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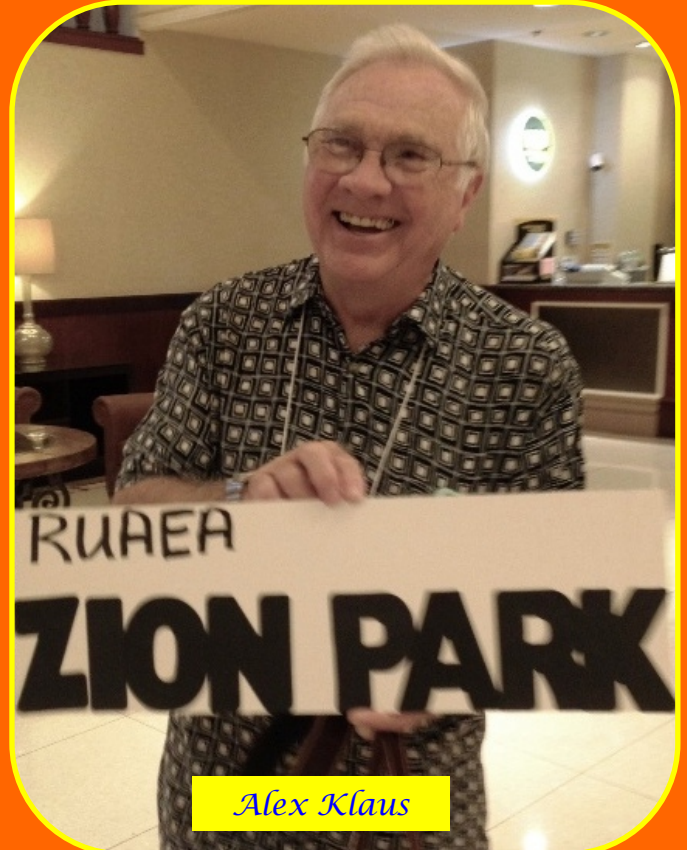
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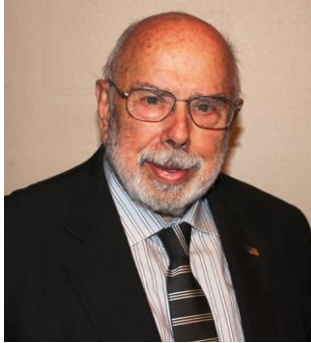
Seattle Emerald City Slickers

Back row ~ Ron Paluch, Shirley Claggett, Ken Tank, Ken Storey, Larry Schlick
Middle row ~ John Haferbecker, Alice Meyers, Marcia Tank, Judy Storey, Linda Rice,
Pat Schmick, Pearl Fjugstad, Per Fjugstad, Fred Frey
Sitting ~ Addy Haferbecker, Hank Gosselin, Carol Lucarelli, Bonnie Frey

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



The Las Vegas Convention is now history. It was a great Convention and the Las Vegas Silverliners Committee members are enjoying a well deserved rest. The Convention was a success in all respects. The tours were great; the rooms were nice and for a reasonable price, and other accommodations were adequate. For the first time in a number of years we were privileged to have a United Airlines Officer for a guest speaker, Anthony Scattone, VP of Human Resources. Anthony told us of many good things happening with United and also the Pass Travel adjustment to Enrolled Friends just made. We are appreciative of the change in Enrolled Friends allowing us to change friends twice a year beginning in 2018. Articles regarding Pass Travel and some other changes that may affect us during the coming Open Enrollment are in this News Letter – please take the time to read them.

We also had a great Benefit Panel hosted by Don Burbank and Joan Smith. The panel had representatives from most entities that interface with retirees and after the presentation there was a breakout session where personal questions could be asked.

Our friends from Alliant Credit Union participated on the panel and we are especially thankful for a generous donation that Alliant made to the Convention. They are great partners!

It was also announced that the 2018 Convention will be in Cleveland, OH. The dates are September 18-22, 2018. It's not too early for making plans to attend; it should be a lot of fun!

As I write this, the shooting in Las Vegas is being reported. I, like you are saddened by these tragedies; our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected. It appears there were no United Employees involved, for which we are all very thankful.

Take care and enjoy the Fall Festivities, Oktoberfest held in various cities and of course Halloween and etc.
Regards,

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

RUAEA 2017 Las Vegas Convention Wrap-Up by Don Rutkowski



The Las Vegas Silverliners just completed hosting the 2017 RUAEA National Convention at the Palace Hotel here in Las Vegas. It was exciting, exhausting but a fulfilling rewarding time for all the volunteers and participants. There were tours to many exciting places, from Hoover Dam to Wayne Newton's Ranch to Zion National Park. There were 50/50 raffles, a special raffle of items donated by Hotels, gift cards to top named retail stores; and there was a Silent Auction of donated items by the attendees, from books to stain glass to jackets to a fantastic wooden handmade truck. We also had some great entertainment at the Hospitality Party. Joe Buonanno sang many great songs of our era; Joe has entertained groups weekly at the Boulder Station Casino for many years. At the

Banquet, we had the NiteKings who returned us back to the 50's 60's and 70's with wonderful songs we all remembered and danced to. They entertain weekly at different venues around Las Vegas.

To tell the truth, this Convention was not only about tangible items, entertainment and tours it was all about "PEOPLE". I witnessed first-hand the camaraderie of the people and true respect for each other. The renewal of friendships long overdue, friends you worked with many years but have not seen or communicated with them in all the years passed since you retired. I had that great experience myself, meeting people I worked with every day but have not seen for 15+ years. It was wonderful and rewarding. Bill, Terry, Merritt, it was great seeing you and your wives again and catching me up on other people we worked with. Thanks, it was great. I also made new friends that I hope to see again at the next Convention or when they come to town. This is what a

RUAEA Convention is all about the “PEOPLE”. I highly recommend that if you have never attended a RUAEA Convention, put it on your bucket list and attend one, you will not regret it.

The Silverliners VP **Chris Czaplewski** wants to add her many thanks to **Arlene McCroy** for the Banquet Entertainment; **Lee & George Price** for the table center pieces; **Alex & Margie Klaus** for assisting at different positions and for the photography of the event; and **Christine Earl** for a wonderful job on organizing the many tours and seeing them off every day without a problem. Also, to all the many other volunteers behind the scenes that worked on the Convention, a big Thank You. Chris also wants to thank RUAEA Executive VP **Jim Simon** for a wonderful closing poem he wrote for the Convention and taking over for **Virgil Gooselaw** who lost his voice and of course, the wonderful **Hank Gosselin** for being Hank. Lastly, Chris wants to acknowledge Convention Chairman **Don Rutkowski** and his wife **Georgia Rutkowski** for their tireless efforts to make this Convention very memorable for all.

Well, after a year of planning and all the wonderful work and time donated by the volunteers, it is all over. Georgia and I came home and are in a melt down from the high we were in leading up to this Convention. We will miss seeing the UPS Driver or the FedEx Driver, Georgia felt that they did not need their GPS to find our house these past weeks. I do want to thank **John Zoboli** and **Ron Bertacini** for all their help getting our team through this year, I had their phone numbers on speed dial and used it.

So, Georgia and I will hide out at an undisclosed location for a few days and unwind from the Convention high. God Bless all the Volunteers and United Airlines Retirees, keep them all safe and healthy.

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

Updated process for reporting pass travel taxes to Retirees and Early Out Participants



UNITED

Under United’s current tax reporting policy, any taxable imputed income resulting from our former employees pass travel and/or that of their eligible pass riders is reported to them and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Form 1099. We are making a change to our process in order to more closely follow tax reporting laws and align the way we report taxable pass travel income for both former employee participants and current employees. For pass travel on or after November 1, 2017, any taxable imputed income will be reported to former employees on Form W-2 and will no longer be reported on Form 1099. Communication is being sent to retiree and early out participants and outlines the changes to their taxable pass travel reporting process. It includes frequently asked questions and a detailed list of available resources to assist throughout this transition.

- ✓ This will be emailed and mailed to all travel eligible former employees starting Wednesday, September 27th.
- ✓ This info has been shared with retiree organization leaders and was announced at the RUAEA conference (retiree conference).
- ✓ The dedicated W-2 Pass Travel Tax Reporting page located on the left navigation menu on the Flying Together > Travel homepage will go live and will include this communication, a user guide, contact info and more helpful resources to assist those with questions.

Important note: Although the process for reporting/paying taxes is changing, there is no difference in the amount of taxes being paid.

Enhancement to enrolled friend program for Retirees (Not applicable to Early Outs)

The above communication will also include an announcement that retirees (only, does not apply to active employees) will have the opportunity to change their enrolled friend(s) twice per calendar year: mid-year and again during year-end open enrollment.

Retirees will continue to have up to two active enrolled friends at one time, but this change will allow retirees to register up to four enrolled friends during different time periods within a calendar year. See Retiree Pass Traveler Enrollment 2018 document for complete details.

Because these changes are specific to former employees, our communication will be targeted to retirees and early outs, as applicable. We do not plan broader communication (i.e. United Daily, etc.) at this time. Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to United.

Retiree and Off-Station Parking At SFO Maintenance Base



Applies to All Retirees and Off Station Personnel ~ Effective October 1, 2017, Retiree Parking will be limited to individuals who retired from the Maintenance Base.

The SFO Maintenance Base will no longer be able to offer parking for SFO Airport Operations Employees and Retirees from Other Stations.

This is due to SFIA constructing the extension of the AirTrain to the Long Term Parking Structure and the loss of about 700 parking spaces in our West Parking Lot.

In Tribute to RUAEA

A poem by Jim Simon



*It started many years ago
for camaraderie and fun,
A group of United retirees
thought they'd get the venue done.*

*They formed the United retirement group
and interesting enough,
whatever happened after that-
they had the best right stuff!*

*Membership increased each year
as local chapters formed
and annual conventions, like this one here,
were very much adorned.*

*The newsletter became
our monthly publication,
and now is one so worthy
of awarding commendation.*

*We've had great folks in service
to goals of info and communication,
and we are beneficial to
their work and dedication.*

*We've taken pride in what we've done
and where we want to go,
and so we'll continue to push on
and keep up this great show.*

*I want to take this time to say
how much you're welcomed here
and thanks to all of you
for another great RUAEA year.*

*Please keep up your membership
and encourage others to join.
Become involved and do your part
to keep our RUAEA going.*

*And thanks to all the Directors
and members of the Board.
You're people that I much enjoy
and of those that are adored.*

*Take care and please stay healthy
and enjoy your time right here,
and with the blessings of our lives –
I'll see you all next year!*

Pass Travel Update by Kirk Moore



Kirk Moore

Update your contact info NOW! The ETC sent retirees information via email and U.S. mail about pass travel & tax reporting, did you receive it? NO? It's important to update your contact information in 2 places:

1. The "Saved employeeRES information" box on your "Employee Travel Profile" in the "Quick Links" tab in "employeeRES" ("Book a Flight" on Flying Together > Travel).
2. In "Personal Information" in "Your Profile" (in top menu bar) in "YBR" (Your Benefits Resources) on Flying Together > Employee Services or go to www.ybr.com/united.

Savvy Traveling: Use the United app! Get a KTN! Use the United app for easy booking and flying for both space available and myUAdiscount travel. To learn more, go to Flying Together > Travel > United app & Pass Travel tab (in the left column).

KTN: Join a Trusted Traveler Program to obtain a "Known Traveler Number" to be eligible for TSA PreCheck and expedited customs/immigration entry. Visit Flying Together > Travel > "Preparing for Travel" (left column) > "Trusted Traveler Programs". Links on that page will take you directly to sign up on the GOES system. There are various programs with different pricing.

Once signed up online, you will apply for an interview (the first available interview for me was 4 months later!). Revisit the webpage often to try and move up your interview date. Some locations have drop-in wait lists for interviews. Take a good book, you may have to wait awhile!

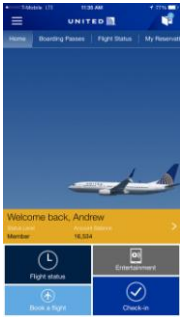
IMPORTANT! After you pass the in-person interview you MUST input your "KTN" (Known Traveler Number) in two places:

1. For space available travel go to employeeRES > Quick Links > Employee Travel Profile (click "Add/edit Secure Flight and Travel Contact Information" in the "Saved employeeRES Info" box). If you have more than one Secure Flight Document (i.e. one for passport, one for driver's license) enter your KTN in BOTH documents. Select row, click little pencil icon, input your KTN in the field that says "Global Entry/Known Traveler", then hit "submit".
2. For revenue travel (including use of myUAdiscount) go to your MileagePlus account (united.com > MileagePlus > My Account > Profile > Edit Traveler Details > Known Traveler Number). For both space-available and revenue (myUAdiscount) travel: use the United app linked with your Mileage Plus number AND join a Trusted Traveler Program; you will fly like the wind!

Discounts on cars, cruises, hotels

The ID90Travel.com website offers discounts for employees and retirees on hotels, cruises, resorts, and rental cars when you travel for leisure. It's easy to book and to save as much as 60 percent off! Simply click on the ID90 Travel banner in employeeRES (you may have already noticed it under 'My ePass Balances') when you make your space available travel plans to see what discounts are available at your destination or search for exclusive rates at more than 380,000 destinations worldwide.

Bag tracking now available in the United app



United made a major improvement to the United app, launching the beta version of a bag tracking tool that allows its customers to follow their checked bags along the critical points of their trip, from check-in to arrival.

The new “Track my bags” feature is one of the many ways United is working to improve customers’ experience at every stage of their journey and offer them a level of transparency they expect and deserve.

With this functionality, customers can follow along as their bags are scanned during their journey. In the rare case a bag gets rerouted or mishandled, the tracker service will give clear instructions on what to do next. For instance, if a bag arrives on an earlier or later flight than originally scheduled, alerts will tell the customer to go directly to the Baggage Service Office upon arrival at his or her final destination for assistance.

