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RUAEA Officers and Directors Update (2019 - 2020)

In the May 2019 issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, **Virgil Gooselaw** as Past President, announced the positions open for election this year. He sought volunteers to run for the open positions. Unfortunately, once again there was not enough interest to have an election. However, we are very fortunate that volunteers have stepped up to fill positions.

Two positions will have new officers. After many years, **Roger Casterline** has stepped down as Western Regional Director. We thank Roger for his many years of service. His chapters always enjoyed his visit and will miss him. Fortunately, **George Midwin**(*) has stepped up to fill Roger's position. Also, **Pam Ziebarth** who has done an excellent job as Treasurer is stepping down. She always explained things to the board in a manner that was understandable and showed her financial acuity. Thank you, for your years of service. And, fortunately **Chris Johnston**(*) has volunteered to accept the position as RUAEA Treasurer. (*) ~ *See Bios in the General News section of this Newsletter.*

Although their term of office expires in September, RUAEA is fortunate that the following have volunteered to continue serving: The Arizona/Mountain Director will continue to be **Ruth Morabito**; Northern California/Northern Nevada Director will be **Sonda Sandstedt**; the Northeast Director will be **Norma Betters**; the Northwest Director will be **Chuck Cole**; the Secretary will be **Mary Jane Stewart**. The term of office for the officers and directors not mentioned does not expire this year. And we are fortunate they are all able and willing to continue to serve.

Western Region



George Midwin

Treasurer



Chris Johnston

AZ/Mountain



Ruth Morabito

Northeast Region



Norma Betters

Northwest Region



Chuck Cole

Secretary



Mary Jane Stewart

N. CA / N. NV



Sonda Sandstedt

GENERAL NEWS

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Have Benefit Questions?



This year's Convention is moving forward, we will be having the benefit panel presentations on Friday rather than Saturday. On Friday, September 27, 2019, presenters from Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AOL Hewitt, Kaiser and representatives of various departments of United Airlines

will be on hand, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Aspen 1 & 2. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm in Keystone 1,2,3 and 4.

Also, each and every year we cannot do any convention without volunteers. If anyone has an opportunity and wishes to volunteer in any capacity please contact either myself or **Don Burbank**. Thank you,

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Officers' Bio

George Midwin (Western Region Director) ~ George grew up in Stockton, CA and had an interest in aviation at an early age. He joined the Army as a helicopter mechanic, and served two tours in Vietnam in the late 1960's. After moving to San Jose, CA to attend San Jose State University, he obtained a Bachelor degree in Aircraft Engineering. Upon graduation he worked as a contract ramp service man for Butler Aviation at SFO for awhile, before getting a job with United in 1975.

Starting as an overhaul mechanic (SFOOV) at the maintenance operations center in San Francisco, he was asked to work as a temporary supervisor, becoming a permanent aircraft maintenance supervisor, a position he held for 11 years. When laid off he worked for NASA on a scientific experimental aircraft as electrician for 3 years, then returning to San Francisco. When the extended maintenance center opened in Oakland, CA in 1988, George became an Operating Manager. During this time he was assigned as off site maintenance manager for United's DC-10 CCK's at Mobile, Alabama for one year. When United sold one of the 747-SP's for the NASA "SOFIA" program, he spent 3 years as the maintenance liaison, until United terminated their involvement. The closure of the Oakland base, in 2002, resulted in a return to San Francisco as a supervisor of the aircraft maintenance training department. A short time later he became a shift Operating Manager in aircraft overhaul (SFOOV). He was a department leader for the newly developed LEAN (process

improvement program) implementation team. After a few years, as a new maintenance planning department was being created, George was selected as assistant manager, a position he had until retirement in 2013. He did enjoy his time at United.

During all those years he enjoyed volunteering for numerous United employee events, celebrations and open houses, including coordinating a UAL advertisement featuring John Travolta. He was key to having United participate with a 747 in the San Francisco Fleet Week air show. Finally as chairman, he led a group of volunteers to implement the annual Family Day event at SFO.

On a personal note, George has been married for 47 years to Juliana, and they have two children and two grand children. He enjoys history and in particular California, belonging to a couple of historical groups in San Jose. With his wife he enjoys traveling (using passes when possible), having traveled to Australia and European destinations, as well as a number of states.

He joined RUAEA in 2013 shortly after retirement and became president of the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter for one term. Currently he is an active member and holds the position of Communications with the chapter. George has had an interest in becoming more involved with RUAEA and sees this opportunity as a way to do so. We are happy to welcome George as Western Director and are thankful he is accepting this position.

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Chris Johnston (Treasurer) ~ As **Pam Ziebarth** ends her excellent years of service to RUAEA as the RUAEA Treasurer, she hands our financial records over to **Chris Johnston**. Both Chris and his wife Sharon (Shary) have long been active members of RUAEA. He was a founding member as well as a past president of the Indy Racers. Sharon served as Indy Racers correspondent until her passing in 2017. Chris currently serves as the newsletter correspondent for the Indy Racers having taken correspondent responsibility after Sharon's death.

He started working for United Airlines in 1969 in ramp service. During his employment at United, he earned many awards, including Award of Merit System Inventory (2), SFOMG Award of Merit Inventory System, Let's Make It Happen Inventory Idea Evaluator, Member New Aircraft Evaluation Team, 767 ETOPS Team Member. When he retired in 2003, he was Manager Airframe Inventory at INDIP.

Chris's volunteer experience is not limited to RUAEA. While living in California, he was president of the Lutheran Church and School in Redwood City, California. He continues to volunteer at his current church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He does make time for some leisure activities such as golf, movies, reading, and participating in the Hoosier MG Ownership Club (1979 MGB). Chris holds a Commercial Pilots License, Flight Instructor License, and Ground Instructor License.

We are happy he will be able to add to his RUAEA activities and thank Chris for taking on this position.

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Pass Travel Update from Kirk Moore, June 1, 2019



Kirk Moore

1) **Switch your Enrolled Friends by 6/28** ~ Retirees may change their Enrolled Friends for the July-December travel period by midnight June 28th (CDT). If you do nothing, your current EFs will automatically roll over. If you do **not** want them to roll over; you must either change them or **uncheck** them (to leave a slot open to fill later). After midnight on June 28th, the next chance to change your EFs will be in

December (for the January-June travel period next year). Visit the Flying Together website ft.ual.com and go to FT > Travel > Pass Travel > “Manage pass riders”. For help: read this page, the pdf, Q&A and view the video:

<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>

Read these 3 important tips 1) How to change or add an EF, 2) why you can’t register a new EF and 3) how to leave an EF slot open to fill later: <http://www.rafa-cwa.org/3-Tips-for-Enrolling-EFs>

2) **New & seasonal flights abroad this summer** ~ We have **lots** of destination choices on United this summer! Some are new, like SFO-Amsterdam, Newark-Naples and Newark-Prague: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2018/08/29/new-routes-to-europe>. Also new: Denver-Frankfurt: <https://ft.ual.com/News/2018/11/29/DEN-FRA-taking-off-in-2019>. More flights to Hawaii: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2019/04/15/strengthening-our-operations-in-hawaii>. There are 31 new or returning seasonal international routes from the US to 58 countries; including popular cities like Venice, Athens, Rome, Glasgow, Madrid, Barcelona & Shannon: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2019/04/09/around-the-world-in-31-ways>. And, in case you missed it, United recently launched a new class of service named United® Premium Plus on 777 and 787 long-haul international flights. Read about it in RAFA’s March Pass Travel UPDATE: <https://rafa-cwa.org/UPDATE-2019-March>. Additional information is on Flying Together: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2019/02/05/book-united-premium-plus-in-employeees>.

3) **Check your profile before flying** ~ Before you list to fly away this summer make sure your docs are in order! Go to employeeRES > “My profile” > “Manage profile” and, on the “Personal profile” tab, check all of the following information: TSA secure, United, Employee identification, Travel documents and Notifications. If you have a MileagePlus membership, link your MP number in the United information section. If you are in a Trusted Traveler Program, record your Known Traveler Number (KTN) in the Employee identification area (and read the next article about KTN for TSA). Important! Be sure to record your driver’s license or passport (or **both!**) as a Travel document type; one or the other is required before you can list for a flight (a passport is required for international flights). Remember, beginning in October 2020, the TSA will only accept “Real ID” driver licenses. If you don’t have a “Real ID” by then you should carry a valid passport that will allow you to pass through TSA.

After checking your “Personal profile”, use the “Traveler

profiles” tab to make certain all your pass riders’ information/documents are up-to-date. The last section for them is “Permissions”. There you can specify if they have log-in access to employeeRES for listing themselves. If there is incorrect information in your profile and you can’t change it yourself, try going to “Your profile” in FT > Employee Services > Health & Insurance (YBR). If you can’t fix it there, call the Service Center 800-651-1007. If your pass rider’s information needs to be changed, like a spelling correction to their name or date of birth, contact the Employee Travel team via Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com>.

4) **Bonus! 3 Items from RUPA** ~ Many thanks to Pat Palazzolo and RUPA for these three items: a) U.S. State Department’s “Smart Traveler app” for Intl travel, b) New ZED carrier “Vistara” for travel within India and c) Information about changing Enrolled Friends. Click to open/download pdf: https://rafacwa.org/resources/Documents/Pass%20Travel/2019_0601_RUPA_Report.pdf

5) **Have you seen our RAFA website?** ~ Check out the Travel Benefits tab here: www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1830854. Read the Pass Travel Program Summary, helpful links, phone numbers & more. For other Pass Travel Topics: [Previous Travel UPDATES](#)

Torgy’s Travel Tips – July 2019

Ah ... Prague



Kathie Torgison

Yes, you will say “ahhhh” when you see Prague, United’s newest city. I recently spent 12 days in this spectacular capital and would return in a heartbeat. Prague was relatively untouched by the physical destruction that many European cities suffered during both World Wars, and the rich history of this “Paris of the east” capital is evident everywhere you walk – and walking is the best way to see Prague. No

need to rent a car as Prague has a public transportation system that can get you anywhere in mere minutes – and that includes easily traveling from Prague’s Václav Havel airport to the heart of city. Tip: Bring an extra passport size picture with you and before leaving the airport terminal stop at the white Metro – Tram- Bus booth across from doorway F.



Here you can obtain a Senior ID card (if you are at least 65) entitling you to **free** travel on all metro (subways), trams and buses in the greater Prague area! Start using this perk immediately by board-

ing bus 119, located right outside the terminal building, which will take you to the closest metro stop (Nádraží Veleslavín) where you can catch the B green line for a quick ride into town. Stay with me for the next few minutes and I will give you more tips on how to enjoy a wonderful vacation in beautiful Prague.

History: Prague is an old and important city and became one of Europe's largest and wealthiest cities as well as the capital of the Holy Roman Empire in 1355. Over the centuries Bohemia, as the country was once known, has seen its share of battles and conquerors. When the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed in 1918, Czechoslovakia was born as an independent nation with Prague as the capital. From 1939-1945 the Nazis occupied the country, followed in 1948 by the Communists. Severe repression and decline continued until November 1989 when the "Velvet Revolution" ended communist rule and eventually the country split into 2 independent nations 1993: Czech Republic, with Prague as the capital, and Slovak Republic, with Bratislava as its capital. Admitted into the European Union in 2004, but not yet fully integrated, the Czech Republic's currency is still the Czech Koruna (CZK), not the Euro. Prague is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and displays a magnificent mixture of Gothic, Romanesque and baroque architecture with a healthy dose of Renaissance, cubist and neo-classical thrown in for good measure. Music and the arts are essential to Prague's identity, boasting native sons, Dvorak, Smetana, Kafka, as well as Good King Wenceslas!

