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Letter From The President



Greetings to all,

As we approach the end of 2024, I look back and see so many memories. Some were sad, but so many more were happy and contented. While we should always learn from the past, we are obligated to take forward those valuable lessons and legacies, the new year brings so much opportunity.

2025 brings about the 50th anniversary of RUAEA, I wonder if the founders visualized the year 2025 when they identified the value in bringing their respective former co-workers together to create new memories in the next adventure of their retirement. What visionaries they must have been!

We now have that same opportunity to take RUAEA forward, keeping the foundation that has been laid before us in the past 50 years, while building our own legacy and building out the future foundation. I look forward to the privilege of being part of this process, in working with my fellow retirees and friends I encourage you all to join in the celebration that will take place in September 2025, as we come together for the 50th Jubilee Celebration during our 2025 Reunion. Details to follow on location, specific dates and details.

Hmm, I wonder what 2075 will look like? Will RUAEA still be around, will any of the ideas we bring forward still remain, did we provide a lasting legacy? Want to help build that legacy? Join the RUAEA team in your individual ways; to lift up, encourage and celebrate with those we spent so much time together while at work. Help new retirees navigate the change from active to retiree, pass on your experiences and listen to new ones. If you do not have a home chapter that is meeting in person, contact one of the Regional Directors and they can help guide you to one, or begin one if needed.

Sending Christmas Blessings and wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Ruth Morabito
RUAEA President

Letter From The Vice President - Conventions RUAEA's Golden Jubilee



Hi Folks,

In 2025, we will be celebrating RUAEA's 50th Anniversary, it is a wonderful milestone! Our 2025 Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver on Quebec St., from September 27th – October 1st, 2025.

Yes, it will be another great gathering with RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA – Clipped Wings. We will welcome all retirees from each of the above organizations along with their families, friends and guests.

As usual, this is an event for all to attend and enjoy the friendship, camaraderie, tours, banquet, hospitality, Benefits Panel and entertainment as we have offered at our events over the years.

Much more information will follow in the coming months to help your planning for 2025. Mainly, we will have information for hotel reservations which I stress to make early.

I want to thank everyone again, on behalf of RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA and Clipped Wings for attending our Reunions in the last 4 years in San Diego; which have been highly successful. I promise you 2025 in Denver will be great. Please plan on attending our 50th Anniversary.

Hank Gosselin
VP Conventions RUAEA

Holiday Greetings from the Denver Office 2024

The Denver Office is now manned by two retirees: Membership Manager **Mal Malesardi** and Past President **Virgil Gooselaw**. Mal is the retiree in charge of the office and he stays on top of the operation. Virgil the (helper) does just that – he helps Mal. Working together works well. We wish to extend our seasons greeting to all retiree members and to your families, and our readers, associates and vendors. We also want to say “Thank You” to United Airlines and all the wonderful people now working and especially those in the Flight Training Center.

The last two years have been busy. We have moved three times, at the company’s request, and each time was a “new” experience. The main problem we had was the computers didn’t like moving. **Cas Spokas** was with us on two of the early moves, but Cas passed away in November of last year and we found ourselves lacking the expertise to keep the older system running, so we contracted with Arc Seven, the company that maintains our website to build us another database. It is much simpler to operate and maintain and the data is located on the “Cloud”. The new data base went on line November 1, 2024.

With anything new, there will probably be an occasional glitch. But, the company that designed it will have the expertise to fix it. The system is planned to have a 2 address feature so the “snow birds” can have their second address at their finger tips. Note: This is still in the programming stage and you will be notified when it comes on line. Arrears letters/notices will be sent out automatically through the web. The second address system will function automatically as most all the features we use in the Denver Office will work automatically. Our web folks will make sure it functions correctly before they turn that over to us and we’ll get the information out to everyone. Virgil just renewed his dues and he was amazed at the ease to accomplish it. He smiled and said “it worked right the first time”.

As the membership system is adjusted you will be advised. And as the Holidays come on us, we are most grateful to live in the United States of America!

Thinking of the best for the closing of 2024 and opening 2025 is of good cheer!

Warmest Regards:

Mal Malesardi
Membership Manager

Virgil Gooselaw
Past President “Helper”

RUAEA Reunion Benefits Panel

October 1, 2024

Submitted by Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary

We would like to thank all of the panel participants for a very informative meeting which was well attended by 83 members.

Alliant Credit Union - **Janet Meinheit** (Key Account Manager) and **Malcom Horn** (Alliant Retirement & Investments Services). Janet announced that our voices had been heard and Alliant is now offering Shared Branching access. To locate a branch near you visit their website <http://co-opcreditunion.org/locator/>.

United Airline Travel - **Michelle Pritchett**.

United Airlines Digital Fraud – **McDavid Mutoc**.

RUAEA Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 0830

Mission Bay Ball Room - Dana On Mission Bay, San Diego, CA.

The RUAEA Annual Business meeting was called to order by President **Ruth Morabito** at 0835. Ruth welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. With the recent passing of **Don Burbank**, Ruth will assume the Presidency through the end of the year by acclamation and officially begin a two-year term beginning January 1, 2025. Ruth thanked everyone who has supported the Burbank family with their cards and prayer. Don will be remembered at the Banquet this week and two of his family members will be present.

Jim Simon favored the group with a reading of his poem “Friendship” which aptly captured the mood of this year’s Reunion.

*Friendships
Friends may gather now and then
As we quite often do,
And these moments are precious times
Which I look forward to*

*The enjoyment of having time
When we can get together
Is often more than just a chance
To talk about the weather*

*Let us always not forget
That no matter when we meet,
That times like that are not preset
They're cherished and quite elite*

*These moments are a precious few
That might not always be,
For times like this as years pass by
Become quite sparingly*

*So let me say in my own words
The thoughts that you should know
I thank and praise your friendships
And just thought I'd tell you so!*

Motion: **Diane Webb** made a motion to accept the Annual Business Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023, as published in the Newsletter. It was seconded by **Ron Bertacini** and all agreed.

Ruth Morabito, President's Report – The RPC (Retired Presidents Committee) consist of presidents from RUAEA, RAFA, RUPA, ARECA and Clipped Wings. The group has held several scheduled meetings regarding items of common interest.

RUAEA'S Goals:

- ▲ Grow our membership and encourage others to join.
- ▲ Reach out for volunteers through the Newsletter.
- ▲ Review resources

George Midwin has been installed as the Executive V.P. He submitted a self-nominating Bio and has been approved by the Board of Directors. George has been doing an excellent job of assisting Ruth with the Executive V.P. task. He has completed an analysis of the membership and chapter locations. At this point we have fifty chapters listed, but the number of active locations could be thirty-nine.

Virgil Gooselaw, Past President – The Denver Membership office is available for help and assistance with the Newsletter. Please leave a message with your name, file number and telephone contact and either Virgil or **Michael Malesardi** will return your call as soon as possible. Please answer the phone when they do return your call. Birthdays are not used as identification. We will be replacing the current Access Database with an ARC 7 Cloud Based program on November 1. This will also allow for more flexibility.

Chris Johnston, Treasurer – We are financially sound however our challenge is to increase income without increasing membership fees and to decrease expenses while maintain quality, i.e., Newsletter and Reunion frequency. A major concern is the Reunion cost and while we have had the benefit of a multi-year contract for the past few years, that will not be the case going forward, plus the rising cost of postage, print and declining membership. We will be publishing an updated financial report in the Newsletter at a future date.

Motion: Peggy Van Sickel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by **Ken Thiede** and all agreed.

Hank Gosselin – VP Conventions

- The 2024 convention can be considered a success with 134 in attendance for 430 hotel room nights. Once again, we did have some last-minute cancellations. We had sixty-six return visitors, and the

balance were all first-time attendees. RUPA and ARECA members have helped our attendance and contributed financially as well. Alliant Credit Union also contributed to the Friendship Night festivities.

- 2025 will be the 50th anniversary and we are looking for a new location which is proving to be very difficult due to hotel cost. The Convention Site Committee, made up of **Ron Bertacini** and **Dave Garland**, have sent out several proposals but have not yet found a workable location. We will share any additional information as it becomes available.
- A special thank you to those who made the Reunion a success. **Shirley Claggett**, Convention Treasurer and **Ron Paluch**, Registrar for an outstanding job for the last nine years. Our thanks to the local staff for the last four years, especially Chairperson, **Betty Tomaino**, **Rosalie Tripicchio** and **Barbara Drews**. A big “Thank You” to **John Cunningham** for performing and providing access to our wonderful music.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Pat Krecera** and seconded by **Ken Storey**. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 0919.

Respectfully submitted by **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary 10/19/2024

Approved by **Ruth Morabito**, President 10/19/2024

Correspondents/Presidents Meeting, 9/30/2024
Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

Present: **Carl Alford, Ron Bertacini, Francis & Veronica Domaratius, George Midwin, Ruth Morabito, Mary Jane Stewart, Jim Simon, and John Zoboli.**

Ruth Morabito, President, called the meeting to order at 715AM and welcomed the participants. Most were representing both positions on behalf of their chapter. Ruth recognized **John Chu**, who was unable to attend, for his contribution to the success of the Newsletter. **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** were also thanked for filling in by documenting the events with their photos. They are also still assisting with proof reading submitted materials. Francis read the following message from John.

“Dear RUAEA Newsletter Correspondents/Contributors,

*Thank you for being here and I’m sorry that I am not able to attend this year’s Reunion, but I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in keeping our community informed and engaged, and your voices bring a unique vibrancy to our Newsletter. A special “Thank You” to **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** for standing in for me and being the Reunion photographers.*

Each of your chapter reports, stories and insight not only enrich our Newsletter but also foster a sense of connection among our readers. Your ability to share knowledge, experiences and diverse perspectives is invaluable and truly enhances the fabric of our community. Whether you’ve written about your chapter’s monthly event, innovative ideas or shared a personal journey, your contributions resonate with our members.

Thank you also for attending the Reunion, I hope you take this opportunity to meet other attendees, share your insights and gather inspiration from the myriads of experiences that await you. In addition to the information you may gain at the Benefits meeting, our Reunion is about reconnecting with friends, building relationships and celebrating our shared passion. I hope your Reunion experience is a wonderful one.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and creativity. I want to say once again that your contributions make a difference and are the basis of our Newsletter. Wishing you a wonderful time filled with laughter and lasting connections.” ~ John.

Ruth shared some of the challenges we are having. There are chapters listed in the Newsletter that show a local contact, but we are unable to reach them, or the contact numbers are incorrect. In many cases, we do not receive reports from some chapters. **George Midwin** reported that he has completed a chapter analysis which indicated that we may have thirty-nine active locations rather than the fifty indicated in the Newsletter. We are also aware that some chapters are copying the publication and sharing it with others. Ruth will work with the website Manager to see if that can be corrected.

We encourage all chapters to verify their contact information and please send a report as often as possible including photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55AM.

Respectively submitted **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary 10/19/2024

Minutes approved by **Ruth Morabito**, President 10/19/2024

The Value of Insuring Against Life's Risks
By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



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Investment Services

Did you know that ...

1. Fifty-seven percent of American workers have no private short-term disability

insurance.^{1,2}

2. Sixty-five percent of working people in the U.S. lack private long-term disability coverage.^{1,2}
3. Forty-eight percent of Americans have no life insurance.^{3,4}
4. Approximately 14 percent of American drivers are uninsured.⁵

If you ask a homeowner, replacing a roof is probably the least satisfying expense they will ever face. While the value of such an investment is obvious, it doesn't quite provide the satisfaction of new landscaping. Yet, when a heavy rain comes, ask that same owner if they would have preferred nice flowers or a sturdy roof.

Insurance is a lot like that roof. It's not a terribly gratifying expenditure, but it may offer protection against the myriad of potential financial storms that can touch down in your life.

