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RUAEA 2020 Election Results

Hi Everyone,
The election is over and I would like to thank everyone who voted. We had a good turnout and here are the results of your votes.

I'd like to thank you for another two years as President. I have received many congratulations as well as condolences. Congratulations to **Ruth Morabito** who is the new Executive Vice President. Also congratulations to **Hank Gosselin** who is elected the new Vice President of Conventions. A great big "Thank You" to all who ran for office in this election!

Continuing to serve on the RUAEA Executive Board are Treasurer **Chris Johnston**, Secretary **Mary Jane Stewart** and Past President **Virgil Gooselaw**.

I hope everyone is doing well. It looks like some of the chapters are starting to have lunches and breakfast again and that is great news.

So far we are still having good communication with the company, but we will have to see what they will look like after the layoff of 16,000 people in October. I will keep you posted on how it's going.

Thank you again for voting and the work everyone does for RUAEA and all other helpful things in our life.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President ■

RUAEA 2020 Executive Board



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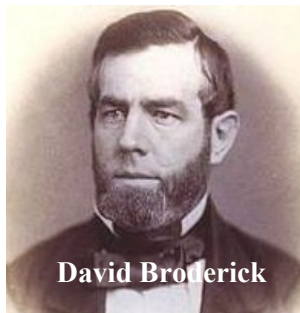
GENERAL NEWS

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The Writers' Column The Last Duel in the United States By George Midwin

Of the 568 of the California State Historical Landmarks I have visited, one in particular, I found very interesting. Following a sign on the freeway for a historical site ahead, it led me through a heavily populated area. I came upon a tiny park, with walkers, runners and babies in strollers, all oblivious as the significance of this park and the event that took place there over 160 years ago. This was the site of the last duel to have taken place in the United States and one that reverberated across the land.

The duel between David Broderick and David Terry on September 13, 1859 as stated on the historical plaque is similar to many, many others. However, having researched this further, I discovered much more and why it garnered so much attention in America.

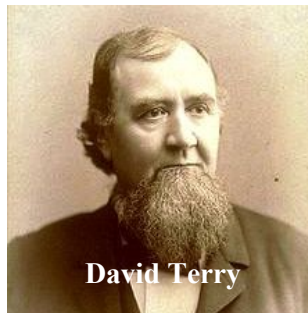


David Broderick

David Broderick was born in Washington, D.C., to parents who immigrated from Ireland, to build the Capitol building. After the passing of his father, David worked as a stone mason and volunteer fireman in New York. He became involved in the Democratic Party and made an unsuccessful bid for con-

gress. Years later he moved to San Francisco and with some partners, produced gold coins and helped organize the San Francisco fire department. Today the Broderick Engine Company No 1 is named in his honor. In 1850 he was elected to the State Senate and then in 1857 to the US Senate. David was a man of the working class and fought for the rights of those who were neglected. Often he would be at odds with other members in his own party, as an advocate to abolish slavery.

David Broderick rose to the position of President of the Senate and for a short time, became the Governor of the State of California upon the resignation of Governor Mc Dougall. He exhibited an energy that was seldom seen and was a crowning success as a senator.



David Terry

David Terry was born in Kentucky and raised in Texas, becoming a Texas Ranger. He studied law and as a lawyer, moved to California to work the gold fields in 1849. However, he found his fortune working as a lawyer in Stockton, California and became involved in the Democratic

Party. He rose to prominence after taking a case of a wealthy widow who was being cheated by local authorities. The sheriff had hidden her gold for "safe keeping" somewhere near Monterey, California, but the person who hid the gold died and its whereabouts never revealed.

In 1855, Terry was nominated to the California Supreme Court and in 1857 served as Chief Justice. He continued in this position until September 12, 1859, when he resigned from the court. David Broderick and David Terry were once friends; they became bitterly separated by their differences with regards to slavery. Broderick being opposed and Terry in favor of slavery. This led Terry accusing Broderick of being the reason to which Terry was denied to be re-nominated to the Supreme Court. Terry delivered a scathing speech denouncing Broderick, who in turn had negative comments for Terry.

A few months later, Broderick himself failed to win reelection as senator. Shortly after, Terry sent a letter to Broderick regarding the remarks he made against him, calling them "offensive in nature". Terry then challenged Broderick to a duel.

Upon staging the duel, a large group of spectators and media turned out. The sheriff discovered the duel and because dueling was illegal, arrested both men. However, they both were released a short time later. Soon after, Broderick and Terry agreed to move the duel to a more secluded location, just outside the city of San Francisco. Only a small group of witnesses and media present.

Before the event ever took place, Terry had a few months to 'practice' using a set of European dueling pistols. Terry became quite adept at using the pistols. Broderick was unaware of this, but was a good shot himself. The dueling pistols have adjustable trigger pull, from a strong force to very light or 'hair trigger'.

Each man had chosen a 'second', someone who would ensure that neither dueler had an advantage over the other. This included a search to ensure no objects were present that would deflect a bullet. Each second brought their own dueling pistols. A coin toss decided choice of position, won by Broderick and choice of pistols, won by Terry. After the seconds inspected the pistols, they were provided to the duelers. It was later reported that Broderick received a pistol with a lighter trigger.

The two men assumed their positions and call for ready was made. Terry responded immediately, while Broderick fidgeted with his pistol. As the call to fire came, Broderick fired on the count of 'one'. However, as he raised his arm the pistol discharged, with the bullet hitting the ground a few feet in front of Terry. On the count of two, Terry fired, striking Broderick in the chest and he fell to the ground. His wound was not fatal and he was transported to a friend's house in San Francisco.

David Broderick died three days later. The largest funeral ever held in San Francisco was attended by over 35,000 people. Several speakers spoke and a friend, Edward Baker, delivered a wonderful eulogy. He was laid to rest at Laurel Hill cemetery in San Francisco, with a very large obelisk marker on his grave.

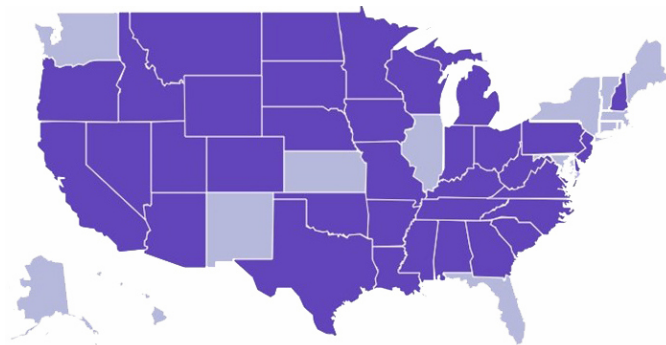
The story doesn't end here. In 1937, the ever growing city of San Francisco needed more room to build. The Laurel Hill cemetery property was to become future homes and businesses. Those interred were to be moved to a new cemetery South of the city. Remains, numbering in the thousands, were dug up and placed in shoe box sized containers and buried in one large mound, with just a small plaque recognizing the move. The large obelisk on Broderick's grave may have befallen the same fate as the headstones of the others, used for erosion control at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. Several years later, Terry was representing his new wife in a controversial legal case. The case was heard by a former friend of Broderick, Stephen Field, having served together on the Supreme Court. Terry and his wife were convicted of contempt of court and jailed. A year later, Terry, when at a train stop, ran into Field and slapped his face. Field's body guard shot and killed Terry. He is buried in an elaborate plot in Stockton, CA. His wife became insane and spent the rest of her life in the Stockton Sate Hospital for the insane.

The pistols used in the duel, were discovered 110 years later in a museum in London. Later they became the property of a private individual and ended up in auction in 1992. In the Bank of California in San Francisco, two dueling pistols are on display, purportedly used by Broderick and Terry. Many believe these are copies.

Two granite markers, erected in 1932, now eroded, mark the spot where the last duel took place in the United States. More than just a landmark.

Travel planning made easier with new feature **September 3, 2020**

Some exciting news for travelers trying to navigate



travel restrictions due to COVID-19: today, we launched a new interactive map tool on united.com and the United mobile app that allows customers to filter and view travel restrictions for a desired destination.

The Destination Travel Guide, a first among U.S. airlines, provides an interactive, color-coded map to highlight if a destination is closed, partially open or fully open for travel, and will also note if any tests or self-quarantining are required for travel. Customers can easily filter destinations to view local regulations, such as social distancing and mask enforcement, as well as to see if hotels, restaurants and other leisure outlets are open to the public.

"We know it's a challenge to keep up with the ever-changing list of travel restrictions, policies and regulations so we are offering a simple, easy tool that helps customers decide where to travel next," said Chief Digital Officer and Technology EVP Linda Jojo. *"By providing the most up-to-date information on the destinations we serve, customers can compare and shop for travel with greater confidence and help them find the destinations that best fit their preferences."*

The tool currently highlights travel restrictions and leisure offerings in the U.S. by state and will expand to include all international destinations we serve in the coming weeks. Customers viewing the color-coded map can click on each state to view local regulations and travel guidances. There is also the option to filter the map by state to view specific information on each destination, including:

- * Medical certificate needed (such as negative COVID test)
- * Non-essential shops open
- * Tourism accommodation open
- * Restaurants open
- * Bars and cafes open
- * Museum and heritage sites open
- * Mask in public required
- * Physical distancing required

The new map feature follows several of our recent innovations that were designed to enhance the travel experience. As part of the United CleanPlus program, we recently introduced touchless check-in, text alerts for passengers on standby and upgrade lists and a new chatbot to give customers a contactless option to receive immediate access to information about cleaning and safety procedures.

United-branded masks now available **September 3, 2020**



Bottom left available for purchase now. Bottom right coming soon.

United-branded masks are now available for purchase on the United Shop! The first design (pictured in the bottom left-hand corner of the photo above) is available now

as a retail option for customers and employees to purchase for personal use. The plane design will soon be available for purchase as another retail option and the company-issued mask will also be available for employees to purchase next month.

Many front-line employees have already received their company-issued reusable mask and are not required to purchase additional masks.

Please note that for bulk orders, our Brand Team can connect you with the vendor for special ordering. Please contact CS.United@SummitMG.com.

Visit Flying Together > Our Airline > Working Together > United Shop to start shopping today!

We're flying 40% of our full schedule in October September 4, 2020



As part of our thoughtful approach to rebuild our network, we announced today that we plan to fly 46% of our full domestic schedule next month compared to October of last year. That's eight points

higher than our September 2020 schedule. We also plan to resume eight routes to Hawaii, pending approval of the state's pre-arrival COVID testing program. Additionally, we will fly 33% of our international schedule, which is four points higher than last month.

We continue to respond to the growth in leisure travel demand by adding flights to cities in Mexico, Central America and South America.

"We continue to be data-driven and realistic in our approach to rebuilding our network," said Domestic Network Planning VP Ankit Gupta. "Because October is typically a slower month for leisure travel, we're adjusting our schedules to reflect these seasonal changes in customer demand while resuming service or increasing capacity on routes where we're seeing customer demand for travel."

Furthermore, we're also realigning the times of our flights to match the current demand for leisure travel. Next month we plan to add more flights on popular days, and schedule fewer flights on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when demand is lower. These are some of the details of our schedule plan for next month:

Domestic schedule changes

- * Resuming or starting new service on nearly 50 routes, including 37 routes from ORD, DEN and IAH.
- * Resuming additional service to Florida and adding IAD to SRQ (Sarasota, Florida) and MIA as well as DEN to RSW (Fort Myers, Florida).
- * Resuming service between LAX and EUG (Eugene, Oregon), MFR (Medford, Oregon) and RDM (Redford/Bend, Oregon).

International schedule changes

- * Resuming service to 14 international destinations

including BOG (Bogotá, Colombia); EZE (Buenos Aires, Argentina); LIM (Lima, Peru) and PTY (Panama City, Panama).

- * Increasing to twice-daily service between EWR and TLV (Tel Aviv, Israel) and resuming three-time weekly service between IAD and TLV on October 25.
- * Resuming or increasing service to CUN (Cancun), MEX (Mexico City) and PVR (Puerto Vallarta) in Mexico.

New nonstop service to Florida starts November 6 August 12, 2020

Why point-to-point flying? Why Florida?