What to do: On the top of most first-time visitor's list is the Charles Bridge, built in 1357 to connect Prague Castle on the hill above the Vltava river, with the "new" town emerging on the west side of the river. Over the millennia 30 large statues of saints and important historical figures have been erected along both sides of the span with 2 impressive portal gates at either end, providing protection. The 1692 ft. pedestrian only, multi-arched bridge is alive with locals and visitors any time of the day, but the view of the bridge when it is lighted at night is truly not to be missed. Tip: The best spot for a photograph is from the weeping willow tree next to the statue of Smetana on the lower terrace below the Smetana Museum at the northwest end of the bridge. There is a small restaurant called Klub Lávka adjoining this area. At night, it is magical. St. Vitus Cathedral and Prague Castle are the natural next choice to visit. Take a #22 tram in front of the shopping center known as OC Quadrio which sits atop the Národní třída metro stop. (You may also want to peak out the back entrance of the mall to see the rotating sculpture of Kafka's head titled: "Metamorphosis". Watch as all the pieces eventually slide into place and briefly stop, creating a perfect 30ft tall shiny silver 3-D replica of Franz Kafka.) Tram 22 crosses the river and makes the steep ascent to the castle in less than 10 minutes. There is no fee for wandering the castle grounds, but you will need to purchase tickets to enter inside any of the

buildings, including St. Vitus Cathedral, which is a must-do. Tip: Avoid an unnecessary delay by heading directly through the gate past the uniformed castle guards, into the first courtyard, ignoring the line-up of people at a "ticket" window on your right. Instead, pass by this line, turn left proceeding into another courtyard and look for a glass door on your right with a sign reading, "Audio Guides and Tickets". Your back will be to the Cathedral when you see this glass door. Enter through the glass door, turn left at top of stairs and purchase your ticket and/or audio guide. Be sure to show them your new senior ID and passport to enjoy a substantial discount. And don't miss the wonderful food booths located in the square behind the Cathedral. No need to find a restaurant when you can enjoy freshly made Czech specialties right from the grill. The potatoes and vegetables are outstanding alongside the many varieties of sausages and, of course, cold Czech beer! Later, on your way down from the castle along the easily walkable sloping road beyond the vineyards, be sure to stop at the bottom near the Malá Strana metro stop to take in the beautiful Wallenstein Gardens. Now this is not just another European manicured garden with peacocks...these gardens and surrounding buildings were the castle of the prominent Wallenstein family from the year 630. But the real kicker is the so-called Dripping Wall in the Grotto. See how many faces and animals you can find within this odd but imaginative 25 ft. tall wall!



Another must-do is viewing the Astronomical Clock located in Old Town Square. Join the crowd as the clock comes to life every hour, on the hour, from 9AM-11PM. Watch the figures move through the open windows and the skeleton as he turns the hourglass upside down to begin the next hours' countdown. Wander around this square and admire the architecture of each building, tower and church. In fact, there's a saying in Prague: "Don't look down, look up!" You will be rewarded with countless delights. And speaking of delights, try a Trdelník, either here at

the square, at the castle grounds or elsewhere around the city. Look for booths baking a spiral of sugar-walnut dough which is then shaped into a cone, filled with ice-cream and often decorated with a topping. You will see people everywhere walking around enjoy a Trdelník. No one leaves Prague without trying one.

Being compared to Paris, Prague has its own Eiffel Tower, easily seen from the Charles Bridge. You can take the funicular up through the beautiful hillside and park for a peak, and use your senior ID card for a free ride. You'll find the entrance just a few steps away from the #22 tram stop on Újezd Street. Also stop at the outdoor sculpture on the steps in the same area, entitled "Memorial to the Victims of Communism". Created in 2002 by artist Olbram Zoubek, the bronze artwork portrays upright men with their bodies breaking apart under the pressures of communism. For a reward after all your walking, stop for the best ice-cream/gelato in the city at Angelato's, located right across Újezd from the tram stop. The lines may be long, but the treat is worth it!

A walking tour of the Jewish Quarter brings the somber side of the city's history into focus. Learn how Jewish citizens survived and indeed flourished here long before Hitler and the Nazis decimated the population. Be on the lookout for 4"x4" bronze plaques imbedded in the sidewalks all over Prague inscribed with the name, address, birth and death dates of Jewish citizens murdered by the Nazi regime. And also visit St. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral to see where Operation Anthropoid, the incredibly devised plan by the Czech government-in-exile and British Special Operations to assassinate one of the most powerful men in Hitler's circle, SS Gen. Reinhard Heydrich in 1942 took place. The reprisals from this act proved deadly for many individuals as well as whole villages near the city.

There is much more to enjoy, like the famous Infant of Prague, the Fred and Ginger dancing building, George Lucas' inspiration for Darth Vader, the Lennon Wall, Kampa Park along the Vltava River or the ancient park and city walls of Vyšehrad. Research these before you go and then explore when you get there!

Where to eat: Czech food is hearty, filling, not spicy but heavy on both potato and bread dumplings. But the Czechs also enjoy worldwide cuisine and you can easily find everything from sushi to pizza. A good choice for everyday meals is at any branch of the Kolkovna restaurant chain. They brew their own beer and it's good. Speaking of beer, Czech beer is famous, especially Pilsner Urquell. You will find an endless supply of small, friendly bistros down every street and small alley. If you are fond of the elegance of a Parisian style pastries and coffee, do not bypass a visit to "Louvre" at Narodni 22. Another favorite is Café Savoy at Vitezna 124, just one block north of the Legii Bridge. Tip: Be sure to pay a visit to the WC downstairs at Café Savoy – you'll get a view of the chandelier bedecked baking kitchen along the way.

Where to stay: Prague is divided into numbered districts. Consider choosing accommodations in Prague 1, 4 or 8 as they are convenient to most of the attractions I've described above. Hotels and Airbnb accommodations are plentiful and it's much more fun to stay in a locally owned property than a dime-a-dozen chain hotel. Our Airbnb was inside a baroque apartment building located less than 1 block from Florenc metro station. The unit had its own kitchen, bath, bedroom, TV and free Wi-Fi, along with a washing machine that was shared with the unit next door. All the comforts of home at a great price. We also stayed at the Metropol Hotel, a basic but efficient small hotel next to the tiny Lego Museum and across the street from Národní Trida metro station. This hotel has a rooftop terrace with a great view. The breakfast is ample and the location is ideal.

Navigating the metro: There are 3 metro lines which are color coded and denoted by the letters A, B and C. The stations are clean, with brick and artwork esthetics. Escalators are fast and can be steep, so use caution when approaching the steps. It is easy to determine where you are, and on which side of the platform your train will depart by simply looking at the horizontal direction board suspended between the track portals.

Your current location will always be in white and the names of all the up line and down line stations will be listed with an arrow pointing to the correct side of the platform

where you should stand. Additionally, the color associated with your train will always be the background color of the sign and the closest transfer station to each of the other 2 lines will be listed in their respective color and letter. After your first ride, you'll be a pro.



Tip: One last note on transportation concerns a fast, efficient and cost-effective way to take side-trips outside of Prague. Flixbus covers frequent, clean and

safe bus transportation to all areas of the Czech Republic as well as to Vienna, Munich, Bratislava, Warsaw, Krakow, Berlin, Frankfurt, etc. We made a day trip to the fairy-tale town of Český Krumlov, a 2½ hr. ride each way, for less than the price of a latte, because of the senior ID card. That senior discount applies to all journeys inside the country only, not trans-border. But even those trips are extremely reasonable. Reserve online at www.flixbus.com and catch the coach at Florenc metro/bus station. This service is a good way to reach an alternative UA city if flights are full out of Prague.

Well, this is a lot of information, but tear out this page and keep for future reference or pass it along to friends or family. You can tell I was smitten with Prague, and I'm sure you will be too!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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

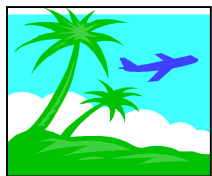
Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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First Monday of the month, the dining area started to fill in with our happy group. There was a feeling in the air, maybe due to the first Monday of hurricane season or just old friends seeing one another again after a long month. **John & Myrl Eisinger** were passing out nametags. Not that there was anybody new but being old, it was good to look at the nametag and know you were talking to the right person.

Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl started to take their seats when **Conrad Hamilton** gave Norm the Marine salute and secret handshake. Finally, after a big hug they were seated. Of course, that started a Marine conversation, which we love to hear.

Bill Hayden made his rounds selling 50/50 tickets with his assistant **Rita Toucher**. They were telling everyone that we voted to get 6 tickets for \$5. **Ray & Mai Owens** purchased only 6 tickets, and that extra ticket was the winner of a large jack pot. **Conrad Hamilton** made note that Ray's tickets were not to go in the basket next month. **Barbara Serra** made sure Ray got his money from this old ex-marine. You know how they are.

Tommy & Sande Zanders made it to the meeting as we were about to close the door. That's OK due to the trouble they go through getting in from New Orleans. We are very glad to see them.

We all were so happy to see our loving friends, "each and every one of them". As in our minds, "we say a prayer for those who did not show", only to have **Bill & Ann Delavan** opened the door and came in. The chairs were all taken, but we all got busy and made a place at the dining table for them. For those of you who don't know Bill, he has been fighting cancer. He looks good and is giving it a run to be a winner. The prayers were answered by Bill & Ann walking into the meeting.

Conrad asked **Mike & Carla Burke** to give us a few minutes of his career with Continental Air Lines. As you all know, the biggest part of the story was of how Frank Lorenzo, then CEO, disrupted so many families' lives. You cut a family's pay check in half, it will have an effect. I know, I also was with CAL during the very last bankruptcy. Carla explained how the two of them worked together to make it work and they returned to a normal life. I myself have heard so many things about Frank Lorenzo that maybe he did somebody right?

Our meetings are more than just a lunch and bull sessions. We are old friends getting together, one more time.

Come join us, First Monday of every month at the Cubi Café, Pensacola FL NAS Museum at 11:00AM.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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There is no report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama chapter of RUAEA.

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

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting 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.

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Happy Fourth of July to all! Hope your summer is going well and you are enjoying various activities with family and/or friends. Time flies, so do things while you can. We never know what tomorrow is going to bring. Those members, who are still around the Phoenix area, always enjoy getting together for Breakfast every month. If you haven't made one lately, try and make the fourth Friday of each month for breakfast at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert. It starts at 9:15 a.m. Please let **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending a

couple of days before, so she can inform the staff how many to plan for in our group. Peg's phone number is (480) 396-3317 and her e-mail is phomfeldt@cox.net. Our next breakfast is August 23.

We were sorry to hear one of our good members, **Buss Nicholaisen**, passed away May 7th. He just enjoyed being on the Honor Flight from April 29 to May 1. So glad he was able to experience that wonderful honor. He was a great guy and a wonderful family man. His funeral was May 29 at St. Stevens Catholic Church in Sun Lakes, several of our members attended. Condolences can be sent to his wife, **Pat**, who is a UAL retiree, at 8906 E. Hercules Court, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. He and Pat would have celebrated 66 years of marriage on June 6th. He will be missed!

Our May breakfast had 15 people in attendance. It was a beautiful day, only in the 70's, compared to our April breakfast of 100 degrees. Some of our members have been having health issues lately; **Darlene Foster** is having pain in her right hip and waiting to see a specialist. Both **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** were at the breakfast, so happy to see both of them again. One of the things we discussed was that United is outsourcing 100 accounting positions in Houston. Mostly, we just visited with each other and enjoyed the food too.

The RUAEA Convention will be coming up real soon. The dates are September 23 to September 28. The Denver Convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver - Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec Street. When calling to make your hotel reservation, please refer to RUAEA, as a block of rooms have been reserved for all participants. The Reservation line number is 1-800-222-8733. The room rate is \$129 plus tax for a single or double. This rate includes a breakfast buffet for 2 per room per night. These rates will be available September 22 to September 30, 2019 based on availability; so if you wish to do something earlier or after the convention, you could do so. There are a variety of tours available; so if you are interested register as early as you can, so you don't miss out on a favorite tour. The business meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, starting at 8:30 am, followed by the Benefit Panel Presentation. at 10:00 am. Note: This is a change from previous years and they used to be on Saturday morning. The main banquet on Saturday evening, September 28, will be your choice of Atlantic Salmon, Grilled Chicken or sliced London Broil, with a tossed green salad, vegetable, and dessert (New York Cheesecake), plus coffee or tea. Sounds good, doesn't it? The dress code for the evening is Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional. The Convention issue is included with the June issue of our RUAEA Newsletter. If you need a copy, please let me know, and I will e-mail a copy to you. Looking forward to seeing a lot of our members there. So many things to see and do in Denver!

We have the following Birthdays in July, which includes members or spouses, **Paul Paymaster** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Pam Betz** (7/12), **Donna Smiley** (7/13), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14) and **Barbara Hartough** (7/16). Happy Birthday to each of you! There are no Wedding Anniversaries reported in July for our chapter.

Calendar:

July 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

– Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

August 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

September 23 - September 28 - RUAEA Convention in Denver, CO.



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.

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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.

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We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA



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Weather wise, it seems that everything has settled down in the Northstate area. The rain is over. Paradise is experiencing a great deal of debris removal and wonderful weather is helping that out.