The uncertainties of life are wide-ranging, and many of them can threaten the financial security of you and your family. We understand most of these risks – a home destroyed by a fire and a car accident are just two common risks that could subject you to an outsized financial loss.

Similarly, your inability to earn a living to support yourself and your family due to death or disability can wreak long-term financial havoc on those closest to you.

Insurance exists to help protect you from these forms of wealth destruction.

Some insurance (such as home or car) may be required. When it isn't mandated (in the case of life or disability), individuals may be tempted to avoid the certain financial "loss" associated with insurance premiums, assuming the risk of much larger losses that are less likely to happen.

But insurance premiums aren't a financial "loss". They are designed to help protect you and your family as you build personal wealth. Talk to me or my team of Financial Consultants at ARIS if you have questions: aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

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1. BLS.gov, 2023.
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3. III.org, 2023.
4. Several factors will affect the cost and availability of life insurance, including age, health and the type and amount of insurance purchased. Life insurance policies have expenses, including mortality and other charges. If a policy is surrendered prematurely, the policyholder also may pay surrender charges and have income tax implications. You should consider determining whether you are insurable before implementing a strategy involving life insurance. Any guarantees associated with a policy are dependent on the ability of the issuing insurance company to continue making claim payments.
5. AutoInsurance.org, June 22, 2023.

United Daily - Industry First For Pass Riders

United has achieved another industry first – our pass riders are now able to book United personal travel (NRSA) and myUAdiscount travel on the United mobile app!

Retiree pass riders are:

- ▲ Legal Spouse or registered domestic partner
- ▲ Children under age 26
- ▲ Parents
- ▲ Enrolled Friends

The United Daily story on Flying Together has all the details, screenshots on how to link your pass rider's MileagePlus number in employeeRES and lots of FAQs.

Link to the United Daily story:

<https://ft.ual.com/news/2024/09/23/pass-rider-update>

Michelle Pritchett

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United Launches Largest Winter Schedule Ever with a Focus on Africa, Southern Europe, & Latin America Plus Ski and Sun Destinations Across the U.S.
October 24, 2024



After a record-setting summer season with nearly 48 million customers traveling with United, today the airline makes it even easier for customers to keep adventuring as temperatures cool down.

United is flying its largest winter schedule in company history* with an average of nearly 4,600 flights every day during peak season. The airline will add flights at more than 140 U.S. airports including new flights to some of the most popular ski and sun destinations.

The airline is forecasting its busiest winter season ever and is seeing growing demand for international travel to Latin America and across the Atlantic.

The winter schedule kicks off with United's inaugural flight between Newark/New York and Marrakesh, launching October 24. Beginning October 27, the airline will be the only U.S. carrier to fly to Cebu, Philippines, with service from Tokyo/Narita. Later this winter, United will also add nonstop service to Medellin, Colombia from Houston and to Dominica from Newark/New York.

"This winter, we're offering more flights to more destinations to give customers the widest range of places to explore," said Patrick Quayle, United's Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. "Whether that's adventuring somewhere new overseas, unwinding with some sun or enjoying the best ski towns in the country, we're pleased to offer easy access to the top destinations for winter getaways."

Tickets are now available for purchase on the United app and on [United.com](https://www.united.com).

History-making expansion in Africa ~ United will have the largest network in Africa in its history this winter and will be the only airline to directly connect the U.S. and Marrakesh with new three times weekly service from Newark/New York, launching October 24 on a Boeing 767-300ER. Combined with United's recently announced service from Washington Dulles to Dakar, Senegal** launching in May 2025, United will serve more destinations in Africa than any other U.S. carrier. The new service complements expanded weekly flights from Washington D.C. to Accra, Ghana beginning in October and Lagos, Nigeria beginning in December.

More time to explore southern Europe ~ After seeing a record increase in summer travel to Europe, United will extend service to iconic European destinations including Greece, Spain, Italy, and Portugal this winter with the most seats offered during the winter peak compared to the same periods in 2023 and 2024. United will also extend several seasonal routes into the fall and winter months, including nonstop service to Milan and Rome from Chicago O'Hare and Madrid from Washington Dulles now flying until December 2024 and daily flights between Washington/Dulles and Lisbon, now extended to January 2025.

Game-changing connections within the Pacific ~ Starting October 27, United will be the only U.S. carrier to fly to Cebu, Philippines with daily flights on 737-800 aircraft from Tokyo/Narita, enabling easy, one-stop connections for U.S. customers from five hubs in the Continental U.S. This winter, United will make its second daily service between San Francisco and Seoul-Incheon year-round. United will also add a second daily flight between Los Angeles and Hong Kong, providing flights and connections in both the morning and evening. The airline is also increasing flying between Los Angeles and Shanghai with daily flights starting October 26 on a Boeing 787-9.

Double-digit growth in Latin America ~ United continues its growth in Latin America as the airline expects to be nearly 10% larger this winter compared to last year. On November 13, United will grow its presence in Colombia with new year-round service to Medellin from Houston**, complementing the airline's existing routes to Bogota from Newark/ New York and Houston. Starting February 15, United will be the only carrier connecting the Northeast U.S. to Dominica** with its weekly nonstop service on a Boeing 737-700 aircraft.

United is expanding its Latin America offerings from San Francisco with new, year-round flights to Monterrey, Mexico, operated by United Express partner SkyWest up to twice daily, and with new seasonal, weekly service to Belize City, Belize.

In the Caribbean, United begins service from Newark/New York to St. Kitts early, with weekly nonstop flights starting in November operating on a Boeing 737-900ER. The airline will extend service between Newark/New York and Bermuda into the winter season, making the route year-round, and will add daily service between Newark/New York and Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago for the peak holiday and Carnival periods.

United plans additional expansions from Chicago, Houston, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles to cities like Buenos Aires, Argentina; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Morelia, Mexico; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and San Salvador, El Salvador.

Coast to coast domestic growth ~ United's domestic schedule from January to March will be its largest ever with nearly 140 airports offering more flights than the same time last year.

During the winter season, U.S. travelers will have more opportunities to head west with an average of nearly 13% more seats to warm-weather destinations including Phoenix, AZ; Palm Springs and San Diego, CA.

The airline will launch new non-stop service between Washington/Dulles and Salt Lake City and Palm Springs on December 19.

United continues its growth in Florida this year with 20 additional departures from its hub airports to cities like Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, and Palm Beach. The airline will also bring back its popular nonstop service from Cleveland to Cancun and several Florida destinations including Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa and Fort Myers.

United leads in ski destinations this winter ~ United continues to offer more service to top ski markets than any other U.S. carrier with nearly triple the average daily flights of other airlines and nonstop service to 11 ski markets in 2024.

This winter, the airline will introduce larger, Embraer E-175 aircraft operated by SkyWest** to Aspen, CO and Bishop/Mammoth, CA, offering more premium seats on these select ski routes, as well as increase the number of flights between United hub airports and destinations including:

- ▲ New winter seasonal weekend service between Washington/Dulles and Bozeman, MT and an additional flight between Newark/New York and Bozeman, MT.
- ▲ New seasonal weekend service between Chicago and Gunnison/Crested Butte, CO in February and March.
- ▲ New winter seasonal service between Los Angeles and Kalispell, MT starting in February.
- ▲ A second daily flight between Newark/New York and Jackson Hole, WY from December to March.
- ▲ During peak holiday season from December to January, a daily flight between Los Angeles and Montrose/Telluride, CO.
- ▲ Twice daily service to Sun Valley, ID from both Los Angeles and San Francisco during peak holiday season.
- ▲ A seasonal extension of Denver-Bishop/Mammoth service with twice weekly flights through the end of April.

*By available seat miles

**Pending government approvals

**United Helps 20,000+ Customers Find Right Aircraft for
their Wheelchair with Industry-First Digital Sizing Tool**
October 17, 2024

More than 20,000 customers who travel with wheelchairs have already used United's industry-first digital sizing tool since it launched in March 2024, with feedback from those customers helping contribute to a nearly four-point improvement in customer satisfaction scores compared to a year earlier.

As part of today's announcement and as another way to further improve the travel experience for customers with disabilities, United also began a new collaboration with United Spinal Association to help advise and support the carrier.

“The early success of our digital sizing tool is an encouraging development in our ongoing efforts to find more ways to improve the travel experience for customers of all abilities,” said David Kinzelman, Chief Customer Officer for United. “We look forward to working together with United Spinal to explore even more impactful solutions in the future; collaborating with their community of experts and harnessing their valuable feedback will help us better meet the specific needs of our customers who use wheelchairs.”

Earlier this year, United launched the new digital tool on its app and [united.com](https://www.united.com), making it easier for customers who use wheelchairs to find flights that can best accommodate the specific dimensions of their personal mobility device. The airline also announced that customers may seek a refund of the fare difference if a customer needs to pay more for a flight that can accommodate their wheelchair. Customers seeking a refund of the fare difference will need to follow United’s process; United will promptly ensure they receive the difference in fare after review.

“I am thrilled about this collaboration with United Airlines,” said Vincenzo Piscopo, Chief Executive Officer and President of United Spinal Association. “I commend their commitment to making the travel experience more accessible for people with disabilities and their decision to choose United Spinal Association as a partner in this journey. This partnership demonstrates that accessible travel is a reality, and every step forward brings us closer to a more inclusive travel experience for the disability community. I hope to see continued improvements not only from United Airlines but also throughout the entire travel industry.”

In addition to the digital sizing tool, United has made several product and policy changes recently to improve the experience for people with disabilities:

- ▲ Providing ramp agents mobile technology that indicates when a wheelchair is on a flight to help ensure they are better prepared to receive and load it. The technology also inhibits ramp agents from closing out a flight until they acknowledge that they’ve loaded all wheelchairs.
- ▲ In 2023, United was the first U.S. airline to add Braille to aircraft interiors, helping millions of travelers with visual disabilities more easily navigate the cabin independently. United expects to outfit its entire mainline fleet with Braille by the end of 2026.
- ▲ The United mobile app makes it easier to use for people with visual disabilities with increased color contrast, more space between graphics and reordering how information is displayed and announced to better integrate with the screen reader technologies like VoiceOver and TalkBack.
- ▲ United’s Inflight Seatback Entertainment screens offer a wide range of accessible features such as closed captioning, text-to-speech controls, magnification, explore-by-touch capabilities, audio described movies, and adjustable and high-contrast text and color correction. As part of United Next, the airline’s historic growth plan, the carrier expects to take delivery of about 700 new narrow and widebody aircraft by the end of 2032, all of which will include the latest in seatback screen entertainment options.
- ▲ Through Bridge, United’s Business Resource Group for people of all abilities, employees help create a workplace environment where all can strive to achieve their maximum potential and support our commitment to being an ally for customers with disabilities.

United Airlines Announces Third-Quarter 2024 Financial Results:
Exceeds Earnings Per Share Expectations
October 15, 2024

United Airlines (UAL) today reported third-quarter 2024 financial results. The company had pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.7%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.4 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 9.7%. The company also achieved diluted earnings per share of \$2.90; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.33, ahead of the third-quarter 2024 guidance provided at the start of the quarter of \$2.75 to \$3.25.

The company produced strong financial and operational results in the quarter. As the company expected, revenue trends improved as the industry reached an inflection point in the quarter with unprofitable capacity exiting the market. Domestic unit revenue was positive year-over-year in August and September. Demand continues to be strong for the United product: Corporate revenues were up 13% year over year in September, and in the quarter premium revenues continued to remain resilient and were up 5% year over year and revenue from Basic Economy was up 20% year over year.

“I appreciate the entire United team coming together to take care of our customers by operating a safe and on-time airline this summer,” said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. “As predicted, unproductive capacity left the market in mid-August, and we saw a clear inflection point in our revenue trends that propelled United to

exceed Q3 expectations. A prosperous summer 2024 is just the beginning as our improved customer experience combined with United Next positions the airline at the top of the industry for the foreseeable future.”