We plan to add up to 28 daily nonstop flights this winter connecting customers in BOS (Boston), CLE (Cleveland), IND (Indianapolis), MKE (Milwaukee), LGA (New York-LaGuardia), PIT (Pittsburgh) and CMH (Columbus, Ohio) to four popular Florida destinations. The new, nonstop flights reflect our continuing strategy to aggressively manage the impact of COVID-19 by increasing service to destinations where customers most want to fly. We will add these flights starting November 6 with new roundtrip service from BOS, CLE and LGA to FLL (Fort Lauderdale), RSW (Fort Myers), MCO (Orlando) and TPA (Tampa). In December, we will increase service to Florida with additional flights from CMH, IND, MKE and PIT to RSW and TPA. Tickets are now available for purchase on united.com and the United mobile app.

From November 6, 2020, through January 10, 2021, we will operate nonstop service from BOS, CLE and LGA to FLL, RSW, MCO and TPA on peak days.

Beginning December 17, we plan to increase service to up to 28 daily nonstop flights with the addition of service from IND, MKE, PIT and CMH to RSW and TPA.

RUEA Website www.RUEA.org



RUEA Website History: Back in 2003, our RUEA President **Jim Fauber** and Vice President **Marlin Lade** had a vision that RUEA should have a website to provide members with timely informative information specifically tailored for United Airlines Retirees.

Mort Wax who later would be a President of RUAEA recruited **Bob Kalicki** and I (**Jim Sommerfield**) to look into making that dream a reality. A meeting was set up in Denver, Colorado that summer between Knut & Susan Moe who were to become RUAEA's website hosts, and **Marlin Lade, Dean Moberg, Bob Kalicki, and Jim Sommerfield**. We discussed what would be required for hosting the website and reviewed what some of the requirements for the website might be. We also discussed getting the Newsletter on the website as one of its main features. This required us to work closely with the RUAEA Denver Office and the Newsletter Editor **Jo Madden** at that time. **Jim Sommerfield** worked very closely with Knut and Susan, (Spectrum Corp) regarding what functions, data, and levels of security would be required for the initial website. The initial website was successfully implemented in August, 2003.

Website Modernization took place in 2011: Jim redesigned and modernized the website for a more modern look. This current design was successfully implemented on Monday April 11th, 2011. The current design makes things simpler in providing all content except the online newsletter available to all RUAEA members, and visitors. The only choice you have to make when you start or renew your membership is whether you want the newsletter in the mail, online only, or both online and paper, which is done at that time. When accessing the online newsletter you can use your e-mail address and a password.

Website Managers: It became necessary to have additional Website Managers to support the website. Jim asked **Ed Majewski** to assist him which Ed did for several years until his passing. Jim then asked **Toni Van Kampen** to assist him with the website. Jim and Toni are your current website managers. Both Toni and Ed performed in an excellent manner.

Current Website: Currently, our website is being viewed across all 50 states, and is being accessed across the entire Globe. We have a huge following in many foreign countries. Especially in China, Russia, France, Germany, Canada, United Kingdom, and Poland just to mention a few.

Website Features: The Home page of the website is a virtually a **one stop shop** for most if not all of your retiree needs. The navigation items on that page will take you wherever you want to go by a single click of your mouse. There are currently **23 main functions** available to you from that page. Be sure to check it out if you haven't already done so. In addition the **Home Page currently contains all current important information concerning Retirees.**

The website Home page has **four** very important features that retirees will find extremely beneficial and informative.

1. **Important Retiree Resource Links:** Currently there are **41 Retiree Resource Links** available for your use. Featured links are for Retiree Airline Employee Associations, Financial and Business Links, Home Mortgage Rates, Loan Information, Government Agencies, Latest US and World

News, Medical and Insurance Links, AARP, PBGC, United Airlines Corporation, United Benefits Links, Star Alliance, United Mainliner Clubs.

2. **Travel:** There are **19 Travel Links** available for your use. In addition there is Travel Information regarding, Travel Assistance, United Pass Line (UPL), Creating a Pass Travel Plan, Retiree Travel Awareness, United Airlines Pleasure Travel Regulations may be found as well. The 19 links available cover travel features such as Flight Schedules, by airline, city pairs, date & time, Flight Tracking, Employee Leisure Travel, Discounted Airport Hotel Rooms, Travel and Cruise Packages, Vacation Rentals, Travel Guide Information, Great Vacation Deals etc.
3. **Special Interest Links:** There are **10 categories of Special Interest Links with 15 individual links**. Categories include, Rock N Roll Classics, Sports, National and Local Weather, Cooking & Recipes, Arts & Crafts, Home Improvements, Home and Garden, Gardening Designs & Tips, and Hollywood Celebrity News and Entertainment.
4. **Senior Discounts:** There are **4 individual links** set up for you to view various Senior Discounts. They are Senior Discounts by Category, Address and Zip Code, 100 + Stores Offering Senior Discounts. 196 Discounts for Seniors.

Website Most Notable Features Include:

1. The ability to sign up and renew membership's online using debit or credit card which was implemented in 2014.
2. In 2017, we added RUAEA Facebook capability for access and usage from the RUAEA Website home page.
3. In 2019, we developed procedures for Apple, and Android Phones for placing Website Icons on the Home Pages for ease of website access. Note: These procedures are found on the websites Home Page and in an article found in the June 2019 Newsletter.
4. In 2019, we created a new function for RUAEA Volunteer signup.
5. In 2019, we added a new feature which allows you to be notified by e-mail when new important items have been added and are available for your viewing.

Closing Remark: In closing, I encourage all members to fully utilize your RUAEA Website at www.ruaea.org and take full advantage of its many features. Remember utilizing the website will in no way interfere with the receipt of your monthly newsletter if you are receiving it by mail. **Be sure to add the RUAEA website to the home page of your Phone for ease of access to the RUAEA website.**

Remember: The website is available for free.

Jim Sommerfield - RUAEA Website Manager

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Greetings! While we are still under quarantine and needing to stay home more (lots) than normal, I thought maybe a nice potato dish to go with a steak or chicken might be a welcome change. Hope you will enjoy this dish. The nice thing is you need to make it a day ahead of time so you will then have an easy day at the bar-b-que.

Scalloped Potatoes:

1 – 2 pound bag frozen hash brown cubes
1 pint sour cream
8 ounce cheddar cheese, grated
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 stick butter, melted
2 Tbs. finely chopped onions
Mix ingredients in large bowl with salt and pepper.
Bake 9x13 pan for 1½ hours @ 300 or 1 hour @ 350
Make a day in advance.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratus

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.

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Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratus at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net, John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com and ruaeanal@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

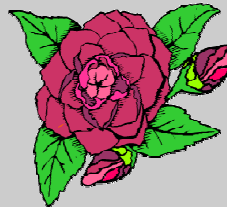
ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter would normally meet on September 14 for lunch, but due to the virus, we will not meet again until possibly the second Monday in December. We wish all of you good health and look forward to meeting again.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Azures chapter of RUAEA. We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.



Welcome to Fall! This is the time of the year when children are excited about being back in school, when the leaves start falling off the trees, when we start preparing to get our boats out of the water and stored until spring, in the Midwest; when golf leagues start in Arizona and other states where the weather is nice and warm, and ends in colder climates, when we love being outdoors in milder weather, and in other areas, we prepare for the cold, rain, and snow. It all depends where you live in the United States. Halloween is going to be on a Saturday this year. I read somewhere where this is the first time in six years that this happens. The children will be happy about that; don't have to rush home from school, get their costumes on, and get out in the neighborhood to fetch all that candy, and then get to come home and eat it, and not have to worry about getting to bed early in order to return to school the next day. But, now, a lot of things have changed due to the Covid-19 Virus. Schools are being held differently; some are attending on different schedules, some are on Zoom, some are home-schooled, etc. There is so many people unemployed, and there could be many more. There are a lot of people working from home too; no longer having to drive or take the train or other means of transportation to get to their job. Just not the same. Feel sorry for the business people trying to make it in these times. Even a lot of Churches aren't having services in their buildings, and are either on Zoom, or meeting in the parking lots if that works out for them. So many things are different. There is so much uncertainty regarding when we will be able to get back to our lives. We hope a new vaccine for this virus is available real soon.

We miss not seeing our Re-United's members too. We don't know when we will get the chance of all of us being together again; hopefully before the end of the year. We just have to wait and see. Please keep in touch with us and contact any of the officers if you need to talk to someone if we can be of help, either by phone, e-mail, Facebook, etc. We are all in this together, and we will get through all this someday soon!

I talked to **Ted Higley** recently. I thought he might be out west at this time of the year; but, he was home in Casa Grande. I had forgotten that Ted didn't work at United at all; his deceased wife, Judy, did. She had been a travel agent for many years, and that fit very well for her working at United out west in Oregon and Washington. Ted was a carpenter and also got involved with the Carpenter's Union as a representative. He still enjoys being involved with the union. He has been a Good Will Ambassador for 18 years for the union. He says he likes being with people, and that shows! He enjoys coming to our breakfasts or luncheons even though it's a drive from Casa Grande. A very special person in Ted's life, Pauline, with whom they are now in a special relationship

with each other, has been coming with Ted to all our meetings. We enjoy seeing both of them together.

We noted in the September issue of the RUAEA Newsletter that the Denver RUAEA office staff is once again able to access voicemail. It is supported by volunteers and there are no special office hours. If you call the office at (303) 780-5022, you will most likely be directed to voicemail. If you need a quicker response – e-mail will get an answer faster. E-mail address is ruaea@qwestoffice.net. Be sure and state your name, your file number, contact phone number, and your e-mail address, if you have one. We're glad they are back again after closing for awhile because of construction work at the training center.

Be sure and read Torgy's Travel Tips about resumption of service in the September issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. She mentions both international and domestic schedules and changing requirements. "On the United App, there is a tab off of the booking page titled Travel Restrictions, which is very informative. There is good news when waiting for seat assignments at the gate! We will now receive a text message, which includes a link to our new boarding pass, instead of being paged to the counter. This makes less work for the gate agents, easier for us straining to hear our name, and a breeze to just scan the electronic boarding pass ourselves at the gate.

"United announced on September 2, "approximately 16,000 United employees will be notified of an involuntary furlough effective as early as October 1. This includes 1,400 Management and Administrative employees who have already been told their jobs will be eliminated at the end of September. They don't expect demand to return to anything resembling normal until there is a widely available treatment or vaccine. Congress is negotiating another stimulus bill to address the economic impact of Covid-19. That legislation may include an extension to the Paycheck Protection Program, and the union partners along with the leadership team are making a strong campaign in support of that. It might prevent involuntary furloughs on October 1, and hopefully delay any potential impact on employees until early 2021." Hopefully it will be delayed, at least!

We have the following members having birthdays in October: **Judy Burtner, Rosemarie Schaeffer, Jennifer Strohmaier, Bob Forsberg, Donna Pedone, and Cindy Hilsabeck.** Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in October, **Bill & Pam Betz** (35 years) and **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (56 years). Congratulations and Best Wishes go out to you!



We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3rd Thurs-

day 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.

CALIFORNIA



Is September 2020 a typical time of year for Northern California? Yes it is with the heat, fires, smoke, power outages, and thunderstorms. The Covid-19 of course is affecting everyone in the country. We are still on lockdown in Butte County with Shasta and Tehama County doing a little bit better job. Chico has decided to let the restaurants serve patrons outside on the sidewalks. It really is working out very well. Redding can have restaurants open on a limited basis. We even have three restaurants in the Paradise area that are able to serve patrons outdoors. Some hairdressers, nail salons, gyms and churches are not allowed to be open.

Our group has not met together since March. Everyone seems to be doing OK but certainly we would like to get together and socialize. Thank you to **Sonda Sandstedt**, our Northern Regional Director, for keeping me informed and I try to pass any info on to the group or at least print it up so they can see it when we get together again.

Many of our members are cooking and baking and I asked for some recipes that anyone would like to share.

I would like to share this one recipe with the RUAEA members. It is called **Gluten-Free Zucchini Bread**. Hope you enjoy it, from **Carl & Grace Franke**.

