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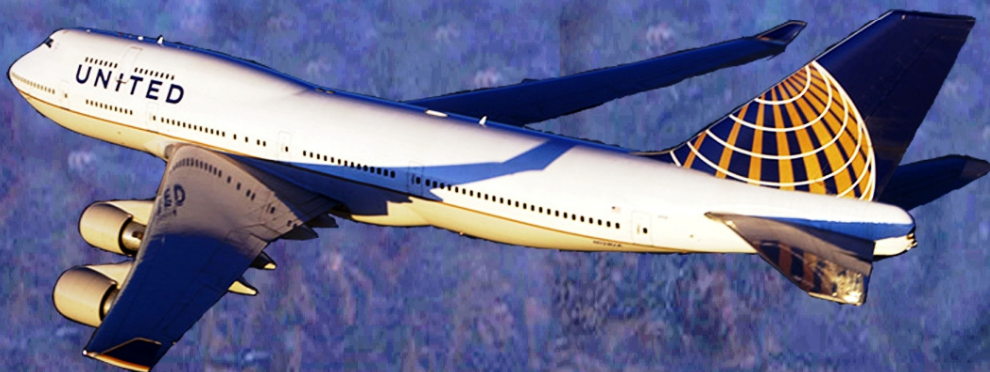
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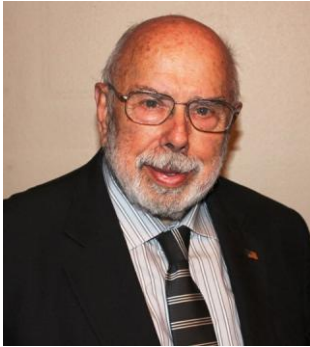
## *FAREWELL TO THE QUEEN OF THE SKIES*



# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



As I write this article for our Newsletter, I cannot help but think about hurricane Harvey and all the people impacted by this disaster, especially those of our immediate friends and families and our United family.

I have received numerous inquiries about “how can I/we help? There is no pat answer for everyone to become physically involved but every one of us that is able can donate to the United We Care Relief fund. How can I contribute and be a part of the relief effort? First go to <https://flyingtogether.ual.com> and then click on “Site Search” and then click on “Employee Relief Fund” or at the top of the Home page just follow the directions to make a donation. What is the Relief Fund? It is a charitable fund made up of donations from many sources that is available to active employees and retirees. Click on “FAQ” and I’m sure you will get answers to your

questions.

Although we are focused on Hurricane Harvey, the storm damage and people affected, I shift my thoughts to 9/11, the day terrorists brought down the Twin Towers in New York City. If you haven’t been to the Flight 93 Site in Pennsylvania, it’s worth visiting. The Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is located at Shanksville, Pennsylvania and the Flight 93 National Memorial is located a few miles North. Both are worth visiting. And I understand that Ground Zero is a very moving experience and worth visiting.

I know you want to hear what the outcome of the Retiree conference call we had with UAL Leadership in July. We felt we would get feedback not long after the phone conference, but it hasn’t happened. Therefore as of this writing there is nothing to report. I called and asked when we could expect something from UAL and was told that the Leadership group was busy with pressing matters within UAL and of course hurricane Harvey. So hopefully we will hear something in the near future and as soon as that happens I’ll get the information out.

I hope to see some of you at the Las Vegas Convention and we may be able to visit some. Until next month take care and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Regards,

**Virgil Gooselaw**  
**RUAEA President**

## Procedure For Address Changes

As you all know, DENTK is under renovation. The renovation has affected Internet access and telephone service as well as providing limited space for the Secretaries to work.

In order to facilitate address changes, there is a new procedure that seems to work well. For all address changes, go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org). Choose “renew membership”. Make a one dollar credit card contribution and change the address where the newsletter is to be shipped. Make sure the billing address matches the address your credit card company has on file.

There is a section to check if the billing address is different than the shipping address.

Snowbirds will have to do the procedure each time the address is changed. We can no longer keep track of who is changing addresses and what dates.

**All address changes must be made by the first of the month to ensure delivery of the following month’s newsletter.**





## **RUAEA Welcomes Midwest Director Jackie Monilaw**



Hello,

I wanted to introduce myself and tell all of you how happy I am to be able to work with each of your chapters. I've heard great things. I've read in the newsletters about outings and events you do with each of your groups that make them unique and fun.

To share a little about me. I started working with United in 1974 in the data entry department at EXO. In 1983 I transferred to ORD air freight where I worked one year. Great bunch of people who showed me what working at an airport was like. I then transferred to ORDMM Aircraft Maintenance where I did payroll, updated training manuals, wrote passes (remember when you had to request those if you had less than 10 years seniority) and general office duties. In 1986, I transferred to the reservations department where I ended up working in many different functions until I retired in 2014.

While I've lived in the Chicago suburbs my whole life, there are times in the winter I wish for a warmer climate. I have 2 daughters and a son plus 5 granddaughters who keep me busy.

In 1980 I volunteered to help with the Mainliner Club and have been active with them ever since. They function a lot like RUAEA, as they plan outings, events and get-togethers for the active and retired employees of United Airlines. Their goal is to bring together people to enjoy time with their families and friends in a social atmosphere. The Chicago Mainliner Club has been blessed to forge a partnership with the Chicago Skyliners in 2012, so each group can share with the other activities and information for their members.

As many of the employees and retirees have relocated across the country, the common denominator has been our link as United Airlines employees. We all share that sense of family amongst us. I'm glad to see so many retirees set aside a time monthly or quarterly to connect with their United friends and family to promote the feeling of belonging.

I look forward to meeting with each chapter in the next few months, if not at the convention in Las Vegas. In the meantime, please email or call me if you have any questions, concerns or want to say hi!

Thank you for your time in reading this. I am looking forward to the next year working with you.

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## **An update from Oscar on United's response to Harvey, posted August 31, 2017**



Dear United family,

First, I want to thank all of you for the incredible efforts you've displayed in response to Harvey. To witness how so many of you leapt into action, bringing the full range of your skills and expertise across our operations to bear on this crisis, giving so much of yourselves without having to be asked - all of it has truly been something to behold. I have never been prouder to call myself a member of the United family.

I will be traveling to Houston in the next few days to visit with our folks, see what still needs to be done and, above all, make sure they know that we will be with them every step of the way to help them rebuild, stronger than ever.

We have made one of our hangars at IAH available for use by FEMA to use as a base of operations from which to manage the crisis. IAH opened yesterday, with three arrivals and three departures. Today, we are planning more than two dozen mainline departures and operated another relief flight originating from ORD. Meanwhile we expect United Express flights to begin operating tomorrow.

As we gradually resume normal operations, we must remember that a sense of normalcy remains far, far away for so many of our colleagues and their families who have been impacted by Harvey. That's why even as the waters recede, our commitment will remain firm, both in the short term as we continue to provide immediate relief and assistance, as well as long into the future.

The Emergency Operations Center has activated Family Assistance Representatives to work with employees to support their needs, and we hope to have a large team set up and operating in Houston by Friday.

I encourage everyone still impacted by the storm to continue to access United We Care. And I trust that everyone will continue to contribute to our relief fund in the days and weeks to come. The United We Care Fund has launched the Harvey Emergency Relief Fund to cover employees and retirees impacted by the storm. This fund will provide up to \$3,000 in immediate cash for basic living expenses. Additionally, the Fund is set up to cover as much as \$10,000 in total in relation to this event, waiving the usual \$7,500 lifetime limit. Visit [Flying Together](#) for more on how to apply for help.

So far, we've transported more than 1,156 coworkers between IAH and ORD. We've operated 37 humanitarian and relief flights since Sunday and shipped more than a quarter million pounds of vital supplies, including water, shelf-stable food products, baby formula and medical supplies.

We have partnered with Managed Care to transport doctors and nurses from around the country to staff the IAH medical clinic throughout the week.

During these hectic days we will also be observing Labor Day and dealing with a busy travel weekend. It will be a travel period made more difficult by the lack of connectivity through IAH, and the knock-on effects throughout the system. I know you will be prepared for that inevitability, and I have no doubt that you will manage through it admirably, efficiently and - above all - safely. The spirit of solidarity and camaraderie that we've seen exemplified throughout this crisis embodies what Labor Day is all about: a bond between colleagues that always exists, but shines brightest when times are darkest.

This is one of those times.

I look forward to touching down at IAH in the coming days. I will be bringing with me the fond wishes of the entire United family, 90,000 strong. Houston is more than just a hub, it is our home. We will be in this for the long haul during the rebuilding process. That's what we mean when we say "We Fly Together."

Gratefully,  
Oscar

### **United We Care cash available for employees in need**



The United We Care Employee Relief Fund is launching a new program called the Harvey Emergency Relief Fund to cover employees impacted by the storm in Southeast Texas and Louisiana.

The new fund will cover disbursement of up to \$3,000 in cash to cover basic living expenses of those affected by Tropical Storm Harvey, based on situational need. If you need that assistance, click here for a link to United Service Anywhere > [Harvey Emergency Relief Fund](#).

*"We know people are suffering, and there's an immediate need for cash, as we've had more than 100 people reach out to United We Care already,"* said HR Services VP Kirk Limacher. *"We are targeting employees with urgent need for temporary lodging, transportation, food and other immediate needs and who do not have access to cash."*

For this event, United We Care is doing away with gift cards and plans instead to deposit cash directly into employees' bank accounts if they are set up with direct deposit. For those who aren't signed up for direct deposit but have a bank account or those who receive paper checks, United We Care has established an alternate process for disbursement.

For those who may need more than the \$3,000 made available through the United Service Anywhere link, you may fill out the [United We Care assistance form](#). The United We Care Employee Relief Fund will grant up to \$10,000 in total in relation to this event, waiving the usual \$7,500 lifetime limit. Previous awards will not factor into this temporary grant program. All active, regular United Airlines employees and United Ground Express employees and retirees may apply, regardless of seniority.

If you need assistance and have no access to a computer, please contact HR Operations at 1-877-825-3729. We are working as quickly as we can to provide support, but please be patient. It may take up to three business days to review applications and transfer money to you.

If you are not affected by the floods but you wish to help, you can ensure all of the dollars you donate to United We Care go to the fund by choosing payroll deduction or making a recurring donation -- those methods do not take out credit card fees. Visit [United We Care](#).

## **Cyber thieves up the deceit level with ‘vishing’ and ‘smishing’**



First there was phishing, and now you can add “vishing” and “smishing” to the list of ways that cyber criminals are attempting to steal your sensitive data.

Vishing and Smishing (short for “voice phishing” and “SMS/text phishing”) occur when scammers approach victims by phone. In one scenario in which some of United’s employees were recently targeted, thieves posing as IT support technicians called requesting device information and passwords to assist with “trouble shooting.”

This type of attempt is known as social engineering, where attackers seek to mislead you into handing over data. It’s a very clever and effective way for criminals to get what they want.

You should question any unsolicited phone call or text message that you receive from anyone asking for personal information or promising you something that seems too good to be true, such as a prize or reward in exchange for your personal details. If a call or text appears suspicious, it’s best to err on the side of caution and report it to United’s Cyber Security team by emailing them at [protect@united.com](mailto:protect@united.com).

## **United has major presence at 41<sup>st</sup> annual OBAP convention**



The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Inc. (OBAP) hosted its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention and Career Exposition Aug. 9-11, and, as the premier sponsor of the event, United had a major presence at the conference.

OBAP, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers.

As a sponsor of the event, United hosted an informational booth where the company’s Pilot Recruiting, Talent Acquisition and Inflight Recruiting teams were available for questions and face-to-face conversations with aviation professionals interested in careers at United.



**Michelle Brown with her award.**

The event was extra special for Ground Experience Managing Director Michelle Brown, who was honored with the Bessie Coleman Aerospace Legacy Award by The Bessie Coleman Aerospace Legacy, Inc., a non-profit organization with a mission to continue the legacy of Bessie Coleman by encouraging minorities to enter the field of aviation.



**Theresa (right) with fellow SFO 747 First Officer Stayce Harris.**

In addition, SFO 747 First Officer Theresa Claiborne, the first African-American female pilot in the U.S. Air Force, was inducted into the OBAP Hall of Fame.