Capital Allocation ~ The company’s Board of Directors authorized a new share repurchase program for up to \$1.5 billion of outstanding shares of common stock and warrants originally issued to the U.S. Treasury under the CARES Act and Payroll Support Program, subject to a limit of \$500 million in aggregate through year-end 2024. This amount represents approximately 7% percent of the company’s market capitalization based on the closing stock price on October 14, 2024. This is the first share repurchase program since the suspension of the previous program in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Unless suspended or terminated earlier by our Board of Directors, this program has no set expiration date and will therefore terminate when the company has completed all purchases authorized under the program.

“In the last four years, we’ve invested \$22 billion in our product and nearly \$10 billion in our people. Those investments have enabled higher profits and are now contributing to growing free cash flow,” said United Airlines CFO Michael Leskinen. “We’re now in a position to add a share repurchase program as we continue to invest in and de-leverage our business. We are simultaneously targeting net leverage below 2x in the next few years. We intend this buyback to be the beginning of a consistent and disciplined return of capital that is paced by our ability to generate increasing levels of free cash.”

In the quarter, the company repurchased in the open market just over 2 million shares of UAL common stock in connection with the exercise of roughly 6.4 million warrants issued to the U.S. Treasury under the CARES Act and Payroll Support Program. The repurchase of these shares eliminated the dilution associated with the warrants exercised and are separate from the \$1.5 billion share repurchase program above. The shares were purchased at an average price of \$39.99.

Under today’s \$1.5 billion share repurchase program shares may be repurchased in the open market and in privately negotiated transactions, as well as accelerated repurchase agreements, depending on the capital needs of the business, the market price of UAL common stock, general market conditions, securities law limitations and other factors.

Third-Quarter Financial Results:

- ▲ Capacity up 4.1% compared to third-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Total operating revenue of \$14.8 billion, up 2.5% compared to third-quarter 2023.
- ▲ TRASM down 1.6% compared to third-quarter 2023.
- ▲ CASM up 0.1%, and CASM-ex up 6.5%, compared to third-quarter 2023.
- ▲ Pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.7%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.4 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 9.7%.
- ▲ Net income of \$1.0 billion; adjusted net income of \$1.1 billion.
- ▲ Diluted earnings per share of \$2.90; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.33.
- ▲ Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.56.
- ▲ Ending available liquidity of \$17.1 billion.
- ▲ Total debt and finance lease obligations of \$25.7 billion at quarter end.
- ▲ Voluntarily pre-paid the remaining \$1.8 billion outstanding balance of the MileagePlus term loan with an interest rate near 11%.
- ▲ Net leverage of 2.7x.

Key Highlights:

- ▲ United announced an industry-leading agreement with SpaceX to bring Starlink’s Wi-Fi service to more than 1,000 of the airline’s mainline and regional aircraft, providing customers free, fast, reliable internet connectivity on passenger flights as soon as late 2025.
- ▲ Last week, United announced the largest international expansion in the airline’s history, bringing service to eight new Atlantic and Pacific destinations in summer 2025 (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Faro, Portugal; Palermo, Italy; Dakar, Senegal; Bilbao, Spain; Madeira Island, Portugal; Nuuk, Greenland; and Kaohsiung, Taiwan). United will serve more international destinations across the Atlantic and Pacific than all other U.S. carriers combined with 800 daily flights to and from 147 international destinations, including nearly 40 not served by any other U.S. airline.
- ▲ Increased third quarter customer satisfaction ratings by 5.4 points year over year as measured by the Net Promoter Score scale, with improvements to important touchpoints like baggage, inflight entertainment and food and beverage.
- ▲ Ranked first in on time departure and second in on time arrival amongst major U.S. airlines for the third quarter, with the best on time departure in the months of August and September.

- ▲ United became the first airline to purchase sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.
- ▲ United signed an agreement with SkyWest to begin operating the CRJ550 as part of the United Express portfolio, with 11 initial aircraft to start entering the fleet in December of this year and opportunity for more in the future.

Customer Experience:

- ▲ Saw a 5.8% increase in customer check-in satisfaction, a 6.5% increase in customer checking in digitally and 9% increase in customer bypassing the lobby for the third quarter year over year thanks to check-in process improvements like introducing Spanish translations within features of the United app, enhancing digital check-in options for basic economy and expanding curbside bag drop-off outside airports.
- ▲ Opened the newly updated South Terminal lobby at Miami International Airport, featuring 10 new ticket counters, additional self-serve kiosks and other time-saving app features like bag drop shortcut and updated signage.
- ▲ Nearly half (49%) of passengers whose trips were cancelled were rebooked through United's automated service or through self-service in the third quarter, an increase in five points year over year.
- ▲ Enhanced customers' culinary experience with the introduction of the airline's new domestic economy cabin wine list, which includes canned wine from two women-owned companies and expanded choice for customers with new rose and brut options.
- ▲ With Live Activities on Apple Watch, customers can now access important flight information right from their wrist without opening the United app.
- ▲ Unveiled improvements to United's digital offerings by introducing digital food menus for all flights and cabins within the United app and transitioning Hemispheres® magazine to an all-access digital experience on United.com.
- ▲ Opened the Reset Suite by Therabody at Chicago O'Hare, a luxury wellness lounge for customers to relax prior to their flight.

Operations:

- ▲ Operated the busiest third quarter as measured by revenue passenger volumes in company history, setting the record for the most ever passengers carried for the July 4 and Labor Day holidays and for the highest number of customers carried in a day at 552,000 in July.
- ▲ Set the company record for the highest daily customer average in a month of September with 474,000 carried.
- ▲ United finished the quarter with the best on time departure amongst major U.S. airlines in six of seven of United's U.S. hub locations, making it the 30th quarter in a row leading on time departure at United's Chicago O'Hare hub and 10th in a row leading United's Denver hub.
- ▲ In September, the airline achieved its highest completion rate year to date.

Network:

- ▲ United operated its largest domestic U.S. and Canada third quarter schedule in company history, an increase of 5.2% and 18.5% of flights year over year, respectively.
- ▲ In the third quarter, United operated the largest schedule to Europe in United's history, including the largest-ever United schedules to popular Southern Europe tourist destinations such as Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Greece.
- ▲ The carrier announced its first-ever nonstop flight between its New York/Newark hub and Dominica, to begin service in February subject to government approval.
- ▲ United added or increased service across 145 flights to help customers reach major special events like the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, college football games across the country, and Chicago Bears away games, including adding flights for fans to support the team for their international game in London.
- ▲ United launched or reinstated routes from Washington, D.C. to Greenville, S.C.; San Francisco to Detroit, Mich.; and St. Louis, Mo., and added an additional route from San Francisco to Montréal.
- ▲ With reinstated service between Los Angeles and Shanghai in the third quarter, United continues to operate the largest mainland China network of any carrier and is the only U.S. carrier to serve mainland China from Los Angeles.

Awards:

- ▲ United was recognized for the ninth year in a row as a "Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion" by Disability Equality Index.

- ▲ Executive Vice President and Chief Communication Officer Josh Earnest was named to PR Week's Power List for the fourth year in a row in recognition of his influential industry leadership.
- ▲ Linda Jojo, United's Chief Customer Officer, was reappointed to the Federal Aviation Administration's Management Advisory Council for a second term, serving as the Chair.
- ▲ United's Digital Technology team won the Digital Leadership Award from the Flight Global Airline Strategy Awards for their innovation and excellence in the market.
- ▲ Business Travel News Europe awarded the airline the 2024 Technology Innovation and Traveler Experience award for the United app's improvements to customer experience.

Employees and Communities:

- ▲ In partnership with United's Eco-Skies Alliance, United partnered with the San Francisco 49ers to become the first NFL team to purchase sustainable aviation fuel.
- ▲ In the third quarter, United saw a nearly 50% growth in employee volunteerism year to date, with nearly 4,000 United employees volunteering more than 16,000 hours, 11,000 hours of which were logged in United's annual month-long volunteer campaign September of Service to honor those affected by 9/11.
- ▲ Announced a new sponsorship with the Washington Capitals, Mystics and Wizards as the three teams' official airline and a founding partner of the Monumental Sports & Entertainment's Capitol One Arena transformation, giving MileagePlus customers access to exclusive experiences.
- ▲ For the second year in a row, United donated \$1.25 million through the education nonprofit DonorsChoose to support aviation and STEM classroom projects in historically underfunded schools across United's domestic hub communities.
- ▲ United and Airlink mobilized 335 responders for 14 emergencies, humanitarian crises and recovery and preparedness initiatives globally, and United shipped 17 million tons of aid cargo to support relief efforts.
- ▲ Members of United's Black Business Resource Group Beacon participated in Chicago's Bud Billiken Parade, with United awarding a \$2,500 scholarship to Emory University.
- ▲ United hosted more than 850 girls at 35 different airports across their system to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Girls in Aviation Day, recognizing the achievements of women in aviation and inspiring the next generation of aviators.

So Simple From Sheryl



It's Christmas morning and all through the house everyone is busy unwrapping gifts, cleaning up Christmas wrap, playing with toys and the cook is in the kitchen preparing breakfast for everyone. Let's give her/him a break and have them prepare something simple. How about fluffy biscuits to go with a casserole, eggs, or with honey or jam?

7 Up Biscuits:

2 cups Bisquick
 ½ cup sour cream
 ½ cup 7 Up
 ¼ cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 450.

While you are making the biscuit dough, take ¼ cup butter, put in a 9-inch pan and melt in the oven. Once it is melted remove from oven. Cut sour cream into Biscuit mix with a fork until blended. Add 7 Up. This makes a very soft dough.

Sprinkle about ¼ cup additional Biscuit mix on countertop (unless you have a cutting board) and pat dough out.

Take your dough you have patted out to about 9 inches and carefully pick it up and put in pan with melted butter.

Cut the dough into 9 pieces. I find this is the easiest way, but if you have a biscuit cutter, you can cut them out and put in the pan.

Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We meet every three months for lunch at various restaurants in Birmingham and invite all retired United employees and their families to join us. For more information, you may call me at the above phone number.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Submitted by Dakota Morris

I want to fill you in on our gatherings in November. Our luncheon has been arranged at the Black Angus on, Friday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m. This restaurant is located at 6902 E. Hampton Ave., Mesa, AZ 85209. I do need your RSVP by November 4th.

Friday, November 22nd is our breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at T. C. Eggington's restaurant, 1660 S. Alma School Rd. #129, Mesa, AZ 85210. I would like to have your RSVP by November 18th. I'm sending these dates now so that you will mark your calendar so that you will join our fun and happy group. I know the next couple of months can be busy.

Mitch has been successful in arranging these restaurants for us so I would like to thank him for his time to do this.

Our next, and last for the year, breakfast will be at the Black Bear on October 25th, as usual at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP by October 22nd, to me for all of the events above at this email address or text me at (602) 920-7785. If you have questions call me at this same number. If I don't answer, simply leave me a message.

Please notice the breakfast in November will be at a different restaurant.

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2nd Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpdgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Left Picture: **Charlotte Puryear**.

Right Picture (L to R): **Bill Simonton, Merritt Odor, Charlotte Puryear, Sharon Simonton, Grace Franke, Carl Franke, and Billie Jorgeson**.

Fall has arrived in the Northstate! The trees are beautiful with colors up and down the Northern California area. The Northstaters did not have a meeting in October, however we did have a birthday to celebrate. Our oldest member, **Charlotte Puryear**, celebrated her 104th birthday on October 16. The day before her birthday, 6 of us from the Northstaters traveled to Lavender Hill, a retirement community in Redding, and celebrated her birthday with a cake and smiles. **Merritt Odor, Billie Jorgensen, Carl & Grace Franke, and Bill & Sharon Simonton** were able to join her for this great celebration.

Grace had made her a special Wheelchair Bag that had a United Logo and Charlotte's name on it. She was overjoyed and so happy to see everyone.

