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## Recognition of Local Chapter Officers



### Roadrunners Tucson, AZ

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Scott Kirby named President of United Airlines



United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL) announced that Scott Kirby has been named President of United Airlines. In this newly created role, Scott will assume responsibility for United's operations, marketing, sales, alliances, network planning and revenue management. Scott's appointment is effective immediately and he will report to Oscar

Munoz, United's CEO. Scott joins United from American Airlines (AA), where he held the title of president since the merger of American and US Airways in 2013.

*"Scott is a proven leader, whose deep airline experience and expertise will further accelerate our efforts to build the best airline in the industry," said Oscar. "Scott's appointment, along with other recent leadership announcements, is the culmination of the formation of my senior leadership team. This is just the latest step in our mission to be an agile and innovative industry leader."*

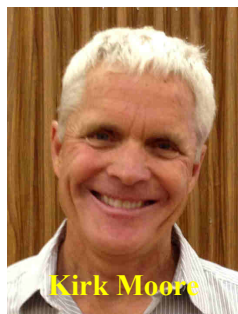
Scott is a well-known industry veteran, with a broad and accomplished three-decade airline career with senior leadership roles at America West and US Airways, where he was named president in 2006. Scott started his career at the Pentagon and in the technology sector and earned Bachelor degrees in Computer Science and Operations Research from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Science in operations research from George Washington University. *"I am honored to be joining United at this important and exciting time and to have the opportunity to help accelerate the momentum the airline has achieved over the past year," said Scott. "I see real opportunity to build on the airline's vast global network and, along with my 86,000 United teammates, create the world's best airline for employees, customers, and shareholders."*

### Travel Pass Update from Kirk Moore

#### Travel plan changes and refunds

Thanks to the ETC for verifying this information:

You can change the departure time and/or date of your listing by using either 1) employeeRES>Travel Plans ("change segment") or 2) on the United App (after you've checked-in via the travel wallet >Reservations) or 3) via the ePass phone line for free. Any pre-paid



Kirk Moore

fees for departure taxes or premium cabin svc charges you made will be applied to your new listing if you are only changing the date and/or time. However, if you need to change the routing, pass type (vacation-personal) or cabin preference (FC,BC,YC) and it's outside of one hour prior to departure (domestic) or two hours prior to departure (international), you must CANCEL the existing listing FIRST and then make a new listing. A fee applies to do that using ePass phone line.

If cancelled *before* departure time, the departure/customs fees or premium cabin svc charges that were pre-paid will be automatically refunded to your credit card (allow 5-7 days to see the refund).

Making a new reservation will require pre-payment of those fees again.

If you DID NOT cancel your listing BEFORE departure and did not travel at all, you can still get a refund. Pre-paid refunds are handled by Refund Accounting, not the Employee Travel Center, and an online form must be completed.

#### Steps to request a refund on a pre-paid eTicket:

1. Go to [united.com](http://united.com) > Reservations > Refunds
2. Select "E-Ticket refund" as refund type
3. Enter the PNR, ticket number and passenger name. **Important!** *Always request to have the eTicket receipt sent to you at the end of the booking process and save it!*
4. Add a comment
  - ❖ When a premium cabin was pre-paid and you sat in economy. Otherwise it may come back denied because the ticket was used.
  - ❖ When you did not cancel your listing before departure and the ticket is unused.
5. Write down the reference number upon completion. You can use this number to check the status of the refund on [united.com](http://united.com) > Reservations > Refund > Check Refund Status.

If you receive an email from [united.com](http://united.com) stating your refund was denied, then it's okay to contact the Employee Travel Center via email at [ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) with a brief explanation, the ticket details (step 3) and the reference number (step 5).

Did you list with a vacation pass and forgot to cancel before departure? If the vacation pass was not restored automatically in 24 hours after the flight, go to employeeRES>ePass Balances, click on "details" and find the pending pass to restore to your bank.



**SFMC Family Day is October 9;  
get requests in by September 30**



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Center (SFMC) will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 9. This event, held each year on the last day of San Francisco's Fleet Week, features aircraft tours, displays, shop tours, a car show, kids' carnival area, plane pull contests and the United BBQ team

with its famous scale model 777 warming/serving station. Wristbands are required for entry to Family Day. Active employees from the SFMC or SFO can request up to four wristbands apiece from area coordinators. Employees from other stations and United retirees can also request up to four wristbands by sending an email to [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com). Please be sure to include the number of wristbands you're requesting, employee ID number, department (active employees only) and phone number in your request. Your wristbands will be available at "Will Call" on the day of the event.

**The deadline for all wristband requests is September 30.** Volunteering is a great way to be a part of Family Day. We are looking for people who are willing to help out for a 2-3 hour shift. If you are interested, please sign up by sending an e-mail to [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com) with "Volunteer" in the subject line. Volunteers will receive a meal voucher and a Family Day T-shirt for their service. Remember, attendees and volunteers from outside the Bay Area are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

Also, we are signing up Plane Pull teams of 20 people each to pull an aircraft for the best recorded time. If you are interested in registering a team, please send an e-mail to [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com) with "Plane Pull" in the subject line. Family Day is always a great event for the United family, and we hope to see you and your family and friends there.

**United flight attendants ratify joint contract**



The flight attendants at United Airlines, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants - CWA (AFA), ratified a contract covering 25,000 flight attendants. Over 90 percent participated in the vote with 53 percent voting to ratify the agreement. This agreement was

reached on June 24, 2016, with assistance from the National Mediation Board. Under the new agreement, all United flight attendants will be joined by a single contract, and united by a shared purpose to build the best airline in the world.

The five-year agreement includes double digit pay increases, enhanced job security provisions, maintains and improves healthcare, protects retirement and increases flexibility.

**Cuba service to launch in November**



The countdown to Cuba is officially underway after the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded final approval for United to launch service to HAV (Havana) from IAH and EWR on November 29.

United will begin offering daily nonstop flights from EWR and Saturday nonstop service from IAH, with both services subject to government approval.

Customers will soon begin booking flights to HAV; however, like some other airlines, United is considering a temporary embargo for employee leisure travel while the company opens the station and develops the necessary certification process.

Because flying to Cuba from or through the U.S. for tourism is not allowed, all customers will be asked to certify their reason for travel (there are 12 authorized reasons), as well as meet certain visa and health insurance requirements.

*"I'm incredibly proud of all the dedicated aviation professionals here at United who are working hard to get our historic Cuba service ready for takeoff this November," said Oscar. "Today's announcement reaffirms that these flights will ensure better choice, convenience and competition for all travelers on this important route, and I want to thank the DOT for their decision."*

**Consider adding the RUAEA Newsletter online  
version the next time you renew your membership**



If you have not tried the RUAEA Newsletter online, consider these reasons for \$5 more, (\$32 for web and paper issues). The online version is available about 2 weeks earlier than the printed one.

- The online version pictures are in full color throughout the newsletter. The printed version pictures inside are black & white. ☹
- The text/font can be made larger as well as the pictures. ☺
- You can read the newsletter on most tablets. ☺



## **You asked, we answered: Fleet edition**

VP Ron Baur leads the team responsible for buying and selling aircraft in the United fleet, analyzing not just the economics of an aircraft purchase, but how well that airplane will work for our employees and our customers. Ron loves to talk about airplanes, so we recently sat down with him to ask a few of the top questions on your minds.

**You asked:** What is the fleet department? How are fleet decisions made?

**You asked:** What is the replacement strategy for the 757-200?

**Editors Note:** To read and view about the fleet department go to [Flying Together](#)

**What is the fleet department?** So in the Fleet Department, we basically buy and sell the airplanes for United Airlines. The fleet planning process is buying aircraft going forward, so we look into the future of what airplanes we want to buy, what aircraft, like the 787 or the A350. The fleet management side is, we have aircraft in our fleet that we have to dispose of. A lot of aircraft are leased; we'll return those back to leasing companies. We'll also take the airplanes that we own and we'll sell them to all airlines around the world or, in some cases, we sell them to some unique applications. Like, for example, we sold some airplanes that were used as firebombers to put out forest fires. We sold an airplane to Paul Allen, who's one of the founders of Microsoft, for Stratolaunch, to launch rockets into space. I always, as a fleet person, I love to see airplanes be put back to use, but unfortunately not every airplane does fly again after we're done with it.

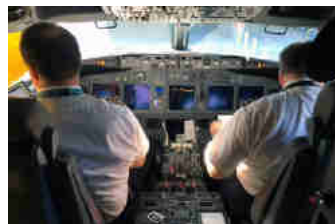
**How are fleet decisions made?** So when we make an aircraft order, we look at a lot of different factors. But we don't only just look at the economics or how well the airplane will integrate into our existing fleet. We also want to keep in mind, what's the viewpoint of our customers and our employees? Our employees are going to live with this airplane for the next 20 to 30 years, so it's really important that we have an aircraft that works well for them. When we make a fleet decision, our group coordinates the analysis of all the different departments within United, and it's really what makes my job a lot of fun. We get to work with all the different experts, for example, like in Network Planning or Engineering, Maintenance, Airports, Cargo, Inflight [Services], Flight Operations, you name it, we pretty much touch every department. It's very important for us because these are such big and expensive billion-dollar decisions that we're going to have for 20 to 30 years, and we need to make sure that all the stakeholders have a seat at the table and are on board with the consensus of buying that aircraft.

**You asked:** What is the replacement strategy for

**the 757-200?** After an in-depth evaluation with Boeing and Airbus, as well as engine manufacturers GE and Pratt and Whitney, we made a decision to replace the 757-200 with much more efficient airplanes.

So the 757 is one of my favorite airplanes. Unfortunately Boeing no longer makes the airplane. About four years ago we did a very in-depth evaluation of '*How are we going to replace this airplane?*' We had a really long evaluation between both Boeing and Airbus, and also with the engine manufacturers, GE and Pratt [and Whitney] and we had about a year-long competition. It's probably one of the harder evaluations we've ever had to do at United. I've been doing this for about 20 years, and it was a really fascinating analysis, but it was also quite difficult. The conclusion we came to, and this is the conclusion [of] many airlines around the world, including American and Delta, who decided that they needed to replace the 757s with much more efficient airplanes, like the 737-900ER or the A321. So when you compare a 737-900ER vs. the 757, it's about \$2 million cheaper per year per aircraft to operate. It burns about 18 percent less fuel, so it's a much more efficient airplane, it's much more environmentally friendly, and it's got a much better passenger cabin, much more reliable. So we think it's a great airplane for United.

## **Next-generation precision landing system tested at SFO**



On the evening of August 27, in cooperation with Boeing, the FAA and San Francisco International Airport, United used a Boeing 737 to fly a series of specially designed NextGen approach procedures to demonstrate the operational and environmental benefits of the Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS), a satellite-based precision landing system that may eventually replace legacy instrument landing systems (ILSs) installed at airports around the world. In use for decades, an ILS has several limitations that a GBAS seeks to remedy. An ILS requires two fixed ground antennas and produces a single, non-variable approach path. Taxiing aircraft, buildings, terrain, and snow and ice can interfere with ILS signals, making them unusable or requiring air traffic control to increase the spacing between landing aircraft, which can result in delays. GBAS, however, can allow for tighter aircraft spacing, more approach options, steeper approach paths and greater visibility in bad weather because of its reliance on satellite positioning. Ultimately, these advantages could lead to fewer delays and precision landing in unfavorable weather, as well as increased fuel efficiency, lower emissions and a reduction

in noise due to the higher glide paths. It's also easier to install and maintain.

According to Industry Affairs Director Glenn Morse, United chose SFO as the test location for a variety of reasons, including weather issues in the Bay Area and the challenging runway layout. *"When weather is poor, the airport's arrival capacity is cut almost in half, causing delays and cancellations,"* said Glenn. "The procedures we demonstrated last week, if approved, may allow us to run our operation on poor weather days more like we do on good weather days."

United has been a proponent of GBAS technology since the late 1990s. Currently, GBAS is installed at two of United's hubs - IAH and EWR, and United hopes to add the system at SFO and its other hubs in the future. United's Boeing 787, Airbus A350 and many of its newer 737 aircraft that have a GPS landing system (GLS) installed are capable of using GBAS.

*"GBAS is the most precise navigation aid ever developed,"* said Chief Technical Pilot Ron Renk. "Our near-term goal is to move it from its current Category I certification to Category III, meaning aircraft can rely on it for automated landings, as they now do with ILS. We also hope to apply lessons learned from our demonstration flight at SFO to develop new GLS approaches for IAH and EWR that leverage the technology."

