on November 29th? This will be our 13th new international route launched in 2016. This gives us more places to check out and plan on for our future travels.

Come down and visit. Our next meeting is November 3rd and we look forward to seeing you there.

Calendar:

November 3 - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our September meeting was called to order by President **Vera Kina**. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was followed by a few moments of silence for our military forces both here and abroad. Our Board and General meetings were very short as we are having our annual "Steak BBQ" luncheon – as the price of beef has gone up appreciably (booo or I should say moooooo,) getting volunteers to help and other logistical problems, we are having a catered lunch provided by Armadillo Willys – great BBQ Ribs, pulled Pork, beans, delicious muffins, etc., instead of Steak. Good Old Willy got to do all the cooking, setting up, cleaning, baking. Everyone had

plenty of food to eat (and take home). As this was such a success, we will probably do this type of event on a regular basis in the years to come.

President **Vera Kina** requested that most reports would be postponed until next month.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** report is postponed.

Vice-President and Secretary positions are still open, only two more meetings 'til next year. Hopefully Santa will bring us two willing and able folks to help us out in 2017 (hint, hint!)

Secretary ~ Still temporary, **Ginger Dahlberg** was unable to attend the meeting.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** noted that **John "Brandy" Branstetter** presented his passport at the Oregon border and drove down for the meeting. He was "lookin' good", he had been under the weather a short while back, good to see ya! **Gene Walter** was the only one to 'fess up to having another birthday. We did have some anniversaries – **Bob & Donna Taiclet** (57 years), **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** (32 years), **Bill & Diane Heinrich** (44 years) – congratulations to all! **Ben & Linda Vietz** celebrated their 50th anniversary while on the Pageant of the Masters trip. **Bob Clinton** fell down and broke a hip, get well wishes are coming your way. Sad news to report – longtime members or family have passed away. **Ernie Bloom**, not only many years with United, also a familiar face at the SFO airport greeting and dispensing information to travelers. A Celebration of his life will be held on October 29th at the Elks Club in San Mateo at 1:00pm. **Bob Ahren's** daughter passed away recently. Wife of **Gene Hoy, Joan**, passed away last month. Long timer and Past President of the Golden Gaters, **Aubrey Bliss** succumbed after a long illness. Keep these people and their families in your hearts and thoughts – we will miss them. I will remember **Aubrey** - a tall, big man riding his small bicycle (and I mean small) all around the bike paths in Foster City, always brought a smile and laugh when I saw him.

Auditors ~ **Gene Walter, Dorothy Reuszer, and Ben Vietz** are crunching the budget numbers and will report next month.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** handled the finances for the Bingo games. The **Underhills (Jerome & Barbara)** won twice, **Donna Taiclet** won twice - the Black Out game plus one other. Harriet will be collecting canned goods and packaged food for a local Shelter for Thanksgiving and new, un-wrapped toys for Christmas so that Santa can fill his presents bag (those presents will be nestled around those two volunteers for Board positions as mentioned above.) Members are always generous and we thank you for that! Please don't forget as these holidays are coming up fast!

President **Vera Kina** has been advised that there will be a SFO Retiree Flyer with information about our group available at the SFO United Airlines Open House which

is being held on October 9 at the SFO Maintenance Base. **Ginger Dahlberg** will be on the Fleet Week, Blue Angels boat trip with 54 hearty folks,; lunch on the Horn Blower and the Blue Angels show, weather is supposed to be in the high 70's – we have requested calm Bay waters. Special thanks to **Ron Bertacini** for putting our SFO Retiree Flyer out for the people at the SFO Open House. He will be having info about RUAEA. If you go, do stop by and say hello. Many SFO members belong to RUAEA.

Trips ~ **Ginger Dahlberg** will report next month on final excursions for 2016. Contact **Ginger** if you are interested in the trips being planned for the remainder of the year: gingersfo@aol.com or (650) 224-1865. We manage to have lots of fun and much laughter (keeps us young!)

Historian **Jim Goodwine**, along with Auditor **Gene Walter** will be finalizing our Policy Manual / By-Laws at our next meeting.

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

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September began with a fun time volunteering at our local Second Harvest Food Bank on September 7. It was our third experience this year helping this valuable organization prepare food items for distribution to those less fortunate. Twelve of us were on hand to separate and label a variety of packaged sauces and soups and box them accordingly in 25lb boxes so they would be easier to transport and distribute when the time was right. Over the two hour timeslot we handled close to 5,000 lb of product. Thank you **Boyd Sweet** for your ongoing work with this organization and for setting us up to volunteer. We're hoping to schedule another effort again before the year is out.

Our annual Fall Luncheon was held on September 14 at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Campbell. Fifty nine were in attendance. This was a new location to try for our chapter and we enjoyed the food and of course, the time of catching up with each other. The raffle after the meal was great fun as well thanks to **Tony Urso's**

leading. Members **Cleve & Donna Stafford** came all the way from Manteca to join us and we're so glad you did! It was neat to get to know you a little better and we hope to see you again at our Christmas Luncheon. Thank you to **Boyd & Meryl Sweet** and **Dave & Robin Garland** for organizing, decorating, and welcoming everyone.

Speaking of our Christmas Luncheon, it's coming up quick! This year's luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 13 at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara. It will consist of a delicious buffet lunch, entertainment, and raffle of gifts and goodies. If you have something to donate, please contact **Cheri Scales** (408) 226-7855 or bring to our weekly Friday breakfast meeting. Cutoff date for donations will be Friday, December 2. Flyers will be sent out very soon to all of our members. If anyone from another chapters would like join us, give our secretary a call (above) or send an email and we would be happy to send you a flyer. We hope to have a great turnout to this fun annual event!

The long awaited and much planned for Seattle RUAEA convention was attended by 16 of our members - **George & Julie Midwin, Ben & Cheri Scales, Keith & Ann Olthof, Boyd & Meryl Sweet, Dave & Robin Garland, Bob & Karen Devlin, Roger Casterline, Zelma Kibler, and Bill & Sherri Mansur**. Some flew, some drove, and I even heard of someone taking the train from California although not from our group. We had a great and memorable time together. Tours were outstanding with the Museum of Flight and Boeing Manufacturing Plant tours being highlights for many. The evening events were wonderful and banquet Saturday evening was a night to remember with the announcement of next year's convention location - Las Vegas! Some of our members added vacation time onto the front end of the event (**Midwins** - exploring historical sites in No. Calif.) while others tagged some on after (**Olthofs** - Canada to visit friends, **Garlands** - visiting friends and family in Washington and Montana and Nat'l Parks in Wyoming, Utah, and California). Thank you to the convention organizing team for a wonderful event! We appreciate your hard work.

While many in our chapter were away for the convention, **Tony Urso** held down the fort at home carrying on our weekly breakfast meeting. Thank you Tony! You're the best!

On the home front, our SF Giants are in the playoffs and we are cheering for them. Hoping they will go the distance and win the World Series. Go Giants!

Our thoughts continue to be with **Lois White** and **Charlotte Cacioppo** as they deal with health issues. Hoping you are being comforted and healed during this process.

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot.

Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

December 13 – Christmas Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant



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Our September meeting was held on the 12th. We returned to the Old Spaghetti Factory. They have become our first choice for our monthly meetings with a combination of good service, good menu selections and a private room with lots of room which works well with our group.

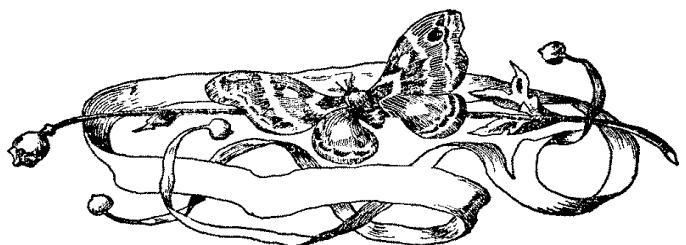
Last month we had an unusually low turnout with a combination of members traveling and a few others with health issues. This month almost everyone returned and we had 31 for lunch! We have gained a new member, former Flight Attendant, **Jo Alice Canterbury**.

Rich Bouska gave a recap of a wonderful RUPA cruise he and **Georgia** went on Holland America to Boston, Portland Maine, Newfoundland and Quebec. **Tracy Blanchard** and **Jan Soderstrom** also attended. It sounded wonderful. **Ken Price** went on a 10 day cruise to Alaska.

Tom Johnson visited the Boeing Museum in Seattle. There is a great Employee Store open to the public. Many aircraft are on display including a mail plane, DC2 (yes a '2') and even a 787. Well worth going.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **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.

- October 10 – El Tapatio
- November – Old Spaghetti Factory
- December 12 – Annual Christmas Party – Zio Fredo's, Pleasant Hill



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The rain has finally come to the Northern California area! After several fires in some of the counties, we are all very glad that rain has arrived.

Our September 28th meeting was held at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. We rotate our schedule between Redding, Los Molinos and Chico.

Merritt Odor called the meeting to order and thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up our luncheon. We had 22 retirees and spouses in attendance. Merritt welcomed members **Ray & Jean Herrick** whom we haven't seen for a long time.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Kent Jorgensen** and **Klarin Odor** will be celebrating birthdays in September. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will celebrate their 24th anniversary in October. **John & Chris Isbell** will celebrate 54 years and **Kent & Billie Jorgensen** will celebrate 55 years all in October.

Some members were missing due to injuries and illness. A shout out went to **Kay Neidlinger**, **Charlotte Puryear**, **Jim Geiger**, **Glenna Sollid** and **Richard Skelly**. We hope for a quick return for all of them.