President **Merritt Odor** welcomed everyone to the meeting on Wednesday, May 23. The meeting/luncheon

was held at the Italian Cottage in Chico, CA. Merritt thanked **Billie Jorgensen** for setting up the restaurant. Merritt welcomed everyone and especially welcomed **John & Pat Zoboli** who came in from Reno. Merritt also gave a special welcome to **Charlotte Puryear** who has not been able to attend the luncheon in quite a while. We had 23 members and spouses in attendance.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **John Isbell** had a birthday and **Merritt & Klarin Odor** will be celebrating an anniversary. Sharon mentioned that Klarin was having some health issues and all the members sent in their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Merritt reported that the City of Chico wants to have air service return to the Chico Airport. The city planners are asking for a fund to be set up in advance to guarantee support for air travel into the airport.

Linda Delaney gave a wonderful report on her and **John's** trip to Peru. They have traveled extensively and it is always great to hear about their adventures. She spoke of their travels as well as visiting different sights in Peru and the different foods that they ate. She brought in a beautiful example of a purse that was hand made of beads. Linda said she would email some pictures to the group. We look forward to seeing the pictures. Merritt thanked Linda for sharing high lights of their wonderful trip.

We again had a delightful story time with **John Isbell**. John always makes the group laugh with delights of his adventures.

The next meeting/luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 24, at 11:30 AM in Los Molinos at Mill Creek Cafe. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to se up the reservation at the restaurant.

Don Arndt won the 50/50 raffle and **Kent Jorgensen** won the lunch certificate.

Calendar:

July 24 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM at Mill Creek C are in Los Molinos, CA. Come Join Us!

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There was no meeting in May so there is little news to report.

This is one of those months that there is nothing to report from our members. I did find an interesting article that UAL will no longer hire ex-Navy and Marine pilots due to a landing of a UAL flight that was piloted by these ex-military pilots. Apparently they simulated a carrier landing that was so hard it shook up the passengers and flight attendants. When a flight attendant checked on the pilots, after landing, the pilots where giving themselves Hi-5's. UAL will only be hiring ex-Air Force pilots from now on.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 19th, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.



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Tom Sabo took on two responsibilities this month. First, he hosted the Sunbirds' May Luncheon, held at the "On the Rocks" Restaurant at the Cimarron Golf Resort in Cathedral City.

Twenty nine Sunbirds attended plus two guests. **Sandy Sereno** brought her usual guest, **Alice Pappas** (we've gotten permission to shorten her name); and **Nicki Campbell** was again the guest of **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**.

Next, and more importantly, **Tom Sabo** took over as President of the Sunbirds. **Mike Bailardo** stepped down due to health reasons, and with unanimous accord, named Tom as his replacement. Tom said that, "Instead of President, he should be called *Master of Ceremonies!*"

Congratulations to a number of our couples celebrating Anniversaries in July. **Kathy & Dave Wilson** (25 years, 7/1/94); **John & Maureen Schultz** (54 years, 7/3/65); **Werner & Brigitte Brunken** (37 years, 7/29/82); and **Ron & Melinda Lerg** (58 years, 7/29/61).

In other news - sad news indeed! In consecutive days, we lost three of our members. **Jeanne Kalahiki** died on May 21st, **Gwen Craven** on May 22nd, and **John Bauer** on May 23rd. They will all be in our prayers.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Merv Myers**; **Kay Crabb** won \$50.00 in the 50.50 drawing and **Chris Noel** and **Bill Schultz** each won a bottle of wine.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our June meeting was held on June 3 at **Diane Griego's** lovely home in Concord with 27 members and guests in attendance. It was wonderful to see our president **Arnold Hansen**, **Cheryl Kincaid**, **Barbara Underhill**, and **Jack & Judy Smith**, who missed our May meeting. Lots of hugs all around for **Barbara Underhill** who lost her husband **Jerry** on April 17; and for **Jack Smith** who is recuperating from a long and complicated surgery in May. He is starting radiation now and we are all pulling for a speedy recovery.

As is our tradition, we had a delicious catered BBQ lunch from Back Forty BBQ, complete with chicken, spare-ribs, green salad, potato salad and baked beans. Dessert

was a cake decorated with a United theme, and all the fixings for a sundae. No one went home hungry, that's for sure! After lunch, **Barbara Underhill** conducted the raffle. We asked the group to bring "nice" raffle gifts to celebrate the start of summer, and what a beautiful selection we had! Guest **Sharon Paz**, daughter of **Darlene Platten**, won the 50/50. We treat guests and newbies right!

Sadly, we lost yet another beloved member this past month. **Jo Payne** passed away on May 17. **Jo & Howard Payne** were the founders of East Bay Diablos and were the "glue that held us together" for many years. I will never forget how gracious and welcoming they (and everyone else) were when I attended my first meeting. As I write this, I am back from her memorial service, which was held on June 7 in Concord, with 10 East Bay Diablos members in attendance.

On May 28, I went to see the Wings of Freedom event at Livermore Municipal Airport. They have come to Livermore for 28 years and this is the first I've heard about it. Which rock have I been under?

The Collings Foundation, which organizes the Wings of Freedom Tour, is celebrating the tour's 30th national anniversary this year. The Tour is an annual traveling aviation event that invites people to get an up-close look at five World War II bombers and fighter airplanes. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. You can walk through the B-17 and B-24. For the experience of a lifetime, you can also book a 30-minute flight on these aircraft for \$400 to \$450.

The organization's five "unique and rare treasures of aviation history" on display this year include three bombers and two pursuit planes, later called fighters. The B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" is one of just nine in the country still in flying condition, and the B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" is the only remaining example of its type still flying in the world. The B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo" was used in the Doolittle Raid. According to the Collings Foundation, the B-24 and the B-25 were the "*backbone of the American effort during the war, renowned for their ability to sustain damage and still accomplish the mission.*"

The dual-control P-40 Warhawk is the legendary fighter aircraft flown by the First American Volunteer Group. Better known as the Flying Tigers, the group was comprised of pilots from the U.S. Army Air Corps, Navy and Marine Corps who defended China against Japanese forces. The P-51 Mustang is affectionately nicknamed the Warhawk's "Little Friend" for saving numerous American crews from enemy fighter attacks.

With 2019 being the 75th anniversary of D-Day, I found it especially timely and poignant to see these planes in person. For the majority of Americans, including me, WWII is something I've only heard about from history books and the stories of my aunt and uncles who fought in the war. It was very humbling to walk through these planes, imagining bombs falling out of the bomb bay and the ball turret gunner in such a small space. For the younger generations, the only aircraft they've seen are today's huge jetliners. If Wings of Freedom comes to your

area, please go see it, and take your children and grandchildren! It started in May in CA and will end in October in SC, with shows in WA, MT, WY, CO, NE, IL, IN, OH, PA, NJ, MA, NH, MD and SC. See www.collingsfoundation.org for complete info and updates on the tour because they are still adding visits.

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

- ❖ Monday, July 1 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, August 5 at 11:00 - Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room.
- ❖ Monday, September 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.

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 tbccunningham43@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 May meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a few minutes of silence remembering our men and women in the military. As this is Memorial Day week, special mention to all those heroes who have given their lives; they are not forgotten. A Hand-over-Heart and a Salute to those who have gone before us, we thank you!

The Convention is being held in Denver September 23 – 28, 2019 (the June issue of the newsletter has all the particulars) and we have 16 flights daily out of the SFO/SJC airports to DEN. Start packing now for a good time, see some "old" friends and enjoy some of those Rocky Mountain oysters!

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

- June 24 - Hot Dog Day, \$8 per member /\$10 per guest. Call **Gene Walter** before June 20th to let him know you are coming so we have enough food, (650) 856-9738.
- July 22 - BYOBL and Chefs' Extraordinaire, **Pete Cooper** and **Colleen Wood**, will supply bakery goodies for attendees to purchase and take home, yummmmm. Speaker - Police Officer Travis Murray will let us know about *scams* that are being targeted at seniors and retirees. Come and be informed!
- August 26 - Pizza Party with salad fixins' and dessert, sign up list at the June/July meetings.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for April, they were approved as read. Our final 2019 roster will be available at the June meeting. Many of us attended the Celebration of Life for **Jerome Underhill**, so many familiar faces and relatives from faraway places. **Barbara Underhill** sent a note to the members thanking them for their outpouring of love and support. Ginger had lunch with **Shirley Dickinson** (wife of **Walt**), **Pearl Bloom** (wife of **Ernie**) and **Paul Larsen** (retired UALer) at the senior living facilities where Pearl and Paul live, Shirley lives next door at The Trousdale. They send their best wishes to all and seem to be enjoying being waited on hand-and-foot (3 meals a day, laundry service, someone to clean, excursions, etc., etc., what's not to like?)

Treasurer **Art Barrett** says we are being environmentally correct as we have our "green" in the local bank. He has also submitted the necessary paperwork to the IRS so that we are in good standing with the government. Dues updates are given to the Secretary to add to the roster.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was unable to attend the meeting today. We hope to see her in June. Even with the meeting date change, we did have 23 members and guests show up. **Helen Goodwine**, **Charlie Bogert** and **Margaret Reelfs** all blew out birthday candles and honeymooner congrats go out to **Charlie & Rosemary Bogert** (32 years,) and **Gene & Carol Walter** with 55 years. All seem to be staying well, hooray! Need cheering-up, let Ginger know so a card can be sent.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** always cheerfully taking your money for those feasts we enjoy. Sign-up lists available at the June/July meetings.

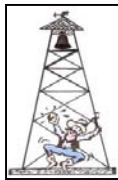
Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** – *Beach Blanket Babylon* has a huge response, over 150 have indicated they want to go. New dates: Nov. 6, Nov. 7, and Dec. 4 (already "sold-out" with requests for that date.) The 2 day trip to the "Life of a CALFIRE Firefighter" trip is coming up. Our exclusive look at the workings of what goes into what those brave firefighters' face; not only fires but most disasters the state of California has to contend with throughout the year. A tour of their Air Attack base and their training Academy and a 2-day guide led by Retired Battalion Chief Scott Watson. This will be a good one!

More great trips are in the mill, so keep tuned!

Historian **Jim Goodwine** and his wife, **Helen**, graced the RUAEA newsletter with cake, we are officially 57 years old. Still pluggin' along.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** sold 25% - 25% raffle tickets – the winners: **Bert Neidermaier** and **Margaret Reelfs**. Bingo bonanzas were won by **Art Barrett**, **Rex Reelfs** (twice no less!) **Bill Heinrich**, **Margaret Reelfs**, **Ginger Dahlberg**, **Art Barrett** and **Ella Mae Donovan** had to split their huge pot but **Bob Donovan** made up the difference by winning the Pot-of-Gold black-out game. We are all signing up for the Jeopardy game show 'cuz we are really smart and lucky! We will certainly give them a run for their money.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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I think that "Mother Nature" must be out of sync! Isn't it April showers bring May flowers? Kind of backwards this year! But, California always needs the rain, so we're not going to complain. Our May luncheon tables had several potted flowers as decorations. President **Bill Dinette** extended our thanks to **Diana Bell** for arranging with Poor Red's for this luncheon. We haven't been here for a bit, but the food and service were still wonderful and the weather was great, I believe we had 27 Miners enjoying their meals.

May is the month that celebrates the Happy Birthday(s) of **Lindalee Akin**, her daughter, **Julie Bauer**, and **Thom Biro**. Surprisingly, this beautiful month does not host any anniversaries for us. As far as guests, well, as you recall, **Roy & Dawn Martin** have become "honorary" members as has **Julie Bauer**, so, while they were there, they're just one of the gang now! A "Welcome Back" was extended to members who we have not seen for some time. Joining us today were **Tom & Pat Guinn** and **Bob & Carol White**. Good to see you!

President ~ **Bill Dinette** read the announcement from Oscar Munoz regarding the new United's livery.

Vice President ~ **Rudy Blazius** did not have a report this month, however, he made sure all donators received their "special" ticket (to win that prize) and also made sure everyone had their (bought) raffle tickets.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. Tom has sent the three checks - \$250 each – to the three charities we approved; Food Bank of El Dorado County,

North Valley Community Foundation Camp Fire Relief, El Dorado County – Senior Legal Services and he's waiting for those checks to clear. We have received a Thank You note from Legal Services.

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

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** thought everything was covered when Jane passed along the information that Gerry Boyle's Mother has passed away. Gerry, we send our condolences to you.

Historian ~ **Pati Kenney** is working on how/what she wants to do with our "history". Members **Joe & Jeanette D'Amico** have moved to Hawaii and they are in the process of eliminating things, they passed along to Pati some pictures from "way back when". Pati is planning to put together a new "Memory" book so if you have some pics you would like to share, please get them to Pati.