Charlotte started with United in 1949 at SFOGA, located at the Maintenance Base in SFO where she worked until she retired in 1983. She worked as a file clerk, accounting clerk, accountant and then became a timekeeper in payroll. She also helped with the cash cage; and still remembers the stories from her days at United and still loves to share them. What a special day that was for all of us.

Our next meeting/luncheon will be our Christmas Party to be held in December. Sharon volunteered to make reservations at Kalico Restaurant in Chico where we had it last year. There will be a gift exchange which always is lots of laughs.

Calendar:

December 4 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Kalico Restaurant , Chico, Calif. Come and join us!



CENTRAL COASTERS

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There is no report this month from the Central Coasters chapter of RUAEA.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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There is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds chapter of RUAEA.

We try to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email sabo.thomas@yahoo.com for details.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy December to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on November 7, we in California are awaiting the start of the winter rainy season. My heart goes out to all the people in Southern California who have lost their homes in the Mountain Fire in the last few days. The combination of high winds and dry underbrush are a recipe for disaster. In less than two days, this fire has destroyed 132 structures, mostly homes, and 88 other structures were damaged. Some 10,000 people remain under evacuation orders as the fire continues to threaten some 3,500 structures in suburban neighborhoods, ranches and agricultural areas around Camarillo in Ventura County. In the Bay Area, our utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, has had power shutoffs in areas of high winds.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We went to the Lazy Dog for the first time in September. Everyone enjoyed it so that is now one of our "go to" restaurants. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served an hour later.

Our president **Russ Kennedy** starts our meetings by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. Our November meeting was held on November 4th at the Lazy Dog

restaurant in Concord with 11 members in attendance: **Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest, **Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Russ & Glenna Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Russell Schleske** and **Jan Soderstrom**. We missed **Dee Moreci** and **Tom Johnson** who were recuperating from recent surgery. We wish them a speedy and complete recovery and hope to see them at our December meeting. **Wilma Leather** collected the raffle money and **Russ Kennedy** drew the winning tickets. **Rich Bouska** won the raffle money. Other prizes included the inevitable wine, a candle and a cookbook. Yours truly attended the meeting for the first time since May. The camaraderie and friendship we share is very special and I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to me to see everyone again.

Diane Griego gave us update on plans for our Christmas luncheon. Both the date and the venue have changed. We moved the date from December 2nd because some members were still traveling on that day. For years, we have met at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill for a delicious banquet of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu. As with all restaurants these days, prices have gone up a lot, and this year's price was going to be \$65.00 per person. The members voted to forego the banquet and go to the Old Spaghetti Factory instead where we will order off the regular menu. It's sad to see a long standing tradition discontinued but we will still have a wonderful time. Everyone is in their holiday spirit and dressed in Christmas attire with a few antlers, Santa hats and necklaces of Christmas lights. We will still have a special raffle and collect for Toys for Tots.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards, which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more information, or mail them to her directly at 1782 Calle Del Rey, Livermore, CA 94551-3985. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too; however, please send in coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated - food, nonfood, baby and pet; and current and expired.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On November 2, I turned in 1177 coupons worth \$4,854.50. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. All the coupon cutters are telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. If it weren't for the RUAEA folks from all over the country sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Muriel Bergsma** in IL, **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Glenda Kennedy** in CA, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Joyce Pfeiffer** in NJ, **Russell Schleske** in CA and **Gilbert Wojtal** in AZ.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ▲ Tuesday, December 10 at 11:30. — The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We moved the date from December 2 for several reasons. With Thanksgiving falling so late this year, some members were still traveling on December 2. Also, the RUPA Christmas meeting is on December 9. Please note the venue change from what was in the November newsletter. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com by Friday, December 6.
- ▲ Monday, January 6, 2025 at 11:30. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:30. Separate checks. Must RSVP to

Jan Soderstrom at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, January 3, 2025.
Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!

GOLDEN GATERS

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Looks like Fall has finally fallen - leaves all over the place and the gardeners using their blowers to clear out the leaves (only to have 50 mph winds blow more of them off the trees.) For some reason, I believe that leaf blowers have been outlawed this coming year. I won't hold my breath though. They always start work just as I take a nap—go figure! This was a scarce month as many members were unable to get out and about - funerals, members sick (Covid hits again!) It's back to wearing a mask again, especially if you are flying!

Several members and friends flew to Vancouver to board a wonderful, small French Cruise ship that was able to go into the small nooks and crannies of Alaska - along the Inside Passage, Frederick Sound, Prince William Sound and ending in Seward/Anchorage. Delicious French Cuisine, unlimited French wines, pastries to drool over, attentive staff, an exploration team that held classes regarding the flora and fauna of the area and the Captain who would turn the ship around if he saw a group of whales or orcas, up-close and personal with the glaciers (some caved – the loud boom echoing in the Fjord.) Bald eagles, mama bear and her cubs, sea otters, stops in small towns with only a handful of people (50 in one spot who live there year round), places the normal big cruise ships can't get into! The peace and quiet, eye-dazzling scenery – so many waterfalls, even wonderful, crisp weather. What a super experience - next time come along and join us!

President **Ginger Dahlberg** (read: commandeered as no one would volunteer,) welcomed a new member, **Eliza Vargas** to the fold. As is the custom when joining our group, one is immediately commandeered to be on the Board. The Secretary position has been available and in dire need for months ... and Eliza graciously accepted the job. As there were no elections held (no one raised their hand) – the President made good her campaign promise and lowered the dues for 2025 and are now \$15.00 per member. **John Garis** will continue on (read: commandeered) as Treasurer and make sure the tin can in his back yard is safe as these funds will pay for the rental of our meeting place. Wonders will never cease—the William Walker Recreation Center has welcomed bulldozers and is now in the throes of being demolished! **Vera Kina** and **Gene Walter** will stay on as Auditors (we need a third person for this position – hands up someone!) **Andy King** (Jack of all Trades) and **Carol Slater** (Jill of all Trades) will do various jobs. They have done a dandy job with our raffles! Our 50/50 winners were **Gene Walter** and **Eliza Vargas** (see ... it pays to join!) Several raffle winners were: **John Bogdanoff, Bob Donovan, Dee Peters** and **Bill Heinrich** – to name a few.

Here are the next meeting and luncheon dates coming up:

- ▲ **November 25** - Meeting in the Wind Room and lunch at Joy Chinese Restaurant located at 1489 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City. There is an extensive menu and Lunch specials are featured.. Separate checks are OK. Turn right on Hillsdale Blvd. it becomes Beach Park Blvd. and follow it to the small mall where the restaurant is located. Chop sticks optional.
- ▲ It was voted by the members who were present that we have a Christmas Luncheon ... so ... **December 9**, a Monday. We will not have a meeting but will now meet at Bellinis' Italian Restaurant located in Foster City at 11:45am. Note that this is a change of restaurants. Do drag out those (in)famous sweaters and join us for laughter and a good time. Make sure to mark the date change on your calendars. Bellinis' is located in the same small Mall as the Joy Chinese Restaurant. Come help bring in the New Year.
- ▲ **January 27** – Meeting in the Wind Room and lunch at the Lazy Dog Restaurant located in the Bridgepoint Shopping Center. Separate checks OK.

Membership – No birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate but **Andy King, Colleen Wood** and **Lydia Rolfe** are not feeling well – feel better folks, you are in our thoughts. Dues are due, so bring money!

Did you realize that November is National Peanut Butter Month? Stick with us and you will learn all kinds of trivia and useless information. You can match up PB with most everything – have you tried Peanut Butter and Kimchi (tasty Asian noodle bowl or even a sandwich,) Blue Cheese and PB as a salad dressing, or a coating with PB and grape jelly for baked chicken wings, what about PB and sardines (fish that is really good for you!)

don't want to leave out Maple flavored Bacon and PB sandwich, how about adding it to your coffee, or utilizing those good fats: PB, avocado, banana slices, and pumpkin seeds on toast. And the piece-de-resistance: a PB and jelly filled Donut. Note: the AMA highly recommends these tasty treats - and they recommend that you set up an appointment to see one ASAP!

Conundrum of the day: Do you ever wonder why the Doctor leaves the room while you change? —he's going to see you naked anyway ... hmmmmmmmmmm!

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 10:00am in the Wind Room at the Foster City Library, corner of Hillsdale Blvd., and Shell Blvd, Foster City, CA 94404. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson

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Secretary

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And we're off and running! The last quarter of 2024 ~ how did this happen so fast? I guess I tend to say how fast time goes by often, but, you know, it is true ~ or at least it sure feels like it. I think when we are in our "younger" years; we just believe that we have all the time in the world. We rush around working, raising our children, keeping our homes organized, cooking, cleaning, driving to so many practices – both for the kids and ourselves – and yet, it all gets done as it's expected to be. Now we can relax, kick back and take a deep breath. We can savor each day, enjoy those beautiful sunsets (I'm not up early enough to see those sunrises!) watch some TV or read a book. Do whatever we feel like and know that there's always "tomorrow". But we are also wise enough to know that nothing lasts forever so we don't take our time for granted. Life is good.

After enjoying delicious meals at El Tapatio, **Rudy Blazius**, always prepared, brought our meeting to order. Of course the best way to begin is to extend a hearty "Thank You" to **Chuck & Peggy Trebnik** for arranging this luncheon for us – 25 were able to make it. **Chris Delfino** was the only member present to receive the Happy Birthday from all. We don't have any couples celebrating an anniversary this month – and no guests joined us today. Moving right along ...

President ~ Rudy didn't have any "new" info for us, but he sure had a good list of things to attend to today – keep reading!

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** gave us an update for **Dale Harper**. Many of you may have been recipients of Dale's emails that kept us up on events happening for UAL retirees. Unfortunately, Dale has not been well and is at Escalon on hospice care. This is also true for **Frank Corvid** as well. Our best wishes and prayers go out to these men and their families.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny**, true to form, was ready and eager to give his monthly report. Our raffles are a great source of revenue and today's ticket sales will bring that number up once Tom can take it to the bank. Tom reports that our "tooling project" is still in place. Our UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion – held at Minden, NV the middle of September – did not yield any tools, but Tom did have one fellow who said he will have some to donate. There should be enough tools at Tom's house to fill out about 4 of the "need" lists for students. I'm sure that many of you can relate to the overwhelming worry you had when you first hired on at UAL and found out what you would need just to get started! And the tools are only part of the expense – tool boxes are necessary to cart all that equipment around! I want to give Tom a big "Thank You" for all the work he has put into this project. And that goes out to his helpers as well.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have any "secretary stuff" to talk about, but she did bring the sign-up sheet for 2025 luncheons. Everyone snagged their favorite month quickly. We still have two months that need someone to host – June (11th) and September (10th). I'm sure that those will get filled soon – let me know which one of these you would like to handle and I will put your name down.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** had a somewhat mix of things to share with us – beginning with our sweet **Diana Bell**. Diana & Duncan headed out for a great vacation, however, on the plane Diana passed out, fell right on her face (Suzanne had pictures to share!). Fortunately, there was a doctor on the flight who was able to take care of her followed by trauma teams, a trip to the Venice hospital, daily check ups on the cruise, scans etc. Long and short, Diana is just fine, lovely as ever but probably not the most fun trip!

Rudy let us know that two of our members, **Ken Bader** and **Linda Dinette** are both experiencing some medical concerns at the moment. Our best thoughts and prayers go to each of you and that everything turns out good.

Old Business ~ So, we just kept Suzanne on the floor and talking! She and Tom have been on point with getting the venue for our December luncheon pinned down. Last month we voted to return to the Smith House Flat as well as to up our individual cost by \$2.00 each so we could stay with prime rib and salmon. The **Kennys** will go to the restaurant and put down our deposit as well as confirm the menu for us. This fare will include an appetizer, Caesar salad, either prime rib or salmon, fresh veggies, dessert, non alcoholic drinks. An inquiry about whether or not a person could bring their own bottle of wine – that’s a negative. All extended a “Thank You” to Suzanne and Tom for taking on this project.