Customers can access the “Track my bags” feature under the main menu in the app or under their reservation details. A simple set of prompts allows a customer to find his or her item using the itinerary or bag tag number.

With bag-scanning rates at their highest levels and as United heads into fall with 22 of 24 months of record mishandled baggage ratio (MBR) performance, United is ready for a successful rollout.

“The newest update to the United app points to our continued focus on providing innovative tools and resources for our customers to enhance their overall travel experience with us,” said Insights, Innovation and Tools Managing Director Maria Walter. *“I know our customers are going to appreciate the real-time information and visibility that this tool provides them, and offering them this access is a testament to the excellent work our ramp and baggage teams have done with bag scanning.”*

United will monitor customer and employee feedback during the beta test, which is available to all, and make refinements as needed. To provide your feedback, please go to the United app main menu, scroll down to App feedback, and under “Select category” choose “Track my bags.”

Name your price: New volunteer solicitation functionality



As part of United’s commitment to further improve the customers’ travel experience with United, the company is launching an automated system that will provide customers with the opportunity to voluntarily bid their desired compensation amount in exchange for changing their travel plans in the event of an oversold flight. United has already taken steps to reduce overbooking, resulting in a dramatic year-over-year reduction in involuntary denied boardings this year.

Following a successful beta test of the new volunteer solicitation tool last month, or “reverse auction” process, as Oscar referred to it in a recent video, United is rolling it out to all stations throughout October. This new benefit allows customers who are on a flight that may be oversold to let United know, up to 24 hours prior to departure, at what level of compensation they are willing to give up their seat during check-in within all channels (i.e., airport kiosks, united.com, United mobile app and the mobile web). This new tool provides customers with more control, while simplifying the gate management procedures for customer service representatives working those flights.

Select customers, such as Basic Economy customers without pre-paid bag fees, unaccompanied minors and Global Services members, will not be prompted to opt into the volunteer solicitation list during check-in.

Additional details about the new tool may be found in policy and procedure communications.

Torgy's Travel Tips
Significant Travel Changes Coming November 2017



Important changes are coming as soon as November 1st, 2017 regarding our travel benefits. An email was sent to all retirees who have email capability in late September outlining these changes. More information will be coming to everyone via US mail during the Open Enrollment timeframe. In the meantime, I want to use this month's column to explain as clearly as possible what is changing and what it will mean to you.

ENROLLED FRIENDS: Since the merger with Continental, retirees have had the ability to designate up to 2 individuals each year who could share in the retiree's travel benefits. This category of traveler is known as Enrolled Friends. Similar to the pre-merger *Companions*, Enrolled Friends are otherwise non-eligible family or friends whom you can invite to fly with or without you as a non-rev standby traveler.

Until now, the timing and method of naming your 2 chosen Enrolled Friends has coincided with the start of the calendar year. Once a name was "enrolled", it became unchangeable until the next calendar year. Well, good news, everyone! Effective with the 2018 travel year, retirees will have the ability to change the names of their Enrolled Friends mid-year. Essentially, you can name 2 people to travel January-June and then 2 different people to travel from July-December.

When the system is ready later this year to accept your choices for Enrolled Friends for 2018, you will enroll them via the Travel Tab in Flyingtogether.ual.com. If you already have 2 people enrolled in 2017, they automatically rollover to 2018. You can then replace those names in June for the July-December travel period if you want to. Again, if you do nothing, the existing names will rollover to the next 6 months. As always, you have the option of not designating *anyone* until you are sure of your choice.

Remember, Enrolled Friends share your boarding priority when you travel with them, but they fall to the bottom of the list (just above other-airline non-revs) when they fly alone. If you retired with more than 25 years of Company service, your Enrolled Friends can travel in any class of service at the same fare you pay: zero! If you retired with less than 25 years, the service charge for your Enrolled Friends is the same as you pay. Additionally, as you know, the retiree is liable for imputed income of the value of the segments flown. This calculation is based on a percentage of the ZED medium fare multiplied by the combination of the FICA rate and Federal Tax rate.

Which brings us to the other upcoming significant change:

TAX COMPUTATION AND REPORTING OF IMPUTED INCOME FOR NON-REV TRAVEL:

There are 2 things happening with this important topic. The first is the method of reporting taxable travel to the US government and the second is the timing of its implementation.

Effective for travel commencing **November 1st, 2017**, the Company will begin collecting any federal and state withholding taxes that apply to your Enrolled Friends and Domestic Partner pass travel via a quarterly invoice which will be mailed to you. You will need to pay this invoice by check or money order. Invoices will be mailed once each quarter if there is Enrolled Friends /Domestic Partner travel activity during that quarter.

Note: UA's fiscal year is Nov-Oct, therefore invoices will be generated in March, June, September and December.

Then, each January you will receive a W-2 form which will show the imputed income for the value of your Enrolled Friends/Domestic Partner travel AND the amount you have already paid to UA to cover the withholding taxes. The first such W-2 form will cover travel from November 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018. Expect that in January, 2019.

(For Enrolled Friends/Domestic Partner travel prior to November 1st, 2017, you will receive the current 1099 form, which only shows the imputed income, but zero withholding taxes paid.)

For planning purposes you can determine of the estimated withholding amount before or during the listing process by using some tools in EmpRes. Use the Pass Travel Calculator located under QuickLinks, or, if you are making a listing, 2 new red areas will be noticeable on the last page of the booking screen. The first one will state "I understand in addition to any current charges that are due today, I will be billed separately for any estimated tax withholdings of \$12.73" (just an example). You will then see an Address Verification paragraph reminding you to update your address, if necessary, to insure timely delivery of your imputed income tax invoice.

Note: These 2 areas are currently displaying on ALL listings but programming is underway to limit their display to applicable taxable travel only.

To sum this all up, pass travel for retirees, their spouses, parents and dependent children under age 26 is still NOT taxable. Pass travel for Enrolled Friends and Domestic Partners IS taxable and withholding taxes will be collected quarterly and reported on a W-2 form.

MY UA DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Some good news when flying confirmed space using this 20% discount benefit effective mid-October: We will be allowed to board with Group 3, even if a Basic Economy ticket is purchased, Pet-in-Cabin fees will be waived and Unaccompanied Minor fees will no longer be collected. It just keeps getting better!

NEW FLIGHTS COMING:

- January 2018: IAH – SYD (Sydney)
- Summer 2018:
 - ✓ EWR – Oporto (Portugal)
 - ✓ EWR – Reykjavik (Iceland)
 - ✓ IAH – Edinburgh (Scotland)
 - ✓ SFO – Zurich (Switzerland)

More frequency beginning December 20th between Hawaii and DEN/LAX/ORD/SFO

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

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

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns,

please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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Greetings from Phoenix Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Laura Ehas** and **Pat Neal** (11/16), **Lisa Hopkins** (11/24), and **Nan Adams** (11/26).

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

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are November 1st, 15th & 29th. The address is: 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ; (623) 974-8224. RSVP: Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.

Susan Spitz had femur surgery. Get well cards can be mailed to 12361 W. Running Deer Trail, Peoria AZ 85383.

Our October picnic/get together is at 11:00am on October 19th, at Beardsley Park, Ramada 7.



PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The weather is changing and getting cooler here in Phoenix. All the locals are always happy now, but the "snowbirds" are gradually coming back too, which means more traffic on the highways. The more the merrier we always say! Now, we have to start thinking about Thanksgiving coming up real soon. Last year, we volunteered at a local Salvation Army dinner, helping to serve quite a few people during our shift. We felt good about it, and plan to volunteer again this year.

Our Chapter has a lot of things planned in the weeks and months ahead, so hopefully you'll want to attend everything as we are such a great group of people, who enjoy being with each other, and you always feel glad that you went. We hope that more people who worked at United or Continental at some time and are 55 years or older that are living in the Phoenix area, will come and join us for one of our breakfasts or luncheons. We meet for breakfast normally the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd in Gilbert. However, in November, we will meet for breakfast on Friday, November 17, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday the following week. If you have any questions, please contact our President **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354/7610, or by email at indind75@yahoo.com.

We all had a lot of fun at the Convention. There were about 325 people who attended the Convention. We had 24 people attend from our Chapter alone! Next year the RUAEA Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Marriott Airport Hotel. The Convention will be held September 18 – 22. The rate for the hotel will be \$109 per night, which includes a free breakfast every morning plus free parking, and free Wi-Fi. There will be a courtesy van from the airport to the hotel. There are lots of things to do in Cleveland, so mark your calendars now to save the dates! Also, it was announced that everyone is welcome to join if you ever worked for an airline; you don't have to be retired!

The Fantasy Flight golf outing fundraiser is Thursday, November 2, at the Foothills Golf Club, 2201 Clubhouse Drive in Ahwatukee. You may be able to still get in. Contact Bob at (602) 315/1141. Golf, cart, dinner, and auction will cost \$99. Shot gun starts at 1:00 p.m. (Four person scramble). The Silent and live auction plus buffet dinner after golf is only \$15. Please check to see if you can still attend either event at www.unitedfantasyflight.com.

Our Fantasy Flight this year will take place at Cutter Aviation, just off I-10 and 24th Street on Friday, December 1. We have always had it at Gates C & D at the Phoenix Airport; but due to the extension of the airport train, these gates will no longer be available. Our Fantasy Flight was recognized by Channel 12 for being one of the best charities in 2016. We received a plaque, along with a check for \$1,200. The plaque has been placed in the United Club at the airport. A lot of volunteers who worked on the Fantasy Flight are to be commended.

The Oktoberfest Luncheon turned out very nice at the Zur Kate on Main Street in Mesa. We had 27 people there. Everyone enjoyed the food plus the conversation. Thanks goes out to the Host and Hostess for this event, **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**. They always do a super job of organizing luncheons.

Our November Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 9th, 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 lot of food to choose from, and it's so good. Host and Hostess are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Be sure and let them know you will be attending. Ginny can be reached at (480) 655-1419, or by email at bvrock@cox.net. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Reminder, our annual dues of \$5.00 each are due by January 1. Be sure and get your dues to our treasurer, **Ferrol Hilsabeck**, at one of our social events coming up, or else you can mail the dues to him at 2625 N. Hogan Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85215-1302. If you have any changes in your address, e/mail, or phone, be sure and let him know so we have the correct information for our membership directory. Also, when sending in your chapter dues, please pay for the national dues too. Membership dues for RUAEA are only \$27 for one year. You can mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433, or you can go on line at www.ruaea.org and use a credit card, such as Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Be sure to include your file number in all correspondence with them. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail, or from www.ruaea.org. We need more members to survive and continue to have contact and receive information from United. RUAEA has an up-to-date contact list of important RUAEA and United phone numbers and email. It's a wonderful newsletter that comes out each month by a very dedicated staff.

There is a new procedure for address changes for your RUAEA Newsletter. For all address changes, go to ruaea.org. Choose "renew membership". Make a one dollar credit card contribution and change the address where the newsletter is to be shipped. Make sure the billing address matches the address your credit card company has on file. There is a section to check if the billing address is different than the shipping address. Snowbirds will have to do the procedure each time the address is changed. The Denver office can no longer keep track of who is changing addresses and what dates. All address changes must be made by the first of the month to ensure delivery of the following month's newsletter.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes on Wednesday, December 6. Mark that date on your calendar, so you don't miss this wonderful Holiday party. Our hosts are **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen**. More information will be forthcoming from them.

Our November Birthdays are **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudioso** (11/24), and **Buss Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to each of you! Wedding Anniversaries this month are **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (11/11/72), and **John & Donna Smiley** (11/20/62). Congratulations to the Clouds and Smileys.

Calendar:

November 2 – Fantasy Flight Golf Outing and dinner, Foothills Golf Club, 2201 Clubhouse Drive, Ahwatukee.

November 9 – Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by the **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, (480) 655-1419, bvrock@cox.net.

November 17 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact President **Shirley Claggett** with your reservation at indind75@yahoo.com or by phone at (480) 354-7610 by Wednesday, November 15. Note: This date is moved up one week because of Thanksgiving.

December 6 – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Pat & Buss Nicholaisen**.

TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines chapter. Nine members attended our September luncheon at the Lone Spur Café.

We are sad to report that our long time and faithful members, **Chuck & Lynn McCoy**, are relocating to OK. Chuck is a retired UA captain who thrilled us all with flying his Albatross jet. We will surely miss them.

The Tall Pines chapter is back on line after a 3 month time off.

Our next luncheon will be November 21 at the Lone Spur at 11:00 AM.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS



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President Charli opened the meeting shortly before lunch was served at Guiseppe's on North Oracle to the 23 members in attendance on Thursday, September 23. Charli thanked **Pat Carera** for making the arrangements for the day's lunch. She then introduced her guests at today's meeting, her sister and brother in law; **Olga & Remy De Jong**.

She then reviewed a note from member **Armand Johnson**, regarding his cancer diagnosis. Three "lumps" near the left collarbone turned out to be B cell lymphoma, an aggressive cancer, stage 3. He just had his first of six chemotherapy treatments 21 days apart. Survival rate is up to 75%. "*Luckily I feel pretty good*".

Today's 50/50 winners were **Sharon Cole** and **Merit Nerland**. Congratulations to the winners.

Pat Di Lallo passed a sign-up sheet around for next year, 2018, lunches. However, it did not receive too much attention. Later Pat and I discussed the need for a remedy to this situation. Perhaps choosing one convenient restaurant, as other chapters do, or a selection of restaurants which might appeal to more members. This is to be discussed at a future meeting. Put your thinking caps on for the October or November meetings. Also we need to fill vacancies for our existing officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and The AZ Director.* (below I have included a note from **Chuck Cole** describing his duties as the AZ Director)

The Next meeting will be 11:30 on October 19 at Mimi's Café at Oracle and Wetmore at the SW corner of the Tucson Mall. Our host is **Claire Byle**, please let her know if you will be attending by Monday, October 16, (520) 744-0950 or ldclaire70@yahoo.com.