### **Big Metal Bird experiences life on the ramp**

EWR Lead Ramp Service Employee Sean Rosario had a little extra help from Big Metal Bird host Katie Nolan while working a recent quick turn flight.

In the latest Big Metal Bird episode, Sean and other EWR Ramp employees give Katie a first-hand experience of life on the ramp, from aircraft marshaling, to hooking up the ground power unit, to loading bags, among other tasks our ramp service employees perform before flights depart.

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



**Sheryl Schubert**

Fall is coming and it is time to think of comfort food. What would be better than a scalloped corn casserole? Put in the oven and sit back and enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

#### **SCALLOPED CORN**

1 (17 oz.) can creamed corn

1 cup cracker crumbs

½ cup diced celery

¼ diced onion

¾ cup cubed American cheese

1 tsp. salt

Pepper

2 eggs, beaten

2 tbsp. melted butter

1 cup milk

¼ tsp. paprika

Parsley

Combine corn, cracker crumbs, celery, onion, cheese, salt, eggs, butter and milk. Pour into a greased 2 quart casserole dish and bake at 350° for 50 minutes. Garnish with parsley and sprinkle paprika on top.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

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

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



**Francis Domaratius**

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

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to [2ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:2ruaea@qwestoffice.net), please copy Francis Domaratius at [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) and John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



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Our Birmingham chapter met Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bright Star in Bessemer. Attending were **Ron Brasher** and wife **Charlene**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Herb Wilbanks**, **Jim & Donna Gooch**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Travis Glass**, **Gay Fowler** and **Joe Jones**.

We miss all our other members and hope they will attend our next meeting, currently planned for Monday, October 10 at the Fish Market Restaurant in downtown Birmingham. However plans do change, so please confirm with either **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825, if you do not receive an email or phone message.

Our only birthday was **Jean Cox** August 1<sup>st</sup>. No anniversaries. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Joe Jones** with the winning ticket drawn from his lucky Auburn baseball cap.

As always, we welcome all United retirees and their families to join us for lunch and fellowship, and an occasional news item from our airline. We meet every second Monday, even numbered months.

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Greetings from sunny and even cooler Arizona!  
Happy Birthday to **Ben Meyer** (10/12).

Happy Anniversary: **Lisa & Joe Hopkins** (10/3), **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewitz** (10/19), and **Pat & Ken Paulson** (10/28).

Breakfast Reminder ~ We have breakfast every other Tuesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are 10/4 and 10/18. 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](mailto:phx22@cox.net).



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By the time you get this Newsletter, the RUAEA Convention in Seattle will probably be over. It's always exciting and fun to attend the Conventions to check on the various tours and get a better idea of the area itself, especially if you haven't been there before. Everyone attending the conventions enjoy re-connecting with fellow co-workers and friends, and also meeting new friends. The meetings are very informative about keeping the retirees informed about United Airlines as well as insurance, medical, flying information, and getting answers to many questions we may have. The food served at the Banquet and the entertainment provided, is always great. If you haven't attended a RUAEA Convention before, you should consider going next year. You really will be glad you did.

We have been meeting each month for breakfast during the summer. At our last breakfast in August, we had 17 members present and as usual, we had a good time. We talked about our member, **Bill Norwood**, being recognized by **Dale Harper** recently on SkyNet. Bill was very involved with helping start "Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals", and has remained involved with the group. **Dale Harper** also mentioned the book Bill wrote, "Cleared for Take Off - A story of Challenges and Triumph". Many of our group have a copy of that book, which is very interesting.

President **Shirley Claggett**, and **Ron** attended the Memorial Service for **Bonnie Fauber**, who passed away July 8<sup>th</sup> in Washington. It was held on August 20 at the Federal Way United Methodist Church in Auburn, Washington. Our Chapter sent a donation to the Franciscan Hospice in Tacoma, Washington, in memory of Bonnie. A copy of the program, which Shirley and Ron had, was passed around at the breakfast. **Jim Fauber** was looking good and said to tell everyone in our chapter, "hello".

Our September breakfast is going to be held on Friday, September 30, a week later than normal because of the Convention. If you're planning on going to the breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m., please let **Peg Snowdall** know by Wednesday, Sept. 28, so she can notify the restaurant as to how many to expect from our group. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

We're starting our monthly luncheons now. The first one is coming up real quick. It's going to be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bavarian Point Restaurant, 4815 E. Main Street, Suite 32, in Mesa, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the Social Hour, with lunch being served at 12:00 noon. The entrees are: Chicken breast covered with mushrooms and Spatzles (noodles), Wienerschnitzel, Breaded Pork Cutlet with German Fries, Polish Sausage with Red Cabbage and Mashed Potatoes, and Shrimp "Le



Cruise" Sautéed Shrimp in a brandy-garlic sauce on a Bed of Rice. A salad with your entree is an additional \$3. Anything additional ordered will be extra. The hostess for this luncheon is **Dakota Morris-Terry**. She needs the final head count and meal choice by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, as she needs to get this information to the restaurant at that time. So, please be prompt and contact Dakota with your menu choice by that date. She can be reached at (602) 920-7785, or by e-mail at [dctdmt03@cox.net](mailto:dctdmt03@cox.net). Everyone seems to enjoy going to this restaurant with wonderful German food. If you're bringing a guest, please let Dakota know.

The November luncheon will be hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauer**. More information will be forthcoming to you.

The annual Fantasy Flight to benefit the under privileged children will be held on Friday, December 2. Fundraisers are starting. Watch for more information on a Golf Tournament, dinner, and auction to be held at the Ahwatukee Golf Club coming up soon. Remember to continue collecting cute huggable stuffed animals, boys and girls socks, sizes 11- 5, children size gloves, fleece throw blankets, and travel size soaps, shampoos, body lotion for the kindergarten to first graders. **Peg Snowdall** is collecting these items.

If you haven't heard this, it was recently announced that Scott Kirby, has been named President of United Airlines. He was a former American Airlines President. He will report to Oscar Munoz, United's CEO.

We have the following birthdays in October: **Judy Burtner** (10/1), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Bob Forsberg** (10/10), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), and **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12). Happy Birthday to each of you!

The following couples have Wedding Anniversaries, **Christine & Bill Rang** (10/18/81), **Bill & Pam Betz** (10/19/85), **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (10/24/64), **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Congratulations and Best Wishes!

#### Calendar:

**September 30** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Remember this is a week later than our normal fourth Friday, because of the Convention. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by Wednesday, September 28.

**October 6** – Luncheon at the Bavarian Point Restaurant, 4815 E. Main St, Suite 32, in Mesa, AZ. Please contact the hostess, **Dakota Morris-Terry**, no later than Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, (602) 920-7785, [dctdmt03@cox.net](mailto:dctdmt03@cox.net).

**October 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

**November** – Luncheon to be announced by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauer**, host and hostess, (480) 655-1419.



#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Thirty Roadrunners met for lunch at the Longhorn Steak House on Oracle Road across from the Tucson Mall on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. While lunch orders were taken, the tickets for the 50/50 drawing were selected: the winners were **Claire Byle** and **Charli Nicholson**.

As Pres. **Charli Nicholson** opened the meeting, she thanked **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer** for arranging today's luncheon. The Longhorn Steakhouse offered a nice variety of tasty selections for us off the menu. She introduced today's guests: first was **Cathy Tesi**, a new member, who recently retired after 30 years of service from TUSCS. Also, she introduced her mother-in-law, Len's Mother, **Doris Nicholson**. As I was taking my notes, I was startled to think, that's me, or it was me. That was my maiden name. What a surprise! I told her my father's family emigrated from Glasgow Scotland, and she told me there were a lot of Nicholsons in Scotland. Thanks to United Airlines, I was able to pick up a trip some years ago to Glasgow in open flying and see it for myself. Charli also reported that she and **Gil** and **Mary Kay Wojtal** had a very pleasant day-trip to Nogales, Mexico, on August 16.

**Pat DiLallo** announced that our Christmas Luncheon will be on December 8 at the Oro Valley Country Club. More details to follow.

The next luncheon will be on September 15, at El Minuto (operating since 1936) near the Convention Center, at 354 Main Avenue, Tucson, AZ, 85701, (520) 882-4145. Please call Charli or Len at (520) 777-8037 to RSVP by September 12.

September Milestones: *Birthdays* ~ **Peggy Kuhn** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Dave Folkers** (4<sup>th</sup>), **Merritt McGlothlin** (24<sup>th</sup>), **Henny Satterfield** (28<sup>th</sup>), **Sharon Cole** (29<sup>th</sup>). *Anniversaries* ~ **Shirley & Ron Robertson** (9/8/61), **Muriel & Ken Bergsma** (9/10/83), **Lyn & Roger Callihan** (9/13/86), **Stephanie & Gary Rayburn** (9/17/83), **Merit Nerland & Emmett Doyle** (9/19/87), **Gail & Jim Rudolph** (9/27/82).

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Our meeting, on August 17<sup>th</sup> was held at Rooney's Irish Pub. The minutes were taken by **Bridget Zoldak** while I was away attending a grandson's wedding near Corvallis, Oregon. In attendance was **Mike & Bridget**



**Zoldak, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Nina Powers, Bob & Marcia Stanger, John Wessel, Peter & Joan Schaefer. Jack Cunningham** was planning to attend, but had to cancel at the last minute. The meeting started with a moment of silence for **John Stilwell**.

Several items were discussed and it was decided that our luncheons will remain as is; six meetings a year, every other month. A list of restaurants, that will accept separate checks, will be collected so the hosts will have a choice for our meetings. Our Christmas meeting will still include the gift exchange. **Mike Zoldak** has already reserved the date at the Spyglass restaurant in Shell Beach.

It was voted to pay for any guest or guests luncheon that attend our meeting. Personal guests are not included.

It was voted to do away with our bank account that was costing us \$10 per month. We only write 4 to 6 checks a year that includes the charity we donate to each year. Our dues will remain \$5 per person per year.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **John Wessel** who graciously donated his share to our treasury. **Marcia Stanger** said our account stands at approximately \$455.00

The luncheon was great with good food and service. We had a private room which always is a plus.

This was not included in our meeting, but a memorial service for **John Stilwell** was held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Spyglass restaurant. This was John's, and our members, favorite place to meet for our Christmas meeting. The memorial service was well attended by family, friends, and Central Coasters. The Mayor of Pismo Beach spoke of John's generosity, volunteerism, his love of airplanes, travel, and volunteering at the Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove. It is hard to believe that John was so active during his retirement years. He also worked as an inspector at the voting polling place for the San Luis Obispo County Clerk Election Board. Needless to say, our meetings will be empty with out John's attendance and news he always shared with us.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**Dave & Kathy Wilson** were the hosts for the Desert Sunbirds' August Luncheon. 35 Sunbirds and one guest (**Jane Miller**, guest of her mother, **Maureen Williams**) were in attendance at the Broken Yolk Cafe in La Quinta. Lots of choices and good eats! As President Mike was away on one of his "Magic" tours, **Patti Sica** took over the MC duties. Not much going on, so it was a short meeting.

Our Anniversary Couples this month: **Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan** (34 years on 9/8); **Kay & Claude Crabb** (45 years on 9/11); and **Jim & Vivian Rotella** (58 years on 9/26).

Our Birthday Winner was **Scoobie Wolfe**. **Brad Zittel** took home \$50.00 in the 50/50 Drawing. Two bottles of wine, provided by our hosts, were won by **Mark Kaplan** and **Shirley Spitler**.

Our featured Sunbird this month ~ **John Schultz** was hired by UAL in the fall of 1961, fresh out of college, at the time of the United-Capital merger, and the then recent debut of Jet Aircraft. His initial position was Crew Scheduler at ORD. Run by a 3-man crew on rotating shifts, they bore the responsibility of ensuring Crew coverage for ORD departures. The Crew interaction added to the job excitement. It was at that time that John married **Maureen**, a Stewardess, and of course, she had to resign after only 2 years. In 1965, John was selected for an entry level Management position in Aircraft Scheduling at EXOAS, where he remained for the rest of his 40 year career. Advancements included Schedule Project Manager, Manager of Current Schedules (served as United's negotiator in the acquisition of FAA landing rights at the five high density controlled airports), Project Development, and Schedule Dissemination Manager.

The SDM (see above) required that John take on the assignment of detailing the functional specifications and design of an automated data-base for the storage and distribution of Schedule Data to Apollo, Unimatic, and the Industry at large. John served as the SDM for the rest of his career, retiring in 2001, after 40 years.

As a consummate workaholic, John worked as a part-time Bus driver from 1960 to 2015. He also was a part-time Sports Official from 1962 to 1989.