Ingredients:

4 cups of gluten-free baking flour (Bob's Redmill Baking Flour)

½ tsp. Xanthin gum (only add this if your flour does not have this ingredient)

2 tsp of baking powder

2 tsp of baking soda

1 tsp of salt

2 tsp of cinnamon

2 tsp of allspice

12 Tablespoons of butter (melted butter in microwave)

2½ cups of granulated sugar

4 eggs

½ cup yogurt (vanilla or I used lemon)

2 Tablespoons lemon juice (I added only 1 Tablespoon because I used Lemon yogurt)

3 cups of shredded zucchini. (Do not peel the zucchini and make sure to **remove all seeds** before putting it in a food processor)

Directions:

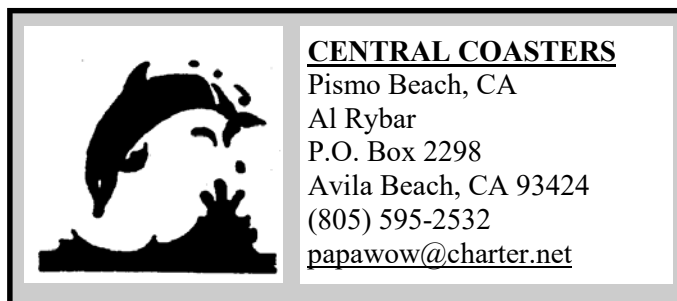
1. Prepare the zucchini and set aside
2. Spray bottom and sides of 2 loaf pans (approximately 9x5)
3. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
4. In a large bowl add gluten-free flour, xanthin gum, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice. Mix all ingredients together and set aside.
5. In another large bowl add melted butter and sugar. Mix to dissolve sugar.
6. Add and mix the following to the butter and sugar bowl: eggs, yogurt, lemon juice
7. Add half of the flour mixture to the other bowl with the butter/sugar/etc. and half of the shredded zucchini. Mix by hand until well blended. Then continue mixing in alternately the flour mixture and shredded zucchini. No need to use an electric mixer, just thoroughly blend.
8. Pour batter equally into the 2 prepared loaf pans.
9. Bake at 375 degrees about 50 minutes or until a toothpick is clear of any wet batter.
10. Cool loaf pan on racks for 10 mins, then remove bread and cool on wire racks.
11. When cool, slice bread and serve. I put parchment paper between the slices and freeze it in containers. You can also wrap a loaf with aluminum foil and put it in a freezer bag. Use it within 6 months if you freeze it.

Wow! Thank you Carl and Grace. This is a great recipe and I even made it! It was delicious!

Here is hoping everyone stays safe, healthy and sane. Hopefully soon everyone will be able to have the normal get-togethers that we all love.

Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD



I was hoping that I would have some news from our members, but it's been pretty quiet so I think they are all doing what I'm doing and that's **hibernating**. I did receive the August RUAEA Newsletter and there was some difference. It has become a little thinner and fewer chapter news. This virus has affected everything.

However I did notice a few things. In the article written by the Nor'Easters, they mentioned my name as a long time correspondent along with a few more. It's good to know how many of the retirees read everything, as I do, and be acknowl-

edged. Also on the back page there was a notice that said DENTK is now open. I hope this makes it easier on those putting the Newsletter together since they do such a good job under such trying conditions.


I was reminiscing about some of the situations I remember when working at MDW prior to the Jets. I was working the midnight shift and a few of us walked toward the center of the terminal for some refreshments. This was about 2AM. We noticed a camera being set up and some member of the crew asked us if we would like to be part of a group of passengers waiting at the ticket counter. We agreed and shortly after being in position, Cary Grant came running past us to get to the plane. So if you remember "North by Northwest", I'm in that crowd.

This has been a rather quiet month for us, although one daughter and granddaughter came down from Washington to visit. They came at different times and the worse part was not being able to hug or even give them a kiss that I was used to doing. They both drove at different times and we were happy to hear from them saying their trip was fine and they are all healthy.

We got a notice that our Family Doctor made a patient house call and contacted this virus. She is at home for the next two weeks. We had our usual doctor's visit at the office that was cancelled so our physical check up was done via the computer using Zoom. Since she had our records on her computer, she was able to comment on our temperature, weight, and blood pressure that we took ourselves at home. So nothing was new and we are rescheduled for next month and we will know for sure if our doctor is healthy again.

We live very close to Avila Beach which has been taken over by tourists and the locals. I just drove around to see what was going on and the beach is covered with people and from what I could tell, very few wore masks. Our local paper writes that the virus cases have increased every day and since our beach is the only one open on the Central Coast, it isn't hard to figure out why. This makes us want to stay isolated all the more.


So maybe next month I will have better news. Take care and be safe.



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Once again, we have no report this month, mainly because of the Corona Virus. In fact, the Desert Sunbirds have canceled all of the remaining Luncheons for this year, except for the Christmas Luncheon. That too, may be canceled, depending on whether the Virus is continuing to run its course at that time. Wish I had better news!





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Hello to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos chapter. As I write this (on September 7) we have had three weeks of devastating forest fires, dangerous levels of air pollution across the San Francisco Bay area, and now a week of temperatures of 100 degrees or more. It will be a blessing when we get back to just having Covid-19 to contend with!

Ken Price is back with another memory to share with everyone: During the time United Airlines provided maintenance services to Seaboard World Airlines, SWA leased one of their DC-8-63's to Air Jamaica. It came into Overhaul at SFOMB and was converted from cargo to passenger configuration and painted with the Air Jamaica logo. This paint scheme had a large black bird painted on the tail. While painting the aircraft one of the painters came to me and said there was something wrong with the bird. I asked him what was wrong and he said the bird didn't fit. What do you mean it doesn't fit? He said, "The neck is too long!"

I went up on the tail scaffold and sure enough the bird had a very long neck, and the head went around the Vertical Stabilizer Leading Edge to the other side. **Not good!** I called SWA and told them the problem and it was a mystery. What Happened? As it turned out SWA had sent the logo patterns for a Boeing 707, whose vertical stabilizer is larger than the DC-8's! SWA said it would take several days to get the proper pattern. That was not going to work as it would cause us to miss the overhaul completion and aircraft release deadline. I told them we would fix it somehow. Easy Fix! We cut some of the neck off the bird and moved the head back towards the body. It all fit and looked great. No one ever knew the difference.

Scam Alert ~ Just when you think everyone is aware of the car warranty, IRS, Social Security, grandchild in trouble, and computer virus scams, you hear of someone falling victim to these lowlife predators. My best friend's mother in law just lost several thousand dollars to the Apple scam. Over three days, she withdrew cash from her bank accounts, went to the store to purchase gift cards, and gave the scammers the numbers. It only stopped when her car wouldn't start, and she asked her son, a retired police officer (!) to drive her to the store to buy more gift cards. Please, everyone, do not fall for these scams. The IRS, Social Security, Microsoft and Apple do not call people. Beware of anyone who demands payment for anything with gift cards.

Google Doodles ~ Do you search using Google? Do you know what a Google Doodle is? It's a special, temporary alteration of the logo on Google's homepages intended to commemorate holidays, events, achievements, and notable historical figures. The first Google Doodle honored the 1998 Burning Man event and was designed by Google co-founders

Larry Page and Sergey Brin. Until 2001, subsequent Google Doodles were designed by an outside contractor. Since then, a team of employees called “Doodlers” have organized and published the Doodles. By 2019, the Doodlers team has created over 4,000 Doodles for Google’s homepages around the world. Wouldn’t that be a cool job?

For years, I was totally focused on my searches and ignored the Doodles. Now I make it a point to look at them. I am amazed at the creativity behind these logos, and I have learned a lot by reading about the people and events featured in the Doodles.

I played the Roving Reporter for this article and called a few of our members for input. I asked them to tell me the most exciting and/or happy thing that has happened to them in the last few weeks. **Darlene Platten** had cornea replacement surgery the end of August and it was a success. **Barbara & Tom Cunningham** are having the flooring in two rooms and the hallway replaced. Out with the carpet and in with beautiful Tuscan style ceramic tile. And best of all, Barbara does not have to cook for six days while the tile is being installed. **Cheryl Kincaid** volunteers at Hospice of the East Bay Thrift Shop once a week. A couple of days ago, with temps soaring over 100, Cheryl kindly invited her 91-year-old neighbor to come over and spend the afternoon with her. Her neighbor does not have air conditioning and really needed to get out of the heat. Cheryl says that her neighbor is sharp as a tack and has wonderful stories to tell. She has stayed for dinner a couple of nights and getting to know this delightful lady has been one of the best things about sheltering in place.

Jan Soderstrom entered her Miniature Poodle Bijou in a fundraising photo contest for Tony LaRussa’s Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF). Bijou is a certified therapy dog with ARF’s Pet Hug Pack. The top six dogs and six cats will grace the ARF 2021 calendar. Bijou came in 3rd place with \$2200 raised for ARF. The original photo I submitted for the contest was rejected by the calendar designer because it was only 1.7 MB and had to be 4MB or greater. I had no idea what MBs are but I sure do now. The greater the number of MB, the better the resolution, which is what you need when you enlarge a photo and print it. Go into the picture’s properties to get the number of MB. I had to go through several hundred pictures to find a handful that were 4MB or greater. Close-up shots have more MB than distant shots so remember to get close to your subject.

Until next month, take care everyone and stay safe.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Summer has officially ended with whopping temperatures near 100 degrees and higher around here. Labor Day and Fall has descended upon us. President **Vera Kina** called a meeting of the Board to discuss the up-and-coming months.

Word has been received that the Foster City Rec Center is closed for September, hence, no meeting. It was discussed and decided that the **October and November meetings are cancelled**. The restrictions for meetings are difficult to follow as restaurants are limited to patronage. We are looking for something to do for December so keep your eyes peeled for announcements in the RUAEA newsletter. Hopefully the pandemic will have eased up somewhat. The 2020 roster has been updated and, along with a letter, will be sent to all members on that list. Ginger is asking all members to send her (see email address above) their email addresses so that information can be sent in a more timely manner. Those without email addresses will get a phone call. Board members present were **John Bogdanoff, Pete Cooper, Ginger Dahlberg, Vera Kina, Harriet Kunze, Gene Walter and Barbara Underhill**. Both **Art Barrett** and **Jim Goodwine** were unable to attend.

The Gold Star and taking the cake for the best “funny” goes to the Treasure Coast, Stuart, FL. group. Go dredge up your September newsletter and read **Al Popeks’** definition of people who reside in Florida. What a hoot ... or should I say, “Ribbit, Ribbit!”

Gone are the dog days and time for the birds to fly south. Our Canada Geese are going to winter here (again) as the grass is still greener around the edges of the artificial turf. Even the soccer players and children don’t bother them. They are very clever and very, very smart. Remember the bat guano craze? ... we do it one better with goose poop! (Need a shovel and some burlap bags. A money maker for sure, any volunteers?) The fires here in the northern (and southern) part of the state have made the air quality extremely bad so we have been asked to stay indoors, keep the windows and shades closed, keep utility usage at a minimum ... so that leaves us like mushrooms, kept in the dark and fed *&%, well, you get the picture.

Things I miss around here: The kiddies playing on the swings and slides, not having the swimming pools open, and not being able to hug someone who needs one. Can’t see those smiles with those masks on ... oh well, this too will pass. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus (only 105 days ’til Christmas, now isn’t that a cheerful thought.) I even have a picture of Santa and me at the North Pole to prove it.

There are many positive things in our enclosed lives: Gas prices are low (Calif. is always higher than the rest of the country,) the Farmers Markets give us good food (and tomatoes that taste like tomatoes,) and the Traffic! Hot dog, Hwy 101 (Bayshore to us old folks) is a breeze - lots of speeding tickets being doled out, the CHP frowns on 120mph, phone calls from friends, terrific magazines (Cuisine and All Recipes have outstanding food ideas.) I do wonder what the heck Kluski noodles are, flaky finishing salt, tomato jam, flour is back on the shelves and bread is being baked, have you tried grating nutmeg? Who takes the seeds out of the seedless grapes? (It may be the elves during their summer vacation.) And then you have 2 tablespoons of Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur - whatever happens to the rest of the bottle? (It must be 5:00pm somewhere in the world.) Ahhh, life’s little mysteries!

