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*Recognition of Local Chapter Officers -
The Golden Gaters, San Francisco, CA*

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*Loonies May Get-Together
Oshkosh, Wisconsin*



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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Summer is beginning to wind down and cooler weather is approaching. I trust that all have enjoyed your family and friends get-togethers. Here in Denver during the monthly chapter breakfasts, the buzz words are focused around social activities. Summer-time is great. It is great to be retired and able to socialize!

I have nothing to report concerning our advertised July retiree meeting/conference call with Company representatives. It seems that UAL Leadership has and is spending much time developing new customer oriented policies and reworking the route structure. From what I see, the new policies being put in place are paying off. From the statistics UAL is doing very good and breaking many old operational records/goals. If you are not already looking at Flying Together, I encourage you to start. The address is <https://flyingtogether.ual.com>. There are many employee/retiree discounts and valuable information available to us in the website, all we have to do is look. Our own, RUAEA's website www.ruaea.org is also full of good information for us and is easy to navigate.

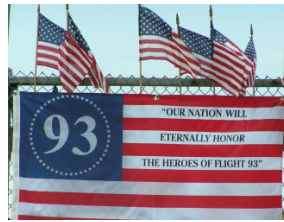
This is the last Newsletter issue before the Las Vegas Convention. I encourage all to make plans to attend. The room price is great and there are numerous exciting tours and etc. available. The dates are September 25-28. The June Newsletter has all the information and the August issue has the Convention Registration Form reprinted.

Hope to see you at the Convention,

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

The Writers' Column – The Story of United 93 by Dave Detwiler

It had begun as a beautiful September day. It was 7 A.M. September 11, 2001 at the Newark, New Jersey airport. Captain Jason Dahl and first officer LeRoy Homer were in a secure area of the airport preparing to pilot United Airlines flight 93 from Newark to San Francisco with a departure time of 8 A.M.



The flight attendants were being given their assignments by their purser or lead flight attendant Debra Welsh. Outside at the gate fuelers were pumping 48,700 pounds of fuel or slightly more than 8000 gallons into the wings. Ramp men were loading thousands of pounds of luggage and cargo into the belly pits.

One half hour later at 7:30 the flight attendants had prepared the cabin for boarding and the boarding process had begun. There were 33 regular passengers today. Some of them were traveling for business and others were traveling for pleasure, meeting loved ones and visiting San Francisco.

However, there were four other passengers boarding this airplane today and their minds were on death, their own along with everyone on that airplane and as many on the ground as possible. They were Al Qaeda terrorists and they had devoted their life to Jihad. Their leader, had spent most of the previous year at a pilot training school in Venice, Florida obtaining his private pilot's license and had studied for his commercial pilot's license but never completed the commercial license training. He had trained all that time for this one flight.

The nineteen terrorists responsible for 9/11 had planned well for their missions that day. Planning for this fateful day had begun in earnest in 1999. The terrorists had selected four flights that were going coast to coast for maximum fuel loads, hence more damage when flown into buildings. They had planned to begin their takeover of the flights within 15 minutes of takeoff for maximum shock effect.

They had even taken flights across country to study the routines of the cabin crews to pick out weaknesses to exploit. As the 9/11 commission later stated, "By 8 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001 they had defeated all the security layers that America's civil aviation had put in place to prevent a hijacking".

Flight 93 pushed back from the gate at 8:01 that morning but there was heavy traffic on the taxiways so it could not takeoff until 8:42. American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the Trade Center four minutes later at 8:46. Seventeen minutes later at 9:03. United flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the Trade Center.

The terrorists had planned to begin their takeover fifteen minutes after takeoff, however for some reason we will never know they waited 45 minutes or until Flight 93 was approaching Cleveland, Ohio. Capt. Dahl had received a warning message at 9:24 which stated airplanes had crashed into the World Trade Center buildings and to beware cockpit intrusions. Four minutes later at 9:28 there was a commotion at the cockpit door; it was the terrorists breaking into the cockpit.

The hijacking of flight 93 had begun. The two pilots were incapacitated immediately along with one passenger in first class. The terrorists did this to intimidate the passengers into obeying their commands. One of them had a red box with red and yellow wires coming out of it which they claimed to be a bomb. The first class passengers and flight attendants were forced to the back of the coach cabin.

Now the passengers began to make phone calls to loved ones on the ground utilizing the Airphones in the seat backs. By talking with people on the ground watching TV coverage of the airplanes hitting the Trade Center buildings and the Pentagon they soon learned what their fate would be if they didn't do something about it.

The passengers soon organized and took a vote between themselves and the flight attendants. They had voted to do something about their situation. They had formed a plan, the flight attendants were making pots of boiling water to throw on the terrorists. The men put together a plan to rush forward and overwhelm the terrorists in the cabin then force the cockpit door open taking control of the airplane. Everyone had a part in the plan.

At 9:55 the hijacker pilot entered the code into the autopilot for Washington's Reagan airport. And at approximately 9:57 the passengers and cabin crew began their rush up the narrow single aisle of the cabin to take back control of the aircraft from the terrorists.

The last minutes of Flight 93 were utter chaos. The reason we know this is there were still people on cell phones and Airphones throughout the coach cabin talking to people on the ground who could hear the commotion. There were shouts and screams, sounds of dishes breaking and the sounds of a food cart being rammed into the cockpit door in attempts to break it open. The cockpit voice recorder, CVR, picked up the terrorists voices screaming at each other in Arabic to hold the door. Passengers' voices could also be heard on the CVR.

The passengers and crew counterattack was so ferocious it unnerved the terrorist pilot. A decision was made by him to crash the airplane to the ground to prevent the passengers from taking control of the airplane. The control wheel was quickly turned hard to the right and forward causing the 757 to roll over on its back and plunge straight to the ground at 563 miles per hour with 5500 gallons of volatile jet fuel still on board. The resulting explosion was so great it blew a 35 foot hole in the ground. The aircraft had disintegrated into tiny pieces.

But yet, United Airlines flight 93 had not crashed into the White House, or the Capitol. It crashed into a reclaimed strip mine in Somerset County, PA. It was the only one of the four flights hijacked on Sept. 11 that

had not reached its target, the only flight where no one was killed on the ground, and no one was even injured on the ground. The only damage on the ground was an unoccupied cabin knocked off its foundation and a garage door off its tracks.

This can all be attributed to the bravery of the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93.

They could not save their own lives but they saved countless lives in our Nation's capital. I urge all who can to visit the flight 93 memorial in Somerset County, PA. The new visitor's center there has ten panels of exhibits which will answer most of your questions about what happened there on Sept 11, 2001.

A common field one day, a field of honor forever.
(Flight 93 mission statement)

(The writer is a part time volunteer at the Flight 93 Memorial)

UA Flight 93 & Flight 175 Never Forget



UA Flight 93:

- F/A Lorraine G. Bay
- F/A Sandra W. Bradshaw
- Captain Jason M. Dahl
- F/A Wanda A. Green
- 1st Officer LeRoy W. Homer, Jr.
- F/A CeeCee Lyles
- F/A Deborah A. Welsh

UA Flight 175:

- F/A Alfred G. Marchand
- F/A Alicia N. Titus
- F/A Amy N. Jarret
- F/A Amy R. King
- F/A Kathryn L. Yancey Laborie
- CSR Marianne MacFarlane
- CSR Jesus Sanchez
- F/A Michael C. Tarrou
- First Officer Michael R. Horrocks
- F/A Robert J. Fangman
- Captain Victor J. Saracini

Save The Date: SFO Family Day 2017



The 12th Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base has been scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This annual United event is open to employees, retirees and their family members and friends and features aircraft tours, displays, a car show, kids' carnival area, plane pull contest, and the 6-jet precision demonstration squadron, the Patriots Jet Team. This year's Family Day will pay special

tribute to the Boeing 747, which will retire from the United fleet in the fourth quarter of 2017.

- ❖ What: 12th Annual SFO Family Day
- ❖ Where: San Francisco Maintenance Base
- ❖ When: Sunday, October 8, 2017, 11:00AM – 4:00PM
- ❖ Details: Every United Airlines employee and retiree can request up to four wristbands starting in late August 2017.
- ❖ Contact: SF-FamilyDay@united.com

UAL reported second-quarter 2017 performance



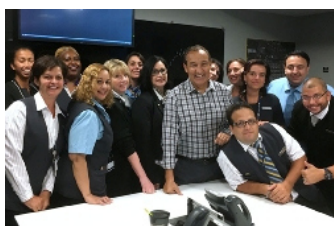
United reported second-quarter net income of \$818 million, diluted earnings per share of \$2.66, pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion and pre-tax margin of 12.7 percent. Excluding special

charges, the company reported second-quarter net income of \$846 million, diluted earnings per share of \$2.75, pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion and pre-tax margin of 13.2 percent.

Oscar said, *“The positive financial and operational performance this past quarter demonstrates that United is firmly on the right path. From investing in our products and our people, redoubling our focus on the customer experience, closing the margin gap with our peers, and delivering strong returns to our investors, we have made important progress and moved United decisively forward. No single quarter constitutes a trend and we still have much further to go before we fully realize the potential of this airline and exceed the expectations of our customers. But, we also know that one success begets another and the strong financial and operating performance we posted this quarter adds to the momentum that all of us here at United are determined to build upon.”*

Employees delivered the best completion, on-time departure and arrival performance in company history; as a result, United had fewer cancellations than any major competitor. Employees also earned \$28 million in bonuses for operational performance.

Oscar holds first listening session at ORD



In a video message, Oscar announced that he is personally taking charge of the effort to listen and learn from lobby and gate agents about the issues they face and how United can lever-

age their ideas to serve its customers better. Oscar didn't take long to put his words into actions during a visit with lobby and gate agents at ORD. It marked the first of what will become a series of listening sessions, emphasizing the importance of making sure that employees feel empowered and supported to make the right decisions and to use their best judgment to serve United's customers in the moment.

Oscar committed to attend as many of these sessions as he could so that he can personally listen to employees' concerns, learn from direct feedback and build solutions that will better lead to United's successes.

The session was attended by employees who were invited to share their input that will help build a path toward becoming the best airline for United's customers and each other.

“I thought it was a great session, everyone was honest in their feedback and it's great to feel like we're being heard,” said ORD Customer Service Representative (CSR) My Le. *“Oscar was very open to listening to us and we're looking forward to hearing updates on any progress being made. I'm very optimistic.”*

“It was very nice to have an open conversation and to have Oscar listen to our issues,” said ORD CSR Syed Rizvi. *“I can tell that he's really trying to fix the problems that we face at the gate every day.”*

These listening sessions will continue to be held around the system in an effort to gather the largest amount of feedback before putting solutions into action.

Let Congress know you support Air Traffic Control reform - A message from Oscar



Dear United Team Members,

Every day when we come to work, we demonstrate what we can accomplish when all of us work together as a team, united by a sense of shared purpose and values. That is exactly what we need to do now. I'm asking for all of us to come together and with one voice call upon our elected representatives to support modernizing air traffic control (ATC).

There is a direct, effective way you can do your part and make a difference for our airline and industry. Simply visit www.ontimeflights.org. Your note will immediately be sent to your representatives and senators.

We witness the pressing need for this important reform every day as we go about our jobs. We feel the drag this outdated technology places on our operations, taking away from the incredible work you've done to make us safer and more reliable than ever before.

Make no mistake about it: Thanks to the investments we've made in our product and operations - from next-generation aircraft to more comfortable, customer-centric offerings to new technologies that enhance reliability and service - combined with your extraordinary professionalism, we are poised for a "takeoff" moment as a company and industry.

The media and our customers have noticed the mismatch between the innovations that have moved the airline industry forward and the ATC infrastructure that still holds us back.

Airlines have been likened to souped-up Ferraris - except we're driving on gravel. Our potential is being slowed down by accumulated inefficiencies of this relic of an ATC infrastructure that was developed decades ago. Delays and cancellations total tens of billions of dollars every year, and countless productive hours - years, even - of collective time lost for us, our passengers and the economy.

Flight times across the country have increased due to ATC-related delays and airspace congestion. It takes longer to fly the same number of miles today than it did in the 1990s, and last time I checked the map hasn't changed.

At United, we feel this problem acutely; that is the flipside of having such a strong network. United has hubs in some of the most congested and delay-prone airports in the country. A modernized system is our best opportunity to meaningfully reduce delays and mitigate the onerous impact they exert on our customers.

I want to be clear - the U.S. airspace system is the safest in the world and safer than ever before. The FAA employs thousands of talented, skilled and committed professionals, including the best air traffic controllers in the world. However, there is only so much they can accomplish within a governmental bureaucracy, which is made more difficult by the constant uncertainty on funding that is inherent to the federal government.

ATC reform will provide greater and longer-term funding certainty and therefore a faster implementation of the airspace modernization that will benefit the entire country.

Other countries have already realized and reaped the benefits of reform and modernization. For example, Canada created Nav Canada in 1996 and today handles 50 percent more traffic than before, with greater efficiency, safety and reliability. It also costs users far less per flight hour than the U.S. More than 50 countries around the world have figured this out. Surely, we should take a lesson and take action.

So, the problem is clear. And so is the solution. We need to take our ATC system out of the political arena and create an independent entity capable of bringing cutting-edge technology on-line through predictable funding and expert management.

Competing airlines, employees, controllers, pilots and former transportation officials from both parties concur that the time has come to make this change.

Most importantly, our customers are calling for it as well. And, in the end, they are who we work for.

Now, the task ahead of us is to focus on Congress. Ultimately, there are no more effective or eloquent spokespeople than you, our United team members.

