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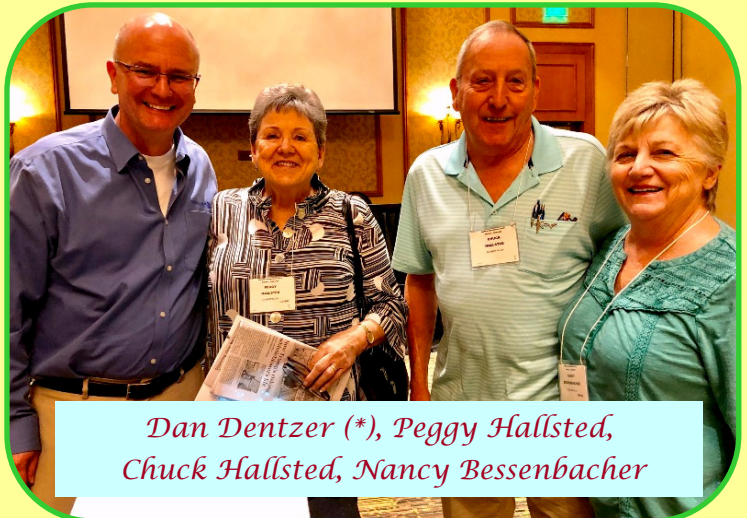


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2019 RUAEA Denver Convention

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GENERAL NEWS

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UAL Employees Titles from Front Cover



❖ **Dan Dentzer** - Manager of Health & Welfare Pharmacy

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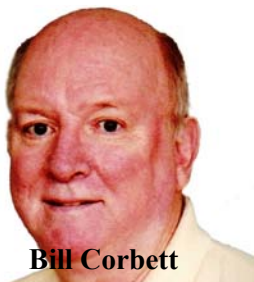
❖ **Rick Mayes** - Managing Director of Health & Wellness

❖ **Michelle Pritchett** - Employee Travel Communications & Training Specialist

❖ **Jennifer Sickels** - Manager of Security

❖ **Joan Smith** - Manager of Pilot Retirement Plans, RUAEA contact with RUAEA liaison

2019 Denver Convention Report from Bill Corbett – RUAEA VP Conventions



Bill Corbett

We just returned home from the 2019 Denver Convention. I can assure everyone it was a huge success. The special rate ran from Sunday September 22nd until Monday September 30th. The convention tours started on Wednesday, September 25th, and the two tours

on that day were the Georgetown Loop Rail tour and this tour went up to an elevation of 9100 feet. The next tour on that same day was the Denver City tour and that tour was also well received.

On Thursday, September 26th there were also 2 tours: Rocky Mountain National Park which took visitors to an elevation of 12,000 feet. This was a great tour and all who attended this tour were really impressed with the great views. The next tour on that same day was Garden Of The Gods and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Each and every night starting on Tuesday September 24th, we had a Hospitality Party and each night we had 50/50 split the pot raffles where some folks walked away with a good cash winning. Many retirees look forward to renewing new friendships each and every year with people whom they have not seen for a year.

On Friday, we had our annual business meeting where we announced the 2020 convention, which will be held in SAN; the convention will be at the Crowne

Plaza Hotel in an area called Hotel Circle. More information will be available later about the 2020 convention. After the business meeting, we had briefings from various vendors such as Alliant, Aon Hewitt, Blue Cross Blue Shield, CVS/Silverscripts, VSP - Vision Care just to name a few, about changes for 2020. In the evening, we had our annual Hospitality Party with entertainment, and this was very well received as well.

On Saturday, we had our last 2 tours; the very popular United Training Center where all attendees saw various simulators and then the Mainliner shop and the Training Center cafeteria. This was followed by the last tour which took visitors to the Denver City Parks. In the evening, we had our annual banquet also with entertainment. We had great weather the entire time we were there and the week just flew by. The hotel offered free breakfast each and every morning for all convention attendees.

I look forward to welcoming each and everyone in September 2020 for the SAN Convention.

Business Meeting – Denver DoubleTree By Hilton Friday, September 27, 2019



The meeting was called to order at 0830 by President **Don Burbank**. Don welcomed those present and introduced the panel. He thanked everyone for attending and pointed out

that we would not have all of these friends without RUAEA.

Motion: **Hank Gosselin** made a motion to approve the Business Meeting minutes of September 22, 2018 as published and waived their reading. The motion was seconded by **Tom Cunningham** and all approved.

➤ Don introduced our new Treasurer, **Chris Johnston**, who will be replacing outgoing Treasurer **Pam Ziebarth**. Pam was presented a certificate of Achievement for her years of incredible service. She was credited with creating our first budget.

➤ Don spoke about the Benefit Panel that will follow the Business Meeting. He stressed that without RUAEA, we would not have



this impressive representation from United Airlines, Alliant and the Health Organizations.

- The following positions will need to be filled in 2020; President, Executive V.P. and V.P. of Conventions. Anyone interested in serving should contact **Don Burbank** or **Tom Cunningham**.

Tom Cunningham, Executive V.P. – If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tom or Don, their contacts are in the back of the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw, Past President – Virgil emphasized that we are a social organization staffed by volunteers.

- ❖ One of his areas of responsibility is the Denver office. Our Membership Manager, **Cas Spokas** lives about 100 miles away from Denver, therefore Virgil is called upon to take care of issues as needed. We started the year with three secretaries and all have retired. The office is now managed by Virgil and **Mike Malesardi**, who is a recent retiree.
- ❖ Virgil also heads the Nominating Committee. Please let him know if you have anyone who may want to volunteer. **Ed Meyer** has resigned as our auditor after 14 years of excellent service. **Dolly & John Taucher** will serve as our new auditors.
- ❖ Our Newsletter is made successful due to the monthly efforts of **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** and **Martha Gooselaw**, Letters Editor.



Pam Ziebarth, Treasurer – Last year RUAEA had income of about \$112,000 and expenses of nearly \$111,000 for a surplus of only \$1,000.

- ✓ Expenses – Our largest expense is the Newsletter, which accounts for about 51% of our expenses. The website accounts for a little over 12%. Board travel is about 22% (that covers two board meetings plus the Regional Directors travel to chapters). The remaining 15% goes to various operating expenses of the organization.
- ✓ Cash Reserves – includes current cash reserves (which is savings, checking and three CD's) are \$225,000 compared to last year's \$221,000 at this time; thus \$4,000 more. Three big expenses; Newsletter, Board travel and website will impact negatively in the next three months.
- ✓ Income – current income from dues, contributions and interest (\$82,000) is running about \$800 behind last year at this time.

- ✓ Bottom line – currently RUAEA is solvent
- ✓ Comments from Pam – *"I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the RUAEA Treasurer for the past five years. I thank the organization for giving me this opportunity and **Ron Bertacini** especially for getting me on the board. I learned much, made life-long friends and was able to experience firsthand the last ten RUAEA conventions, what fun they have been. I hope the new Treasurer **Chris Johnston**, will experience this same enjoyment working with such a super Board of dedicated individuals. A final thanks to **Ed Meyer**, previous auditor for the 14 years of dedication to RUAEA, for all that he taught me and for all the laughs we had the past five years"*.

Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager –

- Cover page of the October Newsletter will feature assistance with renewing membership, preferable by credit card and change of address.
- Chapter reports are very important. Keep them coming.
- The personal stories in Martha's letter section could help with new membership.

Jim Sommerfield, Web Site Manager –

- ❖ Website has been in operation since 2003 redesigned in 2011 at the same price thanks to Jim.
- ❖ The ability to join and renew by credit card have been added.
- ❖ Added application for placing RUAEA Website on your phone.
- ❖ Volunteer application online and to be forwarded to **Tom Cunningham**.
- ❖ Facebook is working well
- ❖ There are 23 main functions and 19 special interests functions all at your fingertips.

Bill Corbett, V.P. Convention –

- ✓ The convention has been a success. Tours were very good.
- ✓ Special thank you to **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** who handled the registration.

Ron Bertacini, Site Selection -

- Next year's convention will be held at the San Diego Crown Plaza Hotel, Circle Dr., September 20 -26. The room rate will be \$129 plus tax with breakfast included.
- We are still looking for a 2021 location. Some suggested locations turned out to be too expensive.

Motion – **Sonda Sandstedt** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Diane Webb** seconded the motion, and all agreed. Meeting adjourned 0930.

Respectively submitted by **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary 10/2/19

Benefits Panel Presentation

BENEFITS

Members had the opportunity to hear from a very informative panel. The breakout sessions that followed allowed one on one with discussions

with the various organizations.

- ❖ Alliant Credit Union, Dave Mooney
- ❖ United Airlines, Joan Smith, Michelle Pritchett and Kirk Limacher
- ❖ Aetna
- ❖ CVS/Silverscript
- ❖ Kaiser

Annual Enrollment is around the corner



It's almost go time! Annual Enrollment is Monday, October 28, through Friday, November 8, 2019 and this year we've made some valuable improvements while also minimizing the amount of change for you and your family.

While we're doing a lot to make our plans better, we also need to do a better job of using all our great benefits. Did you know that United will spend \$1.25 billion this year to cover the cost of our medical and prescription drug insurance? That's \$3 million per day, and it doesn't even include what we pay in premiums and out-of-pocket costs! We all have a part to play in helping to manage these costs - together we can improve our health and minimize future increases in healthcare costs.

With Annual Enrollment around the corner, this is a great time to start thinking about the ways we can get and stay healthy all year long – which can also help save money in the long run by preventing major illnesses or catching them sooner. We can all make a difference by taking a few simple steps:

- ❖ Finding a primary doctor
- ❖ Going for an annual physical
- ❖ Getting preventive screenings

This year, we're also putting extra focus on helping you manage costs by ensuring that you have the right coverage for 2020. It's almost time to jump on this once-a-year opportunity to:

- ✓ Review and compare all of your options
- ✓ Make sure you understand the available features and know which ones are important to you
- ✓ Enroll in the health and insurance benefits that best meet your needs

Wondering what's new? Earlier this month, you received the *What's New for 2020 Guide* in the mail at

home - you can also check it out on [Your Benefits Resources \(YBR\)](#). This guide walks you through what's new for 2020, how to enroll starting on October 7 (for active employees), and what happens if you don't enroll.

Need a little help making your decisions? We get it, picking the plan that fits you best can be hard! That's why this year we're introducing ***Enrollment Reimagined*** – a digital experience that's integrated into YBR and suggests a medical plan to meet your individual or family healthcare needs. All you need to do is answer a few simple questions when you go online to enroll, and the tool will suggest a medical plan that's best for you.

What are the highlights this year? Our best-in-class benefits are getting even better:

- All-new vision plans offer the same great protection, but with more access to well-known retailers.
- Eight new voluntary benefits programs offer support and protection beyond the typical medical, dental and vision coverage.
- Our enhanced Centers of Excellence (COE) program is provided by a new vendor, with more hospitals and broader access to care.
- Active&Fit Direct™ gives you access to fitness centers nationwide for just \$25 a month through our [employee discounts](#) program.
- Are you enrolled in the Healthy Rewards PPO plan? If so, there are a few specific changes that apply to you. We've highlighted them here, and you can learn more by reading your **2020 Benefits Guide** on YBR:
- If you choose to set aside your pre-tax dollars in a Healthcare Flexible Spending Account (HCFSAs) in addition to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) that comes with your medical plan, during Annual Enrollment you'll need to select which of those accounts your medical and prescription drug reimbursements are pulled from first — your HCFSAs or your HRA.
- There will be a \$4,800 cap on how much you can accumulate in your HRA. This goes into effect January 1, 2020 — make sure to use enough of your HRA dollars so that your HRA balance is below \$4,800 by the end of 2019, so you don't miss out on wellness incentive dollars from United.

Ready to get started? Log on to YBR and follow these simple steps:

1. **Learn:** Check out the event schedules, including Annual Enrollment benefits fairs and on-site flu shot events.
2. **Explore:** Review your plan options, compare costs, and explore the details of your 2020 benefit offerings.

3. **Enroll:** Make your elections between October 28 and November 8. What happens if you don't enroll? If you don't take action during Annual Enrollment, most of your 2019 elections will carry over for 2020. However, you will need to take action if you want to:

- ✓ Change plans and/or levels of coverage
- ✓ Add or remove dependents from your coverage
- ✓ Contribute to the healthcare and/or dependent care FSAs next year
- ✓ Choose a vision plan that best meets your needs rather than being automatically rolled into one of the new vision plans
- ✓ Enroll in the new voluntary benefits, like critical illness insurance, accident insurance, hospital indemnity insurance, or legal services

Don't miss your once-a-year opportunity to update your benefits for next year. Be sure to go to YBR and enroll between October 28 and November 8!

eRES: You asked, we updated



UAL made some changes in employeeRES that you might want to know about before booking your next trip.