Merritt thanked **John & Chris Isbell** for joining RUAEA. Merritt reported we have a new Northern CA/NV Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**, who is a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers. **John Zoboli** will be taking the V.P. of Convention position. Sharon will e-mail Sonda and invite her to one of our meetings. A big thank you went out to **John Zoboli** for coming to our meetings and sharing information that was always helpful.

Merritt spoke about the passing of **John Stilwell**. John worked with several of our members in the maintenance area. Years ago he was also the president of the Local IAM Union. Merritt spoke about the upcoming Family Day, Open House at the SFO maintenance Base.

Vanessa Pratt gave a short presentation on a new weight loss, energy and brain booster product call Brain Octane from Bullet Proof. She talked about the energy and weight loss that she has experienced.

A discussion took place for our Christmas get together. It was decided to hold it on Wednesday, December 7th at 1:30 P.M. and **John & Linda Delaney** graciously offered their home for the get together. There will be a gift exchange under \$15.00, men and women separate, which will include a game made up by **Klarin Odor**. We always enjoy the story that is told. The group

will pay for the meat and it will be a potluck. **John & Chris Isbell** offered to purchase and cook the ham with John's special recipe. Sharon will send out flyers to everyone on the particulars. Sharon encouraged everyone to wear their festive Christmas attire for the occasion as well as bring their favorite Christmas dish. Since it is also Pearl Harbor Day, **Ray Herrick** who is a veteran, offered to give a presentation from that period of time.

Hal Burdick won the 50/50 raffle, and **Don Arndt** won the \$15.00 lunch voucher.

Calendar:

December 7 - Wednesday at the home of **John & Linda Delaney**, 1:30 P.M. for a festive Christmas celebration! Come and join us if you are in the area!

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Congratulations to **Virgil Gooselaw** (RUAEA President) who has been elected and is assuming the duties of RUAEA National President for a two year term succeeding **Hank Gosselin**. Virgil was previously RUAEA Executive Vice President and over the years has served as Newsletter Manager and Membership Manager. Virgil joined RUAEA in 1995 and has been active in management roles since 2004. We look forward to working with Virgil and wish him well in his new position.

The October breakfast was attended by 29 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Yumi Trujillo**, **Charles Hassler** (DENMM) and **Cas Spokas** (DENMM). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues. VP **Gary Trujillo** opened the meeting by reading the minutes from the September meeting. The investigation by President **Don Burbank** into SilverScript, CVS & Caremark pricing is still ongoing. The retiree communication project is still in the development stage. Gary noted that there is good information in the last newsletter about the effort to limit postings on all electronic boards that are double posted and triple posted. Changes are being developed so you can actually change your routings at the airport.

Gary Trujillo has firmed up arrangements for the annual Christmas luncheon which will be held on December 14th from 11am to 1pm at the Holiday Inn Cherry Creek located at 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver, (303) 388-5561. The cost is \$25P/P. Submit your checks to: RUAEA Denver Chapter, c/o **Martha Gooselaw**, 973 Uvalda St. Aurora, CO 80011. The deadline

for reservations is December 8, 2016. The entrée choices are Salmon and Pork Loin with a choice of pecan or pumpkin pie for dessert. Please indicate your menu choices on the check along with the member's and spouse or guest name. Each attendee will receive a ticket for a door prize to be determined by drawing. 50/50 tickets will be available at the door. Please bring an unwrapped child's gift for donation.

Tom Goodyear (Chap. Pres. Ret.) noted that financing is still awaiting approval for the building expansion to house 8 simulators. After the expansion is finished, the facility will have a capacity to house 40 simulators.

Virgil Gooselaw spoke about the convention. 320 people attended. The hotel was fantastic (all suites) and the entertainment at the convention was excellent. Virgil & Martha were joined by family members and longtime friends of the family from Sunnyside, Washington. There were UAL representatives from WHQ at the convention: Melissa Grubbs (Benefits), Michelle Pritchett (Travel) and Janet Tyse (HR). These ladies have been very helpful in the past solving concerns that we have had. President Gooselaw encouraged people to use the resources in Flyingtogether to get answers before inundating WHQ with phone calls. A multitude of questions can be answered online. Virgil and **Don Burbank** are always only a phone call or E-mail away from helping to answer questions. Concerning DENTK, **Tom Goodyear** and Virgil met with Lilia Walker, Mgr. who serves as the Owner Representative and also the Project Manager from WHQ. The move to our temporary office will begin after October 14th. The building that houses the cafeteria will be completely empty by the 4th of January. It has not been announced how the food service will be handled. The RUAEA and the United Historical Foundation (UAHF) office will be moved to a cubicle that measures 6'x6'. In addition, the company is providing us with an 8'x16' roll-off container for storage purposes. No dates are available for our move into new offices after the remodel is finished. Virgil thanked everyone for all the cards and concern during Martha's recovery from hip replacement surgery. She continues to convalesce at home.

Harry Crandall (DENMM-TK) is convalescing at home from a hip replacement.

Ida M. Howard (DENRR) passed away on September 10th. She was a resident of Bay City, Michigan. Ida was 96 years old.

Gerry Rees, wife of **Lee Rees** (DENMM) passed away on September 30th. Contact information: PO Box 448, Strasburg, CO 80136, (303) 622-9654, rees-bva@gmail.com.

Capt. **G.A. Slader** (DENTK) passed away. He was a manager at the Flight Center for a time. He was also the F/O on the ill fated UA811 in 1989 when the cargo door ripped off the 747 flying from HNL to Auckland.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPEERS



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Submitted by Kathy Faust

Fifteen met at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages for lunch on Thursday September 29. After a two month break, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and catching up on everyone's activities for the last two months. We missed **Don & Mary Nellans** and were sorry to hear Don is suffering from double vision; we won't be seeing them until they figure out what is causing it. We hope they figure it out soon, we missed you guys.

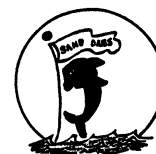
We are sorry to inform you that **Dick Bligh's** wife **Diana (Yanos) Bligh** passed away, she worked at EXOKF, EXOKO and SFOKM. She will be missed.

Our next meeting will be Thursday. October 27th and Ralph wanted you to know we will be holding elections for the coming year. Our Christmas luncheon will be held at Nancy Lopez Country Club on Thursday, December 1.

Our 50/50 was won by **Dick Bligh**, congratulations! We are very proud of our member **Theresita (Tita) Dumagsa**, the project director of real medicine foundation. She was selected most influential woman in the world by the Filipino Women's network from an outstanding field of nominees from around the world, in the "Behind The Scenes Leader" award category which recognizes the Filipino woman who is a driving force behind the success of a social cause. She has gone beyond the call of duty to advocate for those who need a voice. Her life's work has been as a volunteer to help lift people from poverty in the Philippines through education. The award ceremonies were held at the Shangri-La Mac-tan resort in Cebu, Philippines on August 23, 2016. Pretty fantastic. Keep up the good work.

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Due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Matthew, we have postponed our October 6 meeting until October 13. Since I'll be unable to attend that meeting, there will be no minutes. We'll resume our regular report with our November 3 meeting.

Calendar:

November 3 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice** at 10:30 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence for the victims and families of 9/11. We had 11 in attendance with no visitors and no new members. Birthdays for the month of September are **Mary Judd** (9/19), **Willie Wilkerson** (9/23), and **Jan Lindstrom** (9/28).

There were no minutes from the previous meeting so we tabled them to read and approve at the October meeting. The Treasurers report was read by **Beverly Alderdice**. We are in need of a Secretary for the end of this year and the coming year. Christmas party details will be given at the picnic meeting in October.

Travel was taken by **Ethel Gargill**, she spent a month in Minnesota. **Jan & Bob Lindstrom** went to the Keys and were welcomed and followed home by Hermaine. Sunshine Chairperson **Terri Breslin**, mailed cards to **Jon Wilkinson**, **Mary Judd** and **Mary Martin**.

Jon Wilkinson informed us of the latest happenings at United. **Jon Wilkinson** approved adjournment of the meeting at 11:15 and **David Lodge** seconded.

Calendar:

November 7 - Meeting at IHOP Restaurant at 10:30 a.m.

December 7 - Christmas Party at Heritage Springs (details at October meeting)

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Our picnic on October 4 was attended by 30 members and the 2½ yr. old granddaughter of **Janet Hanley**, Emily, and what a sweetie she was indeed. The weather was a little more humid than we expected; we thought perhaps it was because of the Hurricane Matthew that was brewing in the Caribbean that almost destroyed Haiti, what a pity those people have to live through another disaster when they are not completely over the effects of the earthquake a year ago. God help them.

The food was terrific and the cake that Dinos brings is always the talk of the day, what a delicious cake it is. You have to see how beautiful it is with lots of fresh fruit decorating the top and lots of whipped cream. Yummy indeed!

We had a humorous thing happen when a raccoon that always hovers around us pulled down a large black plastic bag that was filled with trash and dragged it to the middle of the lawn near our pavilion; it pulled everything out and left! A short time later, Al went out and with a few others put all the refuse back in the bag and put it where it belonged.

After everyone was finished eating, President **Al Popek** spoke about the convention he and his wife, **Janice**, just returned from SEA. Next year, the convention will be in LAS! When they were in the SFO area, it was extremely hot for that area, unusual weather everywhere. He reminded everyone that our Christmas/Holiday Party will be at the Twisted Tuna and everyone looks forward to the party, those that attended last year were quite pleased with all the food and service, etc., including decorations.