Old Business ~ Just a last reminder to members who haven't sent your 2019 dues to **Tom Kenny** yet, you have until the June luncheon to get current. Make out your check to the order of Hangtown Miners, and send to Tom at 3481 Parleys Canyon Road, Placerville, CA 95667.

New Business ~ There is no new business this month.

Contributions ~ Rudy shared with us that he had called the Senior Legal services to set up an appointment and learned that they can come to you! They go "out" as far as Cameron Park. Now, this service is quite popular and they are scheduling appointments a few months out. If you are planning to use this service, you want to call now so you will get onto their schedule.

Thom Biro reminds us that if you wish to order a Hangtown Miners shirt, you just need to get in touch with him, pick out your choice(s) and he will take care of it for you. These are nice shirts coming in different styles and colors. Don't hesitate! Thom's info, t.biro@comcast.net.

Roy Martin, who is hosting our July luncheon, brought a problem for us to fix! The second Monday in July is the 8th, right after the 4th of July celebrations and he and Dawn will be gone. Roy asked if it would be okay with everyone to have the July luncheon on the 3rd Monday which will be the 15th. **J.R. Heier** motioned that we move the date to the 15th. **Judy Fitzpatrick** seconded and the motion passed. So, please make a note on your calendars regarding the date change.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. I neglected to write down the winner of the donator's prize, so whoever you are, enjoy! A Big "Thank You" to everyone who brought items to our raffle: **Blazius** – decorative bird; **Kenny** - BBQ apron; **Gibson** – hand soap; **Bell** – table decorations; - **Martin** (2) purses; **Wolfram** – Big flower; **Biro** – wine puller; **Dinette** – ChocoVine – red wine; **Kenney** – tortilla baker; **Akin** – eggs & tomato plants; **Heier** – wine.

Our June luncheon will be at BJ's Brewery and Restaurant in Folsom. Remember, this restaurant gives us a special deal! The Hangtown Miners receives a check from them for a percentage of what we spend; so, come and enjoy their great food!

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



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Everyone should have received the Convention issue of RUAEA and it is time to make your plans. The Denver team is hard at work to be sure there will be activities and good times for all who attend.

There are a lot of Birthdays this month and we hope each and every one of them is special: **Marti Ambrosio** (July 3rd), **Jim Sheehan** (July 6th), **Renelle Branson** (July 6th), **Peter Hendricks** (July 6th), **Rosina Krefft** (July 12th), **Joan Zadrozny** (July 20th), **Mary Hernandez** (July 22nd), and **Tom Sturgeon** (July 22nd).

Last month **Robert Taylor** was the featured Bio. Due to computer issues in publishing the RUAEA newsletter, only portions of it went through. I am repeating his article this month with sincere apologies from myself and the RUAEA staff.

How I joined the United Family in April of 1966 ~ In 1963, I was honorable discharged from the United States Army, I served on active duty for forty months, twenty four of which I was with the NSA (National Security Agency) in Maryland. I returned to California. Wanting to continue my education, I enrolled at Fresno City College.

The Manager of my apartment building worked for Pacific Airlines at the Fresno Air Terminal. He had met all of the Rent a Car Managers and regularly "dead headed" cars for them. (Move cars from one rental location to another.) Since I needed a part time job while going to school, he introduced me to the airport manager of Hertz Rent a Car. I started moving cars from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Fresno and a number of points in between. After twelve months of college and "dead heading" cars, I started work as an Airport Sales Representative for the Hertz Corp. at Fresno airport. I worked there for a year. My manager then suggested that I start working full time at Hertz and continue part time at college.

Fortunately or unfortunately, I had made friends with many of the employees of the other companies at the Fresno Airport. One of them was a supervisor at United Airlines. He also dead headed cars and I had known him for some time. Eight or ten of us, from different companies, would all meet daily for coffee and lunch.

One afternoon, the UAL Supervisor was talking about how United was growing rapidly. He said he was buried having to interview so many people. I laughed and said "For crying out loud!" You are bringing in all these people when you have someone right here that you know would be better than anyone else you will be able to find ... me ! We all laughed and went back to work.

The following morning he stopped by my counter and asked if I really wanted to work for UAL. I thought he was kidding because of what I had said to him the day before. Thinking that and with a grin on my face I said "Of course !" He then said, "Come on down and talk to "Charley."

Charley Wrightson was the Manager of United in Fresno. He had been involved in ground and air transportation for a number of years and he was very knowledgeable about all aspects of UAL. I talked to him for about half an hour. I enjoyed our conversation quite a lot since I was very interested in flying.

I walked back to Hertz and found my manager in tears. She was very upset that I had not told her that I was leaving! I was very surprised and asked her what she meant. She told me that Charley had hired me for a full time position with United Airlines. The UAL Supervisor knew this before he sent me to talk to Charley. I did not even know that my talk with Charley was a job interview!

I saw the UAL Supervisor later in the day and he told me I was hired! He said I was to come in at eight o'clock Monday morning and that the following week I was being sent to SFO for two weeks training as a Station Agent. That was the beginning of my 36 year career, involved in all areas of Customer Service with United Airlines ~
Robert Taylor

We have set back the date of our next breakfast due to the 4th of July Holiday. We will meet instead on July 11th. Same time, same place.

Calendar:

July 11 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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President **Jim Simon** opened our meeting at Marie Callender's in Citrus Heights, by thanking **Colleen & Harold Esola** for hosting the luncheon. He noted that we had 41 members present today. **Angie & Frank Dellinger** brought two guests, **Kathy & Donnie Duke** who are visiting from Pennsylvania.

Jim announced that our next meeting will be on June 26, at 1100AM at Buonarroti Ristorante in Lincoln, California. Following that luncheon, he is arranging to have a tour of the Rogers Family Coffee Factory. It is in Lincoln,

not far from the restaurant. As he needs a count of interested persons, he will be passing out a sign-up sheet. Please sign if you are interested in attending.

In remembrance of Memorial Day, he asked all military veterans to stand up and acknowledged their service. **Harold Mitchell** explained that there is a checklist that is valuable when a veteran passes away. It lists all the things the survivor should be aware of and attend to. Harold had the checklist available and handed them out to the veterans.

Jim Simon then read a poem that he had written. He was inspired after visiting the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. The poem is called "The Wall". It is very beautiful and touching. For those of you who were unable to attend, it is as follows:

The Wall

*Thirty years after the war
 I went to the Vietnam wall,
 Read many of the names in the granite
 For those who had taken the fall.
 I was blessed to come home from that era,
 And thankful- being not left behind -
 But friends of mine weren't quite as lucky,
 And their names I've come here to find.
 It was cold on that day in December,
 And a wind blew a chill through the air
 As I stood all alone there in silence-
 All alone with my heart in despair.
 As I approached each one of the stations
 Where veterans who died were named,
 I hung my head in reverence
 And felt somewhat so ashamed.
 For, you see- I wasn't a hero
 In coming back from that war
 And thirty years after it's over,
 Tears drop on on my cheeks once more.*

Jim's beautiful poem received the Editor's Choice Award and was published in the National Library of Poetry, A Cascade of Memories - edition 1998.

Secretary ~ **Marji Gabert-Milam** was traveling and unable to attend the meeting, **Veronica Domaratius** filled in for her by taking the notes of the meeting.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave the report, she announced that the Gold Diggers had subsidized the luncheon and would do the same for next month's luncheon.

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** gave the good news that she had no illnesses or deaths to report.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** had no report.

Roster ~ **Jack Raynor** stated that he had the 2019 roster available.

Regional director ~ **Sonda Sandstedt** was not present.

Francis Domaratius noted that there will be no RUAEA elections this year but thankfully, all positions were filled by volunteers. **Veronica Domaratius** mentioned that the June newsletter was in the mail. It is the Convention issue. RUAEA membership is not required to attend the convention. In fact we encourage everyone to invite their family and friends to have a fun vacation in Denver in September. If anyone wishes, Francis or Veron-

ica can send you a PDF of the convention package and registration forms.

The birthday roll off was won by **Barbara Mitchell** who received \$10. **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** conducted the raffle.

Jim thanked everyone for attending and reminded us of the luncheon June 26, 1100AM at the Buonarroti Restaurant in Lincoln, California.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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May was another great meeting at a great location. We met at Perko's in Modesto; we were given a private room and again each of us, all 22 people, ordered what we wanted and paid our own tab. This seems to be working out for all of us. Breakfast, lunch, or dinner; your choice!

Our hosts were **Bob & Pat Scoble**. Pat wished all the ladies a very happy Mother's Day and then presented each of the ladies with a lovely rose in honor of Mother's Day. What a wonderful gesture on her part and she put a smile on all the ladies' faces.

On May 15th, Jack and I flew UAL space available to Denver and then to Amarillo, TX. We were very fortunate to get on our flights, always the last 2 seats, but we each had one. We rented a car and drove to Dalhart, Texas to visit our daughter and son-in-law and grandkids and great grandkids. We had a wonderful trip and this was the first time we flew out of Sacramento. Economy parking was only \$10 per day. The lot is huge and there were many cars parked and we were so happy when we found our car. Good thing I had written down the row number and space number.

President **Steve Foster** welcomed back **Ken Wesela**, **Guy Hoffman**, **Bob & Joy Blair** and **Chris Fountain**. We were all so happy to see these members who have not been able to attend for awhile and they were happy to join us. Welcome back!

Steve also mentioned the annual UAL Mechanics Reunion to be held June 18 through June 21 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada. Jack and I are really looking forward to this event as we have been going every year since it started approximately 15 years ago.

Steve mentioned that our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 13th, at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. It is located at the corner of Hwy 12 and Hwy 26 and will be hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**.

On July 11th, **Bob & Joy Blair** will be hosting the luncheon at Strings in Jackson. More information will be available at a later day.

Our group is small but filled with wonderful people and we would love for anyone to contact us and come to one of our luncheon meetings. We are all very nice folks and will welcome you with open arms. Our next luncheon will be held on June 13th at my favorite place in Valley

Springs; Good Friends Chinese Restaurant. They have a wonderful buffet with over 100 items to choose from. Please call **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 728-7641 if you would like any information about our Chapter.

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Ben & Cheri Scales (our treasurer), were at an estate sale and while walking around the home, Cheri failed to notice a step down to the living room and took a terrible fall. She ended up in the hospital with 9 staples. Fortunately a CT scan showed no other issues and she attended our meeting later in the week. On the bright side, our historian "the professor" **Vern Snyder**, is on the mend and was able to attend one of our weekly meetings. He was in good spirits and we hope his condition continues to improve so he and his wife, **Maureen**, our Sunshine lady, can attend this summer's event at Vasona Park.

We celebrated three birthdays this month; **Ken Demblewski**, **Keith Olthof** and **Julie Midwin**.

Harry Willever, told us the story about the time he and his mother attended the Lawrence Welk show up in Tahoe. His mother was sitting next to a gentleman who kept talking through the show; she was upset and said to him he was the most annoying person she had ever met. As it turned out this gentleman was Telly Savalas.

So that story got our favorite story teller, **Jene Jenkins** to also relate her recent encounter. While dining at the tiny Sorelle restaurant in Campbell with her family, in walks former SF Giants slugger, Barry Bonds. He was very cordial and the family was able to take photos with him.

Oh, that reminds me of the time I met Raquel Welch ... but that's a long story.

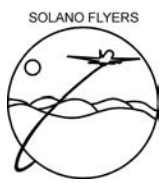
Bill Reichard's mother passed away just two months short of her 100th birthday. So fortunate to have a family member for such a long time.

President **Marianne Johnson** took some friends up to visit Yosemite National Park. What a spectacular time they had. The weather was absolutely text book, the waterfalls overflowing, (literally) and tourist had yet to overwhelm the area.

Karen & Bob Devlin had a great time, as they always do, visiting their son, the wine maker at Ballentine Winery in St Helena. They have excellent wines there, so stop by sometime and "say, hey, I know your dad!" (but don't expect a free bottle of wine).

The weather has not been typical of this time of year and we still are getting rain. This is of concern, with our summer picnic just around the corner. At least we have a covered space reserved, so if it does rain, we will have some relief.

We meet weekly, each Friday, for breakfast, at Holders Country Inn, located at 988 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129, beginning at 0800. Please feel free to join us anytime.



SOLANO FLYERS

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Welcome back to winter, cool and rainy for our May meeting at Raul's Restaurant. **Jack Hornfischer** stated that our last meeting at Raul's was cold and rainy. Researching our chapter's historical library discovered that Jack was right; our January meeting at Raul's was cold and rainy. WTH is with Jack?

Present at the meeting were **Robert & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, McKinley Nelson, Louis Pell, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Charles Johnson, Paul Schwafel, Allan Pochop, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Jerry Munkholm**. The group welcomed back **Rudy Arsaga**.