Kudos to the Newsletter gang and the RUAEA Board. We truly appreciate you.

Keep the Faith, stay well and stay hydrated.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hi to Everyone!

I was reading last month's "minutes" and realized that I had commented on how "mild" the summer had been. If my observation and saying those words (out loud) are the reason we have been cooking in 100+ degree weather, **I am so sorry!** Our air conditioner has run more in the past 3 days than the total of time since we got it - like, 10 years ago! And, did you folks get that thunder and lightening storm that passed over early Sunday morning? Holy Cow! It sounded like the clouds were 5' above our roof! Now, those of you who lived in the Midwest, or thereabouts, may be laughing at me, but for a gal who has rarely experienced that kind of weather, how did you do it? Terrifying and exciting at the same time. Kind of like being a parent!

To **Tom & Gerry Boyle**, we send a Happy Anniversary your way - 56 years and going strong! I don't have a birthday list, but if you get to celebrate yours this month, a very Happy Birthday to you, and many more!

Our esteemed president, **Bill Dinette**, didn't send me anything that he thought is "pertinent" for all of you. Hopefully that means that UAL is maintaining and getting ready to soar again once all these (worldwide) restrictions lift.

Our treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, tells us that our checking account is doing fine - stagnate, but fine. There are a couple more annual dues to be deposited as well. Thank you for keeping all this in line for us, Tom.

Okay, so here we are, over halfway thru August and we need to decide about September. **Suzie Kenny** has done a bit of "legwork" for us and she has come up with a couple ideas. Suzie has found two places that have outdoor areas with tables and benches and they have said that we could come as a group - for no charge. One is a winery, the other is Hooverville Orchards. We can arrange to have "box lunches" or we can bring our own food/beverages. I know that not everyone feels comfortable with the idea of getting together yet, but some are ready. So, what I need to know is - do you want to get together at an open, outdoor area and either bring your own meal or have one ordered? We don't need to have a large number this time, but we do need to know if enough of you like this idea. So, please get back to me soon so we will know what direction to go.

I want to say "Thank You" to **Bill & Linda Dinette** who

were planning to host this month (they always do a great job and pick a delicious restaurant); and I want to let **Ed & Lindalee Akin** know that they don't need to do the planning for the September luncheon.

Now, I have another request! Since just about everyone has cell phones that can take pictures, I am asking all of you to take a picture(s) and send it to me to share. A "selfie"? A project you have been working on? How your garden is looking? You and your grandchildren? You know, something to help us all keep connected. This will be fun - looking forward to seeing what each of you sends!

Remember, please let me know how you feel (and would you be coming if we have it) about an outdoor get together on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Sending each and every one of you a hug and lots of good thoughts. Stay healthy and happy!



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What a good time we will have when we can all get together again. I can't believe it has been so long! We have all settled into a routine of taking our daily walks, gardening, jigsaw puzzles and catching up on our reading.

October Birthdays will be here before we know it and here's wishing a very Happy Birthday to **Rosario Zepeda** on October 6th and **Jo Anne Iwasaki** on October 9th.

I am going to continue with our early history of United. While we were busy working and raising families, we didn't really have the time to read about and appreciate the long road we have come down.

The year was 1927 and Boeing Air Transport and National Air Transport joined together to create irregularly scheduled first transcontinental passenger service between New York City and San Francisco.

The cost was \$404 dollars per person for two passengers wearing flying coveralls, parachutes and goggles. They would cram themselves into an enclosed mail pit and sit on the mailbags or hold them in their laps. This was for the duration of a 32-hours flight of 2,600 miles with 15-stops and the noise of the engines thundering in their ears. When the



passengers changed planes in Chicago, they were at risk of losing their seats if additional mail had to be loaded.

Just two years later, in 1929 Boeing and NAT introduced the tri-motor transports that were designed specifically to carry 12 to 18 passengers in an enclosed cabin. The faster planes cut the flying time to only 28 hours and the increased capacity allowed the fare to be reduced to \$259.50. What was once called the U.S. Mail Route #1 quickly became known across the nation as the Main Line.

The flights were to leave at a specific time but the departure times tended to be flexible; the usual factor of weather, also the availability of the airplane and pilots and the arrival of the passengers at the airport.


Before departure passengers luggage was weighed and tagged, tickets collected, safety regulations explained. All passengers were given comfort packages that contained cotton balls for the ears and chewing gum for dealing with changes in air pressure and the deafening roar of the engines. The passengers were allowed to carry two bags weighing a total of 25 pounds.

At this time the flights were taking off in bright daylight although the nationwide system of lighted airway beacons had been completed. Passenger air travel had taken off and we were on our way in the vast blue skies

When our monthly breakfast resumes, I will again report on current news from our Resans family! At this time there is no information about our next monthly Breakfast. Worry not, we will be back ...

Calendar:

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



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From RUAEA Director **Sonda Sandstedt**: Greetings to all! Now that things are beginning to settle down a bit with some of the local fires, I wanted to check in and see if you are

all well and safe. Did anyone have to evacuate? Anyone still in danger? And can we help in any way? The air quality up in the foothills is still in the very hazardous zone and we expect it to stay that way for a day or two more. Needless to say, we are really sheltering in place.


With the pandemic, the extreme heat wave, schools starting up and now so many fires it's hard to stay positive. Here's my take on things ... my yard and garden are looking better than ever, I'm learning how to use all sorts of electronics I had no interest in before, I had 2 hand surgeries this summer and didn't miss a single trip because of it (no place safe to go), and I'm spending lots of time catching up on the phone with friends near and far. I hope you are all keeping busy too.

Take care, stay safe and healthy and keep in touch,

From **Veronica Domaratus**: Due to the free time we have during the pandemic. Francis and I are trying, emphasize trying, to downsize. As you all know, it is an over whelming task. In the process, we came across items that we find very hard to part with. Old magazines are easy to part with. All, except one we just found. You probably have it also, the Smithsonian magazine, October, 1986. Go to page 48 and check out the article, "*Their mission; make damn sure nothing comes unraveled in the air*". It is an article on the major safety check up of a modern jetliner at the United San Francisco MOC.

The article is very interesting, although nothing new to the people who worked on those airplanes. There are wonderful photos of the MOC and some of the people working there. Sacramento Gold Digger **Ken Norton** is shown on the tire changing crew. As the spouse of the retiree **Francis Domaratus**, I do not recognize the following names; but maybe you do, they will bring back happy memories. Inspector **Dave Garvin** holds a fairing sheared by turbine blades coming off an engine. **Brandon Maus** examines fractured sections of a 747 fuselage frame. **Thomas Yasuda** reviews an X-ray looking for cracks. **George Mann** repairs wiring of a 747 cockpit. **J. J. Gutierrez** uses a borescope to take a closer look inside a 747 engine. **Scott Finger** works on an engine repair.

If you have the magazine, I'm sure you'll find it very enjoyable to re-read it.



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It has been quite awhile since we have had a luncheon meeting and it will be a long time before we can get together again. Our president, **Steve Foster**, has taken a poll of our members to ask whether or not they want to get together but everyone he talked to felt it was better to cancel till next year; due to the continued uncertainty of all the areas we live in still being on the Governor's watch list and the fact that all of us fall into the senior category which makes us more vulnerable to get the COVID-19. Only outdoor dining is allowed and with limited numbers in order to observe social distancing.

So our next luncheon meeting will be in February, 2021, and we will have a big Valentine's celebration. It will be a great time and I know we'll all look forward to seeing each other again.

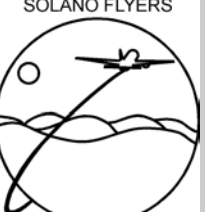
I hope everyone is staying safe at home, observing social distancing when you're out and about, and wearing a mask ... so very important. Some day this will be over and we will be normal again. That's what I pray for.

This situation has been going on for too long and too many people have died. So let's do our part and follow the rules set forth by our Governor. We can get through this if we all do our part. The more that we do this, the sooner this should be more under control so that the new normal can get figured out. Take care and stay safe ...

If anyone would like to join us at our next luncheon, hopefully in September, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to answer any question you might have and give you the information about our chapter.

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The Solano Flyers meeting was via teleconferencing on August 19, 2020, 11am PST.

With a dedicated line set for the conference call, we soon discovered the difficulty of determining participants speaking order and the overwhelming number of calls which created much static and echo on the line. Here are highlights of the meeting:

"Can you hear me?"

"Who just joined?"

"What did I miss, I was on mute?"

"Think I can hear you, are you driving."

"Can anyone hear me?"

Much, much background noise, either a run-a-way train or perhaps a table saw cutting through .625 plywood.

"Aren't we supposed to meet on the second Wednesday?"

"Careful on dialing, I got a pay-for-sex connection."

"How about now?"

"This is (Andy, Annie or Arnie)? Can we all just calm down and start over?" Hmm odd, as we do not have a member by any of those names?

The acoustical problems only got worse, as many members were talking on different devices.

"Hello, can you hear me now?"

We were moving steadily from confusion into chaos, the only salvation was to close the call.

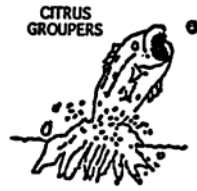
Until September, we will consider a video conference call if the lockdown continues ... there shouldn't be any problems with that.

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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA. We are working on a possible October breakfast. Hope all of you are staying healthy!

FLORIDA

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

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On a sad note: **Elmer Koldoff**, retired UAL, who was a familiar face in MCO back in the day, passed away on August 14th, just 7 days after his wife, **Lois**, passed away. Elmer worked at ORDMM for many years and then became the face

of ATLMM, where one of the cities he oversaw was MCO. Some of you from ORD may remember Elmer by his nickname, "The Snowman" as he coordinated winter snow removal operations between UAL and the city there, and although the title followed him, he did **not** have snow removal duties in MCO! His address: 103 Sea Island Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269. RIP Elmer & Lois.

Staying home and mostly isolated from everyone is sad and depressing and lonely, huh. Wish I had a magic cure-all ☹, but here are a few "Tickle your funny bones", I hope this will help:

- ☺ I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab TP
- ☺ I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year **in**, but to make sure this one **leaves**
- ☺ If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would've for sure ordered dessert
- ☺ At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on ... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one
- ☺ Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool
- ☺ When does Season **Two** of 2020 start? I Do Not Like Season One
- ☺ The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other
- ☺ Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit
- ☺ I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are

Enjoy the smiles and chuckles and stay safe ... for your grandchildren's sake.



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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.



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The Sand Dollars don't normally meet during the sum-

mer as so many of our members are "snow birds", and of course this year Covid has taken over all our planning. We might even be having our Christmas Party next Easter, or summer - who knows?

Thanks to the RUAEA Newsletter Chapter Correspondents for all the super interesting articles about people's past lives connected with United Airlines, their work histories and their fascinating travel histories. It makes for very interesting reading. A big Thank You also to **Kathie Torgison** for the great information she shares about all facets of travel. Her details on how to check out various countries' travel restrictions and quarantining requirements during these Covid times, are especially helpful right now.

If any United or Continental retirees are planning to come to our beautiful area of Florida, we would love to hear from you and have you visit the Sand Dollars. Please call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671 or email her at ASDIP920@aol.com.

... *Due to current economic conditions, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off ...*



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Reading July reports - yes, we are all in the same boat ... we are still unable to meet at IHOP, it has been sad that we cannot meet and socialize with our retiree friends. So this is what we are going to do. We are going to skip our September meeting.

On October 5th, at 9:30AM, Anderson Park Shelter #4; we will meet for a get-together, coffee and goodies to discuss delaying our Fall Picnic to November 2, and also to talk about the Christmas Luncheon.

It will be great to see our Retiree friends again, we hope you all are in good health and stay safe.



TREASURE COAST

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Can it really be September already? Our whole summer has passed us by without meeting up for six months now. We all miss our gatherings and catching up with one another. As correspondent for our group, I hear from some of our members periodically with updates, and want to share their news.