That is why I hope you will go to www.ontimeflights.org and send a message to your representatives and senators.

Make the case not only for our industry but for our customers who want greater reliability and fewer delays and cancellations - all while upholding world-class safety standards.

Sincerely,

Oscar

Flocking together



If you look up at the sky often enough in and around the cities that United serves, you're likely to spot them: graceful bodies with wings extended, soaring as silhouettes against the clouds.

But we're not talking about planes. Raptors - birds of prey such as hawks, owls and ospreys - also call these places home, and many times their nesting areas put them in dangerous proximity to airports, increasing the potential for bird strikes to aircraft.

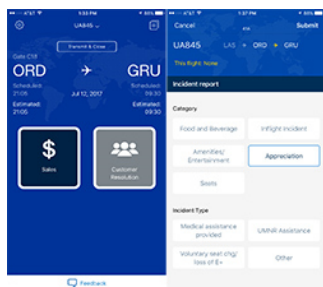
American kestrels relax in their golf course habitat.

Beginning later this month, as part of United's Eco-Skies commitment to the environment, the company is partnering with [Audubon International](http://www.auduboninternational.org) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to launch the Raptor Relocation Program at EWR aimed at moving these birds to safer habitats where they are likely to flourish. In this case, those safer habitats are golf courses - located as far as 75-100 miles from EWR - that Audubon International has certified within its Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Going forward, the program will also assist the Port Authority to establish raptor relocation at other airports in the area.

"Together with our partners, we are developing innovative ways to protect our environments and provide sanctuary for birds of prey that otherwise would be living near New York-area airports," said Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Managing Director Angela Foster-Rice. *"The Raptor Relocation Program will help minimize risk to wildlife, reduce damage to aircraft and enable us to operate more efficiently within some of the world's busiest airspace."*

The Raptor Relocation Program is just the latest in Eco-Skies initiatives that minimize United's impact on the natural world. In January, Air Transport World magazine named United the Eco-Airline of the Year for a second time, and in 2016 United made history by becoming the first U.S. airline to begin using commercial-scale volumes of sustainable aviation biofuel.

Inflight service app now in flight attendants' hands



In April, United promised to make concrete and meaningful changes to the way the company flies, serves and respects its customers. Recently, United made more progress along those lines, delivering new features to its inflight service app to flight

attendants' Link devices.

The app empowers United's flight attendants to provide goodwill gestures in the moment in the form of miles, travel credits and other amenities when a customer's experience with United misses the mark. More than 1,000 flight attendants tested the app prior to launch, and in the first several days post-launch, thousands logged into the app to check out the functionality.

This is one of the first apps to use United's new digital "design thinking" approach, and flight attendants were involved from the very first day of design through beta testing when a small group essentially test drove the application in real situations with real customers.

"This is the first of many apps we will develop using our new, more collaborative approach," Chief Digital Officer and EVP Linda Jojo said. *"We built this app in record time, getting tools into the hands of our employees faster so they can provide a more customer-centric experience."*

The app has an improved Sales feature, which provides United's flight attendants with more detailed customer information via the seat map and an ability to provide emailed receipts for purchases. The Customer Care features empower United's employees to make in-the-moment compensation decisions that will positively affect a customer's travel experience. When a disservice occurs, such as a broken tray table or accidental spill, flight attendants can compensate a customer in-the-moment with an electronic travel certificate (ETC) or MileagePlus miles – with no need for the customer to take any additional action. All aircraft-wide events will still be handled by the PROteam and Customer Resolution should not be used.

"This is one of many initiatives underway to help our employees make the best of less-than-ideal situations and de-escalate them in the moment," Chief Customer

Officer Kate Gebo said. *"Thank you to everyone whose terrific work brought this customer care tool to life."* During beta testing last month, United had 1,500 "in the moment" cases generated. Eighty-eight percent of those cases required no escalation to the customer care team as United's employees were able to resolve.

Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2017 **Travel Updates and Hub.united.com**



Kathie Torgison

In my July 2017 article, I wrote about the new Basic Economy fares that are now available in many domestic markets. Good news: Mileage Plus miles **do** accrue when these fares are purchased, even within the MyUAdiscount program. No credit is given towards Premier status, segment count or lifetime miles, however. In

addition, Basic Economy fares are **not** eligible for seat or cabin upgrades, contrary to the information in my article. I apologize for this error.

Now, let's talk about some breaking news regarding TSA changes and US State Department warnings. The TSA announced that electronics larger than a cell phone (i.e. laptops, tablets, E-readers like Kindle, etc.) must be removed from carry-on luggage and placed in separate bins for X-ray screening. A 10 airport test program has concluded and the change will now expand to all domestic airports within the next several weeks. The following airports are already under the new rules: BOI/BOS/COS/DTW/FLL/LAS/LAX/LBB/PHX and SJU. If you have TSA pre✓ you are exempt.

A warning to travelers considering drinking alcohol in Mexico has been issued by the US State Department. Due to increased reports of potentially tainted alcohol, the State Department added the warning to its travel site for Mexico on Wednesday, July 26th. The warning advises tourists to drink in moderation and seek medical attention if they begin to feel ill. US citizens are directed to contact the nearest US Embassy or consulate in Mexico in the event of such an occurrence.

Hub.united.com ~ With all that behind us, how about checking out a great new resource for trip planning? I stumbled upon this engaging site named "**HUB**" while perusing the daily newsfeed on the FlyingTogether website. It has nothing to do with our hub and spoke network. Instead, it is a beautifully laid-out page with gorgeous photos, each of which is underscored with a topic from one of the following 8 categories:

1. *Best Places to Travel in (current month)*
2. *Big Metal Bird*

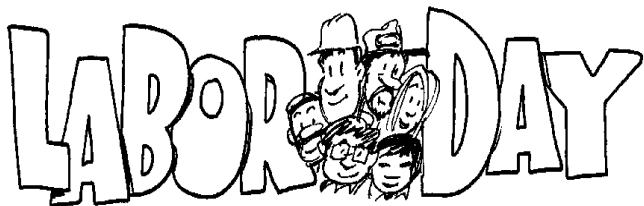
3. *Company*
4. *Employee Travel Blog*
5. *Hemispheres*
6. *Places*
7. *Rhapsody*
8. *UA in the News*

Clicking on *Best Places to Travel* recently provided 10 wonderful suggestions, complete with stunning photos and a condensed, easy-to-read synopsis of each locale. *Big Metal Bird* allows you to view a video program (there are many episodes to choose between) about all things United. You get an inside look at how “we get up in the air and down to business” as the introduction proclaims. There are behind the scenes views of operations throughout our global network. *Rhapsody* recently offered an uplifting overview of how 10 innovative cities are leading the way to re-use and recycle. From Amsterdam to Sydney and Austin to Manchester, England, there is clear proof that what we do can indeed make a difference to the preservation of our environment.

Employee Travel Blog is a single-topic article with photos contributed by current employees on their recent journeys. It certainly brings back many fond memories of being footloose and fancy free and ready to hop on a plane at a moment’s notice! *Places* recently included a great resource on the 10 best all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean and *Hemispheres* suggested 10 “thrilling” locations to visit, complete with compelling photos. *Company* provides interesting details about the latest major company actions, such as the acquisition of our new Boeing 737Max aircraft. *UA in the News* (no, not the negative kind) features responses and innovations UA accomplishes, as reported by outside sources such as an article from *Chicago Business* on cyber-threats and UA’s proactive practices.

I think the best attribute of the Hub is the readability of the articles. They are short but informative, well documented and engage a wide spectrum of readers. Normally I am not inclined to spend a lot of time on the computer, other than to read emails. But I have to admit that it was so enjoyable that I totally lost track of the time. Do give it a try!

P.S. For those of you who enjoy the “Three Perfect Days” articles from the old *Hemispheres* magazine, I found a resource for past articles at old.hemimag.us. I was able to retrieve articles as far back as 2006.



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 19344-2223.*

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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

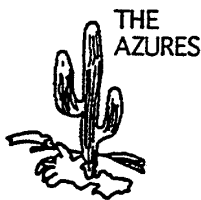
Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Hello from Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **A. D. Cline, Jr.** (9/1); **Lynn Cline** (9/13); **Chuck Stuller** (9/13); **Peg Heidecker** (9/13), **Jim Paliwoda** (9/20); and **Donna Maloney** (9/26). Happy Anniversary to **Pam & Jim Paliwoda** (9/3) and **Donna & Bob Maloney** (9/28).

One of our breakfast buddies, **Boris Spitz**, was in the hospital this past week. He said he almost didn't make breakfast this week (and he meant it). Apparently he was having some lung distress and back pain and pain in his right side. He went to the doctor and they found that a blood clot went from his leg to his heart and lungs. They kept him in the hospital and put him on blood thinners, and now he needs to see a cardiologist. He feels much better and hopefully will be treated for all the problems to keep this from happening again. Get well wishes can be sent via e-mail to bspitz@gmail.com. His address is 12361 W. Running Deer Trail, Peoria, AZ 85383.

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 September 6th & 20th. 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.

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We're looking forward to the RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada September 25 – 28 at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino and hope to see many from our Re-United Chapter as well as other friends we used to work with or have met at past RUAEA Conventions over the years. We always enjoy going and have a lot of fun participating in tours or just doing our own thing.

Of course, we don't want to miss the business meeting and the Benefits Panel presentation on Thursday morning, and then the big Banquet at night, with wonderful food, program and entertainment. Be sure to bring your cameras as it is fun to get pictures of tours you might go on and also friends and people you meet while at the Convention. I understand that there are lots of people registered for the Convention, so hopefully you got your reservation in on time. The tours fill up fast, so if you haven't contacted them as to which tours you would like to go on, you better do it immediately as when a tour is filled, and that's it; they will not be adding any additional buses. The weather is supposed to be nice, so looking forward to that. See you there!

Where did the summer go? Now that a lot of children are back in school, the "Snowbirds" are returning soon, and fall is upon us, our chapter gets ready to have luncheons starting in October and continue to have them each month until April, when we have our annual picnic. We always meet for Breakfast every month of the year on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. Host or Hostesses for each luncheon coming up haven't been announced yet; but are in the planning stage right now. You will be hearing about each of them as to when and where they are going to be shortly. Something to always look forward to. We sure love going out to eat, whether it's breakfast or lunch!

We had a good turnout for our July breakfast - 24 were present! **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** showed up too. They live in the Seattle area during the summer, and came back to the area to check up on their home and do a few things there. We all were happy to see them! They filled us in as to how the Convention plans are going and also gave us information on dining areas near the hotel and buses that we can take to points of interest in Las Vegas.

We have several of our members having health issues: **JoAnn Fearing**, **Steve Koltz**, (**Linda Cooper Koltz**'s husband), and **Bill Eaton**. We miss them when they aren't able to attend any of our activities, and hope their health improves real soon. We heard from the **Veillettes** recently telling us that **Roger** has some health issues, but they wanted us to greet everyone from them, and let us know they still think of our Re-United's members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our members we haven't seen for a while.

Have you thought about flying stand-by on one of United's International flights with Polaris service? Understand they have brought back making the ice cream sundaes like we use to get a while ago. Sounds tempting!

We're still going to have our Fantasy Flight to benefit underprivileged children. The committee is firming up a fundraiser with First Tee for Thursday, November

2nd at the Foothills Country Club. The Fantasy Flight is planned for Friday, December 1st. **Rich Vehring** and **Debbie Schulte** are looking for a new area at Sky Harbor Airport to host the flight and to have the North Pole party with Santa and Mrs. Claus and all the activities. When more information is available, we'll pass it on to you. If you're going to be around the Phoenix area when we meet for Breakfast on September 22nd, please come and join us, and bring a friend if you would like. We love meeting new people, so if you're new or just haven't come for a while, we would be happy to see you. If you're going to come, would you please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know so she can give a count to the staff at Black Bear Diner? Their address is 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ. If you need directions or any other information, Peg, will be glad to help you out. It's always fun to go out for Breakfast! Peg's phone number is (480) 396-3317 and her e-mail is phomfeldt@cox.net.

Just thought I would put in a plug for RUAEA. If you're not a member yet, won't you please consider joining? They put out so many informative things for the members regarding the company, new things happening for retirees, helpful phone numbers to call, scheduling flights, chapter news from all over the United States, who to contact on the RUAEA staff., etc., etc. They really work hard to get as much news as possible to our retirees. It's a wonderful newsletter that comes out each month by very dedicated staff. We really need more people to join. Membership dues are only \$27 for one year. You can mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433, or you can go on line at www.ruaea.org and use a credit card, such as Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Be sure to include your file number in all correspondence with them. Some people just go on the internet to read their newsletter, but I like getting my copy in the mail so I can refer to it for different things that come up. If you wish, for \$5.00 a year more you can get both the paper and Web deliveries. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail, or from www.ruaea.org.

We have the following Birthdays in September: **Keith Morey** (9/2), **Ken Simon** (9/3), **Harry Cloud** (9/7), **Bob Irwin** (9/9), **Shirley Eaton** (9/11), and **Judie Preston** (9/12). Happy Birthday to all! We have one Wedding Anniversary this month (that we know of), and that is yours truly, **Liz & Ted Tollefsen** on September 18 – 63 years! How time flies!

Calendar:

September 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317 by Wednesday, September 20th.

September 25 – 28 – RUAEA Convention at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas, NE

October – Luncheon TBA

October 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, Gilbert, AZ.

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Our Chapter did not meet in July due to the Memorial Service for **Peter Schaefer**. We normally do not meet in July but we will in August.