First of all, we want you to know that we're listening to what you're saying – lots of employees told us they didn't like that the booking window had been reduced to 60 days in the new eRES, so we've changed it to 120 days. Now you can plan more in advance for your next trip, with the ability to list for any space available flight or book your positive space company business travel (when inventory controlled seating doesn't apply), up to 120 days before departure. As a friendly reminder, please book responsibly, and for any bookings you no longer need, please cancel in advance. If you want to brush up on the guidelines around leisure and company business travel, check out our pass travel guidelines and company business policy for tips and more.

The unaccompanied minor (UMNR) booking process for pass travelers has also changed, because of the recently implemented policy that allows a maximum of six UMNR travelers per flight. In addition, UMNR pass riders will be able to travel on connecting itineraries only when they're accompanied by an adult pass rider (age 18 or older) on all segments of the itinerary. This is a more recent change that will be updated in eRES in the coming weeks. When you're booking UMNR travel, eRES now displays an alert message reminding you about the updated policy. The number of booked

UMNRs will be available in the flight details on employeeRES, before and after you book, and you'll want to keep an eye on that. Also, we're now asking you to provide an emergency contact person for the UMNR traveler's record, in case customer service agents need to reach out to ensure our young travelers' safety and/or give guardians peace of mind. With these changes, the United mobile app will not initially support UMNR pass travel bookings, and it will point you to eRES. See the [infants, children and unaccompanied minors](#) page on Flying Together for the full UMNR policy details.

Have questions or need help? You can contact the Employee Travel Center through [Help Hub](#) or by calling 1-877-UAL-ESC9 (1-877-825-3729) toll-free within the U.S. and Canada or 847-825-3729 (toll call) for international and following the prompts for "employee travel" and "pass travel questions."

Statement on Boeing 737 NG aircraft



The FAA announced it is requiring airlines that operate Boeing 737 Next Generation (NG) aircraft to inspect these older aircraft for structural cracks.

Boeing 737 NGs with more than 30,000 cycles must be inspected within seven days, while planes between 22,600 and 29,999 cycles must be inspected over the next 1,000 cycles of the aircraft.

None of the Boeing 737 NG aircraft in United's fleet have more than 30,000 cycles, so the seven-day inspection requirement does not impact United.

Roughly 80 of United's aircraft fall between 22,600 and 29,999 cycles, and all of those aircraft will be inspected within the required timeframe.

These inspections will not have any impact on United's operation. Safety remains United's top priority and the company will continue to work closely with Boeing and the FAA with the inspection requirements for its 737 NG aircraft.

RUPA Cruise 2010



The Retired United Pilots Association, (RUPA), would like to invite members of RUAEA to join them on their next cruise to Alaska. It will be the 14 Day Great Alaskan Explorer on Holland America. It will depart from Vancouver Canada on June 29, 2020 and return to Vancouver on July 13. It will cruise the inside passage, stop at Ketchikan, cruise Tracy Arm to view the Sawyer Glaciers, visit Haines (Skagway), visit Icy

Strait Point, pass by the Inian Islands, before cruising to Anchorage. After a day in Anchorage the ship will stop at Homer and Valdez, visit Hubbard Glacier, visit Juneau, cruise Misty Fiords, and return to Vancouver through the Inside Passage. This is a great opportunity to visit the "Great Land" by sea, sailing through one of the greatest cruising routes in the world. Go to www.hollandamerican.com. On the home page select Alaska & Yukon in the "Sail to" box, select June 2020 in the departure box, select 9-16 days in the duration box, and select Vancouver for the departure city and click on the search button. This trip will be on the bottom of page 9. Call Jerry Poulin at Jerry's Travel Service at 1-800-309-2023 access code 33 for the best prices and amenities. Or, you can call me, Rich Bouska RUPA Cruise coordinator, at 925-321-2726 or contact me at rbouska1@comcast.net for further information.

Torgy's Travel Tips – November 2019 **What In The World Is Going On ...?**



Kathie Torgison

There have been several announcements in the last couple of months that impact world travel and many are good ones! Let's take a few minutes to catch up on the latest news.

On the United Airlines front we have good news on several levels. Mileage Plus members now don't have to worry about their accrued miles ever

expiring! In the past if there was no activity on an account within a 3 year period, miles would begin to expire, year by year. Now those miles are protected forever. United offers the most low-mileage Y class awards of any global US airline. So remember, for those of you who prefer to fly *confirmed* using the Employee 20% Discount, you accrue miles for all those trips and now they won't expire. If you had miles in your account that expired within the last 18 months, you can buy back those expired miles for a reduced fee, for a limited time. The cost is \$35 if you lost 5000 or less expired miles, \$70 for up to 20,000 miles. Over 20,000 miles you have some, options: pay a flat \$70 fee provided you either complete a United flight within 90 days on a paid ticket (Emp20 discount is OK to use) **or** open a MileagePlus credit card and make a purchase, **or** you pay \$105 for up to 35,000 expired miles with no other action required. Expired mileage between 35,000 and 750,000 miles incur incrementally increased costs. And did you know that you may convert unused gift cards into miles? Over 30 companies like Starbucks, Macy's, Wal-Mart, Target, etc participate with MileagePlus in

this exchange program. There must be an unused balance on the gift card of at least \$15 to be eligible. Learn more on www.giftcardexchange.mileageplus.com.

Another perk associated with MileagePlus is a discount membership in CLEAR. This company digitizes your fingerprints and iris scan into an encrypted code enabling you to enter the TSA screening zone quickly at airports and some other facilities like sports stadiums. (Note: this is **not** the same as TSA Pre✓. CLEAR members bypass the TSA document checker line but still must proceed through the normal hand baggage screening line.) Learn more at www.clearme.com/partner/united. Although there was a recent announcement of a United Airlines employee discount, it applies only to those who have a united.com email address, so retirees do not qualify.

Now we all like it when United announces new destinations, so make a note of these new cities and start dates and start making your travel plans. Dec. 7 - CUR Curacao, Dec. 15 - CPT Cape Town SA, May 2 - NCE Nice, May 20 - PMO Palermo, all originating in EWR. In addition, Nov. 1 - DENLHR becomes year-round service. On Mar. 28, a second daily flight will be added from EWR to both FRA and AMS. That same day new service will begin from ORDZRH. SFODEL will also convert to year around from seasonal service. Next summer our seasonal service to ATH, BCN, NAP and OPO will also be lengthened. And speaking of destinations, listings for UA flights can now be made 120 days out, a recent change from the 60 day limit before.

On the international scene, a big change effective October 1, 2019 affects travel to New Zealand. Similar to their neighbor Australia, an electronic visa is now required for the majority of visitors. Unlike Australia the new NZeTA (New Zealand electronic Travel Authority) is valid for 2 years and it includes the mandatory IVL (International Visitor Levy) which the country collects to help offset the cost of maintaining and improving visitor sites due to tremendous increases recently in tourism. As the name implies, the visa is electronic, so you complete the entire process online. The official website to use is: www.nztravel.gov.eta. (Do not be lured to other websites, as they are merely secondary marketers looking to collect a few extra dollars.) It takes 5 minutes or less to fill out the application and you must include a credit card number to pay the 2 fees: NZD12.00 for the visa and NZD 37.00 for the IVL. If you download the NZeTA app, you save a couple of dollars. You will receive a confirmation email containing your NZeTA number and expiration date. I printed 2 copies of mine to paper, one to keep at home for future reference and the other to put with my passport for my next trip to New Zealand. By the way, if you are boarding a cruise to New Zealand, you **must** bring a **printed** confirmation of your NZeTA to present when

checking in. As a reminder, *Australia* has required an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) for many years. Go to www.eta.homeaffairs.gov.au to apply. The cost is AUD20.00 and is valid for 1 year.

Now, if you have grandchildren traveling alone on your passes who under the age of 12 you already know they are considered an unaccompanied minor (UMNR). A new policy recently was implemented which limits the maximum number of UMNRs on any flight to 6. When you list your grandchild, you will see a message showing how many UMNRs are already booked. It is up to you to monitor the listing to see if the chances for them making the flight are still good. A further change involves connecting flights. The official policy states: *UMNR passriders will be able to travel on connecting itineraries only when they are accompanied by an adult pass rider age 18 or older on all segments.* Basically that means the child is really no longer an unaccompanied minor, since they now must travel with an adult. You might just want to go ahead and confirm the child using your EMP20 discount vs. using a pass to take the worry out of the situation.

OK, we all love discounts, don't we? Well check out the new portal for employee discounts we can now use. Access the new site through the Flying Together homepage under Employee Services, then Employee Discounts. You must complete a one-time registration and henceforth it will take you right to the index page. The discounts encompass a wide range of services from car rentals, hotels and theme parks to products such as movie tickets, clothing and flowers. The program is maintained by Perkspots and if you encounter any difficulties, accessing the site you can email for assistance at cs@perkspot.com.

And lastly, get used to bringing an empty water bottle along when you head to the airport next time. More and more large venues like airports, zoos and stadiums are no longer selling bottled water in order to reduce the number of discarded plastic bottles. Water fountains with special dispensers for filling your bottle are appearing in many locations, both in the US and overseas. SFO airport is the most recent to ban the sale of bottled water. Look for the special water fountains along the concourses and in the eating areas of several restaurants. It makes sense for us to respect the planet and bring our own vessel to the vessel!

That is it for this month. Happy holidays to you all and look for my next article in January.



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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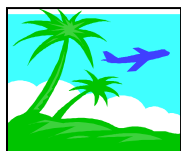
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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

Raymond (Reo) Owens
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There is no report this month from the Gulf Coast chapter of RUAEA.

Come join us, first Monday of every month at the Cubi Café (with its entire memorabilia moved from the Philippines), Pensacola FL NAS Museum at 11:00AM.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham group met Monday, September 9th at Seasons 52 at the Summit on Highway 280. Attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Bobby & Jean Cox and Joe & Jane Jones.**

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Carol Wilbanks.**

Birthdays were celebrated by **Jean Cox, Donna Gooch, and Gloria Singleton.** Anniversaries were **Joe & Gloria Singleton and Carol & Herb Wilbanks.** Our best wishes for many more!

We learned that **Bobby Cox** spent two weeks in a hospital but is doing much better now. **Beverly Yeager** is recovering from recent surgery and looking great. We send best wishes for better days to **Travis & Zoe Glass** and look forward to their returning to our lunches. We are also looking forward to seeing **Gay Fowler** when she's able to return.

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.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 9th at the home of **Joe & Jane Jones** in Clanton for our Christmas celebration, at 11:30. Anyone needing directions can call Joe at (205) 646-3825.



ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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The convention was unfortunately attended by only two (2) Azures. However, those two, Claudia and I, got to see a group of LGA Alumni at a celebration dinner and it was a great reunion. We had a good time at a private celebration dinner and enjoyed reminiscing and telling war stories about our time at LGACS in the 60's and early 70's.



Pictured are **Ray & Joan Anderson, Claudia & Mike Richards, Barbara (Ruttan) and Ron Korprowski, Jacque (Johnson) Cummings and Bill Ritzenhouse.**

The Azures have a breakfast every second Wednesday at Tivoli Gardens. 12555 W. Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ. All are welcome. Space must be confirmed now that the snowbirds have returned so please call **Sherry Muoio** a few days before if you will be there, (623) 572-4828. When this has been published, we will also have had our new season kick off luncheon at Chef Peter's Bistro @ Sun Village on October 25.

Breakfast is on the second Wednesday of the month (not every other Wednesday) at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes.** 12535 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or phx22@cox.net.





PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

Liz Tollefsen

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Our weather in the Phoenix area is getting cooler now; we've had quite a lot of rain recently too. We hope to see more people at our upcoming Breakfasts and/or Luncheons, now that more people are returning to Arizona. We would love to have more people attend our chapter activities. If there are any United or Continental people who are 55 years or older in the area, we would love to have you join us for one of our Breakfasts or Luncheons. We meet every month on the fourth Friday for Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. We have a private room there, to the left as you come into the entrance of the restaurant. If you would like to come and check us out, we would appreciate your contacting our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net a couple of days before, so she can notify the Restaurant Manager how many will be attending the breakfast. If you have any questions, please ask Peg, as she would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Our September Breakfast had 14 members there. An October Luncheon is planned for Thursday, October 10, at the Slate Bistro & Bar, 4415 East Village Parkway, in Gilbert. It is on the grounds of the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch. We will be seated outside on a covered patio. Lunch will be ordered from the standard menu and will be paid individually with tax and tip included. **Dakota Morris-Terry** is hosting this luncheon. Thanks, Dakota!

Also, at our breakfast, our member **Larry Young** shared with us his experience at the racing event in Amsterdam. He passed around a picture of the other United Airlines racers, who were there and the T-Shirt and medal he won. Congratulations, Larry! He's quite a runner and participates in a lot of exhibitions.

We heard one of our long-time members, **Natasha Schmidt**, was in the hospital and rehab recently, but is home now. So glad to hear she's back home. She's a great gal and very active in our chapter. Hope she'll be joining us soon at one of our luncheons.