United was also the host airline of the Annual Awards Gala on Friday evening, during which we proudly presented three \$5,000 Flight Operations scholarships and one \$1,500 Technical Operations scholarship.

## So Simple From Sheryl

Summer is over and football season is once again with us. How about a quick chicken wing recipe to share with your football friends?

Many wing recipes are rather spicy so this is a nice change. Have fun cheering on your favorite team and enjoy your wings.



### **BAKED CHICKEN WINGS**

3 pounds frozen chicken wings

1 c. soy sauce

1 c. brown sugar

½ c. butter

1 tsp. dry mustard

¾ c. water

Arrange chicken wings in shallow baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients and heat until sugar and butter dissolve.

Cool and pour over wings. Marinate at least 2 hours, turning occasionally. Without removing sauce, place in 350 degree oven and bake 1 hour, turning once, and spooning sauce over chicken a couple of times. You may want to serve with blue cheese or ranch dressing and celery and carrot sticks.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel**

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

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



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 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). If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



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We are saddened to report our good friend and co-worker **David Lee Johnson** passed away earlier in August. David worked for United over 40 years and was a valued asset to the Birmingham station. Everyone who knew David will greatly miss him.

Joining us for lunch at Seasons 52 at The Summit on Highway 280 were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Donna & Jim Gooch, Bobby & Jean Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe & Jane Jones, Gaye Fowler** and special guests **Bettye Johnson**, David's widow and her sister in law, **Estella Snow**.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Donna Gooch**.

We meet every second Monday at 11:30 for lunch at a Birmingham restaurant on even numbered months and welcome all retired United families to join us. For more information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA

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Hello from the Phoenix Azures!

Happy Birthday to **Ben Meyer** (10/12) and **Ron Innis** (10/31).

Happy Anniversary to **Lisa & Joe Hopkins** (10/3), **Cheri & Ron Innis** (10/9), **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** (10/19), **Nan & Bob Adams** (10/24), and **Pat & Ken Paulson** (10/28).

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. 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).



### PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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By the time you get this newsletter, we're probably at the RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas or we're home. We always enjoy going and meeting up again with our United friends. It's a fun time and also an informative time when we attend the business meeting to hear about United Airlines and also the Alliant Credit Union. Thanks to all the Convention committee members and officers involved in making this Convention a success.

Our chapter continues to meet for Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner on the fourth Friday of every month, starting at 9:15 a.m. We had 19 people at our August Breakfast. It was nice to see **Joel & Marjorie Matteson** there as they haven't been able to come due to health problems. **Bill & Shirley Eaton** were also back with us,

Bill had shingles and some back problems earlier this summer. Another member, **Rita Krist**, came also; she had some health issues recently too. Prayers are needed for **Steve Koltz**, **Linda Cooper Koltz**'s husband, who is struggling with cancer. There are so many people having health issues and we feel so sorry for them. We're all at the age when we have to take each day as it comes, as we never know what tomorrow is going to bring.

Our October luncheon is coming up fast. The date for this Oktoberfest is Thursday, October 12 at Zur Kate, 4815 E. Main Street in Mesa, starting at 11:00 for the Social Hour and 12:00 Lunch. This restaurant is located in the middle of the shops, just east of the Superstition Produce Market – west of Higley. The menu choices will be (1) Hausmacher Bratwurst, (two long bratwurst – signature sausage with Home Fried Potatoes and Sauerkraut) at \$9.00, (2) Jaeger Schnitzel (Pork Loin with mushrooms, served with German fries and Red Cabbage), at \$12.50, (3) Rahm Schnitzel (Pork Loin with sour cream gravy served with Potato Dumpling and Red Cabbage) at \$12.50. Homemade desserts include Apple Strudel or Black Forest Cherry Cake are extra for \$4.25. Hosts are **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**. Contact Cindy at [cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com](mailto:cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com), or by phone at (480) 924-8118, no later than Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> with your luncheon choice and your dessert order. There is a 25 person minimum for this lunch, so bring your friends and relatives along. The restaurant is opening early for this luncheon.

The November luncheon has been set for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Gilbert, hosted by **Fred & Ginny Rockenhauser**.

The Fantasy Flight committee has announced a golf outing as a fundraiser for the Fantasy Flight, which is scheduled for Friday, December 1. The golf outing will be Thursday, November 2, at the Foothills Golf Club, 2201 Clubhouse Drive in Ahwatukee. Golf, cart, dinner and auction will cost \$99. Shot gun starts at 1:00 p.m. (Four person scramble). Sign up early at [www.unitedfantasyflight.com](http://www.unitedfantasyflight.com). Tee Sponsorship available. Contact Bob at (602) 315-1141. Silent and live auction plus buffet dinner after golf is only \$15. We would love to see you at the event, but if you are unable to attend, please note that they are also accepting donations for the live and silent auction. Monetary donations will always be accepted. All donations are tax deductible. Please register for either event before it sells out at [www.unitedfantasyflight.com](http://www.unitedfantasyflight.com).

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! We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: **Bill & Pam Betz** (10/19/85), **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (10/24/64), and **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25/58). Happy Anniversary!

#### Calendar:

**October 12** – Oktoberfest Luncheon at Zur Kate, 4815 E. Main St., Mesa. Restaurant phone number is (480) 830-4244. Your choice of menu and dessert are due no later than Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to **Cindy Hilsabeck** at [cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com](mailto:cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com) or by phone at (480) 924-8118. Social Hour is 11:00; Luncheon at 12:00 noon.

**October 27** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending by October 25. She can be reached at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

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

**December 6** – Christmas Luncheon in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen**.

#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were 18 Roadrunners at Thursday's luncheon on August 17 hosted by Pres. **Charli** and husband **Len Nicholson** at First Watch at River and Oracle Roads. The 50/50 drawing revealed that **Roger Callahan** and **Shirley Robertson** were the lucky winners. Also, a couple of donations were also won as follows: A Butterfly Book was won by **Jackie Benner**, a green glass bird votive was won by **Grace Caldwell** and **Claire Byle** won a bottle of wine. Congratulations to our lucky winners.

The next luncheon will be on September 21 at Guiseppe's Ristorante Italiano, 6060 N. Oracle Rd., just north of Radasill Rd. behind Putney's Sports Bar. RSVP to **Pat Carera** by Monday, September 18 at 797- 0243 or [pattiwes41@gmail.com](mailto:pattiwes41@gmail.com).



September Birthdays ~ **Peggy Kuhn** (3), **Dave Folkers** (4), **Merritt McGlothlin** (24), **Henny Satterfield** (28), and **Sharon Cole** (29).

September 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).

Christmas Luncheon at Arizona Inn, 2200 E. Elm Street, Tucson, AZ. The date is Thursday, December 14, 2017 in the African Room; 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$30.00 per person, the Tucson Roadrunners will be picking up a portion of the meal. The cost for nonmember is \$44.00.

Menu choices ~ 1. Chicken Breast with Mushroom Balsamic Shallot Reduction, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. 2. Flat Iron Steak, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Bourbon Gravy. Dessert is Classic Miniature Desserts. Freshly Baked House made Bread and Butter, Coffee & Tea.

Send your meal selection and check before December 8, payable to **Pat Di Lallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85755, (520)-825-7370.

Directions: Elm Street has a stop light and is across from Banner UMC. From the south: Take Campbell North to Elm Street turn right go down two blocks. From the north: Take Campbell South to Elm Street turn left go down two blocks. Parking is on the left.

Our Christmas Charity will be Senior For Kids. You can make your check out to **Pat Di Lallo** or Senior For Kids. I would appreciate the donations before December 8.

Chapter dues \$5.00 per person, due on February 1, 2018.

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS



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We met at Rooney's Pub on August 16<sup>th</sup> in Orcutt, hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**. There were 9 of us; **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **Bob & Esther Bartlett**, **Joan Schaefer**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. Missing was **Jack Cunningham**, who no longer drives and was unable to get a ride. **Nina Powers** who is still recovering from a stroke, and **John Wessel** who is on a trip to Europe. A long time member, **Wayne Foster**, has died. Due to his illness, he and his wife have not been members of our Chapter for several years. Wayne was a Mechanics Supervisor in LAX.

It was good to see **Joan Schaefer** since she lost her husband **Peter** in May. She is very active and with the help of her family, she has not made any plans except to stay where she is at.

Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, noticed in the last issue of the Newsletter, that there might be some changes to RUAEA during the Convention in LAS. This is something we will have to wait and see. As of now, there will be no one attending the Convention from our chapter.

Mike told us that since we have a new Southern California Director, **Rosalie Tripicchio**, an open invitation was given to her to try and attend any of our meetings if at all possible.

Mike told us of his last trip to the mid-west. He was able to visit the Armory at Rock Island, IL. The one thing he told us about was the bridge that crossed the Mississippi River. It was 127 years old. The bridge rotated to allow ships to pass by. The bridge could be rotated in both direction, and the road and railroad tracks would perfectly meet in either direction. He said it was amazing to see.

There was a notice, in one of the daily newsletters, in July from a mother who said that her mechanic son was told to remove the "Tulip" from any garments. I thought I knew what she was referring to, but our members told me that it was the UAL logo that looked like a Tulip. I never did hear about the results of that decision.

We discussed the Family Day at SFO on October 8<sup>th</sup>. There may be someone attending from our Chapter.

We did have a 50/50 drawing that was won by **Esther Bartlett**.

Our next meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. After that we have the December meeting set for the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds met at Rick's Restaurant & Bakery in Palm Springs for our August Luncheon. **Elaine Aggson**, our Founder and longtime President, was host to thirty four members and three guests. **April Sills**, **Phil Balaka**, and **Cherise Everett** were in attendance, all guests of **Fred Kellerhals**.

President **Mike Bailardo** was unable to attend, so **Patti Sica** took his place. There being no business subjects, Patti jumped right to the Birthday and 50/50 drawing. **Carole Paquin** won both, taking home \$50.00 in the 50/50.

**Mark Kaplan**, our featured Sunbird of the Month ~ Mark completed his Graduate studies at Boston University in May of 1972. The following day, he was hired by United Air Lines in Stewardess Service (as it was called at that time), and began a flying career of just over 40 years.

Mark was based in New York (JFK 1972-1979); two separate assignments in Honolulu (1979-1983 and 1986-1988); also two separate assignments in Denver (1983-1986 and 1988-1995); and finally Los Angeles (1995-2012).

Mark says before "Deregulation", the major tools used to give UAL the competitive edge were service and dining. Themes such as "Ocean to Ocean", "Royal Hawaiian", and "Royal Pacific" defined our flights. But not all perks and amenities went to the First Class Cabin. In the Main Cabin (Coach), the Deli Buffet featuring cold cuts, cheeses, smoked salmon, salads, breads/rolls, and desserts, was offered on TransCon flights following a hot breakfast and a movie. It was a challenge - but loved by the customers.

Mark says a list of celebrities he met and served is too long to list here, but range from Ethel and Joan Kennedy, Moshe Dayan, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Kate Smith, Phyllis Diller, Paul Lynde, Tiny Tim, Cher, Roberta Flack, k. d. lang, and Halle Berry.

During his career, Mark's formal education proved to be very helpful. He was given a number of Special Assignments, including On-the-job training, classroom instructor, training developer, as well as working for the Association of Flight Attendants.

In Mark's words, *"I am so grateful for the opportunities being a Flight Attendant for United has provided me. What a gift to be familiar with cities in all 50 states, and on six of the seven continents! I didn't realize it at the time, but the ticket the Company sent me to fly from Boston (my hometown) to the Training Center at EXO back in 1972 was to prove to be much more than just a ticket to ORD. It was to become my ticket to the World."*

## **SACRAMENTO**



## **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly luncheon on August 30 at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Roseville. It was hosted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 47 Gold Diggers and 2 guests: **Sheri Becker**, guest of **Marv & Jean Becker** and **Jami Schwafel**, guest of **Frank Uhl**. He thanked Frank & Angie for hosting the luncheon.