I haven't received any news from our members except that our President, **Mike Zoldak**, was in contact with **Nina Powers**. Nina suffered a stroke and is now at home. She is improving and thinks she will be able to drive sometime soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

The other news is that we have these forest fires all over California. There seems to be one popping up at least one a week.

An ex-UAL pilot, who lives in my community, told me a story about a 737 that was just retired to the Boeing Museum. I forget the plane number and I hope I have the facts right. This ex-pilot told me he took the last commercial flight on that plane. Since it was no longer going to be in service, he and others, wrote their initials in various places in the plane they hoped would not be discovered. He visited the plane at the Museum but was unable to get inside since it was not open to visitors yet. However, if he has the opportunity to visit it again, he will try and find his ID where he wrote it. It will be interesting to hear what he finds.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, the place and time TBD.

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Tom Sabo hosted the Desert Sunbirds' July Luncheon. Thirty three Sunbirds and three guests gathered together at the Las Palmas Mexican Cuisine Restaurant in Desert Hot Springs. **Doreen Roberts'** guest was

Carol Brown; Maureen Williams brought her daughter, **Jane Miller**; and **Sandy Sereno** again invited her friend, **Alice Papanastasatos**.

President Mike mentioned that **Claudia Blancett**, our Southern California Director, who replaced **Hal Klobe**, had resigned. Her replacement is **Rosalie Tripicchio**, a recent Retiree, and a member of the San Diego Chapter, the ReSans. Welcome Rosalie! We look forward to getting to know you in the near future.

The Birthday Lunch winner was **Brigitte Brunken**. The 50/50 drawing had many winners. Our host, Tom, won \$50.00. Other prizes, provided by Tom were: 2 bottles of wine, won by **Mike Bailardo** and **Bill Schultz**; an Airline Travel Amenity Kit, won by **Elaine Aggson**; Airline Travel Pillow, won by **Judy Burnett**; and a box of cookies, won by **Marji Lamas**. The Restaurant also added two Lunches to the drawing, won by **Carole Paquin**.

Our Featured Sunbird of the month, **Matt Gauss** ~ After graduating from High School in 1960, Matt spent the next 8 years working various jobs for the Pittsburgh Area Electric Company. Then, in March of 1969, Matt was hired as a Customer Service Representative for UAL in Pittsburgh. He credits his youngest sister, who worked for TWA at the time, for opening his eyes to the opportunities and travel benefits available to Airline Employees. Matt's first flight was a UA Caravelle to Cleveland for two weeks of CSR training.

In 1971, Matt was confronted with the first of several furloughs, ending up in JFK. He soon realized that New York was not where he wanted to raise his two young sons. He put in transfer requests for five West Coast Cities. He got LAX in 1972.

Matt worked as a CSR at LAX into 1976, but spent the next two years as the Station Consumer Correspondent, investigating, responding to, and resolving customer complaints.

In 1978, Ticket Sales, as part of the Reservations Organization, expanded its City Ticket Office locations. Matt was selected to open and manage the LAXTO in Torrance. He very much enjoyed this gig, but another layoff resulted in his return to LAXTR and role as Consumer Correspondent, working for **Elaine Aggson**.

In the early eighties, the Sales organization was engaged in an all-out effort to have United's Apollo Computer Reservations System installed in Travel Agencies. Matt liked what he heard about this effort, and by the Spring of 1982, was an Apollo Systems Representative, assisting the LAXSS Sales Team with tech support, installation and training for Apollo installations at Travel Agencies. His territory was from Carpinteria to Paso Robles, CA.

Matt then moved on to spend a year as the Southwest Regional Sales Analyst; then another year back at Ticket Sales as Manager of the Southwest Region's

fourteen City Ticket Offices and SATO Ticket Offices located at the Region's numerous Military Bases.

In 1985, Matt and his wife, Marilyn, started looking for a change, as it appeared that the City Ticket Offices would soon be phased out. They already owned a weekend home in Palm Springs, so they took advantage of the opportunity to return to Customer Service at PSP. (Marilyn had also worked for UAL in various areas). They took leadership roles in training and operations until 2001 when Sky West took over from United, and Matt retired - a 32 year career!

Matt says one of the roles of which he is most proud while at PSP was during the first ESOP attempt when he represented the employees of the Western Region Line Stations as their System Round Table Representative.

Lastly, Matt says he learned so much about life, and the world from the wonderful people with whom he worked at United, and from the different positions he held. He and Marilyn have been to Europe over 40 times (not a misprint), and to Asia and South America as well. He feels the exposure to different cultures and lifestyles has been the most important part of an education he could not imagine had he remained with the Electric Company. Matt says he is grateful to all who played a part.



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their monthly luncheon on July 25, at Fats Asian Bistro in Roseville. It was hosted by **Bob & Michiko Allen**.

President **Ed Rheam** welcomed the 38 Gold Diggers and 5 guests: **Jean & Ed Fox** (Frank's sister and brother-in-law), guests of **Frank & Angie Dellinger**; **Ellen Alexander**, guest of **Judie King**; **Jamie Schwafel**, guest of **Frank Uhl** and **Jim Gallagher**, guest of **Ray Andrejewski**. He thanked Bob & Michiko for hosting the luncheon. Ed thanked the members for bringing the items for the raffle prizes.

Vice President **Ken Norton** announced that the hosts for our August luncheon are **Frank & Angie Dellinger** and the luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at the Claim Jumper in Roseville. Ken asked if anyone was interested in hosting a cocktail hour in their room for the Gold Diggers on Thursday evening before the Convention dinner.

Secretary **Rose Rheam** acknowledged the July Anniversary: **George Taylor** and **Victoria Enriquez** - 25 years.

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

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** reported she sent a get well card to **Jean Sinclair**.

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

RUAEA VP of Conventions **John Zoboli** advised members that the hotel is located off the Strip but there is transportation to and from the strip during the day. Also, do not forget to bring a hat and suntan lotion for the hot days. See you at the convention!

RUAEA Executive VP **Jim Simon** asked for a show of hands of persons who will be attending the Las Vegas Convention. There were approximately twelve or more members who are planning to attend the Convention in September.

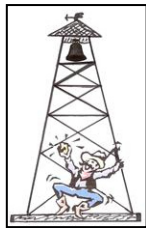
Ed thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged the excellent staff of Fats Asian Bistro.

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

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Star Spangled Banner, fireworks, hot dogs, red white and blue decorations, beer, lots of friends talking, laughing, and having fun! All of these describe many 4th of July celebrations. Almost all of them describe our wonderful luncheon for July. **Joe & Jeanette D'Amico** arranged our festive faire at Round Table Pizza in Cameron Park. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to Joe & Jeanette and then asked if anyone had a birthday in July. It turns out that **Gary Dalleske** celebrates his day on July 4th and the next day, July 5th, **Irv Wolf-ram** gets a second day of fun; and even though **Rosemary Heier** wasn't present, she, too, has a July birthday. **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** mark their 40th anniversary this month. We also enjoyed three guests – **Linda & Bill Dinette's** son, Kevin, **John Natalia** and **Reggie Key**, his Great+ grandfather wrote the Star Spangled Banner. Welcome to all of you!

President ~ **Bill Gibson** shared with us information regarding El Dorado County Senior Legal Services. **Thom Biro** learned that this very helpful program was going to be cut from the budget. Thom wrote to the County Supervisors encouraging them to keep Senior Legal Services open and operating. He pointed out that some of the benefits of the program include, but are not limited to: Advice regarding elder abuse (financial and physical); Relieving burdens on the courts and medical

facilities; Assistance with resolution of landlord/tenant issues; Assistance with resolution of family disputes; Advice regarding consumer fraud issues; Education regarding internet fraud; Proactively avoiding estate disputes. Long and short of it, Thom's efforts to alert people that this was about to happen spurred the topic to be addressed and the closure is on hold. Job well done, Thom! It was also mentioned that contributions, both financial (we have sent an annual check to help them out for several years now), and having individuals go to their office and give their time helping out with whatever they may need, be it filing or making copies or whatever! So, if you have some free time and would like to explore this idea – get hold of SLS – oh, and if you do so, let us know how things went and what they may need.

Vice President ~ **Rosemary Heier** was not present. Lucky lady (and J.R. too) were off on a camping trip with their granddaughters.

Treasurer ~ We were fortunate to have **Tom Kenny** at our luncheon today. Tom reports that our bank account has \$853.71 for a bottom line. According to his records, this is about average for us at this time of the year. To keep us updated, he let us know that, at this time, we have 35 members who have paid their 2017 annual dues.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report to give today.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have anything new to report.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** is in Hawaii enjoying himself, no doubt.

Old Business ~ Several people have inquired about purchasing our dandy Hangtown Miners shirts. So, Thom, when you bring your suntan-self back home and come to the August luncheon, please bring the books for folks to look thru and they can order whichever ones they want!

New Business ~ Okay, we had a special "treat" today. **Carleene Hyde** joined us and caught us up on the goings on in her life. As you know, Charlie passed away, so Carleene is here in California to get things in order for selling their cars and house. Her son came too to help sort out the house. **Rudy Blazius** has been a great help as well. She doesn't have a time line nailed down yet, but is hoping to get the house ready and on the market soon. Carleene plans to remain in Maryland to be near her son and 3 four year old grandkids! Yep, triplets! Carleene couldn't have higher praise regarding the help she has received from UAL in taking care of things. Carleene, it was so wonderful seeing you again. Carleene is staying a member of the Hangtown Miners and hopes to come back from time to time for visits.

Bill Dinette has a friend, **Tom Krough**, who recently passed away. While helping out, Bill discovered

a couple things to know regarding the insurance policy that each of the mechanics has through United. It isn't chicken feed either - \$10,000.00! Should you have the need, or know someone else who does, you need to contact the Benefits Department, have the Social Security number of the deceased at hand and ask about the SIGNA policy. Not everyone will be eligible for this but it's important to ask. More importantly, it is wise to contact them now and make sure you have your beneficiary listed on the policy. If your spouse's name is not there, they will not be able to receive this benefit. I have sent out to you previously a list of "Important Phone Numbers", if you need me to send you this info, let me know, but the United Airlines Benefits Center (Central time) phone number is: 1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7am-7pm) <https://flyingtogether.ual.com>. Call for traditional medical, HMO or other insurance questions; to report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

Bill Kenney brought flyers to pass out for us to use at our next luncheon. This luncheon will be on August 14th at the B J Restaurant. These flyers are important because, thanks to **Tom Kenny** plowing thru all the paperwork to get our tax exempt number, and **Kerry Kozelka** setting this up, the Hangtown Miners will receive a 20% return on all orders that are accompanied with this flyer. I will attach it as the luncheon details. The restaurant requests that we do not hand them out at the restaurant so, if you didn't get one at the July luncheon, print and bring this.

Our meeting closed and the raffle began. **Cindy Blazius** claimed the donator's prize. I neglected to pick up the list of items donated from Pati, but thanks to everyone who brought items to raffle.



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On July 13th, we met for our monthly luncheon at the LaGare French Restaurant, also observing Bastille Day, which is France's Independence Day!

Our luncheon was hosted by **Ted Bell**, and the table decorations were provided by member **Pat Ortega**; she had purchased 4 bottles of wine which she had concealed in pretty floral bags and adorned with faux flowers. She also scattered foil covered Ghirardelli chocolates the length of each table!

Our menu was a choice of Pork Schnitzel, Wild King Salmon, or a Coq Au Vin Chicken dish; we were served a nice homemade veggie barley soup, and butter

lettuce salad with a creamy Dijon mustard dressing.

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting thanking **Ted Bell** for getting all the invitations out and hosting the luncheon; and he mentioned **Pat Ortega** for the nice wine table decorations! Vice President **Jerry Underhill** announced that there were 18 members attending and 3 guests, which included **Ellen Boulanger**, guest of **Ted Bell**, and **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**. Barney is our historian, who has been keeping up our picture albums of the luncheons; he also brings info on the travel pass changes and updates. He said that there are now new discounts available on the ID90 portion of the Flying Together website, worth checking out! United has recently started offering flights from Santa Rosa, three times a week, but they are said to be expensive.

Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** brought us the latest numbers on our General and Charity Funds: The General account now has over \$1080.00 and the Charity account has nearly \$400.00 at \$391.35! Our RUAEA Western Division Director **Roger Casterline** was not in attendance this month, but we hope to see him soon at the next luncheon. Also our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was away visiting family for the second month, and is thought to be returning for the August meeting. The Birthday/Anniversary list was read by **Mary Hill**; there were no anniversaries to mention for July, but the birthdays were **Helen Furber**, who has moved to Montana; **Inara & Heino Witt**, who have not been attending recently. Of the two members who had July birthdays and were attending, **Pat Leahy** and **Jan Blackburn**, Jan Blackburn won the free luncheon prize! **Barbara Underhill** read the jokes for us!

Larry Wilson led a discussion of the results of the e-mail survey regarding how often to meet starting in the next year to keep the prices lower and still be able to go to some nice restaurants for the RER gatherings. The majority of the members thought that if we meet every other month, more people would come, and we would be more inclined to bring guests. Someone asked us to consider the Sheraton Hotel dining room in Petaluma, and Larry will look into it! It was also encouraged for any of us looking for a nice place to have dinner, to remember the La Gare Restaurant, who has been treating our UAL RER chapter so wonderfully. So Larry and I did just that, that evening after our luncheon that day!

We finished off the luncheon with the raffle of the wines brought by **Pat Ortega**, and the monthly wine offerings purchased by the Underhills, as well as the See's truffle candies while we enjoyed the chef's great Tiramisu dessert with a nice chocolate wafer sticking up in the middle!