It doesn't look like **Michael & Maureen Carragher** will be returning to Florida because of health reasons, so sad and we will surely miss both of them, Michael just celebrated his 85th Birthday.

The 50/50 was won by **Mary Kay Wetherington** and the Progressive was won by **Diane Brodis**, **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Sharon Kirk** won gifts that **Al & Janice Popek** donated.

Birthdays for the month of October ~ **Michael Carragher** (10/6), **Mary Kay Wetherington** (10/22), and **Arnold Lakso** (10/25). Happy Birthday to all! One Anniversary, **Edgar & Victoria Snyder** (10/7). Happy Anniversary!

Voting for New Officers will take place at the November Meeting.

Love, Laugh and Live, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

November 1 – 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart

December 6 – No Luncheon/Meeting

December 8 - 6PM Christmas/Holiday Party, Twisted Tuna, Port Salerno - Toys for Tots

January 3 - 1230PM Luncheon/meeting, Duffy's, South Stuart



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Twenty six Flyers met on October 5th to enjoy a luncheon and fellowship. The 50/50 was conducted by **Fred Cron** and **Andy Ryabik**. Won by **Don Sullivan**, it amounted to \$21.00 to him. His daughter, **Colleen Sullivan** just returned from Green Bay, Wisconsin where she went to a cranberry festival. She was a Delta flight attendant, so she flies Delta as much as she can.

Fred Cron told of a trip to Chicago and back on a 737 instead of the little Express planes. He got first class both ways. He even wore a United Airlines customer service agent uniform, all except the name tag. Only one NRSA recognized it.

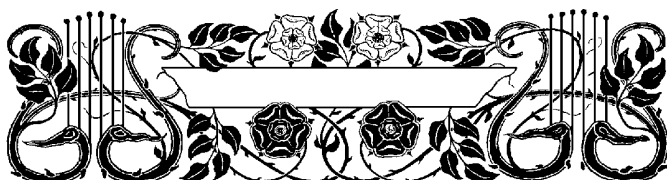
Don Shelly told of one of his sons, Eric, a paramedic in Locust Grove being promoted to lieutenant. His other son, Dan is a Henry County police sheriff.

We had no attendees at the RUAEA convention. **Sybil Voss** was going but her family of 4 generations decided to have a family reunion in Virginia. The 4 generations went from infants to old people.

Bill & Jodi Elk were awaiting donations for Ladies in Distress. Clothing, purses, cereal, coffee and chocolate powder along with Splenda, were filling up the trunk of their new Hyundai car, which was driven on vacation and got 39 miles per gallon.

Bogie & Jodi Wallace heard from **Jesse Hicks** in Camden, Tennessee and all is well with Jesse and Ruth. We heard that **Dick Reidle**, formerly ORD, Atlanta, Tampa and Brandon, FL had his last wheels up recently. **Willie Foles**, one of 3 Atlanta mechanics left after **Tom Ogle**, passed after our last luncheon. **Gerald Dennis** had recent surgery, unable to find out what kind. **Ron Heider** forgoes the hernia surgery and will have balloon endoscopy of the throat at Emory University Hospital. Robert Heider, grandson of R. & M. Heider, graduated as MD and is now employed at Duke University Hospital as a radiologist en route to being a brain surgeon.

The Flyers next luncheon, November 2nd, at Broadway Diner Fayetteville, Georgia, 2PM. All United and Continental retirees welcome.



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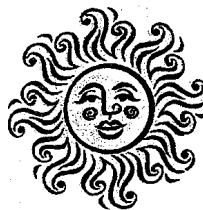
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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



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

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November, November, November, see, I told you the year would go fast! I just finished singing, 'September Song', from Knickerbocker Holiday. Remember that great song? Whom 'has time for the waiting game?' Sad, young kids never heard of it. Here come the holidays, planning parties, scheduling babysitting for the kiddies? Are you writing up Christmas lists? Or just giving money, easiest thing to do. Gift cards and money. But I still honor my High Holiday, Black Fri-

day, just for the hell of it! We put our clocks back an hour on November 6, and we vote on November 8! I hope you've all registered to vote and plan to do so. A 'not going to vote' will probably get in the person you don't want in. So, think about it. It's been a wild and crazy process this time, but somebody reminded me that 1968 was crazy, too. Yes, it was. I was in the Hilton, having a drink with friends, when all those hippies were acting up in Grant Park. I was with **Jacquie Johnson**, from CHIRR, with friends of hers, we had no idea there were riots outside. They told us to leave out the back door or else we'd end up in paddy wagons with the hippies. Ah, ok, we're out of here ... we were part of history and didn't know it. Let's not forget November 11, Veteran's Day, and honor all of the men and women who have protected our country from day one. Salute that flag and protect it from any enemy, here or from out of the country. We need unity and allegiance more than ever! Don't forget to kiss your turkey, the one with or without feathers.

Our Northside breakfast brought a welcomed surprise, **Al Broderon**, was able to join us, thanks to his brother in law, **John Stusek**. Al looked good, a little thin, but it was wonderful to see him again. **Cesar & Elena Guerra** have been babysitting their grandson a lot, he keeps them hopping and tired. **Jim Sommerfield** and **Shirley Johnson** enjoyed their Alaskan cruise, and a Buckingham's concert. Our September Skyliner's Luncheon was a big hit, especially our entertainment, a barbershop quartet, the Chordmasters, what a fun group they are. And, they are coming back again next fall! New Luncheon-eers were **Peggy Maromaty**, from EXOKA, **Rich Maionchi**, EXOKX, and **Precy Coligado**, EXOAI. So nice to see new members join us. Got some phone calls from members, **Ruby Singer**, ORDCS, living in Alabama, she's doing well, living close to her siblings and her dog, Pearl. She said they are both 'gems'. Isn't she clever? I also heard from **Myrtle Jessogne**, from EXO agency tour accounting. Back in May, she fell and broke her hip. She is unable to drive and attend our breakfasts or luncheons. Funny, I had just thought of her last month, wondering how she was. Also got a call from **Jim Haslem**, ORDMM. He and his wife, **Phyllis**, celebrated 60 years of marriage in September. They married in Kansas City, where he worked for SAC. He started his career in 1957 with Continental. After a few airline changes, he ended up with UAL in Chicago. His son, Jim, works in DENMM. Congratulations, Jim & Phyllis, many more.

On the Southside, we had an even dozen drop by. **Marge Schmitt**'s grandson is getting married in a few months and then moving to Düsseldorf. Yes, the one in Germany! Marge, I feel a road trip coming on, I have flown there a few times, and taken a train to Cologne (Koln). There is a beautiful cathedral there, construction

started in 1248, it stopped, and started again, and now it's being restored. Relics of the Three Kings are supposedly in the cathedral. If you do take the train to Koln, be sure to look backwards leaving the station, you'll see ladies of the evening, hanging their bosoms out of their bedroom windows, waving at you. Oh, yeah! Also tripping are **Gwen & Bill Brookins**, ORDCG. They belong to the Social Seniors and Retiree group, who took two-bus loads of people to DCA, to see the new African American History and Culture Smithsonian Museum. They were also able to see the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. The Museum is in the shape of an African king's crown. Bill said the Museum was very crowded right now because it just opened, but well worth the trip. **Sylvester Gant, Bill & Gwen Brookins**, won the raffle.

The IAM Retiree luncheon was well represented this month. It was Bring-your-own-Lunch Day. Nobody was disappointed since we all had what we liked. Our condolences go out to president, **Karen Carney**, whose mother died last month, just a few days before her son's wedding in Denver. When she returned, she planned the funeral, and then went on a previously planned trip to Italy. Whew, busy and mixed emotional month. God bless, Karen.

The Seattle RUAEA Convention had about 320 attendees. Everybody had a great time, seeing old friends and the tours were outstanding. The women from Benefits and the Travel Center gave information to them, including the App on the Smartphone. There were also vendors from insurance carriers, VSP, CVS, and the dates of open enrollment coming up for us are October 31-November 11. You got your notices by now. **Bill Corbett**, ORDFF, was named Assistant to the new Vice President Convention Chairman, **John Zoboli**. In addition, I, Jan, was named Midwest Director. We both hope to serve you well. Thank you, for your votes of confidence. As I mentioned last month, my number is (847) 437-7073. Please leave a message and I promise to return to your call. If I know what you're looking for, I can research it before I call you back. I promise! Always feel free to leave news, I love telling our friends about each other. Or send me an email to my address above.

In the August issue, I mentioned the Hub cities were given MAP devices (Iphone 6's). One beautiful Sunday in September, LAX had a generator problem in the airport. Workstations and printers were totally out. During the three-hour outage, the IT team and some very smart CSR agents, boarded and departed all of the scheduled flights, ON TIME! How about that! Most customers didn't even know there was a problem until they stepped into a dark Jet way where those CSR's were using flashlights to get them safely to the aircraft.

Very good news for you to keep in your memory

bank, as my old supervisor, **Jack Starkey**, ORDMM, used to say. In the event that you need to transport human remains from and to cities that we do not fly, we have access to people that can help. They will ship remains of employees and eligible family members at no charge. Their phone is Trust UAteam at 855-822-2737, or email TrustUA@united.com. The funeral home works directly with our TrustUA team. You can ask them ahead if they deal with United. Please, I'm not being insensitive, I'm a realist.