Ed introduced new member **Margaret (Margi) Milan Gabert**, a retiree from Continental Airlines. Margi gave a summary of her work experience at Continental Airlines.

Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes. There will not be a meeting in September because the convention is at the same time as our monthly meeting.

Ed introduced the 2017 Nominating Committee: **Sonda Sandstedt**, **Orville Harshbarger** and **Terry Greenacre**. Sonda advised the positions are not difficult and a lot of fun and asked for members to volunteer to be an officer of the chapter.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced that the hosts for our October luncheon are **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger** and will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sizzler in Auburn.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the August Anniversaries: **Forester & Jean Sinclair** (35 years), **Karl & Ruth Stammnitz** (61 years), **Skip & Marie Jenkins** (56 years), **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** (61 years) and **Bob & Margaret Eggert** (61 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for July.

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** welcomed back **Harold & Colleen Esola** and **Marv & Jean Becker**.

**Jack Raynor** reported he has a few Members Directories available if you have not received one.

**Ron Bertacini** reported that the convention rooms are sold out for the negotiated price of \$68.01. Anyone who still wishes to reserve a room the price will be \$94. Also, the Wayne Newton tour is sold out.

**Francis Domaratus** asked members to please renew their RUAEA membership if it has expired.

**Sonda Sandstedt** had brochures available for the San Francisco Family Day on October 8 and also the retiring of the Boeing 747 Airplane. Sponsors are accepting memorabilia relating to the United 747.

RUAEA Executive VP **Jim Simon** advised the RUAEA 501C3 application had been approved and will benefit our organization. Jim announced that he and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** will host a party before the convention dinner on Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30.

Ed thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the excellent staff of the Claim Jumper.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by the raffle conducted by **Ken Norton**.

## **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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August is a month that is a “mixed bag”! Still summer, but the days are beginning to get shorter, the fruits and veggies are still bountiful, plenty of heat to make that swimming pool feel oh-so-good. While we retired folks don’t have to prepare for this, the kids go back to school! (Remember, we didn’t have to return to school until the Wednesday after Labor Day?) What that means for us who have an “open ended” vacation, is that the crowds are less so we can go do those activities we want to do without having to battle or wait in a long line! A fun “theme” for August is “Hot Summer Nights”. Okay, so lunch may not be in the night, but the idea still works. **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** arranged for a great luncheon at BJ’s Restaurant in Cameron Park. Kerry brought his really cool 1967 Pontiac LeMans car in honor of the theme. This isn’t an “ordinary” car, it has an OHC Sprint 6 engine that makes it special. An Overhead Cam, high compression, Rochester Quardajet carb version that was designed and promoted for only 3 years by John De Loreon. They also created really fun center pieces for the tables, which were included with the raffle. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to Kerry and Ann. Bill asked if anyone has a birthday this month and **Rudy Blazius** owned up to having one. No one present had an anniversary but I see that **Joe & Lynda Lima** celebrate 52 years together in matrimonial bliss! Congratulations and Happy Birthday! **Reva Gordon** brought a friend, Cheryl, as well.

*Vice President ~ Rosemary Heier* thanked everyone who brought an item for our raffle. Should you not be familiar with our raffle, each month (except June and December) our members bring an item – something that they may have seen while out and about and thought, “Wow that would be perfect for the raffle”! This isn’t something that you have to do, of course, but the raffle tickets (6 for \$5.00) bring in some cash to the chapter. While we don’t have rental on a room or anything, it helps offset the cost for hosting (up to \$25 can be reimbursed to a host(ess)), the funds help to subsidize our December luncheon, and each year we donate to two or more charities. Since we have a non-profit status (thank you **Tom Kenny**), we were able to be reimbursed 20% for all the lunches at BJ’s! Our group is made up of generous, helpful people – the best!

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* did not have a report to share here.

*Treasurer ~* Unfortunately **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us today. But, wife Suzanne filled in for him.

*Sunshine ~* Suzanne “switched hats” for her “real job” - at first she reported that all was well, however, we just found out today that **Lynda Lima** is in the hospital. She was admitted with an infected gallbladder. She is in a lot of pain, they have her on an antibiotic so have delayed the operation to remove the gallbladder until later. Our best wishes go to Lynda for a speedy recovery. I know that Joe will be taking good care of her.

*Historian ~ Thom Biro* didn’t make it today. Thom, please bring the catalogs for the shirts in August – a few of us want/need to order!



*Old Business* ~ Our president had our secretary, Jane, call United to inquire about the \$10,000 life insurance policy that we heard about last month. **Carleene Hyde** had no trouble when she contacted United Benefits after Charlie passed. But, it is a good idea to check ahead and be sure that you have designated a beneficiary. They did tell me that if no one has been put down in that spot, the estate can still receive the benefit. But, you will have to go thru a lot of hoops and paperwork to get it. Proving you really are the spouse etc. I did find that you will have to go to a “special” department to get even the information regarding whether you have it or not and who is on the policy. You will need to know your United password. I did not. They assigned a new number which they mailed to me USPS. So, to avoid all the extra stress, be sure it is all in order. Rudy said that when he retired, he got it all set up, and even has paperwork showing that it is there. Now, the young man I spoke to said that it was a benefit negotiated into a contract by IAM. To qualify you have to have retired before the bankruptcy (7/1/03), it goes to mechanics, ramp and stores and flight attendants and, I think, pilots. It does not include employees who originated with Continental. Disbursement is handled case by case. Check it out, the number for United Benefits is: 1-800-651-1007 (Central time M-F 7am-7pm).

Bill was going to have **Thom Biro** talk a bit about El Dorado County Senior Legal Services. As you may remember, they were going to close the SLS office. The shutdown was averted, for now. Bill asked the secretary (are you beginning to see a pattern here?) to help put together a letter thanking the Board of Supervisors for keeping the SLS office open.

*New Business* ~ Bill and our RUAEA Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**, “shared” United information that was in the RUAEA Newsletter. Sonda said that she is enjoying her “job” as RUAEA Director for Northern California and Nevada. She encourages everyone to join this great organization if you aren’t already a member. The monthly newsletter is an excellent way to keep up on what is happening – especially valuable for us retirees. Oh, and keep an eye on the area that is your mailing info. When your membership is due, they will put a reminder on it.

That about wraps up the minutes for August. **Bill & Pati Kenney** are hosting our September luncheon at the Jack Russell Farm Brewery in Placerville.

**Bill Gibson** closed our meeting and **Rosemary Heier** started the raffle. **J.R. Heier** was the winner of the donator’s prize! A big Thank to everyone who brought items: **Wolfram** – airplane; **Kozelka** – centerpieces; **Blazius** – fish snack dishes; **Heier** – angel; **Dellinger** – zucchini bread; **Dinette** – wine with dog jacket; **Gibson** – peach jam; **Ouchi** – glasses; **Ridsdale** – 2 plates; **Akin** – hot dog griller; **Dalleski** – wine.



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We were back at the La Gare Restaurant for our August luncheon on August 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Mary Hill** and **Maddie McKinnis**. The theme of our luncheon was everything Hawaiian; everyone came dressed in Hawaiian attire, and we were greeted at the door with leis for all. They had the tables decorated with bottles of wine covered in sheer pastel bags, and a couple of miniature orchids on each table; they also placed candy cups with macadamia nuts and chocolate covered almonds at each place setting.

Our choices of entrées were Filet of Sole, Braised chicken, mushrooms in a wine sauce (Coq au Vin), and a Pork Schnitzel. The Filet of Sole fish option was the most popular by far! We were also served a tasty Leek and Potato soup and a side salad with a Dijon mustard creamy dressing.

President **Larry Wilson** welcomed us all and praised our hostesses for preparing such a nice décor for us to enjoy. Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced that there were 28 members attending and 2 guests, who were **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, frequent guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**. A couple of people we were expecting were out ill and we hope to have them back with us at our September luncheon.

We were glad to see **Roger Casterline**, our RUAEA Western Division Director, who said he came back especially since we told him that we had missed him, and because we were dining at the La Gare Restaurant, our favorite! He also brought **Pat Maus** with him; we were very happy to see her! Roger also shared with us about his early career in the 1960’s when he worked as an engineer for Pan Am Airlines, at a time when the 707’s were flying across the Atlantic. He reminded us that RUAEA annual convention is coming up in September in Las Vegas. A few members raised their hands that they were going.

Pass Travel Expert **Barney Hagen** was asked by **Larry Wilson** to tell his story about his time at United Airlines. He gave us the history of his career starting in Canada as a Pilot cadet; he then went to mechanic's school in Vancouver, Canada. With his accrued experience, the Canadian Air force hired him as a fighter pilot. He hired on with United Airlines in 1962 starting out flying the DC6's then the 707's and 727's, and ended his 34 year career with United as a Captain aboard the 747.

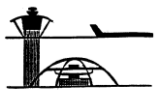
The Anniversary and Birthday list was read by me, in place of **Verda Burr**, our Sunshine Lady, who was again visiting family; she said she would see us in September. She says Hi to all! The August birthdays were **Fred McCauley** and **Joan Sheehan**, neither of whom was there to win a free luncheon. The big Anniversary for the month was **Ron & Joanne Huhn** celebrating 61 years! **George Schwind** brought us the jokes of the day, which all appreciated.

Before our traditional raffle for prizes, we had a discussion about next year's schedule of luncheons, and the locations; most members agreed on meeting every other month to defray costs as we expect them to increase a bit. We also agreed to raise the price per lunch at the La Gare Restaurant to \$30.00/person, due to the exceptional 4 course lunch served us, as well as the great dessert. We all agreed that the La Gare has been very good to us as a group, opening up during the lunch hour, which they don't usually do on any other day of the month.

We conducted the raffle for the wines, See's Candies and the nice miniature orchids available. President, Larry announced that next month's luncheon would be back at the La Gare Restaurant on September 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Larry & Mary Wilson**. We were reminded to give to the Charity box on our way out!

See you in September!

### RE-LAX-ERS



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Our fall luncheon was small with only 26 guests. Many members were off enjoying vacations, birthdays and visitors. **Sharon Record** and her husband celebrated their Wedding anniversary and missed the luncheon. **Marilyn Hubbell** and a close friend enjoyed a dual birthday celebration. **Peter & Barbara Schuster** enjoyed a couple of weeks on a bus trip traveling through Germany.

We received a call from **Louise Prairie**, a past member of Re-LAX-ers, and now a member of Palm Desert. She wanted to advise us of the passing of **Charlene Takeguchi**, also a retiree of LAXRR. Send love to family; 22123 Ballinger St., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Louise also wanted to send good wishes to **John Daley**, one of her favorite supervisors in LAXRR so long ago.

Our busy treasurer, **Judi Dunworth** called with news that her husband **Roger** had a bad fall and spent several hours in surgery being checked for broken bones. Judi said there was no bad news and Roger was recovering well, however he was still very sore.

We send prayers to those surviving Tropical Storm Harvey in Texas. Our efforts to find **Eleanor Jones** and her family have failed. Eleanor managed the Mainliner Store in LAX for many years and was friends with many of us. We hope this story has a happy ending.

### RESANS

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We have had a quiet month in San Diego. The heat has slowed us down and some are out traveling before the fall and winter season sets in. **Louis Semon** is spending a couple of weeks traveling in Greece and the Greek Islands. **Debbie & Robert Taylor** are spending some time in Florida visiting with friends. **Linda & Roger Smith** are in the Pacific Northwest and expect to be gone for a couple of weeks.

**Betty Tomaino** is going through the travails of a major kitchen remodel and if any of you have been through it, you know how stressful it can be. I am looking forward to see the new kitchen when it is finished.

Our hearts go out to our United family in Houston. We can be very proud to read in the United Daily news about all that United is doing to assist with the flood victims. Not just for employees but water and medical supplies and other needed items to the stricken area to help those in need. It is sad that this was not in the major news coverage as United has done so much to help and only the negative news is reported.

I have talked to a few retirees and people in general and they tell me that United service has been very good. All flight crews are friendly and helpful. This is so good to hear after the difficult years we have come through. I hope this is all behind us and we can thank Oscar for bringing us back to the United we all know and love.