John now (still happily with Maureen), lives in Palm Desert, and enjoys seeing his two daughters and two grandchildren who live relatively close, in the Los Angeles area. Lastly, John would like everyone to know that he has nothing but good things to say about his 40 year interaction with Pilots.

### SACRAMENTO



### GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on Wednesday, August 31, at Sizzler Restaurant in Auburn, hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**.

President **Sonda Sandstedt** welcomed everyone attending and the members thanked the Nortons for hosting the luncheon. Sonda stated that we had 35 members in attendance.

Sonda mentioned that many of us will attend the convention in September and wanted to pass on something for those who are going. **Sid & Sherril Morgan** will be hosting a cocktail party in their suite for all Gold Digger attendees before the dinner on Saturday.

Vice President **Rose Wikstad** announced that there is



no meeting in September so our next meeting will be October 26, at Casa Las Katarinas, in Grass Valley, hosted by **Rose & Hank Wikstad**.

Secretary **Terry Greenacre** announced the Gold Diggers celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in August who were; **Forester & Jean Sinclair** (34 years), **Karl & Ruth Stammitz** (60 years), **Skip & Marie Jenkins** (55 years), **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** (60 years), **Bob & Margaret Eggert** (60 years), and **Ronald & Rosanne Bogue** (48 years). The group sang Happy Anniversary to the couples.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the chapter's financial report.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** has been extremely busy helping husband **Frank Dellinger** who is dealing with a serious heart issue. He is having tests to determine the best course of action. It was reported that **Ron King** had surgery on his leg this week. Also it was reported that **Margaret Eggert** is doing good but **Bob Eggert** is not doing very good at this time.

There was no report from Historian **Stephanie Norton**.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** said that he still had some rosters for those who needed one. He also asked everyone to be sure to send him any changes in their personal information so he can keep the roster up to date.

We had no report this month from our RUAEA Past President and V.P. of Conventions, **Ron Bertacini** or our Regional Director **John Zoboli**.

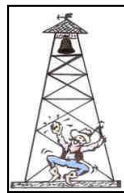
Sonda reminded everyone that there will be no chapter meeting in September since many of the group will be in Seattle for the convention. Our next meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at Casa Las Katarinas, in Grass Valley, hosted by **Rose & Hank Wikstad**.

The meeting was adjourned followed by our Raffle.

#### HANGTOWN MINERS

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“Hot August Nights” is the theme for our luncheon this month. True, it has been hot, true it is August and **Bill & Linda Dinette** chose a wonderful restaurant for us. Great food, nice atmosphere, wonderful people, of course! **Rudy Blazius** extended everyone's thanks to Bill & Linda. **Joe & Lynda Lima** celebrate 51 years of marriage this month, congratulations! Enjoying birthdays? Yup, **Rudy Blazius**, **John Muir** and **Judy Leimer** all get a cake this month. **Jim Raber** brought the lovely **Kay Moulin** to our luncheon. We were also happy to have **Lindalee Akin** back with us. She recently had knee replacement and will be going in for the other knee soon.

*President* ~ As always, Rudy brought us several items of interest.

*Vice President* ~ Okay, so, **Bill Dinette** had a “little

story” to share with us. The great, creative center pieces on the tables were made by Bill. It's how he got the wood for these really neat trivets that is the story. Seems that our **Suzie Quinnell** is the sister-in-law of a former neighbor of Rudy – Ed Mortenson. How this connects, I'm not exactly sure, but, long and short of it; Rudy and Bill agreed to help Suzie make a new deck for her home. The boys checked it out and thought - “No sweat”! For those of you who have ever thought something will be (relatively) simple, you know where this is going! What was to be a quick, simple job turned ugly when all the supporting posts proved to not be dependable. The project took way longer (is this any way to run an airline?) but the results were worth it. Now they have all this “old” wood – what to do with it? So, Bill came up with the great idea to make these trivets. Wood framing rows of wine corks, wheels, of course, some mirrors and voila, nifty centerpieces. We understand that the boys just had to make sure there were enough wine corks! Tough job! These unique items were part of our raffle.

*Secretary* ~ Jane asked **Angie Dellinger** if she and **Frank** will be attending the RUAEA convention in September and if so, would Angie be willing to represent the Hangtown Miners at the correspondents meeting. Angie (who did this for me last year) said she will do so again. Thank you, Angie!

*Treasurer* ~ Our esteemed treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was not able to join us today, but he did send his greetings. His wonderful wife, Suzie, brought the information regarding our account.

*Sunshine* ~ Suzanne reported that several of our members were able to attend the memorial for **Andi Stuchell**. If you did not hear, Andi passed away in July. Suzie reported that she and Tom just returned from a great trip to New Zealand. They were able to fly passes, got First Class which had seats that became beds!

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** has been diligently working on the website she has set up for us. She thought that individuals could go online and post pictures on this website, but apparently that is not to be. So, if you have some pictures you would like to share from your travels, parties with other members or something along that line, you can send the pictures to Lynda at: [nanny2015@att.net](mailto:nanny2015@att.net). This in a great website, be sure to check things out: <http://hangtownminers.weebly.com>.

From **Thom Biro**: update on **Gene Lawler** ~ “Following knee surgery that developed a staph infection and subsequent problems, Gene's wife, Joan, tells us that he is now walking the walker to the bathroom by himself with assistance around. She told him he now has to take the walker to the bathroom to shave himself. If he can do both of those things then he will be almost ready to come home. She will be looking around for a nursing service that can come to the house each day to give him the antibiotics.”

From **Mike Zoldak** regarding **John Stilwell** ~ “I regret to inform the retirees (and active employees) that I received a phone call today from **Barbara Stilwell** that her husband, **John**, passed away on Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> after a

*fall. John was husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Also a mechanic, inspector, inspection supervisor both at SFO and IND, president of local lodge 1781, past president of the Central Coasters, RUAEA active member, and a volunteer at the Monarch Butterfly Grove in Pismo Beach. Please keep the Stilwell family in your thoughts and prayers."*

Rudy brought our meeting to a close. Our September luncheon will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Folsom. **Sherry Biro** won the donator's prize for our Drawing Of Opportunity. Thanks to all who brought items to be raffled: **Dinette** – trivets & wine; **Dellinger** – 2 picture frames; **Blazius** – glass fish; **Lima** – wind chime; **Gibson** – wine cooler; **Biro** – puzzle; **Kenny** – BBQ sauce with brushes; **Kozelka** – red wine; **Ames** – wine; **Kenney** - vase with sunflowers; **DeVore** – T-shirt & cap; ?????? - pictures.



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We met at the LaGare Restaurant, Santa Rosa on August 11<sup>th</sup> for our last of the summer luncheon, hosted by Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** and **Dick & Carol Hanna**. They had the tables decorated with brightly colored pin-wheel flowers set in a nicely wrapped box containing homemade cookies, baked by a young friend of **Carol Hanna's**. These centerpieces were later raffled off to some lucky winners.

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by thanking our hosts for setting up the accommodations at La Gare. He also took time to mention those who are recovering from surgeries and medical treatments. We welcomed back **George Schwind** (and **Lois**), who has been out for a couple of months due to some radiation treatments. It was noted that **Joanne Huhn** had hip replacement surgery earlier this month; she was home after only two days in the hospital. A card was passed around to sign for her (and mailed after the meeting). Another member, **Helen Furber**, was recently moved to be near her family in Montana, after injuring her shoulder due to a fall in her home and not being able to care for herself; she was also sent a get well card to her new home.

Larry also told the members that **Nick van Kruning** was home from the hospital after suffering a stroke. We are very sorry to tell you that we were notified that Nick has passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send Maria a card her address is: 857 Glen Miller Drive, Windsor, CA 95492.

Vice President **Jerry Underhill** welcomed our 24 members and 2 guests, **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**. Jerry and his wife **Barbara** provided us wines for the luncheon raffle.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** reported a healthy total of \$999.60 in our combined general and Charity accounts; she mentioned that with our attendance numbers falling, next year's membership will be increased to \$20.00 per member for the following year. She also stated that Jan was just able to secure the La Gare Restaurant for our December, Christmas Toy Drive/ end of year luncheon. We were all pleased that all the remaining luncheon destinations for the year were successfully decided.

Travel Pass expert **Barney Hagen** gave us a reminder on getting our UAL profile linked with the Mileage Plus card to sign up for pass travel and discounts. He mentioned that the ID90 app is for getting the 90% discount on airlines associated with United (myUAdiscount). **Larry Wilson** also shared that he recently got his Profile on Flying Together linked with a Mileage Plus card in employee Res, to make it simple to have one place to go for managing all travel needs. A copy of the policy was handed out to all who wanted one!

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** updated us about the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Seattle.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the August birthdays and anniversaries. The birthdays were **Joan Sheehan** and **Fred McCauley**; **Joan Sheehan** won the free birthday luncheon. And the one anniversary was for **Ron & Joanne Huhn** (60 years). We will celebrate them with a gift at the September luncheon, when they return. A card will be sent to them for their anniversary.

Next, the raffle for wines, See's Candies, and the flower/cookies centerpieces prizes were drawn. Our next luncheon will be held back at the La Gare restaurant, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**. See you all then!

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Our summer is almost over and along with it the extreme forest fire danger. **Al Soderberg** joined us for breakfast this morning. His daughter, Amanda brought him as he is not driving. **Jackie Schwartz** won the 50/50 for this month. **Liz Kamoo** is traveling to Germany to visit with her granddaughter and her brother and sister-in-law. Liz also plans to contact **Iris Hastie** in Scotland and I told her to pass along our best wishes.

Retirees are not required to have a United Airlines retiree badge for travel, but it can help with airline discounts with car rental, and hotels. The cost is \$35.00 and has no expiration date. You can order the badge by going to Flying Together > Travel > EmployeeRES > Quick Links > Employee Profile, and follow instructions.

Hope everyone has a great time at the Seattle Convention!

### Calendar:

**October 6** - Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



### GOLDEN GATERS

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Our August 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. We are feasting on All-You-Can-Eat Pizza and salad – a nice break from bringing something from home.

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

*Treasurer* ~ **Art Barrett** reports that he is able to balance the books, dues keep dribbling in so if you haven't sent yours in, please do so as the Secretary wants to get an up-dated roster out to everyone.

Vice-President and Secretary positions are still open – somebody puleeeze volunteer!

*Secretary* ~ Still temporary, **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes that were approved as read.

*Membership* ~ **Barbara Underhill** reports that hubby, **Jerome**, is slowly recuperating but is still having to go slowly. There are several people not feeling up to snuff: **Marilyn Guenther**, **Rex Reelfs**, and **Don Reuszer** all could use some cheering up. Feel better y'all, you are in our thoughts. Does Cod Liver Oil still work these days, it was a cure-all back in the olden days. Lots of candles on the birthday cakes – **Bernice & Ralph Trullinger**, **Ginger Dahlberg**, **Dolores Frank** and our far-away buddy, **Mary Winkler**, all kept the local fire departments on their toes! **Ben & Linda Vietz** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary while on our Pageant of the Masters trip. Ben usually celebrates a birthday every month, no cake for you – you snooze, you lose! (He'll probably claim 2 natal days next month!) Long time member, **Michaelene Nichols** passed away early August; we enjoyed her company on many trips.

*Auditors* ~ **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** are crunching the budget numbers these days. For those you who did not sign up for our September catered BBQ luncheon, please call **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765 and let her know you'll be at the meeting, cost is \$20 per member / \$25 per guest. Armadillo Willys' is providing Ribs, Pulled Pork, Beans, Muffins and Brownies for dessert.

*Ticket Coordinator* ~ **Harriet Kunze** sold raffle tickets, lucky winners were **Bill Heinrich** and **Judy Tonda**. Judy graciously donated her winnings back to the chapter. Bingo winners galore, some having to share the pot so no Wendy's this month: **Diane Heinrich**, **Judy Tonda** won twice, **Dorothy Pearl**, **Art Barrett** (to go along with his

Treasurers' salary!), **Bob Taiclet**, **Barbara Underhill**, **Dolores Frank** and **Ginger Dahlberg**. We had some spare wine that **Pam Russell** won and **Linda Barrett**, **Harriet Kunze** and **Vera Kina** left with books someone donated. Harriet will be collecting canned goods and packaged food for a local Shelter for Thanksgiving and new, un-wrapped toys for Christmas so that Santa can fill his presents bag. Members are always generous and we thank you for that!

President ~ **Vera Kina** discussed the possibility of having Retiree Flyers available for the SFO United Airlines Open House which is being held on October 9 at the SFO Maintenance Base. Airplanes, food, perhaps the Blue Angels may fly over – always a great day and lots of people seeing what we did back in the day.