This May the Flyers meeting had a very unusual start: MAA **Allan Pochop** requested the floor, and by chapter parliamentary rule; VP **Allan Pochop**, allowed him to start the monthly meeting. MAA stated he received an anonymous request in April for an investigation into the possibility of "Ticket Tampering" associated with the 50/50 drawing. The MAA, presented a series of events that placed the cloud of suspicion on how the VP was able to hold the winning ticket three times in the past seven months? Evidence was presented that the VP was the design engineer, plus he also manufactured the "roller drum ticket device", which has many complicated moving parts. The VP, meekly brought forth no defense to the "ticket tampering" charge, but did request a fifth? The MAA, stated that there was no evidence of the VP and ticket tampering, but "possibly" evidence enough for conviction. Therefore to present to the other chapters that the Solano Flyers is a clean, pure, honest chapter, he requested a motion from the floor of "Impeachment" and election of another member as VP.

Secretary **Allan Pochop** noted that the solicitation for impeachment was ignored, one can only wonder why an intelligent group such as the Flyers would refuse to remove this questionable officer from position? The MAA, with show of frustration, rejection & defeat, told the membership that he will continue to seek the VP out of office, as he then returned the floor back to the VP.

Happy Birthday this month of May to **Barbara Mitchell**! Anniversary - **Allan & Peggy Pochop** (55 years).

Announcement: United retiree group and BBQ at Minden, NV June 18-21. For reservation, and discount room rate, mention United group number 1371, <http://carsonvalleyinn.com/>

As our meetings are the third Wednesday of each month and the third Wednesday of June is the Minden United week with all chapter officers attending the event, the membership voted to have our June meeting the second Wednesday of June, which is the 12th, location will be at the Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr. Rio Vista.

As the meeting was winding down, and moving towards the 50/50 drawing, the VP in a benevolent show of gratitude for the memberships support, then offered to exchange his tickets for anyone in the group to eliminate the suspicion of ticket tampering. **Pad Gardner**, then made the unwise decision to exchange tickets. The VP, then selected Pad's wife Eileen to draw the winning ticket. The winner of the 50/50, VP Allan Pochop. Bedlam, foundation for riot, filled the restaurant, but the MAA **Allan Pochop** was able to restore order before the police intervened.

As secretary of the Flyers, I view the many chapters in RUAEA, which have a large dedicated pool of individuals willing and ready to step into open officer positions. Only the Solano Flyers, appear to retain officers that have a cloudy past of alleged misdeed, and the membership refuses to displace; one wonders what shocking events awaits this chapter?

Useless information: Most American automobile horns beep in the key of F.

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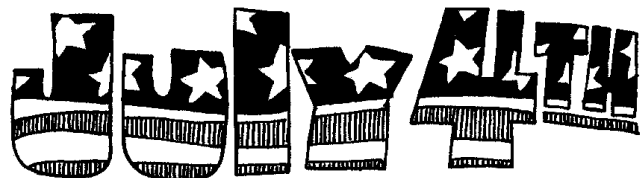


Gene Sibley opened the meeting with 25 members in attendance, he reminded us to bring aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter with income so we don't pay dues.

The convention information is in the news letter. Everyone on the committee is continuing to work on the convention.

President **Don Burbank** was out with neck surgery. 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter are **Vic Andretta, Paul Miller, Gene Sibley, Vee Hansen and Ed Moore** (2).

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, July 6th 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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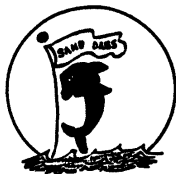
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There is no report this month from the Citrus Grouper chapter of RUAEA.

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

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It was a great turnout today for our Sand"Dabs" meeting with 19 in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance held a special meaning on this 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Our very own member **Ed Martin** was in France to observe the ceremonies. He wrote to us: *"This year marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day and many C-47's will fly to the UK to recreate the start of the Invasion with a parachute drop of 300 jumpers. The 30 C-47's will include two planes from Florida and I look forward to seeing this mass formation jump which comes from the UK to Normandy, France. I have reserved at a hotel near the DZ (drop zone) in Normandy which is close to the famous Pegasus Bridge."* We look forward to his return so we can find out more about this event.

There were no birthdays for June, but 2 couples celebrated wedding anniversaries; **Bud & Karen Gammill** and **Herb & Molly Gardner**. Celebrating a company anniversary was **Gloria Marcantoni**, hired 51 years ago. Congratulations to them all! The Gardners recently came back from a wonderful trip to the Netherlands taken when this year's tulips were at their peak. Herb described the vast colorful tulip fields as stunning, especially considering they plant the tulips by hand. It seemed fitting that **Herb Gardner** won the 50/50 this month to help pay for this fabulous trip. Our new treasurer is **Marian Wickersham**, taking over for our dearly missed **Frieda Coughlin**. Thanks to Marian for stepping in when needed. The final order of business was to decide what to do in July when our normal meeting day falls on the 4th. The decision was to move our meeting one week to July 11, same time and place.

Calendar:

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

August 1 - Same as above



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Our meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. President **Ernie Vosges** wished all the dads in the room a very Happy Father's Day. As the 75th Anniversary of D-Day is on June 6th, all the veterans were thanked for their service. This generation will never forget the sacrifices made by our nation and our military during WWII. We welcomed two guests today – Natasha (Tassy), daughter of **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** and Lori, daughter of **Barb & Joe Fitak**. Great to see both of you! The CG members of the McCoys also joined us today. Welcome back to **Chris Hess, Bob Duszynski, Jim Feeney, Eric Dodson** and **John Wiseman**!

Our meeting was pretty routine until **Joanne Mollet** got up to "sing"! Actually, she sing-songed a rendition of "Are You Lonesome Tonight" from, I think, a senior center party that was absolutely hilarious! The re-wording was priceless and we all got a huge chuckle out of it!

Birthdays during the month of June included **Rich Llewellyn** (11th), **Joanne Mollet** (13th), **Ernie Vosges** (14th), **Linda Agnello** (20th), and **Bob Olsen** (26th). Hope your day is wonderful!

June Loving Couples you ask? **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** (38 years on June 5th), **Bob & Sandy Duszynski** (54 years on June 12th), **Joe & Barb Fitak** (58 years on June 24th). Congratulations and Champagne for all of you!

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 July 2nd, August 6th & September 3rd.

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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

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Our last get-together of the season was at Ruby Tuesday, Bradenton, with 14 Sand Dollars in attendance. Most

of our members have already left for their northern homes, leaving just the hardy full-time Florida residents.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** welcomed everyone and wished a Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies. She said she had received a beautiful Mother's Day flower arrangement from a special "friend", Bailey, the small pup that she and **Michael** had found running loose in the road, that they had rescued and then spent weeks searching for the owner(s). Bailey is now living the good life with new owners who are treating him like royalty. **Ginger Hyde's** other announcements were: **Harvey & Vivian** have left to return to Virginia for follow up medical visits, **Maria Santangelo** is in Las Vegas, **Alice D'Souza** has finished her classes and is now in Chicago, our new members **Jim & Shirley Razmus** have gone north and will be returning in December, **Bob & Lisa Young** are cruising ... again! **Doug & Sandy Horuczi** and **Lee & Diane Hoffer** are all joining the exodus north. **Bill & Inge Phillips** are joining family members on a Celebrity Cruise out of Seattle, up the inside passage to Alaska. **Joanne Wasser** has extensive visits planned with grandkids, and **Judy Macklin** is heading to the U.K. and Mallorca to check up on various family members of all ages. **Gretchen Bulin** is hoping that with her new medication, she will be able to join us at our next luncheon, and we will definitely be looking forward to that. **Bob & Shirley Adams'** granddaughter has just graduated with a Master's Degree and is heading to Peru for one year. She will have to adjust to living at altitudes of anywhere between 8000ft up to 13,000ft, so it's a good thing she's young and adaptable. What a wonderful experience for her!

The attendance drawing was won by **Bob Adams**, and the 50/50 winners were: 1st - **Judy Macklin**, 2nd - **Shirley Adams**, 3rd - **Shelly Grossman**.

Ginger Hyde was thanked for all the work she has done for our group, from finding great restaurants for us to meet at, and for diligently keeping everyone informed about our members. What would we do without her? A big "Thank You" from all the Sand Dollars.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. Our next meeting will be on October 10th, and we welcome visiting retirees or new retirees. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on June 3 at IHOP with 11 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Alle-

giance was said. Secretary minutes were read; corrections: **Bill & Jean Linehan's** Anniversary was 58 years on May 6th.

Meeting took place on May 6th: Treasurer's Report was read, we also talked about our dues, please remit before or on our August meeting. It is a very quiet month with no Birthdays or Anniversaries. **Jean Linehan** told us about celebrating their 58th anniversary, Helen told us about celebrating their 48th. We talked about trips: the **Linehans'** trip to Denver, the **Lindstroms'** camping trip to Gainesville (U of F) for commencement of a friend who received her Doctorate in Dentistry.

We talked about Max 8 & 9 problems, also that this summer will be very busy, so watch the flights. We also discussed our old members if any one has heard from them. Peggy is planning on sending a card to Noemi's husband.

Happy Father's day! Remember D-Day.

Meeting was closed and lunch was served.

Calendar:

July 1 – IHOP, 10:30. wear Red, White & Blue to celebrate the 4th

August 5 – IHOP, 10:30



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With many members traveling this summer, we had a smaller group of 12 at our June meeting. One member is new in our group, **Mardele Celestin**. Mardele retired from United after being employed in New York, Los Angeles and Miami. She recently moved up our way from Miami and now resides in Boca Raton. We all wished her a warm welcome.

President **Al Popek** led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He shared with the group messages he had received from absent members. **Jane Kerr** was recently hospitalized and is recovering at home. "**Dinos**" **Xifaras** also was hospitalized with recurring issues stemming from his serious auto accident last year. **Ron Brodis** is recovering at home following hospital and rehab stays after his surgery. **Janice Popek** also had a lengthy hospital stay but is doing much better and was able to attend today's meeting. To all of our members that have been unable to join us, we miss you and wish you our best for a speedy recovery. To those of you traveling, safe travels and best of health.

Dave & Carolyn Lindgren recently returned from a long vacation that included touring and cruising. They loved Iceland and The Blue Lagoon. Having cruised many, many, times, they were blindsided with becoming ill and quarantined aboard their ship.

Paul & Diane Liebisch, who recently sold their home in Port St. Lucie, are building a new home in Tradition,

which they hope will be completed in the next 3-4 months. Meanwhile, they have a cruise planned this month and a trip to Hawaii in July.

Our great storyteller **Jim Hanley** wasn't able to attend this month, so **Al Popek** filled the void with one he heard from his priest. It was a good one!

Retirees have until June 28th to change or add Enrolled Friends. Denver Convention materials are arriving this week in the Newsletter. Hopefully, many from our group will be able to attend. The tours sound awesome. Don't be disappointed; sign up early before they fill up. All of the information and forms are already available on the RUAEA website.

The date of our July meeting has been changed to July 9th! Al wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day and to all, a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

The 50/50 was won by **Sandy Ruggiero**. The Progressive will roll-over for the fifth time since **Pattie Connell** was not in attendance to accept. She and **Tom Odom** recently returned from a terrific trip on the Orient Express.

June Birthdays include **Janice Popek** on the 1st, **Ron Brodis** on the 12th, **Fran D'Amico** on the 21st and New Member **Mardele Celestin** on the 30th.

June Anniversaries include **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** on the 11th and **Arnie & Dee Lakso** on the 20th. Best wishes to all!

Calendar:

July 9 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

August 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

September 3 - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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DIXIE FLYERS

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The Dixie flyers met at 2 PM at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia. 13 flyers met just for a gabfest with a lot of talking. **Barb & Bob Balas** returned from Florida as did 11 others.

We are sorry to report that **Roy Cross**' wife took her last flight recently. We are also sorry to report that some of the Florida Flyers are not doing well; **Dink Hammer** and a few more Tampa retirees are not well. **Sybil Voss** has shingles in her eye and is unable to drive.

The Dixie Flyers' next meeting is the first Wednesday of July, 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia.



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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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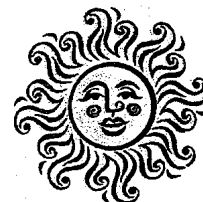
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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, 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 luncheon meeting was held on June 4 at the Casa Mexico Restaurant in Boise. Thank you, **Lois Rodriguez**, for hosting our meeting.