Calendar:

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



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Well - we didn't make the cover of The Rolling Stone or Mad Magazine but there we are – front page and above the fold. Wow, can't get any better than that! (Alfred E. Newman was lurking behind the tree!) Did you notice our "natural" air conditioning in the background hills? Triple digits here but finally cooling off. 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. Because of dwindling attendance we are raising our dues to \$15.00 per person per year and will move to a smaller room at the William Walker Recreation Center in Foster City. The September issue of the RUAEA Newsletter has information pertaining to the October 8, 2017, SFO Family Open House at the Maintenance Base. You must get a wrist band in order to gain entrance; always a fun, family event. Here's what is on the menu for the next 3 months:

**September 25** – Our Annual Picnic, catered by Armadillo Willys' BBQ, finger lickin' good! You must call **Dorothy Reuszer**, (650) 341-5765, and let her know you are coming – don't want you to starve! Deelicious ribs / pulled pork / baked beans/ corn muffin / dessert. \$20.00 per person / \$25.00 per guest. Hawaiian attire is recommended, a prize for the best outfit!

**October 23** – BYOBL – and Bingo

**November 27** – Pot Luck Luncheon, always a treat. Love those favorite goodies you all bring!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** posted his financial report. Raising the dues and moving to a smaller room will help bolster our sagging bank account.

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the July minutes which were approved as read.

Membership ~ **Barbara Underhill** asked for birthday babies – only **Ginger Dahlberg** would fess up to adding another candle (fire! fire!) to the cake. **Ben & Linda Vietz** have 51 anniversary dates; Ben has so many birthdays / anniversaries, one can hardly keep count. On a sad note, **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** can't come to meetings anymore as both have medical issues holding them back, you are in our thoughts and hearts. Ralph put in many years as President. Want to send a card?: 1960 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025. **Barbara Underhill** said that she must cut back on her duties as Membership liaison, illnesses dictate slowing down. Stay well all of you, we care!

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** have a sign-up sheet for the September BBQ (see above). They will have a sign up list for our December 6<sup>th</sup>, open to all members, luncheon at Mimi's Restaurant in Bridgepoint, San Mateo. Pricing and info to follow.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave out the 25%/25% winnings to **Bill & Diane Heinrich**, they both won! Donated raffle goodies went to **Bill & Diane Heinrich** (how lucky can you get?), **Harriet Kunze**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, **Bert Niedermaier**, **Judy Tonda**, **Charlie Bogert** and **Ben Vietz**. Ginger did not win the \$700 million lottery, she did win \$1 though! – Maybe next time. (Share? HA!)

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

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has a flyer for the Jackson Rancheria Casino day trip for October 17. Email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or call (650) 224-1865. On the list for 2018 trips: USA National Parks with Glacier National Park, Iceland and the Northern Lites, New Years' on the Queen Mary & the Rose Bowl Parade.



February or March – the Sierra Scenic Rail trip, 2 nights / 3 days – board in the Bay Area or Sacramento. Day trips are in the works. Interested? Email me. Join us for some fun!

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

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Our Fall luncheon is right around the corner as I write this article. We're looking forward to a great time together at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose on September 12. It's a new venue with an established caterer and we're excited about trying something a little different! I do know that **Cheri Scales**, **Julie Midwin**, and **Merle Sweet** are planning the decorations which are sure to be enjoyed by those in attendance. We hope to see you there! I will report on this more next time along with the RUAEA Convention that is coming up at the end of the month.

We've had many in our group on-the-go this summer with some fun and interesting travels enjoyed along the way. **Chuck Thuener** and wife, **Malia**, recently spent a week in Kona, Hawaii. **Ken Demblewski** was also in Kona. **Boyd & Merle Sweet** had a delightful three days in California's wine country of Napa and Healdsburg. **Bob & Karen Devlin** were also in Napa but for a different reason—to care for their 9 month old grandson while the little guy's parents were harvesting grapes for their winery. I think they may have had a little time for some R&R as well! **George & Julie Midwin** took a road trip to the ghost town of Bodie, California. **Lou & Jean Marcolina** also had a road trip but to beautiful Yosemite Valley, California. They were thankful to have clear skies with fire season just beginning. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** had an amazing 10-day Viking River Cruise down the Elbe River starting from Prague, Czech Republic to Berlin, Germany. They shared some amazing highlights at a recent breakfast meeting. **Dave & Robin Garland** were thrilled to be in Albany, Oregon to observe the total eclipse on August 21. **George Dye** will be heading off to New Jersey soon to visit family then fly home to hop on a cruise with his wife, **Evelyn**, to Hawaii. **Keith & Ann Olthof** will also be setting sail in the near future from Boston harbor heading north. Some of our breakfast meetings have been on the slim side recently so I'm guessing others in our group are off enjoying our wonderful world as well. I hope your travels are pleasurable and safe and that we see you again soon!

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

### **Calendars**

**October 8 – SFO Family Day**



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August 10<sup>th</sup>, the group gathered in the private room at Strings Italian restaurant in Jackson. President **Bob Scoble** opened the luncheon meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eighteen members attended, with no guests. Bob thanked **Hans Weber & Ingrid** for hosting the July meeting at their home/ranch and repeated that many really enjoyed the experience.

We had no old business to act on. Under New Business, **Rosie Walls** reported that she received a message from **Chris Fountain** thanking the members for their support and updating our files to her new location in Florida. Rosie was also contacted by **Al Svare** to make the group aware that his companion, **Betty Sayers**, had suffered a stroke.

Bob reminded the group of the RUAEA Convention coming up in Las Vegas September 25<sup>th</sup> thru September 28<sup>th</sup>. The information about the UAL Family Day in San Francisco on October 8 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Employees, retirees, their family and friends are invited. There will be many activities and there will be a special tribute to the Boeing 747, which will be retired from the fleet in the fourth quarter of 2017. Employees and retirees can request up to four wristbands. For additional information go to [SF-FamilyDay@united.com](mailto:SF-FamilyDay@united.com). If you want to contribute photos, memorabilia or memories of the 747, please email to the same address.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented the Treasurer's report. The July meeting, held at **Hans Weber's** home, had twenty members present. The lunch fee was \$14.00 each, and Hans donated the proceeds to the chapter, having purchased and cooked the entire entrée (the pot luck and side dishes were provided by the members). Rudy reported that our chapter balance was currently over \$700.00. Rudy reported receiving a thank you card from Calaveras Big Trees Assoc. in recognition of our donation in honor of **Max Fountain**.

Birthdays celebrated were for **Joy Blair**, **Carol Thomas** and **Eleanor Wood**. We celebrated **Don & JoAnn Nesja's** anniversary.

**Jack & Rosie Walls** and **Joan Verbaere** co-hosted and conducted our raffle, which was enjoyed by all.

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 (our next meeting is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>), at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs, hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**. Feel free to call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.

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We met on August 14<sup>th</sup> with mixed feelings. It was great to see everyone after our break in July, but we missed **Howard & Jo Payne**. Howard's passing has left us with such a sense of loss. Hopefully, Jo will be able to attend our next meeting. Our group of 26 discussed many ideas which will be decided at our next meeting. We need to elect a new President. **Arnold Hansen** has agreed to serve until the elections and has kindly made up a ballot for distribution. We have received many suggestions as to door prizes, changing our meeting date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in order to get the report in the newsletter one month earlier, perhaps meeting 12 months of the year, rather than take off July. Lots to discuss next month.

**Rich & Georgia Bouska** have returned after an extensive European cruise and travel. Rich gave us a wonderful recap.

Don't forget the RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas, September 25-28 and Family Day at the MOC at SFO on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

No one won the 50/50 because Diane forgot the tickets and cash box. Now I know with her track record of not winning, some may find this suspect, but **honestly**, it is just old age. Sorry.

Many thanks to **Wilma Leather** and **Barbara Underhill** who pitched in with the help. **Jan Soderstrom** has offered to be the backup Correspondent, should I need her. Thanks to her also.

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. The patients at the hospitals are most appreciative. **Barbara Cunningham**, our Sunshine Lady, has kindly offered to accept and distribute the Christmas cards. In addition to books and magazines, **Diane Griego** has offered to accept any of your shampoo, shower gel, etc. that we many times bring home from our trips for a wonderful Domestic Violence organization that was created by one of our special UA ramp employees.

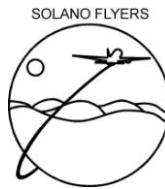
Calendar:

**October 9** – Old Spaghetti Factory

**November 13** – To be announced

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August 16, found the following Solano Flyers at BJ's Brewery in Vacaville, **Joanne & Bill Blizzard, Eugene Boyce, James Ellison, Linda & Jack Hornfischer, Louis Pell, Luci & Diosnel Perez, Fran Uhl, Robert Zirzow, Rich Dabbert, Stewart McCale, and Al Pochop.**

As we did not have a meeting in the month of July, we found that in this past month **Rich Dabbert and Bill Blizzard** celebrated a birthday. Also in the month of July was the anniversary celebration for **Luci & Diosnel Perez.**

We also had the bad news of our group with the passing of **Ben Reed**, in June.

**Louis Pell** shared the following bad news on another member **Rudy Arsaga**, he stated that Rudy had taken a fall and had hit his head, this was serious enough for a trip to the David Grant Hospital on Travis AFB. After analysis he was further transported to UC Davis Hospital, Davis, CA; was then necessary to alleviate the built up pressure, from the injury on his brain. Louis said that he talked with Rudy and that he may be allowed to return home in a day or so.

Our 50/50 winner this month was **Eugene Boyce.**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>, at Denny's Restaurant, Vacaville, at 11am.

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The September breakfast was attended by 36 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Cas Spokas (DENMM), Paul Miller (DENMM), Charles Hassler (DENMM), Larry Rehfeld (DENMM), John Fleck (DENMM) and Rich Conner (DENMM)(2).** The 50/50 drawing, along with the collection and sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues.

Vice President **Gary Trujillo** conducted the meeting. Gary read the minutes of the August meeting and commented on the attendance which was very good for a holiday weekend. He mentioned that the Christmas party at the Holiday Inn is in the final planning stages and is on schedule for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Wings Over the Rockies Museum rental rates questions have not been clarified and is being followed up by President **Don Burbank**. There is still no decision from WHQ concerning the proposed modification of pass benefits for retirees. Gary also mentioned that the company is trying to resume normal operations out of IAH and pass travel is not possible in and out of the station during this time. IAH UAL employees are resuming work. However, 31 of the employees have not shown up for work since hurricane Harvey moved out. Employees from outlying stations have also arrived to help with resuming operations.

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear** were invited to San Francisco to view the display of UAL history that is currently available on Concourse C at SFO. This is to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UAL. The Link Trainer that was on display at the Flight Center was loaned to SFO for the exhibit. The display will continue until sometime in December. John Hills is the director of the San Francisco Historical Society and oversaw the creation of the display.

**Gary Trujillo** and his wife **Yumi** were camping in the Colorado Mountains near a lake. A moose came out of the woods and entered the lake. The moose was sloshing water with its horns and decided to go for a swim, blowing bubbles as it went. They were so mesmerized by what was going on that no one thought to take photos.

**Ray Reddick (DENTK)** passed away in August. He was 80 years old. No other information is available.



**Curtis Ryden** (DENMM) passed away on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Cards can be sent to **Vivian Ryden** at 11761 Keough Dr., Denver, CO 80233.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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The meeting was opened by President Al, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the 21 members present. Cat 5 Hurricane Irma is headed this way and that may have affected our turnout. A prayer for our hurricane safety was read by Elaine.

Elaine shared correspondence received by the Chapter and a few stories about those folks followed! Did any of you notice your ears ringing? Ha Ha! **Gene Hall & Eleanor** are getting settled up in Alabama, but Gene lost many of his email address changing to the local provider. Reconnect with Gene at: [jhall2087@gmail.com](mailto:jhall2087@gmail.com).