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).

*The RUAEA Directors are assigned by States. The AZ director has four states: Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Arizona has 4 chapters, none in the other states.

The paragraph below states the duties of RUAEA regional directors.

Directors are no longer required to make visits to their chapters unless they choose to do so at their own expense, or receive prior permission from the Executive VP. The primary function of the directors is to keep their chapters informed on RUAEA business activity which can be done via email-communication, written correspondence or telephone.

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Our Chapter did not meet in September. I have not received any news except our President, **Mike Zoldak** & his wife **Bridget**, are at a family function until October 16th.

Our Central Coast is usually very busy with tourists during the summer months. Now that kids are back to school and we are past Labor Day, the residents have our funky little town back. Lucky for us, the locals including Cal Poly students, volunteered to clean up the beaches and they collected over 6500 lbs. of trash in one day.

Our next meeting will be October 18th, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. The time and place - TBD.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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Barb Harrison was the Hostess for the Desert Sunbirds' September Luncheon. It was held at Stuft's Bar & Grill in Palm Desert. Twenty one Sunbirds and one guest (**Jane Miller**, daughter of **Maureen Williams**) were present. We would have had more, but for four sick calls.

Two of our couples will celebrate anniversaries in October: **Bill & Lia Schultz** (56 years on Oct. 28th); and **Marji & Chuck Lamas** (4 years on Oct. 26th).

Melinda & Ron Lerg missed the Luncheon as they were vacationing in Sedona and Cave Creek, Arizona. We have a number of our members on or soon to be on travel vacations. **Matt Gauss** (and I assume **Marilyn**) is in Switzerland; and **Bill & Lia Schultz** are vacationing in Hawaii. **Patti Sica** traveled to Cabo San Lucas for a few days after the Luncheon; then plans a Caribbean Cruise in late October. **Dede Utzinger** is off to London, and possibly Portugal, also in October. **Mike Bailardo** will visit Italy with two long-time buddies.

Chuck Lamas (that's me) won the Birthday Lunch. **Tom Sabo** took home \$40.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Two bottles of wine (part of the 50/50) were won by **Dede Utzinger** and **Scoobie Wolfe**. Finally, Stuft's added a Lunch for two to the drawing - won by **Mike Bailardo**.

Our featured Sunbird of the month, **Doreen Roberts** ~ Doreen graduated High School in 1964 in Pennsylvania. Before starting with United Air Lines in April, 1968, she worked the assembly line for Westinghouse Semiconductor. She was able to save enough money to pursue her dream of working for a major airline.

Doreen left home in Pennsylvania for New York. She contacted all the airline offices, and the first airline to call for an interview was TWA (for Stewardess). Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately), the TWA Rep failed to show up. Doreen went back to her new home in Queens, and to her delight, found a letter of acceptance in her mail box (from UAL). She went in for an interview and tests on Monday, passed it all, and began her employment with UAL (in Reservations) on Wednesday, April 24th, 1968.

Doreen stayed in RR for a year, then transferred to LGATR. She loved the action at the Airport, and made many friends, some with whom she connects today.

In 1976, Doreen, newly married (husband with AA), decided to go to California. He got his transfer right away, but Doreen was not so fortunate. There were no openings anywhere, and she was terminated.

In Los Angeles, Doreen found a job as a Travel Agent with Cal Mart Travel. The Agency used Sabre (AA Reservations System). Even though UA had let her go, she felt loyal, and booked UA every chance she got.

Doreen still missed being with an Airline, so along comes Hughes Air West. She hired on, and eventually, through mergers and acquisitions, rejoined her United Family. This, in 1984, having been gone for seven years.

She started in LAXRR, but after a year, was able to transfer to the airport (LAXCS). She worked in Baggage Service (much better name than Lost & Found), and she also liked that better than working the gates.

Doreen's final position with United was in the Resource Center, scheduling Agents.

Doreen's husband passed away in April of 2001. They had just purchased their retirement home, and were in the midst of moving. Then, 9/11 hits - the Airline Industry, the USA, and the World! She could not make sense of life, and even when things started to return to full operation, customer complaints over a delayed flight, or agents complaining about a work assignment, just didn't make sense to her. She retired, after a total of 25 years.

Doreen says, *"United Air Lines was a wonderful career for me. I enjoyed giving my best every day, and I am certainly blessed to still have some dear life friends. There were days when it was frustrating, days when it was fun, and there was never a dull moment. My career was a good one, many memories, and the best thing United gave to me is the many friendships I still have today."*

HANGTOWN MINERS

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What a beautiful day for our September luncheon. **Bill & Pati Kenney** chose Jack Russell Farm Brewery in downtown Placerville to host our get together. 23 Hangtown Miners were able to attend. We had four choices available – all looked to be wonderful and tasty. President **Bill Gibson** extended a big "Thank You" to the Kenneys. Given the day of our luncheon, Bill suggested that we all take a moment of respect to honor all who lost their lives September 11, 2001. Whether you knew, personally, someone who was taken in the attacks or know those who were part of their lives, the event affects all of us, one way or another. We all respectfully gave that minute of silence. Bill asked if any members present celebrate(d) a birthday in September. Yes! **Jeanette D'Amico, Tom Kenny** and **Sherry Biro** get to claim this month for a birthday celebration. We didn't have any anniversaries, so, a big Happy Birthday to each of you!

President ~ Bill Gibson pointed out that this month marks the beginning of our group! The Hangtown Miners began 10, yes, 10 years ago! Many of our present members have been part of this chapter the whole time. Sadly, we have lost some members due to illness, passing or other reasons. But, new members have joined to keep this happy group going. **Pati Kenney** found and shared a really nice "meaning" for a 10th Anniversary. She put together center pieces that captured the ideals which follow:

- ☞ Tin: Represents how well we have preserved and cared for each other and the group over the past years.
- ☞ Daffodils: These flowers have the most beautiful meaning: "The sun always shines when we are together".
- ☞ Green Tourmaline: Represents happiness, joy and compassion.
- ☞ Blue: Represents loyalty and wisdom, which this group has in abundance.

Historian **Thom Biro** brought the wonderful photo albums that cover many years. I hope you had a chance to browse thru them. Lots of memories to be shared.

Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** did not join us today, I believe she and J.R. have taken off on another trip – Oregon this time!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to pop on over today. He was able to just walk over to join us! Tom reports that our checking balance is \$1,022.56. He deposited the fundraising check from B.J's which was a tidy total of \$63.81. Thank you, again, **Kerry Kozelka** for arranging the fundraiser with them.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** had a couple items to share today. Since this is the chapter's 10th anniversary, I dug back a bit into our archives. The Hangtown Miners formed in August, 2007. The first slate of officers were: President – **Harry Caldwell**; Vice President – **Rosemary Heier**; Secretary – **Jeanette D'Amico**; Treasurer – **Dick Czapkay**; Sunshine – **Irv Wolfram**; Roster Keeper – **Jack Raynor**.

I also found a poem that **Gary Dalleske's** Mom, Helen, wrote:

*We are proud to be "United Air Line" retirees
A group of reliable, intelligent, individuals who could see
The Work they did for United Air Lines would help it grow
All retiree's put in many a hard working day to make it so!
These retired years are the best years of your life,
No more days of getting up early, feeling a bit of strife!*

*You are free to do whatever you want to do
 Now you can go wherever you want to go!
 Your inner person is joyful as you go on your way
 Grey Days may appear, followed by many a sunny day!
 Hold on to your sense of humor with "Both Hands"
 The older you grow, the more you will need it
 Don't lose the thrill of living, seek happiness
 "FOR DAYS AHEAD!"
 Keep an open active life, keep your spirit lit
 Your retired years are like an evening without a cloud
 Keep your memories of United, of which you are so proud.
 Control your mind by facing life with a smile!
 Hoping whatever you do will bring love and comfort
 to your life all the while!*

I would also like to ask, again, if anyone who was a member of Hangtown Miners a few years ago may have a blue binder with United memorabilia in it. Helen put it together, Gary brought it to share and it has disappeared. If you are the person who wound up with it, please let us know so we can get it back to Gary. Thank You.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** reports that all seems to be well with our members. **Lynda Lima**, who was quite ill last month was at the luncheon and feeling much, much better. If you know of anyone who may not be doing well, please let Suzanne know.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was able to join us today; he brought the photo albums and reminded everyone that we have a website on Shutterfly. All you have to do is go to the Shutterfly site, set up a free account for yourself with your own password, put in "Hangtown Miners" and you can look thru the website, add photos and even copy pictures that are on it.

Thom & Sherry have been doing some traveling lately so Thom reminded us that we can still park at the SFO maintenance base. However, the south lot is where you park after you get your parking pass from the office. Allow plenty of time because you may have to walk from there to the terminals!

Thom brought the catalogues for shirts. A few of us ordered them, if you are interested, let Thom know!

Old Business ~ Items discussed include the Annual SFO Family Day and Senior Legal Services. **Jeanette D'Amico** reported that after the July luncheon she & Joe hosted at Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park, she went back to RT and spoke to the manager. She was concerned that, in spite of letting them know that we would have a large group attending, after the first group went thru the salad and pizza lines, there was little to nothing there for all the other people. They apologized, assured her that it would not happen again and that there was going to be some sort of compensation. We do enjoy meeting at this restaurant so hope they can be better prepared. Good job, Jeanette.

New Business ~ A few months ago, Bill & I went to a birthday party for a friend that was held at the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan. We were amazed with the displays – a great one featuring the works of Leonardo Da Vinci – (which Jeanette said was coming to an end soon) engines and then outside there were many airplanes to be looked over. If you think this is something that you might like to go and see as a group, let us know and we will see what we can do to put it all together. Seniors are only \$8.00 each but a group of 20+ is \$7.00. This could be a fun outing!

Holly Hilton joined us today and brought tickets for World Wing International Charity. A few of us brought her raffle tickets.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. Our raffle began with **Kerry Kozelka** winning the donator's prize. Thanks to all who brought items for the raffle: **Biro** – cross pen; **Gibson** – beer bread mix; **Wolfram** – bird house; **Kenny** – mystery juice; **Akin** – eggs; **Kerry & Ann** – Jade plant; **Lima** – lantern; **D'Amico** – zebra popcorn; **Dinette** – wine; **Ouchi** – bird; **Kenney** – table decorations.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

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We met for our “last of the summer” luncheon on September 14th at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa as we did in August; the luncheon was hosted by the President of our chapter, **Larry Wilson** and me, **Mary Wilson**. **Barbara Underhill** helped us out by buying and decorating the tables with a fall theme of mini pumpkins and fall-colored leaves and bottles of white wine in pretty bags. It looked very festive, and reminded us that autumn is on its way!

We had a nice time visiting while the La Gare staff got our lunch ready and we purchased beverages from their bar. We were very happy to have our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** back with us after traveling this summer to see her family across the nation (Oregon and Georgia)! She expressed that she was happy to be back too, and she looked well rested. Our historian **Barney Hagen** took pictures of us all visiting together for the binder of our many years of past luncheons he has compiled.

President **Larry Wilson** welcomed us all, and thanked **Barbara Underhill** for helping us out by decorating the tables so festively! Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced to us that we had 20 members attending, and 4 guests, which included **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, friends of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, and **Beth Pitchford**, also a friend of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; we also welcomed **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**, whom we haven’t seen in a while. We were happy to see them both with us again! Our lunch was served, which consisted of soup, salad with a great light creamy dressing and our entrée choices of Pork Schnitzel, Coq au Vin (chicken, braised in mushroom and red wine sauce), and the popular Filet of Sole with lemon and butter sauce and almonds! The dessert was a light Tiramisu, a surprise of the Chef.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** reported that the current balances in our bank account are \$1031.72 in our general fund, and \$528.35 in the charity fund account, for a total of \$1560.07. We were encouraged to continue to contribute to our Charity Box that is always put out by the entrance to the dining room! We have a couple more months to grow our Charity donations until the end of year distribution, which will be decided in November. **Joanne Huhn**, who keeps tabs on which Charities are in most need over the year, shared that the Redwood Food Bank, and Meals on Wheels for seniors, which is being cut by the Federal Gov’t this year were receiving the most demand by those in need and thought they should have most favored priority. **Valerie Hulsey** seconded that motion; having toured and worked at the Food Bank, and knows the director personally, she said that it is definitely deserving of our consideration. Hopefully, we may have an additional organization to consider by the end of the year.

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** announced that the RUAEA Convention was coming up at the end of the month, September 24th, the day that I am writing this letter, to be held in Las Vegas. He and **Mary Hill** are the only members from our chapter that will be going this year. Larry and I are sorry to be missing it; we hope that maybe next year we will be able to attend. Roger, who is a great story teller, shared with us the story about how the CEO of United Airlines at the time of the new Boeing 707, boarded and surveyed it and asked why the seating was so inadequate and rows so narrow and if it could be widened to make room for more seating; when Boeing refused to consider his suggestion, United skipped over the 707 purchase, and decided to go with the next generation airplanes, the 720 series!

Travel Expert and Chapter Historian **Barney Hagen** shared that the next month’s luncheon will be held at the Villa on October 12, and what entrées would we like to be offered to us; he and Clare, Ron and **Joanne Huhn** will be hosts of that luncheon. We all discussed our agreement to have next year’s luncheons every other month, starting in February, hosted by myself and Larry. The schedule was passed around and most of the hosts for each luncheon were inserted for all the dates listed. It was agreed that the cost for each Member and Guest, depending on the restaurant, would probably be \$30.00 per person, and skipping every other month would make that amount more affordable.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** read all the birthdays and the anniversaries of our current members; the birthdays were **Norma Davis**, **Rich Hanna**, **Lou Legnitto**, **Lois Schwind**, and **Mickie Orchard**. **Norma Davis** won the free birthday. The Anniversaries were **George & Lois Schwind** (68 yrs.), **Larry & Madalyn Schmidt** (31 yrs.) and **Larry & Mary Wilson** (52 yrs.). Verda also shared with us a few funny jokes which were delivered in her usual rare form!