Some of our members were traveling so we did not have a high turnout. **Shirley Perkins** was in Seattle celebrating her granddaughter's completion of her master's degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology. **Joe & Joan Varady** were seeing family in California. Those attending the luncheon were **Lois Rodriguez, Dave & Carol Adams, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff**, and **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**.

Carol & Dave Adams reported that Dave had a bus trip to the Las Vegas Computer Show for four days. On April 15, they took a bus to the tulip festival in Mt. Vernon, WA, area. Carol & Dave took their motor home to Rich-

land, WA, Bainbridge Island, and Portland, OR. They enjoyed visiting friends and family members.

Greetings from **Lois Rodriguez**: Hello, Hello, from Boise, Idaho, where life is good! Come for a visit. **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** just returned from a trip to the Cotswold; beautiful country and great beer. They saw the sites where "Father Brown" is filmed. The **Dempseys** are looking forward to attending a cousin's wedding in Dallas on June 15. The end of June, Shirley's cousin Anne and her husband David will be visiting them for a few days.

Our next meeting will be in August, hosted by **Bud & Pat Peters**. As soon as we know the details of this event, members will be notified.

Happy Summer to all!

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July—Wow, already? What happened to February? Oh, I remember, we froze our butts off that month! Late Spring, now a late Summer. However, we will survive, like Gloria Gaynor. So what's new with half the year gone? Travels? Surgeries? Babysitting? I hope you had a chance to follow the 75th anniversary of D-Day. All the channels gave homage to the Greatest Generation, of which you are a part. Thank you again for your service and keeping the postwar eras and us safe. Eyes to the Sky time, the moon on July 16, is called the Buck Moon, to signify the new antlers that emerge on the deer buck's foreheads. Saturn will be ultra-bright until the middle of the month; you can even see its rings with a telescope. July 4th is the big holiday; hope you still have those flags up. The 14th is Bastille Day, Vive la France! Ladies, the 7th is Chocolate Day, the 15th, Tapioca Pudding Day, and the 20th, National Ice Cream Soda Day. For the men, we have Eat Beans Day on the 3rd, Be a Dork Day on the 15th, Hot Dog Day on the 17th, Ugly Truck Day on the 20th, and for all of us, Amelia Earhart Day on the 24th. Another mystery that we will find the answer to in heaven, wish she would've made it. Many theories out there what happened to her, we all have one.

Our Northside breakfast had about 20 people, bringing back **Bill Bergner**, who had been spending time in London and Hawaii, visiting family. How nice to have places to visit, and see half of the world at the same time.

The Southside breakfast had 12 retirees. The storm the day before kept a few people home. **Barb Wesemann** talked about her cruise down the Danube with her sister. **Gwen Brookins** and **Bob Pearson** won our raffle.

The ORDMM group had 15 fellas and brought back **Bob Hardin**, **Lance Albert**, **Bob Zeier** and **Joe Vazzana**,

who couldn't stop talking about his new bright red Corvette.

The IAM1487 Club had their annual Pizza Day in June, for over 90 people. On the 18th, over 40 retirees met at Elly's Restaurant in Arlington Heights. Since the next meeting is on July 4, the group will meet the next Thursday, on the 11th. It will be a Brown Bagger and Christmas in July. That means, bring your own lunch, and bring items for a White Elephant Sale. On July 23, lunch will be at Sweet Baby Ray's on Higgins Road, at 1:00 p.m. The Club picnic will be August 1, at the Lodge. The cost is \$5.00, payable by the July meeting. The Annual Derby will take place, always fun with the horseys. On a sad note, IAM Officer, **Dave Roderick**'s mom, passed away last month.

RUPA had their May luncheon in Algonquin with 37 retirees. Mark Korolus from the Spring Grove Fire Department gave a very interesting presentation from his working visit to New York after 9/11 in 2001. He told of how they lived, ate, and helped the NYPD and FDNY. We had no idea what they went through those weeks after that horrific attack. Scott even brought a food packet that they had for snacks and meals. The cookies were good! Newbies were **Agneta & Ted Jung**. Notable old timers were **George Bracke**, **Steen Munter**, **Joyce** and **Don Fett**, **Howard & Marj Nelson**, and our planners, **Jan & Walt Fink**.

We have a few wedding anniversaries to report, **Marjorie & Tom Richards**, ORDCG, 50 years, **Joe & Joan Teister**, ORDHK, 55 years, and **Marvin & Marlene Anderson**, ORDHN, 61 years. Congratulations to all on your longevity together, not always easy with shift work.

Be sure and read RAFA's **Kirk Moore** Travel News Update in the front of the Newsletter. Good info!

There are still many scammers out there. They seem to prey on the 'aged group'. Two that I heard this week are worth mentioning. One was from the social network, where a man started talking to a woman, saying he was attracted to her picture, asking if they could talk awhile. Long story short, they chatted for a few weeks, and then he told her he was getting an inheritance, but needed a few thousand dollars in order to collect. She fell for it, gave him some, then he asked for more, and more. She ended up selling her house and giving him \$250,000. He disappeared. Another one involved a friend of mine. She was sitting in front of her computer when a shrill alarm went off. Her screen went dark, lettering came on, saying, 'Do not shut off your computer, this is Microsoft, call this number immediately'. The alarm and the message scared her, so she called them; they said her computer was in danger of having major problems. She let them fix it, correct whatever it was that was supposedly wrong. He then told her she owed him \$199.99 for the repair. He told her to go to her bank, get a cashier's check for that amount in the next hour, and send it to an address in Reading, PA. She argued with him that he didn't tell her there was a charge. He said he didn't know until he looked at her PC to see what was wrong what the charge would be. They went back and forth for a while, she just hung up. An hour later, he called her back to check if she went to the bank. She said, 'No,

you are scamming me, and I'm not falling for it'. They argued more, he called her back three more times, while she was sleeping, threatening her. She went to her bank the next day for help, these scammers were able to get into her savings account, transferred \$1,800 to her checking account, but were not able to get it out into their account. Her banker said this happens all the time. He helps somebody through this every week. She had to get new accounts, new credit card, ATM card, and change all of her accounts, Comed, Nicor, insurance, car payment, etc, that she has on auto-pay, even Social Security and UAL pension. You might think that you wouldn't fall for anything like this, but you don't really know how you'll react to anything until you're in that situation. So many stories out there, please, be careful. Do not fall for these crazy-ass people. They are out for your money. Think before you agree to anything! Hang up, even better, don't answer your phone. You probably have Caller ID, if the number says, 'Unknown' or 'Private Caller', don't even pick it up. Whatever you do, **don't** call them back to tell them to stop bothering you. They are so electronically advanced, they can hook onto your phone, find out all sorts of things. This has been on TV, radio, even the paper as a warning to us. Look what they did with my friend's bank accounts. Unreal! Ok, you've been warned, by **me**!

Our fellow friends that flew West are **Franklin Huckins**, EXORT, **Tom Kosin**, CHIDD, **Albert Danajka**, ORDCS, **Roland 'Doc' Hatchko**, **Michael Pignataro**, **Tony Morris**, and **Roger Howell's** wife, **Mary**, from ORDCG. From ORDMM, two great guys, **Ron Palascak**, and SMC, **Jack Starkey**, both such a joy to work with, and **Marge Wolfel**, wife of Inspector, **Don, Sr.**, and mother of Don, Jr. Also, **Jeff Anderson**, son of **Marlene Anderson**, ORDHK. Also gone from our world are Peggy Lipton, Herman Wouk, Charles Barksdale (The Dells), I. M. Pei, Jim Fowler, Sammy Shore, Claus von Bulow, Leon Redbone, sports figures, Bart Starr and Bill Buckner, Grumpy Cat, and two huge losses, Doris Day and Tim Conway. Heaven got more classy and hysterical. With all of these great people leaving, it might not be so bad joining them.

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**July 10**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**July 30**). Last Tuesday of the month.
IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**July 11**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake, Tuesday, (**July 9**), 11:00 A.M.

September 10 - Skyliner's Fall Lunch - The Cotillion, 360 S. Creekside Dr., Palatine, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Our May meeting was held at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill on Tuesday, May 14. In attendance were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**; **Hannelore Brabo**; **Jim Gibson**; **Frank Ingegno**; **Chris Johnston**; **Frank & Rita Prinz**; **Charles Theiss** and his son **Anthony Theiss**; and **Tony Urbanovic**.

The only business discussed was the date and location of the summer party. The date will be Tuesday July 9, 2019. The party will be at **Charles Theiss'** home, 10630 Thorny Ridge Trace, Fishers, Indiana, 46037. The party will start at 1130 and end approximately 1400 (2:00pm). The party is earlier than the normal meeting allowing people to avoid rush hour traffic.

The Indy Racers have several people traveling. **Dimple Rihel** is attending graduations and family parties; **Chris Johnston** is traveling to San Francisco to visit family and friends; **Bob & Ruth Duffy** are visiting in West Virginia.

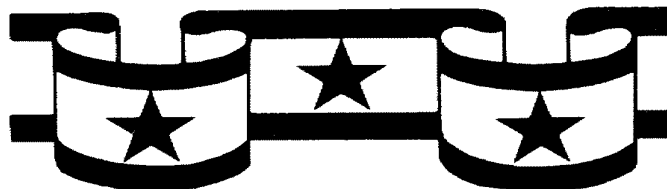
The 50/50 was won by **Tony Urbanovic**.

The Indy Racers normally meet at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill located at 7508 Beechwood Center Road, suite 300, Avon, IN, 46123. The phone for Emmy's is (317) 272-7200. The only exceptions to the normal meeting place, unless voted by the group, are the summer party, and the Christmas Luncheon which will be at Maggiano's Little Italy located in The Fashion Mall, 3550 E. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46240. The normal meeting day is the second Tuesday of each month, March through December. We do not meet in January or February. The meeting agenda is lunch 1130-1230, business meeting at 1230-1315 (1:15pm), ending with social time 1315 (1:15pm) to meeting end at 1400 (2:00pm).

Our meeting schedule for 2019 will be:

- ❖ Tuesday June 11 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday July 9 at **Charles Theiss** home
- ❖ Tuesday August 13 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday September 10 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday October 8 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday November 12 at Emmy's
- ❖ Tuesday December 10, the Christmas Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy.

If anyone is traveling and will be in Indianapolis on a meeting day, we invite you to join us. Call **Chris Johnston**, (317) 694-4406 for more information.



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Submitted by Irene Kimball

Happy June from the Nor'easters! We begin our report with news of **Dick Vee's** new car purchase. After his recent accident he's delighted to be back on the road again in his new Chevy Sonic. Be safe out there! Sadly, we send our sympathies to the families of **Michael Jordan** and **William Brown**. Michael passed away on May 24 peacefully at home. He proudly served in the US Army and worked for 39 years in the Boston flight kitchen. Bill also passed away at home surrounded by his loving family. A US Navy veteran, Bill worked for 32 years in Boston Ramp. May both of these fine gentlemen rest in sweet peace.

We are happy to report that we have a new retiree, **Ellen Wilson**, BOSCG, who retired this month, after over 40 years on the ramp. Welcome to Forever Weekends, Ellen. June anniversary celebrants are **Patti & Bob Austin** (45 years), **Irene & Bob Kimball** (34 years) and **Jayne & Jack Regan** (28 years). Happy Birthday to **Marie Dwyer**, **Dick Vee**, and **Barbara McFarland**!

We are at the beginning stages of planning an August get together. Stay tuned!

MICHIGAN

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Our June luncheon is Wednesday, June 12 at 12:30 pm. It will be held at George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, Northville, MI 734-927-1126; hosted by **Gwen Dyc**. You can RSVP at (248) 667-9258 or email bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net.

Our May luncheon was at Stellas/Station 885. It was hosted by **Joni O'Brien**. Attending were Joni and her mom Helen, **Marguerite Venn**, **Gay Givens**, **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Gwen Dyc**, **Jeen Cobb** (**Marie Cook's** daughter), **Patty Gates**, **Marlene Heaney** and surprise guests **Sharon Jacobs** and her daughter, **Lisa Glomski**. Sharon looked great and it was so wonderful to see her at a luncheon again. Joni brought homemade cookies (White Macadamia) that were delicious.

Cathy Dewey fell at her job and broke her hip. Cards can be sent to her at 1153 Heritage Dr., Canton, MI 48188. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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Lots of missing faces in May ... only 17 attending, but they were golden. Even though **Donna Krogman** has moved farther away, she made the trip into the Cities to join us that day. The **Gundersons** were able to make it as well. **Mike Cunningham**, our intrepid President, conducted the business meeting, such as it is anymore! Most of our business is monkey business at this stage of the game. Each person was asked to share with the others something interesting, unusual, sad, exciting, etc. that had happened to her/him in the last month since we'd met.