**John & Gay Crawford** have moved back to Avon, Ohio permanently to be near family. **Gary Mills** wrote that his wife, **Judy**, is still in need of healing prayers. **Joan Gaydos** in New Smyrna is too. **Park & Billie Learned** had planned to celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary here in MCO and were unable to make it, but sent hellos to all! **David & Lisa Leighty** made today's meeting, but David will be having surgery again at the end of this month. More prayers

Birthdays this month included **David Leighty** on 9/15 and **Karen Carlson** on 9/17! Have a Happy One!!

Anniversary Special Congrats go out to **Tom & Peg Cannata**, celebrating 50 years together on 9/10!

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Our September meeting was held at Duffy's South Stuart with 17 members and one guest in attendance. We welcomed back **Millie Rossi's** son, David visiting from South Korea. He intended to return home tomorrow but decided he would stay to see his mom through the impending Hurricane Irma.

President **Al Popek** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He shared everyone's concern about the latest hurricane bearing down on Florida. Today, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the storm is a category 5 with winds at 180 mph and due to affect us by week's end. Hopefully, all members, families and friends are well prepared and will stay safe.

**Jim Moorehead** left after the meeting to drive to the Houston area with a carload of much needed supplies for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Many members contributed items that are in short supply.

Members, **Paul & Diane Liebisch** are currently on a cruise celebrating her birthday. Unfortunately, their ship is due to return Saturday during the height of the storm. No guess when they'll be able to dock and where. Safe travels you two!

**Gene & Fran Student** have had many trips recently which included Mexico City, Slovenia and Fatima.

Nine of our members and one guest, **Thomas Merz** from Germany, a guest of **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, will be attending the convention in Las Vegas with our President, **Al Popek**. Have a great time. We'll be awaiting your stories.

A list was passed around for members to sign up with their contribution for the picnic next month. If you plan to attend and have not signed up yet please call **Al Popek** with your selection. **Bob Langevin** will be sending out driving instructions to Dubois Park. Guests are welcome. There will be a \$10.00 fee for non-members.

Our Holiday party will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday, at the Twisted Tuna. It will be buffet style and we will have special drink prices provided. Don't forget your Toys for Tots. More information will follow.

Our 50/50 was won by **Ed Snyder**. The Progressive was won by **Fran Student**.

Birthday celebrations in September include **Diane Liebisch** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Diane Brodis** (6<sup>th</sup>), **Jane Kerr** (16<sup>th</sup>) and **Joyce Smith** (22<sup>nd</sup>).

Calendar:

**October 17** - Picnic at Dubois Park, 12 Noon

**November 7** - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30PM

**December 11** - Christmas Party Twisted Tuna, 12 Noon

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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 [HNLRTUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRTUA@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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Our August meeting, held at Bardenay in nearby Eagle, was enjoyed by all. **Lois Rodriguez** made the arrangements. In attendance were **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Lois Rodriguez**, and **David & Carol Adams**. It was a beautiful day outside.

Following is the news that was shared: Bud & Pat: Bud's niece, husband, and teens from Illinois visited for a week. They loved Boise, enjoying the Farmers Market, hiking along the Greenbelt, Table Rock, and Camel's Back Park, among others. Bud added *"and riding in our clown car, the '67 bug"*. Lois: enjoying cooler weather! **Shirley Perkins**: Charles is now in an assisted living facility, *"All the nurses are crazy about him. I bring you all his best wishes & love."* We all miss him!

Rick & Shirley: We entertained Rick's brothers and wives a couple weeks ago. Enjoyed their visit. Shirley went to see Neil Diamond in SEA with her friend **Jerry Waid**. They have been friends for 45 years. Jerry's husband Pete worked with Rick in SFO before Pete transferred to SEA. Marlene says "Hi" to all her friends over the system. In July David & Carol drove to Denver for a wedding in their dependable Subaru Outback. It helps that it averages 40mpg. Also in July we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our church.

#### Calendar:

**October 10** - Meeting at Banbury Golf Course at 1:30 at 2626 S. Marypost Pl. in Eagle, ID

**December 12** – Christmas Party at Jakers in Meridian, ID at 1:30 pm

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October - the best month, cooler, beautiful leaves, that are left on the trees, and I can finally put up my Halloween decorations! Yeay, great days! Taffy apples abound. You have to get the fancier ones at the specialty Sweet Shops, not those in plastic containers at Jewel. Ugh, live a little, spend that pension check, get the good stuff! Eat under the Full Harvest Moon on October 5. Who knows where we'll be next year, do it now! You might not have teeth for the apples next year, enjoy!

All joking aside, our country has been going through some bad weather these last few months. Rain and flooding in the South, fires in California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Washington, and Canada. Maybe you noticed the smoke in the air, even the moon appeared red. People are having problems breathing. My friend's cats were wheezing in Glendale, CA. Donations are being asked for, mostly for the South, but the fire areas need assistance also. Homes, animals and forests are lost. I gave a donation to our own United We Care Employee Relief Fund. I figured I know where the money is going, to help our own. I also gave for the animals in these areas. Poor little fellas have been abandoned and need food and care. You know I'm a pushover for animals; some are nicer than people ... just something to consider. Except for that awful flooding in our area earlier, we've been lucky. These other areas are in dire need of help and love. United has done a lot for the recovery efforts in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. They've flown in food and supplies; also have flown employees and customers out of problem areas. Don't forget, our employees have lost their homes and belongings also. Thanks to NOC, IAH, MIA, and the new Customer Solutions Desk, they've worked together to help our customers and our own personnel. I can't leave out our workers at ALL of our cities that accomplished so much to make sure the impossible was possible. Tragedy seems to bring our UAL family closer together. That reminds me of the 'old' days, doesn't it; we all helped each other out.

At the Northside breakfast, we had about 20 people. **Toni Van Kampen** and **Penny Treptow** took a five-day trip to Machu Picchu, the Incan Icon in Peru. She'll tell us all about it at the next breakfast. Even I ventured out of town and went to the beautiful Northwest, enjoying the Seattle area. I saw places that I bet Seattleites haven't seen, Bainbridge, the Bloedel Mansion and Seabrook. There are so many beautiful little towns in that area, with so much charm and vista views of the Cascades. At the airports, I noticed the iPhones totally used by Flight Attendants and Ticket Agents for passenger information, closing out trips and selling items on the plane. This is a great idea from Linda Jojo, our Executive VP and Idigital officer. She even won an award and promotion for her innovative idea. The cost of the phones must be worth the service we are accommodating our customers. Pilots, ramp, mechanics, and other departments are utilizing the iPhones, also.

The ORDMM men met at Maxfield's, among returnees were **Vic Liltz, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, and Hank Mueller**. Always good to see our mechanics laughing and reliving the repairing of broken elevators, engine changes at the terminal, and taxiing planes in the snow. Ah, good times...

Our Southside Breakfast had 13 retirees. **Ed Ward** said he's been enjoying his time in Michigan, **Sylvester Gant** is back driving a school bus, and **Bill Corbett** is doing his crossing guard duties. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** are taking a bus trip with their Sociable Seniors and Retirees Club to Orlando to see sights other than Disneyworld. I was honored to attend that group's luncheon last month. What a delightful group of people, so organized and so much fun, and the food was delicious. Thanks, Gwen & Bill for the invitation. The raffle was won by **Marge Caliendo, Sylvester Gant**, and **Bill Corbett** won twice!

The IAM 1487 had their Meet and Eat luncheon, with over 80 attending. On September 19, they met at Elly's on Golf for lunch. On October 18, they will meet at Kuhn's German Deli on Gold Road for an Oktoberfest celebration. Their next Union meeting will be at the Lodge on October 5, and is a Brown Bagger lunch.

Not sure if you heard this, but Oscar Munoz, has added a clause to our retirement policy. If UAL decides to offer an early out within 36 months after the present employees retire, they would be eligible for the financial benefits of the program, even after retiring. This is assuming the employee meets all early out eligibility criteria and has retired in good standing. Darn, missed out again, but nice for the employees.

From ORDCS, **Nancy Suhr** passed away. She was an expert on fares and a very kind, funny person. Also, from CHIRR, **Russ Reisenleiter**. Notables that have left us include Richard Anderson, Walt Becker (Steely Dan), Larry Elgart, and Joe Bologna. Heaven's choir welcomed Bea Wain, Barbara Cook, Rick Stevens, and the incomparable Rhinestone Cowboy, Glen Campbell. Heaven also got a lot funnier, welcoming Dick Gregory, Jay Thomas, Shelly Berman, and my favorite, Jerry Lewis. My mom took me to see him and Dean Martin at the Chicago Theatre a long time ago. I still have the program.

Second quarter Postage Fund: **Peggy Andersen, Tom Badon, Roseanne Beaudette, Bill Brookins, Mildred Caro, Helen Cauwels, Rich DelBoccio, Bob Graham, Lorraine Karpen, Ed Keifer, Phyllis Kordecki, John Kozlik, LaVerne Lundquist, Lillian Mallstrom, Terri Martin, Virginia Monaco, Pat Muha, Marilyn Neale, Joan O'Hara, Ruth Opitz, Lucy Paet-Smith, Larry Parker, Ray Potsic, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Emma Sedall, Stephanie Simpson, Jim Sommerfield, Ginny Vlach, Jim Vlazny, Sally Welter, Norm Wilkinson**.

Second Quarter Website Donors: **Peggy Andersen, Joan Anderson, Tom Badon, Roseanne Beaudette, Bill Brookins, Kitty Bystrom, Rich DelBoccio, Bob Graham, Ginny Henkel, Gene Hinnens, Ed Keifer, Linda Kim, John Koehl, Phyllis Kordecki, Lorraine Licause, Lillian Mallstrom, Terri Martin, Ed Meyer, Pat Muha, Lowell Neal, Marilyn Neale, Delphine Perry, Ray Potsic, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Emma Sedall, Jim Sommerfield, Marlene Stanek, Penny Treptow, Toni VanKampen, Jim Vlazny**.

Trust that when the answer is NO, there is a better YES down the road.

#### Calendar:

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

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

IAM Lodge 1487 Luncheon, Lodge Office, 11:00, 50 W. Oakton St., DesPlaines, (**October 5**). First Thursday of the month



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No meeting, no meeting news. Our September meeting, the 19<sup>th</sup> is after the deadline, so info on next report.

UAL pulled out of BTV, MHT & PWM 8 years ago, turning them over to UAX. Manchester, NH (MHT) carried 900+ passengers a day, while UAX whittled it down to 110+. Considering the landing fees, overnight fees, fuel, terminal rentals, B scalers, etc., operating was way less expensive than our closest station BOS. Why



did we pull out? One of those upper management decisions? Anyway, of our 23+ years there, approximately 65 employees came thru at one time or another. I've been able to contact 56 of those for a reunion later this month. Could this possibly turn in to another RUAEA chapter? Tune in next month for full info!

New England is preparing for the leaf peepers (foliage season). This was the one time we couldn't overbook flights, as these people **all** show up. Thanks to Mother Nature's co-operation, meteorologists predict this year's leaf colors should be spectacular! Speaking of weather, next to what's been happening across our country, fires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, living up here in the North East isn't bad at all. True, we got eight feet of snow last season, but not all at once. And with its slow melt, it keeps our forests green! Plus, we get the benefit of four distinct seasons, and four types of dress.

October's birthdays ~ **Patti Austin, Robert Boyle, Norman Hudon, John Lagadinos and Ellen Rizzo.**

October's anniversaries ~ **Mark & Barbara Domurat.**

*You're getting old when you get the same sensation in a rocking chair you use to get on a roller-coaster!*

#### Calendar:

**December 5** - Christmas Party, Danvers Port Yacht Club, Danvers MA

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It is hard to say goodbye. And this month two of our United friends have passed away.

**Marie Kady** died on August 24. We will always remember her as that soft spoken gal with a somewhat southern drawl who never seemed to have a hair out of place. She was our domino buddy, gracious hostess, and dear friend. Our deepest condolences to her husband **Wayne** and her son Brian and his family. Wayne's address is 3129 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

**Suzi Gorenflo Hicks** passed away on August 12. She was the secretary to **George Sturgis**, manager of DTWRR, in the Book building in Detroit. She left United many years ago to work with her aunt at a travel agency in Grosse Pointe. Suzi will always be remembered for that giggle! She hosted several of our retiree luncheons in the past. **Mo Kennedy-Gabriele** remembers her as "*the most charming, friendly, efficient and loving person in our office back then*".