Our Christmas Luncheon, which will be Wednesday, December 4th at the Saguaro room of the Cottonwood Country Club in Sun Lakes, starting at noon, is being planned by **Judy Burtner**. Be sure and mark your calendars now for that date so you don't make any other plans. We are hoping for another good turn-out for this special luncheon.

We still are looking for hosts for the November and

March Luncheons. If anyone is interested, please let **Peg Snowdall** or **Shirley Claggett** know. All you need to do is decide which one of your favorite restaurants can accommodate our group of up to 35 people and schedule a date and time in November or March. Peg will send the information out on our Re-United website. Any offers?

As you may be aware, there have been changes made to the Fantasy Flight, which our members from Re-United have been involved with for many years. The biggest change is the ownership of the flights, the General Manager of a station that has a fantasy flight is now the ultimate owner and is accountable for compliance and to uphold the guidelines contained within the recently published business manual, for Phoenix this is Teri Schoephoerster. Mark Vicary, is the Assistant General Manager at PHX. They have set the date of December 11 for the Fantasy Flight.

The RUAEA Convention held in Denver, Colorado, ended on September 28th. It was a great convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver – Stapleton North. We took the A-Line from the airport, and it worked out very well. We kept busy by attending a couple of meetings, going on tours, and attending the Hospitality Party on Friday night, with a great band, that everyone enjoyed listening to or dancing to their music. On Saturday night was the big banquet, with delicious food being served, and a band that played for our entertainment. Next year's RUAEA Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza, in San Diego, California. Everyone was very happy about that! The dates for the convention will be September 20 – 28, 2020. The rate will be the same as this year's hotel in Denver, which is \$129 plus tax per day, which includes breakfast. The hotel is located 3 miles from the airport in San Diego. The address is 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108. Put the dates down on your calendar now, so you don't forget! Everyone is very excited about going to San Diego!

We just received word that **Linda Cooper Koltz** passed away on October 1st. We don't have any details yet, but more information will be sent to you as soon as we know. Keep Linda's family in your prayers.

We have two birthdays in November: **Pam Gerstung** and **JoAnne Gaudioso**. Happy Birthday to you both! We have three couples having Wedding Anniversaries in November: **Harry & Doreen Cloud**, **Donna & John Smiley**, and **Sandi Fowler & Mark Martin**. Congratulations to all three couples!

Calendar:

November – Luncheon. No information yet; looking for someone to volunteer. More information will be provided later.

November 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809

E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know if you will be attending by November 20, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

December 4 – Christmas Luncheon at the Cottonwood Country Club in Sun Lakes, in their Saguaro Room, hosted by **Judy Burtner**. More information to follow.

TALL PINES

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

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

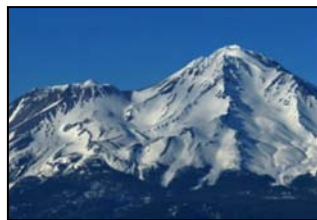
If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpdgarlic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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A beautiful day for a picnic, the Northstaters spent a wonderful afternoon at Lake California Campground. A nice breeze kept things cool and 24 retirees, spouses and guests enjoyed a great BBQ lunch. **Bill Simonton**,

along with **Vincent Neidlinger**, cooked great hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage and veggie burgers bought by the Northstaters treasury. President **Merritt Odor** welcomed everyone and thanked **Linda & John Delaney** for setting up the campground and also thanked **Bill & Sharon Simonton** for bringing the meat and condiments, many great dishes were brought by everyone else. Great desserts and good friendship was had by all!

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Charlotte Puryear** will be celebrating her 99th birthday in October. Lots of anniversaries will be celebrated in October and November, **John & Chris Isbell**, **Bill & Sharon Simonton**, **Billie & Kent Jorgensen**, **Carl & Grace Franke**, and **Kay & Vincent Neidlinger**. Wonderful conversation and good times outdoors in the beautiful weather was had by all.

A discussion took place on where to hold the Christmas Party that is usually held in December. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** offered their home for the festivities and Sharon will be sending out a flyer for specifics about the food and gift exchange.

Carl Franke won the 50/50 raffle and the lunch certificate was won by **Vreny Grundherr**. A special candy dish was made up by **Klaren Odor** for another raffle and that was won by **Chris Isbell**.

Calendar:

December 4 – Wednesday at 1130 AM, Christmas get-together at **Bill & Sharon Simonton**'s home. If you are in the area, come join us!

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We did not meet in September so there is little news to report. I did hear from **Mike & Bridget Zoldak** that they will be in Italy for a couple of weeks so we will have to wait until next month for their news. Also **John Wessel** was out of town last month. I should have more news next month.

Mike Zoldak got word that **Dana Noyes** passed away on September 11th, she was the last of the founders of the Central Coasters that originated in 1996. She and her husband Bill moved to Missouri several years ago to be near family and Bill passed away a few years ago. They were a wonderful couple that we missed very much and we were glad that they kept in touch with **Mike Zoldak** all the time they were gone.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 16th, hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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



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Our October meeting was held on October 7 at the El Tapatio Restaurant in Concord with 15 members in attendance. It was nice to see **Jack & Judi Smith** who had missed several meetings recently. Jack is recovering well from his surgery of several months ago. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served, after lunch, we held our raffle. **Barbara Cunningham** won the money and other members won donated items of cookies, notepads, and tote bags.

In addition to the camaraderie and friendship, we also share helpful information and travel tips. Lots of good info this month! **Diane Griego** talked about clipper cards—where and how to get them. They are good for multiple transit agencies in the Bay Area - BART, Muni, etc. **Tom Cunningham** and **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** talked about the RUAEA Convention in Denver. Yours truly enthused about my recent visit to the National Park Service Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park in Richmond, CA. What a humbling and memorable experience. Park Ranger Betty Reid Soskin, at 98, is the nation's oldest park ranger and she is known nationwide. Betty works on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, speaking about her experiences as a Rosie during WWII. She recently suffered a stroke and will be on medical leave for a while. I went on Friday, when four Rosie's, all volunteers, speak to visitors. These amazing women range in age from 93 to 99, and I met two of them the day I went. For more information, go to <https://www.nps.gov/rori/index.htm>.

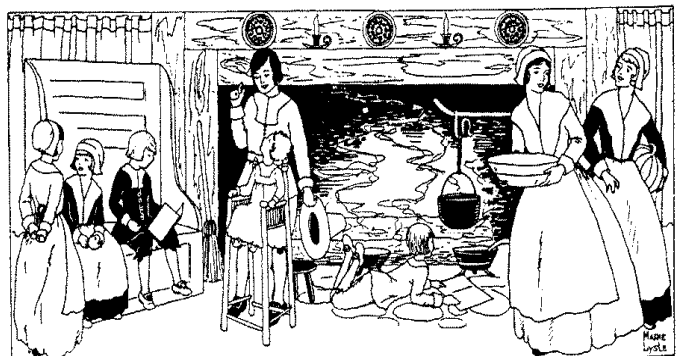
Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is June 2020. In last month's RUAEA newsletter, I gave the date incorrectly as July vs June. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the mer-

rier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). There is more detailed info on this cruise elsewhere in the newsletter, but here are the salient facts: It's a 14-day cruise on Holland America, departing June 29, 2020 from, and returning to, Vancouver. You will see the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord, Haines, Icy Strait Point, Inian Islands, Anchorage, Homer, Valdez, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, and Misty Fjords. For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at rbouska1@comcast.net or (925) 443-4339.t

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

- ❖ Monday, November 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ Monday, December 2 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.





GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** called the September 23rd meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remembering those Military and Armed Forces members here and abroad. Our meeting today was to be a catered BBQ by a local restaurant. A week before the event, Vera went to the restaurant to place our order; problems arose – they could not guarantee that the food would be ready and that a delivery service had to be contacted to deliver the food. As costing was quite high, Vera, consulting with **Ginger Dahlberg**, decided that we should purchase the fixin's from our handy, dandy Costco. Ginger pushed the cart, Vera marched around the store (she is very familiar with the facility) filling the basket with BBQ Pork Ribs, Chicken Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Potato Salad, Hawaiian Sweet Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie for less than half the price the Restaurant wanted. Vera proposed to the Board that the meal be “comped” to those who had signed up as we saved a bundle. Done! Vera and Ginger became the “chefesses” – fired up the ovens, tossed the salad and everyone munched a (free!) delicious meal. We are very blessed to have a President who is “on the ball,” willing to change and coordinate events at the last minute and pull it all together. Kudos to President Vera! FYI: She is willing to step down and let someone else have all the fun, any volunteers? Come on folks! Help us out!

Here's what we have planned for the next three months:

- October 28 - BYOBL – Bag lunch time, many good local sandwich shops around the area. Bingo too.
- November 25 - Pot Luck – bring your special favorite dish, always a winner.
- December 11 – Annual Christmas Luncheon at The Fish Market in San Mateo. Members and guests are all welcome. Menu, pricing, and times to be set shortly. Sign up with the Auditors.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for the August meeting which were corrected, a typo with the date for the SFO MOC Open House – it is October 13, 2019, Sunday. My goof; ah well, anyone want to be Secretary, any volunteers? Ditto above plea.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** said that the bank account is healthy. We will be getting the yearly rental contract on our Blue Bird Room here at the Foster City Recreation

Center. Art will be paying that shortly. He will be collecting 2020 dues starting next month so bring your check book.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** (Ginger put on her hat) is away at the Polling Precinct, counting ballots and seeing that the votes are tallied in a timely manner. Exercise your right to vote and to express your desires. Send in those ballots! **Gene Walter** celebrated his birthday this month but refused to tell us how many candles were lit. **Bill & Diane Heinrich** sashayed down the aisle 46 years ago. Congratulations to you all. We have not heard from **Roz Clinton** in quite a while – we will try to locate her and let everyone know how she is. Anyone needing some cheering up? Please let Ginger know so that cards can be sent.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** finalized the 2018 audit. Gene will have a sign-up list for the Christmas luncheon so please sign up or call him (650) 856-9738 so that we can tell the Restaurant how many fish they need to catch.

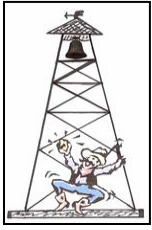
Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – Beach Blanket Babylon 3 dates are on a wait-list basis. The October 31 – November 4, 2019 trip to Lake Tahoe and Reno is still a go, see the last RUAEA newsletter for information (some changes have been made.) This is last minute and there may be some cancellations. September 20-27, 2020 Princess 7 night cruise out of SFO to Canada and return. This is very popular as it is out of SFO and sells out quickly. Call Ginger if you want a flyer (phone number above.)

Historian **Jim Goodwine** said not much to report other than we are getting older (thanks a lot!)

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** has asked everyone to bring new, unwrapped toys/games for kids at the October/November meetings which will be donated to local charities during the holidays. Thanks for the canned goods you all brought for the Thanksgiving holiday. Several Raffle and Bingo members pocketed vast amounts of money – sadly, not me.

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.

For
THOSE
WHO SERVED



HANGTOWN MINERS

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While I am writing this on the first (official) day of autumn, the weather for the day of our September luncheon was just great. True, the fall colors are beginning to appear, and we are cooling off somewhat, but isn't all this what makes this season so special? **Bill & Pati Kenney** selected a new (for us) restaurant to experience. As I am about to say, what delicious food Beef & Brew has, I realize that we have never been to a restaurant where we haven't had great meals! All you who have hosted sure know how to please our pallets! Bill & Pati presented us with four different choices and I didn't hear even one complaint. Pati had unique table decorations – lighted and decorated wine bottles (which were included in our raffle). Our esteemed president, **Bill Dinette**, opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance – a “new” tradition that all of us appreciate. Bill then extended our thanks to Bill & Pati for getting us together here. To the question “any birthdays?”, we learned that **Bill Kenney** has one this month as well as **Diana Bell** and **Bob Ames**, **Judy Fitzpatrick** and **Tom Kenny**; Happy Birthday to each of you. No anniversaries to celebrate this month. We did have two guests join us; the Kennes invited friends **Jeff & Lori Killian**. A big welcome to you two.

President ~ Before I give you all the info that **Bill Dinette** brought to us, I would like to tell Bill what a great job he has done all year for the Hangtown Miners. Well done, my friend! Now . . . Bill covered many items that were in the most recent RUAEA Newsletter.

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** was right on top of his duties as the raffle runner. He, with his lovely wife, **Cindy**, keep this fundraiser going for us. You know, the raffle is a great addition to our bank account. Items that you think someone might enjoy (and maybe not have to dust), are brought (not mandatory) to the luncheon and then when your “number” is drawn you get to pick what you would like from the selection. So, remember, if you have something you would like to bring for the raffle, we would appreciate the donation. Rudy also wanted to remind all of us how accommodating and professional the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services are. If you are a resident of El Dorado County, you can avail yourself of these services; give them a call.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** would like to send in an order for our nifty badges. So, if you have lost yours or it has faded, let me know right away. We do have a

couple members who have requested them, so either email me (tired-dogs@comcast.net) or call me (925) 443-0905. The last order received, each badge was \$7.00 (included tax and shipping).