*Trips* ~ **Ginger Dahlberg** summed up coming day trips for 2016, contact Ginger if you are interested in the trips being planned for the remainder of the year: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or (650)-224-1865.

*Historian* ~ **Jim Goodwine**, along with Auditor **Gene Walter** have done a sterling job amending our Policy Manual / By-Laws.

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

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What do a squadron of pelicans, a raft of otters, and sea lions logging have in common? Elkhorn Slough!

Twelve of our members had a delightful trip on August 31 on this slow moving river that empties into Monterey Bay. We heard about slough ecology, the history of the reserve, and about the many birds we saw there from the naturalist guide onboard. In 1915, we discovered that there were only 32 southern sea otters found off the coast of California. Being protected from that time, a hundred years later they now number 2,900 with about 120 resident otters in the slough. Also the American White Pelican, which we saw many of and discovered it has the second largest average wingspan of any North American bird (second to the California Condor), has been affected by our drought and now resides closer to the mouth of the slough than in previous years. A very informative time! Our beautiful, sunny morning was followed with a plentiful lunch at Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing - a great place if you enjoy seafood!

We have our new chapter shirts! We've been showing them off at our weekly breakfasts and our workday at Second Harvest Food Bank on September 7, and will have them with us later in September at RUAEA's National Convention in Seattle. The convention is getting close and those attending are making plans for how they'll get there and when they'll arrive. Should be an exciting time together! Seattle here we come!

Our Fall Luncheon at the Elephant Bar in Campbell on Wednesday, September 14 will be held after the deadline for this newsletter so will be elaborated on in next month's publication. A huge Thank You though to **Wilma Sandy** for generously covering our dessert for the luncheon! We are anticipating a great time together!

At a recent breakfast meeting, President **George Midwin** told of a trip he and wife **Julie** took to the Almaden Quicksilver Mines located just south of San Jose. The tour was led by a guide who had once lived at the mine site and a geologist. They traveled by four-wheel-drive van up a steep, craggy road to the old San Cristobal Mine tunnel. This area was also the site of hardscrabble communities, Spanish Town and English Camp, built on high ground and a short walk from the tunnel. Each community had its own water tank, school, church, and bar. The mine industry was a brutal one with miners living to an average age of 47. Being established in 1846 it is thought that this was likely the first boom town in California with the liquid mercury (quicksilver) baked out of the cinnabar rocks fueling California's Gold Rush two years later.

Some of our members have had some exciting travels this summer! Anniversaries in August prompted **George & Julie Midwin** to fly to Maui, Hawaii (45) and **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** to Taos, New Mexico (28) to celebrate. **Anne & Keith Olthof** were in Sun River, Oregon for a family reunion and to celebrate Anne's birthday while **Bill & Rosemarie Reichert** attended Rosemarie's 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion for Concordia University in Illinois. Upcoming milestones in September include **Thelma Graham's** 65<sup>th</sup> nursing school reunion in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and anniversaries for **Charley & Barbara Brown** (65) and **Harry & Theresa Willever** (60). Congratulations to all!

Family Day at SFO is coming up at the San Francisco Maintenance Center on October 9 from 11am-4pm. Employees, retirees and their family members and friends are welcome to attend and enjoy aircraft tours, displays, a car show, kids' carnival area, plane pull contests and the six-jet precision demonstration squadron, the Patriots Jet Team. If you'd like to attend or volunteer, wristband requests (up to four per family) must be made by September 30. For more information, go to [flyintogether.ual.com](http://flyintogether.ual.com), then Tech Ops, and Base Maintenance.

Several of our members or their spouses have been experiencing health issues: **Elfriede Grossmann (Albert)** has recently been in the hospital, **Lois White** is now on hospice, **Charlotte Cacioppo (Jay)** is recovering from surgery, **Larry Jorgensen** will be having surgery in September, and **Barbara Demblewski (Ken)** is dealing with the after effects of a stroke. You are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and healing.

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

#### Calendar:

**October 9** – Family Day at SFO

**December 13** – Christmas Luncheon



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August 11<sup>th</sup>, our group met at the Pine Tree Restaurant in Sonora. Our hosts were **Max & Chris Fountain**. I am sorry to report that no one took minutes at that meeting, so I am unable to furnish you with a report.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month but, since we meet at various places, you can call our chapter President, **Joe Schwirian**, (510) 378-2752 for additional information

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Our August meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with a lower than usual turnout with only 19 attendees. The missing included **Pat McEnaney**, **Ken Price**, **Joe & Wilma Leather**, **Tom Johnson**, **Carol Parks**, **Jack & Judi Smith**, **Cheryl Kincaid** and **Barbara & Jerry Underhill**. Some were traveling and some were under the weather. Our Sunshine Lady, Barbara, has kindly sent out cards to



those “under the weather”. In September, we will be returning to the Old Spaghetti Factory and hope to be back with a full group. Mimi’s continues to be an option but we seem to have outgrown them.

A discussion was held as to whether we wish to continue to meet once a month or every other month. An overwhelming opinion was every month. So be it!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.

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

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The Barbeque that was held at the Wings Over The Rockies museum in August was a success. The food was great and visiting with old friends was pleasurable. The gathering was a combined event with the Continental retirees group, ARECA. There were 110 total attending with about equal representation from UAL and CO. As with all of our events, there was a drawing at the end. The winners were: **Bob Duensing** (\$20), **Gene Sibley** (\$20), **Tom Goodyear** (\$20), **Yumi Trujillo** (\$20), **Jackie Danhauer** (guest of Trujillo’s) (\$20), **Kenny Butz** (\$20). Door Prizes: **Ken Hanson** (bottle of wine), **Susan Osthoff** (\$25 Target gift card), **Kenneth Hanson** (Cider), **Jody Hanson** (wine), **Gene Sibley** (\$25 Bed Bath & Beyond gift card), **Cathy Engert** (Cider), **Yumi Trujillo** (Wine), **Pat Fredrickson** (\$25 King Soopers gift card), **Charlie Hasler** (Wine), and **Rich Connor** (\$25 Target gift card). Please visit United Denver Milehighers Facebook page for pictures of this event and past events. The Facebook page was initiated and is maintained by **Sharon Burbank** (IADCS).

The September breakfast was attended by 34 members and one guest. **Ron Eccles** was the guest of **Kathryn Ayers** (DENSU). The 50/50 winners were: **Larry Rehfeld** (DENMM), **Yumi Trujillo**, **Antoinette Duensing** and **Virgil Gooselaw** (2) (RUAEA Exec. Vice Pres.). The 50/50 drawing helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

**Gary Trujillo** (Vice President) opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the August meeting. The investiga-

tion of the Caremark, CVS and Silver Script pricing is still ongoing. The retiree communication project is still ongoing. The cutoff date has passed for attending the Convention in Seattle. However, it might be possible to attend by contacting one of the board members. Gary announced that he will assume the responsibility of organizing the upcoming Christmas party. The date is December 14 at the Holiday Inn, 455 South Colorado Blvd, mark your calendar. Further information will be in the next Newsletter (November issue).

**Tom Goodyear** (Chapter Pres. - Ret.) spoke about the Flight Center remodel. The roof of the complex is being replaced and in addition the cafeteria will be remodeled sometime in the future. The general remodeling of the rest of the complex is still ongoing. Funding is being arranged to build an addition that will house 8 more simulators. The addition will be south of the present facility and connected by a personnel bridge. This project will be completed in 2021 or 2022.

**Kathryn Ayers** (DENSU) related a story to me about her and a friend visiting Naples, Italy and being accosted by a pickpocket. *“We were pick-pocketed and lost a money clip with a small amount of cash. A man came up behind me and grabbed my necklace (drawing blood), but he didn’t get it. My friend grabbed the thief but he grabbed my boyfriend and pushed him into a parked car – bruising his arm and leg badly. The thief got away on a waiting scooter.”*

**Marvin Olsen** (DENMM) traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico late last year, New York for a grandson’s wedding earlier this year and is now planning a trip to Canada. Marvin is 97.

**Bill Eaton** (DENTK) and his wife **Shirley**, both long time members of RUAEA have moved permanently from the Denver area to Mesa, AZ. They can be reached at [beaton4493@gmail.com](mailto:beaton4493@gmail.com).

**Harry Crandall** (DENMM-TK) fell and broke his hip recently. Harry subsequently had partial hip replacement surgery. Cards can be sent to: 7446 W. Cedar Cir. Lakewood, CO 80226.

**Martha Gooselaw**, wife of **Virgil Gooselaw**, had hip replacement surgery recently. Cards can be sent to 973 Uvalda St., Aurora, CO 80011.

We wish both Martha and Harry a speedy recovery.

**Joan Onodera**, wife of **Joe Onodera** (DEN-CG-TK-FO) has passed away. A funeral mass was held at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Denver. Joan was 80 years old.

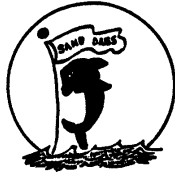
Captain **Larry Dill** passed away on July 21<sup>st</sup> from pancreatic cancer. Larry was an instructor at DENTK at one point in his career. We TK retirees remember Larry as a good guy. There was no formal service.



## FLORIDA

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In spite of a gloomy day awaiting the arrival of Hurricane Hermine, we had a great gathering of 18 members! In addition, we welcomed two more new members, **Mary & Jack Sturno**. Mary was a Flight Attendant based in MIA and ORD. We hope we'll be seeing them often in the coming months and years. It was also great to see **Robert & Deborah Taylor**, our part-timers from San Diego.

We sang Happy Birthday to **Janet Horton**, our only birthday celebrant present and wished Happy Company Anniversary to **Bill Lowry**. He started with United 67 years ago! Congratulations to both!

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Steve Moddle** and **Penny Logan** gave her treasurer's report. President **Dick Coughlin** advised us he will be sending a survey this month to determine to which charities we would like to donate. Please watch for that survey. Dick also gave an informative UAL report.

Finally, a reminder to keep December 1<sup>st</sup> open for our beautiful Christmas luncheon. More information will follow.

#### Calendar:

**October 6** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**November 3** – Same as above



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After a rainy, stormy, thundery (is that a word?) Labor Day Weekend, 38 smiling members of the Real McCoys gathered once again for that special, and much needed, closeness of a meal together. Sadly, we lost 2 guys who retired from MCO this week. By the time these notes are read, the memorials will be long done ... but cards of comfort and sympathy welcomed.

**Donald Ulman** transferred here from CLE in the early 80's and retired from MCOCS in March 2006. Don passed away after a long illness on September 6<sup>th</sup>. He was remembered by his wife, **Susan**, his family and friends at a service at the National Cremation Society on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Internment at Bushnell National Military Cemetery will be scheduled for later this year. Don &

Susan's home address is: 144 Easton Circle, Oviedo, FL 32765

**Merton Lawry** retired from MCOCS in June 2003 and suffered a brain aneurysm not long after. Service for Mert was scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mert was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by 2 sisters and a daughter. Memorial donations can be sent to: Golden Cove Assisted Living Facility, 918 Egan Dr, MCO 32822

After the Pledge, Ernie reminded us all of 9/11, "We will Never Forget" with a moment of silence. He also shared that **Dan Holly**, an MCOCS employee passed away last month.

Prayers aplenty for them and others in need of comfort.

Birthday Balloons to **Angel Montalvo** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Gene Hall** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Charlotte LeGrand** (17<sup>th</sup>), **Barbara Halterman** (23<sup>rd</sup>), **Geneva (Romine) Brenton** (27<sup>th</sup>), and **Endel Vann** (28<sup>th</sup>)! Congrats and many more to all of you!

Our Anniversary Congrats include August 10<sup>th</sup>, **Jim & Audrey Weeks** (1963) and **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** celebrating 49 years on September 10<sup>th</sup>!

#### Calendar:

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

**October 4** – Luncheon

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Our meeting on September 6 was attended by 14 regular members and our usual guest from Germany, none other than **Tom Merz**, good to see him again. Unfortunately, after his stay here and visiting Las Vegas and a local Bingo hall, from what he said, it wasn't a total loss, he will be leaving on Saturday.

When the meeting started with a slam bang from the trusty meat cleaver, we said the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. I think Al loves that cleaver.

**Bob Williams** was in the hospital and we all send him good wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

October 4 is our date for the picnic this year; Al did call the Park and was told all the water, etc. is clear of any toxic algae so bring your suits, etc. and enjoy the water. Instead of hamburgers and hot dogs, we will have chicken wings and pulled pork so bring you appetites and enjoy the change in menu. A sign up sheet was passed around for those in attendance to put down what they bring such as salads, rolls, cake, cookies, bake beans or whatever you wish to bring to make the feast.