The Cheesecake Factory was the location of our September luncheon. Sixteen attended and enjoyed a great meal and even greater dessert, cheesecake! Attending were **Susie Friedman, Barb Miller, Gail Buchanan, Marcy Vance, Patty Gates, Sandy Fisette, Lynn Manzi, Joan Robinson, Marie Cook** and her niece, Judy, **Carol Shaffner, Cathy Dewey, Rick** and me, and our hosts, **Carol Slade** and **Sue Craig**.

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

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Altogether, 26 Lites and guests, **Nel Brawner's** niece, Eva and a grand plus a great-grand- of **Fred & Rita Stang** (one visiting from Saudi Arabia!) gathered once again to say "Hey!" and have a meal together.

One of the Twin Cities' most looked-forward-to construction projects has been completed and it's made Big News. ("Road Construction" is another name for our other season here.) One of the bridges between Wisconsin

and Minnesota has finally been reopened after about 4 years of rebuilding. I'm surprised you folks out there in CA didn't hear the cheers from out east, now that miles and miles of detours for commuters have been shortened or eliminated. **Jim & Mary Brennan** have been across it and put their blessing on it, as have **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson**, all of whom live in Wisconsin.

President **Lee Storlie** will be attending the convention, meeting up with our ol' pal, **Jim Simon** from SAC. We've let LAS know that the unholy duo is going to be there so that they can prepare. Lee has let us know that attending the convention will probably be the last official duty (other than conducting the monthly meetings) that he will be doing, as it is his intention to resign as President of the chapter eff. January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The group attending that day voted to again donate to the Flight 93 Memorial, using funds accumulated by the 50/50 raffles each month.

There were three Lites attending who had August birthdays and **Nel Brawner** won the toss of the dice with an eleven! **Connie Glattly** had brought in a golf towel with the Company's old tulip logo on it which was also raffled off. Seven people decided they wanted to take it home and lucky **Sonja Gunderson** won it in a roll-off against **Dave Wiley**.

Next month, I'll dish the dirt on the boat trip on the St. Croix River which replaced our September meeting and luncheon. Stay tuned!

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

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On August 1, we were treated to a wonderful Mexican buffet at Fernando's Cafe in Blair hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**. There were 23 in attendance including two new members, **Paula Livingston** and **Gwen Williams**. Both ladies worked in the flight kitchen until it closed in 1981. Paula remained here in Omaha working in cabin service and Gwen transferred to Denver to continue in food service until she retired in 2000. It's always great to gain new members. The winners of the 50/50 were **Gwen Williams** and **Jan Cornish**, each received \$17. A good pay day.

We had a letter from **Mel Harrison** stating that she is now receiving "palliative hospice" care which has enabled her to stay in her own apartment at the Elmwood Tower. She stated she had a difficult time back in March that took a toll on her lungs and heart. It has resulted in a decrease in energy and stamina as well as being dependent on oxygen. She sends greetings to all and offers to treat anyone who comes to visit to lunch in their dining room. (Know that it is not open on Mondays). She misses the meetings and we miss her. Our very best to you Mel.

I understand that I missed a birthday in August and that is **Mary Winkler** who will turn 94 on August 19. I'm sure she would enjoy a card if you would be inclined to send one to her. Her mailing address is Heritage Ridge, 1502 Ft. Crook Road South, #241, Bellevue, NE 68005. We have a few members in the 90's but certainly something that should be recognized.

Birthdays for the month of September: **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 Payton** (21), **Joe Scholz** (27). Happy Birthday to each one of you, September was a good month.

I went through my birthday lists and noted that there are several that I still do not have. If you have noticed that your birthday does not appear in the month of your birth, it's because I have not received it. Just send it to **Jan Cornish**, [Kcornish6031@msn.com](mailto:Kcornish6031@msn.com). I will put it in my list and recognize you on the appropriate month. Everybody should be wished a happy birthday.

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Calendar:

**October 3** - Longhorn Bar, Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

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

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

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris also mentioned that we are in need of someone to come forward and take on the position of Silverliners President. We are hoping that someone will step up and take the position soon. Chris also introduced hers and Jim's luncheon guests from Washington, **Lorie & Deion Bennett**. Also introduced was Signe & Jack Simms from Prestige Travel. Signe was promoting Cruise Travel especially a 19-day Panama Canal trip in March of 2019 on Princess Ship Coral Princess. This was a special deal in conjunction with the local radio station KJUL here in Las Vegas. Sunshine Lady Eleanor **Vasko** and husband **Mike** had **John Cernava** as a guest for the Luncheon. Also present at the luncheon were **Ron Bertacini** and **John Zoboli**, representing RUAEA Convention.

After lunch was served, the presentation by the Silverliners Board Members began. Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** thanked all for attending and mentioned that when you bring a gift to be raffled off, do not wrap it. In the past, there were some inappropriate items wrapped up that were not acceptable to be given out. Chris covered a few other items then asked our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** to give her report which she did. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** joined Jeannie to present and discuss a need to raise our annual dues effective January 1, 2018. The dues have remained the same for many years but the cost of operating this Chapter have gone up. Many of the Board members have used money out of their own pocket to get things for the Chapter without compensation back knowing the Chapters Finances. So, 2 scenarios were presented to the membership and they voted to raise the annual dues to \$8.00 per person. Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Birthdays and Anniversaries for last month and the coming month. Eleanor announced that she and husband Mike celebrates 61 years of marriage.

John & Ron got up to talk about the Convention progress and answered many questions from the members. They also stayed after the luncheon to finalize items for the Convention with the voluntaries.

We had our 50/50 drawing and drawings for the table gifts some of the table gifts were donated by Signe Simms of Prestige Travel. We wished all well and to be safe going home and that we expect to see them at the Convention in September and at our next Luncheon on October 12. The meeting was adjourned.

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

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There were 12 members and one guest at our August meeting at the Black Bear Diner. The guest was **Lesley Jaramillo**, who accompanied **Maurine Williams**.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Dottie Robbins**, **Roberta Wagner** (now a part of the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter) and **Pat Zoboli**.

New member **Norm Borchers** was the winner of the 50/50. Not a bad way to start.

Our Baker Extraordinaire, **Bill Perkins**, brought dessert – Rocky Road ice cream sandwich. We started with dessert since our new waitress was not used to working a large group.

Our Christmas Luncheon has been set for Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at Tamarack Junction. We expect the menu and pricing to remain the same.

Our next meeting will be our summer Picnic at Bartley Ranch on Friday, September 22. See you there.

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Worzocha**, followed by a moment of silence for **Charlie Donnelly**, a long time committee member of local 914 at EWR, and a good friend to all. Also there was a remembrance for EWR flight attendant **Paul Tinness**, who passed away on July 28.

We welcomed two new members to our chapter, **Ed Horincewich** from EWR ramp service and **Chris Sargent** from EWR customer service. I hope we see a lot of them. It was good to see **Cornell Maribell** and **George Whitman** even if they were walking with canes.

Since this was a kind of memorabilia meeting, **Bob Burke** brought in 2 beautiful old posters of 50 years of stewardess service. They were dated from 1930 to 1980, and they still look great. **Frank Worzocha** brought in a wonderful display of replicas from the 747 plus some old timetables. Do we ever get tired of looking at all that stuff? Speaking for myself, never.

**Marty Etler** reported that he had talked to **Freddie Landsberg**, who told Marty that he cannot drive anymore, and **Frank Russey** from EWRMM who has settled in Peachtree, Georgia. **Frank Kokoska** reported on how we can send donations down to Houston for flood relief, and we subsequently voted to send in a donation, in the name of our chapter, the Garden Staters.

For future reference, our Christmas meeting will be on December 13, at the usual place, Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM. It is also the time that we participate in "Toys for Tots" in memory of **Jerry Confer**. Once a Marine always a Marine!

Our 50/50 was won by **Phil Steinbacker**, and our next meeting will be on September 27 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

\*\*\* *From the great prophet Leroy "there are no uninteresting things, there are only uninteresting people"*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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We had 26 Metros present at luncheon. Not much news to report. **Emma Milazzo** is doing a good job with our funds, reporting a nice balance in our treasury.

**Ron Weick** is in hospice, at home, and can use our prayers, we miss him and his good support and "Uber" driver, **Carol Maley-Davis**. Also absent were **Leo & Dee Talochino** and **Mary Lou & Ed Ellis**. I'll try for a more current update on their wellbeing next month.

Our raffles winners, in order, were **Jim Richardson**, **Margaret Hanson** and me, **Cassie Manelski**.



I'm e-mailing this on the road and didn't keep the list of birthdays and anniversaries. Thought I had a copy with me. Sorry folks. But I know **Mary Green** and **Mary Levine** share a birthday on 9/13. Is that poetry or what?

Best wishes to all.

I'm off to the Las Vegas convention.

Calendar:

**October 4** - Davenport Press

## OHIO

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We had a gorgeous day for our picnic hosted by **Dolly & John Taucher** on August 9. It was held at "The Chalet" in Strongsville MetroParks for the seventh year. You may visit our website (above) to see the slide show in the "Past Meetings" tab.

A crowd of 108 Buckeyes including retirees from out-of-state, and guests attended. It was a picture-perfect day with plenty of sunshine, lofty breezes. The meal was a "gourmet delight" with chicken, potato salad and beverages provided by our organization and side dishes and desserts made by our members. Everyone brought a dish for 8 to 10 people. Kudos to all of them as this group could compete with "the best of chefs". We want to mention that the staff at the Chalet are fantastic, making our job easier in making our annual picnic such a special event. Many thanks to everyone that volunteers to host one of our monthly luncheons.

Prior to lunch, **Arlene Taylor** announced illnesses: **Marilyn Bogucki** had fallen at home, **Lillian Schabel** had fallen in her yard. Also announced was that non-member **Harold Smith, Jr.** had passed away. "Grace" was then said by **Arlene Taylor**.

After lunch, **Dave Placko** conducted our 50/50 raffle and the lucky winners were **George Oncu**, **Carrie Kerchel**, **Mary Merleno**, and **Jack Preston**.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued with our meeting announcing our special guest **Bill Corbett**, our temporary RUAEA Regional Director. He announced "*Your Chapter Ohio Buckeyes has the largest membership participation of all Chapters in the continental United States*". We want to thank him for that huge compliment. We have just learned that our new RUAEA Regional Director is **Jackie Monilaw**. We hope she enjoys her new position and look forward to seeing her at one of our monthly events.

Again, this year **Don & Pearl Park** made it a point to be here for our picnic. Our guests included **Roger Bender** (a friend of **Jerry Zadar & Ann Kenda**), **Aaron Rubenstien** (the Grandson of **Dan & Sandy LePard**), and **Sue Battig** (daughter of **Leo & Doris Schueler**). We also have 5 new members this month: **Marilyn Cicco**, **Cheryl Heffernan**, **Jerry Kiehl**, **Bob Rosenbauer**, and **Pam Sirocky**. That's a total of 14 new members for this year so far.

**Arlene Taylor** conducted birthdays and we did sing "The Song", also Anniversaries. They included **Sam Bennett**, **Phil Gaudio**, **Tom Hassel**, **Eleanor Kiehl**, **Judy McKnight**, **Rudy Pivik**, **Marie Placko**, **Steve Rak**, and **Leo Schueler**. Wow, lots of us born in August! Anniversaries included **Tony & Darlene Novak** (54 years), and **George & Nancy Oncu** (48 years).

Remember: The RUAEA newsletter is a great source of information on United!

*"A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it isn't open."*

Calendar:

**October 5** - Old Oak Bible Church

**November 2** - Tony K's

**December 7** - Diamond Event Center-Christmas party

## OREGON



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August meeting was our lowest turnout ever, with only 42 folks. Hopefully, this is not a trend and simply reflected travel plans; keeping our fingers crossed. As usual, some loved the lunch that was served, and others did not, but overall it was well received. Mostly everyone just enjoyed visiting with each other. It's lovely to catch up and touch base with friends and acquaintances that we see only occasionally.