Larry encouraged us to remember the Charity Box on our way out, and stated that the next luncheon will be back at the La Gare Restaurant on Thursday, August

10th, hosted by **Mary Hill** and **Maddy McGinnis**.

Until then, have an adventurous summer with friends and family, and try to stay cool!

RESANS

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We were missing some of our regulars at our breakfast this month but twenty three were with us and a few visitors. **Tammy Tucker** was with us and **Betty Tomaino** was back from her camping trip in Denali, Alaska. She said Denali was fabulous! **Louis Semon** is back from Cuba but is off with his family to check a school for his granddaughter in Iowa? We will have a lot of news from him next month. **Pauline & Wendell Johnson** were back with us and **Pauline Reynald** joined us after a long absence.

Jane Ferris is recovering from a broken hip and hopes to rejoin us as soon as she is able. While shopping at Sprouts, she slipped on a green bean that was on the floor and landed in her right hip. She is currently getting in rehab and getting physical therapy.

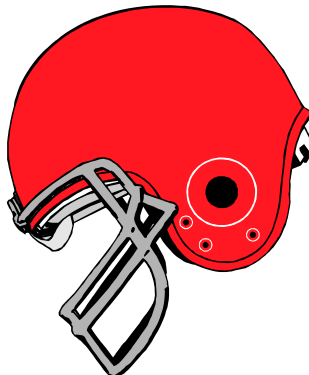
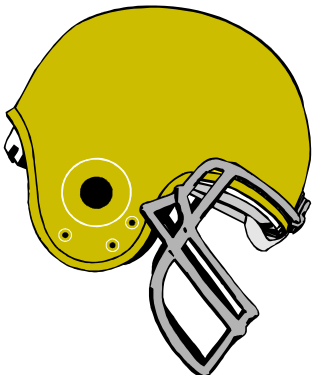
Barbara Drews was planning a trip to Seattle to visit her Grandson and two days before she left, Barbara was rushed to the hospital with an esophageal hernia. After five days in the hospital, she is now home recovering on a liquid diet and looking forward to some real food in the near future.

A special thank you to **Debbie Taylor** for the above report on the breakfast happenings for this month. I hope to see you next month at our Sept breakfast.

If you have not made your reservations for the RUAEA Convention in September, refer to the June issue to register and sign up for any tours you might want to take. The Las Vegas team is working hard to make this a great time for everyone.

Calendar:

September 7 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our July 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. Please note our new mailing address at the bottom of the article. We are looking at a smaller venue for our meetings as our attendance has fallen – there are several rooms here at the Recreational Center we are considering. This meeting place is such a plus – a beaut of a lagoon in the background, the green hills that will take us over to the Pacific Ocean, weather that is hard to beat, can't ask for more! Here's what is on the menu for the next 3 months:

- ✓ **August 28** – Pizza, Salad and Dessert. We will be cooking the Pizzas here as the Costco oven burned up, how could they do that to us? The Board members will wear chef hats, Emeril we ain't!
- ✓ **September 25** – Our Annual Picnic catered by Armadillo Willys' BBQ, finger lickin' good!
- ✓ **October 23** – BYOBL, brown bagger again.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** posted his financial report. No dues received today, we need to bolster our treasury as we are seeing tinges of red cropping up.

Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg**, Pro-Tem, read the June minutes which were approved as read. The roster will be updated shortly as **Barbara Underhill** has a new computer and is becoming a wizard on the keys. People kept coming and going, we had 32 at the meeting. Where are all you hiding?

Membership Coordinator **Barbara Underhill** had us all blow out candles for the birthday celebrants: **Bob Donovan** 96 candles, and **Rex Reelfs** and **Roz Clinton** tied with 88 candles. **Rex & Margaret Reelfs** celebrated their 59th anniversary, Party Time! Who needs a flashlight? **Lynn Kasatkin**, a member years ago but not recently, passed away.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **Dorothy Reuszer**, and **Ben Vietz** have a sign-up sheet for the Pizza luncheon – payment at the meeting. A sign-up sheet for our BBQ picnic in September will be available also. Important that you let them know you will be there so 'enuf food is put on the Barbie!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave out the 25%/25% winnings to **Barbara Underhill** and **Linda Barrett**. A raft of raffle goodies to **Ben Vietz** (2x) **Diane Heinrich**, and **Helen Goodwine**. We had to get an armored car to help the Bingo winners cart home

their huge bankrolls – **Linda Barrett, Bob Taiclet, Judy Tonda, Margaret Reelfs** and **Bob Taiclet** had to split their winnings, **Donna Taiclet, Margaret Reelfs** (again) and yours truly won the Blackout Bonanza.

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

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** said the 2017 trips are still on a wait-list basis. We have a Casino trip on tap for October 17, 2017. Email gingersfo@aol.com or call (650) 224-1865 to get on the wait-list, there are often cancelations. 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. Day trips are in the works. Interested? Email me.

*****A Huge Thank You to the Board – They are the glue holding us together.*****

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00am at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our **new** mailing address is: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Vera Kina**, 203 Emerald Bay Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Our chapter's fall luncheon date has been set and we're looking forward to the gathering that will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at San Jose's Scottish Rite Center. This will be a catered affair by a tried and true establishment including a buffet with prime rib, chicken breast with sherry cream sauce, artichokes, and mushrooms, and other delectable delights. If you haven't received a flyer, please go to our website and check out the details. We hope you will join us. President **Boyd Sweet** is back in the saddle again leading our weekly breakfast meetings after some time away due to medical issues and travel. Yay! He has recently resumed his volunteering duties at the local Second Harvest Food Bank as well. We had a time of volunteering for our chapter on August 16. This is a great way to support those less fortunate in our community!

Do you remember this? At our weekly breakfast meetings one of the things we do is cover events in history for the week coming up. The first barrel roll performed in a commercial airline jet was mentioned and confirmed by one of our members, **Larry Jorgensen**,

who was working for Boeing at the time. As part of the 707 Dash 80s demonstration program, Boeing's President Bill Allen invited representatives of the Aircraft Industries Association and International Air Transport Association to the Seattle's 1955 Seafair and Gold Cup Hydroplane Races held on Lake Washington on August 6, 1955. The Dash-80 was scheduled to perform a simple flyover, but Boeing test pilot Alvin "Tex" Johnston instead performed a barrel roll to show off the jet airliner. The next day, Allen summoned Johnston to his office and told him not to perform such a maneuver again, Johnston's assertion that doing so was completely safe. Video of the roll can be seen on YouTube.

On another historical note, our VP **Bob Devlin** found a document from United in his files from January 1989 and brought it to one of our weekly meetings to share some data from those days. *As the nation's oldest air carrier, United Airlines has been identified with many "firsts." The company, for example, was first to fly fare-paying travelers coast-to-coast (1927), first to develop and adopt a practical system of two-way, plane-to-ground voice radio communications (1929), and first with all-cargo flights (1940). From Oct. 28, 1984, United became the first airline to service all 50 states of the United States. In more recent decades, United was the first transcontinental airline to equip its fleet with radar (1957), first to use dry ice seeding at airports to dispel super-cooled fog (1963), first to fly a billion passenger miles in a single month (Aug. 1964), first to qualify for Category II landing minimums (1965), first to begin non-stop operations between Hawaii and both Chicago and New York (1969), first to implement a computerized flight monitoring system (1973), and first to completely automate ticket printing by teletype for commercial accounts (1974). How about that? More may be shared from this document in future articles.*

Something I don't mention very often is wedding anniversaries. In September we have several celebrating: **Boyd & Merle Sweet** (57), **Charley & Barbara Brown** (66), **Vern & Maureen Snyder** (55), **Harry & Theresa Willever** (61), and **Kathryn & Frank Maz-zola** (55). Congratulations to all!

About a dozen from our chapter are planning to attend the annual RUAEA Convention in Las Vegas this year. Hotel reservations, excursions, and travel to and from have been set and we are looking forward to a great time. Las Vegas here we come!

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

September 12 – Fall Luncheon at Scottish Rite Center, 11-2pm



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On July 6th, the chapter met at **Hans Weber's** ranch in Escalon. Hans & Ingrid graciously offered their property and cooking skills for a wonderful social get together. This was a great time and place for a truly social event for the chapter. A time of sharing memories and laughter of times gone by, and a time of remembering the chapter members who have died most recently, **Ace Edkin**, **Lavinia Brinsfield** and **Barbara Roberts**. To enhance our party, we enjoyed several guests, namely Margaret, Hans' sister in law, her niece and Gilbert, Hans' friend and neighbor.

We opened our meeting with the usual Pledge of Allegiance. There was no old business.

Barbara Edkin made a proposal to the group to auction off some of Ace's memorabilia from United, with all the profits going to the chapter. This will involve further discussion.

President Bob has been in contact with member **George Gemberling's** son, Steve, who found a number of chapter documents from the (very long) time he was the chapter treasurer. Steve thought we should have the opportunity to review the information before having it tossed. Apparently it was mostly old receipts and check stubs. Discussion with the chapter and our current treasurer, **Rudy Reyna**, led to the decision that he could dispose of those locally.

It was noted that the largest of attendees at the Minden mechanics get together was this year. There were 125 to 132 people attending. Attendance seems to be growing each year.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** gave his report indicating our finances are in the black with everything current.

A loud chorus of Happy Birthday was voiced for **Pat Passarell** and **Sandy Brooks**. We had no anniversaries to celebrate.

We chose to do a 50/50 raffle (always good for some variety).

Our September meeting is Thursday the 14th, and will be hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is Thursday, August 10th). Feel free to call our President, **Bob Scoble**, 209-626-5308 for information.



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Weather is hot and fires are hotter in the North state! It is that time of year again for us to keep a careful watch on what is going on around us. One of our retirees who lives outside of Bangor, CA had a fire very close in their neighborhood. We are always very thankful for wonderful fire fighters.

Our July 19th meeting was held at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. President **Merritt Odor** thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for setting up the restaurant. We had 18 retirees and spouses in attendance. Several of our members were traveling and some were unable to attend. Merritt welcomed **John & Pat Zoboli** to the meeting. John is now the RUAEA Vice President of Conventions and it is always good to have them at one of our meetings.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Chris Isbell** will be having a birthday in August. **Don & Ursula Arndt** will be celebrating an anniversary as well as **Klarin & Merritt Odor**.

Merritt thanked **Linda Delaney** again for her wonderful presentation last meeting and encouraged anyone who had a hobby or story to tell to please share it at our meetings.

Kay & Vincent Neidlinger shared their Ireland tour. It was a 14 day tour done through CIE Tours and they brought in several brochures, pictures and literature to share.

John Zoboli spoke about the convention coming up in September in Las Vegas. He spoke about the different tours that are being offered as well as information about the Palace Hotel where the convention will be held. The room rates are discounted and there is shuttle service to the "Strip". The Las Vegas group has done an outstanding job in setting up the tours and banquet and John encouraged all to go.

Vincent Neidlinger won the 50/50 raffle and **Bill Brooks** won the lunch certificate.

The next meeting will be our annual picnic to be held on Wednesday, September 20th. It was decided that the group would like to again use Anderson River Park. The cost of the park will be \$50.00. We will be having hamburgers, hot dogs and polish dogs. The group agreed to pay for the meat from our treasury and everyone will be bringing a side dish to share. This is always an enjoyable event. The site is along the Sacramento River and it is truly a beautiful setting.

Calendar:

September 20 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM at Anderson River Park. If you are in the area, we would love to have you come and see us!

COLORADO



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The August breakfast was attended by 33 members. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Charles Hassler** (DENMM), **Victor Andreatta** (DENMM) and **Bob Duensing** (DENTK). The 50/50 drawing, along with the collection and sale of aluminum, helps support the chapter since this chapter does not collect dues. **Bob Duensing** (RUAEA Correspondent) conducted the meeting.

Last month, RUAEA President **Virgil Gooselaw** spoke of the competitiveness of 20% discount fares on UAL to the standard fares on Southwest. If you are traveling and the flights are pretty well booked, both of these options are worth investigating.

Retired Chapter President **Tom Goodyear** pointed out at the last meeting that proof of insurance is required for vehicle license renewal. Adding to that, it was noted that you can have "veteran" noted on your driver's license if you are a veteran. That enables the holder to easily obtain discounts at various businesses that offer that benefit. Also the Driver's License Bureaus offer appointments so an individual does not have to wait in line, which is very handy considering the wait times to obtain a renewal.

At previous meetings we have had Alliant Credit Union representatives speak to us and in addition, President **Don Burbank** spoke about the advantages of using the credit union. Today, **Rich Conner** (DENMM) offered some insight on car loans. He noted that car loans are in the 2% range which is about half of the interest rate of other lenders. Savings interest rates have recently been bumped up to 1.1%. While this may seem low, they too are better than most other lending institutions. In checking another credit union, their rates range from a dismal 0.10% for a low balance, to a high of 0.50% for a larger balance.

Perhaps we will have a decision by the September meeting regarding the conference call that took place on July 24th with **Virgil Gooselaw**, **Tom Goodyear**, WHQ and other parties. This conference call addressed the request by retirees to modify the retirees pass policy. The minutes of the meeting have not been published at this time.

Concerning the rental rates at Wings Over the Rockies which were noted at the last meeting, I received an e-mail from the museum which outlined their rental rates. Hopefully, we will have a clarification on that matter at the September meeting.

The Denver Chapter of RUAEA would like to welcome two new members from Colorado that joined RUAEA last month: **Virginia Mogorit** (DENCS), 13931 E. Marina Dr. Aurora, CO 80014 and **Don O'Malley** (DENEP), PO Box 115, Brighton, CO 80601.