Al mentioned all the changes in departures from PBI, MCO, FLL and MIA for winter schedules and it looks like

all of us are coming up in the world. He also mentioned the new President from American and how well Oscar is received by everyone.

Elections for 2017/2018 will take place in November.

We have a lot of Birthdays in September but no Anniversaries so when the waitress found out about the birthdays; she got permission from the Manager and brought every birthday celebrant in attendance a Free Sundae. Birthdays are as follows: **Diane Liebisch** (9/5), **Diane Brodis** (9/6), **Mari Hirjak** (9/12). Although I was not in attendance, yours truly (9/16). They even gave Dinos a sundae since he celebrated his birthday on 8/25.

Please make sure to call **Al Popek** to advise if you are attending the Picnic and he will tell you what is left to bring, please note **you must call no later than September 30**. His home phone is (772) 283-0359, Bob will be sending emails to remind you. If you need directions please let us know.

The 50/50 was won by **Diane Liebisch** and the Progressive was won by **Joyce Smith** but since she was not in attendance, the money is added to next months draw.

If you are in the area please stop in and have Lunch with the group; the food and service is the best.

Love, Laugh and Live, the clock is ticking.

#### Calendar:

**October 4** – Picnic, 12 Noon, Dubois Park, this takes place of our regular meeting

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

**December 6** – No Luncheon/Meeting

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

### GEORGIA



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The Dixie Flyers met the first Wednesday of the month, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Pledge of Allegiance by **Bill Elk**. We had 24 Flyers in attendance. **Fred Cron** held the 50/50 drawing which amounted to \$34.00, won by **Roy Cross** who donated \$16.00 to the Ladies in Distress. **Bill Elk** rounded it out to \$35.00. **Janice Carter** donated 2 big bags of clothes and **Sully Sullivan** did his monthly contributions of cereal, paper products, etc. for the Ladies. Luckily the Elks had an empty trunk in a brand new Hyundai car which was purchased just for vacation travels.

**Gary Tuttle** said service vets get a free Georgia license plate stating veteran's branch of service and seal of the service. So that saves about \$20.00 off of our Georgia

plates. **Tony Carringer's** daughter, a United flight attendant said their contract was tendered and approved. The technicians, formerly mechanics, contract is about to be approved.

**Don & Sally Piatt** in Kenner, LA are both on the sick list. Luckily they have a daughter to fly into MSY to aid them in their recovery.

Notable dates in September and October. Happy Birthday to **Fran Broderson** on 8/29; retirement - **Stan Cebula**, 9/93, **Bill Elk**, 10/2001, **Barney Notts**, 10/93, **Sully Sullivan**, 10/81, and **Richard Thompson** 8/2002.

**Ron Heider** will be under going 5 hernia surgeries in September. Hope I'll be up to doing this newsletter in October. Ron mentioned in August newsletter about **Frank Russey** making the best oatmeal cookies and he had a small container of cookies for me at this September meeting. What a way to go, Frank!

Next luncheon of the Flyers will be 2 PM October 5<sup>th</sup> at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA 770-716-2628

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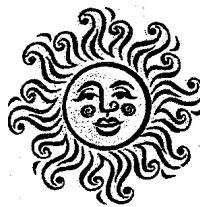
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRUA@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.



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Enjoying our August meeting were **Marlene Croghan, Denny Snyder, Bob Sarnoff, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Bud & Pat Peters, David & Carol Adams**, as well as **Joseph Leather**, who worked with Denny and Richard at SFO maintenance. Coming with Joseph were his wife Wilma and daughter Linda Collett.

Joe & Wilma live in Piedmont, CA, and belong to the East Bay Diablos chapter. Linda has lived in Tokyo for 2 years. *"I live on the 27<sup>th</sup> floor and enjoy earthquakes on a regular basis. It's a beautiful place if you like the big city and also like to live with 30 million people. Tokyo is a very safe place and clean city. We have enjoyed living there but look forward to our next assignment in London in fall of 2017."* I really enjoyed all that I learned from her, Denny still enjoys flying his 172.

Bob and Palmer had a great trip to Los Angeles to celebrate grade school and high school and college friends' birthday.

### Calendar:

**October 12** - Black Bear Cafe, 1731 S Entertainment Ave, at 11:30am

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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October - Ahhh, feel the crispness in the air, wonderful! Relief! The first frost will help us breathe and get the allergies out of our eyes and throats, finally. A lot of us had problems with allergies this summer. It's been the worst in many years. Now we can put up our Halloween lights and fall decorations that we've been itching to get up! Well, at least I have! It's time! Early September and already Wal-Mart and Target are selling Halloween candy. Now are you telling me that candy is going to stay safe in your fridge until 10/31 for the goblins! You're not going to taste-test that candy? Ha, yeah, right! It doesn't snow in Chicago, either ... BullSnickers! Google Illinois Pumpkin Farms, a list longer than your arm comes up. Goebbert's, Kuiper's, Didier's, Bengston's, Siegel's Farms, Sonny Acres, Apple Holler. Take the grandkids, enjoy the sun-

shine, buy a pumpkin, cider, apple pie, apple butter, relive your youth!

At our Northside breakfast, about two dozen folks joined us for bacon and eggs. **Barb Wesemann** visited Nova Scotia with her sister, Beverly. **Rich Maionchi**, EXOKF, took a two-week Alaska cruise with his daughter and son-in-law. They had a wonderful time. He started his trip off with a real shock; he got a first class ticket ORD-SEA. The gate agent told him to take it and run. It's the first seat up front he's had since before the merger. Lucky Rich! Our dear friend **Al Broderson**, has been missing from both of our breakfasts the last few months. After many tests, it's been discovered he has cancer. If you'd like to send him a card, he's with his sister at 764 Westwind Drive, Bolingbrook, IL, 60440. c/o Myra Stusek. Al's wife was Esther, our former correspondent, who passed away in 2013. **Bob Kaliki**, brought in his 8<sup>th</sup> decade with four generations of little Kalicki's at his side. He and Patty took the whole family, grill, food, playpens and all to the quaint village of Oregon, Illinois, for an afternoon of laughter and blessedness. He is proud to say he has reached 80 years of age, since it is denied to some. Congrats Bob, and to all of you who had birthdays this month. If I had your names, I'd print them.

I was lucky to be invited to the IAM Local 1487 Retiree Club luncheon by **Gwen & Bill Brookins** this month. What a great time I had. I saw people I hadn't seen in 25 years, what a welcome sight. As I told the folks, I had to imagine them with dark hair, or in some cases, with hair. Anyone who was a member of the IAM is welcomed to join. You can look up, [iamlocal1487.org](http://iamlocal1487.org), or call 847 299-8144 and dial 13 for the secretary to get information. I spoke with **Karen Carney**, CHIRR, the dues are \$10.00 a year, and they have lunches the first Thursday of each month at the union hall on Oakton Street in Des Plaines. Karen is the President, **Marlene Anderson**, is the Vice President, and energetically leads the meeting, in Karen's absence. The lunches vary each month, pizza, picnic-style, and a special Christmas Luncheon in December. They also have a grab-bag in the summer, and monthly raffles. Any IAM member, please consider joining, or even attending once and visiting old friends, you just might want to come back. Take a friend with you. Try it, you'll like it! I'm going back, for sure, I felt very welcomed. **Sandy & Bob Hardin**, ORDMM, were there, celebrating 57 years of wedded bliss.

At the Southside Breakfast, we had a dozen happy faces connected to happy slightly-worn bodies. Back after short absences were **Scotty Adams** and **LaVonne Halach**. Scotty had been in Michigan enjoying all that pure air they advertise on TV. Raffle winners were **Bob Pearson, Perry Paul, Gwen Brookins**, and **Jan Gawenda**.

**Diane Webb** has more information on parking at ORD for us. Preflight Parking, on Mannheim Road, will give us a 20% discount. We need a UA corporate code that we can get from our Flying Together website. Select *travel*, scroll down about 2/3 of the way to Employee Discounts for Travel. Under Car Rental and Parking, select Preflight



Parking @ ORD, look for the four digit corporate code. Click on the link to register the first time, then just call and add the code. Preflight is also set up to credit our UA Mileage Plus account every time we park. You must add your MP number to obtain the credit. How great is that? Thank you, Diane!

In case you haven't heard, United was awarded final approval to fly to Havana, Cuba, from the U.S. DOT starting on November 29, from IAH and EWR. EWR will have daily nonstop service, while IAH will only have Saturday service. Employee leisure travel will probably have a temporary embargo for a while until the station is up and running. All customers must certify their reason for travel as well as meet certain visa and health insurance requirements. Also, we have a new President, Scott Kirby, from American Airlines. Oscar will remain as CEO and continue working to keep our airline moving in the right direction. Let's wish our new team the best!

Unfortunately, we had quite a few of our fellow friends 'fly West' this month. From ORDCG, we lost **Karl Berger, Daniel Brian Holly, Dick Cunningham, James 'Shorty' Holland, Terry Coughlin, Tony Thomas**, father of **JT Thomas**, in FF, **Mary Nerge**, wife of **Doug Nerge, Tom Martino**, MK, brother of **Diana Martino, Geri Kopf**, ORDCS, mother of **Kathy Johnston**, HDQCU, **Harry Knobloch**, ORDHN/HK, **Sharon Keller**, OPBSP. Also gone from our world are Glenn Yarbrough, Fyvush Finkel, Jack Riley, Jeanne Martin (Dean's wife), Marvin Kaplin, Joe Sutter, (747 designer), Fred Hellerman, Stephen Hill, Hugh O'Brien, Kenny Baker (R2D2), John McLaughlin, our own Brookfield Zoo's, Cookie, the cockatoo, 85, and the irreplaceable, Gene Wilder, everybody's favorite. The condolences and smiles are still coming in. As I said last month, we all are going to go someday, but some losses are a little harder to take.

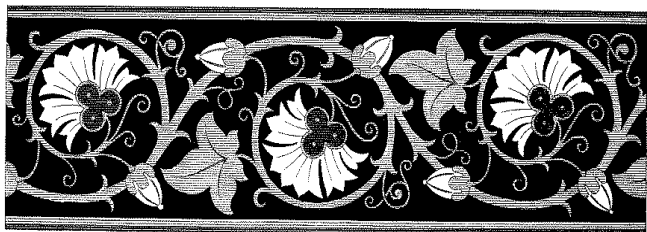
On a personal note, thank you to everyone who voted me in as the Midwest Director. I'll do my best for you. If you need to call me, please leave a message, I will return your call. Thank you, again.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**October 12**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

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



## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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During the Racers' August meeting, as the sun was shining brightly and the temperatures pushed in to the mid-90's, the membership voted to cancel meetings in January and February due to the potential for severe weather. We determined that we should put safety ahead of vanity as each of us continues to age and feel less comfortable driving on ice and snow. We also agreed to review our officer structure and the By-Laws before the end of the year. The Indy Racers are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, with **Wanda Bryce, Chris Johnston** and others organized the group in 2006.

Attending our August meeting were **Hannelore Brabo, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Ed Duffey, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob & Mert Duty, Jim Gibson, Chris & Shary Johnston, Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Warren Sherman, Charles Theiss**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. Winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Rita Prins**.

The Indy Racers' day trip to Grissom Air Museum in August was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, our outing to the matinee presentation of "42<sup>nd</sup> Street" at the Myers Dinner Theater in Hillsboro is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to **Margie Bregante** for coordinating the event for us.

During our regular organizational meeting October 11<sup>th</sup>, we will place our Toys for Tots collection container at Emmy's House of Pancakes so that restaurant patrons can join us in contributing toys for the US Marine Corps annual event to provide underprivileged children with Christmas presents. We will collect items until our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting when the items will be presented to a local Marine Corp representative. **Charles Theiss** is coordinating the toy drive collection and **Jack Conway** is serving as our representative to the Marine Corp.

Our Christmas lunch and gift exchange has been booked at Maggiano's Restaurant at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to **Mario & Margie Bregante** for coordinating this event.

Members have been busy this summer with travel and community involvement. **Charles Theiss** helped his grandson's scouting group set-up and tear-down picnic tables and chairs for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's popular Symphony on the Prairie outdoor concert series this summer. At the end of August, Charles and his Indiana family members travelled to Tennessee for his granddaughter's wedding. **Frank & Rita Prins** were in California for a family reunion in July, then flew from Indy to Alaska to visit Rita's daughter in August.