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that our bank balance is right about where it “should” be for this time of the year.

Sunshine ~ Our delightful Sunshine Lady, **Suzanne Kenny**, related that **Cindy Blazius** let her know that **Dorean Ames** says **Bob** is doing well. She also passed along info that **Ed Akin** suffered a stroke (again) recently. He is doing fairly well, motor functions are okay, but is a bit confused. Our best thoughts to him and anyone experiencing a difficulty.

Historian ~ So, **Pati Kenney** was busy getting everything set up for today, and spending much time baking the delicious cookies that were given to each of us today. Result, no “Historian” activity going on this month.

Old Business ~ Over the past few months, the topic of this \$10,000 insurance policy has come up with no definitive resulting information. Very frustrating. Our RUAEA Regional Director, **Sonda Sandstedt**, is looking into this for us – and all other retirees – and we hope she will be able to come back with better, more complete info.

Another topic that popped up again is the change of insurance – Aetna to be specific. After 3 frantic calls from Aetna to give him information on the new program (“Medicare Advantage”), he called them with three questions:

1. How do you intend to coordinate prescriptions when presently Aetna does not allow refills until the day your prescription runs out;
2. You say the changes will be minor, so what are the changes to the program;
3. You intend to separate the programs of the retiree and the retiree's dependent (spouse). How does this eliminate more paperwork, how does this save money?

The paperwork we receive today already designates the retiree and dependent as separate patients, so what is the advantage or disadvantage to the customer?

There was not an answer to any of his questions, just great silence from the pacifier who answered the phone. Arrgh!

Our December luncheon came up for discussion. **Rosemary Heier** has researched what it would cost and what we would receive if we have our event at the Elks Lodge instead of the American Legion Hall. Rosemary presented the pros and cons. Location – about the same. Size of facility – same. Parking – same. The Elks do have their own caterer who gave a nice menu for a reasonable and comparable price. Each has a fee to have the event at their place. The American Legion has given

us an increased cost, though **John Muir** thought he might be able to reduce that some. The Elks will set up the tables and provides the plates and utensils and they do the clean up as well. In the past we have provided all the table settings ourselves and done the set up and down. As you know, the chapter subsidizes this luncheon so that we can keep the cost lower.

So, we are asking that you give some thought whether you have a preference to one location over the other. If you want to stay at the American Legion, please do some research for a caterer and bring that info with you to the October meeting. We must decide in October where we want the December luncheon to be held.

New Business ~ There wasn't any new items to work on this month.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. Our October luncheon will be hosted by **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**, it will be at the Forester Pub & Grill in Camino. Rudy shook and shook the box with the donator's tickets inside and still came up with his wife Cindy's ticket! Something fishy here! Congrats! A big "Thank You" to all who brought items for our raffle: **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Blazius** – plate; **Dinette** – wine & vase; **Heier** – wine & towel; **Biro** - homemade jam; **Gibson** – insulated carry with fresh veggies inside; **Kenny** – wall tapestry; **Kenney** – hanging flowers in pot and all the table decorations.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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There is no report this month from the Redwood Empire Retirees chapter of RUAEA.



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There were twenty six retirees at breakfast and everyone was excited to hear the news from the Convention. This year, the attendees were **Betty Tomaino, Louis Semon, Debbie & Robert Taylor** and **Rosalie Tripicchio**. The announcement was made that San Diego will be hosting the 2020 Convention. We will have a busy year preparing to make it the best Convention ever.

We have two Birthdays this month: **JoAnne Iwasaki** and **Rosario Zepeda** who is celebrating her 84th birthday.

Of all the RUAEA chapters, we were very pleased to hear that our San Diego group has the highest membership of CO retirees. We look forward to more joining us as they enhance our family with their enthusiasm and participation.

If you plan to travel to Canada, be aware that the TSA has new requirements for entering Canada. New Zealand now requires a Visa for entry. You can check this on ft.ual.com. You may also be interested in checking on new and upcoming travel destinations.

Louis Semon just returned from a Baltic Cruise. He went as a companion for an 87 year old retired Dr. They cruised on Oceania Cruise line on the ship Marina. They visited Finland, Russia, Estonia, Sweden, Poland, Germany and Norway. The highlight of the trip was the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. The United Club Room in San Diego was a real treat for the Dr.

Many of the places visited had cobblestone streets and sidewalks and it limited some of the walking as they are not suitable for anyone using a walker. In conclusion, the trip was a lot of fun and they both had a great time. Don't let travel apprehension stop you from taking a friend or loved one with challenges on a trip. It can still be a very rewarding experience for both of you.

Maria Pollack is our bio for the month and she writes: *"I have always loved airplanes my brother was an R&E Tech for UA. I applied at United Airlines for a Secretarial position.*

February 4, 1980, I was hired as a secretary to the Manager in Engineering in SFOEG. I thoroughly enjoyed it because I learned so much about aviation from listening to the engineers and typing their letters. A few years later I decided to move into the UA Credit Union. I had worked at the Disneyland Credit Union and thought I would like it. Not as challenging as I had expected so I then moved to SFOCS. All manner of duties were available to me and I worked at ticketing, gates, customs, First Class Lounge, Red Carpet Club, temporary secretary of the manager of Shuttle by United, and assisting in the office of the SFO Operations Manager. I loved CS!

I was at OAKCS and did work the ramp which included the push-back of aircraft from the gates for departure.

I had always wanted to be in management and my final position with UA was in Engine Warranty (SFORJ), Analyst Business Services. I calculated the life left in failed new engine parts for warranty revenue from the original manufacturers: Pratt & Whitney, General Elec, et al.

The most exciting thing that happened to me was one year while at SFOCS, an employee recognition

award won me a ride in the cockpit of whatever plane/flight I chose. It was the experience of a lifetime. After 9/11 I took retirement after 23 years."

Resans is looking forward to planning a great convention for you in 2020 and we hope you make plans to join us in San Diego!

Calendar:

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

**SACRAMENTO
GOLD DIGGERS**

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There is no report this month from the Sacramento Gold Diggers chapter of RUAEA.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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The San Joaquin gang got together on September 12 for our luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral in Modesto, CA. There were only 16 of us but we had a great time being together and catching up on the happenings of the last month.

We will never forget. We all talked about the terrible tragedy that struck our country on September 11th, 2001. Everyone commented on where they were and how they felt on that sad day. So many innocent people lost their lives.

On a lighter note, we all enjoyed the food at the Golden Corral. The price is right and there is an enormous amount of food and you can eat, and eat, and eat. And don't forget the dessert! Yummy!

We surely missed our President **Steve Foster**. He had shoulder surgery the day before our luncheon so unfortunately he couldn't be with us. His surgery was quite extensive and we all hope he gets well soon because he and Jacque are going to host our next luncheon and I'm sure he'd like to get back on his motorcycle!

Bobby & Eleanor Wood returned from their road trip. We were happy to see them and hear about their trip. I know they were in Nashville because I remember seeing their picture on Facebook. They were gone approximately 3 months and traveled all across the country

in their RV. They had a great time and now they are ready to settle down for awhile.

Also Don & Joann returned from their road trip in their RV. They traveled north, then east, then south, then back home. We missed Don and his jokes but we surely missed sweet Joann. They both were ill and could not join our September luncheon but we hope to see them in October.

As I have said before, we always gather on the second Thursday of every month and would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living or visiting in the area to join us. Our October 10th luncheon will be held somewhere in Oakdale and will be hosted by **Steve & Jacque Foster**. If there is anyone out there reading this Newsletter and you would like to join us, we would love to see you. Call **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 728-7641 for more information.

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Our Fall luncheon was attended by 42 members and guests. We again gathered at the Fish Market in Santa Clara and had another wonderful meal there. Thanks to **Cheri Scales** for making all the arrangements with the staff and providing the table decorations as well. We also had a great selection of raffle prizes provided by members, which helped keep our kitty happy.

During the event we also celebrated the 90th birthday for longtime member, **Tony Urso**. The entire restaurant staff joined in to sing Happy Birthday to Tony. Still haven't figured out how Tony, who was in charge of the raffle, ended up drawing his name. It was nice having **Barbara Underhill** and **Kathy Adams** there. Everyone had a great time and we thank all those who attended.

Alice Rostirolla had a wonderful time on her Norwegian cruise and has already been eyeing where to go to next. The Panama Canal has interested her for a while. Returning from a two-week cruise to Alaska was **Merle Sweet**. She traveled with some friends and had the best weather. She also enjoyed visiting Vancouver.

Longtime member **Charles Brown** has passed away. Although he had not been able to make our weekly meetings for some time, he did attend the luncheons. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Sunshine lady **Maureen Snyder** and hubby **Vern Snyder** have been having health issues. Although they make great effort to continue to participate in as many meetings as possible. It's always great seeing them.

Our new meeting place at IHOP continues to improve its service. There has been plenty of coffee carafes, water and greatly improved food delivery. They are making an effort to accommodate all our requests and the current server assigned to our space has been doing a great job.

Our president **Marianne Johnson** and vice president **Charles Clayborn** have been brainstorming ways to increase attendance at our regular meetings. Increased traffic, particularly in the early morning hours and transportation issues for some members, continues to be a challenge. They have produced a list of items to be discussed at a meeting with members. This effort will review the possibility of changing the frequency of meetings and when they could be held. Moving from a breakfast venue to a lunch type.

We meet every Friday beginning at 0800, at the IHOP restaurant, on the corner of Miller Ave and Bollinger Rd. in San Jose. Everyone is invited to join us.



SOLANO FLYERS

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September 18th at the Suisun City Black Bear Restaurant found the following 17 Solano Flyers in attendance: **McKinley Nelson, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Stewart McCale, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Coustantino Poolos, Paul Swhwafel, Allan Pochop, Rudy Arsaga, and Dorthy Robinson.**

President Dino opened the meeting, and the members responded with sounding round of applause, as it was great to have him back in control of the Chapter. Dino brought to our attention that each member should contact the United Benefit Center to verify if they are eligible for the \$10K life insurance policy. If so then they need to obtain a copy of that information and include with important documents for their heirs.

On a somber moment, Dino requested a moment of silence for remembrance and respect for our passing member **Louis Pell**.

Tip of the Day: Face your problems, don't Facebook them!

Tension filled the room as President Dino picked up the roller drum for selecting the winning 50/50 ticket, many noticed the MAA, as he took a defensive position between members and the VP. President Poolos then selected member **Paul Schwafel** to draw the winning ticket. President Poolos read the last three digits of the ticket ... 933. The silence was deafening as members

studied their tickets all looking for the elusive numbers. Slowly our attention was diverted to the VP, holding up a ticket. The outrage from the members disrupted the restaurant, and the manager was close to call the police, the MAA, was successful in quelling the disturbance.

As I recognizing the golden moment, I called for a showing of hands to impeach the VP. The memberships response was shocking, "fat chance", "you gotta be kidding", "ain't going to happen", "good luck", etc.

In conclusion, having introduced to the membership the suspicious activities of the VP for the past few months, only to have them rejected or ignored. As Secretary, I have to admit defeat. One may only conclude that the VP with his mesmerizing daring personality allows him to continue in this prestigious position.

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There is no report this month from the Denver Mile Highers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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The Citrus Groupers of central Florida met for lunch at the Waterfront Inn located in the Villages. After a lovely meal, we discussed medical and dental options of which there are many. We also celebrated **Dick Bligh's** birthday and will return to our monthly schedule of meeting for lunch on the third Thursday of each month.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rca-pozzi@rocketmail.com.



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We had a great turnout of 16 Sand“Dabs”; it was nice to see so many to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the Sand“Dabs” group. What a pleasant surprise to have long time member **Dick Russell** in attendance. We hope he will become a regular! Dick is head of a long line of United family employees so we’d like to hear more about his legacy!

Our world traveler **Ed Martin** sent us greetings from Sydney and mentioned how he enjoyed flying Business Class on the 787-9 from IAH to SYD. Lucky him! We also heard from former member **Nancy Thomas** sending greetings from California.

Since we cancelled our September meeting due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian which thankfully turned out to be a non-event, we celebrated birthdays and anniversaries from both months. Our September birthday honoree was **Janet Horton** and for October we honored **Marian Johnson** and **Marian Wickersham**. Congratulations ladies! In September, **Lowell & Anne Johnston** had their 62 anniversary. What an accomplishment! And finally, lots of UAL anniversaries in the last couple of months. **Bill Lowry** was hired 70 years ago! Followed by **Bud Gammill** and **Lowell Johnston** with 59 years, **Steve Moddle** with 54 and our “junior” person was **Marian Wickersham** hired 52 years ago! That’s 294 years of seniority from just one month!