President **Al Popek & Janice** write, "Well this month is the half year mark since our last meeting held back in March. Time flies by when you are having fun, **not**! Anyway, as long as everyone is safe and healthy, that's what counts get-

ting through this Covid-19 problem. We did have two friends (husband & wife) living in New York's Long Island who spent a little over two months in the hospital with the virus. They both reported it was the worst thing they ever went through being on ventilators for so long. Long story short, they have no idea where they caught it, but are home after a full recovery. On a lighter note, being an optimist, I am asking the members in The Treasure Coast Chapter or anyone visiting in Florida, to save the date of December 8, 2020 for our annual Christmas/Holiday Party at The Twisted Tuna. Not sure about how things will be by then but I contacted them and was told they still, as of now, are unable to accommodate any groups. We will have to wait and see how things look in December. In the meantime, stay well and safe. Many Cheers from The Treasure Coast Chapter, South Florida."

Last month, **Fran & Gene Student** spent part of their night on the golf course behind their house in Delray Beach watching the 1:12am SpaceX launch from KSC. It was the first cloudless night in a long while. We Floridians never tire of seeing these. This month they were delighted to host their grandsons, Austin & Alex for a week. Gene drove them back to their mother in Key West. He spent the weekend where they led him on a socially distanced, daylong kayaking tour of the area. He tells us, "I survived the adventure just fine, except for the sunburn, sore shoulder and scrapes from falling out of the kayak. The kids can just jump out of the things. Adults have to be more careful. Our only other thrills are occasionally doing some safe outdoor dining and take out. Hang in there, **Gene Student**."

Greetings from **Arnold & Dee Lakso**, "It has been over a year since we have been able to attend a meeting due to a litany of medical issues for the both of us (non life threatening). Just as we were finally able to return, the "winds of change" blew over the entire country (Covid-19). As we progress down the path of whatever the new future holds, be it fair or foul, we are Americans and like always, we shall prevail. "Hope Springs Eternal".

Responding to our birthday greeting to **Jane Wise**, "My big day was great. I was able to speak to all five children and had a delicious meal too. Thanks."

Diane Brodis wrote, "Our community arranged for a lab to come to our clubhouse in May to give the Covid tests on a voluntary basis. I took the blood test because I've never had any of the virus symptoms. It came back negative ... no antibodies. We went into the clubhouse one at a time for the blood draw. If anyone felt sick and wanted the swab test, they had to stay in their car and a lab person went out to them to do the test. We had one couple die within 6 minutes of each other back in March before anyone knew how serious and dangerous this was. You may have seen their son and love story on TV and in the paper. Another couple died 5 days apart a few weeks ago. Another couple got it, he was hospitalized but recovered. She recovered at home. Our small community has been terribly affected. It is very scary. Stay well. Hi from Ron."

From **David & Carolyn Lindgren** (Treasurer), "Since Covid-19 has turned our lives upside down, we have been cautious with every move we make, travel has been non-existent. I've made 1 trip to Chicago via a friend's car with

flying also carefully planned. Stayed at the ORD Hilton, avoiding crowded vans, ate in the hotel restaurant. Then walked to the terminal, mask, gloves, wrap around glasses, Clorox Wipes and no one sitting next to me. This was in June. Since then, we have used our driveway as a gathering place for our neighbors, maintaining social distancing. We could still socialize and be safe. We occasionally go on a car cruise put on by the TCVCC. They plan out a route each weekend from Stuart or Hobe Sound, heading out in all directions with a planned luncheon at different restaurants. The restaurants were called ahead and planned for 10-20 cars, sometimes blocking off parking with space between each vehicle and tables inside with the same social distancing. Some of the venues were takeout and we cruise to the intracoastal water way or the ocean or out to Okeechobee City and takeout food and head to the park overlooking the lake. We at least try to stay on the move but aware of our situation, being older and susceptible to this virus. We are planning a trip, via car, to Concord, North Carolina for our Granddaughter's 17th Birthday, stopping off in St. Augustine for 2 days. That is all from the Lindgren Household. Everyone stay healthy. There is positive light ahead."

Vice-President **Bob Langevin** shares, "A week or so ago, I hit 4 out of 5 on the Florida Fantasy 5 game, winning \$112.50 (not bad for a \$1.00 investment). However, that night, if I had hit all 5 numbers ... I would have won \$90,000.00; but you know what they say about coming close. Oh well! Sandy is flying non-stop on Jet Blue out of PBI to PVD to visit her 94 year old mother for a few days and then flying back to PBI again on a non-stop flight on Jet Blue out of PVD. In October, Sandy & I are flying on UAL to SAN to attend a Celebration of Life Ceremony for a United classmate of mine (1970) who passed away on April 1st from Covid-19. We've remained very close and dear friends during our 50 year period. Sandy & I are doing very well in every way and being very careful and prudent in all that we do and places that we go ... so far so good."

Our Covid numbers in Florida are finally slowing down. Floridians didn't like the short-lived title of Epi-Center. And now it seems we are the hot spot for new home buyers. Even though the home values are going up, mortgage rates are way down. Opening up our schools is a hot topic to say the least. To say nothing about the venues people love to frequent.

October Birthdays include **Michael Carragher** and **Arnold Lakso**.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the

3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRLUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

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



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

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Our meeting for October 2020 has been canceled since we are still sheltering in place. Our members will be notified of this cancellation.

In December, we are scheduled to have a Christmas luncheon; however, we won't know until November if this will take place. We certainly are looking forward to 2021 and leave 2020 way behind us. Stay safe everyone.

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October—what a beautiful month! Unpredictable weather, yes, but those leaves and bushes across the landscape are just too beautiful to describe. Not even the most talented of artists could express themselves with so much creativity

across the globe. The Northeast, Midwest, Mountain and Northwest regions are always the prettiest. If you could put the changes of Fall to music, it would be like the finest virtuoso of the classics. Monet meets Strauss. All areas of our country experience four seasons in some way, and it comes every year, without fail, no matter what is going on, no matter if we're ready or not. Maybe that's why Halloween has gotten so popular of late, it's just so darn pretty outside, let's throw in some ghosts and goblins, too! I always loved Halloween, getting dressed, staying out late, getting candy, winning prizes. We made our own costumes, we went to Kresge's or Woolworth's, found a mask, maybe got some material, had mom, grandma, or myself sew something together, with our instructions, our vision of something that would win first prize or just make people laugh. I can remember being a gypsy, a daisy flower, a Christmas tree, an undertaker, with a tuxedo jacket and tails, and a top hat, an Oscar Mayer Weiner, with which I won a bottle of wine, a shaggy dog, and my favorite, a bumblebee. Won lots of wine with that one. Some of our neighbors actually wanted a treat before they gave us a treat. We had to sing or dance or even tell a joke. Cmon, Mrs. Sparazynski, just give me my Chuckles, Queen Anne or Snickers! Some made taffy apples, popcorn balls, home made cookies, or a nickel/dime/quarter, wow, cash that I could go to our corner candy store owned by Ma Wysocki, and get my cherry whips, Sugar Babies, little wax figures with sugar syrup inside, licorice, buttons on strips of paper, an ice cream smoozy, banana or cherry popsicles, candy cigarettes, or caramel bullseyes, yum! Don't forget Black Jack, Clove, Beeman's and Teaberry gum, pink bubble gum cigars, Double Bubble gum, Chiclets, Bazooka, all the Wrigley brands, and the famous flat pink gum with baseball cards in it. How many of you had hundreds of cards that your mom threw away? Yep, your future retirement money, gone one day when she cleaned your room! I could go on and on over the great candy we had, I'm sure you had your favorites, and a little corner candy store that you and your friends frequented. What we could buy with a nickel. Then some depraved mind put razor blades in an apple. Stupid jerk, there went part of our innocent youth. We discovered a villain in our midst, a nefarious ass, who apparently thought hurting or killing children would be fun. In my mind, I'd like to think Karma caught up with them and they choked on a jawbreaker or liver. (Hate liver) Or maybe Margaret Hamilton found them. Heh heh heh! Ah, the Wizard of Oz, boy, how many thousands of people have gone Halloweening as an Oz character? Many more than we can imagine.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month, I hope many of you ladies or family members never had to go through that, it's scary, sad and exhausting. It's also Cookie Month, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, National Pizza Month (better than Cookie month, well, maybe, if it's from Malnati's), Popcorn Popping Month, and my favorite, Sarcastic Month. October 1st is a Day for the Elderly, whomever is old, certainly, not us, the 5th is Do Something Nice Day (force yourself), the 9th is Moldy Cheese Day, the 12th, Columbus Day, are we allowed to celebrate that any more? I guess, if we can find a statue. The 17th is Sweetest Day and Wear Something Gaudy, coincidence they're paired together, the 19th is Evaluate your Life Day, hmmm, is it too late or can we

still learn? (nah), the 21st is Count your Buttons Day, do you still have a button box?, or have you lost all your buttons? The 22nd is National Nut Day, (You)? the 24th is Bologna Day, I think they mean the food, not the baloney you hear on tv and radio, the 25th is Mother-in-Law Day, that's You! The last two days are dedicated to our great holiday, Halloween, Frankenstein Day, Carve a Pumpkin, increase your psychic powers and Mischief Night. I'll be sitting out in a field waiting for the Great Pumpkin with Charlie and Snoopy. We've been out there since 1959. Of course I'll be in costume.

Our Northside and Southside Breakfasts were canceled, maybe next month; we'll send out an email blast and see how things go. Our ORDMM groups came out; we had 16 people between the two. Enjoyed our time together, sounds like we're all getting tired of sitting home. Anybody who had tours or cruises, have been notified, they are canceled. I received a call from one of our Southsiders, **Mila Walker**. Mila used to be a Stand-by Food runner. She's asking for prayers since she found out she has stage four cancer in her lungs, stomach and head. Her son Jim, his wife Anna, and two little girls have moved in with her. Her daughter, Christina, has also been a huge help. The doctors at the University of Chicago have given her medication that has helped her very much, so there might be a rainbow out there. The medication is very expensive, but Mila was able to find a way. Thank you, God.

Some of our old friends that I spoke with last month all say hello and wish you good health. **Pat Muha**, **Rose Nesser**, **Ray Kintis'** wife, **Marj**, **Wyn Webster's** wife, **Jean**, **Dennis Scheuerell**, **Judi Feldi**, **Sandy & Ken Bownlee**, **John Schnittker**, **LB Neal**, **Vic Liltz**, **Bob Palm**, **Harry Kargenian**, **Dick Hoppel**, **Jim Vitte**, **Don Kramlich**, **Ken Thiede**, **Rich Protsman**, **Jim Kraft**, **Rick Wilson**, **Joann Giannini**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Rich Bulanda**, **Carol Faust**, **Sheryl Schubert**, **Masha Sealock-Weber**, **Peter Gropp**, **Walt Fink**, **Ed & Linda Ward**, **Bill Corbett**, **Liz Tollefsen**, and **Marge Caliendo**, among a few. They are all behaving, with masks and other good hygiene habits. I'm still not aware of anybody contracting the virus, and I'm so happy that you're all taking good care of yourselves and family members.

Back in the 30's- 40's, 50's and 60's, when we were growing up, it's amazing to remember how little we knew about marriage, babies, and life in general. Did your parents sit you down and tell you the facts of life? When I was a little girl, I wanted two Lassie dogs, live in the country, with a pretty house, a white picket fence, and have six children. After I learned what all went on, I decided on maybe two kids, if that. Whenever I saw a lady with a tummy, I thought she was gaining weight like me, I was happy I wasn't alone getting chubby. When I asked my mom and grandmother, they said that woman had a tumor. What's a tumor? More fact of life I didn't understand. Well, they found a growth in her tummy, but the doctor is working on it, and she'll be fine in a few months. Sure enough, the ladies were thin again, and had a baby, too. Wow, she wasn't sick any more just in time to have the stork come with a baby. When I was a freshman in high school, I saw the girls all whispering and giggling in the hall one Monday morning, I asked what was going on. They said that a Senior, Jane Doe, was expelled because she was going to have a baby. I gasped in shock. I said, when did

she get married? The girls laughed and laughed, they're probably still laughing. I was 14, I had no idea. Good Catholic girls were taught to stay pure, and wait for sex until we got married. Back then, they told us nothing, now, they tell the kids everything, in great detail. I bet any money, most of you ladies from the 30's to the 60's had no clue what was going on, so I don't feel too guilty of naiveté and stupidity. Different times, for sure, in many different ways. When I asked my friends, they had similar experiences; friends from United, my neighbors, and most of my high school class. All the same age group, same era. Everything was a secret.