Unfortunately we have a few deaths to announce: **Tom Raymond**, retired PDXOO, passed away on Friday, July 21, 2017. There was a service on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Mt. Adams Baptist Church in Troutdale, WA. Cards may be sent to his wife, **Susan Raymond**, 2204 SE 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97216.

**Don Zeh** passed away recently. He worked in PDXCS before transferring to Seattle to Customer Service and Stewardess Service and then went to Los Angeles. His funeral was on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

**Helen Stinnett**, 93, died July 30, 2017. She was the widow of the late **Rudy Stinnett**, SLECS. A funeral mass was held at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, in Salem, OR. Mail cards of condolence to **Russell Stinnett**, PO Box 21765, Keizer, OR. 97307.

Announcements ~ Our September meeting will include a guest speaker, a supervisor from International arrivals, informing us of new rules and changes to what we're used to.

Anniversaries: **Tom & Shirley Walker** (58 years) and **Steve & Margaret Borbely** (53 years).

Birthdays: **Shirley Walker** (77); **Pat Smith** (71); **Patsy Ogden** and **Bruce DeFord** (85); **Steve Borbely** (86) and **Joe Alff** (84).

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Pat Smith**; *Men's Birthday* ~ **Steve Borbely**; *Women's Birthday* ~ **Patsy Ogden**; *50/50* ~ **John Van Reenan**.

### Calendar:

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

**October 11** - Social

**November 8** - Social

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Summer is over? No, I cannot believe it. I would have loved to see the ocean once, or twice!

Last year our attendance dropped off for our meetings. We will reduce the number of luncheons and hope people will make an effort to get out. The dates are October 9, November 13, December 11, April 9, May 14 and June 11. Mark your calendars now. The price remains 15 dollars and are still held at the Clarion in Essington.

**Ben Hain's** wife **Doris** passed away recently. **Joyce Lindenmuth's** friend **Virgie Piccinotti** died recently also. She came to many of our luncheons at the Clarion. She and **Doris** were buried the same day and time. I could not get to both of them.

**Marcia Ems'** cancer has returned and she is undergoing treatments. **Marcia & Dick** have both had recent falls. **Dave Voit** is having shoulder replacement on October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Al Edwards** is suffering severe back pain and

sometimes can't get out. Keep **Frank Eggles, Jim & Barbara Fanning, Dee Burrs** and the rest of our retirees in your thoughts. None of us is getting any younger.

**PITTSBURGH**  
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Hello to all of our RUAEA friends from Pittsburgh, home of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins. After the Penguins' Stanley Cup Championship – all hopes were that the Pirates, this year, would get to the World Series, after last year losing in the Playoffs, and being so close. It won't happen, I think during the year their ship developed a hole from a cannonball and is slowly sinking! The chant is "maybe next year." Now the attention is directed to the Steelers, who in exhibition games, thus far, are three wins, one loss. The "Steeler Nation" is expecting a good year, and I hear that Vegas is predicting that they will win the Super Bowl. We shall see, it's a long journey to get there, and injuries play a big part!

Sadly to say, Our Houston RUAEA friends were part of the Harvey Hurricane Disaster (not sure how many RUAEA friends were part of the flooding and weather). Our hearts and prayers are surely with all who are trying to recover their losses. I know we couldn't leave the weather channel, we were watching and praying. We have a niece there who has a new job and married one year – from Pittsburgh. They are surviving and mentioned there were many great volunteers from everywhere who helped above and beyond, and it was so great to see how everyone was helping to rescue many people.

I talked to **Art Todd** in Reno, NV who just had hip surgery recently and is home recovering. He is doing OK, however, his right side is all swollen and still painful. His nurse said it may take two months for the swelling to go down. His sister-in-law from Pittsburgh is helping him to get well quickly. He is looking forward to visit his friends in Pittsburgh again. His address for get well cards: 3239 Gypsum Road, Reno, NV 89503.

Our wonderful RUAEA Northwest Region Director **Treatie Karwoski** is doing fine. However, after a few falls, with head injuries, she now is living at Providence Health Care in Beaver Falls. She is a little more secure when walking. Be safe Treatie, you are special! Treatie's address to wish her well: Providence Health Care, 900 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

**Joann Juth**, Pittsburgh RUAEA Chapter Advisor; we are happy to hear that she is doing fine at St. Joseph Villa and is in good spirits. She had the resident doctor give her two injections in her back and advised her that she is doing great for having an 82-year old arthritic back. OK he could have left out the age – You Go Girl-Keep Up Your Sprits. You are a great inspiration to all of us!

Our "Bionic Man" **Jim Weber, Alex Szallar, and Paul Musko** made a trip to West Virginia to relax and have some delicious BBQ Ribs - DJ's Ribs' restaurant. Well worth the drive not only for the food but a good time with friends! They were a little disappointed they could not get in touch with **J.P. Savage** who lives in West Virginia, a former Pittsburgh United. Maybe we can have him join us next time!

For those of you who know **Ed Ike & wife Kate** ~ I had a conversation with **Cheryl Nelson**, their daughter, and she advised that both Ed & Kate just celebrated their 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday! God Bless both of them. Happy Birthday! Ed is now recovering from a broken hip and is in a rehab home with five other patients. Cards can be sent to **Cheryl Nelson**, 687 NW 100 Tenth Avenue, Coral Springs, FL 33071. Ed worked as Maintenance Supervisor, United Airlines Pittsburgh!

We are looking forward to our next chapter luncheon on Tuesday, September 12 at J.W. Hall's Restaurant, Hopewell Shopping Center – 12:30 Luncheon. Hoping to have a nice attendance!

Happy Birthday to **Olga Kamazyn** (9/8), **Gerry McDonough** (9/9), and **Diane Weber** (9/25)/  
Happy Anniversary to **Ed & Kate Ike** (9/7) and **Jack & Betty Tinney** (9/25).

## TENNESSEE

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Happy Birthday to **Pollie Klosky** (9/3), **Betty Shipe** (9/15), **Robbie Corbin** (9/21), **Barb Chapin** (10/28), **Christa Mann** (11/2), **Jo Ann Swallom** (11/12) and **Mary Wood** (11/30).

Happy Anniversary to **Joe & Robbie Corbin** (9/30) and to **Herman & Bev Emmel** (10/26).

Our breakfast event at the Egg & I on August 17<sup>th</sup> was attended by only 12 members. A lot of our members that didn't attend are traveling to different parts of the country and world. All we did was visit and had our book exchange. All of us are enjoying the fact that we are getting rid of books that we have read and getting new ones that we haven't. We also share audio books, magazines and UAL memorabilia.

### Calendar:

**October 19** - 9:30 AM (ET) Breakfast Event at the Egg & I Restaurant: 5018 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (Bearden), TN 37919. RSVP ~ we need a head count, contact **Pollie Klosky** (757) 526-1847.

**November 16** - Meeting and Luncheon, please contact **Pollie Klosky** for time and location in Loudon

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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School is back in session and the Emerald City Slickers are getting ready for their first meeting of the new season – lunch at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien, Washington on September 12. By the time you read this, we will be getting ready for the October meeting with September's get together only a memory, except that it will be reported in the November issue. Such is the way of the publishing world!

Chapter officers continue for the rest of year. Their names were printed in the September issue of this newsletter and the entire membership expresses their thanks for these dedicated volunteers, many of whom are connected to UAL only through relationships with "real" retirees. We begin our series of 3 fall meetings (September through November) with 127 paid members.

Extra mention should be made of **Tom Holford** and **Dolores Steger**, who faithfully and diligently take required e-mail or telephone reservations and entrée choices from those who plan to attend upcoming luncheons. Tom and Dolores report the reservations to Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, who then contacts the restaurant with the final count, a process that sometimes requires several phone calls and confirmations.

Members are packing for convention in Las Vegas and we send them to you with best wishes that "a good time will be had by all." Having "been there and done that" last year, Slickers send a vote of appreciation to the organizers and perpetrators of this year's meet.

A special thank you goes to Seattle Past President **John Haferbecker**, who will represent the chapter at the annual RUAEA Newsletter Correspondents' Meeting during convention. We appreciate his filling in for **Gay Liesse**, who will not be there herself. We look forward to John's report at the October meeting of the Emerald City Slickers and in a future issue of *Contrails*, our local chapter newsletter.

The third annual collection of non-perishable food and new children's toys is scheduled to begin with the October meeting and will continue through November. **Ed & Gay Liesse** will coordinate the drives and will deliver donations to a local food bank or Marine Toys 4 Tots. Flyers were distributed at the September meeting.

During the 82<sup>nd</sup> running of the Longacres Mile Race at Emerald Downs in Auburn, with a purse of \$200,000, March One Rules came in second to winner Gold Rush Dancer. March One's trainer is **Frank**



**Lucarelli**, son of our member **Carol Lucarelli**. Carol and RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin** were in the stands to cheer on the second place finisher.

**Phyllis Mitchell**, who had worked in United's Flight Kitchen, passed away in early June. Services were held September 23. Her declining health, resulting from a fall, had been reported in an earlier issue. A couple years ago, Phyllis published a book that featured her growing up in the Midwest. Included among the volume's photos was a picture of her brother's navy unit, which included Edward "**Butch**" **O'Hare**, for whom O'Hare Field in Chicago is named. Phyllis was the widow of **Clifford Mitchell**, a United mechanic.

While attending an August convention in Orlando, **Gay Liesse** had a brief chat with a United flight officer, who was domiciled at the hotel. He was a good-looking dude and must have been all of 21. Remember when they used to be older than your father?

If you're reading this, you are undoubtedly a member of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association or a friend/relative of someone who is. Just a reminder – membership on the national organization does not automatically include membership in a local chapter and vice versa. We encourage everyone to belong to both groups, as their focuses differ. If you are a RUAEA member in the Seattle/Puget Sound area but haven't yet joined the Emerald City Slickers, feel free to e-mail **Gay Liesse** at the address above. She can put you in touch with the chapter's membership crew to point you in the right direction, so we can look forward to meeting and greeting you in the future.

#### Calendar:

**October 10** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien

**November 14** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

Food and Toy collection – both meetings

**December** – No meeting

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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There is not a lot to report here in D.C. since we have not met since our June celebration. We have had an incredibly wet summer here in the Metro area. The grass is green and the weeds are thriving. We are looking forward to our September luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and are also getting excited about the annual picnic at the "Flying Circus" in Bealeton, VA on September 14<sup>th</sup>. We have rented the pavilion again this year and are having our lunch catered by Griolis Italian Bistro. We will be having Lasagna, chicken Parmigiana with salad and bread. Our members will be bringing the desserts. **Tana Rae Evenson** will be bringing her "now famous" dirt pie and the rest of our members will no doubt surprise and amaze us with their sweet creations.



Several times a year, Washington's National Airport is proud to welcome an Honor Flight. These are chartered planes from around the country, filled with veterans from WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War. As the plane taxis in to the gate they are honored with a water arch. When the Veterans deplane, they are always greeted by large throngs of people, including a group representing our own Clipped Wings. Two of the Clipped Wings members who were honored to meet these vets and spend the day with them touring D.C., are also members of the Dulles Loungers. They are **Mari McColl** (moi) and **Kathy Rogers Suggett**. It was an awesome day, visiting all of the war memorials and Arlington cemetery with these national heroes. We all look forward to the next Honor Flight.

By the time you read this, Hurricane Irma will have come and gone. United Airlines is raising money for those suffering in Houston, and I'm sure there will also be a fund raiser for those affected by the fury of Irma. Please give what you can

afford to give to these deserving souls with both your money and your time. Our prayers are with them in their time of need and suffering.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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The New Spirit of United. How very appropriate that the plane which was originally the first 777-300 delivered to UAL was renamed and was one of the first used on the humanitarian and relief flights which have transported additional employees, resources and supplies to aid our United Family in IAH and the many others in the Houston area whose lives have been so drastically affected by Hurricane Harvey. We are filled with pride as we see all of the concern and caring demonstrated by United Airlines with Oscar's leadership and compassion showing us the truly new spirit that is evident at UAL.