Also in August, **Chris Johnston** drove to Denver for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Littleton Colorado Class of '66. Chris moved from Cheyenne, Wyoming to the Denver area for the start of his Freshman year when his father was hired as Financial Editor of the Denver Post. After attending Littleton's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, Chris drove north to Cheyenne. Friends with whom he had attended grade school and junior high school had invited him to join them for their 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to **Deanna Boeke** (10/5) and **Ruth Duffey** (10/31).

#### Calendar:

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

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October is the beginning of the Nor'Easters twenty third year of existence. Of our 27 charter members, few are still with us, they are; **Fran Mathews**, 1<sup>st</sup> President, **Mercedes Hersom**, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary, **Frank Procopio**, **June Alberino**, **Jack Casey**, **Charlie Stauler**, **Dave Donnelly**, **Bob Anderson**, **John Fred Parks** and **Vinny Velella**. We're all so glad you got our chapter going. May you stay with us for a lot more years! Here's hoping the other members are really enjoying eternity in friendly skies,

VP **Sarah Pitt-Wooll** will miss the October meeting as she is flying across the pond to visit friends in Spain and relatives in England. Sarah is not risking flying SA, but buying a PS ticket. With a lot of shopping, she got a rate less than half her original cost estimates. Good for you Sarah. Enjoy!

This was definitely the hottest, driest summer I can remember. Northern ME, NH & VT got their normal rain and snow. But all of southern New England is extra dry. A lot of young trees on the edges of forests are dying off. On the other hand, south central US is getting their rain and ours, creating havoc. Welcome to global warming, which to some, doesn't exist!

One of our Florida Nor'Easters **Joan Twing**, while visiting New England, was honored with a cocktail party by fellow members on September 1<sup>st</sup>, at Red's Restaurant. Also attending were several BOSCS retirees. Always good to see old friends!

Our own **Bruce Casassa**, BOSMM, passed away on August 6. An avid motorcycle fan, on retiring, he vowed

to cover all of the lower 48 states and some of Canada. He did that and even made it to the Arctic Circle. Bruce passed away while cycling in Canada. He was to be flown back to BOS, but the aircraft had a mechanical and cancelled, delaying him an extra day. Ironical as Bruce was an aircraft mechanic! Is there some hidden message here? Bruce left 6 adult children behind, consequently, having a large crowded wake. The Nor'Easters were well represented.

**Joe Duda**, BDLCS, a past member we haven't heard from in some time. Anyone out there with info about Joe, please advise me.

October's birthdays: **Patti Austin**, **Robert Boyle**, **Norman Hudon** and **John Lagadinis**.

October's anniversaries: **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (36 years) and **Lee & Sid Lyon** (50 years).

I really don't have gray hair. I have what I call wisdom highlights!

#### Calendar:

**October 25** - East Bay Grill, Plymouth MA

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

### MICHIGAN

#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We had a great turnout for our September luncheon on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Twenty two retirees attended at the Olive Garden in Livonia, MI. **Carol Slade** and **Sue Craig** hosted and brought yummy cupcakes. Thanks gals. It was nice to see several new faces. Come on back!

**Pam Shamey** writes that a group of United retirees are going to be going on a fall color tour of New England. They are leaving by bus on September 28 from Boston and returning to Boston on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

The DTW ResAnywhere Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Waterford Bend Park in Hines Park. The park is located at 17387 Northville Rd., Northville, MI. To purchase tickets, go to [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=CDY8U8FLHEEVG](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=CDY8U8FLHEEVG). All employees, family, friends and retirees are welcome to attend.



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With many attending end of summer events, 22 faithful individuals attended a wonderful buffet luncheon at Fernando's Café and Cantina in Blair hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**. Many regular members were missing. **Marilyn Weak** had gall bladder surgery, and the **Peytons** and **Cornishes** were out of town. We hear **Dick Weak** is walking better and is planning to attend next month. The winners of the 50/50 were **Russ Meyer** and **Rita Purkapile**.

As a follow up to those who are experiencing ill health, **Roger Jensen** has returned home. He believes he will be starting chemo again in September but is very happy to be back home for now. **Larry Nollette** will begin his next round of chemo this week. He states it causes him to be very tired and light headed. Cards, calls or visits may be welcome by each, but if visiting, due to schedules a call first would be appropriate.



I had an email recently from **Jeff Ballard**. He is **Carroll Ballard's** son and wanted me to know that Carroll has moved to Crown Pointe Assisted Living at 2820 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68124. He said Carroll had a difficult year last year with a broken hip and then the recovery, but was doing well now and the move to Crown Pointe had been a good one. His cell phone number is (402) 378-3839. His home phone stayed the same at (402) 345-7876. Be sure to update your lists. He sent this picture of Carroll and his great grandson.

Our next meeting will be at will be at Fish and Game, Lake Manawa, in Council Bluffs hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell** on September 6, at 11:00 am. This year it will be a potluck event. The chapter will provide chicken and everyone should bring a potluck dish to share. This is always a fun event, sitting outside at Lake Manawa and enjoying the lake and usually a nice breeze. Hopefully, all of this hot weather is behind us.

Birthdays for the month of September are **Peggy Casebeer** (2), **Patty Shook** (3), **Dorothy Braden** (8), **Mary McGuire** (8), **Gary Procopio** (8), **Nancy Thomas** (9), **Roger Jensen** (14), **Toddy Manson** (14), **Ev Peyton** (21), and **Joe Scholz** (27). A very Happy Birthday wish to each of you.

### Calendar:

**October 4** - Gerdas', hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**

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

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

Thanks Betsy & Tony for working out the scheduling to fill the month of November

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The Las Vegas Silverliners held their meeting on 8/11 at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. There were 43 members in attendance for our Hawaiian Theme Luncheon. President **Rose Marie Restivo** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** talked about the membership numbers and that the chapter placed an ad in the Sun City Summerlin Links Magazine to see if we can bring more retired employees into the Silverliners membership. With 7,400 homes in Sun City we hope that we may find a few new members. Treasurer **Christine Earl** presented the financial report to our members and it was received positively by the membership. Hospitality Lady **Eleanor Vasko** welcomed **Georgia Rutkowski** back to the meeting after her knee surgery.

We had 10 Birthdays and 4 Anniversaries to recognize in July & August. We honored Anniversaries for **Andrew & Hessie Wright** (63 years), **Tony & Mary Tricolli** (51 years), **Mike & Eleanor Vasko** (59 years) and **Chris & James Czaplewski** (49 years). Our best to all for the togetherness and love they have for each other.

Some of our members had guests at the luncheon. **John Albert** had his friend **Nancy Keene**; **Felix Cicco** had his son join him today. **Chris & James Czaplewski** had their friend and neighbor **JoAnn Mize** join them.

Vice President **George Fox** held the 50/50 Raffle plus the Hawaiian table gifts and the regular table gifts. These gifts are donated by members wrapped in nice gift wrappings so no one knows what they pick until they open it up. After a few more small items raised by the membership, our President adjourned the meeting and bid all a safe trip home.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Report:** The Las Vegas Silverliners did not have a meeting in September. A few things going on, one of which was that we were informed that our Vice President **George Fox** was in the hospital. He suffered from Pneumonia and the Doctors discovered he has a heart flutter. He informed our President **Rosemarie Restivo** that he is retiring from the VP position due to his health; he also was our 50/50 raffle person. So we will be asking at our October meeting for anyone interested and willing to assume the Vice President position, election to be held later this year. **Georgia Rutkowski** has volunteered to do the 50/50 drawings at our Luncheons for the time being.

**Christine Earl** and husband **Woody** will be away for a weekend, going to Baltimore, MD for a relatives wedding and while there, they will be taking in an Oriole baseball game on Saturday night, yeah! Christine also mentioned that her and Woody will be going on a cruise later this month around Europe and the Mediterranean, we wish her a safe and fun trip.

Treasurer **Don Rutkowski** placed an ad in his Communities Monthly Magazine asking for retired United Airline employees living in Sun City Summerlin to contact him and to join us at our next meeting. Our next meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup> with a Halloween Theme.

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@centurylink.net](mailto:geodon1192@centurylink.net) or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.

#### Calendar:

**October 13** - Halloween Theme

**December 8** - Christmas Theme



#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were about 27 members and guests at our August Picnic at Bartley Ranch. The weather was a bit hot but thankfully, the eating area is covered.

Thanks again to our host **Barbara Leusing** for doing a great job with a little help from **Larry**. Thanks to **Bill & Donna Perkins** for providing assistance to Picnic Chair **Barbara Leusing**. A great big thank to **Larry Leusing**, who stepped in as cook in Duncan's absence. Unfortunately, **Duncan & Nancy Scaife** were not able to attend due a physical problem Duncan was experiencing. Also, our resident pastry chef **Bill Perkins** once again provided some zucchini bread as gifts for our raffle. We are happy to report that **Fred Olesek** is feeling back to normal and has resumed his normal activities. It appears that dehydration, no breakfast and hot weather contributed to his spell. A stark reminder that in this heat and at this altitude, proper hydration is essential.

After some discussion, it has been decided that our annual picnics will morph into a different type of get together. We are considering a gathering at someone's house and scheduling it for late September when the weather should not be so hot. **Pam & Fred Olesek** have kindly offered their home, which is across the road from Bartley Ranch, but a firm decision will be made in 2017.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Roberta Wagner** and **Pat Zoboli**. Various surprise gifts were won by various members and guests.

**Margaret Scholl**, guest of **Kathy Robinson**, was the winner of the 50/50. Margaret has previously attended our picnic and our Christmas luncheon.

**Ann Batty** had a fall at her home, was hospitalized and is now in recovery at a local care facility. Picnic attendees were able to sign a card that was sent to her.

Our Christmas Luncheon has been set for Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at Tamarack Junction. Menu items will be discussed at the September meeting.

#### NEW JERSEY

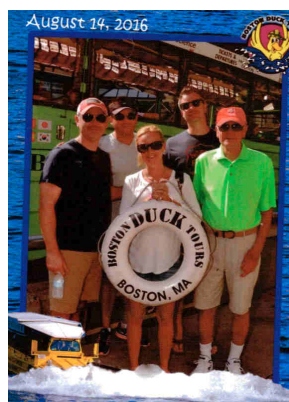
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The meeting was opened by President **Frank Worzocha** with a flag salute, and thankfully, there were no passings to report. **Ev Eaton**, who will be 92 this September, got a nice standing ovation and a happy birthday song. Ev brought his son, his daughter, and his daughter in law to the meeting, and it was great to see them.

It was good to see **Gus Laranjeria**, and **Dick Confer**, hope we can see more of them. Frank gave our financial report, and all is okay. **John Murphy** won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on September 28. It was also decided that our Christmas party will be on December 14. There will be no meeting in November.



**Bob Burke** reported that his daughter Jennifer and sons Mike, Steve, and Brian enjoyed a long weekend in Boston. They visited the usual historical sites, and were astonished by all of the new buildings and plazas. Bob said he was given the opportunity of driving one of the sight-seeing "Ducks" in the Charles River. They also went to his old neighborhood and visited the folks who now live in the house that he had lived in his first 27 years. It's always nice to have good memories.

*"The man who does not read good books, has no advantage over the man who can't read them."*





## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Since the first Wednesday arrived a bit late this month, and this is deadline date for the Newsletter, I'll be brief. 29 of us Metros showed up, President **Ed Pozzi** being a "no show". He just called with the details, but it seems he bought a new car this past Saturday and the GPS wasn't doing a good job. They got close to Swan Club but after 1PM, they still weren't there. It started sending them home!

We shed new light on "what is a doggy bag?" Since we were guaranteed 30 for lunch, that's what we had to pay for. As one guest did not eat, that left us with 2 meals Jim negotiated for. They were raffled off and the winners were **Emma Milazzo** and **Carol Maley-Davis**. I gotta admit, the food was great, but really ladies, two big meals in one day?

50/50 winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize – **Jordan Levine**, 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Emma Milazzo** and 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Una DeGeorge**. Emma and Nunzio are celebrating birthdays. Best Wishes!

A speed decision had to be made as to where we would meet next month, and, while we were happy with the Swan Club (nice waiters), it proved to be too difficult to get to, so we will return to the Davenport Press in Mineola on October 5<sup>th</sup>. This was confirmed by Ed in his call to me. See you all then.

#### Calendar:

**October 5** – Luncheon at Davenport Press.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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The August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was our annual picnic held at The Chalet in Strongsville Metroparks and what a perfect day it was. There were 90 members in attendance.

The food was an array of dishes of every kind brought by our members and it was like a huge smorgasbord. In addition, the Buckeyes provided chicken and beverages. The picnic was hosted by **Dolly & John Taucher**.