I have parent's stories, I hope you don't mind, and indulge me. Maybe you can see how the nuts don't fall far from the tree. My mom, Rose, was pretty serious, at times, I thought she didn't have a sense of humor, but then she'd surprise me. On her 80th birthday, my sisters and I took her out for an Italian dinner, along with her three grandsons, all under 12. We were enjoying a nice Italian red wine, when I asked a question that I had always wanted an answer to. I Said, 'Mom, tell me something, Sue and Jean were both born in June, that means they were conceived in September, that's not your anniversary, or birthday, or even a holiday. What's the story'? Without skipping a beat, or spilling a drop, she lifted her wine glass, and said, 'That's when you went back to school'. One sister chocked on her wine, the boys all snickered. We all screamed with laughter, quiet little Rose. One other time, we were at home, the phone rang, she answered it, all we heard was, 'No, we're not interested. We love our home, and have no plans to sell or move. Don't you hear me, we're not interested, don't call here again'. And hung up, like you used to be able to, crash down the receiver. My dad, Joe, said, 'What was that about? A realtor'? She said, 'I guess so, he was trying to sell condoms, I told him we were happy in our home'. My dad laughed for a long time. She said, 'Why, what's so funny? We're not moving'. And you laughed at my Lebanese story last month. Ha! My dad was funny, I'm sure I got my sense of humor from him. We kept getting calls for a pizza place in town; our number was one digit off. He was getting mad, giving them the correct number, telling them to be more careful, etc. One day, I guess he reached his limit. He took the order, said to pick it up in 45 minutes. He laughed again. Bad Joe. We never got a pizza call again! You don't push us.

Our friends that Flew West last month include **Ted Krone**, ORDMM, **Lois & Elmer Koldoff**, MDWMM/ORDMM/ATLMM, (they died a week apart) **Rosemarie Restivo**, EXOAC, **Hank Wajda**, ORDHN/ORDCG, **Sandra Sampey**, ORDSW, **Michael Minelli**, husband of **Sharon Minelli**, CHIRR/ORDCS, **June Franz**, mother of **Ann Franz**, EXOAC, and **Fred Hodge**, ORDFO. Also gone from our world are, Trini Lopez, Jazzman Joe Segal, Robert Trump, Illinois Governor Jim Thompson, Chadwick Boseman, Met's Tom Seaver, and Mary Hartline from Super Circus, with Claude Kirschner, on Sunday afternoons. Local car dealer, Bob Rohrman, and the Cub's Hall of Famer, Lou Brock.

I've traveled a long way, and a lot of roads were not paved. I'll bet many can relate, but aren't you glad you survived? We still have a lot of living to do. We will beat this stupid Bug!

These get-togethers in the Calendar section are all pending, determined on the situation of the state's Covid restrictions. An email blast will be sent to confirm.

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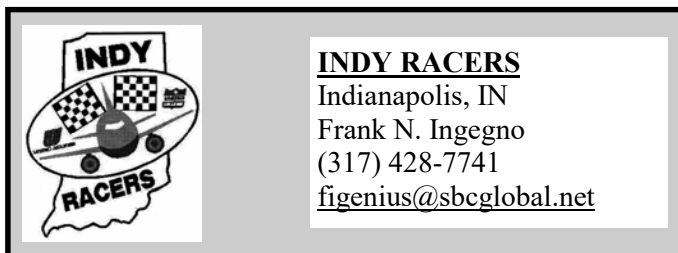
Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**October 14**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**October 1**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

December 3 - IAM Christmas Luncheon, The Seville, 700 S Barrington Rd. Streamwood, 11:00 A.M.

INDIANA



The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter August meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11th at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank Prins, Ed Loftus, Mario Bregante, Dimple Riheal and Hannelore Brabo**.

No new business was discussed. We are waiting for Covid numbers to diminish before we go on our U.S. Air force Museum road trip. We'll discuss this at our September meeting.

Frank Ingegno did travel in August. He visited his son in Denver and the family drove to Moab, Utah to visit Arches National Park. Arches National Park is famous for its sandstone rock formations and natural arches. All formed by wind and water erosion. It was really cool hiking among these huge formations.

Arches is an officially recognized night sky viewing location too. We returned at night to see the starry night sky. We could see sooooo many stars! We could easily see the Milky Way Galaxy and with my son's binoculars we were able to see the Andromeda Galaxy and about 4 or 5 other galaxies and nebula. Also saw planets Saturn, Jupiter and lots of shooting stars too! All from our comfortable chairs at one of the viewing spots. Pretty amazing stuff!

Our return to Denver was detoured by the I-70 fires. I-70 was closed. The detour took us quite a bit south and added about two/three hours to the drive time.

It was a great trip!

The next Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

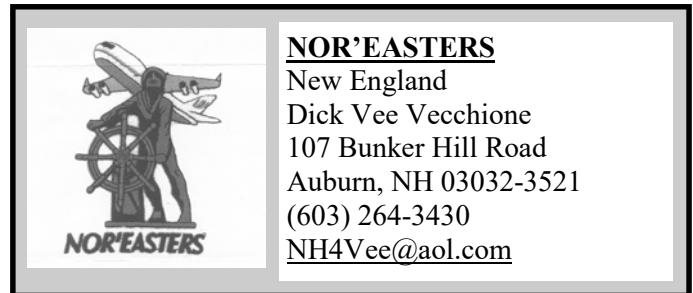
Our future meetings schedule for 2020 is:

- October 13, at Emmy's

- November 10, at Emmy's
- December 8, 2020. Xmas celebration, location to be announced.
- January 12, 2021 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent. For more information, please contact **Frank Ingegno**, figenius@sbcglobal.net.

MASSACHUSETTS



Greetings to all! It looks like Covid-19 will be with us for a while; unless someone comes up with a cure, stay safe. Don't be impatient to get out to socialize or go where crowds gather. It will pay off in the long run to wait and to do what we have been doing since March.

Norman Hudon finally had his hip surgery on July 29th after a lengthy delay because of Covid-19. He is now at home recuperating. He is happy to say all went well and all previous pain is gone. Norman is starting outside therapy and is on his way to feeling whole again. **Elizabeth Palmer** had a three-week family reunion with all coming to her in Maine. From Seattle, Megan, Tom and two children, Ella, two years old and Jamie, eight months old. All the way from Tanzania, came Kristian and Doug. They had a fantastic time, but sadly, all are back at their homes now.

From the Nor'Easters, **Irene Kimball** reports, the Kimballs are grateful to have spent two glorious weeks with family in Chatham, Massachusetts. Since we were wearing face masks, the sharks were unable to recognize and find us. Cape Cod is always joyous. Irene, I always say whatever you can get away with and enjoy.

October's birthdays ~ **Patti Austin, Norman Hudon, and John Lagadinas**.


October anniversaries ~ None listed.

Calendar:

No meetings planned.



MICHIGAN

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Another month under the Covid-19 lock down and another month of no retiree get-togethers. Restaurants in Michigan may be open but with limited seating per government restrictions. So, to err on the side of caution, we had no luncheons. The outlook for meeting this year is rather bleak. We are looking forward to next year and a time when we can gather without worry or concern.

Here is something that might pique your interest. Check out YouTube/mark rober. He has an episode that I found most entertaining. It is "How to build a Squirrel Proof Bird Feeder". Since I was in need of his advice I was most anxious to see his solution to the problem. Hope you will be as entertained as I was.

Remember to keep your family, friends, and co-workers in your thoughts and prayers.

Thought for the month:

Learn from yesterday,


Live for today,

Hope for tomorrow.

~ Albert Einstein

Stay healthy and safe.

MINNESOTA

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Still dealing with Covid restrictions, but 20 intrepid, some masked, some unmasked, Lites answered **Mary & Jim Brennan's** clarion call to gather at their summer place in Danbury, WI on beautiful Lake Minerva. We were lucky to have newly-retired **Pat Juberien, Marge Fleming, Roberta Derosier** and not-yet-graduated **Mary Beth Speer** and **Karla Marushin** also join us. Hope all of us Old You-Know-Whats didn't scare them off!

It was really a treat to see **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** after almost 18 months. They're part of the "hard core" of our chapter and Lyle's health issues kept them away for all that time. Thankfully, he's feeling much, much better and just about as sassy as ever. We were disappointed not to be able to visit with all of our friends, but understand the caution everyone is taking with Covid lurking around. Let's face it, kids,

we're all in that so-called "vulnerable" portion of the population. Trust me when I say that most of you were mentioned and missed. A good time was had by all, I think. The Brennans are great hosts!


Our very best wishes to **Al & Mary Kilian** on the occasion of their 68th wedding anniversary! The road has been long and sometimes bumpy but overall their lives have been a resounding success story. Congratulations! Here's a little "before" and "after".



A sad note ... **Cindy White's** husband, **John**, passed away August 11. In case you didn't get the notice, condolences may be sent to Cindy & family at 2226 King's Valley Rd. East, Minneapolis, MN 55427.

Good ol' Whats-her-face (**Jo Ayres**) got the latest scoop on The Golden Corral ~ the good news is they are open, doing the buffet but delivering beverages and desserts; the bad news is that the private dining room is closed. There'd be no place where we could have a meeting without the other diners being part of it, too. So if we want to meet for lunch only, just to get together, we can return to the Corral. Or should we scrap our meetings/lunches until next spring or whenever Covid mandates settle down? Let me know your thoughts ...

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



NEVADA



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We, the Silverliners Board, have been reviewing and monitoring directives from the Governor's Office related to the Coronavirus and its effect on Seniors here in Nevada. The Governor's Phase II directive is still rolled back to where groups of 10 people (down from 50) or less can get together with mask and social distancing. Then again, he states "people that are of the vulnerable population and have underlying medical conditions are to stay sheltered" that hits our group right on the head. With the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases here in Clark County and the Nevada Governor designating our County a **hot spot**, we did not have our Luncheon August 13. On another sad note we lost another member, our Past Silverliners President **Rose Marie Restivo** from complications during surgery; her loss was a shock to all of us. I also want to mention that back on June 1st, member **Mary LaChevalier** passed away, she was the wife of **Michel LaChevalier**, I mentioned he passed away just over a month from his wife's passing in the last Newsletter. We are not only facing many hardships and inconveniences in our own lives but we are also saddened by the loss of our Members and not being able to pay our last respects to them and their family. So, with all the going on with the virus and disruption of our personnel lives, we will try and have a Luncheon on October 8, 2020; the Lord willing and the Governors has no new directives, plus we can only pray that a COVID-19 Vaccine is developed and released to the public very soon.

The Silverliners will hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are now held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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There is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA due to remaining in Phase II in Nevada (that does not allow for group meetings).

NEW JERSEY



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September 11, 2001 was just another day in my regular routine of getting up in the morning at 8 AM, dressing and getting set to make my breakfast. At the kitchen table was my radio tuned in to WQXR, with my breakfast before me and a hot cup of coffee. As always, the crossword puzzle from The Record was close at hand.

As the classical music droned on, there was a sudden interruption, and a bulletin came on saying that an airplane has flown into one of the World Trade centers twin towers in New York City. My thoughts went back to 1945 when a B-25 Air Force bomber crashed in the Empire State building on the 79th floor. I can only have guessed that this was the same type of accident with another small plane. As more reports started to come in I now turned on the TV, something which I never do until I look at the news at night. It was plain to see this disaster unfolding. As a newly elected councilman in Fairlawn, I was urged to join our re-created "civilian emergency response team", as best described, that emergency management went from being a mom-and-pop operation, to a more professional operation run by professionals and staffed by volunteers. Our training in emergency preparation was in all cases to render aid, but not become part of the problem.