Our departed this month are **Bob Bemis**, ORDCS, **Margaret Hutchinson**, EXOAI, **Tom Kelleher**, ORDMM, **Bill Ostrem**, ORD Fuel Tech Svcs., **Wayne Page**, ORD/ EXO, **Randy Agbayanyi**, EXOKF, **Rose Gravadoni**, Chicago Bag desk, her daughter, **Connie Marks**, is in ORDCS, **Chisako Kurito**, ORDCS. **Al Slader**, the F/O that is credited in saving 811 in 1989 from HNL to Auckland, **Betty Doran**, MDW/EXO. She was one of the founders of the Midway Girls. Also gone from our world are writers, Edward Albee, Gloria Naylor and W. P. Kinsella (Shoeless Joe), Charmian Carr (Leisl), Bill Nunn, George Odom, Shimon Peres, Gary Glasberg (NCIS), Richard Trentlage (Oscar Mayer), soap icon, Agnes Nixon, Larkin Malloy, Jose Fernandez and sports legend, Arnold Palmer.

Time to start thinking about getting that flu shot!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**November 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 6 - Christmas Luncheon, Tuesday, Avalon Restaurant, Higgins Road, Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails

INDIANA



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Although the Indy Racers August field trip to the Grissom Air Museum was cancelled due to flooding and inclement weather, **Charles Theiss** (pictured) and his son Anthony, decided to make the trip on their own. When they arrived at the museum, the weather cleared allowing them to enjoy exhibits both indoors and out. Visitors to Grissom can sit inside a F-4 Phantom aircraft, a H1 Huey helicopter and many more aircraft. Charles



was particularly drawn to the Reserve Base where they saw several WW II planes. Charles said that he remembers making and painting many models of those planes when his son Anthony was a youngster. Their tour guide was an Army retiree who had transferred to the Navy and was stationed in Germany in the 1950's at the same time Charles was stationed there.

So the two were able to have a long chat about their shared military experiences. Charles said that he and his son are looking forward to a return visit to the museum. He hopes the Indy Racers can schedule a field trip to Grissom as well as Wright Patterson's Air Force Base National Museum in Dayton next Spring.

The Indy Racers have appointed a by-laws committee, chaired by **Chris Johnston**, to review the organization's by-laws and make recommended changes for 2017. Members of the Committee include **Wanda Bryce**, **Jim Gibson** and **Charles Theiss**.

The US Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection box was placed at Emmy's Restaurant where we hold our monthly meetings. Restaurant patrons donate items through the month of October and the Racers bring additional unwrapped toys to the November meeting where all gifts will be given to **Jack Conway**'s brother for distribution by the Marines to Central Indiana needy children at Christmas. Jack's brother is a member of the Marine Corp reserve.

Barbara Urbanovic won the September 50/50 drawing. Members attending the meeting were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**, **Hannelore Brabo**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Bob & Ruth Duffey**, **Ed Duffey**, **Bob & Myrt Duty**, **Jim Gibson**, **Chris & Shary Johnston**, **Ed Loftus**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Joan Romano**, **Charles Theiss** and his son Anthony, and **Barbara Urbanovic**.

Indy Racer travel plans for the fall included a lot of family visits. **Jim Gibson** travelled to Boston for his grandson's birthday. **Dimple Rihel** visited grandchildren in Tampa and celebrated a granddaughter's 5th birthday in the Sunshine state. **Tony & Barbara Urbanovic** visited a grandson in New Mexico. **Joan Romano** is planning a trip to North Carolina for a visit with her daughter.

Chris Johnston attended the first outing for the Red Bull Air Race in Indiana, where he watched high-speed, low-altitude racing. The race was held at the heart of World Championship Racing, the historic Indianapolis 500. The pilots battled for World Championship points in the racetrack above the world's first purpose-built mo-



tor speedway, in an aerial racetrack designed to push them to their limits.

In other news, **Ken & Deanna Boeke** adopted a shelter dog and are enjoying walking and training their new "family member." Thank you to Ken & Deanna for opening their home and their hearts to an abandoned animal.

Happy Birthday to **Myrtle Duty** (11/14); **Jim Gibson** (11/30) and **Concisa Loftus** (11/30).

Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the second Tuesday of each month. Our October 11th meeting will be at Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center, Rockville Rd. in Avon, Indiana. Lunch begins at 12:30 pm. and the business meeting starts at 1:30 pm.

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The Nor'Easters September 24 meeting, a lobster and luncheon cruise, aboard the Beauport Princess of Gloucester, MA, brought out 17 members. The water calm, the day sunny, the food excellent, the DJ entertainer good and of course the company, our members, at their best. It was such a smooth cruise, **Susie Dolgin**, who was on the top deck didn't realize the ship had docked.

From **Jack Casey**; something good happened to a couple of Nor'Easters. Sixty WWII & Korean War veterans were members on "The Honor Flight of New England" headlined by actor Gary Senese, visiting Washing-

ton, DC and both war memorials. A representative announced we have two Mr. Caseys here today. Both Caseys announced, "I know him!" They were our own **Jack Casey** and **Bart Casey**, Logan Airport retirees. The most exciting thing for all 60 members was the enthusiasm of the crowds lining our way. Jack said that's my one and only such trip and they'll be no complaints from this 94 year old. Regards to all I haven't seen in some time, stay well!

Mercedes Hersom spent her 80th birthday with friends in Hilton Head, SC. Another surprise, which almost caused cardiac arrest, a friend flew down from BOS to help celebrate, carrying Mercedes' favorite coffee cake in her suitcase. Walking from house to restaurant she was treated to song, happy birthday sung by friends. Merc always claims "the Holy Spirit" sits on her shoulder, so she gave herself a present. A tattoo of "the Holy Spirit", yes, on her shoulder! Even had her pastor bless it! Who says seniors don't keep up with youth? Way to go Merc! Of course, at your next meeting everyone is going to want to see it! Dress appropriately.

Andy & Carol Montalto finally became first time grandparents! Son, Andy Jr. & wife Amanda gave birth to a 7lb. girl on August 12, Tillie Giovanna Montalto. Needless to say, proud grandparents!

Jayne & John Regan planned on a pilgrimage with the Church of Manchester, NH, to Medagora, Sarajevo, Bosnia. Unfortunately, John come down with pneumonia and spent five days hospitalized, cancelling their trip which was flying PS on LH. The trip was a 25th wedding anniversary present from their son. John is home now and feeling fine.

From our President **Carleen Eddy**; after 36 years in the same house, Bruce and I know it's time to move to a lovely single level home. Amazing how much "stuff" you accumulate and how difficult it is to let go. But, at the same time, it's exciting to start a new chapter in our lives. Same town, new location. Wish us luck!

Be sure to get out there and vote. However, in my opinion, we don't have much of a choice. I wonder what would happen if **no one** showed up to vote!

November's birthdays: **Robert DePippo** and **Marcia Kilpatrick**.

November's anniversaries: **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (35 years), **Barbara & Robert McFarland** (49) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (54).

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected, is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed!

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas party, Danvers Port Yacht Club, Danvers, MA.

January & February 2017 – No meetings

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Wow! It's almost October. The year is sure flying by. **Denise Thorsby** and **Gail Buchanan** hosted our October luncheon on October 6th at R.P. McMurphy's. The restaurant is located at 2922 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte, MI. It has been years since we met at a downriver location. It was nice to revisit another part of town.

If you weren't at our September luncheon, you missed a good one. **Carol Slade** and **Sue Craig** hosted it at the Olive Garden in Livonia. We had a lot of fun and they had cupcakes. What a treat. Thanks ladies.

We had dinner with **Marie Cook** and **Michelle Petry**, her niece, **Joni O'Brien** and **Helen Venn**, **Rick** and me last night. Talk about having a good time. We laughed and carried on like we hadn't seen each other in years. The other diners at Page's in Farmington must have thought we were drinking. It was just one of those days when everything seemed funny. Thank you ladies for making the evening so enjoyable.

I need help with the monthly newsletter. Please consider offering a helping hand. Call me at (248) 667-9258.

So, what have you and your fellow retirees been doing? I haven't heard from anybody lately. Call or send an email to let us know what is new in your life.

MINNESOTA

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Mea culpa, mea culpa! Although our chapter news was composed and ready to send, I must have had fishing on my mind (Lake of the Woods, walleye, small-mouth bass ...) because I totally spaced out sending it in for the September issue. The following is what you should have read last month plus the latest from September.

Our summer season being so short here in the Great Frozen Tundra, not all of our colleagues can attend our monthly sessions, what with summer guests and traveling. Only 21 folks attended our luncheon in August.

Let me get the bad news out of the way first ~ we lost our dear friend, **Gladys Hazekamp**, wife of **Bernie**. She had not been able to attend our gatherings for several years and usually, that meant we didn't see the **Bern**, either. Condolences may be sent to **Bernie** and his family at 4232 Blackhawk Rd., Eagan, MN 55122.

Our intrepid President **Lee Storlie** has decided that since he hasn't attended a RUAEA convention since 1999 (when our chapter hosted it), he would join **Jim Simon** and the two of them would drive up from California. Our group voted to assist him a bit financially since he had been kind of badgered into making the trip. He tried to use some Mileage Plus miles his daughter has earned travelling internationally with UAL on business, but the process was so frustrating that he said *&\$)%*# and called Delta.

You may remember that we gave a \$\$\$ gift to a young man attending the U. of WI, River Falls on his graduation. **Tom Cafilisch** reported that he is doing well and is now employed in the athletic department at one of the River Falls schools and is the go-to guy for troubled students.

Our "mascot" Brooklyn, **Lee Storlie's** granddaughter, has graduated from high school now and her choice of colleges was Montana State University. Hopefully, she'll be able to play hockey there, as she's had super success as a goalie.