Toys For The Kids! Yep, the Holidays are looming on the horizon and advancing quickly. Last year our December luncheon was late enough that toys had already been distributed! They found homes, of course, but we don’t want to have that happen again this year – so – please do your shopping early(er) and bring your donations to the November 13th luncheon. **John Muir** and **Ann Marie Sutherland** will make sure all the toys get to the Marines (hooorah!) for distribution. Oh, and don’t forget the “older” kids! Match cars may not be on their “Santa List” so grab a gift card, put a reasonable amount on it, and bring that to the luncheon and they will be able to use it to get what they want/need.

Rudy asked for a brief wrap up for the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion held in Minden, NV last month. I think it all went pretty darn good. We can’t thank all our helpers enough. Early on Wednesday, we had plenty of help setting up the tables, the pop-ups, getting the hamburger trimmings cut/sliced, the food out, our cooks were fantastic. The only thing that could have been a disaster was the weather. We moved the dining time up some and it was a good thing. The dark clouds were sneaking closer and closer but we all ate, had a good time with the raffle and then quickly “broke” everything down, put in place, packed our truck with seconds to spare before it began to sprinkle/rain! The day before ... the day after ... beautiful sunshine! The only downside was that people weren’t able to stick around and relax in the grassy area and continue to visit with each other. Rosemary is setting up the dates for 2025 so you’ll be hearing soon(ish) for dates. There were quite a few who got together at JT Basque Restaurant on the Tuesday evening. Rudy & Cindy are going to check out another Basque dining in Carson City so there could be a change. If you go that direction, don’t miss out on going to the Railroad Museum in Carson City and Rudy said there’s another really good museum there. Plan a visit to Genoa – the oldest town in Nevada – it is really quaint and fun too.

New Business ~ Well, it’s that time of the year – in more ways than one – and **Tom Kenny** began collecting our \$15 dues for the 2025 year. Now, a note from me – please, please, everyone get your dues sent in to Tom sooner rather than later! As reported in past minutes, we passed around a roster asking for corrections. And there were several – new addresses, new phone numbers. I’ve been working on getting things updated and I think we finally have a good roster to share. We do not want to have to keep redoing this so will all of you get your dues sent to Tom! Make your check for \$15 to Hangtown Miners and send that check (or bring it to a luncheon) to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667. Seriously, it would really help to not wait so long to send in your dues!

Some people have received notifications regarding their health coverage for 2025. There isn’t anything really “consistent” about these letters, but, again, we all must be vigilant about staying informed – for medical and our other retiree benefits. **Judy Fitzpatrick** said there are organizations that will research your medical needs and help you to choose the best company/coverage for you. Be sure to ask about coverage for pre-existing conditions before changing companies. Also, and this is very important, if you decide to “try” a company or even partial coverage with a company outside those who are on the approved list given by United and you leave their retiree umbrella, you will not be able to return to medical coverage under United. You are the best advocate for your needs, but, please be sure to check out all your options and needs before making any/all decisions. I believe the end of October is the deadline for choosing.

Nominations! Yup, it’s that time of the year. Our “reign” as your officers for 2024 will end in just a couple months. Who will be nominated for 2025’s officers? The tension in the room was stifling! The drama. The worry. The debating. Who will it be? Well, here are the people who were nominated by **Roy Martin** and seconded by **John Muir** for the Hangtown Miners 2025 Officers: *President* ~ **Rudy Blazius**, *Vice President* ~ **JR Heier**, *Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny**, *Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** and *Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny**.

Well, what do you think? Can this list of rascals handle things for you? Do you trust them? If you have any reservations, you need to bring those concerns to our November meeting, bring it up and see if others agree with you. Otherwise, those present at that meeting will vote on this panel of people and I will let you know who will lead you in 2025!

Okay, I don't see anything else in my notes to address. I sent out a roster last week for you all to edit. For some reasons, the info can get scrambled when it arrives in your email box. I don't know why, I don't know how to prevent it, remember I have a love/hate relationship with computers. So, I will try sending it as an attachment – but – I am going to print out the roster and bring copies with me to our November luncheon. Those who are there will get it right away; if you can't get there, I will be sending it to you via USPS. I thank you for your patience with me!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and left us with these chuckles:

- ☺ The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- ☺ I thought it was my dryer that was making my clothes shrink. Turns out it's the refrigerator!
- ☺ I bought a little bag of air today ... the company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.
- ☺ I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store.
- ☺ Rudy didn't include this one, but it is soooooo me! One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box because it's, you know ... a really good box.

JR had an appointment he had to get to, so **Duncan Nielsen** took over the raffle and pulled **Irv Wolfram's** ticket for the donator's prize. Big "Thank You" to all who brought items for our raffle: **Bell/Nielsen** - spooky candle; **Kenney** - cocktail glass with chocolate; **Kenney** - fresh basil; **Trebnik** - photo album and table deco; **"Someone"** - glass cutting board; **Heier** - wine; **Gibson** - garden bee; **Fitzpatrick** - towels; **Kenny** - wine; **Martin** - pumpkin carving set & pumpkin; **Delfino** - apple pie, apple crisp, apple cider, wine!

Our November luncheon (hosted by **Gina Kenworthy**) will be at the Olive Garden in Folsom.

As we wrap up another month and prepare for two of the big(ger) holidays, remember to take time to take care of yourselves. Too often we are so busy doing this and that, looking after others and worrying about "What ifs" that we forget how important it is to include ourselves on the "to do" list.

Take time to breathe, to relax, to eat healthy, to enjoy life.



RESANS

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For the second month in a row, our Breakfast is after the deadline for the RUAEA newsletter.

Mardele Celestin joined us for breakfast. She is from Boca Raton, Florida and she stayed in SAN a few extra days after the Reunion due to the hurricanes, tornadoes and numerous flight delays. We had a wonderful visit with her. She made it safely home just a few days later.

There were many questions about the insurance renewal. It seems confusing and it is very difficult to reach anyone in Benefits by phone. We all shared the information we had obtained but there is a lot out there and some of it is contradictory; we will eventually get it all straightened out.

Our December Birthdays are **Wendel Johnson** (12/18) and **Maria Pollack** (12/30); that means she gets to celebrate twice, her birthday and then New Year's Eve!

Coming up next is our RESANS Christmas luncheon which will be on Thursday, December 5th at Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside.

A couple of items of interest: How many of you have heard of or even been in a haboob? An intense dust storm occurs in arid regions; primarily in the Middle East, the meaning is "to blow". The name sounds as if it occurs in science fiction movies. They are real and a significant meteorological phenomenon that affects weather patterns in the area and disrupts daily life. Even in the US, the term is used to describe seasonal dust storms in Arizona. I experienced one of these when I was in Egypt. The wind was so intense and the dust so heavy it took our visibility down to zero. The dust even penetrated into the car and we were coughing and our eyes got dry and itchy. We were on our way to Giza to see the pyramids and our driver had to stop until it passed.

Second and last for this month; have you heard the term "Bumbass"? It is an old word from Northern England that simply means bumblebee; they are mainly harmless and very industrious bees that are crucial for

pollination and play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. The next time you see one in your garden, you can refer to it by name and it won't get offended and sting you!

Calendar:

December 5 – Christmas Luncheon, Hunter's Steakhouse.

SACRAMENTO
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The Gold Diggers met at Skipolini's Pizza in Rocklin just before Halloween and several of the members came in costume. Pictured from L to R: **Trudy Engeldinger, Linda Lance, Marrilee Norton, Angie Dellinger, Stephanie Norton, and Veronica Domaratius.** We had 24 members and one guest, **Linda Lance**; we were taken care of by a wonderful server, Kara.

After enjoying a very nice lunch, President **Jim Simon** began our meeting, introducing his girlfriend **Linda Lance** and thanking members for their donations to the raffle as well as Kara for her service. VP **Barbara Bertacini** announced that our next gathering will be on December 11th at Café del Lago with details to come later. This will be our Holiday celebration which includes gathering Toys

for Tots. Barbara also alluded to what a great Reunion we had in San Diego which many members attended. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** announced the September anniversaries, **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** with 39 years, **Teresa & Skip Knapp** with 61 years and **Pat & John Zoboli** with 36 years ... then the October anniversaries with **Louise & Lyle Auerbach** with 12 years and **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** with 34 years. Ron then shared a little humor that he pickup when attending a recent RUPA luncheon: *"Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember ... don't sing!"*

Treasurer **Robin Garland** let us know the chapter is solvent and that we currently have 37 members. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** advised that she had sent sympathy cards to the **Don Burbank** family. Angie also mentioned that **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** had to miss our gathering due to George's illness and that he is in the hospital in San Francisco. We wish George a speedy recovery. Our Historian **Francis Domaratius** reported that we are continuing to make history, which is good news. Regional Director **Dave Garland** reported the Reunion in San Diego was a success and that the planning for 2025 is in process but no final decision has been made as to location.

Jim asked for any comments from the members and **Marji Gabert-Milam** advised about parking at the MOC. It is a little unclear but some of her friends who retired from SFOCS have been able to park there when traveling, previously it was only available to those who retired from the MOC. This seems to be an ever changing policy. We will try to verify if it is okay if you retired from the SFO point. **Laverne Haubl** advised as to some of the problems she is having after Len's passing especially with the Alliant Credit Union. Laverne emphasized how important it is for the retired employee to share with their spouse contacts, passwords, etc. ... with United, bank, credit union, insurance companies and others to avert these kinds of problems.

We next moved on to our birthday roll off ... since we did not meet in September, we started with those birthdays, **Robin Garland, Julie Heyneman, Orville Harshbarger, Lyle Auerbach** and **Barbara Bertacini** with Robin collecting a few extra dollars. Next was the October birthdays with **Veronica Domaratius** and **Ron Bertacini** and Ron get the extra bucks. We moved on with the raffle but in addition, we tried our hand a 50/50 pot as well with President Jim being the lucky winner.

We finished the afternoon with a poignant poem from Jim about Friendship.



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Submitted by Bob Scoble

Hello All,

A small group of us met in October at El Toreros Mexican Restaurant in Burson. We had one of the smallest groups for lunch yet. Only 8 members were able to make the date. Despite the small number, we had a great get together and lunch.

Planning for next year ~ I've asked everyone to consider and sign up to coordinate a luncheon event. A roster will be available at the November meeting. Also, dues are due for next year. Please reach out to **Sandy Brooks** or **Steve Foster** to pay dues and sign up for a luncheon. Pat and I will not be able to make either the November or December luncheons due to other commitments.

Sandy has scheduled the November 14th Luncheon at El Torero Mexican Restaurant, 2869 Hwy 12 in Burson, CA at 11am.

Steve has scheduled the December 12th Christmas luncheon at Firenze's Italian Restaurant, 502 N. Yosemite Ave. in Oakdale at 11am.

Since Pat and I will not be seeing any of you until next February, we would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for your company and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Also, remember there is no luncheon for January 2025.

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Seventeen people were in attendance for our November meeting on a nice morning. We were given the patio area which worked out quite nicely for the number attending. This would be the last meeting that **Chuck Clayborn** would preside over as president of the SouthBay RUAEA. He is in the process of finalizing his new home in Arizona and preparing for his move in early 2025. This leaves our chapter with his position as president vacant. Discussion did take place for someone to assume his role; however, no one indicated that they are interested.

Those in attendance agreed that our December 2nd meeting would also be our annual Christmas get together, since no one volunteered to make arrangements for a special event. How we continue on after the New Year, has yet to be resolved. If no one steps up to make arrangements for our monthly gatherings, how do we proceed? Do we then try to have meetings

every other month, quarterly or just special occasions? We are at a critical point in ensuring that our chapter remains solvent and must conclude how we go about doing just that.

We missed **Cheri Scales** and welcomed her son Jeff at the breakfast meeting. Our best wishes go out to **Greg Caster** who also could not make the meeting. We were excited to have **Dave & Robin Garland** join us all the way from Rocklin.