Our President, **Dick Coughlin**, shared some great jokes with us and **Bud Gammill** won the 50/50 drawing. Treasurer **Marian Wickersham** gave her Treasurer’s report and President **Dick Coughlin** told us some news items from UAL. There was a discussion about the new health insurance and some of our members plan to attend the informational session in Orlando to get a better understanding. We are all concerned and waiting more clarification.

Calendar:

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

December 5 – Christmas Party, Smyrna Yacht Club, New Smyrna Beach, FL



THE ORLANDO

REAL McCOYS

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The October 1st meeting of the Real McCoys started promptly with the Pledge of Allegiance. President **Ernie Vosges** held our flag and after the pledge, he shared that retiree **Mac McGinty** passed way on August 11th. No service was held here, but **Laura** will be taking Mac’s ashes to Ireland to spread. Family Address: 8048 Nicklaus Dr., Orlando, FL 32825.

A lengthy report from Secretary Elaine, who’d just gotten back from the RUAEA Convention in DEN, and what a fun time it was! This year the Business Meeting was held on Friday and as in the past, included presentations from Alliant CU, Corporate Security, Travel, and Aetna, and all were very informative. Our Christmas Lunch information for December 10th at 12:00 noon was also shared and many of those present bought their tickets for the event!

Lots of Birthday Balloons for October, including **Jim Feeney**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Joe Fitak**, **Cheryl Vosges**, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, **Connie Lenard**, and **Mack Chandler**!

Our Anniversary Couple? **Elaine & Joe Mannella** are celebrating!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Future Golden Corral Luncheons will be on October 1st. Mark your calendar and join us – you’ll be glad you did! Next meeting is scheduled for November 5th.

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First meeting of the season was held at KJ’s Steak House on October 4th. We had 20 attendees which was good since some of our members are still up North. Attending were **Wallace Alves**, **Lynna Baker**, **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Gary & Janice Crittenden**, **Joanne & Tom Halt**, **Ray Jensen**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Rick Marton**, **Stella McCaffery**, and **Paul & Ingrid Olson**. **Nancy Kopp** brought two old friends that she and **Stella McCaffery** worked with at United, Dale and Robertino. They had a lot of lively conversation.

Joanne Halt had to come in a wheelchair due to the

fact that she fell on her bike and broke her ankle on August 28. She has to stay off her feet until mid-December. What a trooper!

Gary Crittenden won the cash from the 50/50 drawing. There were 8 other winners taking home bottles of wine and trail mix.

Ed & Judy Clarke, who have traveled all over the world, talked about the best trip ever. They went on an African safari in August and had a wonderful time with the animals.

Paul & Ingrid Olson are so dedicated to our group that they came for lunch, before driving to Tampa to start a trip to see the Fall foliage up East. Hope the weather is good and the leaves are turning many colors.

Next meeting is Friday, November 1.



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

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met at Anderson Park located in Tarpon Springs. The weather wasn't cooperating; we were to be down by Lake Tarpon but ended back at our usual Shelter # 4. I'm glad we did, there was lots of rain.

We had 10 members for our Fall Picnic. We are missing a few of our members due to illness, we wish them well. We had our luncheon first since we didn't want the chicken to get cold. Everyone brought a dish to pass and everything was delicious. We also had a very informal meeting, discussion was mainly about UAL Medical, planes, pensions and other items.

Everyone enjoyed our Fall Picnic and said let's do this again in the Spring.

Birthdays ~ **Ethel Cargill, Carolyn Lodge, Noemi Guzman, Peggy Manuel, and Bill Linehan.**

Anniversary ~ **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** (57 yrs.), they renewed their vows on their trip to Israel and had a wonderful trip.

One of our members needed to get to the Airport for

a flight to Boston - no Uber so **Bob Lindstrom** got her there. We know that Noemi appreciated the ride, she and her family need our prayers as her husband has been put into Hospice.

Calendar:

November 4 – IHOP, 10:30

December 11 - Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday at the Outback in Trinity, 1:00 PM



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Our September meeting was held on the 10th, with 15 members in attendance. After a great Duffy's lunch, President **Al Popek** brought the meeting to order and led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the 9/11 victims and those affected by Hurricane Dorian. We were all grateful that we were spared the wrath of a Category 5 storm.

We all mourn the loss of one of our members, **Betsy Damon**, wife of **David Damon**, who passed away while they were on vacation. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

Dues for 2020 were collected. If you still need to pay yours you may do so at a future meeting with cash or mail a check payable to Treasurer, **Carolyn Lindgren**.

A good part of the meeting was devoted to discussing the new health insurance policy effective January 1st. Our packages should be arriving soon with a full explanation and contacts. Also discussed were the new rules set by New Zealand to enter their country requiring additional paper work.

Correspondent **Mary Kay Wetherington** and member **Mardele Celestin**, returned this week from the Denver RUAEA Convention. We had a wonderful, fun filled and informative gathering. An overview of the business and benefits meetings has been emailed to our fellow Treasure Coast members. We want to thank the Denver committees, sponsors and board members for their hard work in making it a great success.

Many of our members are traveling. **Fran & Gene Student** are in Budapest. **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Sharon Kirk** are on a cruise out of Rome to Croatia. **Bob Langevin** took **Sandy Ruggiero** to Paris for her birthday. **Dave & Carolyn Lindgren** went up North to see their new great-grandson. **Diane & Paul Liebisch** have finally moved into their new home in Tradition.

Al & Janice Popek were unable to travel to a wedding they were looking forward to, due to illness. **Jim Moorehead** spent many hours of hard work getting supplies to the residents of The Bahamas following their devastating hurricane losses. **Pattie Connell** and **Tom Odom** will be traveling to LAX for the LAX Flight Attendant reunion in early October and then off to visit Germany and take the Avalon River Cruise to Switzerland. **Mary Kay Wetherington** and her sister, **Nancy Caeti**, who joined her in Denver for the convention, will be cruising the Caribbean to celebrate Mary's milestone birthday. They will also attend a niece's wedding at a resort in Treasure Island, Florida.

We once again send out "Well Wishes" to our members that are ill or recovering. We hope to see all of you soon.

Our semi-annual picnic will be held October 15th. A picnic report will follow in November. Our Christmas party will be held December 10th. We welcome other chapter members and friends who may be in the area, to join us for either function. Please RSVP to President **Al Popek** at ualpbi@att.net.

50/50 was won by **Barbara Dodenhoff**. The Progressive was won by **Janice Popek**. **Jim Hanley** once again had some terrific jokes to share.

October birthdays will be celebrated by **Michael Carragher** and **Arnie Lakso**.

November birthdays will be celebrated by **Sharon Kirk**, **Mary Kay Wetherington** and **Dee Lakso**. Anniversaries in November for **Michael & Maureen Carragher** and **Diane & Paul Liebisch**.

Calendar:

October 15 - Semi-annual picnic, Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12 Noon

November 5 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

December 10 - Christmas Party, Twisted Tuna, Port Salerno, 12 Noon

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The Dixie Flyers met October 2 at 2 PM, with 14 of us and one guest, **Janice Carter**, daughter of **Ron Heider**. **Don Shelley** gave the blessings of the meal. **Fred Cron** led the pledge of allegiance, he also conducted the 50/50 drawing which was won by **Tony Carringer** who donated his winnings to the Ladies In Distress, our

charitable organization which helps battered wives.

United may get two more shared gates with Delta in Atlanta.

Missing were **Frank & Barbara Russy**, **Andy Ryabik** and his wife, **Tom Wheeler** and **Roy Cross**, and **Sybil Voss** who is still being treated for shingles in her left eye. As the sunshine lady, Sybil is sending out birthday cards to the October birthday celebrants.

The Dixie Flyers meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia. The next meeting will be November 6.

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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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BOISE GEMS

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Our Boise Gems luncheon meeting was held on October 1st. The following members enjoyed this event: **Joe & Joan Varady, Bud & Pat Peters, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, Denny Snyder, Dave & Carol Adams, Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, and our co-hosts **Shirley Perkins** and **Louise Duvall**; thank you **Shirley Perkins** and **Louise Duvall** for hosting this delicious event. We had an indoor picnic since our weather is getting on the cooler side.

The menu consisted of BBQ chicken and ribs, coleslaw, corn bread, a relish tray, and lots of yummy BBQ sauce, a perfect BBQ celebration. Just when we thought we could not eat any more, we were served a delicious lemon poppy seed cake and delicious chocolate chip cookies! The afternoon was really nice and it was great to see so many participating in this event.

The following comments are from our members to let everyone know what each of them have been doing since we last met in August:

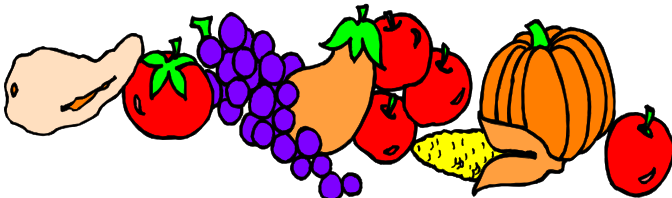
Dave & Carol Adams went camping in their small trailer in August at their church camp, and they also camped with friends before that in their motor home. Following this meeting they were driving to Missouri, more details next month.

Louise Duvall drove to Wenatchee, WA with her daughter-in-law for 4 days and had a reunion with friends from way back. They enjoyed shopping in Leavenworth, Wenatchee and Lake Chelan (all in WA).

Bob & Palmer Sarnoff went to NY for Bob's cousin's birthday; a huge family gathering with lots of cousins; lots of fun and nostalgia.

Shirley & Rick Dempsey enjoyed their cruise from London to Iceland.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**. It will be our Christmas Party on December 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Bacquets Restaurant, a French Bistro, in Eagle, ID. If you plan to attend you must RSVP to Rick & Shirley no later than December 1, 2019. Their email is brandyjake@cablone.net. The restaurant is located at 1117 E. Winding Creek Dr., Eagle, ID.



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November - Move your clocks backwards! Get an extra hour of sleep before you go to church. Hope you're not still hung over from Apple Bobbing on Halloween. Oh, no, not my friends! Enjoy the last few days of your mums, and start looking for those galoshes, you'll need them soon. In September, I attended the RUAEA convention in DEN. I had a wonderful time, saw old friends, met new friends, laughed and talked for hours. It was a grand week. It's too bad more of you were not able to come. I have to thank **Rich Holke** and **Margaret Longo** for helping me around DEN. I was also able to have lunch with my old friends, **Marcie & Don Moller**. On the trip out, our First Officer forgot that he was supposed to fly, so a reserve was called from home, we left an hour and a half late. The trip back was even more exciting. Flight 254 was supposed to leave at 5:30, but because of three rainstorms that were going through Chicago, it was delayed. First, it was at 7:00, then 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30. Our Captain Nolan kept us updated each half hour. Then good news, we would board at 10:00, yeah, we all screamed with glee! Very quietly and orderly, everyone boarded. We took off at 11:07 MDT, got to ORD at 2:00 CDT. After waiting for bags, bathroom stop, wheelchairs, I called for a cab just before 3:00, they said there were no cabs at ORD, because of the rain, and normally, there aren't cabs there after about 1:00. I called another cab company; they said they would really try to find someone for me. Sounded promising, for sure. Anybody who has looked for a cab, know we have to wait at Door 1G. Since it was 65 degrees and windy, I wanted to go back in, warm up, and decide what to do. However, the doors close at 1AM, and you have to enter at Door 1E. No, couldn't walk any more. Not sure of your body, but mine was starting to cry, 'My feet, back and legs are hurting, sit down'. Standing for over two hours, was not good, they took away all the benches, and I was the only person out there, except for two young men, starting to circle the gray-haired lady with a walker, scary, believe me. At 3:55, the first cab company texted me and said they found a cab, go back to the cab platform. I was picked up at 4:05, taken to my castle, and could barely walk into my home at 4:30. By 5:15, I was sleeping, soundly for many hours. Unfortunately, I was unable to

attend the funeral of our friend, **John Koehl**. His family was very understanding, because his relatives were stuck on the East Coast with a similar delay and cancellation. I sure had problems going and coming back, but what a memorable time I had in the middle! Thank you, RUAEA for a peachy keen week. I must commend the Convention committee and the DEN retirees that worked tirelessly planning a very successful party for us. I wish I could list all the people responsible, but I don't have enough room. Oh, and by the way, next year's convention will be in beautiful San Diego.

Our Northside breakfast had 10 people. The conversation was mostly about our highly successful Germanfest Luncheon. If you missed it, I'm sorry for you, 135 folks enjoyed a fabulous afternoon of delicious food and entertainment. The Alpine Thunder, a German Oompa Band, had long Alpine horns, cowbells, tuba, and accordion, while wearing lederhosen. The audience sang, danced, and even made strange sounds into those horns that were rested on our tables. Hope you can make it next year. Thanks to the chairpersons who made it so enjoyable, **Don Kramlich**, **Jim Sommerfield**, **JoAnn Giannini**, and **Virginia Monaco**. Our next luncheon is December 3, at the Avalon, and will feature everybody's favorite group, Encore.