Our raffle was held next for the white wines from the table decorations, the See's Candies, and a couple of other wines brought in by the Underhill's. President **Larry Wilson** thanked all those who provided the gifts for the raffle, he thanked us all for coming and making the luncheon a fun event, and adjourned the meeting.

See you next month at the Villa Restaurant,

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There were sixteen at breakfast this week and **Ray Wood** was the happy winner of the 50/50 raffle. **Rosario Zepeda** was our only October birthday.

Wendell & Barbara Johnson have just returned from a trip to South Carolina visiting relatives. Fortunately they missed out on the hurricane.

Louis Semon has been travelling in Greece and Serbia and is already planning his next trip!

Maria & Arnold Pollacke were in London, Greece and Norway where they spent time in Bergen and with friends who live right on the fjords; they have wonderful pictures to show off that beautiful country.

Ed Knight gave a report on the raffle for the Mission Bay Yacht Club and thanked all who donated jewelry items for the Elder Care Raffle.

Liz Kamoo did not join us this month. She fell and broke two fingers in her right hand while walking her dog. One was an open fracture that required two hours of surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

I haven't heard any news of the Convention but maybe next month we will get some news.

Everyone enjoy the month and cooler fall weather. See you November 2nd, if you are in the San Diego area, come and visit us.

Calendar:

November 2 – 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 Annual Fall Picnic is about to begin. Delicious BBQ has replaced our “steak, beans, salad, French bread” feast – so much easier to plan and have it catered by one of our local great BBQ Restaurants.

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

- **October 23** – BYOBL and Bingo
- **November 27** – Pot Luck Luncheon, bring your “special” favorite to the meeting.
- **December 6** – Golden Gaters Holiday Luncheon to be held at Mimis' Restaurant in Bridgepoint Shopping Center. Open to all members. 4 choices of entrees / drinks / taxes and tip. Wine and cocktails not included. Sign up list available in Oct/Nov. Good food and great company!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** posted his financial report. He will start collecting dues in October for 2018 - \$15.00 per person / \$30.00 per couple so bring your check book.

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the August minutes which were approved as read. As of this date we do not know of anyone going to the Convention.

Membership **Barbara Underhill** asked for birthday celebrations. **Gene Walter** owned up to over 39 years and counting (and counting. One wonders: Is he catching up with Jack Benny?) **Bill & Diane Heinrich** are celebrating their 45th walk down the aisle and **Bob & Donna Taiclet** are looking at 49 years. Congrats to you all. A big welcome to new comers: **Pete & Cathy Cooper**, it's great to have you join us! The following are on

the “not feeling up to snuff” list – **Lydia Rolfe** has a sore foot which is hampering her walking around. Members we haven’t seen for a long time: **Frank & Joyce Sulgit**, both not well, **Jo Milligan** is still in the assisted living facility in the South Bay. Keep these nice folks in your hearts and prayers. **Shirley Dickinson** is looking to move to an assisted living facility in Burlingame. **Vera Kina** had some surgery and is “up and at ‘em” – can’t keep a great Prez down!

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** will have a sign up list for our December 6th, (open to all members,) luncheon at Mimi’s Restaurant in Bridgepoint, San Mateo. They will need your check no later than November 30th along with your menu choice, \$25.00 per person. More to come!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave out the 25%/25% winnings to **Ben Vietz** and **Diane Heinrich**. Donated raffle goodies went to **Ben Vietz** and **Bill Heinrich**. Harriet wants to remind everyone to bring canned goods and new, un-wrapped toys to be distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bingo winners were **Art Barrett & Ella Mae Donovan** sharing, **Art Barrett** didn’t have to share! **Donna Taiclet**, **Ella Mae Donovan** and **Rex Reelfs** did a menage et trois split (they were paid in pennies!) **Linda Barrett** and guest **Dave Oxendine** shared, **Donna Taiclet** again but not sharing, **Harriet Kunze** and the big winner of the Black Out - **Margaret Reelfs** (saving for our Jackson Rancheria Casino trip.) With all their winnings the stock at McDonalds has jumped appreciably!

Historian **Jim Goodwine** had nothing to report.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** - On the list for 2018 trips: USA National Parks with Zion and Bryce National Parks; Iceland and the Northern Lites; New Years’ on the Queen Mary & the Rose Bowl Parade; February or March – the Sierra Scenic Rail trip, 2 nights / 3 days – board in the Bay Area or Sacramento. Day trips are in the works. Interested? Join us for some fun! – and guaranteed laughs.

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. Note: Our new mailing address is: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Vera Kina**, 203 Emerald Bay Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.

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We had a great time at our Fall luncheon at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose on September 12 where 58 of us gathered for a time of fun and fellowship. President **Boyd Sweet** acknowledged those who joined us for this special event: **Kathleen Adams** arrived with friend United employee **Terri Chun**, **Karen Behle** and **Wilma Sandy** traveled together; Pastor **Mark Brady** attended with **Marion Gaever**; **Don & Dot Boyer** joined us; it was great to see **Lloyd & Claire Eber** again; **Mariane Johnson** invited her mother, **Jackie Johnson**, and aunt, **Jeanne Hatfield**; **Bill & Sherri Mansur** were with us along with **Pat Ortega**, **Barbara & Jerome Underhill**, and **Cleve & Donna Stafford**; and **Don Nessling** was joined by his daughter and son-in-law, **John & Donna Strichter**. It was a delight to see old friends and meet new faces. The catered lunch did not disappoint—it was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you to **Cheri & Ben Scales** and **George & Julie Midwin** for planning this luncheon.



The convention committee did an outstanding job in organizing our recent Las Vegas convention. Thank you for all of your hard work to put it together! It was great to have the hospitality times every evening to mingle and catch up on the happenings of the day with those in attendance and participate in the raffles as well. All of the tours were informative and

enjoyable. From the grandeur and opulence of the Las Vegas Strip to the simplicity and beauty of the natural surroundings, there was something for everyone. The banquet Thursday evening was enjoyable with a local band performing 1950s-60s music during the dinner. Some in our group had arrived in Las Vegas early while others remained afterward a few additional days to continue exploring the area. At our Friday breakfast meeting following the convention each person/couple who attended shared their thoughts and experiences of the trip and all were very positive. Even the weather couldn't have been better!

As I put the finishing details on this article, we are looking forward to Sunday, October 8 and the SFO Family Day at the maintenance base. In addition to saying farewell to the 747 "Queen of the Skies," there will be aircraft and shop tours, a car show, exhibits, and an air show by the Patriots Jet Team. Several from our chapter are planning to attend and participate and we anticipate a great day together. More will be shared in next month's article.

We lost one of our longtime members in September. **Carol Copley**, wife of **Bill Copley**, passed on the 22nd. Her memorial service is to be held October 14. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and his family during this difficult time. In addition, we were all dismayed to hear of the tragedy in Las Vegas the weekend after the convention. Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by this horrific event as well.

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

Calendars

December 12 – Christmas Luncheon, Mariani's Restaurant, Santa Clara



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The San Joaquiner's met Thursday, September 7, at Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs, hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**. This is one of the group's favorite meeting places as it is all you can eat and the other people in the restaurant seem to enjoy our (loud) humor.

President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests at this meeting.

Much discussion was centered on the impact of the various hurricanes on airline operations, and on the lives affected. Bob made sure that all had received the forwarded email to enable them to donate to United We Care.

Jack & Rosie Walls shared their recent travels where they were able to fly First Class.

We had no old business to act on.

Under new business, we had a moment of silence to privately remember all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. **Rosie Walls** also reported that she was contacted by **Chris Fountain** in Jacksonville, Florida after the hurricane. Chris is all right and experienced only minor impact from the storm.

It is time again to consider electing officers for next year.

Bob & Pat Scoble are, so far, the only members attending the RUAEA Convention this year. They are looking forward to the meetings for the newsletter correspondents and presidents. They plan to bring ideas and comments back to share with us all.

The United Airlines Employees and Retirees Family Day is October 8 at SFO Maintenance Base. If you plan to attend, be sure to order your wrist band in advance.

Christmas luncheon meeting (December 14) will be at the Leger Hotel in Mokelumne Hill, and the chapter will cover the tax, tip and dessert.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented the August report which indicated all expenses and income were included and our balance was almost \$700.00.

Joan Verbaere, **Rosie Walls** and **Elma Reyna** celebrated birthdays; **Dick & Carol Thomas** and **Fred & Joan Verbaere** celebrated their anniversaries.

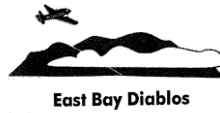
We had a 50/50 raffle, won by **Rudy Reyna**.

Our October meeting is Thursday the 12th and will be held at Strings at 11976 State Hwy 88 in Jackson. Please RSVP to **Joan Verbaere** no later than October 9 at (916) 682-6148. The chapter issues an open

invitation to interested retirees or their family, just please contact the host for the meeting or our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308.

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We met on September 11th with 25 members in attendance. Quite a few items for discussion and voting. The changes in the by-laws are:

- ❖ Effective in 2018, we will change our meeting day to the 1st Monday of each month. This will allow us to submit our Chapter minutes to the Newsletter in a much timelier manner. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, then we will meet the next day on Tuesday.
- ❖ Change our meeting month to every month, including July.
- ❖ Set the term limits for officers to 2 years.
- ❖ Hold the election of officers in September of each odd year beginning with the year of 2017.

Arnold Hansen was voted in as President, **Jack Smith** was elected as Vice President, **Diane Griego** as Correspondent and **Rich Bouska**, Treasurer. **Barbara Cunningham** also returns as our Sunshine Lady as well as door prizes. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** were voted to be our Cashiers. **Barbara Underhill** was voted to be our 50/50 coordinator.

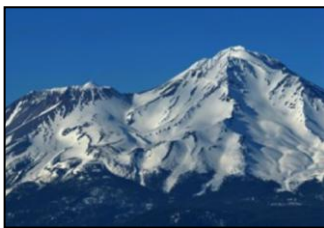
We are trying something new at our November meeting with Hamburgers and more at Fuddruckers. They have a very nice meeting room, which we have reserved.

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

Calendar:

November 13 –Fuddruckers – 1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520 (just across from Claim Jumper)

December 11 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection at Zeo Fredo's in Pleasant Hill.



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The leaves are starting to fall in the North State, however, we are still under a heavy fire danger. We moved our September meeting from Anderson River Park because of the change in the weather and a lot of people were traveling. The meeting was held at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos, one of the group's favorite places. President **Merritt Odor** thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up the restaurant. We had 17 retirees and spouses in attendance. Merritt welcomed **Sonda Sandstedt**, our new Northern California Regional Director to the meeting and it was great to see her.

Merritt expressed kind words for the loss of one of our members, **Jim Geiger**. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** as well as **Bill & Sharon Simonton** were able to go to the memorial. **Kent Jorgensen** spoke about Jim's accomplishments as a 747 Maintenance trainer for United. He will be missed.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Kent Jorgensen** celebrated birthday in September, so did **Carl Franke** and **Klaren Odor**. **Charlotte Puryear** will be celebrating 97 years young in October. **Carl & Grace Franke** will be celebrating their 53rd anniversary and **John & Chris Isbell** will be celebrating their 55th anniversary. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in October. Merritt Odor spoke about the Family Day for United on October 8th at the SFO Maintenance Base. Also, United will be retiring the 747 and people may visit the airplane at the Base.

Merritt introduce **Sonda Sandstedt**, our Northern California Regional Director, to the meeting. She gave a short talk on her background. Sonda spoke about the Family Day and also about the RUAEA convention. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** will be attending the convention and Merritt will be going to the President's meeting and Klarin will fill in for Sharon at the Secretary's meeting. Sonda also spoke about her impressions of Oscar Munoz as President of the company. He was named one of the top 20 CEOs of a major company in Forbes Magazine. Sonda is in talks with the retirees group that has met with Oscar, and she is confident that he is listening to the real issues retirees have. Merritt thanked Sonda for coming all the way from the Auburn area for our luncheon. Sharon requested that Sonda send her any information about United Retirees and she will forward to all Northstaters.

Our next meeting was discussed and it was decided to have a Christmas Party on December 6th at 11:30 AM to be held at Italian Cottage in Chico. **Billie Jorgensen** volunteered to make the reservations and she will request for a longer time. **Chris Isbell** and **Sharon Simonton** will bring some decorations. We will be having 3 raffles that day plus cake and ice cream provided by the treasury. We also will be having our gift exchange and Klarin volunteered to write a story for the gift exchange. It is a fun way to exchange the gifts every year

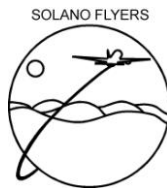
John Isbell won the 50/50 raffle and **Sonda Sandstedt** won the lunch certificate.

Calendar:

December 6 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM at Italian Cottage in Chico. Come join us!

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The Solano Flyers September meeting was scheduled at Denny's in Vacaville. When our members arrived, we found another group in the meeting room so we requested that they review their calendar to see if we had reserved the room. The temporary manager returned and stated that there was no group listed on the calendar? With that information, we decided to go to the City Sports Bar for our meeting. President Pochop remained at Denny's to forward all arriving members of the new location.

At our new meeting location we find **Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Frances, Stewart McCale, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Nelson McKinley, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Allan Pochop, Constantio Poolos, Jamie Schwafel, Frank Uhl, Paul Schwafel** and **Robert Zirzow**.