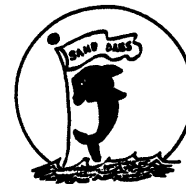
Glen Beckley (DENMM) passed away on July 20th. Glen spent his entire career as an A&P for UAL. He is survived by his wife **Chong**. Glen was 69.

Keep in mind, the next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 2nd at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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We had a small group of 12 at our gathering today – many of our regular members had out-of-town visitors or other engagements that kept them away, but we hope they return next month!

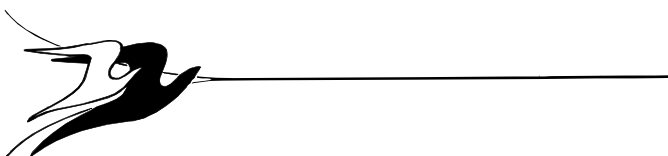
Gloria Marcantoni was the only one present that was celebrating a birthday. She was honored with the singing and candle presentation. No anniversaries were noted.

President **Dick Coughlin** entertained us with a few jokes and then gave his UAL report. Topics included our on-time performance, Warren Buffett's airline holdings, the increase in Illinois State Income Tax (come to Florida where there is no State Income Tax!) and UAL's 2nd Quarter profits.

Calendar:

September 7 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

October 5 – Same as above





THE ORLANDO

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Submitted by Diane Lewis (Secretary was absent again, but promises to make September 5th meeting!)

The meeting was opened by President **Al Fields**, and followed by **Ken Michels** leading us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Al brought up the good news that UA had reported an over eight million dollar profit and asked if anyone knew whether this may affect our pensions from PBGC. **Linda Agnello** related from the information she was aware of that it would not.

Al reminded us that the RUAEA Convention is being held in Las Vegas in September. He noted Elaine would probably attend and, if so, bring back news/changes for us in October.

The next order of business was the scheduling of our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 5th. Al said he would contact Bonefish Grill and inquire if they would give us the same rate as last year.

Richard Vinson and **Shelby Michaels** are celebrating their birthdays this month. **Chris & Donna Hess** also have reason to celebrate - 54 years of marriage this month!

In closing, Al announced that **Ken Michels** will preside at the September meeting as he will be out of town.

The Real McCoys meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1300 at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Our next luncheon meetings will be September 5th. Hope to see you there!

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Our meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. We have a small group today with only 7 in Attendance. **Jan Lindstrom** read the May Minutes and it was approved as read. **Lillian Sawyer** gave Treasurers report, it was also approved as read. Lillian informed us that we have 27 paid up members.

There is no birthday this month. **Robert & Janis Lindstrom** celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 26th.

Beverly Alderdice talked about her trip to Cleveland, **Noemi Guzman** talked about her trip to San Juan for a Wedding.

Discussion was held about the RUAEA Convention in September and about UAL policies.

Our October 2nd Picnic will be held at Anderson Park, 11:00AM. Please sign up.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

September 11 – IHOP, 10:30

October 2 - Fall Picnic, Anderson Park - 11:00AM, Lunch served at Noon. Please sign up.

November 6 – IHOP, 10:30

December 6 - (Wednesday), Christmas Luncheon at Heritage Spring. One and All are invited, bring your friends. More info will follow.



TREASURE COAST

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Our August meeting was held at Duffy's, South Stuart with 20 members and one guest in attendance. A warm welcome was extended to **Amy Strasfeld**. She was introduced by **Jim Morehead**. Amy is a daughter of recently retired United Captain **Mark Strasfeld**. He was a pilot for 34 years. We are anxious to have him and his wife, **Evie**, join us in South Florida. They will be living in Boynton Beach during the winter months.

We were so happy to have members "**Dinos**" **Xi-faras**, **Vicky & Ed Snyder**, and **Ron Brodis** back with us after their bouts of illnesses. **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** have been away for a while getting settled in their new condo.

Diane Brodis shared a great story with us. She was fortunately able to fly on the last domestic 747 Flight. After traveling from Fort Lauderdale to Chicago she boarded the milestone flight to San Francisco. Many space available travelers were afforded the privilege. What a great memory for all of them.

Paul & Diane Liebisch recently returned from a trip to Berlin. Normally their trip is enjoyable and uneventful. This one, however, will be one they won't soon forget. There was one delay after another. They were about to get a hotel and spend the night being thoroughly exhausted. The agent suggested they hang on a little longer. After all, they were #1 and #2 to board space available. Luckily, they were boarded and heading home after several hours of delays. When they fi-

nally arrived at their parking lot in the wee hours of the morning, they found their car, unfortunately, with the windows partially down (who knows what happened there), totally soaked and with a dead battery. Now it was definitely time for a hotel. They do travel a lot. But we're wondering if they won't be staying home for a while!

Janet Hanley will be having two knee replacements. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Janet. Hope to see you back soon.

A discussion about United's Basic Economy got members thinking about space available travel. Evidently there is no way of knowing how many of them will be boarded at the last minute. Just when you think it looks good for you, it can fill up fast. Food for thought.

August 1st was President **Al Popek's** birthday. We celebrated with cupcakes and candles for him to blow out and a boisterous group of 21 singing Happy Birthday.

Our 50/50 was won by **Carolyn Lindgren**. **Don Smith** was not present to collect the Progressive winnings. **Tom Odom** won a box of chocolates which was donated by **Millie Rossi**.

The results of the voting concerning the Christmas Party was announced. Our December 11th (Monday) festivities will be held in the afternoon this year from 12 to 4:00 PM. The setting will be the beautiful, on the water, Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno.

We will be collecting dues for the 2017/2018 year starting next month. Dues are \$10.00 each. You can either pay at a meeting or mail a check made out to **Diane Liebisch**, 127 NE Royce Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983. Everyone should have a current roster of members. If you do not, e-mail me and I will get one to you. New rosters will be out in January.

Our October picnic will be held on the 17th this year. If you are unable to attend the September meeting for signing up and choosing a dish to bring, contact **Al Popek** with your choice and number of people attending. It will be held at Dubois Park in Jupiter. Directions will follow early October.

Birthdays in August include **Al Popek** (1st), **Mau-reen Carragher** (4th), **Mary Jane Wise** (13th), **James Hanley** (15th), **Dinos Xifaras** (25th) and **Frank Wise** (27th).

Calendar:

September 5 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 PM

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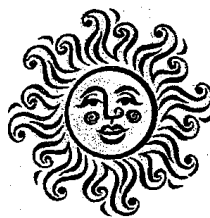
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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



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

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September - Is it just me, or did June, July and August last about 10 minutes? It's been a crazy weather summer, hasn't it? I never even got out my bathing suit. That's funny, since I haven't worn a bathing suit since 1994. In mid-August, we had a Solar Eclipse, did anybody see it? Only if you went to Carbondale... In late August we will have two planets shining in the early evening. Jupiter will be in the southwest sky, to the left is Saturn, you might see its rings with a small telescope.

To the left of Saturn is the Little Dipper. You should still be able to see these stars. Keep your eyes to the sky and your feet on the ground. While you're eating this all in, take a bite out of the Milky Way.

The Northside Breakfast attendance was small, affected by that terrible rain and flooding we had. Only 12 people were able to come in for their oatmeal. One brave newbie soul made it up from Lansing, **Bill Corbett**, and it took him over two hours. We were glad to see him brave the weather and join us.

The Southside Breakfast had 15 people, including little Genesis, **Sylvester Gant**'s granddaughter. It's so nice that he brings her, we get to see her growing and developing every time. And yes, she has Sylvester wrapped around her little finger. Don't we all allow that of our kids? The raffle was won by **Scotty Ward**, **Tom Hurley** and twice by Sylvester. He'll need that cash for Genesis. **Bill Brookins** was chasing a little bitty mouse around his back yard, fell and fractured his right wrist. Last year, his wife, Gwen fell in LAS, and broke her left wrist. I guess turnaround is fair play, now she's helping him with everything. Don't they say most accidents happen around the house?

Over 40 people came to the RUPA lunch at Nick's Pizza and Pub in Crystal Lake. Lot of pilots telling each other to put their seats in an upright position before landing, lots of peanut shells on the floor and lots of stories about, 'what happened at 30,000 ft.' Next meeting, September 12, will be at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin.

The ORDMM breakfasts had many returnees, **Paul Olson**, **Dave Stoves**, **Bob Hardin**, **Dick Hansen**, **Paul Nordmeyer**, and **Jack & Ellie Teresinski**. Florida and Arizona must be empty.

The IAM 1487 had their Summer Indoor Picnic at the Local Lodge. The committee grilled a delicious lunch, with the members bringing salads and desserts. Games were played, raffles were won, and all had a good time. **Mike Klemm**, District 141 President, stopped in with several officers. He presented IAMAW service awards to people who were in the union for 50 years, **Bill Brookins** and **Dave Willy**, ORDCG, and with 60 years, **Cesar Guerra**, ORD and EXOHN, **Frank Rainer** and **Ken Thiede**, ORDMM. There will be a lunch at Elly's Restaurant on Golf Road in Arlington Heights, on September 19, at 1:00. Their next Lodge meeting will be September 7, a Meet and Eat Luncheon.

You probably saw that United had their last 747-400 flight out of ORD on July 28. When people heard about it, they made reservations just to be on that flight. Excitement abounded in gate area C18. The whole flight had a party atmosphere. Over 200 employees were able to get on NRSA. Heck, never thought I had a chance, shoulda tried! But as **Lillian Mallstrom** pointed out,

'How would you get back home with 200 standby's?' Good point!

I was reading in one of the United Facebook pages that some airport agents are not announcing our names once we've been cleared for a seat. Keep your eyes on the TV board to check your name as 'cleared', or check the United.com App on your phone to see if you've been given a seat. Just a tip so you're aware that the agents might be busy and not make notifications. Standing close to the podium is a good idea, too.

As I mentioned before, it's so nice to hear from old friends. This month was **Boris Spitz**, in AZ, from ORDMM, **Joe Herold**, in AZ, from ORDMM and SFO, **Bob Gruitch** and **Nancy Naranjo**, in CA, from OPBSP and SFO, **Ed Hughes**, in TX, from ORDMM and SFO, and my new friend, **Charlotte Schultz**, living in OH, from FWA and DEN. I get calls from strangers all the time needing help and information. I'm always willing to help, if I don't have an answer, will do my best to find it. With all the scammers and people looking for donations, I don't always answer. Please leave a message, I will call you back.

Drove up North to the Fox and Des Plaines River areas that were flooded, and visited with **Sandy Ekvall**, wife of **Bunky**, ORDMM. How sad to see so many people's belongings in their front yards with lost memories of pictures and treasures. I lived through a fire 22 years ago, trust me, I know the grief and even depression of, 'Where do we go from here'? I read that United has helped a group of people, called Team Rubicon, to fly in and respond to these disasters. United uses their Charity Miles program, Airlink, to transport them across the country. Also, **Franklin Graham** has an organization called Samaritan's Purse that gives relief in these instances. Both have helped the Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois areas affected by the flooding.

Don't forget our Skyliners' Fall Luncheon on September 12, at the Belvedere Restaurant, in Elk Grove. The Chordmasters Quartet will entertain us. You probably remember them from last year, a very talented and humorous four men. Come on down, while the weather is still good. We're having that delicious squash soup. Sign up by September 8.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month include, **Don Zmich**, and **Louis Buglisi**, from ORDCG, **Gina Melton**, 25, daughter of **Margie Melton**, ORDCG, Lady **Beverly Brown Lanzilla**, ORDSW, **Catherine O'Connor**, wife of deceased ORDMM mechanic, Bob, and a special friend of mine, **Tom Reynolds**, ORDMM. Mrs. Santa Claus, **Helen Stefanos**, wife of **Tony**, EXOCT, passed away in Florida, four days before her 88th birthday. She and Tony moved there to be closer to their children in 2012. They are remembered as being a loving couple, who did everything together. And now, they're back, hand in hand,

again, for the last time. Also gone from our world are Martin Landau, George Romero, June Foray (voice of Natasha), Sam Shepard, Ara Parseghian, Kenneth Jay Lane, John Heard, Barbara Sinatra, Jeanne Moreau, and Cub's manager, Don Baylor. From my home, I lost another kitty. My little Clark Gable lost his fight with kidney and thyroid problems. He was 17, and close to my heart. I still have Kate and Audrey Hepburn, so all is not lost. Losing two furry friends within a month is not easy.

Remember when the Cubs won the World Series last November? Well, might be a coincidence, but there has been a boom in August baby births. Who said, 'There are no coincidences'. Go Cubbies!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**September 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**September 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 Luncheon, Lodge Office, 11:00, 50 W. Oakton St., DesPlaines, (**September 7**). First Thursday of the month

September 12 - Skyliners Fall Luncheon—Belvedere Restaurant, 11:00 A.M., 1170 W. Devon, Elk Grove

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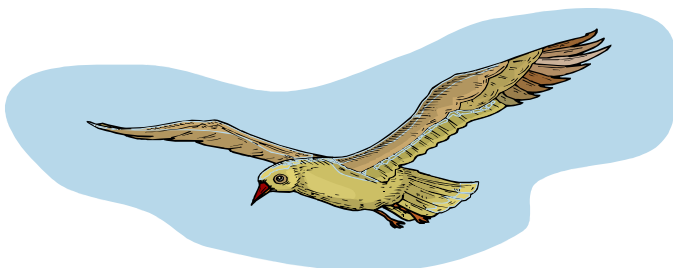
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On July 18, the Indy Racers held its annual picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, Indiana. With the theme of "Country Chic" everyone enjoyed pulled pork with side dishes and wonderful desserts.