Both **Mike** himself, and **Janet Meyer** gave us encouraging news about their health. **Gene & Kookie Delvaux** shocked us all by saying that they have no cruises planned. **Donna Krogman** told about her trip to Peru with her daughter, getting food poisoning and being able to get virtually no help. **Judy Caflisch**, one of our honorary members, told about a lithium battery exploding in their garage. Fortunately, neither of them was in the garage at the time.

We were all stunned and saddened to hear that **Al & Mary Killian's** youngest son, Daniel, died suddenly in May. Mary had fallen earlier in the month, requiring a stay at a rehab center for a period of time. The latest news is that although she was able to attend their son's funeral, she will need further therapy to help with mobility.

We'll be needing someone to step up and volunteer to conduct a meeting beginning with the August get-together through the end of the year. C'mon, it's not hard ... put your thinking cap on and raise your hand!

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.)

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

Calendar:

July 2 - Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72nd Street, hosted by **Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

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The Silverliners held no meeting in May. The Board did not get together during the month due to many personnel issues.

Secretary **Don Rutkowski** and his wife **Georgia** took off for 2+ weeks and travelled the California Coast Highway #1, from Las Vegas to San Luis Obispo to Fort Bragg, on to Reno and back home to Las Vegas.

Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** had her water heater fail and caused much damage to her home. It took her weeks to get things repaired and the water heater replaced.

Sunshine Lady **Eleanore Vasko's** husband **Mike** had surgery and was home recuperating.

Vice President **Mary Chandler** reported all OK with her so far.

The only thing that we can address if we got together would be membership and how to keep it at current levels or higher.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, 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.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 15 members at our May meeting at The Black Bear Diner. **Bill & Donna Perkins** made the trip over the hill from Roseville to attend our meeting in the midst of their relocation. It was nice to see them again.

At our April meeting, it was suggested that we may want to hold our September meeting at a different location in place of our discontinued picnic. A Mexican restaurant was suggested. The prices for a lunch at Miguel's in South Reno are a bit high. **Barbara Leusing** has graciously offered to do more research on finding an alternate site for our September lunch. This matter will be discussed again in June. May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle**, **Lillian Wendland** and **Geri Boutz**.

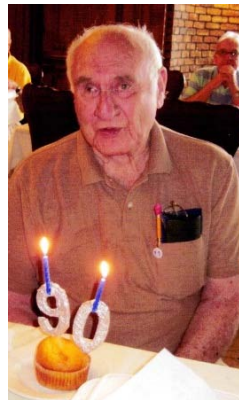
The 50/50 raffle was won by **Linda Borchers**.

Our next meeting will be June 10 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

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Pictured is **Marty Etler** celebrating his 90th birthday, picture was taken in one of the previous meetings of the Gardenstaters.

The Gardenstaters opened their meeting with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Warzocha**. A moment of silence was held for the passing of **Chet Kurowski**, husband of **Jo Ann Kurowski** of EWR air-freight.

Frank Kokoszka, our man who is still working, gave a report about what's going on at Newark, particularly about pensions for future employees who go into ramp service.

Our 50/50 was won by **Frank Kokoszka**, and our next meeting will be on June 26, at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

**** From the great prophet Leroy "quality is not an act, it is a habit".

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS



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

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There were eighteen attendees at our June luncheon, so there is not much news. Mario Lagasi, the **Pozzis'** grandson, was a guest of pro golfer Dustin Johnson at the Bethpage pro golf tournament. Mario has a picture with Dustin Johnson. Isn't that great?

The **Klos'** granddaughter is now in Army training. We thank her for her service and wish her well.

Our 50/50 winners were, in order, **Ed Pozzi, Harold Koch** and **Nick Manfredo**. If you had eavesdropped at our table, you would have sworn we were all gambling addicts. Maybe I'll see you at the OTB for the Belmont race this Saturday. I won on "War of Will" in the Preakness so I'll back him again.

Happy Anniversary to **Len & Maureen Pascal!** Happy Birthday to **Harold Koch** and **Lillian Cohen!**

I hope you all had your flags out this D-Day. I was fortunate to have visited Normandy Beach. The French do such a good job maintaining it. My father's birthday was June 6th and my mother's July 4th. That gets my flag up and flying!

I'll follow up on **Jordan Levine & Mary**. They may have left Long Island by now. If they join a group in Florida, the new group will enjoy having them as members as much as we did. We'll surely miss them!

Calendar:

July 3 - Meeting at Davenport Press.

August - Annual Picnic at Bethpage State Park

OHIO



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Our chapter had our May 1st luncheon at the Shale Creek Clubhouse in Medina with 61 members in attendance. It was a nice day and the food was enjoyed by all. This luncheon was served to us at the tables instead of a buffet which was nice for a change. President **Dolly Taucher** said "Grace". After lunch, we had our 50/50 drawing and the winners were **Sam Bennett** and **Frank Wachs**. **Bernie Garrah** and **John Kercel** conducted it.

We welcomed a new member, **Marie Keister**, who retired from CLERR. Later she stated that she had a good time, and that it was nice seeing everyone.

We also welcomed back **Tom Hockett, Dave & Marie Placko**, and **Steve Pytel**. Then **Steve Pytel** said a few words about safety at home and possible scams.

One of our long-time members, **Joe Moses**, passed away on Saturday May 4th. Then just one week later on May 11th, another long-time member **Robert Alexander** passed away. It was a sad time for all of us. As usual, both funerals were attended by many of our members. Also, another United employee, not a member of our chapter, **Jose Mungua** (cabin service CLE & IAD), passed away on April 26, 2019. **Barb Vauls** who was our hostess for this luncheon was not in attendance. She is still recuperating from her stroke. Prayers were said for all of our members to continue with good health.

Of course, we had to sing-the-song. Yes, "Happy

Birthday" was sung to **Gene Craig, John Kercel, Ed McCarthy, George Oncu** and **John Taucher**.

We also had some big numbers in our May anniversaries: **John & Jean Hughes** (26 years); **Tom & Sandee LeMasters** (54 years); **Gary & Carol Outz** (36 years); **Ron & Margaret Pallay** (20 years); **Dave & Marie Placko** (58 years); **Jack & Kay Preston** (60 years); **Steve & Cathy Pytel** (59 years); and **John & Dolly Taucher** (56 years).

Next month (June) our luncheon is going to be held at Rose Hill Restaurant in Medina. The owners have sold the restaurant so this will be our last time there, which is sad because their food is always very good.

Our website has been updated, check it out. You won't want to miss what we have planned.

Calendar:

July 11 - Carrie Cerino's, North Royalton Royalton with entertainment by Frank (Sinatra) & Dean (Martin)

August 7 - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville. Everyone is welcome.

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The 53 folks at our May meeting enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo themed lunch, great conversations, lots of laughs and a guest speaker from the PDX manager's office. Jill Courtney has been the Assistant Manager at PDX for a number of years and broke away from her busy schedule to fill us in on current events happening at PDX, including the eminent arrival of the new manager, Ed Lidell. We also learned of new flight schedules and are all hoping that the increased number of flights out of PDX will increase chances of SA's getting out of the station a bit easier.

At the end of our meeting, Vice President **Paul Russell** did an impromptu interview of member **Dennis Scheuerell**, after seeing his letter published in the RUAEA newsletter. A lot of fun information shared and enjoyed by all. Thank you Dennis for your willingness to participate and for Paul initiating the experience.

Also a big thank you to **Mary Lou Falbo** who, again this year, provided flowers in antique pitcher as our table center pieces, then raffled off the lovely pitchers. What an amazing treat for the winners!

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **Gaylean Swanson** passed away at her home on May 5, 2019. She is survived by her husband, **Glen Swanson**, son **Walt Swanson**, daughter **Cynthia Summers**, and brother **Don Clark**. There was a celebration of life at Grace Lutheran Church, on Saturday May 11, 2019. Contributions

can be made to Alzheimer's Association. **Susie Clack** (PDXCS) fell at home and cracked two vertebrae in her lower back. She was at Peace Health for a couple of days and then moved to Fort Vancouver Rehab Skilled Nursing Home and will probably there for a couple of weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

But we also have some good news: It's a beautiful day here in Portland and a nice day at the beach. The great camaraderie that we all have in our group and our happiness at seeing each one at our luncheons.

This month's quote from our President was a little humor about aging: *"I don't feel like I'm getting older – It's more like my warranty has expired, and my parts are wearing out"*.

Anniversaries: **Dan & Judy Jones** (59 years); **Bob & Marilyn Woods** (26 years); **Tom & Terry Hotchkin** (49 years).

Birthdays: **Carol DeFord** and **Anna Miller** (84); **Margaret Borbely** (78); **Anita Uhl** and **Tom Hotchkin** (74); **Harvey Larkin** (90); and **Dennis Scheuerell** (77).

Drawing Winners: *Lunch/Door Prize* - **Irma Larkin**, *Men's Birthday* - **Harvey Larkin**, *Women's Birthday* - **Anna Miller**, *50/50* - **Tom Hotchkin**.

Calendar:

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

July 10 - Indoor Picnic

August 14 - Guest speaker from Dogs for Veterans

OUR CLUB



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OUR Club actually has five new members which includes spouses. We meet every first Friday which means we just got home from the Gold Miner Restaurant where they have a special all you can eat fish lunch. Being from WI, where it's a lifestyle for good fish Friday, I was very pleased with how good the batter fried fish was. You'd think that by our living in OR for sixteen years I would have long ago figured that.

Many members are off to other places currently for holidays or visiting relatives around the globe. We decided to take the month of July off as so many members are gone. **Linda Althouse** volunteered to call everyone to give them the news or at least I think she volunteered.

Southern Oregon has had some warm weather and then it has turned cool again. Not to worry though as next week we are supposed to get in upper 90s or even hit the 100 degree mark. I love my air conditioner.



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Our May meeting was held on May 13 at The Clarion Hotel in Essington, PA. The luncheon was free in honor of Mother's Day. Twenty three members and guests came in the pouring rain. Our speaker made it 24.

Our speaker was **Bert Zastara**, a station manager at PHL. He gave us an update about the Philadelphia operations. As retirees, we are out of the loop, he gave an encouraging overview of United.

Paul Lynn just had heart surgery at Penn Presbyterian. We are praying for a speedy recovery. I was a Presbyterian grad and am sure he had great care.

Our last meeting before the hot summer will be a "picnic" on June 10th at the Clarion. Stay well.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Well, I will start all of this issue with praises and more praises to our own **Gene Testa**. Gene sings and plays the keyboard with so much enthusiasm; you almost want to jump out of your seat – what a thrill. Gene plays here at the Villa once a month. Also he plays at other healthcare facilities and clubs throughout the area. And I must add always to a full house. Sure would be nice if a group of UALers would be able to attend the next outing at the Villa. It's free and if you belong to the Dart Travel System you could use that or if you are one of the lucky ones who are still able to drive – that would be great, but you must get there early. Gene plays here once a month on a Tuesday - from 7 PM to 8 PM. Let me know if anyone is interested and I will get back to you with the exact date. Also just a side note, Gene and his family were camping and one night the cabin and all their belongings burned. All was lost. Thank goodness no one was hurt.

In the meantime please say a prayer for **Phyllis Smith's** brother, Joe, who lives in San Francisco. If you would like to send Phyllis a card, her address is 1672 Henrici St., Ambridge, PA 15003.

By the way, I just got word **Gene Testa** will be here on August 31. I'll get the times later.

June birthdays: **Verna Alex** (June 7), **Ken Wolfe** (June 20), **Phyllis Smith** (June 22), and **Jim Weber** (June

24). June anniversaries are **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (June 2), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (June 18), and **Dave & Gwen Detweiler** (June 22).

TENNESSEE

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

WASHINGTON

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After reporting last month that we were attracting 43 attendees per luncheon, we welcomed over 50 members and guests to the May meeting. Perhaps everyone wanted to get their licks in before our summer hiatus with no formal meetings from June through August. We'll meet again the second Tuesday in September with the added attraction of a special summer picnic July 9. In the absence of the **Torgisons**, who were vacationing in Europe, Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the meeting in the usual fashion and introduced special guests **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, who were in the area on family business. You'll recognize both names; Virgil is the immediate past president of RUAEA and Martha is RUAEA Newsletter's Letter Editor – see her smiling face at the back of the magazine. **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** had talked the Gooselaws into staying over an extra day, so they could attend our luncheon. Mary Ann and Martha met in nursing school many years ago.