As we had dropped in unexpectedly, the restaurant was staffed with one waitress. To simplify the ordering/payment problem for her, it was decided that the group would order from the lunch menu and the chapter would pay for the members' meals.

Our 50/50 drawing ~ President Pochop called the last three numbers of the winning ticket, once, twice, three times? But no one had the winning ticket? Then Frank asked Jamie, if she kept the tickets that he had given her, as he had put his half of the tickets in the drawing drum. Jamie, stated that she put those tickets in the drawing drum also. The members agreed that this creative innovation must be rewarded and Frank was declared the 50/50 winner. Will we be on guard for a repeat ticket drop at our October meeting ... if we remember?

It was suggested by President Pochop that we change our monthly meeting date from the third Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month, members approved.

Calendar:

October 11 - Black Bear Restaurant, Suisun City, 11am

November 8 - Red Robin Restaurant, Vacaville, 11am

December 13 - Black Bear, Restaurant Suisun City, 11am

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The October breakfast was attended by 31 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **John Fleck** (DENMM), **Doug Colbert** (DENMM), **Yumi Trujillo**, **Don Ciarn** and **Toni Duensing** (3). The 50/50 drawing, along with the collection and sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

Chapter President **Don Burbank** conducted the meeting. Don read the minutes of the September meeting. There was a vote for officers for the next year. By a show of hands there was no opposition and the present officers were selected for another year. The officers remain – **Kathy Sibley** (Treasurer), **Bob Duensing** (Correspondent), **Gary Trujillo** (Vice President) and **Don Burbank** (President).

President Burbank has been absent for two meetings and noted that during that time he has been in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nevada and Arizona and flying around in a B-17.

Don agreed that the rental rates at Wings Over the Rockies museum that were quoted previously were indeed inaccurate and he is investigating how that happened. The museum management assured us they would never quote those prices.

President Burbank also announced that the negotiations with WHQ were successful and we now are able to select traveling companions in June and January rather than only once a year. This enables an individual to have four traveling companions a year rather than just two.

He also spoke about the ease of buying an employee reduced fare ticket at the gate with a smart phone.

Also noted was the fact that every quarter a 1099 will be forthcoming in the mail from the IRS along with a W-2 at the end of the year if any taxable liability was incurred during the year as a result of travel.

A suggestion was offered to have a paper boarding pass even if using a smart phone in case of a malfunction of the phone while traveling. In addition, if you travel frequently, Pre-Check is available for \$100 for five years and eases the stress of the security check-in.

Don spoke briefly about the convention that was attended by almost 400 people. The 2018 convention will be held in Cleveland.

Vice President **Gary Trujillo** announced that the Christmas Party will be on December 13th at the Holiday Inn again as in past years. The plans are almost complete with the exception of the menu. The menu selection will determine the price of the event. There will be a cash bar, a door prize and drawings. **Martha Gooselaw** will once again handle the reservations and information for that will be forthcoming. The Christmas party is always a nice affair and I encourage all of you to attend.

A reminder – RUAEA monthly meetings and events are open to anyone. Guests are welcome.

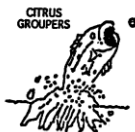
Don O'Malley (Employees Assistance Program) is a new member of RUAEA. Welcome, Don. We are glad to have you with us.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA

THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES

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The September luncheon meeting was held at the Waterfront Inn in The Villages, FL with 16 members in attendance. We welcomed a new member who has retired in The Villages, **Mary O'Connor**, NYCRR, LGACS, LGATQ. Our Secretary and regular contributor to the Citrus Groupers Column, **Kathy** and her

husband, **Robert “Bob” Faust**, OMACG could not attend the meeting because Bob had taken ill due to complications from his 2016 surgery. Congratulations to **Kathy & Bob Faust** on their 59th wedding anniversary on September 27 which unfortunately fell while Bob was in the hospital. Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio**, EXOPP was also sidelined with a fractured ankle. **Johnny Whalen**, MCOCS, MEMCS, MIASS shared that he recently had nose surgery for a suspicious growth. **Elaine Krapf** is on the mend after fracturing her arm in 3 places from a fall. On a happier note, we celebrated the birthday of **Richard “Dick” Bligh**, SFOKM, EXOKU with a birthday cake with candles and all.

Claus Brinnitzer, JFKGQ gave a moving Invocation which included thanksgiving prayers for the safety of all members from the devastation of Hurricane Irma. **Joe DiStaso**, EWRCS led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; **Elaine Lies**, CHIRR, HDGFF gave the Inspirational Message titled “Paid with Glass of Milk”. **Ralph Brick**, EXO/OPBOP kept us in stitches with his Ice Breaker jokes. **Richard “Rich” Capozzi**, NYCRR, EWRCS briefed us on the latest United travel benefits such as the change in Imputed taxes reporting and increase in the number of Enrolled Friends per year as well as the innovation in the empowerment of Flight Attendants to resolve customer issues in real time while on the flight.

The Citrus Groupers has an on-going “Getting To Know You” Program managed by **Richard “Dick” Bligh** who does the interviews of the selected member and writes up the resulting Bios to be read at the monthly meeting and to be submitted as well to the Citrus Groupers column in the RUAEA Newsletter. **Elaine Lies** did an excellent reading of **Ralph Brick**’s bio.

There were two interviews and bios done by **Dick Bligh** for the November RUAEA issue, that of **Ralph Brick** and **Joan Brandonisio**. Here they are:

Ralph Brick’s Bio ~ Ralph was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin in 1932. Manitowoc is located on the shores of Lake Michigan 40 miles south of Green Bay and 80 miles north of Milwaukee, WI. Today it has a population of approximately 33 thousand people. Dairy farming is abundant throughout this area and all surrounding counties.

Ralph grew up on a family dairy farm. He attended public school grades 1-4, followed by attending Lutheran parochial school for grades 5-8. He graduated from a public High School in 1950. Later during his United career, he graduated from McHenry County College in 1973 with an Associate degree in Business Management.

In February of 1952 he was drafted into the USAF at 19½ years old (at that time, the military was not an all-volunteer force). He was trained as a cryptographic operator and completed his overseas assignment in the Alaskan Air Command, with a one year assignment to ADAK, in the Aleutian Islands. He was discharged in February of 1956 as a S/Sgt.

After returning to the Midwest he responded to a blind ad in the Milwaukee Sentinel and his United career began as a Customer Service Representative in Milwaukee and went on to also serve, over an eleven-year period, in Youngstown and Tampa Florida, with increasing responsibilities, becoming a Supervisor in the Tampa operation.

In 1967, he moved to Chicago being assigned to System Operations Control as a Controller for 10 years, and then promoted to a Manager of Systems Operations Control. He continued in that position for the next 17 years until he retired in 1993.

Once retired Ralph continued to be active in Church related activities and to play golf several times a week. Along the way he and his wife moved to Virginia and later to Gainesville, Florida where he has remained for almost twenty years. Also, He served as the president of the United Retirees Citrus Groupers of The Villages for approximately five years.

Joan Brandonisio Bio ~ Joan was born in Chicago, Illinois and because her father worked on building military bases during World War II, Joan lived in many parts of the country. She attended a total of seven different schools before attending Proviso High School in the Chicago area. After high school, Joan attended Actors Company studying drama and dance. This has given her a life-long interest in the performing arts.

She held positions as a CBS page and was employed by J Walter Thompson Advertising agency - along the way she married and lived in Waynesville while her husband was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Once again returning to Chicago after a period of time she left the work force to raise her son. When he entered school, she took a job with the local school district. Along the way, she interviewed with United and became an employee working in EXOAC (Accounting) where she handled government account details such as arranging for payment when government personnel traveled.

After a while she transferred to EXOGO which provided facilities management for the Headquarters’ complex, she did work ensuring that everyone had their EXO ID security pass for entry to the complex. Another responsibility was the support of the various departments when something didn’t work.

Transferring to the Purchasing unit EXOPP, Joan worked with external vendors who had contracts which required them to distribute product across the system. She also worked with hotels which had contractual arrangements with United ensuring that services were provided to specification and in a timely manner.

In 1991 Joan retired and in 1993 moved to Daytona Beach Shores with her husband Louis of 57 years. In 2005 a cousin invited them to move to the Villages and they did. After only five years Louis died in 2011. Since then Joan has been active in clubs and wrote a column for local publications on theatre openings. She thoroughly enjoyed her time at United Airlines but as Joan said "*Life moves just too fast.*" Joan has been and is the Treasurer of the Citrus Groupers for four years now.

The meeting concluded with President **Tita Dumagsa**, IADSS, IADRR, announcing that **Kathie Torgison** who writes for the RUAEA Newsletter with her column Torgy's Travel Tips will be the Guest Speaker for the October 26th Meeting at 11:30 AM, flying all the way from Seattle to The Villages, FL. The La Palma Mexican Grill, Leesburg, FL will be the venue for the next meeting.



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A dreary, rainy day kept many away today, but 9 ventured out for our meeting. We were even missing our President **Dick Coughlin** & his wife **Frieda**, who were in Pennsylvania. Also missing but sending her regards was our treasurer, **Penny Logan**. Penny was in Tucson having a reunion with some TWA employees from her time working with TWA. We're glad she finally came to United!

Vice-President **Steve Moddle** took the gavel and even filled Dick's shoes by entertaining us with a list of 19 complaints by travelers as reported to Thomas Cook Travel Agency. A funny list if you ever have a chance to read it.

We shared our hurricane Irma stories but we all fared well. The biggest problems were the power outages and **Penny Logan** won the prize for the longest – 8 days! Also mentioned of interest was that our Daytona Speedway was used as one of 20 staging areas for utility trucks. According to Florida Power & Light spokesman they mobilized the largest pre-storm restoration workforce in the history of the United States, pulling in personnel and resources from 30 states, as far away as California. Also a closed runway at the nearby Deland Airport was used to stage as well. We live very close to I-95 and saw hundreds of utility trucks heading south for weeks on end. Thanks to all the other states for helping us out!

Larry Horton led a discussion regarding airplane evacuations, including details from his own experience as a Captain on a 737. His flight experienced a bomb threat, landed safely at Midway, and then he ordered an evacuation. One of the dangers learned from this is he had hearing impaired people on board who, of course, did not hear him say to leave their belongings and evacuate. It was also discussed that maybe the FAA should require persons with disabilities participate in the test evacuations for airplane certification. Good suggestion!

Marion Johnson will be celebrating her birthday on October 30 and **Lowell Johnston** started with United 57 years ago this month. Congratulations to them both!

The 50/50 was won by **Rick Johnson** and we're sure he'll use it to buy Marion something nice for her birthday.

Larry & Janet Horton gave us a very interesting description of their recent cruise of the Galapagos Islands. We could tell they really enjoyed their trip.

Calendar:

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

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All the members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and continued to stand for a moment of silence for the passing of **Susan Still Dempsey** on September 10, 2017 and for the tragic loss of lives in the LAS massacre on October 1st.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave our financial report and President **Al Fields**, realizing that we had enough money to subsidize the Christmas Luncheon, immediately took it to a passing vote! The Real McCoys Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Bonefish Grill by the airport on December 5, 2017. Doors will open promptly at noon and members will pay their share of the cost in advance to attend. Further details forthcoming!

Elaine attended the RUAEA convention in LAS—fortunately, it ended the 29th and so most of us were home before the tragedy occurred. Convention was well attended – Benefits Panel very informative – Dinner speaker was Anthony Scattone – VP Total Rewards UAL – wonderful, passionate-about-UA-and- its-future speaker! The 2018 Convention will be in my hometown ... CLE! It is sure to be wonderful!

Blow out those Birthday Candles for: **Al Fields** (17th), **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (24th), **Mack Chandler** (25th), and **Cheryl Vosges** (26th)!



TAMPA BAY CHAPTER

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Friday, September 15, 2017 (a new date due to Hurricane Irma). The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 12 members in attendance.

Jan Lindstrom read the August minutes which were approved as read.

Lillian Sawyer gave the Treasurer's report which was approved.

Birthdays for the month of September are **Willie Wilkerson** (9/23) and **Jan Lindstrom** (9/27).

Travel for the summer months: **Jan & Bob Lindstrom** went to Cedar Key for their 50th wedding anniversary. **Carolyn & Dave Lodge** traveled all around Ireland and **Volrie & Don Fusina** traveled to Detroit, MI, Somerset, PA (Shanksville), Ashville, N.C. and Memphis, TN.

Sunshine Report was given by **Terri Breslin**. A get well card was sent to **Jim & Pat Hottel** as Pat is in a coma. (We received word after the meeting that **Pat Hottel** passed away on September 14th). A thinking of you card was sent to **Marie Summers** who went into a nursing facility.

Volrie & Don Fusina reported on the picnic which will also be our next meeting with lunch on October 2nd at 11:00 at Anderson Park in Shelter #4. **Beverly Alderdice** stated the Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 6th at Heritage Springs starting with cocktails and social at 11:00 and lunch at noon. Please plan to attend and bring your friends. Invitations will follow.

Bob Lindstrom gave us some updated news regarding United Airlines.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Calendar:

November 6 - Monday, Meeting I/Hop at 10:30

December 6 – Wednesday, Christmas Party at Heritage Springs Country Club at 11:00.

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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 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 - We give a huge debt of gratitude to our veterans, especially this month. For some reason, they are sometimes forgotten, the Greatest Generation, along with the flag and freedom they fought to protect. Without them, we could be speaking a choice of 4-5 different languages in the US of A. Thank you for your service! Maybe we should bring back the draft so our young'uns understand what the price of freedom really is. Otherwise, the month is pretty dull until you get to Thanksgiving, and my High Holiday, Black Friday. Holidays are something to look forward to, family, good times and possibilities, always possibilities of things to come into our lives. We're not that old to overlook possibilities, are we?