Our attendees who celebrated a birthday in August, **Mary Kilian** and **Nel Brawner**, rolled the dice to see who would get the \$5 prize. **Nel** won the toss, but **Mary** got a bar of soap as consolation.

The September boat trip on the St. Croix River was a success with 27 attending on a gorgeous late summer/early autumn day. The River gorge from St. Croix Falls is so beautiful at any time of the year, but the mid-70's is perfect weather to enjoy the ride downriver. The boat was able to get quite close to the new bridge being built across the river to Wisconsin. There have been some construction delays in the project, but the three spans should be connected and open by next summer, hopefully. No matter where you live, you'll hear the sigh of relief from all the commuters when that happens.

Our condolences go out to **JoAnn & Chuck Eichacker** on the death of **JoJo's** Mom, Jeanne Betty Ahrens in September. She was 95 years old. A private family memorial service is being held in October in Minnesota. If you'd like to send a note to **JoAnn**, their address is 10751 S. Ocean Blvd, B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN.



NEBRASKA



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It is with great sadness that I report the death of our good friend and chapter treasurer **Eileen Holly**. Eileen passed away August 19 after a very short battle with cancer. Her ready smile and friendly manner will be greatly missed.

We had 35 attendees at our pot luck dinner at Lake Manawa Fish and Game club hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**. It was a beautiful sunny and somewhat windy day which helped with the temperature but not with the tablecloths and paper plates. It's always a good time to see friends and catch up on everyone's happenings. We were so happy to see some who had not been in attendance for a while. **Larry Nollette** was able to attend and he drove himself. **Dick Weak** walked in as though he had not had any previous injury at all; he is an amazement to his doctors. Also in attendance was **Van VanHouten** who had recently undergone knee replacement surgery on both knees, that's a real accomplishment when you are in your middle 90's. And **Terry Hayne** and **Lana Bruns** joined us; Terry and Lana were among the last of the real United employees to leave the station. We had one new member in attendance, **Bill Vogt**, he and his wife **Judith** will join the chapter. It's a fun way to spend an afternoon and see everyone.

The winners of the 50/50 were **Stan Longmeyer** and **Helen Taylor**, each received \$13. The only order of business was the election of a new Treasurer and we are happy to have **Ev Holly** take that position.

Our next meeting will be at Gerda's German Restaurant and Bakery at 5180 Leavenworth St. and will be covered in the next chapter report.

Birthdays for the month of October are **Lorraine Stanfield** (3), **Sandy Bender** (3), **Margie Stiles** (9), **Judy Nekonchuk** (13), **Kathy Faust** (15), **Mike Stiles** (19), **Kenny Bender** (21), **Barb Soseman** (25), and **Bob Faust** (27). A great big Happy Birthday one and all.

Calendar:

November 1 - Longhorn Bar, Fort Calhoun, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

December 6 - Christmas luncheon, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

January 3 - TBD. I will pass around a signup sheet at the next meeting for volunteers to host the months next year. It would be nice to see it filled up the first time around.

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There were 12 members at our September meeting at the Black Bear Diner. Also present was Yesenia Anguiano, assistant to **Maurine Williams**.

There needs to be additional discussion about the continuance of our August picnic. As attendance drops but costs do not, renting picnic space may no longer be feasible. **Fred & Pam Olesek** have graciously offered the use of their backyard for a get together. Also discussed was an option to have sandwiches delivered rather than a barbeque. We may also want to consider moving the date/time to mid-to-late September to avoid very hot weather. Our Christmas Luncheon has been reserved for December 9th at the Tamarack Junction. The menu remains chicken, salmon and pork roast. Look for the reservation sheet early in November.

September birthdays were celebrated by **John Brown**, **Jeff Nimori**, **Joan Baillie** and **John Zoboli**.

We have received information that **Tom Diehl** passed away recently. We were able to determine his friend Reggie's last name for contact on more information. It appears there will not be any services.

Donna Perkins informed the group that her mother has passed away. Sympathy cards may be sent to her at 1180 University Park Loop So., Reno, NV 89512.

Kathy Robinson was the winner of the 50/50.

Once again, **Bill Perkins**, our resident pastry master presented some delicious small palm-size pies that he referred to as Mason jar cakes in lemon, cherry and blueberry flavors.

NEW JERSEY

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The Garden Staters met at Snuffy's restaurant with a flag salute from our president **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for a long time employee **Sal Callari** of EWR maintenance, who passed away on September 17. He was a good friend, and he will be missed.

We were reminded by our President that we will be collecting "Toys for tots" in memory of **Jerry Confer** who was a member of our retirement chapter, and a former Marine. Since our next meeting will be on October 26, it will not be too early to start collecting the toys. As there will be no meeting in November, our collection will continue for toys at our Christmas luncheon on December 14.

Frank gave the finance report, and all is in good hands. At least we can give out better door prizes! The 50/50 was won by **Vince Ferry** and our next scheduled meeting will be on October 26 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

"If common sense is so common, how come so few people have it?"

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

September found the Buffalo Chips at the Dove Restaurant in Orchard Park for lunch.

I found the restaurant in the new listing of the United Club although after announcing the date and place, I learned that several in the group had been there before. It is a great place specializing in Italian food, the menu consisted of Chicken Marsala, Shrimp Scampi, Veal Parmigiana, and Lasagna and for yours truly, the wonderful Calamari. Everyone had their fill and most had a little white box to take home. All my good Italian friends have told me that Pasta e Fagioli served in an Italian home does not have meat, every restaurant I have eaten at has either ground hamburger or ground Italian sausage added but not the Dove. They had the real thing, Pasta e Fagioli with no meat. It was delightful for a change.

The meeting was mostly a friendly get together as we have not met since March due to a variety of problems so it was nice to see everyone.

We did have a few last minute cancellations, **Clyde Butcher** fell the day before and his Dr. could not see him until the day of the luncheon. He'd had some tests but was waiting for an MRI to get a better look at his problem.

Norm Scheaffer called and his Dr. had to reschedule a series of test for lunch day and the Scheaffers were not with us. **Gloria Glantowicz** (late John) joined us and it was great seeing her again.

Returning home, I found an email saying **Bruce Klossner** had passed away peacefully at home the day before. The wake and funeral were held September 28th

in Attica and Darien, New York. We send his family prayers and best wishes from the group.

Ed Fauth lost his wife **Laura** in the past month and we send him prayers and best wishes of the group.

Our Next meeting will be at 1200PM, December 7th at Russell's Steaks, Chops and more. Details will be in the mail in a few days.



NEW YORK METROS

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Twenty New York Metros met on October 5 at the Davenport Press. We will meet there again the first Wednesday in November, November 2nd. We are looking for a new place for the Christmas luncheon.

Not much news this month.

Calendar:

November 2 – Luncheon at Davenport Press.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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We had 66 members attend our September 7th meeting held at a new venue. Our lunch was at Shale Creek Golf Course and the weather was a perfect 80 degrees and sunny. "Grace" was performed by Vice President **Arlene Taylor** before lunch. She elaborated on the upcoming anniversary of tragic September 11, 2001. She read: "The Definition of a Hero", inspired and composed by **Dolly Taucher** and **Arlene Taylor**. One might call this "food for the soul". After the reading, a moment of silence was held in tribute. You may read it below, and also go to our website www.ualohiobuckeyes.org, and click on the "past meetings" tab, there you will choose "SEP – Shale Creek Golf Club 09-07-2016 luncheon" to watch the video.

The 50/50 drawing was conducted by **Dave & Marie Placko**. The winners were **Steve Pytel**, **Norma Malena** and **Barb Wachs**.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting. We gave a big "Thank You" to **Norma & Vince Malena**, for hosting this luncheon. The food at Shale Creek was very good, the variety extensive, and the service was excellent. Members agreed this is a place we wish to patronize in the future. Also, we were informed

that **Barb Vauls** had surgery on August 30 and hopes to be back soon.

September Birthdays: **Sharon Gatesman, Tony & Darlene Novak, Margie Sandstrom, Beverly Smith, and Lois Walter.** Yes, we sang "the song" to them.

September Anniversaries: **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** (49 years).

Steve Pytel has been Treasurer for the Buckeyes for almost 7 years. His dedication was remarkable. We gave him a big "Thank You" for the service he provided in this volunteer position as Steve has elected to retire from this office.

Dolly Taucher then spoke about the importance of having carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home. She and John had an incident in July. Dolly awoke with an intense headache at 3:00 a.m. and noticed the entire neighborhood was without electric power and their home generator was running. John got up, and shortly after their carbon monoxide alarms sounded (basement first and then kitchen). They called their Fire Department and were told to "get out of the house". The Fire Department found carbon monoxide in all 3 levels of their home with a count of 30 on each floor, plus a huge concentration of 125 in the attic above their living room. Note: It is supposed to be "zero". The Fire Department determined the carbon monoxide came from the exhaust of the generator which was aimed at the house and got in through the house soffits. Yes, the generator had been running for a while. It is recommended that you have one carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your residence, and replace them every 10 years. As you know carbon monoxide is a silent killer and detectors are relatively inexpensive.

The Definition of a "Hero" ~ Fifteen years ago, on September 11th ... All 2,985 souls lost their lives. Do you know the definition of a "Hero"? They were all "Hero's" in one way or another. We know that, and our Lord knows that. Our "World Trade Center" fell. The "Pentagon" was partially destroyed. Our own flight, "United Flight 93" was taken over by 4 hijackers who intended to target either the White House or the Capitol Building. The "40 Heroes of Flight 93", all 33 passengers and 7 crew members, stood up to the terrorists and with that saved many, many lives in our Nation's Capital. In Remembrance of all of our brothers and sisters of United Airlines and American Airlines, the First Responders, the Police, the Fire Fighters, the Volunteers, Citizens from all walks of life who joined together in this terrible tragedy. – Let us have a moment of silence.