**Arlene Taylor** did a reverse "Grace" after the meal. We have to keep the retirees on their toes and can't be too repetitive. After lunch, **Dave Placko** conducted the 50/50 raffle. Winners were **Tom Zadar**, **Carol Hacker** and **Doris Schueler**.

Dolly continued our meeting and announced this was our 6<sup>th</sup> year at the "Chalet." We did not beat the record for attendance as that was 115 in 2013. We are sorry to advise that our Treasurer, **Steve Pytel**, who served our organization diligently for the past 7 years has resigned. Thanks, for a job well done, Steve.

**Elda Custer** and **Lois Walter** returned after knee replacements.

**George Kuretz** is back. **Don Park** a youngster of 95 years and his bride, **Pearl Park** made it a point to come to the picnic as well. **Marie Pivik** was able to join us at the picnic and thanked everyone for all the cards, and the prayers as she recovered.

**Sam Bennett** has moved back here from Florida. He maintained his membership while away. And his daughter, **Beverly Smith** who is also a member, is also in the process of moving back.

Guests included: **Jack & Sharon Petykowski**, friends of **Arlene & Earl Taylor**. Also, **Don Struk** a friend of **Sharon Gatesman**. And **Jeff Bennett**, son of **Sam Bennett**.

**Barb Vauls** could not be here today, but asked to say "Hi!" **Jerry Zadar** and **Ann Kenda** were hoping to join us but unable to get a flight out of FL. Son **Tom Zadar** was here once again. This time he won the 50/50 drawing.

Birthdays in August: **Sam Bennett**, **Phil Gaudio**, **Tom Hassel**, **Helen Hockett**, **George Kuretz**, **Judy McKnight**, **Shirley Moses**, **Rudy Pivik**, **Marie Placko**, **Steve Rak**, and **Leo Schueler**.

Anniversaries: **Tony & Darlene Novak** (53 years), and **George & Nancy Oncu** (46 years).

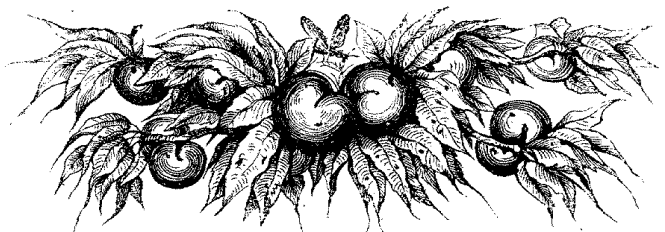
Just 3 days after our picnic we received a call that on August 6<sup>th</sup>, **Kathleen Bender** (CLESW) had passed away unexpectedly. As usual, we did notify all of our members of the funeral arrangements.

We also received our next newsletter with our schedule from September, 2016 through April, 2017.

A major change (back to the way it has always been) is that the checks for the luncheons, with one or 2 exceptions, are to be sent to the host of each lunch from now on. The mailing address is on the bottom of each monthly sheet. But as always, the checks are to be made out to the "Ohio Buckeye Chapter".

Following Lunches are scheduled before our winter break:

- ✓ October 5 – Copper Top at Cherokee Hills Golf Course
- ✓ November 2 - Tony K's Restaurant
- ✓ December 7 - Diamond Event Center (Christmas Party)



## OREGON



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Our August luncheon was well attended with 65 folks joining us. Member **Dave Smith** arranged a guest speaker from the FBI and we were honored to have Supervisor Special Agent Mathew Floyd from the Complex Financial Crimes Division (often referred to as White Collar Crime / Public Corruption). He is one of 10 agents covering the entire Portland area so they have to prioritize (triage) their case loads.

As a general rule they investigate crimes involving more than \$100,000 but everyone is encouraged to report any financial crimes to the bureau, it helps them track and trend ongoing issues in their extensive data base. Corporate and securities fraud makes up about 80% of their case loads, most often involving more than \$1 million fraud.

Identity theft is the number one national complaint, but there are multiple other fraud schemes that are much more prevalent, but often under reported due to embarrassment. These include: Nigerian Lottery, IRS, Jury duty delinquency, Advance fee scams (through Craig's list or eBay, etc.), Counterfeit prescription drugs, Debt collectors, Romance scams, to name a few.

90% of the time if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Get rich quick schemes are often a type of Ponzi scheme. If offered a chance at high returns on an investment, do your due diligence. See if they are registered financial investors, is the corporation registered. Anyone legally dealing with finances and investments must be registered.

The mortgage fraud, with very loose lending that we saw so prevalent back in 2008, is beginning to happen again. Beware of real estate investments with quick gains.

OR & WA are #2 & 3 in reported identity theft, FL is #1. The high number in OR & WA is suspected to be related to the Seattle and Portland Archdioceses and several other large businesses being compromised in recent years.

Thieves of all kinds look for the path of least resistance. Take safe guards. Make all portable devices password protected. If someone does steal your device, they are unlikely to spend time trying to crack your password. It's much easier to find a device that is not password protected.

Monitor your credit score regularly. Watch for new lines of credit, new unauthorized credit cards, new accounts, etc.

There are services out there that you can pay to monitor for you, but there are no 100% guarantees. It is often just as effective to routinely monitor your credit scores, and set account alerts for smaller amounts.

If you are victimized, alert all your accounts ASAP. The quicker you are on top of the situation, usually the better.

**Bill Keys** is now residing in Lebanon, Oregon at a Veterans Care Facility, **Ed Norton** passed away. He had been married for 65 years. Our elections will be in October. Looking to fill the vacancy for Secretary, President and Board member at large.

*Anniversaries ~* **Tom & Shirley Walker** (57 years), **Linda & Larry Tracey** (31 years), **Steve & Margaret Borbley** (52 years).

*Birthdays ~* **Joe Alff** (83), **Steve Borbley** (85), **Ted Schoessler** (83), **Shirley Walker** (76), **Patsy Ogden** (79), **Velda Schoessler** (83), **Pat Smith** (70), and **Ruth Larson** (76).

*Drawing Winners ~* Lunch/ Door Prize - **Dan Jones**, Men's Birthday - **Joe Alff**, Women's Birthday - **Velda Schoessler**, 50/50 - **Lois Gruenberg**.

### Calendar:

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

**September 14** - Social

**October 12** – Social

**November 9** – Social

### OUR CLUB

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September greetings to all! Fall is around the corner, tomato season at an end and time to start raking leaves and pine needles. Better start thinking about your Halloween costume, how big your Thanksgiving turkey will be this year and the big question "is your Christmas shopping done with?" That my friends, is how fast time flies when you get older.

The September luncheon was hosted by **Linda Althouse** and she once again opens her home to have us join her for a nice end of summer picnic, attended by seven of our members. Attending were President **Ric Walcha**, **Doe Pope**, **Bob Rogers**, **Bob Lindberg**, **Carole & Carl Widrig** and of course, our host **Linda**. Yours truly was home attending to our Siberian Husky, Shawnee, who had just had a mass tumor removed and if you know anything about this breed, you know they must be watched. Not that they will get into mischief but more than likely, they will.

Linda was pleased to show her room dedicated to her years of being a United Flight Attendant and had many if not all of the uniforms she wore over the years as well as many souvenirs she has collected. When you work for the airlines over 30 years, you can collect a wonderful amount of memorabilia. She volunteers at our local animal shelter and also had three little kittens she was tending to. She stays a very busy lady.

Ric said a lot of conversation was had including many different United stories, lots of home repairs, **Doe Popes'** new car purchase while she was recovering in CA and the prospect of new members who just moved up from, where else, California. I do believe we are all from California. Several of our members were on holiday and could not attend. So to them, we missed you.

Our very best wishes go out to **Ida Rogers** who is currently in the hospital. **Bob** is such a great husband he tore up flooring, took down paneling and painted parts of the house so it will look bright and fresh for Ida. What a guy. Also missed were **Miriam Lindberg**, **Russ Randall** and my favorite English Lady, **Alberta Randall**, who has fallen not once, not twice but three times. She said she was fine and they were all silly little things but come on Alberta, three times? She has such a great sense of humor that she is truly missed when not there. So to all of you, we miss you and hurry back.

Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Laurie Jordan** on October 7<sup>th</sup>. As always be safe and God Bless.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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### Submitted by Treatie Karwoski

**Jeri Juth** is still at the Villa on the DL list. **Betty Musko** slammed two fingers in her car door and is nursing them. Paul & Betty have two busy months ahead. They phoned me to pinch hit for them, I don't know if I can do as good of a job, but I will try.

Twenty five members joined us at our June luncheon, it was great to see **Verna Alex**, **Rosemarie Lavelle**, **Roberta Larimer**, **Barbara Seaholm** (where was **Mac**? Is he still in the hole with Phil?) **Al Rucshell** (bring **Naomi** with you the next time). **Russ Miller** will be one of our regulars now since he left the East Bay Diablos. He moved here to be near family. Welcome Russ, it's good to have you back. **Georgia Garcia** and **Bob** are back from their winter hide away. It was wonderful to see you all. We miss our members that have not attended for a while, **Ed & Kay Yauch**, **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** and **Bob Gause**.

**Vic & Joan Ference** are still having health issues. Joan is fighting her dizziness. Vic is suffering with his arthritis in the knees and back. I'm sure they would like to hear from their friends with a card or note. Their address: 133 Convair Dr., Moon Twp, PA 15108. **Phyllis Smith** is at the Villa St. Joseph and receiving therapy since she has had problems with her legs. Phyllis requests no call or visits until further notice. I'm sure she would like a card or note wishing her well. The address is: Villa St Joseph, Room 24B 1030 State St., Baden, PA 15005.

Jeri had a pacemaker installed and hasn't had therapy for several weeks. Her blood pressure was not stable and that held her back further. However, she is now on a regular schedule for therapy and feeling much better. She has been at the Villa since March, isn't that a long time? She wouldn't mind having visitors, a call or a thinking of you card. Her address is the same as Phyllis' but her room number is 43. I spoke with **Mitch Abbas** and he is doing quite well. He feels that all the prayers that were said for him helped his recovery. He thanks all of you for your prayers and cards. **Ethel Ondrejko** passed away on June 15. Ethel started her airline career with Capital at PITRR and worked for many years. She retired from CLERR. Ethel loved her church and was committed to many missions and charities over the years. Rest in peace Ethel!

One of our loyal members, **Harry Shirley**, 94 years old passed away on May 22, following a brief illness. He retired from UAL, where he was a lead mechanic in PIT for 37 years. He was formally employed with Capital Airlines. During WWII he served on the Pacific Island of Tinian as an aircraft mechanic during the Pacific Campaign. Harry received the American Theatre Ribbon of Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Theatre with two bronze stars. Harry always had a smile and was pleasant to everyone. When he started losing his eyesight, his daughter Jayne would bring him to our luncheons. Jayne said he hated to miss the luncheons as he liked getting together with the Old United Gang. We miss you Harry, rest in peace.

**Dave Beatty**, our President, tried to get our members to go on a luncheon cruise on the Gateway Clipper in October. Several of our members were called but no one was interested, instead we will have a luncheon on October 5. You will receive a flyer in the mail with all the information. Mark your calendars now for October 5. Dave has been working on several other projects for our members.

**Mary Jane Stewart** participated in the Washington County Senior Olympics this past spring. She won a Gold medal putting, Gold on the stationary bike, and a Bronze in the mile walk. How great is that? Now it's time Mary Jane to start training for next year so you can take all the gold medals. Mary Jane has been elected secretary RUAEA organization. Congratulations, I know you will do a good job.

On a personal side I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls. A special thanks to **Sherry Muoio** for offering to drive me home after the PIT convention. I was not well that evening and had arranged for my sister to pick me up the next morning. Sherry, I can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and concern. I think we are in the same boat. I'm still having some health issues and working on trying to resolve the issues. Once again many thanks to all of you.

God Bless!

### Calendar:

**October 5** - Luncheon

**December** - luncheon to be announced later.

## TENNESSEE

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Our catch up news, the August 13<sup>th</sup> breakfast was attended by 17 members. **Dave Leonard** gave each of us a jar of his homemade blueberry jam. Dave picked the wild berries, cooked and canned our treat. Thanks Dave, it was yummy. A fun time was had by all.

Our September business meeting is only 8 days away, too late to get info to RUAEA.

**Wanted** ~ Does anyone at RUAEA know of any retirees living in Tennessee? Please call our VP **Betty Shipe** (865) 922-3858. We need to increase our membership.

#### Calendar:

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

**November 17** - Luncheon and elections business meeting, 12:30 pm at Lakeside Tavern, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut. RSVP to **Barb Chapin**, (865) 385-3630.