Our country and our airline have had so many disasters thrown at us in the last two months. I'm so proud of our CEO, Oscar, to send out planes to deliver supplies and food to Texas, Florida, Louisiana, and now, Puerto Rico, Aquadilla, and St. Thomas. We are also sending in help from the States to restore power, clean up, and pick up people from the Islands and bring them here. Oscar has made sure all cities have reached out to their employees to see that they are safe, and what help they might need. The United We Care Fund, and the Emergency Relief Fund, helps our employees recover from the tragedies in their towns. Even their homes and families were affected; some could not get to the airport, had no clothes to wear, and had injuries. However, our UAL family members are loyal and resilient; they came back as soon as they could get to the airports ready for our customers and each other. I'm touched, I'm sure you are moved, too. It's something we did or would have done, back in the day.

Our Northside breakfast attendees welcomed **Jackie Monilaw**, our RUAEA Midwest Director. Jackie has been in various departments, and worn many hats with the Mainliner and other Clubs. **Bill Bergner** found his way back to Elly's last month. **Toni Van Kampen** told us about her exciting trip to Machu Picchu with **Penny Treptow**. Only 15 people were there because the day before was our Fall Luncheon at The Belvedere. About 125 Skyliners attended and enjoyed the afternoon with their friends. Our summer friends, **Liz & Ted Tollefsen**, joined us, so nice to see them again from their hacienda in Arizona. The Chordmasters Quartet sang their little hearts out for us. Then they serenaded **Gwen & Bill Brookins**, ORDFF, for being married 58 years. They received a trophy for all of their years together, and being such good sports.

The Southside breakfast had a small turnout, only nine people. Some were at the LAS Convention, some were traveling around the country. Our raffle was won by **Jan Gawenda** and **Perry Pahl**, twice. After winning, he went to the Casino.

The IAM 1487 Lodge had their Brown Bag lunch last month. At the November 2 meeting, they will serve **Dave Roderick's** famous Sloppy Joe's. The Christmas Luncheon will be December 7, at the Seville. In February, they will be attending 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat', at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. If you're interested, see **Fran** or **Tom Durkin** by the November meeting.

Some of our friends have been ill. **Steve Koltz**, ORDCG, has lung cancer, with 2/3 of his lungs affected. His prognosis is not good, but he is in good spirits. My longtime friend, **Juanita Schrecongost**, ORDCG, MM, and CS, fell down in August, while enjoying a nice summer day in her back yard. She has been in the hospital, and now in a rehab facility. She broke her right arm and sprained her two wrists, with large bumps on her face and legs. If you know Juanita, she's a toughie and is working hard to get back home. God speed to them and all others that are facing physical, financial or emotional problems.

We had two United notables fly West this month, **Duane Buckmaster**, VP of Personnel and Industrial Relations, arbitrator for the AFA, and a WW2 POW. Also, **Mort Wax**, manager of various financial departments. He was president of RUAEA, and very active with our Chicago Skyliners. We thank them for all that they did to promote United over the years. Also gone are **Pat Janiak**, from EXOKF, **Dick Miller**, formerly of ORDCS, **Dan Salata**, ORDFF, CHIRR, and LAXRR. From ORDCG, **Bruce Shropshire's** father, **Ernest**, and from EXODD, **George Rigert's** wife, **Cheryl**. The Loonies will remember **Marie Cook**, from DTWRR. Also gone from our world are Troy Gentry, Frank Vincent, Harry Dean Stanton, Jake LaMotta, Charles Bradley, Anne Jeffreys, Monty Hall, Tom Petty, and the one and only, Hugh Hefner, at 91. We must remember the almost 60 people killed in LAS, and the 500 injured. Their families and friends will mourn their loss forever. The survivors will never erase that night from their memories. The lives of all will never be the same. What makes a person have so much hate in him? The main question is why? There is no answer, so far. How do we stop this? Maybe start with ourselves, be kinder, more tolerant of others, speak to people we might not like too much, would it help? Not sure, but it's worth a try, we have to start somewhere, otherwise we will hurt each other someday. We're all too nice and have lived through too much to end our days like this. And I'd miss you! I'm just grateful that the RUAEA convention was finished two days earlier and everybody was home safe and sound.

Calendar:

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

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

IAM Lodge 1487 Luncheon, Lodge Office, 11:00, 50 W. Oakton St., DesPlaines, (**November 2nd**). First Thursday of the month

December 5 – Luncheon, The Avalon, Higgins and Busse Roads, Elk Grove, 11:00 Cocktails, 12:00 Lunch.

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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With just three months left in this year, Indy Racers members continue to “taxi down the runway” of life. We have members who have been traveling to visit family, both near and far, and we have members who have stayed close to home because of health issues.

On Tuesday, October 10th, we once again, gather at Emmy’s Pancake House in Avon, Indiana for lunch and fellowship, as we did in September. Emmy’s is also the location of our November 14th meeting, at which time we will accept nominations for our two Officer positions – Historian (secretary) and Treasurer, to serve in 2018.

We will also be collecting toys for our “Toys for Tots” drive. Toy donations can be dropped off at Emmy’s Pancake House throughout the month of October. We are hopeful to have a Marine from our local post attend our November meeting to receive our donations.

In December, Indy Racers will wrap up the year with our annual Christmas lunch and gift exchange. This year we will be dining at Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant in Indianapolis.

A reminder that Indy Racers does not meet during the months of January and February, as traditionally the weather in our ‘neck of the woods’ at that time of the year makes travel treacherous.

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Our September 19 luncheon brought out 18 members and guests At Jimmy’s Steer House in Saugus MA. **Oscar Barule**, BOSH, one of our oldest members brought two of his three daughters, Ingrid and Elinore who lives in Maryland. Third daughter, Gisela would have come also, but is recovering from a knee operation. We missed our VP, **Sarah Pitt-Wooll** who had minor surgery, **Mercedes Hersom** with throat problems and **Fred Parks** a last minute cancellation. But, we got **Don Latter** who had been under the weather for a while, looking fit and better than ever. Keep doing whatever you’re doing Don! Our regulars, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy**, **Andy & Carol Montalto**, **Ron & Joyce Heiseler**, **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal**, **Lew Shakley**, **Oscar Barule**, **Norma Betters**, **Patti Mix**, **Helmut Umbley** and **Dick Vee** were all present.

The 50/50’s were won by **Dick Vee** and **Norma Betters**. Free lunches were won by **Don Latter** (welcome back Don) and **Bill Vanderwal**. A \$25 gift certificate from Jimmy’s was won by **Kay Robinson**. **John Lagadinis**’s name was pulled as progressive winner, but John wasn’t present. Next meeting, the progressive will be \$40. Be there to win!

Oscar Barule’s daughter Ingrid told me her dad, 88 years young, was eager to get back into bicycling. They didn’t want him falling, so they got him a tricycle which he can use in his complex. Keep fit Oscar! We should all take lessons from our seniors!

Our President **Carleen Eddy** advised that the Nor’Easters is making a donation to the South West Florida Community Foundation towards help for hurricane victims.

Norma Betters is off to Australia at September’s end. She will be visiting her granddaughter in Sidney. Then her birthday present, a two week cruise around New Zealand with several land tours.

Ron Heiseler and **Andy Montalto** have been flying other airlines on full fare tickets, since having to do it all on the computer. I vowed to help out!

Andy has a brother-in-law who can't take care of himself mentally. Andy said he is now happily living in a group home with five others on his life level. The program is run and supervised by the state, and so far is helping them live an almost normal life. Our tax dollars at work!

It's frustrating when you finally know all the answers and no one asks the right questions.

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

November's anniversaries ~ **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (36 years), **Barbara & Robert McFarland** (50) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (54).

Calendar:

December 5 - Christmas party, Danvers Port Yacht Club, Danvers MA

MICHIGAN



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Our dear friend **Marie Cook** has passed away. She died on Saturday, September 23 after having a stroke on Friday. Marie started her career in the airline industry at Capital Airlines in 1953. She retired from United in 1994. She was the spearhead of the United retiree group known as the Great Lakes Escapees. She worked tirelessly on the newsletter and keeping in touch with the retirees. She devoted many other hours to RUAEA and to her other love, the Loonies. She was the photographer for all of the events for these groups. The Escapees owe her a debt of gratitude for keeping the spirit of our friendships founded at UAL active in our retirees. It was her determination to keep our friendships alive by starting our monthly luncheons. She will be missed but we will have many fond memories of this wonderful lady. Rest in peace, dear friend! Condolences may be sent to her daughter and son-in-law: **Jeen & Paul Kobb**, 30615 Longcrest Street, Southfield, MI 48076.

We also received news of the passing of **Marlene Gendron** who left DTWRR for LAXRR many years ago. Cards may be sent to her husband, **Howard Dahlka** at 36129 Tradition, Westland, MI 48185.

Marilyn Nadol of CLERR and DTWRR died on September 16. Marilyn is survived by **Jim Coyne**, 3303 Linden Rd., Apt. 207, Rocky River, OH 44116.

And **Fran White** also of CLERR and DTWRR passed away on July 17, 2017. Condolences may be sent to her husband, **Jim White**, 7346 Wainwright Drive, N. Ridgeville, OH 44039.

Thought for the month: *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

All retirees, current employees, and friends are welcome to join us at our luncheons which are held on the first Thursday of each month. If you would like to join us for a future luncheon, contact me to for the current location, bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net.

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The group met in September on the St. Croix River for a two-hour boat trip through the scenic gorge of one of the region's most beautiful river systems. 27 Lites plus **Dick Curry** from Arizona enjoyed a gorgeous, sunny day on the boat. Dick was one of our buds from MSP in years past, transferred to PHX and is now one of the elder statesmen of the CS corps there. They adjourned to Dresser, WI after the boat tour for lunch and more visiting.

President **Lee Storlie** fully intended to be among the convention attendees but called too late to get a room in the RUAEA block. The hotel wouldn't extend the group discount to him and insisted he would have to pay

the rack rate of \$499 per night. So they lost out completely, because there was no way he was going to pay that and stayed in MN. So the city of Las Vegas breathed a sigh of relief that it didn't have to be wary of the antics of **Lee** and his buddy, **Jim Simon**.

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

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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The weather man was at his best for our potluck lunch at Cooper Farm on September 6. Thirty two of us joined in the gathering and thoroughly enjoyed the food and the company. Each person brings their best recipe to share and it's an amazing meal. The camaraderie is always a beautiful thing. Everyone pitched in to make the event a success.

The winners of the 50/25/25 were **Barb Soseman** and **Arnie Mahoney**. I think Arnie might be leading the pack as the most wins of the raffle. Each received \$15.

We lost one of our members this past week. **Charlie Cromling** passed away on September 7, 2017. He had been the manager of the flight kitchen for a good many years. He retired when the kitchen closed in 1981. He had been suffering from pneumonia and lung issues. He was 92 years old. Our condolences to his family.

We also heard from a former Omaha workmate, **Gary Mickle**. He is currently living in Boone, Iowa and plans to come to a luncheon one of these days. He worked in the office in Omaha from 1977-1986 and then in Denver CS and FF from 1986-2003. He retired after a short stint in DSMOZ in 2003.

Our next meeting will be at The Longhorn Bar, 101 S. 14th Street (Hwy 75), Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**, on October 3 at 11:30a.m. Betsy intends to have a speaker from the DeSoto Bend Wildlife Refuge to discuss for a little bit after lunch. You will order off the menu so there is no need to reserve your space.

Birthdays for the month of October ~ **Lorraine Stanfield** (3), **Sandy Bender** (3), **Margie Stiles** (9), **Judy Nekonchuk** (13), **Kathy Faust** (15), **Mike Stiles** (19), **Ken Bender** (21), **Barb Soseman** (25), and **Bob Faust** (27).

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Calendar:

November 7 - Golden Corral, hosted by **Jan Cornish**

December 5 - Anthony's Steakhouse, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**

January 2 - TBD

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 15 members and two guests at our September Picnic at Bartley Ranch. The guests were **Maurine Williams'** assistant and guests of **Kathy Robinson**.

There needs to be additional discussion about the continuance of our summer picnic. As attendance drops but costs do not, renting picnic space may not be feasible any longer. This year, we had sandwiches in place of the barbeque and it seemed to work well. No complaints were heard. We may also want to consider adjusting the date to earlier in September if we continue.

Our Christmas Luncheon has been reserved for December 11th 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**.

John & I will not be at the October meeting because we are attending the Open House at the MOC and will be driving home on Monday.

John and I returned from Las Vegas on Saturday, the day before the horrific events there. We had stopped and bought gas at a Shell station just half a block from the concert venue and across from the Mandalay. Life is short – treasure every moment.

Once again, **Bill Perkins**, our resident pastry master presented some delicious small zucchini breads that were part of the raffle and then given to picnic attendees.

NEW JERSEY



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by President **Frank Worzocha**. **Frank Kokaska**, who is our man on the inside and still working, reported on the latest events at EWR. He said that Newark is a large staging area for equipment and supplies headed for Puerto Rico. By the looks of the photos coming out of there it looks like the place has been carpet bombed, and most assuredly we all hope that they have a speedy recovery. He also advised that anybody having tags on their bags should also add that information on the inside of them. Sounds like a good idea, since these tags do get torn off and that “inside information” makes it easier to return to its owner.

We did have some guests at our luncheon. There were **Dawn Marable**, the daughter of **Cornell Marable**, and **Dolores & Walter Hawkins**. We must be doing something right, because we keep getting prospective “inductees”.

Frank Worzocha won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on October 26 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM. There will be no meeting in November, but on December 13 we will hold our annual Christmas dinner. It should be would be nice to see some old and new faces again.

***From the great prophet Leroy: “Always listen to the opinions of others, it probably won't do you any good, but it is worth lending an ear, maybe?”*

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Wednesday, September 27th the Chips met at Schnitzel & Co. for a good old fashioned German lunch. Menu included such things as Chowder, House Salad of Carrot, Apple, Pretzel Croutons & Apple Cider Vinaigrette with Bratwurst Sandwich and in my case, Jaeger Schnitzel (Pork) topped with a Rich Brown Mushroom Gravy plus Spaetzli and Sweet and Sour Cabbage (Red). Everyone found the menu item of their choice.