In our own unique way, our Clipped Wings Organization also exhibits the New Spirit of United. We are not New since we were founded over 70 years ago. But we do always have lots of News (and laughter!) that we share with each other every time we are together. We also have lots of Spirit (and hugs!) through our continuing friendships. We are United in our common goal of reaching out in our philanthropic efforts to help others. We would love to have you join us and continue the connection with your airline friends and flying partners. If you are a current or former UAL/CO inflight crew member and would like information about Clipped Wings membership you may contact us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org).

We extend our admiration and wishes for the strength and courage that will be needed by our UAL Family at IAH in the days and months ahead. Though Mother Nature is strong, we are reminded that human nature is stronger as demonstrated by the strength and courage you have already shown. Wishing each of you blue skies ahead at the "New" United.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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# OBITUARIES

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

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

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

Retiree – **Atwood, Ann M.**, on 8/12/2017, SEARR, 6125 SE Division St. #223, Portland, OR 97206

Retiree – **Barnett, James C.**, on 8/14/2017, SFOCE, husband of Judy Barnett, 457-190 Honeyview Lane, Milford, CA 96121

Retiree – **Bates, William R.**, on 7/6/17, LAXFO, husband of Jean Anne Bates (Deceased), father of Carla Bates, 9946 E. Hilltop Rd., Parker, CO 80134

Retiree – **Buckmaster, Duane M.**, on 9/5/2017, WHQPE, husband of Sharon Buckmaster, 17 Morningview Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Spouse – **Ciarlariello, Milton**, on 7/24/2017 husband of Norma S. Ciarlariello, SFOPE, 23690 Shadow Dr., Auburn, CA 95602

Retiree – **Foster, Ralph W.**, on 8/13/2017, LAXFF, husband of Dorothy Foster (Deceased), father of Gayle J. Foster-Papas, 295 Verbena St., Nipomo, CA 93444

Retiree – **Ikeya, Gary T.**, on 6/3/2017, SFOFL, husband of Darlene Ikeya, 925 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Retiree – **Nakata, Francis**, on 8/23/2017; LAXMM, husband of Alicia Nakata, 4123 Sano St., Los Angeles, CA 90065

Retiree – **Neitz, William F. Jr.**, on 8/23/2017, SFOPI, husband of Carmen Neitz (Deceased), 804 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402

Retiree – **Payne, Howard W.**, on 7/30/2017, SFOCS, husband of Josephine S. Payne, 235 Hieber Dr., Pacheco, CA 94553

Retiree – **Randolph, Stanley M.**, on 7/30/2017, HNLSR, PO Box 4759, Hilo, HI 96720

Retiree – **Ryden, Curtis L.**, on 8/14/2017, DENMM, husband of Vivian F. Ryden, 11761 Keough Dr., Denver, CO 80233

Retiree – **Scafoglio, Joseph**, on 7/26/2017, PITCS, husband of Nancy Scafoglio, 8890 E. Carol Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Spouse – **Stevens, Donna A.**, on 8/2/2017, wife of Gerald (Jerry) R. Stevens, BUFOX, 130 Countryside Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221

Retiree – **Takeguchi, Charlene T.**, on 7/22/2017, BURRR, wife of Ray Y. Takeguchi, 22123 Ballinger St., Chatsworth, CA 91311

Spouse – **Washburn, Kenneth L.**, on 4/23/2017, IADCS, husband of Carol J. Washburn, DCACS, 4316 Garden View, Williamsburg, VA 23188

## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

Shirley Claggett, Diane Douglas, Dolores Frank, Barbara Hill, Anita Hekking, Arthur Martin, Joyce Pfeifer, Robert Reed, Theresa Roman, Cheri Scales, Frans Ten Bosch, Maureen Torres, Eleanor Walsh, Mary Winkler, Anna Wozniak, 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.)*



### **Michael Blassco, Unit A Box 2, Bismarck, ND 58503**

Thank you for all you do keeping us informed through the letters that are printed in the RUAEA Newsletter. Also thanks to all the RUAEA officers and committee members, both past and present, for keeping our association membership active.

I retired in 1994, after 39 plus years of service. I have met and worked with many wonderful people. During this past summer, I visited a fellow worker. We recalled many of the UAL good old days and RUAEA Conventions, we had attended. This friend and fellow worker is **Harold Heidebrink**. Many former UAL employees may recall Harold (Hal) who worked as a mechanic in LAXMM, SFOMB, DCAMM, MSPMM, SANMM and LASMM.

After Harold's many years working for UAL and his military service during WWII (when he received the Purple Heart); he now resides at the California Veterans Center in Fresno, CA.

Hal is doing his best dealing with old age and war injuries. I got his permission to give out his address, so that anyone who recalls him from days of old and wish to correspond with him could do so. He finds it extremely difficult to communicate by phone but would be happy to hear from former friends and co-workers. His address is: **Harold Heidebrink**, California Veterans Facility, 2811 W. California Ave., Fresno, CA 93706.

### **Geraldine Cavallo, Unit 202, 710 Creekside Dr., Mount Prospect, IL 60056**

I would like to thank **Dave Detwiler** for his vivid description of Flight 93. Now I know what really happened. Those people on that flight were true heroes and should not be forgotten.

### **John Lunde, 671 Parkwood Dr., Lowell, IN 46356**

UAL's Queens ~ I started working for UAL in September, 1956. The first "queen" I remember is the DC 6B. It had the right seat semi-private area in the front of the cabin. Usually families were seated there and there was a large lounge in the back.

Next was the DC 7, a real "queen". It had four big four blade prop engines. It took 8 hours to fly from MDW/West Coast. They wine and dined you all the way in first class service. The lounge was in the back of the cabin. My dad couldn't stop raving about how good the coffee was.

The next "queen" was the DC 8. It had four fan-jet engines and took four hours from ORD/West Coast, eight hours ORD/HNL. It set a record at one time HNL/ORD taking 6.5 hours. We were having coffee and OPS called and said Flight 2 was on the ground. We couldn't believe it. The flight picked up a tail wind and flew just under the speed of sound.

Then next came the 747. What a beautiful, lovely and majestic "queen". She caught the eyes of everyone. When UAL first got the 747's, we were not allowed to fly on them with our passes. I had some friends at ORDCOS and finagled a couple of passes on the 747. My first flight on a 747 was ORD/LAX/ORD. The first class service was absolutely amazing. The upper deck lounge was exquisite. I remember flying back from HNL one night, sitting in the upstairs lounge and watching the Northern Lights; what an amazing show.

The Smithsonian Channel had a two hour program on how the 747 was developed and built; very, very interesting.

So, it is with a lump in our throats and a tear in our eyes, that we bid a fond farewell to the latest and long lasting "queen".

### **Forrest G. (Gael) Morris, 707 Glenridge Rd., Charleston, WV 25304-2701**

In 1979 when United Airlines closed its Charleston, WV station, former Station Manager **Jack Cavner** and Station Secretary **Betty L. Lambert** arranged to have a reunion every year as long as possible for the employees who were affected by the closure. We were scattered far and wide, IAH, MEM, ORD, IAD, TPA, MCO, SRQ, MCI, BNA and PBI. The reunions of the **1979 UAL CRW Group** began in 1980 and continued for 34 years.

We agreed at the 34<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2014 to end the reunions, but this year **Bob Wood** and his wife **Cay** organized a "get together" of employees and families with the hope that one former employee, **Jack Tenney**, and his wife **Jane** could come to share memories. The Tenneys had been unable to attend the last few reunions, and when Bob & Cay had visited with them earlier in the year in Greensburg, PA, Jack had said it would be so good to see everyone again.

The get together was held in Charleston, WV on July 7 – July 9, 2017. The group met for dinner at Harding's Family Restaurant on July 7, at the home of **Bob & Cay Wood** for a feast of delicious food and door prizes on July 8, and for breakfast at the Sleep Inn on July 9. Attending were **Patsy Buck** of Front Royal, VA, and **Valerie & Erika Raistrick** of Manassas, VA, daughters and granddaughter of **French & Betty Strickland**, **Al & Lois Fields** of Orlando, FL, **Carl & Ella Lipscomb** of Elkview, WV, **Charlie Parsons & Betty**

**Copenhaver** of Pinch, WV, **Larry & Marcy Smith** of La Vergne, TN, **Roy Wood** of Valley Head, WV, **Ken & Karen Zemerick** of Smithville, MO, and **Richard Brown, JoAnn Calhoun & Betty Calhoun Kirkwood** of Charleston, WV, sisters of **Cay Wood** who were a big help with the get together, **June Davis, Betty Lambert**, the Group's Secretary from the first reunion in 1980 until the final reunion in 2014, **Gael & Doris Morris, Karen Spencer**, and **Bob & Cay Wood**, all from Charleston, WV. The Tenneys were unable to make the trip, but thanks to them and the efforts of **Bob & Cay Wood**, this group of old friends and former co-workers got together for a wonderful time again.

### *Notes*

#### **Maura Fallon**

We continue to thrive and are grateful for the memories gathered through 32 years of employment with United. Know how grateful we are for all you do to keep the United Family connected.

#### **Daniel Mooney**

Well, it is that time again. Thanks for reminding me as I seem to forget in my "young" age. It has been nineteen years since my retirement and I am still loving it and still kicking, not too high though. My wife and I are still in relatively good health for our age and doing a bit of traveling by car. I haven't used a pass in ten years. If anyone wants to contact me my E-Mail address is [dmooney02@aol.com](mailto:dmooney02@aol.com). Thanks for your efforts in keeping us Oldies informed.

#### **Kerry Flanagan-Treat**

It is great to keep up with other retirees and information regarding travel, etc.

#### **Christopher Johnston**

Thanks to the RUAEA newsletter, it is easy to keep up with the great people I worked with at UA.

My wife Sharon passed away in January after a long heroic battle with cancer. I continue on taking the future a day at a time. I stay active with several golf groups and activities with the local MGB Owners Club. My 1974 MGB will be out of restoration in November.

My best to all my friends on the UA circuit.

#### **Antomia Mascenic**

Thank you to all the hard working folks who keep us up to date on all the happenings with UA.

#### **Gary Mickle**

I always enjoy reading and catching up with my former United life and co-workers.

#### **Philip Frank**

I'm a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers Chapter of RUAEA.

I appreciate all the work you do to keep us informed on what is going on with UAL. Having worked for 40 yrs, it was the best job a person could have and still see the world.

#### **Margaret Andersen**

I loved working for United. I had to retire due to health concerns; but I do miss working.

#### **Mandy McClain**

I so appreciate **Kathie Torgison's** travel and flying together tips. Thank you!

#### **James Ferrance**

RUAEA is a wonderful organization that keeps us retirees in the loop with the latest news about everything that is important to us all. Keep up the great work; it is much appreciated.

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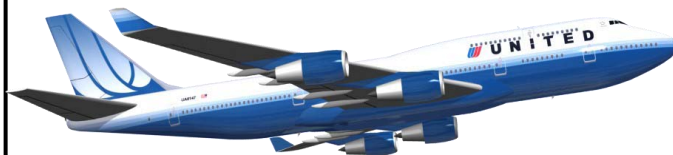
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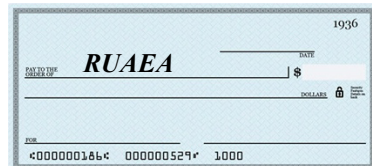
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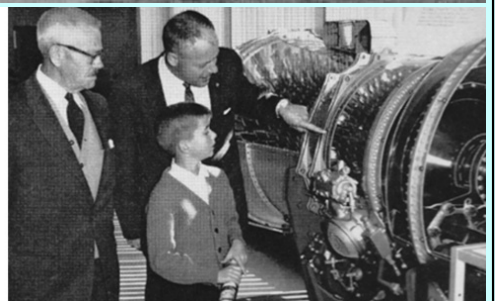
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On October 16, 18 and 19 each of the major administrations and departments at EXO, entertained business associates and their friends with afternoon tours of the building. Many of the approximately 9,000 Chicago-based United employees with their families and friends visited EXO on Sunday October 21.

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired, from the October 1962 "United Air Lines News" magazine.*

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