The Southside breakfast had nine retirees. **Bill Corbett** was at the Convention, **Barb Wesemann** was battling an overflowing bathroom, **John Pasakarnis**, **Ed & Linda Ward** were MIA. **Marge Caliendo**'s only sister passed away last month from two strokes. Our deepest sympathy to you, Marge, we know how close you both were. **Mila Walker**, **Bob Pearson**, and **Sylvester Gant** won the raffle.

The IAM 1487 had their Brown Bagger lunch, with 90 people attending. Thanks go to all who brought salads and sweets. Next month will be Sloppy Joe Day, prepared by Chef Dave R. on November 7.

The ORDMM group welcomed about 20 expert mechanics, including **Ron Pryor**, **Don Matker**, **Cas Paprocki**, **LB Neal**, **Bob Palm**, and **Harry Kargenian**, after a short absence.

Our friends who flew West include **Bill Collins**, EXOAK, **Al LaRoche**, EXOAN, **Carol Wisinski**, ORDMK, **Frank Kekstadt**, ORDCG, from ORDFO, **Bill Mullen**, and the Chief Pilot for many years, Captain **Brent Mayo**, a very special person, I never heard a negative word against him. Happy contrails to you all. Also gone from our lives are Jessye Norman, Jose Jose, Diahann Carroll, rockers, Ric Ocsek, Eddie Money, and Ginger Baker, T Boone Pickens, Sander Vanocur, Cokie Roberts, Jacques Chirac, and the Confetti Comedian, Rip Taylor.

Special mention of two Skyliner's Board members that left us. **John Koehl**, 93, passed away September 23, after a fall. He retired from EXOPP, after over 40

years with UAL. He was a Naval veteran, and married to **Katy**, they had four children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was very involved with the RUAEA, and the Chicago Skyliners. He was the Convention Site Chairman for many years at RUAEA. He planned the Chicago convention 16 years ago. Two people who were on his committee, **Ken Thiede** and **Virginia Monaco**, can attest to that. John assigned them as Administrative Officer and Decorating Chairman, respectfully, jobs they never tackled before, but they learned. They said, John knew how to 'Get You', he wanted everything perfect from tours to hotel to dinner napkins. They learned a lot from him that helped them in planning future luncheons. John was all United, Skyliners, and RUAEA. He was Treasurer and President for the Skyliners. We'll miss his contributions and guidance. Our other friend is **Mary Szabo**, 91, from EXOIN, died September 29. She was born in Hoboken, Belgium, where she met her husband, **James**, in 1944, while he was stationed in Antwerp. They came to America, married in 1947, moved to Chicago, and found jobs at Midway, James with American, Mary with United. When ORD opened, they moved to Des Plaines. Unfortunately, in 1980, James had a tragic accident going to work and passed away. Mary retired in 1983, did extensive traveling visiting James' and her relatives around the world, plus attending family reunions. She also joined RUAEA, and the Skyliners, where she held the jobs of Correspondent and President, and planning luncheons. One of her joys was traveling with The Northwoods Loonies, seeing various cities in the Midwest, with a great group of UAL retirees from everywhere. Grass did not grow under her feet, she was outspoken and a spitfire. If you asked for her opinion, you got it, ready or not. We're happy that she's with her beloved James, but we will miss her. I hope God's ready for her!

Happy Veteran's Day to all of the men and women who have kept us safe over the years. Without your service, we might all be speaking a different language. On the 28th, we'll be sitting down with family and friends celebrating all that we're thankful for, believe me, I have plenty to thank God for. On the 29th, I'll celebrate my high-holiday, Black Friday, with money I don't have, but will enjoy seeing my salesgirls in the Mall. Don't forget to pass on some family history to the young'uns in the family. Someday they'll thank you just knowing about their great grandparents and the experiences they had in the 'old days'. That's before iPhones and social media, heck, before radar and jet engines! Have a great month; enjoy your family while we're all here! We're losing too many friends.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372

E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**November 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**November 7**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza and Pub, 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake Tuesday, (**November 12**), 11:00 Cocktails, Lunch 12:00

December 3 - Skyliner's Christmas Lunch - The Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers September chapter meeting was held on Tuesday, September 10th, at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill in Avon, Indiana. In attendance were **Tony Urbanovic, Jim Gibson, Frank & Rita Prinz, Hannelore Brabo, Charles** and son **Anthony Theiss** and **Frank Ingegno**.

Business discussion regarding the planning for the annual Christmas celebration lunch which is tentatively planned for December 10th at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant, 3550 East 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

No member travel plans to report this month.

I would like to mention an aviation event I attended this past July. It was the EAA AirVenture 2019 airshow at Oshkosh, WI. This was my 2nd time attending and I just want to report that this event is heaven for any aviation geek. The event runs for a full week. I attended on the last Friday and Saturday of the week. There are day and night airshows, multiple vendors, aviation schools, airlines and more represented and very willing to converse. I enjoyed discussing aviation stuff with many of them. All kinds of aircraft from old to futuristic are on display with some flying overhead. I especially enjoy the presentations from industry and historic aviation pioneers. This year Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins was a featured speaker. NASA and other historic aviation figures also spoke. There are many workshops and informational forums that provide valuable piloting and aircraft information.

The week is closed out with the amazing Saturday night airshow with fireworks. Multiple aircraft perform

aerobatics in total darkness, with all kinds of pyrotechnics being emitted from them. Truly awesome! After the aircraft landed, the fireworks begin. These fireworks are spread over the length of the runway and include some truly specular explosions! In my opinion the fireworks are actually better than the Disney World fireworks, which have been my fireworks gold standard for many years. Wow is the only word that can express how specular the night airshow and fireworks are. I highly recommend attending at least one AirVenture event. More if you're an aviation geek! AirVenture 2020 is scheduled for July 20-26, 2020. Early hotel reservations are suggested.

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent.

Our future meetings schedule for 2019-2020 is:

- ❖ November 12 at Emmy's
- ❖ December 10, Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy
- ❖ January 2020, winter break, no meeting
- ❖ February 2020, winter break, no meeting
- ❖ March 10, 2020 at Emmy's

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Submitted by Irene Kimball

Nor'Easters met for lunch this month at Pier 6 in Charlestown, right next to **Don & Kathy Latter's** condo. A beautiful September day was made better with friends, good food and conversation.

Carleen Eddy was surprised by her husband, **Bruce**, on her 75th birthday. Family and friends surprised and thrilled her with cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday". Hard to believe that this was the first birthday party Carleen had ever had. Cheers to many more!

Jayne Regan's husband, **John**, celebrated his 80th birthday with a luncheon at the Common Man restaurant in Concord, NH. They will be moving to an active senior facility in Bedford, NH bringing them 45 minutes closer to family and friends.

The **Latters** are seeking never ending summer. **Don & Kathy** are heading off to Aruba for two weeks.

Irene & Bob Kimball are excited to set out on a 16

night Atlantic to Pacific cruise through the Panama Canal.

Watch for info on the Christmas party ... coming soon.

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Our October luncheon was held within a couple of miles of the now closed United Reservation center on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, Michigan at Ford's Garage. The décor, as you can guess, was all automotive, including gas pump dispensers as door handles, blue 'garage' cloths as napkins, adjustable metal straps as napkin rings, tires as wash basins, etc. And, of course, models of old Ford cars parked in front. Our hosts, **Sue Smith** and **Vi Thomas**, provided delicious pumpkin shaped butter cookies that Sue baked. In addition to our hosts, others attending were **Cathy Dewey**, **Patty Gates**, **Pam Shamey**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Denise Thorsby**, **Rose Tobin**, **Joan Robinson**, **Carol Slade**, **Sue Craig**, **Marlene Heaney** and me.

This may be the last time **Joan Robinson** will be attending a luncheon since she will be moving to Florida in the next couple of weeks. We wish her well and hope that she will come back to visit.

We want to wish **Helen Venn**, **Joni O'Brien's** mother and **Marguerite Venn's** mother-in-law, a very Happy 105 Birthday on October 15.

Thought for the month: *"Who can you thank today?"*

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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The day of our meeting was September 11, the 18th anniversary of one of the most horrendous attacks on our country in its' history. Thirteen Lites came together and acknowledged that event with the Pledge of Allegiance and personal stories of where they were and what they were doing on that fateful day. In keeping with our somber thoughts, **Jo Ayres** spoke about their daughter who works for Homeland Security and what a stressful

job it is.

Speaking of stressful jobs, **Rosemary Soltis** has graciously agreed to take on the grueling job of President of the Northern Lites. I know she'll be gratified to hear that she'll not be required to conduct a meeting every month. For October, **Jo Ayres** took the reins.

Arlene Kelley told about her calls to the Company to find out what, if anything, will be the impact of the 2020 Aetna insurance program on their lives. At that time, the reps she spoke with had no specifics about what the premiums will be, but there definitely will be improvements in benefits. Stay tuned ...

Discussion about the upcoming RUAEA convention ensued; only **Steve & Ida Mayo** are planning to attend this year. **Lee Storlie**, past president, was a no-show that day, but folks "in the know" claimed that he wasn't going to DEN.

Years ago, **Joe Kelley** and a friend shared ownership of a Farmall Super 8 Tractor that was used by both families over the years. However, it became disused by both after decades and Joe's friend passed on. His family decided that Joe should have it, after all, since he was part owner. But it needed a lot of work, inside and out, and where was Joe gonna kennel that big piece of machinery? Joe's son-in-law offered to bring it up to snuff and Joe allowed as how he could find a place to store it.

Time went by and Joe didn't hear anything about any progress being made, so he asked his son-in-law about it. Well, he'd been busy and hadn't gotten to it yet. Another month or so went by and no word, so Joe again inquired about it. Sorry, Dad, I haven't been able to get into it. The annual thrashing and tractor show at McGrath, MN was coming and the whole Kelley clan were scheduled to attend. Imagine Joe's surprise and excitement to see **The Tractor** leading the parade! His son-in-law, bless his li'l pointy head, had gotten the vehicle all tuned up, painted, fluffed and buffed, all the while sloughing Joe off. I think the Kelleys have a keeper in that boy!

On the not-so-good, get-out-the-beads list ~ **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** couldn't make it that day and an email from Sonja indicated that Lyle will be having surgery to remove a brain tumor. He must have umpteen tests and procedures and see a battalion of docs before they all sign off on his ability to withstand the surgery. In the meantime, get the prayer chains going, folks.

Nel Brawner slipped and fell down her basement stairs, suffering a skull fracture and brain bleed. After a sojourn in the Mayo Hospital in Eau Claire, WI, she's healing up at a rehab center. She'd love to hear from her friends, 2978 27¼ St., Birchwood, WI 54817.

Dr. **Jan Meyer** is experiencing a major battle with the Senior nemesis, Arthur Itis, or some equivalent thereof. Severe back pain, leg pain ... just bad enough

to make life miserable. Luckily, they now live close to the Mayo Clinic!

... and on the Sad List, our sweet friend, **Joe Gaug**, MSPCG, passed away. Condolences may be sent to his wife, **Mary Ann Gaug**, 6600 Lyndale Ave., So. Richfield, MN 55423.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

NEBRASKA



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

Calendar:

November 5 - TBD

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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There is no report this month from the Las Vegas Silver Liners chapter of RUAEA.

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

Thanksgiving



RENO SIERRA

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The group started with a moment of silence to remember the loss of life on September 11, 2001. There were 20 members and 4 guests at our September meeting at Murieta's Mexican Restaurant in South Reno. The guests were **George Kelly**, **Kathy Robinson's** brother, **Marti Dean** and **Margaret**, friends of **Kathy Robinson**, and **Fred & Pam Olesek**, friends of the **Scaifes**. Our Christmas Luncheon has been reserved for December 4th at the Tamarack Junction. Pat will be contacting the banquet sales rep to finalize the menu and prices. The information and flyer will go out in mid-October.

September birthdays were celebrated by **Joan Bailie**, **Ray Knutson** and **John Zoboli**. The 50/50 was won by **Kathy Robinson**.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 14 at the Black Bear Diner at 11:30 a.m.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by our Pres. **Frank Warzocha**. We had some worrisome news, that our meeting place "Snuffys" might be closing and that we would have to move to another location. However, those rumors were not correct, and as far as we know our meetings will still be held there, we hope long into the future.

Frank Kokaska, who is still working and our man on the inside, gave a report on the latest events at EWR. He also reported, that there will be a UAL family day on September 29 between 9 AM to 3 PM at Newark. You can park at P - 4 long-term parking lot, and there will be a free shuttle bus to take you from there to building number 1. I wish that I could go, sadly my knees would give out on the first few steps.

The 50/50 was won by **Al Balenti**, and our next meeting will be on October 30 at 12 PM at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. Please note there will be no meeting in November.

**** From the great prophet Leroy: *"The shortest distance between two people, is a great big smile."*

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

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On September 11th, fourteen of us met at the Oak Stave, a new restaurant for most of us, for a great lunch. I believe everyone tried something different and everyone was happy.