**December 15** - Breakfast holiday get together, 10:30 am at Egg & I, 111 Lovell Road, Farragut.

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Take this article with a grain of salt – it's being written in early September when the chapter is gearing up to meet for the first time since May and is looking forward to hosting the 2016 RUAEA National Convention at the Doubletree Suites Southcenter – *Soak it Up!*

President **Ken Storey** will conduct the first meeting of the new season of the Emerald City Slickers, RUAEA's Seattle chapter, on Tuesday, September 13 at Angelo's Italian Restaurant in Burien, Washington. Cost of the luncheon has increased \$1 this year to add a fabulous dessert. Now *that's* important!

Visitors and guests always are welcome at Slickers' luncheons, but remember that reservations are required and no-shows are liable for the cost of their meals. The chapter meets on second Tuesdays in September through November and January through May.

Our main September business topic will be final arrangements of *The Seattle Rain Dance*, with last-minute sign-ups for volunteer slots where needed for the conven-

tion. **Ken & Judy Storey** hosted a meeting of key convention personnel, including RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** and **Carol Lucarelli**, who serves on the National Reservations team. We're delighted to also count them as members of our local chapter.

We look forward to once again welcoming **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** to the September luncheon. They have delayed their return to Arizona to serve as treasurer and registrar, respectively, of RUAEA's 2016 national convention here in Seattle. There's no doubt that many of you have had pleasant dealings with **Shirley** and **Ron** over the summer and that they have ironed out many wrinkles for you.

Telephone lines are buzzing, as **Fran McAnulty** contacts convention volunteers for specific assignments. We hope to cover all manned positions by the end of the September meeting, which will be followed later that afternoon by the "Stuffing of the Packets" for distribution to conventioners.

Summer readers will trade their finished volumes for new reads at the book exchange table. **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** deliver leftovers to appropriate organizations.

**Ed & Gay Liesse** will organize and deliver collections of new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Toys 4 Tots program for Christmas distribution and non-perishable food items that will go to Northwest Harvest this year. Cash donations also will be accepted for those unable to contribute "hard goods." With more advanced planning than the first effort in 2015, the chapter is able to coordinate collections at both October and November luncheons.

**Herald Bowman** (SEAGQ) will celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. Our vice president, **Phyllis Bowman**, visits Bow every day, as he receives hospice care in an assisted living facility. The **Bowmans** celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. Special milestones for a special couple! **Phyllis** will don her VP's cap to conduct drawings for door prizes at the September meeting.

The August issue noted the serious illness and surgery of chapter member **John Luke** (SEAPV), and we now regret having to report that **John** passed away in mid-August. Both **John** and his wife, **Mary**, have been active in RUAEA with **Mary** serving as luncheon coordinator and **John** acting as one of the official taster/testers when new luncheon venues were being researched. **John** also was well-known in craft circles for his woodworking skills and beautiful creations. He is missed.

Emerald City Slickers, at this point, are still awaiting your arrival in Seattle for the 2016 RUAEA National Convention. (See the June issue for details.)

We're ready to help you "Soak it Up" with the "Seattle Rain Dance".

#### Calendar:

**October 11** – Luncheon Meeting at Angelo's

**November 8** – Luncheon Meeting at Angelo's

**December** – No Meeting





## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Summer is officially over and the children are back in school. As a grandparent (and great grandparent of three), this comes with mixed emotions. They all live just far enough away that I won't be seeing them as often as I could during the summer. No more daily visits to the pool with five or six of them in tow. No more slumber parties at "mom-mom's" where cookies for breakfast and popcorn and late night movies are the "guidance free" expectations. No more daily kisses and cuddles from my little ones ... on the other hand, sleeping in is nice. The quiet time is no longer a luxury and my house no longer looks like a tornado hit it. On Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, The Loungers will once again meet at the Golden Corral in Manassas for our monthly luncheon. We are all looking forward to getting together. So many things happened over the summer and we are all anxious to "catch up".

This is also a good time to thank Glory Days Grill for their continuing support of our group. Each month, Adam Bourdreau, the manager gives us gift certificates to the Grill for door prizes. The Golden Corral also gifts us with two (2) certificates for lunch. The Golden Corral has been our sponsor and supporter for over 25 years. Both of these restaurants are known for their community service and involvement. Thank you.

Our dear **Ina Ayres** had knee replacement surgery, and I hear she is doing very well, but I'm sure she would love to receive some notes of encouragement. **Lucy Chatelaine** is another member who could use some kind and encouraging words. After ankle and hip surgery, she has sold her beautiful home, and moved into an independent living facility. She says it has been a huge adjustment. If you need their phone numbers or addresses, you may call or email me at the above addresses. **Benita Bell** is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. She says she feels well and although she misses her hair, she is grateful for the care she has been given and the restoration of her health.

We are looking forward to our pot luck lunch on September 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Bealton Airport Flying Circus. The circus itself is great fun, but it is such an enjoyable get-together. We are having pulled pork and pulled chicken from a local grill. The rest of the meal will be supplied by the attendees. What I know about so far is mouth watering. Airliners are my preferred group with which to party, they know how to entertain, how to cook, and how to have a good time!

By the time you read this, it will be October and we will be celebrating fall and looking for to Halloween. So Happy Haunting to each of you!

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA:

This is my 'swan' song. It has been my pleasure to keep you posted on what is happening with Clipped Wings. It is a wonderful organization for friendship, philanthropy and lots of fun.

The good news is the Flight Attendants have a new contract, finally! Not everything was to our liking, but it will now merge the two companies together and flying will be better for all.

As a reminder 'Clipped Wings' is for currently flying Flight Attendants, Retirees and those former ladies and gentlemen who quit for one reason or another. Both United and Continental are invited to join. Our web site is: [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org).

As I pass the baton to our new Vice President, **Karen Williams**, I am sure she will find this a wonderful experience. I wish her the very best.

Thank you for your assistance and kind thoughts. It has been a great time!

Bah-byeeeeeee.



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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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- Retiree – **Gydesen, Robert L. (Bob)**, on 8/24/2016, SFOMP, father of Barbara Gydesen Mollison and Jeff Mollison, 10335 Oro Fino Rd., Fort Jones, CA 96032
- Retiree – **Kopf, Geraldine M.**, on 8/10/2016, ORDMS, wife of Thomas Kopf (deceased), 111 David Drive, Bensenville, IL 60106
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## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Mary Jo Carson, Shirley Claggett, Barrett Davidson, Wanda Garofalo, Barbara Hill, Mary Huffman, Chris Miller, Raymond O'Shea, William Rankin, Jr., Benjamin Scales, Vonnie Willig, Michael Zoldak.

### **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.)*

### **David Detwiler, 284 Kelley Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425**

I worked for Capital and United Air Lines for almost 39 years. 34 of those years were spent at ORDMM. I retired in 1994; wow that was 22 years ago. Time sure does fly when you are having fun.

Lately, I have decided to try a new adventure. I have become a part time volunteer at the Flight 93 memorial near Shanksville, PA. I work for the park rangers and right at the beginning I worked as a greeter. There is little more to it than a Wal-Mart greeter. We have to be able to answer questions people ask about what happened here almost 15 years ago. They gave me a packet of information to memorize and that was a challenge for me. This old crusty brain does not memorize well anymore. But I am working on it. Later this fall I will be trained as an ambassador. An ambassador

gets to go more places and talk to more people, telling them the story of Flight 93.

I urge all of our retirees to visit the memorial any time you are driving through PA on the turnpike. It is only 15 minutes from Exit 110. Just print off directions from the website before you come, so you will know which to take to get you there. The new visitor's center will make the trip worthwhile. Many displays are there to look at, including a showcase with thousands of small fragments of that airplane when it blew up and hit the ground going 563 MPH with 5500 gallons of jet fuel aboard. You can also listen to some of the recorded conversations on air phones that were made in the final minutes of that flight.

After all this there were seven of our fellow employees that were murdered by the terrorists on that flight that day. Those were Captain Jason Dahl, first officer Leroy Homer, purser Debra Welsh, flight attendants Lorraine Bay, Sandy Bradshaw, Cee Cee Ross Lyles and Wanda Green. And those thirty three regular passengers, all people that had put their trust in United Air Lines to get them from Newark to San Francisco that day. But the four terrorists had something different in mind. They planned to die that day, taking all of the other passengers and crew with them and as many more people on the ground that they could. They were radical Islamic terrorists and that is what they do, all in the name of religion.

**William Hamilton, 311 North Pine Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60004**

Thank you for the excellent newsletter. Does anyone know **Sandra (Sandy) Hutchinson** in SFO?

If so my contact information is: e-mail bill\_d\_ham@yahoo.com, phone (847) 392-2537.

**Gary Kellogg, 3368 W. Corning St., Newbury Park, CA 91320**

I was surprised to read in the Great Lakes Escapees news that **Bill & Camille Wade** were told by the Detroit gate agent "*we don't have time to call names*" of stand-bys. I travel frequently to Detroit and have never encountered this. The agents have always been friendly and helpful. I hope this isn't a new policy. Guess better keep an eye on the screen. Maybe that agent was just having a bad day!

**John Koehl, 2 Pepperell on Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, papajn85@gmail.com**

Kathleen & I want to thank **Ron Bertacini** for his cordial comments on my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the August Newsletter. We also appreciate all the cards, notes letters, phone calls & E-mails from our RUAEA associates.

I attended my first Convention in 1984 at the Seattle

Westin (\$45.00/room night). **Ralph Hoffmaster** was President, **Charlie Field** - VP Conventions and **Norm Strange** - General Chairman. I was in town as UAL's Rep. at the 1984 IATA Annual Travel Show. When I retired, Ralph was Site Selection Chair; he asked me to join his committee. Since then I've been involved in both Local & National RUAEA activities, the rest is history

RUAEA is a great organization. I've made a lot of new friends as well as continuing work relationships. I plan and pray I can continue for a long time. Every retiree should have an opportunity to join. I hope I see you at this year's SEA Convention. If not, I look forward to seeing you at the next convention in 2017.

PS. Our Condolences to **Jack Cunningham** on the loss of his wife, **Eleanor**. May she rest in peace!

**Mike Takamatsu, 122 KA Drive, Kula, HI 96790**

Thank you ever so much for all the effort and work that goes in to publishing the newsletter.

This is a prime source of information for my wife and me as we reside at the other corner of UAL's system (Maui).

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

Thank you for all of your hard work.

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

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

My best to everyone.

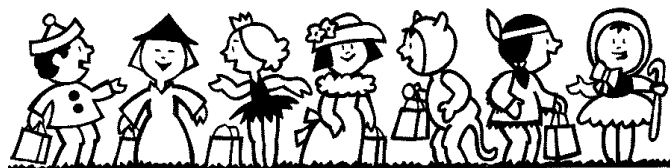
**Anna Wozniak, 10 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL 60439**

Every year I promise myself that, this time I will send my RUAEA dues in a timely manner, and here I am late again.

I look forward very much to the Newsletter, so much informative and great tips for traveling. Let's not forget the recipes. A big thank you to the publishing team, great job.

We have had a rocky couple of months as my husband had some health issues. He is doing well and we hope that it will just get better.

Thank you and best regards to all.





## Notes

### Stephanie Eustaquio

RUAEA is my connection to a proud and long 30 year career with United Airlines and life long friends.

### Dee Randmark (CHIRR) and husband, Clyde (ORDOZ)

We are still traveling to LAS 4 or 5 times a year. We appreciate all the helpful travel advice provided by RUAEA.

### Betty Garner

I have been working at the Mainliner Store at San Francisco Maintenance Operations for six years. There is lots of UAL merchandise available.

### Jon Wilkinson

I am still retired after 20 years. I have a new left knee. I am still president of Kids and Kubs Senior Softball (you must be over 75 to join). I am now in the 6<sup>th</sup> year as president.

### Emmett Landrum

After being in aviation for 65years, 36 with United, I am retiring and only working to keep my 31 yr. old Porsche running. I just turned 91 years old!

### Michael Blasco

RUAEA, a great organization, the Newsletters contain very important news for us retirees and association with United corporate/Airline liaison. I joined RUAEA as a UAL retiree in 1994. I am now living in small City/State with no regional meetings and I greatly appreciate receiving the newsletter. Over my 40 yrs, worked and met many wonderful people, LAX, BUR, OMA, & SFO. Blessings to all who are no longer with us, also to those that I've known.

I attended several Conventions and looking forward to Seattle to see you all.

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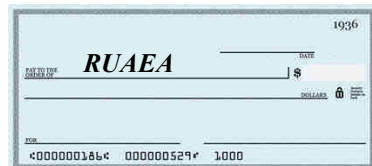
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