I was soon called to help staff Fairlawn's newly established headquarters in the basement of our City Hall. During the afternoon, calls were coming in but the activity seemed to me quite slow. A TV was set up so we could keep abreast of the entire catastrophe that was unfolding. Towards nightfall the frantic calls from relatives started coming in and asking "have you heard from", "can I leave a message", "is there any news of", "I'm trying to find". The best that we could do was to assure those folks that if and when we hear of any survivors they would immediately be informed. None of us could realize the chaos that was going on by the Hudson River between Manhattan and New Jersey. Finally about midnight we were told to go home and get some sleep and return in the morning. I got to my car and decided to drive down to our two commuter parking lots. There I found our police trying to help relatives find their loved ones' cars, so that they can leave messages onto the windshield wipers when they returned. Now I understood the enormity of what had happened, anger raged within me, if only I could retaliate to those who did this, I would do so with a vengeance, in the end four of our residents died at the twin towers. Along with the other towns in Bergen County, Fairlawn sent two ambulances to assemble at Liberty State Park in Jersey City to be used as necessary. We also sent a command fire truck from company 2 that was used by the New York City Fire Department. Afterwards on reflection, the only word that I can think of was


“proud” the way our first responders worked, and myself being a part of them. This comes from a poem that I have read some time ago: as Americans you can write us down in history with your bitter twisted lies, you might grind us into the very dirt, still like the dust we shall rise.

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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.



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There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

OHIO



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Like Sony & Cher said (sang) “The beat goes on”. Yep, another month with no luncheon meeting. But I must say that many members call, email, text, or send us a note saying how much they miss seeing everyone at our Buckeye luncheons. Still, the only tentative scheduled meeting is our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Williams On-The Lake. And we have to make a decision on that by the middle of next month.

This month’s article includes the highlights of yet another chapter member that served in our military.

Veteran of the month. Our hero grew up in Western Pennsylvania, and graduated from Springdale High School - Class of 1946. In 1947 he joined the Merchant Marines.

The Korean War began on June 25th, 1950; he was drafted into the U.S. Army on December 5, 1950 and had basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He was then transported to Chicago for a 3-day train ride to Seattle, Washington. In Seattle, he boarded a ship to Korea where he joined the 72nd Infantry Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division and was assigned to a M-4 tank for maneuver in the foothills of the mountains. Finally, he came back to Fort Hood Texas, in the good old U.S.A., where in October of 1952 he was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. From there he went back to work into the Merchant Marines.

Then it happened. He met a young county girl, fell in love, and in July of 1955 they were married. The very next year (1956) he got a job at United Airlines CLE in Ramp Service. He retired from United Airlines with 36 years of service. Another true American, and we salute him for His Service.

We Pray for your health & safety. Please, “Pray for Our Country”.

God Bless everyone, and God Bless Our United States of America.

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Another month of self-isolating under our belts. We continue to monitor recommendations from the medical/scientific experts (ignoring social media and political pundits!) before deciding when it will be safe to resume meetings, especially considering that our age puts us in the highly vulnerable category. Once that decision has been made, we will alert our members and anticipate **lots** of chatter and laughter when we are able to meet face to face again! Someday we might even be able to hug! In the meantime, thanks to member **Kathy Russell**, we’ll pass along some humor to hopefully bring some chuckles your way.

- ☺ I can’t guarantee that this is true. On the other hand, it might be ...
 - ★ Can’t eat pork - Swine flu
 - ★ Can’t eat chicken - Bird flu
 - ★ Can’t eat Beef - Mad cow disease
 - ★ Can’t eat eggs - Salmonella
 - ★ Can’t eat fish - heavy metal poisons in waters
 - ★ Can’t eat fruits and veggies - insecticides and herbicides.
 - ★ Hmmmmmm ... That leaves Chocolate and ice cream! Remember – “Stressed” spelled backwards is “Desserts”
- ☺ A friend of mine just got divorced. He and his wife split the house – he got the outside!

- ☺ Laughter is the best medicine. Or wine. It might be wine!
- ☺ My doctor told me I might want to cut back on my wine intake. My blood type is now Chardonn-A positive

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



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A note from **Mary Jane Stewart**: Since all of my activities were canceled in Pennsylvania, I decided to spend a few months in South Carolina with my family. I continue to stay in and follow the health guidelines but keep very busy with my 2½ year old great grandson. It never ceases to amaze me how much energy little children have. I am enjoying every minute of being with everyone.

Keeping in touch with my dear friend **Treatie Karwoski** I found out that she had taken a fall and broken her elbow. If that was not bad enough, she fell on it a second time. She is doing well but very bored having to stay inside.

I received some sad news from Denver, our dear friend **Marlene Bates** has passed away. Marlene worked in PITCS, CLERR and DEN Pilot Employment with a short stint at US Airways. Marlene was married to **Dale Bates** for 62 happy years. Dale and I worked side by side for many years on the PITRR Mainliner Desk. He also worked in CLERR and DENRR. Marlene's wish was that donation goes to St. Judes.

From **Bill Chicots**: I received a call from the SFO area early last month, not knowing anyone from that area I thought it was a spam call, but I answered it anyway. It was a man named Mike who is a UA retiree who is a native Pittsburgher (Duquesne, PA). He just wanted to talk to someone from Pittsburgh. He said he was drafted near the end of WWII and served in the military until the end of the war, returning home to Duquesne he took a job in the steel industry like most did. Not liking the mill life he said he re-enlisted in the military

and was trained as a jet mechanic, he went on to serve in Korea and Viet Nam, leaving the military in the late 60's he took a job with UA at the SFO maintenance base in the engine shop retiring in the late 80's.

September Birthdays ~ **Olga Karmazin** and **Diane Weber**. September Anniversaries ~ **Jack & Betty Tinney**.

TENNESSEE




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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.

For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.


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

WASHINGTON



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Coming near the end of the alphabetical lineup for Local News and RUAEA chapter reports, we'll refrain from "hunkering down" this month. Most reports in September referred to that as, unfortunately, their main activity. Congratulations to those few chapters elsewhere in the country that have been able to meet in person. We envy you.

While the Seattle area (King County) has advanced to a higher level of activity after reaching safety levels permitted by the governor's restrictions, only a few restaurants are open

for “dine in” experiences. Most still offer pick-up and/or delivery, but many others have been forced to permanently close their doors. Our hearts go out to those who have lost jobs and income during these unprecedented months. Most parks, beaches and other recreational facilities remain closed to the public. Some of this is due to backtracking when said public refused to honor safety guidelines to protect themselves and others from the coronavirus when areas were reopened – apparently too soon.

Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison** have issued a joint statement, published in the local chapter newsletter for September, noting changes in procedure for the coming months and year, while it is still unsafe to congregate in groups. Meetings will not resume until a vaccine has been developed and made available to all of us, hopefully some time in 2021. The chapter also will hold off on collecting dues while urging members to continue their memberships in RUAEA national. Sad times.

Raise your hand if you know **Carol Lucarelli**, cohort of RUAEA Past President **Hank Gosselin** (SEAMM). Both are members of the Emerald City Slickers, Arizona Sunbirds, and well-known on the RUAEA national scene. Carol often mentions her son, 63-year-old **Frank Lucarelli**, long time trainer at Emerald Downs Racetrack in Auburn, Washington. Frank, who gave up a minor league baseball career in favor of horses, recently was featured in the sports section of *The Seattle Times* with a glowing review of his 23 seasons working with horses there. Locals look forward to hearing more from – and about – Frank before the Emerald Downs meet ends in October. We recently learned that Captain **Bruce Leach** (SEAFO) passed away April 9, 2019 at the age of 83. He had been fighting cancer for some years. He is survived by his wife **Grace**. Following his retirement, Bruce and Grace moved to Bonita Springs, Florida. They later returned to Auburn, Washington where they lived while Bruce was undergoing treatment. **Ron Cantrell** (SEARR) died of a heart attack in August at his home in Federal Way, Washington. He is survived by his wife **Helen**, who also retired from SEARR. Condolences to both families.

Last month we began to chronicle the life, times and career(s) of **Dave Jones** (SFOFO), an active member and past president of the Emerald City Slickers. His member profile published in *Contrails* took two issues, and we got him only as far as the ETOPS approval for the 777 in the 1990s in our September column. We continue, mostly in Dave’s own words -with some editorial privilege.

Here is the rest of “Dave Jones – A career defined by his love for airplanes, Part 1” and if we finish that, you’ll find “Dave Jones – A career defined by his love for airplanes, Part 2”. Dave worked as the United maintenance and engineering coordinator for service readiness for the 777. This involved ensuring the airline had maintenance plans, documentation, training and spare parts to support start of service. As part of the ETOPS approval, Boeing and United jointly conducted 1,000 proof of readiness flight test demonstration flights over a variety of city pairs. United flight crews and mechanics actually operated 90 of these flight segments, usually during night time hours. The most rigorous test was an engine shut down midway from the west coast to Hawaii. The 777 continued on the remaining engine for over 3 hours to complete

the flight. This successful work brought about Boeing and United’s ETOPS approval for 180 operations at start of service in June 1995. Dave was privileged to be one of the lucky employees on the delivery flight of the first 777 on its flight from Seattle to SFO.

Following the 777 assignment, Dave was named engineering manager for new avionics technology, managing a group of senior avionics engineers responsible for researching, specifying and justifying additions of new avionics technologies to United’s fleet. As an aero engineer by education and with a background in flight test operations, avionics electronics was a new challenge. Dave is still in touch with several in the core of engineers he relied on.

This assignment coincided with the emergence of GPS navigation and its first implementation on United planes. The most significant initial impact was on United’s 747-400 fleet that was operated on trans-Pacific flights. United, Qantas, Air New Zealand and Cathay Pacific partnered with Boeing to pioneer and certify a capability to operate the 747-400 with a new Future Air Navigation System (FANS). It included GPS and specially-coded digital text messages (Data Link) delivered over the airline communication system ACARS. This new system replaced 1940s based communication and navigation, transforming the accuracy and dependability of over water navigation.

The new technology group’s biggest project during Dave’s time as manager was leading a fleet-wide upgrade of the weather radar systems on United airplanes. Back in the late 1940s and early 1950s, United engineers had partnered with an avionics manufacturer to design an advanced weather radar system. For several reasons, United was the only airline to adopt that system, with all other airlines using different technology. This situation prevailed into the 1990s, giving United a superior radar picture of the weather – at least in the eyes of United’s technical pilots and engineers.


A series of fatal accidents related to wind shear in the 1980s changed the equation. Wind shear is a rapid change in wind direction and speed that is most commonly associated with thunderstorms. After these accidents, NASA and the industry developed both a means to detect the presence of wind shear and a means to fly out of it. Detection was based on the addition of new features to the weather radar systems used on all airline planes except United’s. To gain the new safety benefit, United had to give up its own system. Dave’s group developed the technical and business arguments for the change and worked a vendor competition for a system purchase that totaled tens of millions of dollars to change over United’s 500 planes over a 5-year period.

As the weather radar program progressed, Dave’s career was altered once again. Though this article was covered in Parts 1 and 2 in the Seattle chapter’s local newsletter, we’ll save a newly-developed Part 3 for the November RUAEA Newsletter.

October’s special event is some folks’ favorite “holiday,” but Halloween will be quite different this year. Most revelers will already be wearing masks – of a different kind! Here’s to Happy Haunting in abbreviated form. **Boo!**

Calendar:


Chapter meeting cancelled until further notice.



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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



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I have shirked my duty to write this News Letter for two months in a row. I apologize. I was isolating and hibernating and quite frankly, feeling rather out of sorts. I was hating 2020 and calling it the gift that kept on giving. Remember those horrible family joke gifts that were re-gifted to a different family member each year? Maybe your family did not have the same warped sense of humor as mine so I will tell you about some of our recycled gifts. There was always the Chia pet, and often the dreaded fruitcake. The ugly sweater was common and an ugly knitted hat was not out of the question. I was thinking about those gifts as I was reading last month's RUAEA Newsletter. We are all in the same 2020. We are all socially distancing and trying to avoid contact with Covid-19. We are all living through political confusion and other social anxiety. Yet, **Liz Tollefen** of Phoenix Re-United managed to write her article about her husband Ted's exciting career at United Airlines. East Bay Diablos' **Jan Soderstrom**, asked her members to write about a favorite vacation that they had taken (and they did). **Ginger Dahlberg** of the Golden Gaters had a plethora of great suggestions regarding some great things to do during this time and ways of staying positive. Some chapters are having their meetings by Zoom. So many other correspondents have kept up their responsibility to write something – **anything** – to give our many member uplifting stories despite the fact that we cannot have face to face meetings. I want to thank them all for keeping us informed, giving us positive tips for surviving this “anno horribilis”, and not-to-forget those who included a few wonderful recipes. I would also like to thank the many other people who have put in the hard work to keep this newsletter operating. Among others, I would like to thank **Francis Domaratus**, the newsletter manager and the newsletter editor, **Veronica Domaratus** for their dedication and for their patience with me.