While our August 8th gathering, and business meeting, will be held at Emmy's Pancake House, in Avon, Indiana, the venue for our September 12th lunch has yet to be determined.

For more information regarding Indy Racers, please contact **Margie Bregante**, Historian, at (317) 418-8243.



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No meeting, no meeting news. However, some good news, we have a new member, **Judy Kearney**, BOSCS. Welcome to the Nor'Easter Judy!

Our VP Sarah works at a major hotel chain in Portsmouth, NH. Portsmouth, a historic seacoast city is quite the tourist capitol most of the year. She advised that their 131 rooms are usually full at an average rate of \$300 to \$350 per night, with an active wait list. Two years ago I queried several Boston hotels with the RUAEA convention in mind. Their rates were just as high eliminating that thought.

A note from our President Carleen ~ *I spent an interesting time recently, in Washington DC. My uncle, Jim Diffley, a NYC policeman and WWII vet, and his wife were interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He was a gunner's mate on the USS Ticonderoga in January 1945, when the ship was hit by two Kamikaze planes. It's hard to imagine how scared those 18 & 19 year olds must have been when over 200 of their comrades' perished.*

The services at Arlington were extremely impressive, with an honor guard, a 21 gun salute and folding of the flag. They made each family feel special, no matter how long ago their service was.

Returning to Boston, the Southwest flight at Reagan National was delayed as an inbound craft carrying a deceased serviceman, took precedence. He was killed in Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, onboard the USS Oklahoma. He, along with other serviceman were exhumed in 2015 and identified by DNA. He was now on his way to Arlington. While watching from the gate area, the flag draped casket was lifted into a hearse with a military honor guard. As the hearse pulled away, the fire trucks discharged a volley of water over the procession. The deceased, a 21 year old from MA, was home after 75 years. Once again, very impressed how the military honors their dead.

Sad news; **Mark Bonnell**'s mother passed away in her sleep on June 23. Mark found her that morning and was in a bad way. He is doing better now, but his father seems lost.

When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

September birthdays ~ **Robert Anderson, Frank DeStefano, Carleen Eddy, Mercedes Hersom, Gerald**

Peters, Lynn O'Hara and Paul O'Mara.

September anniversaries ~ **Mark & Janet Bonnell** (23 years), **Robert & Mary Boyle** (37), **Frank & Natalie Procopio** (58), **Joan & Ron Twing** (44) and **Dick & Dayle Vee** (36).

Calendar:

December 5 - Danvers Port Yacht Club, Danvers MA

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Twenty three DTWRR UAL retirees attended our August luncheon at the Olive Garden in Novi, MI. As usual, we had a great time. Good food and lots of laughs made for a great afternoon. Attending were **Marie Cook** and her niece **Judy**, **Sharon Jacob** and her daughter **Lisa**, **Susie Friedman**, **Joni O'Brien** and her mother, **Helen Venn**, **Carol Slade**, **Sue Craig**, **Pat & Henri McElhone**, **Sherry Whitehead**, **Patty Gates**, **Joan Robinson**, **Marcy Vance** and her granddaughter, **Camille Wade**, **Kay Smith**, **Rick & me**, and our hosts, **Marlene & Brendan Heaney**.

Kay Smith now lives in Florida and was visiting in Michigan. **Sherry Whitehead** is still working at home for UAL.

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

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NORTHERN LITES

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The Lites came together in July on a warm, humid summer day, 24 strong including guests **Lori McGarry**, friend of **Gene & Kookie Delvaux**; **Rita & Fred Stang's** grandson, **Jude**, and **Nel Brawner's** niece, **Eva**. **Nel & Eva** got there early and left early as well because of an appointment which interfered with our visiting time. Among the "hard core" members who were missing that day were **Janet Meyer**, who fell and injured her

shoulder. Word is that surgery could be required. **Gordy Olson** was having cataract surgery that day, so **Lou** was gone, too, to assist in driving & hand-holding.

News from out West ~ **Arlene McCroy** reports that her husband, **Jim**, is in increasingly poor health and is in a care center now.

Mike Cunningham conducted the meeting that day, with everyone prompting him how to do it. That day was the 2nd-year anniversary of **Diane Storlie's** passing and our embattled president, **Lee Storlie**, preferred to have the day off. He was in attendance and we all cried and remembered our dear friend together. Mike shared with us that he was diagnosed with lung cancer back in March, although he has never smoked once in his life. He is undergoing treatment now and I know, would appreciate good thoughts and prayers.

Discussion about our summer outing (we don't call it a picnic nowadays because no one wants the work of hosting it anymore). Since August can be bloody hot around here, it was agreed, after some discussion, that a September boat trip on the St. Croix River with lunch following would be pleasant & fun. Here are the details ~ Reservations have been made at Taylors Falls for Wednesday, September 13th, our usual day. The boat leaves at 11:00am for a tour of about 80 minutes (length of the tour depends on the water's depth that day). Our group rate is \$15.50 per person. Payment must be made in advance to **Joann Ayres** and she will make one payment for the entire group. If you weren't able to send/give payment ahead of time, Jo will pick up tickets the day of the excursion and you can pay her then. **Do not go to the window to buy your own** as the usual cost for senior tickets is \$20.99!

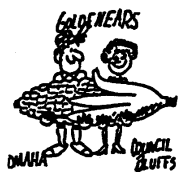
After the boat ride we will go to Village Pizzeria in Dresser, WI for lunch, scheduled for 1:00p.m. Lunch is off an extensive menu (much more than just pizza) and self pay. Jo will have directions for you to The Pizzeria (approximately a 10-minute drive from the boat dock). Any questions, call **Jo Ayres**, (715) 425-2755.

Sonja Gunderson won three times at the raffle, although we don't let her get away with that! Once was all she got, but three of her seven tickets were called. The last we saw of her, she was headed toward the casino on the way home.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd), then right to Perkins.



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We only had 20 members attend our latest luncheon at the Pizza Ranch, hosted by **Marge Edwards**. The food was wonderful as were the accommodations. **Barb Soseman** had noticed a coupon in the paper the day before so we were treated to a very inexpensive lunch. The day was hot and since it was a change of date I'm sure it caught people with other plans or just forgot the date. We were very happy to see **Arnie Mahoney** back after knee surgery. He seemed to be doing very well and is no longer in need of therapy to regain full mobility of the leg.

The winners of the 50/25/25 were **Ev Holly** and **Arnie Mahoney**, they each received \$13. How's that for luck Arnie?

June and July are busy months in Omaha. The College World Series brings lots of activity and people to the city as does all the fireworks programs for the 4th. From a distance it looks like the whole city is erupting in fireworks. Those coming for the CWS bring lots of cheer and friendliness to Omaha and make for lasting friendships with the fans. It's a magical atmosphere.

I talked with **Roger Jensen** recently. He said he is doing fairly well and is walking on his own now. He is still receiving IV therapy for the tumor he is currently dealing with. He goes in about every three weeks and doesn't have very bad side effects. However, Carol has had a couple of hospitalizations and she is having a little struggle at the moment. She had just returned from the hospital and they were busy this morning getting blood tests done for follow up care. We wish them well and hope they will be well enough to attend a meeting one of these times.

There are several members who have not been seen for a while so I may need to make more calls to see if others are ailing.

I see last month I got ahead of myself and listed the August birthdays instead of the July ones. So this month I will enter both July and August birthdays just so you will know who was missed.

Birthdays for the month of July. Happy birthday to all of you and I apologize for the omission last month ~ **Harry Hansen** (11), **Elaine Carlson** (15), **Jan Cornish** (15), **Tom Langan** (15), **Betsy Anderson** (19), and **Elaine Schreiber** (19).

Birthdays for the month of August. Happy birthday to one and all ~ **Judy Vogt** (13), **Shirley Mahoney**

(27), **Sue Manhart** (28), **Shirley Payton** (29), **Helen Taylor** (30), **Ruth Saffer** (30), and **Ralph Westadt** (31).

Our next meeting will be at Fernando's Café in Blair, 1600 Washington Street, hosted by **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**.

Calendar:

September 6 - (Wednesday*) Cooper Farm, hosted by **Jan & Keith Cornish**

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

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

* Change of day due to the Farm being booked on Tuesday.

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There were 19 members plus guest **Lesley Jaramillo**, who accompanied **Maurine Williams**, at our July meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

The date for our summer picnic is Friday, September 22, at the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch. As agreed by the members in attendance at the July meeting, the chapter will provide sandwiches, wraps and dessert. We did not buy the additional insurance rider for alcohol this year so **no alcohol**. Please bring whatever you would like to drink. The chapter will provide coffee and tea. We have since found out that Washoe County will now provide the waiver for \$150.00 so that can be considered for next year.

A July birthday was celebrated by **Pam Wight**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Maurine Williams**.

We were saddened to report the passing of **Gerry Guyer** on July 4th, known to some of MOC retirees.

We are glad to welcome new members **Norm & Linda Borchers** to our chapter. He worked with several of our members at the MOC Engine Overhaul Division.

Our next meeting will be at the Black Bear Diner on August 14. See you there!



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Pictured are veterans of the Garden Staters chapter of RUAEA at our May meeting posing for Memorial Day.

learned at this meeting that she had passed away last year, and a moment of silence was held for her.

On an upbeat note, our ever popular **Diane Johnson** had a 50 year anniversary when she first started out in the stewardess service. She started flying in July 1967, and ended in July 2000. Her first flight was on a 727, and her last flight was on 727.

Frank Koszka who is part of our retirement group, and is still working at EWR, was on a complimentary flight for all employees that started out from Seattle and ended in Chicago. It was our first 777 – 300 to be delivered. Frank brought back a souvenir safety card signed by the captain Bob Lewis, and presented it to our presi-



Garden Staters Veterans

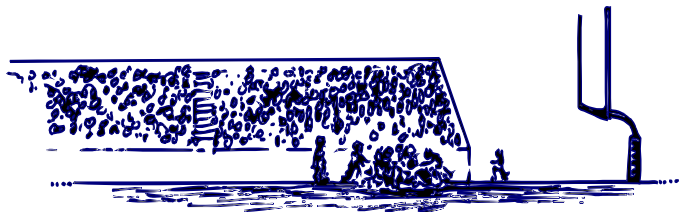
Our meeting was opened with a flag salute, led by President **Frank Worzocha**. It was followed by an introduction of **Jerry Formulak**, formerly of EWR and Los Angeles ramp. He was visiting relatives in Pennsylvania and stopped by our meeting to say hello, it was good to see him.

For those of us who had helped the New York and New Jersey port authority with their annual open jobs exposition at the airport for all children in the schools in Newark and Elizabeth, the director of Newark airport for the port, was Susan Baer, she was later put in charge of all the port authority's airports. She was most responsible for those expositions popularity. I know everyone was happy to be working with her. We just

dent **Frank Worzocha**. It's the little things that count.

Gene Enfield won our 50/50 and our next meeting will be on August 30th at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM. We are also reminded that since United has stopped flying the 747's, anyone who has any mementos should bring them to the next meeting.

****From the great prophet Leroy: *"If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong"*.



NEW YORK

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It was another beautiful day in the park, with that refreshing breeze blowing in from the unseen Atlantic Ocean. We had 40 attendees. Some we hadn't seen in a while, plus guests, **Mario Lagasi**, grandson of the **Pozzis**; **Rich Kleinhaut**, brother of **Kenneth**; **Ryan Ouwerkerk**, grandson of the **Ammons**. Welcome to two new retirees, **Louise Sudul**, (JFK), and **Linda Munden**, (LGA), both credit union employees. We missed our steady regulars, **Marylou & Ed Ellis**, to whom we send our best wishes, and **Lillian & Paul Cohen**.

We had lots of 50/50 winners. In order they were **Helene Ammon**, **Louise Sudul**, **John Green**, **Frank Ferrara**, **Lester Darmstadt** and **Evelyn Schroeder**.

While there is no further news of RUAEA members, sadly I report the death of my sister, **Martha** on July 6th and **Donna Feingold's** Mom on July 8th. May they Rest In Peace!

We are still trying to pick a place for our Christmas luncheon, if anyone has a recommendation. Our next meeting will be at the Davenport Press. It seems all of our chapters are looking for affordable places these days.

Calendar:

September 6 - Davenport Press

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We had 79 members attend our July 12th meeting held at Shale Creek Golf Course and the weather was a perfect 80 degrees and sunny. "Grace" was performed by Vice President **Arlene Taylor** before lunch. The food was excellent and everyone decided it was a definite for next year. The 50/50 drawing was conducted by **Dave & Marie Placko**. The winners were **Bernie Kazimer**, **Bob Templeton** and **Lois Walter**.

We also had some guests: We welcomed **Dan & Sandy LePard**. Dan is a Continental Retiree and they are here to check us out. We hope they enjoyed the

luncheon. Well guess what, I guess they did as they joined our chapter before leaving. **Candace Kane** who had worked in CLERR has joined our chapter. Let's show her a "Big Welcome".

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting. In the past 7½ years since she became president, we have added 97 new members. Our total membership-to-date is 226. We gave a big "Thank You" to **Norma & Vince Malena** for hosting this luncheon. Our illnesses included **Pat Hendy**, **Eleanor Kiehl**, and **Kay & Jack Preston**. We want to say welcome back. Please keep all members in your prayers.

July birthdays were **Elda Custer**, **Bernie Garrah**, **Reta Hammer**, **Sandy LeMasters**, **Norma Malena**, **Shirley McCarthy** and **Barb Vauls**. We sang Happy Birthday to them. Our Anniversary was **Jeff & Judy Spooner** celebrating 52 years.