Calendar:

October 5 – Copper Top at Cherokee Hills Golf Course

November 2 – Tony K's

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

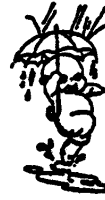
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Only 62 folks joined us for our September luncheon. The weather was fine, the food good and the company great. We missed many of our regulars.

Announcements ~ **Bob Woods** grows approximately 40 varieties of tomatoes, and brought many to share. **Marilyn Woods** will have her works displayed at Open Studios of Beavercreek Tour, which will include 13 open studios and 25 artists, October 7, 8, and 9. **Cliff Blare** informed us that **Bob Hoffman**, retired from PDXMK cabin appearance, recently had a stroke. He is currently at Kaiser Permanente Sunnyside Hospital and will be discharged to Vancouver Rehab when able. **Ken Hoops**, former PDXCG, passed away on 8/14/16 in Yuma, AZ. He hired on in Portland in 1956 on the ramp, then air freight before transferring to Honolulu in the 70's, and finally to Seattle in the 90's. He had suffered from Alzheimer's for the last few years. He is survived by his wife, **Loretta**, and would have been married 50 years in October, as well as his son Ken, daughter, Leah, and two grandchildren. There will be no services per his request. **Mary Nolan** also passed away recently. Her husband of 65 years, **Ed**, passed away a couple of months ago. No other details are known at this time.

New Business ~ Elections for new officers are due to be held in October, we need nominations for President, Secretary and one Director position. If interested in serving, please contact one of the board members.

Anniversaries ~ **Pat & Dave Smith** (50 years), **Betty & Joe Alff** (8 years), **Irma & Harvey Larkin** (66 years), and **Sam & Bill French** (46 years).

Birthdays ~ **Barbara Martin** (76), **Jane Futrell** (89), **Charlie Stemper** (78), **Harold Miller** (80), and **Jack Hooper** (83).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/ Door Prize - **Susie Clack**, Men's Birthday - **Harold Miller**, Women's Birthday - **Barbara Martin** and 50/50 - **Tom Hotchkin**.

Calendar:

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

October 12 – Social

November 9 – Social

December 14 – Christmas Social



OUR CLUB

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It is hard for me to write an article for the newsletters currently as we have lost another member of our little chapter here in Southern Oregon. A couple months ago, I wrote about our very own military hero, **Russ Randall**. Russ passed away of a heart attack and we are all lost for words. Please forgive the shortness of our news, being such a small chapter, it truly takes a toll on all of us. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Russ' lovely wife, **Alberta** and their entire family. May God bless you!

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Here in Tennessee, our summer is over. No more mowing the lawns every week. Now we have to rake the leaves. Darn, but the good news is that football season is here! Our September meeting was held at Puleo's Grill in Knoxville. Our hosts were **Herman & Bev Emmel**. 18 members and guests attended.

Our business meeting was conducted by President **Pollie Klosky**. We discussed many items, i.e. meeting locations, UAL tickets, increasing our membership, free advertising in local newspapers, dues are due at November meeting. Secretary **Robbie Corbin**'s minutes were approved as recorded and Treasurer **Mike Chapin** reported that we have \$362.96 in our account.

We had 3 birthday "girls", **Pollie Klosky** (9/3), **Betty Shipe** (9/15) and **Robbie Corbin** (9/21). We all sang Happy Birthday and ate pies, a good time was had by all.

Calendar:

October 20 - Breakfast Get-together, 10:30 am at Egg & I, 111 Lovell road, Farragut, TN. Please RSVP to **Pollie Klosky**, (219) 613-6104.

November 17 - Luncheon and Business meeting 12:30 pm, Municipal Center Drive, Farragut. RSVP to **Barb Chapin**, (865) 385-3630

December 15 - Holiday Breakfast, 10:30 am at Egg & I, 111 Lovell Road, Farragut RSVP to Pollie.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



September 13 was the first meeting of the season for the Seattle RUAEA chapter and President **Ken Storey** set a light-hearted mood with a few quotes from Benjamin Franklin after the more serious recitation of "The Pledge of Allegiance." Forty-three attendees required installation of an extra table, for which we thank Angelo's Ristorante, whose staff always is willing to help.

With last minute arrangements for the RUAEA Convention on the agenda, committee members in attendance included **Ken Storey**, chair; RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin**; **Mary Ann & Phil Andersen**, hospitality and banquet decorations; **Bob Brumfield**, banquet program; **Shirley Claggett**, convention treasurer; **Bonnie & Fred Frey**, tours; **Dave Jones**, Boeing tours, **Carol Lucarelli**, national registration; **Gay Liesse** and **John Haferbecker**, publicity; **Fran McAnulty**, hospitality room and raffle sales; **Ron Paluch**, convention registrar; and **Ken Tank**, tours. It's always dangerous to present a list like this, because you're more likely than not to miss somebody. In our case, we especially want to thank **Judy Storey** and all the other spouses (**Addy Haferbecker**, **Ed Liesse**, **Frank McAnulty** among them), without whose help and support, there wouldn't be a RUAEA – chapter or national.

Other chapter members and guest volunteers spotted selling raffle tickets, handing out packets at the registration table, just helping out in general – or even just enjoying convention events - were **Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Phyllis Bowman**, **Richard & Helen Clement**, **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, **Jim Fauber**, **Per & Pearl Fjugstad**, **Bill Gordius**, **Casey Casanova**, **Richard Devereux**, **Edna Harris**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Betty Paul**, **Larry Schmick**, **Dolores Steger** and **Marcia Tank**. **Pat Schmick** helped complete a few jigsaw puzzles that were popular in the Hospitality Room. If you recognize names from out of town or from your own RUAEA chapter, it's because they graduated from SEA and we claim them as part of our Seattle family. And if we have missed anyone, it isn't because we don't love you – it's only because we've been inundated with names and aren't as young as we used to be.

Thursday night's convention Sports Night theme produced plenty of Seattle Seahawks, Mariners and other local team gear with a sprinkling of representative shirts and caps from other teams around the country. One exceptional standout was **Ron Paluch**, resplendent in Chi-

cago Cubs regalia from head to toe. Once a Cubs fan, always a Cubs fan – the **Liesse** clan can attest to that, as well.

In an effort to encourage the inclusion of families and friends in future RUAEA conventions, a few officers and retirees brought their children and grandchildren to Seattle.

Those who wiled away their summer with good books, brought in their finished volumes to supply the next wave of readers and to pick up new reads for themselves. One of the contributions was *The Girl On the Train* – your correspondent may actually have to attend a movie screening!

Rita Reynolds started the ball rolling with the first contributions for our second annual fall drive to supply Toys 4 Tots and local food banks. **Dave Jones** begged us to let him buy the beautiful doll for his granddaughter, but we sent him off to buy his own. We expect many more donations at our October 11 (still on the horizon at this writing) and November 8 luncheons. **Ed Liesse** distributed **Gay's** colorful computer-generated flyers.

Naturally, the main topic for September was RUAEA's annual National Convention. Convention packets were "stuffed" at the **Storey** home following the meeting. Vases were collected for the **Andersens'** bouquets of beautiful dahlias found on each table at the convention banquet. Folgers coffee "cans" were supplied for use with slotted lids kept by RUAEA and used on the raffle tables.

Though the September 21-24 convention was front-and-center, the usual chapter procedures were followed with Treasurer **Jackie Stenger's** encouraging report and Vice President **Phyllis Bowman's** calling winning door prize numbers. Lucky **Noreen Krawczyk** hit the Trifecta when she won the 50/50 drawing after both she and **Richard Devereux** claimed winning door prize numbers.

Karen Del Grosso, widow of the late **Danny Del Grosso**, was pictured and featured as a volunteer in a recent brochure from the South King County Multi-Service Center in Federal Way.

John & Addy Haferbecker attended their son's summer wedding in San Jose. **Dave & Linda Jones** missed the convention because of *their* son's California wedding. **Noreen Krawczyk** and **Richard Devereux** are missing our October meeting in favor of her 50-year high school reunion in Detroit. **Gay Liesse** will fill in for **Noreen** at the check-in table, while **Ed** will fill **Richard's** shoes peddling raffle tickets.

Richard was on hand in New York to watch the Seattle Seahawks defeat the Jets, though he was cautioned by his host cousin that it might be wise to forego a too flashy display of Seahawks gear.

John Haferbecker caught the *Seattle Times* obituary noting the death of **Richard "Dick" Cooley**, who

passed away September 21 at 92. He had served on the board of United Airlines for 25 years, beginning in the early '70s. CEO of Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco and Seafirst Corporation in Seattle were among his many other accomplishments. During World War II, **Dick** had been an Army pilot. While test flying a P-38, **Dick** lost his right arm when the dive flaps failed and the plane crashed. **John** remembers that, when he appeared regularly at EXO, **Dick's** appearance could be described as "ruggedly handsome," especially by the secretaries.

Sadly, we have recently learned of the March death of long-time Emerald City Slicker **John Paulson** (SEAMM), who spent two months in a rehab center after a fall that broke his hip. Declining health and developing dementia followed. He and his wife, **Edna**, had been regular attendees at chapter events until ill health forced this change in their way of life. **John** had worked as a United mechanic 43 years after a 4-year stint in the US Air Force and service during the Korean War. **John** was buried in a military service featuring a flyover by a formation by four Navy jets, at Tahoma National Cemetery. **Edna** has recently moved into a group retirement home in Maple Valley.