Our Chapter President, **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** had a 12 page newsletter of her own this month. First, she and her husband **Larry** have both experienced hospital stays and operations in these last few months. Larry had back surgery which was quite involved, and Cathy nursed him back to health. Then Cathy had her own surgery to repair the meniscus and Larry put on the caregiver's hat. I wish that was the ending of this tale, but it is not. Larry is waiting until Cathy is fully recovered so that he can have the operation he needs on his shoulder.

Our dear **Ina Ayres** has stepped down as head of our Sunshine Committee after many, many years. Thank you Ina for your commitment to our membership for so very long. Thank you to **Ruth Blackwell** for volunteering to step into this very important position. Since she is also our Resident artist, may we expect hand designed cards going forward? (Just kidding, Ruth). **Mary Beth Collins** is also on this committee and will be a great asset for Ruth.

Kerrie Schneider and her husband **Dutch** have had some serious illnesses but in true Schneider form, they have done it bravely, privately and with good humor. Kerrie sends me quite a few wonderful emails and many funny jokes. Among them was this: *“Husband and I went grocery shopping in masks. Got home, took off masks, wrong husband! Stay alert, people!”*

We have had many deaths during these last few months. I personally was most affected by the loss of **Nance Carney Osbourne**. She died of natural causes on August 10th of this year. She was such a beautiful lady with an incredible sense of humor. Nance was a flight attendant for 44 years. I met her in Stewardess Training in 1965 when she was my appearance councilor. She lamented many times over the years that she had failed me. She is survived by her twin sons, Thomas and Charles and her daughter Ashley.

Victoria Carrol Sullivan died in March. She was also a dear friend and an active DCA flight attendant. Vic had heart issues and her corrective surgery had been delayed because of Covid-19. She is survived by her husband, **Art** and her son Tommy.

Another unexpected death was that of **Flor Vasquez**. Flor also was an active employee at IADCS.

Beginning with our cancelled March luncheon, we have been without a gathering. Cathy, **Judy Dunlap** and I are actively seeking a solution to this problem. We are hoping to find a place where there is outdoor distanced seating for 40-100 people. Wish us luck.

Until next time my friends, stay safe!



NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Well, here I am at the end of my term as Clipped Wings National Vice President. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the RUAEA Newsletter for the past two years. I never realized how much information there is in one magazine. Thank you for every thing you **all** do to keep us all informed about a company we loved.

By the time you are reading this, our 53rd Clipped Wings Unconventional Convention has been put to rest in the books of Holy Crikey, We Did It! At our Zoom Convention, we welcomed some of RUAEA's members, **Don Burbank, Hank Gosselin, Ron Bertacini, Veronica & Francis Domaratius**. We hope that you had a great time and took away some information that will be of value to you for the future. Thank you for coming!

Barbara Dunkelman will be the next Vice President of Clipped Wings. She will be writing the columns for the next two years. She is from the Pittsburgh Chapter. Barbara is very conscientious and excited about her new position as VP. She is looking forward to being a part of RUAEA and the Clipped Wings Board.

Thank you for letting me be a part of the RUAEA Newsletter. I have enjoyed sharing Clipped Wings and a bit of myself with you every month. May we all have better days ahead in 2021.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We are a fun group even when we are apart and zooming!



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NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2020**:

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CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **August 2020**:

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- 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.

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Retiree – **Ahern, Kenneth R.**, on 3/29/2020, BOSCG, husband of Joanne C. Ahern, 14819 Darbbydale Ave., Woodridge, VA 22193

Retiree – **Armstrong, Courtney Lee**, on 8/27/2020, SLCCG, survived by former spouse Christina Armstrong, daughters, Jamie (Anthony) Derbidge, Kerry (Erik Bateman) Armstrong, and Kelly (Jacob) Calloway. He resided in Reno, NV.

Spouse – **Bates, Marlene M.**, on 8/12/2020, DENEV, wife of Dale E. Bates, DENRR, 23576 E. Otero Dr., Aurora, CO 80016

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Retiree – **Foles, Willie S.**, on 8/9/2020, ATLMM, husband of Bobbie Foles (deceased), 5985 Coatsworth Dr., Rex, GA 30273

Retiree – **Franz, June S.**, on 8/23/2020, WHQAC, mother of Ann Franz, 902 Hillside Dr., Bensenville, IL 60106

Retiree – **Johnson, Robert Mapes**, on 5/29/2020, SFOEG, husband of Dolores K. Johnson, 1516 James Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062

Spouse – **Koldoff, Lois**, on 8/7/2020, wife of Elmer G. Koldoff Jr. (deceased), ATLMM, ORDMM, 103 Sea Island Dr., Peachtree City, GA 30269

Retiree – **Koldoff, Jr. Elmer G.**, on 8/14/2020, ATLMM, ORDMM, husband of Lois Koldoff (deceased), 103 Sea Island Dr., Peachtree City, GA 30269

Retiree – **McWhorter, Virgil L.**, on 8/20/2020, SFOBL, husband of Adrienne A. McWhorter, 18916 SE Hwy 212, Damascus, OR 97089

Retiree – **Miller, Paul G.**, on 9/7/2020, DENMM, husband of Yvonne S. Miller, 14221 E. Evans Ave., Apt. 128, Aurora, CO 80014

Spouse – **Minelli, Michael A.**, on 4/10/2020 husband of Sharon L. Minelli, CLERR, CHIRR, ORDCS and CLECS, 9320 Asbury Lane, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Retiree – **Reuszer, Don L.**, on 8/24/2020, SFOIQ, husband of Dorothy M. Reuszer, 6854 N. Glensford Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Retiree – **Robertson, William B. (Bill)**, on 5/27/2020, DENTK, husband of Judith (Judy) Robertson, 9278 E. Aspen Hill Place, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Spouse – **Wajda, Henry J. (Hank)**, on 8/12/2020, ORDFF, husband of Sophie C. Wajda, ORDSW, 1738 Elmdale, Ave., Glenview, IL 60026



Letters & Notes



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

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

Wendy Aivalotis, Linda Althouse, Masako Bellinger, Mary Brandt, Richard Bresett, Mary Bueker, Virginia Burke, Lucy Chatelain, Joseph Coco, Anne Dean, Diane Douglas, Carol Estus, Priscilla Hawes, Barbara Hill, Homer Hudelson, Neil Johnson, TN King, Agnes Kubicz, George Kuzma, Joseph Leather, Betty McBride, Bob Minton, Alfonso Morales, Connie Newlon, Joe and Lynn Pettrow, David Perkins, Joyce Pfeiffer, Charlotte Schultz, Teddy Smith, Marcia Stanger, Mary Taylor, Loretta Vass, Irma Kay Weber, Michael Zoldak.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)

Paol Andersen, 41 Primrose Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

My calendar is marked to renew my membership.

I especially find the "General News" interesting and informative, as I do not use a computer at all. So many changes.

Something not well known is that our daughters were hired by United. Sunnie was hired in 1989 as a Flight Attendant and she retired after 25 years. Colleen was hired in 1990 as a pilot, but she has not flown much since the pandemic started.

Judy Bird, 480 SW Victoria Ct., Gresham, OR 97080

Kudos to **Kathy Russell**. I enjoyed this past issue because of her lovely sense of humor on all the "quotes" during this difficult time. To make us laugh is "good for the soul". She is truly an amazing woman who is always positive and upbeat. I always enjoy talking to her at the luncheons. She needs to know how much she is appreciated.

Hopefully, we will all soon meet again.

I retired 25 years ago after 30 years from the flight kitchen to cleaning of the planes. What a ride!

Shirley Claggett, 1007 S. 262nd Pl., Des Moines, WA 98198

Hello to all. Thank you for all you do to keep us moving along.

The newsletter is the heart and blood circulating for all of the members.

We need all the joy and good spirits at this time.

Keep smiling and take care.

Duane Gentner, 10643 Clarkeville Way, Parker, CO 80134

Time to re-up.

I hired on with United 8/3/1956 and retired on 12/31/1995.

I then worked another 5 years under contract and re-retired on 12/31/2000.

There's truth to the saying, "Time flies when you are having fun".

My best to all.

William Hamilton, 311 N. Pine Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

We usually meet friends from Eugene, OR in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in December. But because of the pandemic, I am not sure what will happen this upcoming December.

Kathie Torgison's excellent article in the September issue of the newsletter says that UAL will resume some service to Puerto Vallarta. We will see what happens.

Thanks for the excellent RUAEA newsletter. Stay safe and I pray that relief will come soon from this terrible situation.

I certainly miss not having the convention in San Diego this year.

Russell Stinnett, PO Box 21765, Keizer, OR 97307

I love United Airlines.

My Mom and Dad both worked for the company.

Mom worked in Chicago at Midway for a few years and then at HQ.

Dad worked in Denver for 39 years. I fly on United about 90% of the time.

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

I am always looking forward to the Newsletter and feel like I am still a part of United. It has been over 17 years since I retired and the Newsletter provides so much useful information.

Thank you for doing such a great job.

It was very sad to find out that a special friend (with whom I had lost touch with after retiring); **Leah Schulman** (ORDCS) had passed away in May 2020.

Notes

Florence Book

I hope everyone is safe and well. I look forward to receiving the Newsletter each month.

Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication.

Debra Ellis

I am enjoying as much family/friend time as possible with precautions during this COVID intrusion!

I am hoping to travel soon here in the states. I am delaying a trip to Scotland until it is safe to travel abroad.

James Ferrance

I retired in 2001 from LAXRR. I am a USAF Vietnam Veteran living in Los Angeles. I appreciate RUAEA very much as it is a wonderful resource to keep abreast of news of my United family and many old friends.

My thanks to everyone at RUAEA for making this possible.

Kehaulani Kelly

Bless you folks for being there for us, the United family. Mahalo!

Joan Krolak

Thank you for all you do and for keeping us informed.

Daniel F. Mooney

The Covid-19 Virus has kept us mostly homebound, but what's new. We haven't used our United passes in over five years. We both read the newsletter when it arrives and are happy to see the information on people we knew in California. Living in South Carolina is quite a different experience. We both are in our eighties and in relatively good health for the age. We both drive without hitting too many others. Our insurance likes that. The last of our children is grown and gone from home so we have this big house all to ourselves. We

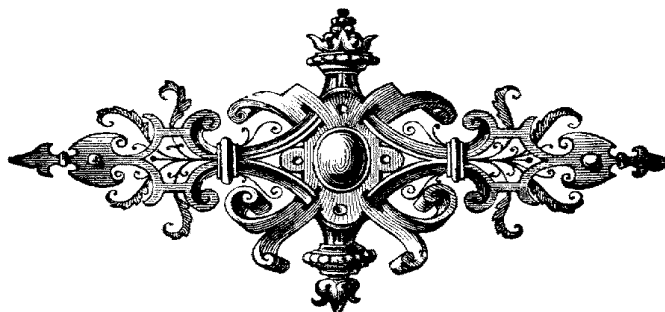
visit with Dan's brother at Myrtle Beach often and they visit us about as often. I used to laugh when people said this getting old was not for wimps. Now I really know what they meant.

Joseph E. Pero

Again, thanks for all you do in keeping us retired UALers informed of what is happening at United (and there is much happening). You spend much time in gathering information so all of us can keep abreast of current events. I appreciate it.

Delores E. Spain

I have been an active member of the CGAUX for 31 years, supporting the active USCG, by holding elected and staff officer positions. I keep up with UAL news thru the RUAEA newsletter and daily emails from our UAL retired organization.■




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