Calendar:

October 4 - Lunch at Old Oak Bible Church-Helms Hall, Middleburg Hts.

November 1 - Tony K's Restaurant - Party room, Berea

December 6 - Diamond Event Center, Brunswick

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July was our annual "indoor" picnic, with 59 folks enjoying the lunch, great conversations, and lots of prizes. We were delighted that **Inge Pempeit** brought her daughter, Dagmar, and Dagmar's fiancé, Alan. The couple will marry at the end of August. It was great to meet them and give congratulations.

Fun trips made recently by our members: **Anne Farmer** took her grandson to the 911 Memorial in New York; **Al & Carol** went to Yellowstone; **Inge Pempeit** went to Germany for a month, and was lucky to get First Class seating both ways, she is going to take her grandchildren to Hawaii; **Linda Tracy** went to Yellowstone; **Bill & Sam French** took a trans-Atlantic cruise from Miami to Barcelona; **Len & Jeri Blodgett** went on a cruise from Seattle to Alaska; and **John Van Reenan** took the inland passage to Alaska.

Unfortunately, we have a few deaths to announce: **Dorothy Retzlaff**, retired United Airlines employee (PDXRR and PDXCS) passed away Saturday, June 24, 2017. She was 102. At her request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. If you wish, condolences

may be sent to her nephew: Gary Plieth, 1370 Char Diaz Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045. **Nancy Ink**, retired UAL employee (PDXCS) passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2017. She was 89. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local animal shelter. She will be cremated, and her ashes scattered in her favorite places. **Leota Kyle**, wife of **Lonnie Kyle** retired from PDXGQ and PDXMM passed away July 4, 2017. There will be no service. Condolences may be sent to **Lonnie Kyle**, PO Box 457, Sandy, OR 97055-0457. **Tom Raymond**, retired PDXOO, passed away on Friday evening July 21st, service was held on Saturday, July 29th at Mt. Adams Baptist Church in Troutlake, WA. Cards may be sent to his wife **Susan Raymond**, 2204 SE 110th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97216.

Announcements: As a result of the Centennial Legislation P. L. 114-289 passed by Congress on December 20, 2016, the National Park (new) permits will increase from \$20.00 to \$80.00, on August 28, 2017. If one already has a current permit (Golden Age Passport), it is good for a lifetime, so if you do not already have one, be sure to obtain prior to August 28th. Permits may be obtained at any Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, TVA, Forest Service, Bureau of Recreation or the Army Corps Service.

Bill French will be arranging for a supervisor at International arrivals to come speak to the group regarding new rules and changes, most likely at the August meeting.

Anniversaries ~ Roy & Joan DeCamara (29 years) and **Mel & Barbara Martin** (59 years).

Birthdays ~ Rosalie Betschart (74); **Louise Robillard** (73); **Sam French** (72); **Carol Luyton** (74) and **Tony DaSilva** (93).

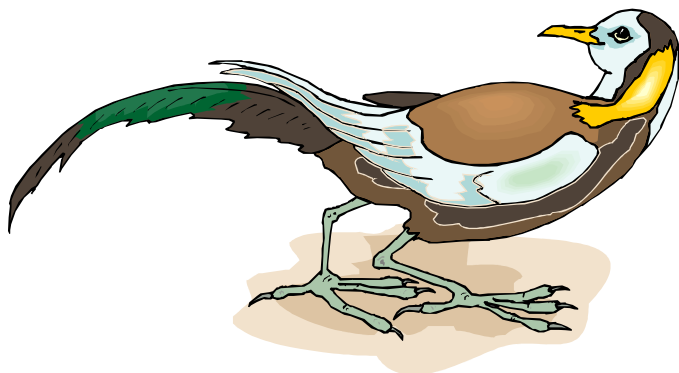
Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - Marilyn Woods, Men's Birthday - **Tony DaSilva**, Women's Birthday - **Rosalie Betschart** and 50/50 - **Tom Walker**.

Calendar:

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

September 13 – Social

October 11



PENNSYLVANIA

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Submitted by Treatie Karwoski

September, the dog days of summer are behind us. The leaves start changing to the most vibrant fall colors, orange, yellow and brown. Put them against the green evergreens, it's a sight to behold. The smell of autumn is in the air. High school, college and pro football will be taking up the weekends sitting in the crisp cool air or in front of the TV watching the games. It's the season.

I received a call from our chapter advisor, **Jeri Juth**, and she advised me The Café Room at Saint Joseph Villa rocked and rolled with sounds of **Gene Testa**, former you UAL PITR agent. Gene entertains at the Villa once a month to a standing, mostly sitting in wheelchairs, clapping and swaying to Gene's fantastic playing and singing. Gene woos the women walking around giving hugs and tweaking their cheeks. Attending along with **Jeri** was **Bernie, Paul & Betty Musko** and **Jim Weber**. Yours truly couldn't make it, boo-hoo. I would have enjoyed a hug or a tweak. Gene entertained at local hospitals and is available to play for any function.

Mary Jane Stewart is going to Saint Petersburg Beach to attend her grandson Kevin's wedding August 5. Our dear friend, **Wilda Squires**, UAL retiree is conducting the ceremony. There is no grass growing under Mary Jane's feet. After her trip to Milan, Mary Jane the spent some time in South Carolina visiting her son, Kevin. Not only is she an international traveler, but also travels the USA. **Bernie & Jeri Juth's** grandson Trevor met his fiancé (recent bride) at pharmacy school and are now doctors of pharmacy in Colorado. Trevor is the son of **Bernie Juth**, former ramp agent in PIT and now in Denver. A happy occasion for Jeri & Bernie was to meet their great granddaughter Anna Bell along with their grandson Zach.

On July 26, kind hearted, one of a kind, unforgettable, **Joe Scafoglio** passed away. Joe started working for Capital in Buffalo. He transferred to PIT and became a supervisor in passenger service until his retirement. Cards or notes may be sent to his wife **Nancy** at 8890 E. Carol Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Russ Miller attended his grandson, Matthew Ryan's wedding in Long Island, June 17. A few days later they went to their daughter Rhonda's home in Brookfield Connecticut and had a family reunion since they were

all together. Does anyone know Russ's middle name?

Dave Beatty's golf team spent three days in Erie and won several prizes. Our guy Dave won closest to the pin, you go Dave, will we see you on the circuit soon?

You will be receiving a flyer in the mail with details of our next luncheon. Hope to see you all there.

September 11 will be the 16th anniversary of the flight 93. Let us not forget how brave the crew and passengers were.

Happy birthday to all of you Virgos. Happy anniversary to all who were married in September.

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Our July 20th meeting and luncheon was attended by only 17 members and a surprise guest, a lot of our active members who didn't attend were either on trips or visiting families.

Each year, TN Rocky Tops members who would like to host a luncheon meeting or activity signs up. We have a luncheon and meeting on the third Thursday every other month. Our Breakfast get together is held on the third Thursday of the opposite months which our president **Pollie Klosky** takes head count. At our Luncheons and meetings, our host and/or hostess picks and reserves the location, picks a theme/decorations and door prizes. Why I am telling you about this is because my husband **Les Hartshorn** and I signed up a year ago to host our July 20th meeting.

The food and service was great, the theme and decorations were to celebrate the 4th of July late. The Hillsdale College donated booklets of the Declarations of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America for all of our members.

Our secretary **Barb Chapin** was out of town. Treasurer **Mike Chapin** was also out of town, he left a report that our balance is 502.56. We made \$23 on our 50/50.

President Pollie reported on UAL News: As announced on July 18th, UAL's profits for the second quarter of 2017 rose by 39.6%. It's gratifying to see our company becoming more successful.

Our surprise guest who flew in from IAD was our Regional Director **Linda Scriven**. Thank you for coming to visit our group. All of us really enjoyed meeting with you.

Calendar:

September 21 - Luncheon and meeting, 11:30AM at Puleo's Grille, 110 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN (Hwy11-75) at Merchants Drive. RSVP to **Herman & Beverly Emmel**, (865) 605-2050.

October 19 - Breakfast, 9:30 AM, the Egg & I Restaurant, 5018 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (Bearden), TN. RSVP to **Pollie Klosky**, (847) 757-5261.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Back to school – and back to monthly luncheon meetings of the Emerald City Slickers through November. We'll be back again next year from January through May. We would enjoy having you join us during any one of our active months. Folks who have paid chapter dues for 2017 will receive e-mail or print copies of Contrails, the Seattle chapter's local newsletter prior to the September meeting. Instructions for making luncheon reservations and selecting your entrée will be provided in that issue. If you do not have access to the latest chapter newsletter, contact **Gay Liesse** at the e-mail address above, and she will point you in the right direction.

We look forward to welcoming back our volunteer staff of officers! President **Ken Storey** will be joined by Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** and Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**. Augmenting the list are Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** and Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**. **Virginia Dice** serves as Sunshine Lady while **Gay Liesse** is the chapter correspondent to this RUAEA Newsletter. As always, we thank **Vicki Shumaker** for publishing our chapter newsletter and Phyllis' staff of "printers, folders and mailers."

Jackie will complete her years as treasurer at the end of the year. She has done a great job keeping the chapter's books and will be missed. Any volunteers itching to take her place as treasurer?

What a wonderful picnic on the shore of beautiful, spring-fed Lake Burien on July 11! Forty-two members and guests gathered at the lovely home of **Kathi Skarbo**, a close friend of **Ken & Judy Storey**. There was adequate space and seating out of the sun for all to enjoy a barbecue lunch catered by a local restaurant on the patio overlooking the lake. Those interested were treated to a grand tour of Kathi's 4-year-old home. She had lived in the older house next door for 28 years, so she was well-acquainted with the territory when she and

an architect designed and built her more modern abode.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** and her assistant, **Noreen Krawczyk**, greeted all comers, collecting for lunch and checking names on the reservations list. Without a regular business meeting, other officers enjoyed greeting guests and catching up with their comings and goings since the last chapter meeting in May.

Bonnie Frey distributed new "permanent" nametags that had been ordered by members earlier in the year. Look for the white shape of the State of Washington on a dark green background when you're greeting other conventioners in Las Vegas. Slickers who have been members for many years may be sporting an older green state-shaped badge with their names engraved in white.

Retired Customer Service Agent **Bob Brumfield** is well-known across the United Airlines System, having worked at various stations and written a travel column for this newsletter. Bob also was instrumental establishing the Retirees' Travel Desk. Unfortunately, Bob has suffered several medical incidents since June and, after a lengthy hospital stay, has been moved to a memory-care center in Seattle. His future is uncertain at this point, but Bob will require serious individual care from here on. If you would like to send a card or make a call, please e-mail me (**Gay Liesse**), and I'll get the latest information to you. In the meantime, we all keep Bob in our thoughts.

See you in Las Vegas!

Calendar:

September 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien (reservations required)

October 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

November 14 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

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Oops, sorry I missed last month's report, we were RV'ing to DEN and MSP. There was nothing to report!

The weather was hot (high 90's) and we are contending with smoke from wild fires all around our state (MT, ID, OR and Canada).

Since we are not meeting, we hope next month's article will start having interviews with retirees! "Remembering the good ole' days".

We wish all a safe and fun summer.



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My apologies for not submitting an article for the August Newsletter. My husband had back surgery, my daughter became very ill and my leftover time seemed to be in short supply. So now, I have plenty to tell you.

Our June luncheon was held at the Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. It was great fun. We ended our catered lunch with watermelon, chocolates, cookies and a delicious and beautiful birthday cake for our members with summer birthdays (*See picture on next page*). We sang happy birthday and gave each of them a "Happy Birthday" cocktail glass (sans cocktail.)

The winery has added a brewery to their business. The brew master gave a very interesting presentation and then gave our members a tour of his domain. During their first year in business, the brewery received an "excellence" award for their IPA brew. Our chapter bought two cases of wine (red, white and rosé) which were given out as door prizes. **Hank Heuser** won the very first bottle. This was particularly exciting because it was his third BOW event and his first win.

We also used this opportunity to honor and thank the members who have worked hard to make our chapter a success. Our VP **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** made each of the recipients a "Thank You" card with a personal poem for each of them. I was presented with a poem which I cherish. Cathy received a card in which I included the sentiments of thanks from our membership. It was not as witty or clever as the poems she wrote, but it was heartfelt. Our honorees were Cathy, **Judy Dunlap** (treasurer), **Bob O'Roark** (Chapter Historian), **Kerrie Schneider** (go-to girl and past Secretary/Treasurer), **Linda Scriven** (past President and current RUAEA Regional Director), **Ina Ayres** (Sunshine Committee Chair), **Mary Beth Collins** (Sunshine Committee), **Cheryl MacDonald**, **T.R. Evenson**, and **Gunn Chencinski** (all invaluable volunteers who help wherever needed).

It was a beautiful day and the event was a great way to end our calendar year and break for summer vacation.

In September, we will resume our monthly luncheons on Wednesday the 13th at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. We encourage guests and new members to come and spend some time with us.

Also, I would like to remind you that on Sunday, September 24th, our chapter will be attending our third annual Flying Circus in Bealeton, VA. We have rented

Dulles Loungers Summer Birthdays



the pavilion for our potluck lunch. The chapter will provide the entrée. All are invited, but please let us know that you are coming. There will be a United "museum" with a plethora of UA and Capital memorabilia. The performances of the bi-planes is exciting. The wing walkers and the Red Baron are also very entertaining parts of this show. Join us.

Until next time, fly and be safe.