We here in Seattle hope that all of you who soaked it up during the "Seattle Rain Dance" enjoyed the fun and festivities and plan to extend your RUAEA convention experiences to Las Vegas next year.

Calendar:

November 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

December – No Meeting

January 10, 2017 – Luncheon meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Summer is over and the crispness of autumn feels wonderful. Right now, however, the threat of Hurricane Matthew is fast approaching the East Coast. By the time you read this, you will know how it has turned out. I pray that we will all be safe. N. Carolina is still cleaning up from the floods. That poor state cannot seem to catch a break. The atmosphere is also charged with the upcoming Presidential election. I know that everyone is thinking about this one. **Don't forget to vote!** In most states, there is an early absentee in-person voting satellite. If you cannot make it to the polls, please make sure that you mail in your ballot or vote early at a satellite. Make your voice heard and know that your vote counts.

By way of good news, United Airlines has signed an agreement with MWAA to operate the IAD Hub through 2024. There have been many rumors (imagine that!) regarding the closing of this hub as of 2017. It is a relief to put that business to rest.

Also, I am happy to report that **Kerrie Schneider** is recovering from her nasty bout with pneumonia. She and **Dutch** both came home from a cruise quite ill but as of this writing, they say they are on the mend. **Ina Ayers** seems to be getting around very well on her new knee. **Lucy Chatelaine** is adjusting to her new home and surroundings. **Benita Bell** has had her surgery and her last treatment of chemotherapy, Benita is positive in her outlook and joyful in her recovery.



Dulles loungers at the Bealton flying Circus September 18, 2016

The flying circus in Bealton, VA was well attended and most enjoyable. The weather was wonderful: hot but with a lovely breeze. The food was delicious! Glory Days Grill has been such a great supporter of ours that we ordered their pulled pork and pulled chicken for our otherwise pot luck picnic. Then the food from the members started coming in. It was very tasty as well as beautiful. My mouth waters even thinking back to it. The show itself was thrilling; the beauty of the planes, the skill of the pilots and the daring of the feats kept the crowds cheering. Every one of every age had a fabulous time. After the air show, we invited the crew to share our meal. It was a most memorable event. Thanks go out to all who participated and helped with the organization of our wonderful day, and especially to **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, **Bob O'Roark**, and **Tana Rae "TR" Even- sen**.

Calendar:

November 9 - Luncheon, 11:30AM at Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bullock Dr., Manassas, VA. We will be joined by a member of the Marine Corp. Toys for Tots is an annual Charity event for the Dulles Loungers.

December 14 - Luncheon, 11:30AM at Golden Corral

Restaurant in Manassas, VA. This will be our Christmas celebration, which will include carols as well as a cookie exchange.

January 11 - Luncheon (same place, same time). Lounger dues are due this month. A vote will be taken at this meeting regarding whether or not to make the flying circus an annual event.

We welcome guests and/or new members at all lunches. Come see us.

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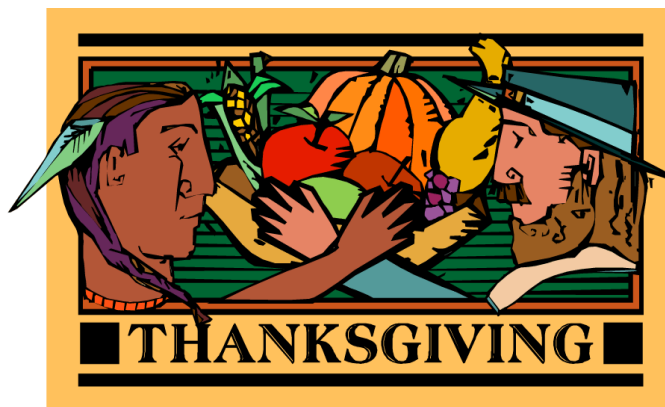
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Hi, I'm Karen Williams, our incoming Clipped Wings Vice President for the next two years. I have some amazing news to share with you about our Clipped Wings Organization. Since 1950 we have donated \$12,119,586.40 to our CW Philanthropies starting with our main charity which is Special Olympics in addition to many other local charities around the United States. I'm also very proud to share that our amazing members have donated 510,931 Volunteer Hours across our nation for the same time period.

If you enjoy having fun, helping others, sharing your talents and keeping in touch with UAL friends, we'd love to have you as a member or guest at any of our meetings or functions. If you're a current or former UAL/CO Stewardess/Steward or Flight Attendant and you enjoy great opportunities and meeting new friends, we have the perfect spot for you in one of our 29 chapters across our great nation. Stay tuned for future CW Columns which will highlight some of the local charities which are supported by our individual chapters. If you'd like more information about a Chapter in your area just let me know at karenswilliams@verizon.net or on our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

Wishing each of you blue skies!

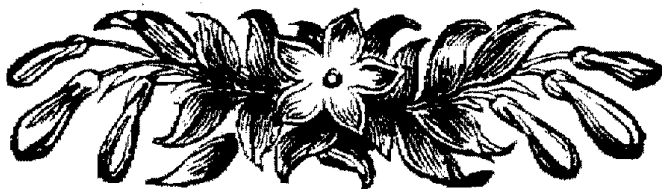


NEW MEMBERS

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

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Corrections: In the October 2016 RUAEA Newsletter, the following obit did not list the surviving spouse. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Retiree – **Gydesen, Robert L. (Bob)**, on 8/24/2016, SFOMP, husband of Marion S. Gydesen and father of Barbara Gydesen Mollison and Jeff Mollison, 10335 Oro Fino Rd., Fort Jones, CA 96032

Retiree – **Bemis, Robert F.**, on 1/7/16, ORDCS, husband of Celeste G. Bemis (deceased), father of Greg Bemis, 16385 W. Rock Springs Lane, Surprise, AZ 85374. Robert & Celeste were also best friends of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Bell WHQPP.

Retiree – **Howard. Ida M.**, on 9/10/2016, DENRR, 801 Kennely Rd #83, Saginaw, MI 48609

Retiree – **Hutchinson, Margaret J.**, on 8/27/2016, WHQAI, wife of Robert H. Hutchinson, 8035 W. 92nd Place, Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Retiree – **Kelleher, Thomas P.**, on 9/13/2016, ORDMM, brother of Katherine Kelleher and Frances Pitzer, 225 W. Commons Dr., St Simons Island, GA 31522

Retiree – **King, Ronnie M.**, on 9/25/2016, SFOCE, husband of Judith A. King, 11886 Heather Ln., Grass Valley, CA 95949

Retiree – **McDonald, Carolyn**, on 3/12/2016, SFOFF, wife of Gary M. McDonald, SFOPK, 204 Waterford Cir., Lumberton, NC 28358

Retiree – **Ondrejko, Ethel**, on 6/15/2016, PITOZ, loved by family and friends Fred, Alice, Matthew, Patrick, Jay, Judy and many nieces and nephews, 489 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Retiree – **Shirley, Harry E.**, on 5/22/2016, PITMM, husband of Marie Elizabeth Shirley (deceased), 19 Orchard Dr. #120, Grove City, PA 16127

Retiree – **Zahniser, Joseph A.**, on 9/26/2016, IADDD, husband of Jean A. Zahniser (deceased), 300 Empire Trail, Warner Robins, GA 31088



Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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

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

Eleazar Alarcon, Gerry Cavallo, Russ Cormier, Pamela Dahle, Diane Douglas, Sophie Feaster, Herbert Gardner, Johannes Hekking, Walter Kina, Robert Minton, Rosa Phillips, Preston Price, Marlene Proch, Linda Sheffield, Michael Tipper, Harold White, Tracy Wiedemann, Colene Wilson, John & Pat Zoboli.

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.)

Karl Besteder, 18 Brookside Rd., Tunkhannock, PA 18657

I retired in 1997 with over 40 yrs of service with UAL. I had worked in ROC, DEN, MDW, ILM, BOI, BHM, SEA and HAR. I have fond and cherished memories of my years of service. Now I wonder what has happened to this great airline over the last five years.

I recently visited some of the stations where I worked and tried to find some of the people I worked with. After some investigation, I learned that after working some 25-30 years, these employees were offered a severance pay of \$40,000. Other employees with less years of service were offered a lower severance allowance with recall rights to come back to em-

ployment at much lower hourly rates. Others with just a few years to go before retirement were forced to relocate or lose their job. How fair is this to faithful employees?

And what happened to our retirement benefits? My life insurance went from \$85,000 to \$5,000 to \$0. We used to get a 50% reduction on a positive space ticket. Now it's down to 20%! If we need to make a ticket exchange, we pay the same as a regular customer. There is no consideration for UAL retiree status.

Charles Bogert, retired SFOJS, PO Box 4717, Foster City, CA 94404

The day is over. As the sun slowly sets in the West, my unpacked luggage gets put away and I can finally sit back and reflect on the sights and sounds of the 2016 Seattle RUAEA Convention.

As we approached the registration table, the familiar faces of those who have worked past conventions, greeted us again. The spark of anticipation reignited as we picked up our registration package and headed towards our room. Carrying our memories of our last convention visit, we stopped en-route to review the planned schedule of this years visit and as always it was detailed and complete. Our day trips were outlined and ready, but perhaps the one event that most of us looked forward to this year were two milestones, The 100th Anniversary of Boeing Aviation, at the Museum of Flight and the 90th Anniversary of United Airlines. It seemed like they were partners for life, and we were all part of it. Reuniting with others whom we haven't seen in some time and others we recently met, it seemed like our true United Airlines family was together again. Everyone had stories, legends and common ground with almost all who attended, and it was obvious all recognized their contributions to reach this age.