We were missing several of our regulars who were vacationing in Florida or should I say dodging Hurricane Irma. Some were in the mandatory evacuation zone on the east coast and moved to the west coast only to have Irma follow them around. All are safe and the Snow Birds that moved to Florida in years past have reported in with only minor problems such as a section of screen blown out over their pool letting leaves fall in. We will hear their stories in detail at our December meeting when they return home.

Because we were in the open restaurant business was kept to a minimum. **Don Gaydos** had a rush follow up with his Dr. but test show he is OK. **Lee Miller** canceled as she was ill.

The group took a moment of prayer to remember past members **Rita Demski (Hank)** and **Ann Dillon (Fred)** (most recently of Punta Gorda). Both Hank and Fred predeceased their wives. The prayers also included my wife Donna who unexpectedly passed away August 2nd.

Our next get together will be at noon, December 6th at Russell's Steaks Chops and More.

NEW YORK METROS



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We had the smallest group ever today—only twenty members. Welcome back **Dee & Leo Talochino**. Dee has a pain in her neck, and no, it isn't Leo! It's arthritis. **Emma & Nunzio** are doing line dancing. I think it's for health reasons, but Emma's hip is hurting. I myself come downstairs backwards and do pushups as I descend. Any other good tips out there? **Jim & Kathy Richardson** are on a cruise—lost at sea. **Donna Feingold** didn't know where.

I returned from the Las Vegas convention on Friday, October 27th. **George Riggi** was there during the tragedy that took place. He's O.K. but had to evacuate the club they were in. Air travel sure has changed. I must have been on twelve escalators and three trains, at least. Sure is good to be home. Saw the following former LGA employees in LAS: **Paul Pfisterer, Bill Rittenhouse, Barbara Koprowski** and their spouses, **Barbara Dodenhoff, Sharon Kirk** and **Claudia & Mike Richards**. Next year's convention will be in Cleveland. Some of us Metros discussed the idea of renting a fancy tour bus to attend. Sounds like fun.

50/50 winners were, in order, **Ed Pozzi, Harold Koch** and **Mike Schroeder**. **John Green** crossed over the new Tappan Zee Bridge, and **Pat Hannon** did the same on the new Kosciuszko Bridge. I'm Polish and I don't know how to spell it. Now that's news!

Happy Anniversary to **Nick & Roberta Manfredo**. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to any and all others. If you're thinking of attending the Christmas luncheon, better check in with Dee. It is planned for Monday, December 11th at the Davenport Press.

Calendar:

November 1 - Davenport Press

OHIO

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On September 6th we could not ask for better weather for our lakefront cruise on the Nautica Queen. The only thing missing was the sun. We cruised under historic bridges and experienced the breathtaking view of Downtown Cleveland. Of course, included with the cruise was a fabulous luncheon buffet.

A big "Thank You" to **Nancy & George Oncu** for hosting the cruise. Much time was put into this cruise to make sure that everything was right and went smoothly. And yes, it did.

We had a total of 76 members, families, and friends in attendance. Oldies music was playing in the background for us and we all really had a beautiful afternoon.

Seeing that we were on the Nautica, we did not have our 50/50 drawing, nor did we have a meeting. Therefore, next month we will be celebrating all birthdays and anniversaries, and get caught up on any news.

But wait, every month our photographer **Lois Walter** takes pictures of our event, and our webmaster **John Taucher** uses them to create a slideshow which is placed on our website. All slideshows are in tab "Past Meetings". So check it out. You may see a former co-worker.

By the time you read this you already know that **CLE** is the location for the 2018 RUAEA Convention. Our Chapter's "Convention Team" is working very hard to make your experience here one that you will remember. Cleveland has so much to offer, and we want you to see it.

Calendar:

November 1 - Tony K's, hosted by **Tom & Helen Hockett**

December 6 - Diamond Event Center, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

OREGON



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We had a better turn out for our September luncheon, with 58 attending. The lunch was great and the conversations even better. We were fortunate to have a guest speaker. Janis Robinson, Assistant Port Director of Passenger Processing for PDX, spoke about happenings and changes at PDX. The main topics were:

1. Portland International Airport has installed Automated Passport Control kiosks in the PDX Internationals Hall, which effectively reduce waiting times by 25 to 40 percent. Operated by U. S. Customs and Border Protection, the self-service kiosks do not require any pre-registration and are free to use. Instead of completing a declaration card and showing their travel documents to a customs officer, eligible passengers, which include U.S. and Canadian passport holders and U.S. Permanent Resident, have the option of using an Automated Passport kiosk.
2. Mobile Passport Control at PDX ~ Mobile Passport Control allows U.S. citizens and Canadian visitors to use the Mobile Passport app to speed up their entry process into the United States. It is the first app authorized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for eligible travelers with a Smartphone or tablet to submit their passport information and answer Customs and Border Protection related questions before their inspection. This app does not require preapproval and is free to use and it shortens the traveler inspector process.

Once again we unfortunately have a few deaths to announce: **Ann Atwood** passed away August 12, 2017 in Portland, OR at the age of 91. A service was held Friday, September 15, 2017, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Lake Oswego, OR. Ann retired from UA in 1990, after working PDXRR & SEARR. **Cora Harper**, widow of the late **Jack Harper**, passed away in Washington at the age of 94. There is to be a private ceremony with interment at Willamette National Cemetery. Members at the meeting signed a condolence card to be mailed to Cora's family.

Announcements: **Jane Futrell** invited our entire group to help her celebrate her 90th birthday with a potluck at her home on Saturday, September 13. Members in attendance voted to send \$500.00 to the United We Care Fund for the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

Anniversaries: **Joe & Betty Alff** (9 years), **Sam & Bill French** (47 years), **Dave & Pat Smith** (51 years) and **Harvey & Irma Larkin** (67 years).

Birthdays: **John VanReenan** (92), **Harold Miller** (81). There were no women with September birthdays in attendance.

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize - **Jack Hooper**, Men's Birthday - **Harold Miller**, Women's Birthday - None, 50/50 - **Pat Ogden**.

Calendar:

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

November 8 - Social

December 13 – Christmas Party

OUR CLUB

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Hello everyone!

Yes, it has been a long time. It seems summer months are travel months for many and Ric & I are right there with you. Luncheons went on without us but no one to fill ya all in.

There were seven of us having our October lunch at the, ready for it? "The Horny Goat". Now you may ask yourself, why name a restaurant with such an odd name? Well, I shall tell you. In days of old before any of us were a twinkle in our parent's eyes, there was something called "prohibition". So there were illegal drinking bars where unmentionable drinking and wild women and men met up to have a good time. They were called "speak easy". They all had goofy names and Horney Goat was one of those names. My mother lied to me as none of us saw any wild men or women but we sure had a great hamburger and one huge fish taco.

We got news that **Doe Pope** had been in the hospital and is now in the Bay Area until she recovers. **Bob Rogers** was there, eight broken ribs and all. Our English lady Alberta was kind enough to drive him. Men the rules are as follows: If you are 70 and over, you do not climb ladders, period. **Peggy & Bob Wright** are finally back from a RV trip to Alaska, **Linda Althouse** back early for a trip to CA. early so attended, **Bob Lindburg** headed up the table and Ric & I were both able to attend finally; so much catching up to do. **Marge Calkins** was unable to attend but is back home. I believe **Sonnie Appleton** is still in South America visiting family but no idea why **Laurie Jordan** was missing, Laurie where are you?

We voted to have our monthly luncheons at one restaurant as that makes it easier on all of us who travel and have to find someone to do it for us or has lost their luncheon roster and forgets it was their turn. The option was however left open if someone wanted to host at a different location; that could be done. We are such a flexible group, small but flexible.

Fall is in the air and the trees are showing off the beautiful foliage they have. Time to rake again, and winterize our RVs for the winter. With no rain in the forecast we might try one last trip to the coast.

Hope you are all well and start planning for the holidays coming up as they will be here before you know.

God Bless you all and be safe.

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Happy Birthday to our members **Marlene Scott** (12/1), **Al Barkman** (12/24), and **Noreene Koan** (12/25). And for our love birds, Happy Anniversary to **David & Ghynda Zane** on 12/07.

Our September 21st luncheon at Puleo's Grille in Knoxville was hosted by **Herman & Beverly Emmel**, the decorations were in keeping with the first day of fall. Nice job!

President **Pollie Klosky** was unable to attend; she was on a cruise, and our Vice President **Betty Shipe** is still recovering from a stroke. We had 16 members attend and we all agreed to have a business meeting. **Al Barkman** won the 50/50; we raised \$20.00 for our chapter.

Terry Taylor announced that she will shortly be moving to Ohio to be with her family. We will all miss her.

Calendar:

November 16 - Luncheon and Meeting 12:30 ET at Lakeside Tavern, 10911 Concord Park Drive, Knoxville, TN. RSVP **Pollie Klosky** (847)757-5261.

December 21 - Breakfast Event TBA

WASHINGTON

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President **Ken Storey** recently returned from an Alaskan adventure with his wife **Judy** (Denali actually was visible – their timing was right!) welcomed 43 members and guests to the September 12 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers before the usual great lunch at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien (the garlic bread was especially delicious this month!) after the summer hiatus. Our three months of non- activity was broken up in July with a great outdoor barbecue.

Jackie Stenger gave her treasurer's report, covering two summer months. The treasury supplemented the low-end charge for the catered barbecue picnic in July.

Jackie will be leaving her treasurer's post at the end of our November meeting (no meeting in December) and we are pleased to report that **Bonnie Frey** has agreed to take over the position. That's a bold undertaking, just as the call for 2018 dues is ramping up. That's a reminder that to become or remain a member of the Emerald City Slickers Seattle chapter, \$10 annual dues are payable any time between now and the end of January. Local membership assures that you're notified of chapter events via our pre-meeting *Contrails* newsletter, including the very important entree choices for the next luncheon.

Hoping that "no news is good news," **Ken Tank** responded that he had nothing new to report on the status of retirees and travel passes from the national level.

A number of Slickers talked about their plans for the RUAEA convention in Las Vegas at the end of the month. **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, snowbirds who spend the summer in Des Moines, Washington, were getting ready to assume their convention roles as treasurer and registrar. They've become a regular fixture in those positions and did a super job for the Seattle convention last year. We all enjoyed working with them here.

We were pleased to welcome **Bill** (SEACG) and **Shirley Barbee**, **Karl Goering** and **Tom Lucas** (SEACG). Bill mentioned that he'd been a member for 20 years, but this was the first luncheon he'd attended. They do have a "fur piece" to travel, as do **Fred & Bonnie Frey**. Those four may hold a current mileage record.

Gay Liesse invited attendees to take part in the 3rd annual food and toy drive while **Ed** distributed colorful flyers giving the details. New, unwrapped toys will be donated to the Marine Toys 4 Tots program. This year's collection of non-perishable and unexpired food will go to the South King County Multi-Service Center in Federal Way. With both October and November meetings on tap, we should reap a large supply of both toys and food. Cash donations also are accepted and are handed over to those "charities," which can get more bang for their buck than can individuals.

Bonnie Frey distributed a few more of the chapter's new personally-ordered name badges to folks who hadn't attended the picnic. There was a chorus of groans, as too many members realized they had forgotten to wear their new IDs for the first time. We hope the Seattle contingent remembered to show them off at the convention.

A huge round of applause goes to **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl**, who have overseen the book exchange table for many years. Members donate books they've finished, so others can have a chance to read them. Books remaining after meetings have been delivered to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and/or the King County Public Library System. Chuck & Dona are retiring from that project and have asked **Ed & Gay Liesse** to take over.

Don Hanson reported that **Holden Greeley** has been quite ill and has resided at a Veterans' Hospital for quite some time.

Retiree **Edna Harris** (SEAHH), widow of the late **Sid Harris** (SEAMK) and sister of the late **Rita Reynolds** (SEAOZ), also was reported to be seriously ill and hospitalized at the time of our meeting. We since have learned that Edna passed away September 14, a day before her 89th birthday.

Our favorite story-teller, World War II Veteran **Don Hanson**, had just celebrated his 95th birthday and was surprised with a birthday candle in his cheesecake. Don's partner, **Sharon Penwell**, celebrated her birthday just before Don's, but she claims that doesn't make her older!

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** announced September birthdays but only one anniversary – a “biggie,” as **Frank & Gail Cochrun** observe their milestone 70th. **Betty Paul** assisted Phyllis with the distribution of door prizes, which consisted mainly of wine and flowers. **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** and **Ken & Judy Storey** provided beautiful bouquets of dahlias from their gardens. **Mike Bratovich** brought along a bag of tomatoes, which were quickly selected by **Susan Whittlesey**, who had shared details of a recent trip to Japan with her tablemates.

Bud & Virginia Dice not only won door prizes with their individual tickets, but they also walked off with the \$54 50/50 cash prize. We assume they went right out to invest in lottery tickets.

By the time this column appears, Halloween ghosts and goblins may yet to have appeared on your doorstep. If the newsletter arrives later than usual, the cobwebs and spiders will have been cleared away, to be replaced by turkeys and scarecrows. Enjoy a Happy Harvest and a Bountiful Thanksgiving.

Calendar:

November 14 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s, Food and Toy collection

December – No meeting

January 9, 2018 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo’s

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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The September luncheon was hosted by the VPM, **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, as I was unavailable. There were 35 attendees. The 50/50 winner was **Henry Ayers**. Henry deserved to win since he just suffered through a major repair to his shoulder just a few short weeks before! Henry did not let any of us know that this was going to take place, so we are a bit slow in sending him our heartfelt “get-well” wishes. Raffle winners were **Kate Connelly**, **Judy Dunlap**, **Dutch Schneider**, **Ray Knazik**, **Faye O’Meara**, **Hank Heuser**, and **Sandee Eggleston**. Congratulations to all.