November was a good month for babies as we celebrate birthdays for; **Bill Reichard**, **Bob Matkovich**, **Karen Devlin**, **Bob Devlin** and **George Midwin**.

Happy Anniversary to **Tony & Sally Urso**, **Alex & Margie Klaus**, **Bill & Rosie Reichard**, and **Bob & Rita Matkovich**.

Bill Reichard is recovering from his second knee replacement and expected to begin training for the New York marathon. Meanwhile, **Bob Delvin** is recuperating from his surgery and will resume his training for the weight lifting championships.

Hopefully, we will see a greater number of people coming to our final breakfast for this year and our annual Christmas gathering.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

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There is no report this month from the Solano Flyers chapter of RUAEA.

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At our monthly breakfast, a small number of people came due to snow in Denver. We welcome new member **Duane Cornella**.

The 2025 RUAEA Reunion will be in Denver, September 27 through October 1 at the Holiday Inn across from the United Training Center; volunteers are needed for the event. This Reunion includes members from RUPA, ARECA, Clipped Wings as well as RUAEA.

Our next meeting is December 5th at 11:00 at Ted's Place, this will be our Christmas party; you can order off the menu or T-Bone steak this year. Contact Paul Goodyear at pauldgoodyear@gmail.com or text him at (303) 564-5242. He needs to know how many are coming and how many in each party by November 25th. We also need people to donate raffle gifts.

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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net.



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We always have a great turnout for our picnic and even though today was Election Day - it was no exception. Thirty members and guests joined in a yummy celebration with hamburgers, hotdogs and tons of side dishes! The desserts are always a favorite and **Tom Cannata** provided his wife, Peg's, famous chocolate "heavenly" cookies! Yum!

Who were the chefs you ask? Only the finest in all Orlando: **Monte Clark, Tom Cannata** and **Ed DiCicco**.

We all enjoyed the nice, breezy day and lots of chitchat. 50's-60's music was provided by **Ernie Vosges** from his cell phone hooked to a great little speaker system! The drizzle held off until we'd all packed up what little was left!

Today, Treasurer Linda was busy collecting monies and reservations for the Christmas Luncheon, scheduled at the Maggiano's at Pointe Orlando on December 10th from Noon til 3PM. It promises to be a Gala Event!

Birthdays being celebrated in November included: the cook - **Monte Clark** on 11/16, the guy who drives each month from TPA to join us, **Dennis Schuster** on 11/17, and the chef's wife, **Patti Clark** on 11/22!

A 42nd Anniversary Celebration for **Ted & Claire LeGrand**! Huge Congrats and champagne to many more!

We are all thankful on this upcoming Thanksgiving Day for our families, friends, our decent health and blessed happiness ... for every day the Lord gives us and every memory and smile we give/receive every day. Hugs!

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We had our monthly lunch on the 1st of November with 10 members in attendance, some regular attendees could not attend due to illness.

Our next meeting and lunch is on December 6 at 11:30 am at LNYQ in Ft Myers. All are welcome.
Happy Thanksgiving to all!



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We had 6 people at our November meeting. There were no Birthdays or Anniversaries. **Noemi Guzman** turned 90 on October 7th.

We talked about hurricane Milton and the damage it caused; we also talked about UAL.

Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 11 at Outback Steakhouse, 1PM. I'll send out reminders during the last week of November so I can tell them how many we will have for our Luncheon.

Celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th and Thanksgiving on November 28th.

Calendar:

December 11 – Christmas Luncheon at Outback Steakhouse at 1:00PM. More information will be forthcoming.

January 6 – IHOP, 10:30

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We did not have a meeting for the month of November; our next meeting will be our Christmas Party which will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024. The place of the affair is Carmines Restaurant, 2401 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 33410; (561) 775-0186. Time will be from 12PM-4PM.

There were no Birthdays or Anniversaries for the month of December.

Anyone visiting South Florida at the time of the party and would like to join us for good food and a fun time please contact me at above e-mail.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy New Year. Lots of Holidays to celebrate. Many Cheers!

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There is no report this month from the Boise Gems chapter of RUAEA.

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December—End of the line for 2024. What did we do that was so wonderful? Anything? Nothing? Did you call Bezos and ask to be on his next trip to outer space? I'd love to go but I'm short about \$2,750,000. That's a lot of money for a 10 minute trip. Guess I'll stay with United and their free trips within the United States. Elon Musk is selling a seat to Mars for only \$100,000. What a deal, but it could take over a year to get there. Imagine how many boxes of Depends we'd need per person. Wow, that's staggering. We better stay on good old Terra Firma. Leave that to the young kids of 35-50. By the way, how many of you are still traveling and using your passes? Or at least the 20% discount. I know many are still going out and seeing relatives and new cities, or just old ones that we loved so much. Keep reading, I'm going to tell you about our new destinations.

I had quite an experience last week. I let my password expire last year and thought, I better bring that up to date in case my Enrolled Friends wanted to use my passes. Plus, I get questions from you, my retiree friends, so I have to know the answers. First, they asked if I wanted to join a new Signon Alight? I didn't pass the test, so I went back to my old way of signing in, it didn't like that either. I went to my old favorite of calling the 800 number at EXO. Apparently, that has changed too. I used to get this really nice man that asked me questions,

pulled up my record and then stayed with me until I got a new password in and was successful. Well, that nice live man is gone, I got a girl robot, who asked questions, but then kind of said, Ok, lady, you're on your own. I felt so alone and dejected. Times have changed, folks. A friend of mine called yesterday, got a real person and he helped, so I guess it all depends on the day or maybe the time you call, or, what buttons you push. I don't know. If you haven't called in for a password reset lately, don't be afraid, I'm just saying, be ready, have all of your info ready. Just now I signed in with my new password that I set up last week. It was not liked by UAL FT; had to find another sentence to use. I'm running out of new words that I can remember, and remember the ones I used in the last five years. Ha-ha! Pretty soon they're going to get censored. #\$\$%^&*().

Lots of holidays and special parties for us this month. The IAM 1487 is on December 5, but I hope you have your reservation in by now. **Mary Alice Parker** might be able to help you, check your Union phone book, give her a call or email. Our Skyliner luncheon is on December 10. **Tom Pelc**, our treasurer can, be reached at (630) -718-0347, maybe he can squeeze you in. December 6th is St. Nicholas Day, don't forget to put up your lovely red sock the night before. Better not forget the grand and great grand kids too. I always got an orange, those pfeffernusse cookies and maybe something else from the Elves. Today, kids want electronics, money, toys that'll never fit in the small red stocking. When did we lose control of a lovely German custom?

Then of course, December 24, Christmas Eve, December 25, Christmas Day and December 26, Kwanza and Hanukkah. Of course, December 31, one of my old supervisors, who imbibed quite a bit, used to call it, Amateur Night. Then that's it for 2024. Have a good month, behave and enjoy the colors and spirit of the season. I hope you have lots of family and friends to be with you at least one of these days. Maybe even stop into church and say Happy Birthday to Jesus, he is the reason for the season. Now, to start all over again on January 1, 2025. How did we get here for so long? I guess God's not ready for us, He hasn't found that perfect spot where we'll fit in. We're not soup yet!

Our Northside breakfast had **Jim Tipperreiter, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, Dona Nefczyk, Elena & Cesar Guerra**.

The ORDMM foremen included **Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, Stan Chmielewicz**, our old friend **John Ski** and his wife **Pam** came up from North Carolina. Two surprise guests were **Craig Linkinhoker** and his wife, **Deb**. Lots of new faces, wonderful to see everybody. Almost the whole 'old gang' showed up. Those who missed it, aren't you sorry?

The 1487 IAM had about 75 members at their November meeting. It was a Brown Bag Bingo. Two games were played and money was split with the two winners. Next month, their fabulous Christmas Party will be held at the Seville in Streamwood. Hope you're all signed up by now.

Have some United news, it might be old news to some, but I'm going to tell ya anyhow. United has closed these European cities, mostly because of low passenger demand. Belfast, Begen, Berlin Tegel, Birmingham, Copenhagen, Glasgow, Hamburg, Istanbul, Manchester, Moscow Domodedovo, Newcastle, Oslo, Prague, and Stuttgart. Then on the other end of the subject, they're adding these new cities around the globe in 2025. Marrakesh, Morocco; Cebu, Philippines; Palermo, Sicily; Bilbao, Spain; Madeira and Faro Portugal; Nuuk, Greenland; Dakar, Senegal; Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Venice, Italy; Nice, France; Medellin, Colombia; and San Jose, Costa Rica. They will also expand more summer flights to Dubrovnik, Athens, Venice, and Palma in Majorca. Delta and American are also adding about a dozen new routes to Europe in 2025. Wow, this makes me want to ask a lot of questions about these new cities and additional flights to others, but I'm going to shut my mouth. Well, just a small one, do we have enough planes, pilots, flight attendants, ground crew and other employees to do the work? This costs a lot of money to establish new cities. Guess that's why they closed the above cities that aren't getting us business/money. My goodness, some of those places I never heard of. Get your bags ready, I now some of you are excited and ready to go. Remember when your parents told you to behave or they would send you to Outer Mongolia? Well, now United will take you there—on a pass! Go United!

One more piece of info, about UAL in Orlando. The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) recently solidified a long-term operational relationship with its oldest airline partners, United. The GOAA board approved a landmark lease agreement with us for a new Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) complex at Orlando creating a valuable opportunity for future aeronautical development. The vision for the new over \$300 million MRO campus includes construction of a new maintenance hangar and warehouse, renovations to one of United's two existing hangars, and demolition of the other one. The scope of the lease includes a post-construction term of 30 years with an additional 10 year option period. The GOAA feels its important for their airport and the most established legacy carrier to forge a lasting collaboration. Our partnership will be a game-changer for Orlando and United. We are definitely on the move! What a great opportunity for us in the Orlando area. We'll be watching the progress on this, for sure.

To all my readers, thanks again for all of your kind words regarding my column. I enjoy finding interesting things to pass on to you regarding United, people, new rules, fun facts in the world, and updates on some of our old friends. We're all in this together and nobody gets out of this life alive. One of my old co-workers, **Bill Wallace**, told me that back in about 1979, long time ago, never forgot it. Don't know about you, but I worked with some really great individuals, and some were very individualistic individuals, one of a kind! They're the ones we remember aren't they? They made it worth coming in some days. Most are gone now, but their memory lingers on. Wonder if anybody will remember us like that. That would be nice.

Happy New Year, 2025. At this age, we don't have to prove too much to anybody anymore. And we don't have to pander to many either. Isn't that nice? We had to when we were working, but we are our own bosses now. Just stay well; smile, make others smile, and good Lord, don't fall! That could be the beginning of the end as we know it. Live, we deserve fun in our last half of our lives. Let's hope 2025 is everything we could hope. And please God, don't take away too many of our good friends. We'd miss them, a lot! And not me yet, I have to clean my living room.

Our fellow workers have gone West last month: **Edwin Grant Fears**, ORDMM, **Joe Laskonis**, ORDCG, and **Delores Zachara**, wife of **Dennis**, ORDCG, **Ken Shaboni**, ORDCS, **Sandy Brownlee**, EXO Collections, **Todd Couper**, ORDCG fueling, husband of **Kim**, ORDNOG, son of **William**, ORD, **Vertin Jones**, ORDMK bus driver.

Famous notables include singers, Jack Jones, (Love Boat theme), composer, producer, the very talented Quincy Jones, Phil Lesh (Grateful Dead), actors, Michael Newman (Baywatch), Ron Ely (TV Tarzan), Alan Rachins, (L.A. Law), beautiful and talented Mitzie Gaynor, (South Pacific), very funny Teri Garr (Young Frankenstein, Tootsie), Businessman Donald Hall, CEO Hallmark Cards, Edzard Reuter, CEO of Daimler-Benz, sports figure, Fernando Venezuela, Dodgers, Politician William Beavers, Chicago City Council and Cook County Commissioner, Human rights advocate and wife of RFK, Ethel Kennedy.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**December 12**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd., Streamwood, (**December 5**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**December 19**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 A.M., 1575 Edgewood Dr, Algonquin (**January 14**).