September has always been a tough month on attendance with half of our members busy with grand kids, great grand kids and assisting in getting them back in school.

However, there is no denying, our ranks are getting thinner by the month. We have had a number of newly retired former UA personnel join us for a meeting or two but it ends with their dropping out for family or the fact they have new employment and no time left for our get together.

We discussed the concern regarding the changes in UA's 2020 Medical program. The big change from a family style plan to an individual plan puts married couples at a disadvantage if they have high medical bills; it means their Medical Insurance can cost as much as \$1,350 more per year. Using myself as an example, when my wife was alive, we would normally pay off her \$150 deductible and \$1,200 out of pocket dollars by the end of February or early March and from that point on, both of us would be free of Doctor's charges for the balance of the year. Under the new plan only she would have free Doctors for the balance of the year, I would have to pay off my own \$1,200 out of pocket before being eligible. Last year, the first without her as a beneficiary, I spent less than \$300 out of pocket. The change, if any, in the prescription portion of the plan is yet to be explained. They are offering more drug stores for use but changes have not been addressed. Currently using a drug store, even a CVS local store has a deductible fee to be paid and cost is slightly higher for prescriptions that follow. Using the mail program there is no deductible and costs are good. Everyone still on the UA plan was urged to participate in the conference calls being set up in October and have your questions written down so you remember whatever it is you want explained.

We are looking for a change in our Christmas luncheon for no reason other than we, as a group, would like to try something different.

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

NEW YORK METROS

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We had two retirees join us, both of whom had worked at LGA and JFK at one time: **Mike Aspinwall** and **Michael Malesardi**. **Michael Malesardi** is now the RUAEA membership secretary, living in Denver. He brought us up to date in answer to our many questions. Thanks, Michael.

50/50 winners were Emma (first prize), Mario (second prize) and Ed (third prize).

No news was volunteered from the Chatter Boxes. We had a few birthdays and anniversaries, but my steno failed me.

I want to extend my condolences to **Bernie Juth** on the passing of his wife **Jeri** and to the whole Pittsburgh group. I worked with Jeri at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair at UAL's counter in the transportation building, where we featured an award-winning film called, if I remember it correctly, "From Here to There." The military had exhibits on the 2nd floor, and as the people descended via the escalator, there would be Jeri, left arm extended straight out toward the theater door, her right arm in motion as she intoned, "Jetarama Theater, right this way folks, Jetarama Theater." No one escaped. That was "Sarge". May she rest in peace.

Don't eat too much Halloween candy.

Calendar:

November 6 – Davenport Press

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Well it looks like fall is starting to head this way. We had our September luncheon on September 11th at the 100th Bomb Group on Brookpark Rd., across from the Cleveland Airport. Our President figured it was appropriate since it was the 18th anniversary of 9/11. We had 71 people in attendance, and **Sharon Gatesman** was our hostess for this luncheon. Grace was said by

Susan Broderick and we proceeded with lunch. After lunch, we had our 50/50 drawing chaired by **Bernie Garrah** with the assistance of **John Taucher**. The winners were **Kay Preston**, **Nancy Carter** and **Jim Schulte**.

Our illnesses included **Barb Vauls**, **Ed Allen**, **Linda Klemencic**, **Janet Osborn**, and **Marie Placko**. **Barb Vauls** had a TIA in February of 2018, followed by a stroke in July of 2018. About 3 weeks ago (2019) she had another stroke. That being said: Barb has resigned as Vice President. I am pleased to announce our new Vice President is **Judy Spooner**.

Two chapter members had deaths within their family: **Patricia Laub**'s mother, and **Patricia Snow**'s son. Everyone is dealing with something. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

As everyone knows, "open enrollment" for secondary health care insurance will begin soon. Our President **Dolly Taucher** had spoken with RUAEA President **Don Burbank**, and he explained that some info has already been sent to retirees with United medical coverage. United Airlines secondary health care insurance coverage for 2020 is having some changes. John & Dolly will be at the convention in Denver. They will be attending the benefits seminar where they will receive the information. Upon their return from Denver they will be sending said information to all of our members via email and those without email will receive the information via U.S. Mail.

Attendees with September birthdays were **Ron Bartter**, **Beverly Bennett**, **Sharon Gatesman**, **Marie Keister**, and **Lois Walter**.

Anniversaries ~ **Ben & Marilyn Bogucki** (60 yrs.), **Don & Kathy Elster** (53 yrs.), **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** (52 yrs.), **Bob & Linda Graham** (51 yrs.), **Tom & Carole Hamlin** (57 yrs.), **John & Carrie Kercel** (30 yrs.), **Bob & Carole Killmer** (55yrs.), **Dick & Carole Kmetz** (56 yrs.), and last but not least, **Frank & Janet Osborn** (65 yrs.)

John Taucher informed us about **Frank & Janet Osborn** who were scheduled to attend, but that Janet had fallen. And this month was their 65th wedding anniversary. **Tom Hockett** led us in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" and singing "God Bless America".

Calendar:

November 6 - Diamond Event Center in Brunswick, hosted by **Barb & Frank Wachs**.

December 4 - Christmas Party at Williams on the Lake with a Special Guest, hosted by: **Marty & Tom Hassel**.

January 2020 - Winter break, no luncheon

February 5 - Fuji's Buffet: American/Chinese/Japanese cuisine. members love it..



OREGON

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Only 46, which included a guest, **Tony DaSilva**'s daughter, made it to our September meeting led by Vice President, **Paul Russell**, but it was a lively group. Paul reminded us that it was National Patriots Day, on the anniversary of the tragic attack of September 11, 2001 by the Islamic group, Al-Qaeda, on the World Trade Center in New York, (UAL Flight 175 and American Airlines Flight 11), the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. (American Airlines, Flight 77), and UAL Flight 93 that crashed in a field in Pennsylvania (because the attack was thwarted by the brave passengers), and all observed a few moments of silence in remembrance.

Members voted that they would like to bring deserts to our November meeting, and have the board provide cakes at our December, Christmas celebration.

Once again, it is the time of year to remind everyone to get their flu shot! Remember, as we age, we are much more susceptible to serious complications from the flu. We are all responsible to make sure we are protected and thus avoid infecting others.

Fortunately, no deaths to report but our President, **Terry Hotchkin**, was quite ill with Bronchial Asthma and **Ray Reed** fell ill during our meeting. He was hospitalized later that day for sepsis related to a urinary tract infection. Both have recovered nicely, and we look forward to seeing them next month.

Paul & Kathy Russell were able to visit **Jack & Nancy Hooper** on Jack's 86th birthday, at their new digs in a retirement community in Vancouver, WA: Glenwood Place, 5500 NE 82nd Ave., Vancouver, WA 98662, Rm #385. Paul even brought a card for everyone to sign, since Jack & Nance will be celebrating their 42nd anniversary in the next few weeks.

Election of officers will be held at our October meeting. Members have volunteered to fill all but one position. We are still looking for someone to fill a Director's position. Please see one of our board members if you might want to join our fun team.

Anniversaries ~ **Joe & Betty Alff** (11 years), **Sam & Bill French** (49 years), **Dave & Pat Smith** (53 years), **Harvey & Irma Larkin** (69 years).

Birthdays ~ **Barbara Martin**, **Harold Miller** and **Ray Reed**.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Len Blodgett**, Men's Birthday - **Ray Reed**, Women's Birth-

day - **Barbara Martin**, 50/50 _ **Mary Lou Falbo**.

Calendar:

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

November 13 - Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving Day celebration

December 11 - Our Holiday celebration, including entertainment and lots of fun giveaways!



OUR CLUB

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

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**THE
INDEPENDENTS**



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

See you October 14th. Enjoy the summer and sign up for the UAL convention.



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Summer has come to a sudden end here in western Pennsylvania, our trees are getting their beautiful fall colors, our Steelers and Penguins have opened up their regular seasons.

Rose Kerestes, wife of **Ed Kerestes**, passed away September 14, 2019. **Phyllis Smith** has moved to South Carolina to be closer to family, she can be reached at 450 Surrey Park Dr., Aiken, SC. 29803, (803) 508-3368. **Treatie Karwoski** has moved into an assisted living facility, she can be reached at c/o Providence Health Care, Room 239, 900 3rd Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. **Verna Alex** broke her arm and was unable to attend the

last luncheon. **Jim Weber** had another back surgery and is in a lot of pain and having a hard time getting around. Keep both in your thoughts and prayers. **Mary Jane Stewart** (RUAEA Secretary), will have convention information at our next luncheon.

October Birthdays ~ **Doris Abbas**, **Joan Ference** and **Bernie Juth**.

October Anniversaries ~ **Bill & Johnna Chicots** (12).

TENNESSEE

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

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UTAH

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

WASHINGTON

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Forty-four Emerald City Slickers and guests opened the 2019-20 season, meeting on September 10 at Angelo's in Burien. After Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance," a round of applause celebrated **Dolores Steger's** 90th birthday, which was coming up that weekend.

Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** reminded members that their annual \$10 chapter dues were due and payable. In

other money matters, we learned that the restaurant where we meet will raise luncheon prices by \$1, beginning in January. It's still a good deal, considering we get salad, garlic bread, choice from 5 entrees, dessert, beverage, tax and tip!

Informative business items concerning UAL and retirees brought about lively conversation and questions. **Ken Tank** had serious information on the new Aetna insurance plan. **Kathie Torgison** discussed new visa requirements for New Zealand, the demise of expiration dates for Mileage Plus, new routes, and plastic-bottle-filling stations being installed inside security at some airports. It is extremely helpful to local retirees to have such dedicated and knowledgeable members as Ken and Kathie, who are "in the know" and willing to share their information. It was fun to greet a few folks we don't see very often. Among them were **Rosie Bittner**; 97-year-old **Vern Bozarth**, accompanied by his daughter **Sandy Tracy**; **Shirley Claggett**; **Chuck & Sharon Cole**; **Jim Fauber** and his guest **Rose Wilson**; **Dave Jones**; **Tom Lucas**; **Ron Paluch**; and **Jenny Schubert**. **Brian & Maggie Dice** were guests of his parents, **Bud & Virginia**. Missing in action was **Carol Lucarelli**, who had recently fallen and broken a hip, requiring initial care in the ICU. She also had to skip the national convention in Denver and was missed by many who know her well from past meetings. **Hank Gosselin** danced enough for both of them in Denver.

Gay Liesse requested donations of toys, non-perishable food, and cash to be brought to the October and November luncheons, while **Ed Liesse** distributed the colorful flyers prepared to announce the holiday collections.

Chuck & Dona Westpfahl provided information on the memorial service for Captain **Al Haynes**, who had been one name below Chuck's on the pilot seniority list and a neighbor of the Westpfahls. **Chuck & Dona** had also attended a memorial service for **Art Fluke**.

Ken Storey and **Fred Frey** conducted drawings for door prizes and the 50/50 award. **Dan Miles** was reimbursed for his lunch and **Jim Fauber** held the winning 50/50 ticket.

Quite a contingent of Seattle Retirees made their presence known at the 2019 Denver 5280-Mile High Convention, all enjoying tours, social gatherings, breakfast buffets each morning, and even the more formal events, such as the annual RUAEA Business Meeting and the Benefits Presentations. A special treat for those visiting the United Airlines Flight Training Center was shopping at the Mainliner Club. Among featured items was a collapsible plastic water bottle that could be expanded and filled with water after passing through security. More fun was garnered by watching those tripping the light fantastic on the dance floor with live Western music to help show off their moves.

Conventioneers from Seattle included **Shirley Claggett**, **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, **Fred & Bonnie Frey**, **Hank Gosselin**, **John & Addy Haferbecker**, **Ed & Gay Liesse**, **Ron Paluch**, **Ken & Judy Storey**, and **Ken & Marcia Tank**. If anyone's name is missing, we apologize. Most of us already are making plans to meet again in San Diego for the 2020 convention. See you there!

Be thankful for friends, family, and fortunes that reach far beyond your wallet this Thanksgiving. Be especially grateful for the benefits and opportunities that are provided you through membership in our great RUAEA organization.

Calendar:

November 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's. Collection of charitable contributions.

December - No meeting

January 14, 2020 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

LILAC CITY FLYERS



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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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The summer is supposedly over and fall is supposed to be here, but here on the East Coast we are still wearing shorts and T-shirts. I'm not complaining, just stating a fact. I'm sure that by the time you read this though, the air will be crisp and we will be looking for snow.

September 11th, the Dulles Loungers resumed their monthly meetings at the Golden Corral after a couple of months' hiatus. July and August are not great months for pass riding, but a few of our members made it work. **Kate Connelly** managed to fit in not one but two great trips.