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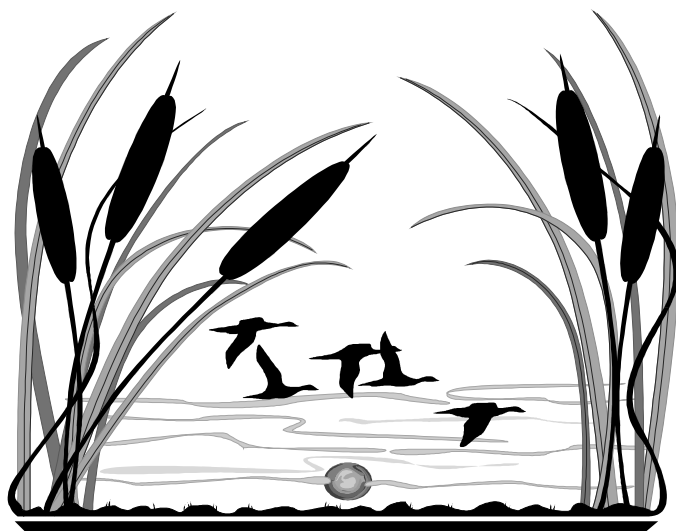
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Along with beautiful autumn days and crisp night time air, each of us in our airline family will always be feeling a certain sense of sadness in September as we pass another anniversary of 9/11. We Remember and We Will Not Forget.

As we move forward into September 2017, I wanted to share with you an email our BWI CW Chapter received from the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House where we have the privilege of volunteering. This is about their "Good News Bell". When a family is able to leave the House and go home with their child who has been in the Baltimore area for treatment perhaps for weeks or even months, they ring the bell in the entry way to celebrate that they are finally heading home! Hope you each have an event in your lives to celebrate by ringing the Good News Bell either silently in private or very loudly for all to share. In our Clipped Wings Organization, we are loudly ringing the bell in honor of the good news that our OMA Chapter is celebrating their 50th Anniversary as a chapter this year! We thank and congratulate all of the special OMA Members whose dedication and commitment have made this milestone event possible.

If you are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member we'd love to have you consider joining our Clipped Wings organization. If you'd like more information about a CW Chapter in your area just fill out a form on our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org and we'll be in touch with you. We'd love to have you share our "Good News Bell" events, celebrations and philanthropy endeavors. Wishing you peace.✂



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NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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Letters & Notes



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

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

Joan Aaronson, Ralph Baggetts, Jaime Berald, Joyce Calderone, Ethel Clarke, Shirley Dickinson, Rogeloi Fernandez, Valerie Forsberg, Evan Holly, Gordon Jones, Carol Rising, Thad Rogers, Bob Schwartz, Sue Spieker, Patty Stanton, Alan Stephenson, Gerri Teyssier, Jerome Watnemoe, Barbara Weir, Irv Wolfram.

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.)

Robert Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

As the hours tick away and the years add up, I now have reached the 94th year of age.

I am walking a little slower with a cane; but I still enjoy the sunrise and sunsets from the Belmont Hill. I inherited my daughter's miniature poodle, a great lap dog.

At my last visit with the doctor, his comments were "See you in six months". I occasionally visit the local chapter and luncheons.

Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118

This is late. It makes me wonder if this fact plus the birthday/age thing has anything to do with it. If so, I am really going to have to watch it for next year, when I will be 80!

Yesterday at the blood test, the middle aged lady drawing my blood saw my DOB and said "Oh, a long journey". It is a term of endearment in her Chinese Heritage. Upon hearing her say that, I must say, I felt quite comfortable with everything.

It is funny how the right things said at the right time can brighten our day.

David Detwiler, 284 Kellev Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425

I decided to not wait for the dreaded red label this year and get this in early for once. I have been retired now for 23 years as of the first of August and it just doesn't seem possible. Our health is still pretty good for our age and we just keep plugging along. My cardiologist thinks I may have to have a "valve job" pretty soon but tests determined that it can put off at least another year.

I am finishing my first year as a volunteer at the Flight 93 Memorial and enjoying every minute of it. Recently a teenage visitor said to me, "Do they make you stand out here and talk to everyone?" I replied that no one makes me do anything. All of us volunteers do it because we want to do it. We are there to help honor the brave men and women crew and passengers of Flight 93 for what they did that day. They couldn't save their own lives but they saved countless lives in our nation's capital on 9/11. The terrorist pilot had entered the code for Washington's Reagan Airport into the autopilot that day. The target was most likely the Nation's Capital or the White House.

I have an added incentive because those seven crew members were my fellow employees, and those 33 passengers were our customers who trusted us, United Airlines, to get them from Newark, NJ to San Francisco. I met another man who was a secret service agent on that fateful day. He had been working in the west wing of the White House. He told me that the forty crew and passengers of Flight 93 may have saved his life and that is why he is a volunteer at the memorial. We all have our reasons.

If you are traveling thru Pennsylvania this sum-

mer, take a couple hours out of your schedule to visit the memorial. The new visitor's center will make it all worthwhile. There are ten walls of exhibits there that will help answer your questions about what happened there on 9/11. They have a showcase there with thousands of small parts and wiring from the airplane.

If you plan to stop, print out the directions from the website because even after you get off the PA turnpike at exit 110, there is still at least a 20 minute drive to the memorial involving several different highways.

A common field one day, a field of honor forever. (Flight 93 Memorial mission statement)

Betty Green, 4352 Belmont Dr., Sebastopol, CA 95472

Bill just had his 85th birthday with family and friends with a lovely party.

He was with UAL for 40 years in SFO. He loves getting the monthly newsletter from RUAEA, to see what is happening. We don't have a computer, so he enjoys reading it. So thank you for all the news.

Dick Hopkins, 1410 Philmar Ln., Vista, CA 92083

Good news to report. The August newsletter, unlike July's, managed to escape any postal problems and arrived on time. It included the red birthday reminder, past due. So this is an immediate reply, to avoid excommunication!

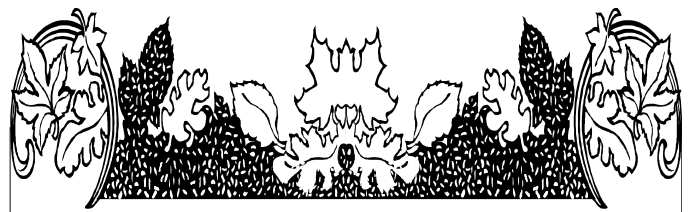
Thanks again for the call to verify my address.

Ray O'Shea, 19 Sutherland Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Just a note to say thanks for the news and your good works on the newsletter.

We just celebrated the 4th of July in the land of the free and home of the brave. This reminds me that I am one of the few remaining World War II veterans. I had 2 brothers who also served in WWII, who have passed away.

"Until next year, God bless you all".



Henry Suta, 2896 W. 115th Circle, Westminster, CO 80234

Thanks for the reminder. We seem to stay busy doing not too much.

Early in June we went to my niece's wedding in Bozeman, MT. Sixteen miles out of town, ten of it on a gravel road. The wedding was outside in a very pretty setting of trees, lawn and a running stream. The ranch house was a 103 year old two story that had been mail ordered in pieces from Sears & Roebuck. All in all it was a very impressive location. The hay bales we sat on were covered with white bed sheets.

The groomsmen wore cowboy boots, black jeans, tuxedo jackets and white hats. The ladies wore conventional gowns with boot heeled low boots. I am told they call them booties!

Late June we flew to Rapid City to inter my Sister-in-Law's ashes in the Black Hills National Cemetery. Not too far from Sturgis, so we drove up to look at it. That place really needs about 2000 motorcycles to pick it up.

We did also go to Mt Rushmore, first time that I've ever seen it from the ground! I have been over it many times by air.

Now, my wife is planning on going back to South Carolina! I am having problems with this after Hurricane Matthew last year, up until that time, I had never seen a tree twisted off in front of me before; I had never seen six inches of rain water standing and not running off some place. It was like the whole earth was a big water puddle.

Jim Simon, 2842 Lindbergh Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648

It is almost my time for renewal and as always, I try to send a note to let you know how much I appreciate all the wonderful work and commitment you make in keeping this organization working at excellence above and beyond the call of duty. I wish there was more I could say or do to let you know how much fully we all recognize your importance to our membership and RUAEA.

I will be looking forward to seeing those of you who will be attending our Las Vegas convention in September.



Edmund Tholl, 12 N. Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

I send greetings to all the staff of RUAEA.

Another year in Wonderland has flown by. Retirement has been great but the old saying "as we get older, time really flies by" seems to be a reality. The hardest part of these years is seeing so many of our dear friends leaving us for another land in the sky.

However, Life is but a Dream and we move forward to love and be loved, so enjoy each precious moment.

Thanks to all who make our newsletter possible, it means so much to our United Family!

Judy Wright, P.O. Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115

I am sorry this is late but I am a bit late for everything of late. My husband of 55 years passed away on New Year's Eve.

He died in just 3+ weeks of lung cancer. It was a huge shock; good for him as he didn't suffer; but very scary for me.

Notes

Karl Besteder

I love the magazine. I enjoy the news and letters to the editor.

Marge Eastman

Thank you all for the Newsletter. I am doing great. I love living in beautiful Lapeer, Michigan. I wish I had some retired UAL people near me, so I could go to monthly get together luncheons. I am not using all those passes I worked for so long. I buy cheap tickets on mostly Delta because they go out of Flint.

Humilde Hofilena

Forthcoming RUAEA convention in Las Vegas.

I have lived in the area since 1999. I retired from United November 2011.



Jackie Monilaw

I'm currently the President of the Chicago Mainliner Club. I'm retired after working 40 years but still doing volunteer work with the United employees.

Ann Bryan

My husband, Max, was with UAL from 1957 until his death in 1988. I downsized in 2005 and bought a condo in Decatur, GA. I visit our daughter who lives in Ashland, OR by flying into Medford, OR but not Space Available. It is too difficult. Our son lives in Panama City, FL but I can drive there. I still love flying United. Keep up the good work.

Levirt Quarels

I still have airplanes on the brain. I still travel and enjoy all my Benefits that United has to offer. Thanks for all you do. I am going to be 89 years young and my health is good. I am a Vet and the VA takes good care of me.

Dolores Spain

I have been a member of the USCGAUX for 29 years. I currently serve as staff officer for 6 mission positions. Due to a trip and fall accident in 2014, I have had two right shoulder surgeries and have another year of PT to recover. I have ¾'s mobility and range of motion with my current implant. I keep in touch with UA thru emails and the RUAEA newsletter.

Joseph Pero

It is too bad that United is retiring the B747 from its fleet. It was my office for 3 years in the mid 1970s while I was an ISS (In-flight Services Supervisor) out of EWRSW. I really enjoyed working and traveling on the "Queen of the Skies". I am retired 16 + years and enjoying it. Thanks for all you do to get out the latest info on the "new" UAL.

Joan Lane

I am now living in Sacramento, CA in an adult community and enjoying receiving my newsletter each month and hearing about my friends. It has been 3 years since **Jerry (Lane)** passed away but the newsletter keeps me in touch with everything. Thank you for doing such a great job with the newsletter.

Tammy Lee

I was member for about 10 years and miss being a member. I would like to renew my membership.

June Linhart

I look forward to our reunions every year, as it is a chance to reconnect with friends and to make new ones. This has been a year of health problems, right shoulder replacement, candidate for surgery on left hand, treating with injections now, and right knee replacement surgery, holding off until October so I can attend convention.

Helena Melani

It is nice to know what is going on with United. Any updates are very informational for retirees.

Lawrence Kirsch

I am a member of City of Aurora Veteran Affairs Commission. If I can help any veteran, just email me kirschlek@comcast.net.

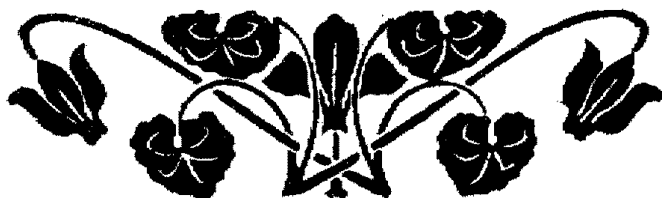
Robert Lutzinger

I am still settling here in Brentwood, TN. My health is good for our age and we love the Nashville area.

I can't believe we have been retired 24 years. We have a nice in-law space in our daughter's home. We are still traveling some with frequent trips to Fremont, Hawaii and Florida. We are coming up on 57 years of wedded bliss. God has blessed us with many years and a wonderful family. We miss our friends in AZ and other places that have given us many great memories.

Sue Lindstrom

I love my retirement life in coastal Florida. I use my pass benefits as much as possible. No one understands the highs and lows of that like airline people!



William Chicot

My wife and I became first time grandparents on May 5th when Halle Jane Chicot was born. I am serving as Chief of my local volunteer fire company in 2017. I have 32 years of service with the company. I am now overseeing the construction of a new \$4.8M modern fire station.

Marie Kvocera

Thanks to all at RUAEA for putting together a wonderful newsletter each month. It is something I look forward to. My travels are down to once a year. I book both my air and tour. It is less stress to know that that I am on the flight and to know that all the arrangements are taken care of. This fall I am heading for Rapid City, SD to join a tour of Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole and ending in SLC. The National Parks are favorite vacation spots. I send best wishes to all my friends from CHIRR. Miss you.

Sandra Cunningham

Hello, I am a former United Flight Attendant. I retired two years ago. I live in Davis, California and love to travel. ■

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Please keep them coming!*



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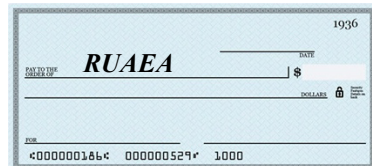
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