Skyliners Fall Luncheon, Belvedere, 11:00, 1170 W. Devon Ave, Elk Grove, (**December 10**)

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INDY RACERS

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Our latest chapter meeting was held on October 8th. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Alan Miller** and **Simon Jahner**. We began planning for our Christmas lunch. No other new business was discussed.



On a personal note, for the past couple years; my retirement project has been to restore a 1964 Cessna 150E. I've been making progress. One of my goals this summer was to get as much painted as possible. I'm pleased to report that I have 2/3 painted (see attached before and after

photos). I'll paint the tail next summer when the heat returns.

Restoring the airplane has been a lot of work and mostly fun. Painting is among my least favorite things to do. The plane has around 2600 hours on the airframe, so it's pretty low time. The engine has about 1200 hours so it's "mid-life-ish". Over the past 3 years, I've been inspecting and fixing it by sections and making progress; so far, no catastrophic issues. I'm hoping to have it airworthy by the end of summer 2025. We'll see how that goes.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We always enjoy meeting new United friends. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **November 12** at Emmy's
- **December 10**, Christmas Luncheon, location TBD
- **January 14** at Emmy's

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MASSACHUSETTS

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I got a call from **Ron Heisler**, informing me that **Shawty Bob Austin** passed away. There are so few of us now we don't know how many are left.

At the height of the Northeaster chapter, we had 119 retirees plus spouses. With the death of the officers, myself being the only one left, the secretary, there is no one left to carry on the organization.

I am planning one more luncheon shortly. It will be good to see as many individuals as we can. I still received the RUAEA newsletter and go through it all the time looking for names that I know. Stay well all members!

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Sadly, United Detroit reservations has lost two retirees this past month. Most recently, **Marge Nicholas** passed away on November 4. Marge retired from United in 1995 after 27 years of service. Her family said that her United family meant so much to her. She will be at the Coats Funeral Home, 8909 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI on Sunday, November 10 from 3-8PM. Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 11 at 10AM at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford, MI. In state will be from 9:30-10AM at the church. Condolences may be sent to her husband, **Bill Nicholas**, 5130 Ironside, Waterford, MI 48239.

Larry Smith retired from DTWRR after 30 years of service to United. Larry worked the tower and was a supervisor. He died on October 10 at his home in Lake Columbia, MI at age 59. He was currently employed at Hi-Lex Controls in Litchfield, MI.

Marguerite Venn has taken on responsibility as interim correspondent for DTWRR retirees until a permanent person is in place. Might you be interested in taking on this project? Do you know of someone else who might be? Please contact Marguerite at mptv85@gmail.com if interested.

A card, a call, are the little things that can make a person's day. Take the time today to make someone feel special by remembering them. Many thoughts and prayers are needed by our United family.

Thoughts for the month: *"Be Thankful. It is the little thing that usually has the greatest impact in life: A smile, a hug, a thank you, a compliment."*

NEBRASKA



OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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There is no report this month from the Omaha Golden Ears chapter of RUAEA.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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Our Holiday Party will be on Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM, at the Durango Hills Golf Club. All UA/CO retirees and friends are welcome to join us.

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RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 10 members present at our October 15 meeting. Our meeting was moved to Tuesday this month because Indigenous Peoples' Day falls on Monday, October 14, and the Black Bear Diner gets extra busy.

Open Enrollment has just finished. Hopefully, everyone was able to find a plan that meets their needs.

We handed out a menu for Biscotti's at the Peppermill Resort Casino for our Christmas luncheon. As in previous years, your lunch selections and payment will be collected at our November 12 meeting. Our Chapter will cover the tax and tip and will also be able to receive the 20% locals discount using John's Club card. We will do our 50/50 raffle, as well as have other goodies for the raffle.

The October birthdays are **Barbara Leusing** and **Donna Perkins**. The winner of the Halloween ghost dog was **June Roe**. Our very own treasurer **Kathy Robinson** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on November 12 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Our chapter met on October 30 for the luncheon/meeting. President **Frank Warzocha** led the flag salute. A minute of silence was held in recognition of Veterans Day.

Kathy Daily won our door prize. Our 50/50 was won by **Phil Steinbavcher**.

It was reported by our President that Terminal B, which is the International Terminal, is being torn down to make room for a much larger operation. I guess wonders never cease. I remember coming to United in March 1953, and they were working on the airport. I retired in 1991 and they are still working on the airport. Maybe it will end when NASA does moon shots from EWR.

There will be no meeting in November as usual, however, our next meeting will be on December 4, which will be our Christmas dinner.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips chapter of RUAEA.

Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We started our November lunch with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Donna & Bob Cardenas are celebrating their 41st anniversary this month.

November birthdays are **Arthur Wilsdorf, James Ammon, LeeAnn Lack, and Velma Jones**.

50/50 winners were **Ed Pozzi, Bob Carensas, and Emma Milazzo**.

Detour sign in Kyushi, Japan: *Drive Sideways*.

Calendar:

December 4 – Christmas luncheon, see you then.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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There is no report this month from the Ohio Buckeyes chapter of RUAEA.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Another get together with good food and great conversations! Three ladies celebrated birthdays in October: **Penny Korbe** and **Linda Tracy** on 10/11 and **Annette Knott** on 10/21. Penny won the free lunch. **Paul Russell**, 10/2, was the only guy in attendance with an October birthday so he also gets a free lunch. There were no anniversaries to acknowledge. **Yvonne Wright** won the 50/50 and **Pat Smith** won the door prize free lunch.

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun! There are some recycled funnies this month because they still make me laugh!

- ☺ Getting old is tough:
 - I went into an antique store the other day and they wouldn't let me leave.
 - I tried using that face aging app and it said, nah you're good.
 - I'm officially an old man. I give unwanted advice to total strangers.
 - I told a kid to pull his pants up because his underwear was showing. He mocked me and tried to give me a wedgie, but the joke was on him. I was wearing Depends.
 - I went to the doctor because I thought I had arthritis. I don't. I have early onset rigor mortis.
 - I joined a dating site for people my age, called Carbon Dating. I asked a woman on the site for her number. She told me it was 140 over 95.
- ☺ Housework is a never-ending chore. You do laundry and dishes and 3 months later you have to do it all over again.
- ☺ Sometimes I have to tell myself that it is just not worth the jail time.
- ☺ I am not arguing, I'm just explaining why I'm right!
- ☺ My mind is like my internet browser: 19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen and I have no idea where the music is coming from.
- ☺ You don't become cooler with age, but you do care progressively less about being cool, which is the only true way of being cool.
- ☺ I am retired. Reading books is my job!
- ☺ Books – helping introverts avoid conversation since 1454.
- ☺ Did you hear about the guy who invented the Knock Knock joke? He won the No Bell prize.
- ☺ My mind is exceptionally quiet ... I'm suspicious that I'm up to something I don't want myself to know about.
- ☺ You know you're old when your knees give you a more accurate weather forecast than the guy in the TV.
- ☺ I still don't know why it's called beauty sleep. I wake up looking like I've been run over by a truck multiple times.
- ☺ The best thing about being our age? We did all of our stupid stuff before the invention of the internet, so there's no proof!
- ☺ I discovered that answering the door naked helps deter Trick or Treat-ers. Until the last two that came, dressed like policemen.
- ☺ I'm ready to sling some candy out the door, toss a turkey in the oven, open a few presents, and call it a

year.

- ☺ Just so you know, butter knives are not flathead screwdrivers.
- ☺ A passenger in a hired limousine leaned over to ask the driver for the time and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver shrieked, lost control of the vehicle, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the limousine. Then the still shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry but you scared the daylights out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle the driver so badly. The driver replied, "No, no. I'm the one who is sorry. It's entirely my fault. You see today is my very first day driving a limo. I've been driving a hearse for the past 25 years."
- ☺ My grandfather told me that he saw the Titanic, and that from the beginning he warned all the people that the ship would sink, but nobody listened to him. He was a brave man. He did not give up. He warned them again and again on several occasions ... until they kicked him out of the theater.
- ☺ If you like candy corn, I'm going to just go ahead and assume you eat crayons and candles too.
- ☺ The doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through the list, his eyes grew wide as he realized that Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize there are birth control pills?" "Yes, they help me sleep at night." "Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep." The old lady reached out and patted the young doctor's knee ... "Yes, dear I know that. But every morning I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old granddaughter drinks and believe me, it definitely helps me sleep at night."

Until next month!

Calendar:

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

November 14

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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There is no report this month from the Independents chapter of RUAEA.

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA.

UTAH

SALT LAKE RETIREES

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There is no report this month from the Salt Lake Retirees chapter of RUAEA.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Welcome to the Emerald City!

The mechanics met on November 14 at Trotter in Auburn, WA.

Judy & I spent the first two weeks of September in Alaska. We boarded the Holland America Cruise Ship in Vancouver, Canada and spent one week traveling to Ketchikan, Juno and Skagway then on the Glacier Bay and College Fjord. College Fjord was the best that we saw of the three glaciers.

We were then bussed to Anchorage for a two-day stay and on to Mount McKinley by train. On the train to Mount McKinley, we were seated in a vista dome, the mountains were beautiful, the only vehicle allowed on the mountain was a school type bus; we saw bears, wolves, sheep and reindeers. Then we were bussed to Fairbanks for our last two days; we rode on a paddle boat and visited a gold mine and smelter.

We finally flew home to Seattle and a week afterward, we attended the Reunion in San Diego which we had a great time meeting a lot of new people and old friends.

The Emerald City Slickers Christmas luncheon is set for December 11th at Noon at Angelo's Restaurant. Please RSVP to **Ken Story** by December 4th so we can let the restaurant know the number of guests.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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There is no report this month from the Dulles Loungers chapter of RUAEA.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS®



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I would like to take this moment to introduce myself as the new National Vice President of Clipped Wings. My name is **Kathleen (Kathy) Freeman**. I live in Waretown, NJ and I am currently an active International Flight Attendant with over 47 years seniority with legacy United Airlines based in one of our largest hubs, Newark Liberty International Airport. I have been a member of Clipped Wings for close to 20 years having held the local office of Secretary and Editor of our Newark Chapter.

Being based in Newark allows me to fly some of our most sought after routes of Haneda and Narita, Japan, New Delhi, India, Johannesburg and Capetown, South Africa and so many of our seasonal international destinations. I am an avid golfer; tennis player and swimmer ... just call me an old athlete as I will play anything just like when we were kids. I am a widow and my most cherished time though is spending my days off with any of my six adult children and six grandchildren.

As I step into this new position to fill the large shoes of my successor, **Kathy Denker**, who has become the National President, I am in awe of the magnitude of the great works that our national chapters, 28 in total, have accomplished. Our impressive statistics - \$95,805 donated during the 2022-2024 term to the national office of Special Olympics in support of Parent Grants and local charities with over 13,603 volunteer hours contributed during that same period – are a testament to the hard work and generosity of our chapters nationwide. Clipped Wings is fortunate to have the exceptional leadership of **Kathy Denker** as National President. Her dedication and accomplishments have set a remarkable standard for our organization. I, most definitely, have a very strong foundation to build upon. My goals are to build our membership through a partnership with United Airlines to reach active flight attendants globally, continue many unique fundraising pathways, i.e., See's Candies Yum Raising, Coin Jars, 50/50's at monthly meetings, coffee sales and to hopefully add more chapters nationwide.