I was not able to attend the luncheon but was informed that it was very well attended. **Kerrie Schneider** took notes and said that there were between 55-60 attendees. Our own **Angela Knight** (a most accomplished Opera singer) led our group in singing "God Bless America". Our luncheons are never dull but when Angela and her parents (Mr. & Mrs. **Frank Pregano** - also UAL retirees) are there, they are particularly lively and fun. **Ruth Blackwell** won the 50/50 drawing, her share was \$37. **Linda Scriven**, Southeast Regional Director, talked about the September Convention and inspired quite a few members to attend. **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** usually attend the Annual conventions but this year were unable to because of health issues. Dutch is feeling better, but his heart doctor has not yet cleared him for travel.

Janet Klinger has been and will continue sending out birthday cards until December. Our Sunshine Chair lady, **Ina Ayers** has earned a little vacation. Fortunately, she has a great committee to back her up.

I am sorry to report that **Tony Maggio** has passed away after a long battle with cancer. A service was held for him in Quantico, VA. **Sharon Blevins**, a retired Flight Attendant, also lost her fight with cancer. A celebration of her life was held in Sterling, VA. There was much laughter and many tears.

For anyone who would like to attend our luncheons, they are held every month on the 2nd Wednesday at noon at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. No reservations are needed. Just come in and introduce yourself to one



or two of us and we will make you feel right at home.

As I wrote earlier, I was not able to be at our September luncheon. I took my granddaughter to London for her first trip abroad. We got Polaris Business going over. Coming home we were well cared for in economy. Attached is a picture of our Tea service. It was worth the trip.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Happy 71st Birthday to Clipped Wings! November is the month of our "birth". System wide we celebrate what we call "Founders Day". November 5, 1948 the

Articles of Incorporation papers were filed with the Recorder of Deeds in the State of Illinois.

Our Founder, **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, after completing nurses training, started flying in March 1939. She flew for 2½ yrs., however, she could no longer fly after she married.

As much as she loved her role as a wife and mother, Jackie missed her friends and flying. So, she made a few phone calls, planned a luncheon in November with former "stews". From Jackie's dream slowly unfolded this organization of stewardesses. They decided to call themselves "Clipped Wings".

We have grown from one Chapter in Chicago to twenty-seven Chapters system wide. We are a 501(3)(c) organization that primarily helps people with developmental disabilities. We were in Chicago's Soldier Field with the very first Special Olympics in 1968. We have been assisting Special Olympics every year since then. Each of our Chapters have chosen an organization that they want to support with donations and fundraisers. Nationally, we support the parents of the Special Olympic athletes through "Parent Grants". This enables parents, that have been chosen, to afford to travel to see their child participate in their sport.

Every November, Chapters celebrate our Birthday in their own way. Those of us at the CHI-ORD Chapter have a luncheon where we bring a gift in a sealed "brown bag" with a value of about \$20. We then have an auction ... we bid on each bag, contents are sight unseen. Some of our "bags" have become very decorative to entice the bidder ... Some of the bags auction off at more than triple their value. This is our way of bringing in extra money to the Chapter and celebrate our "Birthday".

Thanks to Jackie's insight and desire to bring "stews" together and do it for the benefit of those less fortunate, we owe her our admiration and gratitude.

Jackie Jos Ceaser passed away on her birthday, January 19, 1980 after fighting cancer for 15 years.

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!

Wishing you all blue skies!



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 **September 2019**:

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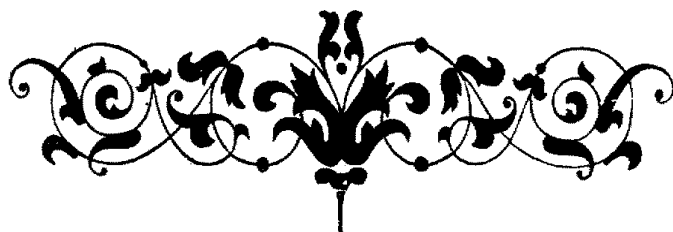
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Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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

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

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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.)

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

I enjoy the RUAEA Newsletter as I have no computer.

I retired in 2010 from DENCG.

I have 41 years between two airlines, 18 years 3 months with the Original Frontier Airlines and 22 years 10 months with United Airlines.

Irma Atanasio, PO Box 356, Lightfoot, VA 23090

My plans to attend the Convention in Denver were dashed on July 26th when I suffered a fall in my home and broke two bones in my right leg.

Following surgery and 3½ weeks in rehab, I am now at home, hobbling around with a walker.

I am dismayed that most of the conventions will be concentrated in the West. One of the best conventions we have had was in Boston where there were 1200 attendees. I hope RUAEA will consider locations for future conventions. I hope the Denver Convention will be successful.

Response from RUAEA Newsletter Managers:

*RUAEA's site selection committee works very hard to secure convention venues. Boston would be a wonderful location. Unfortunately, a reasonably priced hotel could not be found by our committee. If anyone knows of an appropriate hotel in an area with local RUAEA members willing to work on a convention, please contact **Dave Garland**. His contact information is on the RUAEA contact page at the back of the newsletter.*

Phyllis Kordecki, 736 Littleton Trail, Elgin, IL 60120

This year went by really fast. I guess that is because my husband, George, is newly retired from ORDMM, after almost 50 years with United. We seem to be very busy. We even took 4 cruises so far, without worrying about getting time off from work anymore, yippee!

In January, we did a Caribbean cruise to some new ports of call with co-worker, **Carole Lauterborn** (CHIRR) and husband. It is hard to find new places we have not been already.

We took a 15-night cruise from LAX-stop at each of the Hawaiian Islands-LAX. There were 8 of us on this cruise.

We just got home last weekend from taking another wonderful cruise to one of our favorite places. We cruised from NY to wonderful Bermuda on "Insighnia". We purposely were on a small ship, so we could dock in two small cities, St. George and Hamilton, the capital.

The next cruise will be a wonderful AMA Waterways River Cruise in Germany with another ORDMM retiree, **Don & Lynn Tutt**. We are looking forward to new ports there.

The last cruise we have booked is the New Panama Canal Locks Cruise with ORDMM retiree **Rocco & Wanda Christofaro**. George and Roc really wanted to go through the New Locks and they were finally completed recently. We have already been on 2 East bound Locks and 2 West bound Locks cruises.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!

Georgia Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013

I worked at United Airlines Employee Credit Union for 33 years from October 1956 until January 1990, when I retired. That was the **Ed Langel** and **Gene Artemenko** era. There are not too many of us old timers left. I miss all my former co-workers.

I am now 91 years young and hanging in there. I had to give up driving which was very hard to do. I use a walker to get around.

I haven't done any flying for quite some time; but I did have many happy years of pass traveling. I was a lot easier then than it is now.

Thank you for all the hard and dedicated work you all do to get the newsletter out to us retirees

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

I really look forward to the newsletter each month.

I retired in 1998 but I do not fly on my pass much. I prefer to buy a ticket, knowing that I will get on my flight.

I flew to CO in June with my son and daughter-in-law to see my granddaughter, who will be getting married there next year.

In July, I flew to CA for a fun week with another son and his family.

Best to all and thanks for all the work you do.

Notes

Mary Agbayani

I love reading about the news from all the members and Torgy's travel tips.

Walter T. Bird

The newsletter keeps me informed about changes that affect retirees and news of former coworkers.

Tom S. Cunningham

Not too much going on, just trying to catch up on work I missed out on.

Ginger Hyde

Can anyone tell me where the summer and this year have gone?

We are getting ready to start another season for the Sand Dollars of Bradenton/Sarasota area. We have lost so many members since I joined 19 years ago. Our group seems to be getting smaller and smaller each year, but we all still enjoy getting together once a month from October to May to try new restaurants in the area. The area is growing so fast, many people are tired of the cold weather, shoveling snow or falling on the ice. We had a warmer than usual summer this year, and it has nothing to do with climate control. If anyone has relocated or is visiting this area of Florida, we would like to have you attend a luncheon. Thanks to RUAEA for our monthly news.

Raymond Knazik

I've been keeping busy with our new house and getting together twice a month, once for the Manassas, Virginia RUAEA luncheon and another gathering for breakfast in Winchester, Virginia with fellow United Airlines Retirees/Employees and their Friends and Family members.

Time flies, for us seniors, whether we're having fun or just resting.

Hello to all retirees and thanks to RUAEA for keeping us up to date on all the necessary information

June Linhart

Thanks for keeping us updated on new procedures. We dinosaurs need all the help we can get.

Antonia Mascenic

Thank you for keeping us up on all the news and for all your hard work.

Patricia Nolan

After 63 years living in San Francisco, CA, I am moving to TN. I am a bit excited and a bit scared. This move however, will bring me closer to my children and my new grandson who will be arriving soon.

Rosemarie Schaeffer

I enjoy it and all the information and read about what is going on at UAL.

William H West

It will be 17 years this year since I retired. It would be great to hear from those I knew at UAL. I would also like to thank those who put out the newsletter each month. Every so often I will see an article or letter from someone I knew back when. Keep up the good work.

Pat Zoboli

I have recovered from two surgeries, right hip and another. Life is still good in Reno, NV. I continue as correspondent for the Reno, NV, Sierra Roundup. As the membership decreases we are on the look out for new member opportunities. Keep up the great work of the RUAEA office.

John Zoboli

It has been two years recovering from my R.A. bout and both hands carpal tunnel surgery. I continue as president of the Reno, NV, Sierra Roundup and am always looking for a way to grow the chapter. I am looking forward to the DEN convention. Keep up the good work of the RUAEA spirit. ■

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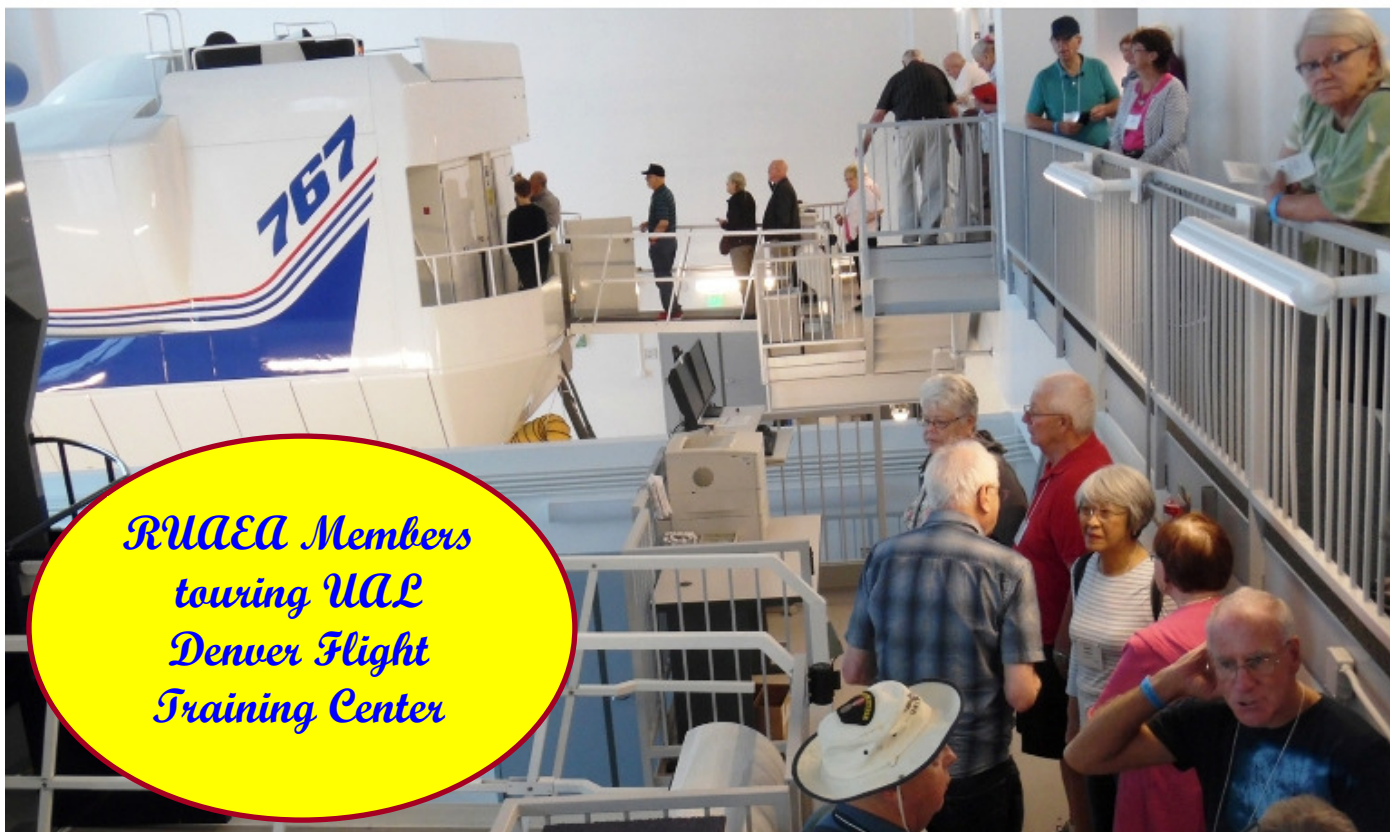
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We had fun at the 2019 Denver Convention!



*At the banquet
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