All our jobs were different. Some worked in warm offices behind desks, while others worked in cold snowy weather to repair aircraft engines. We worked in torrential downpours loading luggage or in hot sultry kitchens. We had flight crews who calmed excited passengers when airborne trouble erupted and had public customer service agents who sometimes became the verbal target of outraged people who missed their flights. All of us, in some way, probably considered many times to leave for greener pastures but we stuck to our posts and as our reflections surface we were thankful we did. We came from all walks of life and from many parts of the country carrying our work talents with us. Nurses, veterans, drivers, farmers, bankers, so many professions that we traded for the opportunity to work in the world of aviation. Large cities like New York, Chicago and San Francisco were known worldwide, but, United introduced people to rural America, to places such as North Platte, Nebraska or Ely, Nevada, Boise, Idaho, many

places people didn't know of at the time. We introduced parts of America to the world of aviation and Hawaii to our continent. We helped build cities through our expanded route structures and helped their economies thrive through our vast travel network. Our employees didn't always commute to work by car via highways. Some people rode country roads via bicycles, walked and one person I knew even rode his horse, all for their dedication to their job to make United Airlines what it is.

The United family has extended many years. I have known, grandfathers, fathers and sons who have worked at United doing the same job, sometimes at the same airport for years, and the pride is obvious.

The Museum of Flight highlights the growth of aviation, displaying many of the planes United operated through the years. As we employees look at these historical artifacts that fill the area, we all can probably relate a story of how our lives were affected by these modern day relics. Sadly however, as attracted and informative as this museum was, I believe only airline employees or aviation buffs could ever receive the full enjoyment of it. I believe the public really missed out. I, for one was proud and honored to be part of the growth of the airline world. When I retired, I had several photos of planes on display on a table when someone said to me, these are like your kids, you were there when they were born and there when they died, like the Caravel, the DC-8, the 727, the DC-10 etc. Thanks to the RUAEA board.

On behalf of my wife, Rosemary and I, a special thanks to the RUAEA board who put it together and the volunteers who helped to make this a memorable event in my United adventure.

Martha Mott, 7212 61st Street Ct. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

I see the red notice on the September newsletter, so it must mean I owe dues and will have a birthday at the end of the month. How time flies! But it also gives me an opportunity to thank all of the good folks who work on getting the news out to us and keep us in touch with the happenings at UAL.

One of the features I have enjoyed is seeing the photos of the officers of the different chapters. Sometime I see a familiar face. So, keep up the excellent work and hello to all who read this.

Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427

Here it is another year; it seems like such a long time ago since I retired. Now all of my four sisters and a brother have passed. My wife JoAnn now 84 is in her third year of Alzheimer's. It is watching a personal memory which is slowly ebbing away from them and

this can go on for years. She now doesn't have much of any recall of the last 30 years we have known each other; or the 25 years we have been married.

I found a book "Last Light" written by Harold E Burchett, through a friend and ordered it from the local book store. It is about "staying true through the darkness of Alzheimer's". It has really helped me a lot. From what I've experienced with my wife, and what I read about in the book, I have an idea of what to expect as time goes on. Jo Ann has always been there for me from day one and we have had a great life together and she would be helping me if it were the other way around. And with God's help, I will endure and persevere through this. Nothing has happened to any of us that is not common to man, as the Apostle Paul said.

There is now a ray of hope. Several weeks ago on the network news, there was a story that they are on to something that sounds promising for a cure. You can get on Google and search for the latest news on Alzheimer's and get the story. They say it will be 5 years down the road but wow, what a break through that would be.

I enjoy reading the newsletter, keep up the good work. It looks like UAL has come through the merger okay and is moving on.

I am doing fine now after being in treatment for prostate cancer for the last 3 years. The medication has caused me to put on weight some. I can't get out and walk like I once did as I can't leave JoAnn alone. Maybe I can do some walking on the treadmill and watch my diet some. I do have a care taker who comes once a week for 5 hours, which gives me a break. I will finish up all of the treatments for the cancer next month, with the last shot in the hip. I am glad I have good insurance as all of the treatment is very expensive.

Donna Wade, 1271 Carswell Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Thank you for all of your hard work.

I had 2 great trips this year. In June, I flew to Visalia, CA to visit my oldest son and his family. We took a 2 day trip to Monterey to visit my granddaughter and family. We took a day trip to visit the ocean, shopping and lunch. It was lots of fun.

In August I flew with my youngest son and his family to Cheyenne, WY for a memorial service for my daughter in law's mother. After that we went to a big family reunion; it was very nice.

My best to everyone.

Seattle Surprises by Diane Webb, 1809 Howdy Ln., Darien, IL 60561

If you had asked what to pack for the Seattle RUAEA Convention, the obvious answer would be an umbrella.

If you had asked why you should go, without hesitation, the reply would have included staying in an all suite hotel plus fun tours to Boeing.

If you had asked what to bring home, salmon from Pike Place Market or a gourmet food basket of cheese and chocolate might be on the list.

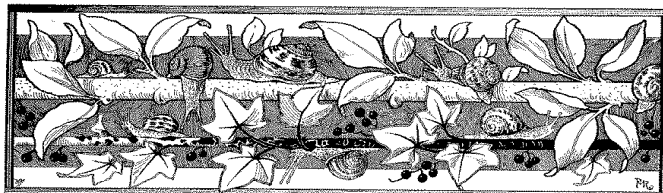
Good thing you didn't ask. The hotel, planes, and Market were great. But it was the surprises that are sticking to my mind. Surprises like beauty and shared values.

In the shadow of the Space Needle stands the Chihuly Garden and Glass showcasing the imaginative creations of Dale Chihuly. Like something right out of your dreams, the colorful glass creations seem to come alive. One room looked like an ocean floor where supersized sea plants were on steroids. Outdoors, the glass and organic vegetation blended together almost better than nature alone.

Across town and down by the waterfront a giant Ferris wheel is a new movie experience that takes your breath away. "Wings over Washington" is a simulation of flying with an eagle over scenery, mountain peaks, and waterfalls. Similar to the Disneyland "Soaring" ride, Seattle's ride lifts guests as the seats tilt and sprays mist creating the sensation of flying. The feeling is so real I advise you to eat afterwards, not before. It was beautiful and breathtaking, just not long enough for me. Those who wanted more visited Mount Rainier in person and saw firsthand the magnitude of Washington's most spectacular natural wonder.

Conventions always close with a special banquet where everyone dresses up and dines on white table cloths. This year the program began as before, but was profoundly different for me. Everyone stood and was completely silent while young Boy Scouts presented the flag of our nation. With hands across our hearts we repeated the Pledge of Allegiance in unison. Then a local minister called down blessings from heaven upon us and our food. The evening concluded with beautiful sounds of harmony filling our ears adding that perfect explanation point to the week. I looked around the room and saw dozens of people who share much more than a resume; we share values and goodness. It was a powerful moment.

Missing from my suitcase on the way home was the salmon, cheese, and chocolate. But it was overflowing with beauty and goodness and surprises to last until next year. Oh, and by the way, the weather report for the Seattle convention week: Sunshine!



Notes

Carol Burstein

This is like re-joining a lost family. Our airline family is unique and it will always be important to support each other while we each travel our path through life.

Charles Kennedy

I am enjoying retirement, grandkids and family, the Light Of My Life. Look forward to Association Newsletter. Keep them coming!

Lynn Tilton

"RUAEA" is what I often think, as I skim through past newsletters for tips and how-to for pass travel.

As a surviving spouse, this organization is my best way to keep in touch and up to date with the great UAL benefits that came via Jim's 39 years at the airport in Honolulu. Thank you, all who keep RUAEA going!

Jack Livesay

I really enjoy the newsletter. It gives a lot of information that we retirees could not find elsewhere. Keep up the good work!

Robert Rheam

Keep up the good work in keeping us retirees informed in what is going on within the airline.



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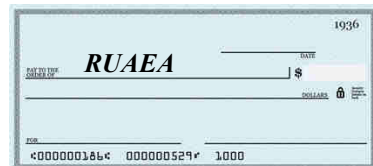
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Seven other stations reported 90 to 99%, they were - Bakersfield, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle.

All these stations were a compliment to the civic-mindedness of UALers. In the U.S. elections of 1952 only 72% of all eligible voters in the nation had participated.

UAL President W.A. Patterson said to the American Heritage Foundation, which spearheaded a nation-wide non-partisan "Register-and-Vote" campaign, "As Citizens of the United States the casting of your votes represent an important contribution to the preservation of Democracy" ... "In our nation there is no coercion" ... "Each of us casts their ballot according to their beliefs and conscience" ... "This is the chance for each of us to prove to the World that Our Leaders are Freely Elected and represent the Will of the Majority – not the Ruling Minority" ... "It takes little effort to stop at your polling place on Election Day. Your single vote, coupled with those of millions of your fellow Americans, will show the World that in the United States Every Vote is Important, and the sum total is unanimous Vote for Freedom."



*From left: **Nedra Jackson**, Mrs. **Virgil Ringue**, **L.T. Long** (Assistant to **J.A. Herlihy**, Vice President – Engineering and Maintenance) and **Sally Jo Billings**. This chart was posted at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. Mrs. Ringue, Deputy Registrar for San Mateo County set up a registration center in the SFOMB cafeteria.*

By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the October 1956 United Air Lines News.

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