Linda Scriven, our former President and current RUAEA Regional Director, had a very bad trip/fall down her home stairs. She has a serious break (dislocation) to her right ankle. She has screws and metal plates in both sides of her ankle. She is home now, pretty much confined to a wheel chair, but in great spirits. She has a tough few months in her future, but she is a tough lady and is surrounded by many friends. **Dutch Schneider** just came home from the hospital after having his 2nd knee replacement. He and his wife, **Kerrie**, attended the RUAEA Convention, knowing it might be their last “hurrah” for awhile. Kerrie took great notes for us so that those of us that were unable to attend, would be fully in the know. Now, back to the present, we all wish Dutch a speedy recovery.

The Flying Circus was not as well attended this year, as last (there were 35 of us this year). Seems the date was a conflict with the RUAEA Convention. We still had a fabulous time. The United memorabilia was even more extensive than last year. One of the additions was a hand made wall quilt by **Tana Rae Evenson**. It was completely made out of past uniforms and decorated with meaningful pictures and United buttons and pins.

Pictured L to R: **Bob O’Roark**, **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, **Tana Rae Evenson**, and **Judy Dunlap**.



Our luncheon on October 11th is going to be a busy one. Our guest speaker will be Susan Jacobs, a realtor and author. She also represents a company named “Damsel in Distress”. She will be speaking about self protection in this modern world. The company also has a line of products for at home and when traveling. Also on the agenda will be a discussion regarding what the IAD Loungers can do to help the victims of the season’s horrific hurricanes.

Of course, we will also be celebrating Fall and Halloween. The Dulles Loungers do not always need a

“theme” to celebrate our friendship, but we love it when one is available.

NATIONAL

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Smile for no apparent reason. Smiles make others feel better and have the added benefit of making them wonder what you've been up to! If you have smiles to spare we would love to have you consider joining us as a member of Clipped Wings. We have chapters all across the USA which you can find listed on our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. Our only requirement for membership is that you are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member who would enjoy being a part of a fun and caring charitable organization. We hope that you'll check us out on our website and be in touch.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with smiles and lots of pumpkin pie!

NEW MEMBERS

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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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

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

Eileen Burton, Pamela Dahle, Blanche Eichorst, Pamela Gilson, William Hamilton, Nancy Johnson, Agnes Kubicz, Anne Leder, David Shaw, Michael Tipper, Ginny Vlach, Donna Wade, Ken Walters.

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.)

Ron Bertacini, 1656 Krpan Drive, Roseville, CA 95748

I see it is time to renew my membership in RUAEA. It is hard to believe that I have been retired for twenty-one years. I have to thank Francis & Veronica for a consistently great Newsletter. They do such a fantastic job every month.

I was saddened to see the passing of **Mort Wax**. I had the pleasure to work with Mort at United in the Food Service Division. As I recall, he was Manager of Purchasing-Food Service when I was with the FAMIS team at EXO. We were developing Information Systems for the Flight Kitchens. Later he was Comptroller for the Food Division when I was a Business Manager in Omaha. Later we worked together again with RUAEA. Mort was part of the team that negotiated for the company to keep health insurance for the retirees during the bankruptcy. Mort then served in several positions within RUAEA, Treasurer, Executive Vice President and President. All the time he was also being very active in the Chicago Skyliners.

Mort was one of my advisors during my term as RUAEA President. He always had good and insightful advice. My term became quite interesting with the merger with Continental. Mort did a lot of communicating with Continental retiree groups concerning the pass policy of both airlines. The folks that retired from Continental were in disbelief of how good our United policy was at the time. One individual liked to end his emails with a litany of his positions, such as Retired Captain, President of this and that. Finally the generally calm and collected Mort in an answer to this person listed his six or seven accomplishments. The communications became more cordial after that. We gave it our best effort to retain as much of the old UA policy but Mr. Smisek had very different ideas. Mort will be remembered fondly and sorely missed.

Clyde Johnson, 967 N. County Road 440, Manistique, MI 49854, (906) 341-3130

When **Marie Cook** passed away on Saturday, September 23, she left a lot of holes in a lot of hearts. Those holes may have been filled with mourning for a while, but as a little time passes and we think more and more about Marie's life, those holes and the mourning get filled in and smoothed over by the many remembrances of her humor and many kindnesses. Being the collector and historian that she was, she saw to it there are good records of many of her interests and associations.

Marie was not just an integral part of the Great Lakes Escapees and the Northern Lites, but the historian extraordinaire of the Northwood's Loonies. Her picture taking and expert captioning of our semi-annual get-together for 20 years made for some fantastic albums. She had infinite patience with her chosen volunteerism for all of us. By virtue of working for UAL for all those years, she, like most of us must have made friends and acquaintances of the many fellow employees she came in contact with across the system.

We all miss her, but with a remembrance of the good times and laughter we shared with her every time we were together. She may have been slight of build, (is that an understatement?) but to all of us that knew her she was a giant to be remembered.

Lois Dick, 2310 9th Ave., Unit 2, Longmont, CO 80503

A lot has happened here. My stepdaughter was killed while on their vacation in Branson, MO. They were on ski-doo's on a lake when a storm came up, tipped over the ski-doo. While trying to get back on or for help to arrive, she died. An autopsy revealed a heart attack. She was cremated there and shipped back to Longmont. She was **Victor Dick's** daughter (DENMM). I had raised her since she was 8 years old; she was only 57 years old. Victor died in 1987 and we were both active in the Denver Chapter of RUAEA.

I have been busy here in Longmont Senior Assisted Living for 3½ years, even though I use a wheelchair and a walker. I am the council President, an Ambassador for my floor and play the piano 2 or 3 times for church services here on Sunday. This keeps me occupied most days.

I sold my house in Arvada this past year and still miss the Denver area a lot. But life goes on!

I hope everyone has a great Fall.

Tom McDonald, 1000 County Line Road, Apt. 243, Delano, CA 93215

Viva la RUAEA and a big shout out to its fine dedicated staff.

I was hired in 1946 at Mahlon Sweet Field under the great leadership of W.A. Patterson, when airports had only two letter codes and we were United Air Lines, 3 words.

I would like to have a list of all the cities we serve, name, code and name of the airport.

Also I would like a decode of all our departments. I know so few in our vast organization.

And to you in Hawaii, Menhunes and Pau Hana Kupuna, may I suggest that each month a member of your chapter write a column for the newsletter. You have much to tell. Do we still have the Seaside Hotel? What are approximate prices and lead in times for reservations. Is Madame Pele still in charge of volcanoes and fire? Is she still keeping track of every piece of lava? And is there still a hex on anyone trying to sneak a piece back to the mainland?

And some recipes please, from your pot lucks, pineapple of course. Miss Sheryl would say thank you for your Hawaiian flavor.

We all applaud **Martha Gooselaw** for the fine letter deciphering. I enjoy seeing her cheerful smile each month.

When my 747 pulls up for its complete and final stop at the gate, I will unbuckle my seat belt for the last time, deplane, turn, salute and say: "It has been a great trip!"

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

This is my chance to say thank you to the workforce behind the Newsletter. You are the "link" we have to knowing what is happening at United. Without you, we would be stumbling in the dark, especially trying to travel on passes.

So, keep up the good work and know that you are appreciated.

Robert Rice, 2912 Louis Street Sebring, FL 33872

Sorry to have goofed.

About "Irma", we were very fortunate. Our home came through in good shape. Our power went out 9pm on Sunday the 10th. The whole county was back on by Tuesday the 19th. We did have running water though.

Notes

William West

It is already almost 15 years since I retired and still going, but a lot slower than back when. I am still living in my same home and love having chosen the Coast Side for my retirement. I do miss seeing all those I worked with and stay in contact with a few.

Stephanie Eustaquio

RUAEA is my United lifeline; keeps me connected to a 30 year career and the good people that became friends and family for a lifetime!

Irene Nightingale Nettler

I now live in Montpelier, Vermont the smallest capital in the nation. I enjoy receiving the RUAEA newsletter to keep up-to-date on former UAL employees!

Charles Stotler

Like everyone the red label showed up too quick. I enjoy reading the news about UAL and people that I worked with in my 39 yrs. My wife Gail and I are doing well. We celebrated our 54th anniversary in August.

Robert Vandslice

Worked in the wine industry for 12 years after retirement. Now in Myrtle Beach running a charter boat company

Rachelle Hagen

Thanks for all the great news. I did receive 2 magazines this month, though.

Kathleen Torgison

Writes "Torgy's Travel Tips" for RUAEA newsletter.

April King

Having a wonderful retirement living in Manhattan. I travel 3-4 times each year to the west coast where my relatives live, so I'm very happy to have free travel benefits. I have even, on occasion, gotten Business class EWR-SFO-EWR. Looking forward to reading the Newsletters again! Thanks.

Carrie Bratton

A way to stay informed.

Nancy Chaves

I continue to enjoy the comradeship of my United fellow retirees and "Clipped Wings". RUAEA is a great organization and I commend those individuals who donate so much of their time ... bravo!

Barbara Bertacini

Thank you for the great Newsletter each month.

Marlene Fulton

First Grandchild got married this year...Wow! Entering a new phase in life ... exciting but how did we get this old LOL. Thank you, thank you, RUAEA for all the up to date news.

Florence Book

All is good in sunny Florida! Enjoy receiving and reading monthly newsletter. Thanks for the great job you do!

Betty Garner

Been working at the Mainliner Store at San Francisco Maintenance Operations for six years ... lots of UAL merchandise available.

Sharon Simonton

Paradise is doing great for Bill and me. I am discontinuing Bill's membership but am continuing my own and will send in extra money.

Amy-Christine Fallowfield

I worked for 44 years with United. I live with my family and am enjoying my retirement to work on train models.

Florence Book

All is good in sunny Florida! Enjoy receiving and reading monthly newsletter. Thanks for the great job you do!

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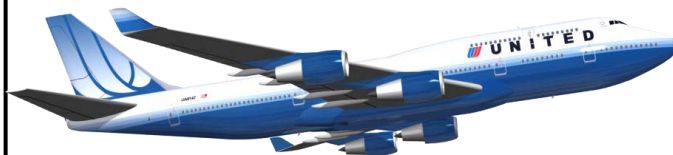
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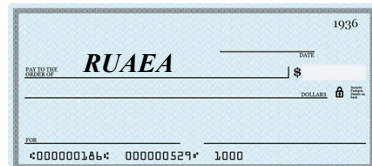
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By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the February 1955 United Air Lines News

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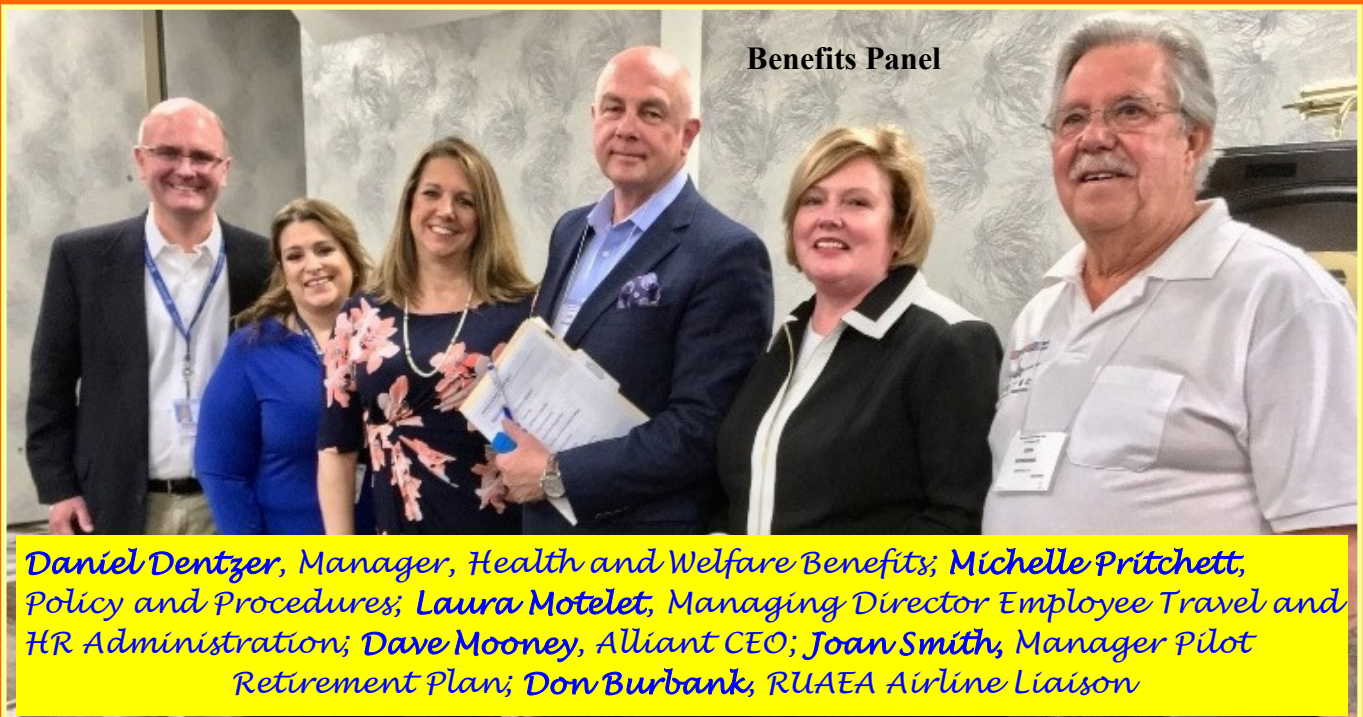


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