As I take on the responsibilities of National Vice President, I am encouraged to draw on the inspiration from **Kathy Denker's** accomplishments (three new chapters emerged from her leadership) while also bringing my own unique perspective and ideas to the table. I hope my passion and commitment will guide Clipped Wings to even more success in the years to come. In closing may I suggest, if any members of RUAEA are interested, introduce yourselves to one of our local chapter events near you to learn more about our organization. If you happen to be a former or retired flight attendant we would love to meet you. Friendship and fun are our middle names.

Check us out on Facebook and our website at: Clipped Wings® Chat Corner, www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org.

In Gratitude,

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2024**:

Stephen Allen, Virginia Beach, VA
Mia Amick, Kernersville, NC
Kevin Bradford, Elizabeth, CO
Lambert David, Bear, DE
Jean Dayney, Elgin, TX
Monserrate Del Dago, Haiku, HI
Timothy Dorner, Bonney Lake, WA

Elaine Falzone, Hartland, WI
Lawrence Finne, San Francisco, CA
Carol Forsythe, Laguna Niguel, CA
Kathleen Freeman, Waretown, NJ
William Grimes, Tracy, CA
Jeanne Harp, Guthrie, OK
Shari Heath, Sun City, AZ
Andrea Hickman, Naperville, IL
Jeanne Holder, Social Circle, GA
Joyce Johnson, Moline, IL
Jill King, Kents Store, VA
John King, Hayward, CA
Morgan Knox, Winthrop, ME
Gary Lonieski, Naples, FL
Deb Misgen-Ostrowski, Oro Valley, AZ
Sneh Mishra, South San Francisco, CA
Susanne Nieto, Canyon Country, CA
Winnie Partridge, Ventura, CA
Julie Paul, Highlands Ranch, CO
John Quaine, Sterling, VA
Ellen Reggio, Durango, CO
Judith Schweppe, Lakewood, CO
Annette Scott, Woodstock, IL
Calvin Shiraishi, South San Francisco, CA
Willamina Tandy, Lakewood, CO
Yeaso Tekerian, Dallas, TX
Mary L. Tiradogoravica, Plainfield, IL
Ernest Tyler, Spring, TX
Joann Wedekind, Chicago, IL
William Werner, Ranson, WV
Christopher Wever, Danville, IN
Kathy Windall, Huntersville, NC

CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **October 2024**:

Benjamin Acosta, Mia Amick, Francis Tom Bellhouse, Carmen C. Brandreth, Albert D. Brockmann, Nina Cassano, Raymond Colavita, Douglas W. Colbert, Stephen F. Conrad, Lambert David, Richard L. Dean, Timothy Dorner, Helena M. Ferdinandus, Marlene J. Fulton, Padraic E. Gardner, Andrea Hickman, Pati L. Hudgens, Edna H. Ito, Vera M. Kina, John King, Peggy Maromaty, Malcolm McCann, Terrence M. McCaughey, Mary V. Moir, Gustavo A. Moreno, Jacklyn C. Muller, Edward A. Naranjo, Marilyn Neale, Patricia A. Nicholaisen, Ronald H. Nichols, Beatrice T. Okino, Stephen R. Piceno, Jeff Poulson, John Quaine, Beverly A. Schenk, Wanda A. Shafer, Ray E. Shoults, Nancy J. Snyder, Jackson Spurlock, Alan J. Stephenson, Alfred H. Svare, Harry I. Takaki, Uta Tipper, Harold P. Turney, Casey Walker, William Werner, Christopher Wever, and Rita Zarek.

Due to a database software error, contributions from the following members were not acknowledged in the RUAEA 2024 August, September and October Newsletters. We apologize for the errors and thank you for your contributions.

Wendy J. Aivalotis, Herman Amaral, Barbara J. Anable, Phil Andersen, Nancy M. Bain, Dale E. Bates, Theodore M. Beth, Rick Bogner, Kathleen J. Brown, H. Don Brunjes, Jean Cali, Shirley B. Claggett, Patricia Conrad, Barry O. Constantine, Jacqueline Corr, Joanne Cote-Carlsen, Christina A. Daley, Carolyn A. Davis, Eddy L. Dent Whitaker, Ruth D. Duffey, Jean Flynn, Jo Ann Greenwood, Jean O. Grieb, Jack E. Hadden, Kathy E. Hawley, Jesse Hicks, Evan F. Holly, Larry L. Hoover, David J. Ivey, Janet G. Jolley, Shirley A.

Keister, Linda Kelley, Jacqueline Lashley, Sammy H. Liao, Salvador D. Luna, Melvin L. Manrose, Donald J. Matker, Claudia A. McCullough, Ronald G. Miller, Harold J. Miller, Bette J. Mock, Alfonso Morales, Robert L. Mukomela, Linda B. Mundt, Eustace C. Nakagawa, Charles J. O'Brien. Elizabeth Ogburn, Sumiko Oi, Joyce B. Pegg, Thomas M Pelc, Joyce Pfeiffer, Merle K Pitman, Dennis E Saxon, Arc Seven, Ellen F Tansey, Arlene A. Taylor, Edmund Ed E. Tholl, Patricia A. Tyler, Nick Utehin, Geraldine Vann, Loretta B. Vass, Linda K. Ward, Cynthia A. White, Kenneth T. Workman, Anna Wozniak, and Jane A. Yoshimoto.

OBITUARIES

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

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

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at ruaea@qwestoffice.net, or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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

Spouse – **Bemis, Frank A.**, on 9/21/2024, husband of Joyce S. Bemis, WHQKB, 41 Bright Ridge Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60194

Retiree – **Brownlee, Sandra K.**, on 10/17/2024, WHQFA, wife of Kenneth L. Brownlee, 2214 Bentoak Hollow, San Antonio, TX 78248

Retiree – **Duda, Ronald J.**, on 7/17/2024, SFOMM, husband of Susan K. Duda, 32423 Lake Mask Pl., Fremont, CA 94555

Retiree – **Hedrick, Carroll W. (Skinner)**, on 12/5/2023, SFOOV, husband of Patricia (Trish) Hedrick, father of Mark, SFOPK, and Steve Hedrick and Carroll's son Bart (deceased) and uncle of Karen M. Murray, 6295 Wheat Miller Court, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Retiree – **Hopkins, Richard J. (Dick)**, on 7/27/2024, LAXCS, husband of Lois Hopkins (deceased), 1410 Philmar Lane, Vista, CA 92083

Retiree – **O'Hearn, Sharon**, on 10/9/2024, DENRR, wife of Raymond O'Hearn, DENRR, 4561 Fenwood Pl., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Retiree – **Thiede, Kenneth W.**, on 9/12/2024, ORDMM, husband of Ellen Thiede, father of Jim Thiede, 128 S Staffire Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60193

Letters & Notes



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

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

Pamela Dahle, Carol Dean, Ardell Furuta, Vera Kina, Robert Kaczor, Linda Marek, Betty McBride, Beatrice Okino, Joe and Lynn Pettrow, Stephen Piceno, Sue Sealey, and Alan Stephenson.

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.)

John "Scotty" Thomas, 810 Gonzalez Drive 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132

Dear Martha: I was sorry to read that my good friend, **Ken Thiede**, had flown West. I first met Ken when I became the Recoding Secretary of Local Lodge 1781 (San Francisco) in the 1960's, probably at a Union Convention. We hit it off right away.

In 1968, I was elected to Vice President West for District 141 IAMAW and for the next 10 years, I would see a lot of Ken. He always made me welcome at Union meetings at LL1487. After I returned to the Jet Shop in 1978 as a mechanic, we lost touch. Then, a few years back I got a letter from Ken when he read one of my letters in your very fine magazine. I replied and we wrote to each other almost every month. We wrote about family, our health and former Union people we worked with.

I had a bad time back in April and ended up in hospital with pneumonia and a month later when I fell in the bathroom, I was back in hospital but only for a day. When I recovered, I started writing to Ken again but this time there was no reply. Then I read about Ken in the Newsletter, and I then knew I had lost a good friend. My wife, Helen, wrote to Ellen, Ken's wife, because they met at Union Conventions. Goodbye Great Friend.

Kenneth Ausherman, 227 S. Rothsay Ave., Minneapolis, KS 67467

I really look forward to the Newsletter each month, as I have no computer.

I just returned from my second RUAEA San Diego reunion; and I had a good time.

I was in the Navy in 1963 in San Diego. I retired in 2010 from DENCg. I have 41 years between two airlines. I spent 18 years 3 months with the original Frontier Airlines and 22 years 10 months with United Airlines.

John Brinnon, 2618 Hampton Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

Enclosed is my RUAEA Newsletter renewal for 2025. I always enjoy each and every issue.

I retired from UAL in December 2002 after 34 years at the SFO Maintenance Base (SFOPA/SFOCE).

My hire date was January 13, 1969, right out of the US Air Force as an E4-Jet engine mechanic at Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA 1965-68.

Thank you to the US Air Force and United Airlines, for the retirement I now enjoy.

Georgeann Delcastillo, 1723 Dooley Ln, Lakeland, FL 33813

Thank you so much for the interesting and informative newsletter!

It is definitely my steady link to UAL!!

Marilyn Evans, 19706 E. Atlantic Dr., Unit C, Aurora, CO 80013

Thank you for all the work you guys do for RUAEA Newsletter. I read it from front to back.

I have one compliment, I would like to make: Just a comment to Cameron Pate's article.

United Airlines chose some great people. That is why they are a strong airline.

Congratulations to you and all your compliments. You sound a lot like Rhonda Fields in Aurora, CO. She has done great things for Aurora, since retiring from United Airlines.

Thank you United for the people you have produced.

Ruth Marston, 425 Maggie Cir., Flint, TX 75762

I am doing well in Flint, TX. My doctor told me I needed a lower altitude, so that is why I moved. I miss the mountains out of my back door but I do feel better here.

I have been retired 29 years after working 31 years at UAL. I will be 94 in November. I have been told that my health is very good. Blessings to all!

Koji Takeuchi, 3344 Uribe St., Las Vegas, NV 89129

I just turned 90 years old in February 2024, and forgot to pay my dues. I guess that is what happens to some of us seniors, at times.

I live in Las Vegas and am enjoying my retirement and spending my hard earned, from UAL, gambling. But I am still living in comfort.

I worked in LAX for 38 years as an A&P mechanic. All were great years.

Thanks for all you do for all of us.

Notes

Carol J. Riddle

My husband, Harry A., passed away in 2024.

Carol Forsythe

I was based/stationed at both LAX and SFO.

Uta Tipper

Reconnecting to dear memories.

Jean Dayney

I'm looking forward to connecting with other retired people.

John Quaine

I retired at the end of June this year.

Jill King

Knowing the penalty for a FA to refuse the mandated jobs, I was coerced into UA's early retirement VSL-B in JAN 2021. I'm officially released/retired on 8/30/2023.

Lambert David

I retired in 2015 due to back injuries. I had 27.8 years at the time. Started January 25,1988.

William Werner

I'm a retired Continental Airline employee; old employee number 27216. I have an old retiree ID but it has expired several years ago. I was a dues paying union member while employed.

Judith Schweppe

I am the Secretary of United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF).

Marlene J. Fulton

I love the RUAEA Newsletter; keep it coming; this is the only way I am connected to my UAL family. God Bless.

Vincent Malena

Time flies! We're still snow birds. I've been retired since '98. All is well with us!

Gary J. Frosch

I just passed the mid-80's

Mary L. Tirado Goravica

After 29+ years of service with United Airlines, Co-workers and jobs have allowed me to travel to see new countries, cities, cultures, food, family, and friends. The people that I have worked with at United have become a United family! May the journey never end XOXOXO.

Mia Amick

I'm a retired F/A with UA - January 1991 thru August 31, 2022.

Kathleen Freeman

I have recently been inducted as the National Vice President of Clipped Wings, taking over the position from **Kathleen Denker**. I have the privilege of submitting a monthly newsletter to RUAEA highlighting the good works of our organization and also enjoying and learning more about your organization through your newsletter. **Kathleen Denker** is mentoring me as she moves into her position of National President. I look forward to interacting with many of you in the future.

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