We also were honored to count two other former RUAEA presidents at the May meeting; **Jim Fauber** and **Hank Gosselin** are long-time local chapter members. Also returning for the summer were Phoenix President **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, who immediately jumped at the opportunity to see his Chicago Cubs beat the Seattle Mariners, reporting proudly that there were more Cubs fans in the stands than Mariners supporters.

Another Arizona refugee was **Ted Higley**, accompanied by his guest **Pauline Monitoya**. **Jim Fauber** hosted **Rose Wilson** and **Jimmy Liu** increased the guest list. We also welcomed several members and spouses who attend infrequently.

Virgil reminded us that RUAEA is primarily a volunteer organization and urged participation from members, as well as suggesting we recommend others who might help, from the top on down. Hank reminded the group of the September national convention in Denver and **Gay Liesse** pointed out that the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter provides convention information. That publication, hopefully, now is in your hands – or on your computer.

Special recognition was given to **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, who manage and edit this RUAEA Newsletter, by Virgil, who also commended Website Managers **Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni VanKampen** for keeping RUAEA information current for members.

Advance reservations are required for the quickly-becoming-annual picnic of the Emerald City Slickers on the second Tuesday of July (the 9th) at the lovely lakefront home of **Kathi Skarbo**, a good friend of **Ken & Judy Storey**. A typical barbecue lunch will be catered by Longhorn of Auburn. If you are not on our Contrails mailing list and thus have not received a detailed picnic flyer from the chapter but wish to attend, you can contact **Gay Liesse** at the e-mail address above. Deadline for reservations is noon Friday, June 28 (**set in concrete**), so please request information as early as possible, especially as the Liesses will have a houseguest that week. It's possible that this information already will be outdated when you receive this newsletter as a hard copy.

Ken shared information on the Midnight Express, B52G #2584, which now is parked at Boeing Field across from the Museum of Flight. Ken, as well as **Lloyd Town**, had worked on B52s in bygone days. The one on display saw action in Vietnam and has been repainted to become the focal point of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park near Raisbeck Aviation High School. Under a bilateral agreement with Russia, the plane must remain outside and uncovered, so it can be accounted for by Russian satellite. In turn, a US satellite keeps tabs on Russian heavy bombers and submarines.

As always, members of the group had historical (or is that hysterical?) tales to tell of adventures and misadventures dealing with United Airlines or with life in general. When Hank suggested taking the light rail to the convention hotel in September, **Ken Storey** was reminded of an experience closer to home when Judy lightened her purse by leaving out her ID.

Dave Jones related his own adventures – and, yes, misadventures, with and without his suitcase – while on a space-available jaunt last summer to attend the annual EAA AirVenture fly-in in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. You could say that Dave is living proof that “Where there's a will, there's a way.” Flying to O'Hare seemed the best bet, as there were several choices for getting to Wisconsin and renting a car to drive on to Oshkosh. He ended up, after a long night at O'Hare, on a flight to Green Bay – without his bag, which was later found and delivered to Dave in Oshkosh.

That prompted **Frank McNulty** to recall his trials and tribulations surrounding the same air show around 1980 when he was Manager of Flight Attendants in Chicago. An

empty 727 was flown to Oshkosh with Frank, six flight attendants and four pilots (well-known **Mel Volz** among them) to be used as a static display. After 3-4 hours of on-board tours, the plane was recalled to Chicago for another mission along with the flight attendants and the promise to return in time to pick up the others. You guessed it. The plane never returned and the five large men eventually drove back to Chicago crammed into a small car, the only rental left.

Unfortunately, all news is not worth a chuckle, as are most of the tales told at our luncheon meetings.

Sadly, we report the May 10 passing of **Helen Ebert**, our oldest member at 106. Born to Swedish immigrant parents in 1913 in Portland, Oregon, Helen moved from the Puget Sound area to Ellensburg, Washington to be closer to her daughter, **Janice (Bruce) Fuller**. The Fullers brought Helen over for a chapter meeting each year until she was too frail to travel. She also is survived by her son **Gerald (Sherry)** of Mountain Home, Arkansas and three generations of grandchildren. **Wesley Ebert**, Helen's husband who died 11 years ago, had worked in management in United's Flight Kitchen.

Dolores Nitsche, born in Kalispell, Montana in 1929, moved to Seattle when she was 12 and married the late **Ed Nitsche** in 1941. She died March 19 and is survived by her sister, two daughters and a son plus their offspring. Dolores was at her best as a mother, while working various jobs that included Arden, Darigold and the Flight Kitchen at United Airlines.

An obituary reported in The Seattle Times, recalls the life of **Evelyn Karla Wolf** who was born in Berlin in 1940 and died in Seattle March 25. Having survived the Allied bombing of Berlin during WWII, along with her mother and an older brother and sister, Ev and her mother moved west to a small village, while her siblings went north to be with relatives upon the arrival of the Red Army. The family was reunited and their father joined them in 1952, having spent most of the war and after years as a Soviet POW in Siberia. Ev completed business school and worked for the US Army in Berlin before emigrating to Canada in 1967, when she married **Jim Wolf**. Ev held several jobs in the US before landing at United Airlines, a job she enjoyed for almost 25 years. She is survived by her husband, sons, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters.

Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** gave a glowing report and requested suggestions for charitable donations. **Fred Frey**, assisted by **Ken Storey**, audibly called door prize numbers at the end of the May meeting with the first prize of a free lunch going to **Ken Tank**. Bonnie walked off with the 50/50 prize.

Calendar:

July-August – No regularly meeting

July 9 – Emerald City Slickers Picnic/Barbecue

September 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

October 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

November 12 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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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.

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In May, we were happy to welcome **Lucy Chatelaine** and **Bud Reed** back into the fold. Both of them have been regulars for years. Lucy was the RUAEA correspondent for years and Bud was our webmaster. Lucy has had problems with surgeries on knees and ankles; she moved into an independent facility for mobility purposes and no longer enjoys driving. Bud? I don't know his reasons for his absence because he is still as energetic, funny and as good looking as ever. Whatever the reasons, we were so happy to see them both.

Audrey Cannanbla attended her very first Loungers luncheon with her husband, **Paul Velde** (IADMK). She was properly welcomed and we hope she joins us again.

Linda Scriven, SE Regional Director, spoke to our group and encouraged everyone to join RUAEA. Most of us do belong to RUAEA, but to those who do not, she explained the advantages of joining. She also showed us pictures of the proposed new paint plans for our planes.

Pat Watson won the \$42 50/50 and donated it back to the chapter. This is a very generous gesture and very appreciated since we are busy with the preparations for our June celebration. This is an event which we try to put on free-of-charge to our members and their partners. Each year it is more fun than the year before. It is held at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. This venue is very beautiful, located in the Shenandoah Valley, and the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Below is a picture of Hisham Younes, the managing partner of The Reston Glory Days Grille. Each month, Hisham provides Glory Days gift certificates for door prizes for our Loungers and recently also started sponsoring our local Clipped Wings chapter in the same manner. This picture was taken after he hosted our local CW Chapter at our monthly chapter meeting. He and I sat down after that luncheon and discussed our upcoming June Loungers

luncheon. He will provide our group with BBQ Sliders, Chicken Sliders and Cole slaw for our party (for a most reasonable price.)



The rest of the menu will be pot luck. **Marie Libby** will provide the sheet cake to celebrate her husband **Dick's** birthday along with the other 15 summer birthday celebrants. **Kate Connelly** will be making baked beans. **Cathy Gilbert Silva** will make enough ice tea and water pitchers for an army. I'm making a cucumber salad with corn and red pepper. **Kathy Rogers Suggett** is making a Chicken dip. The rest will be a surprise, but airline people know how to cook and present food. Each year, the menu gets more creative and more delicious.

We may have to do without **Henry Ayres'** famous potato salad and his wife, **Ina's** sought-after deviled eggs this year. Henry is recuperating from heart valve surgery. We are willing to give up their tasty treats in order to have them happy and healthy, (and hopefully well enough to attend.)

There will be no luncheon in July or August. For those months, I will try to provide those fun airline stories which I have been promising along with any travels provided by our members.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

Peggy Griffin
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Hello RUAEA,

First, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Independence Day. Celebrating the Fourth of July is a great day to enjoy time with family and friends. I hope your day is just the way you like it ... restful, relaxing, and refreshing.

We received great news from the OAK Chapter. They

had their annual fundraiser for their Charity, Las Trampas. Las Trampas supports adults with developmental disabilities. The OAK Chapter has supported the Las Trampas fundraiser for over 40 years. Recently the LTS board decided a new format was in order. The result, over \$200,000 was raised! They also learned about "Fund A Need" which raised \$60,000 to purchase two much needed vans. Great job, OAK!

Another great way DEN Clipped Wings earns money for their charities is passing out souvenirs at the Rockies games, now there is a win-win.

As you know, our main Philanthropy is Special Olympics. In May, the PHX Chapter helped out at the Phoenix Special Olympics by passing out lunches to the athletes. Any way we can help, we try to be there assisting where we can.

Our STL Chapter decided to work on their dancing skills ... they started taking "Tango" lesson. Maybe a trip to Argentina is in their future ...

Many of our Chapters take a break in the Summer and will start meeting again in September. The CHI-ORD Chapter already has plans to attend a play in October that will include lunch and a meeting, and our wonderful President, **Karen Williams** is planning on attending. WTG CHI-ORD, great multi-tasking.

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!



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NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **May 2019**:

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Gregory, Jeff, 7534 Juniper St., Arvada, CO 80007

Hartford, Dior R., SFOCS, 1679 Valota Road, Redwood City, CA 95020

Kilbourn, Joe, DENMM, 4663 Fenwood Dr., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

Welcome !

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We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **May 2019**:

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Thank You !

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- 5) Address

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Retiree – **Danajka, Albert F.**, on 5/8/2019, ORDCS, husband of Darlene A. Danajka (nee Hall), 1318 N. Race Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Spouse – **Errichson, Veronica (Ronnie)**, on 5/4/2018, wife of Elmer (Eric) C. Errichson, SFOMT (Deceased), 1505 Chula Vista Dr., Belmont, CA 94002

Retiree – **Huckins, Franklin D.**, on 4/14/2019, WHQRT, husband of Sarah D. Huckins, 6876 E. Mighty Saguaro Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85266

Retiree – **Kosin, Thomas J.**, on 6/4/2019, CHIDD, husband of Margaret M. Kosin, nee McNamara, 504 Slinger Land Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60193

Spouse – **Nicholaisen, Bernard (Buzz) M.**, on 5/7/2019, husband of Patricia A. Nicholaisen, DENPP, 8906 E. Hercules Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Retiree – **Shanley, Gene R.**, on 5/2/2019, DENMM, husband of Jewell M. Shanley, 16758 E. Floyd Ave., Aurora, CO 80013

Retiree – **Starkey, John (Jack) L.**, on 5/20/2019, ORDMM, husband of Eileen Starkey, 1761 Happ Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062

Spouse – **Wolfel, Margaret P.**, on 5/22/2019, wife of Donald J. Wolfel, ORDIOQ (Deceased), 232 Hillside Rd., Barrington, IL 60010n

Letters & Notes



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

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

Beverly Alderdice, Nellie Brawner, Peggy Craddock, Frank Christenson, Kay Crabb, Shirley Elrod, Glennon Cuppy, Julie Felix, Leonard Friedel, Angeline Gualter, Tanya Duvall, Haubein, Walter Hansen, Barrie Hooley, Joe Kilbourn, Linda Klemencic, Marlene Koerner, Kenneth Lee, Stella McCaffrey, Hale McPhee, Katherine Meermans, Nedra Morgan, Harry Penney, Linda Petersen, Ron Robertson, Bernard Sanford, Margaret Schissel, Nancy Scriven, Lois Smith, Gwendolyn Williams, Beverly Yeager, Cheryl Zerkle.

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.)

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

I am very happy that all the RUAEA volunteer staff do so much for us retirees. The newsletter continues to be informative and very helpful in navigating the now very complex and challenging reservation system.

The information passed on is so timely, that it is just when I seem to need it most. Keep up the good work. I still enjoy the newsletter immensely. I enjoy catching up on all the happenings in the other chapters. I recognize some of the names of co-workers that I worked

with and interacted with. It is cool to see how well most of us have adapted to retirement.

I have been retired now 16 years and am still active and try to stay fit.

We do a fair amount of traveling still but not as much as in years past. We did Italy and Switzerland last year and plan a trip to Spain and Greece this year.

Robert (Bob) England, 2758 Bowmont Drive, Eugene, OR 97405

Well, here we are again. It is the anniversary of my engagement with UAL on 6/5/44 which was my 17th birthday.

I bailed out after an incredible 45 year adventure that included 18 months in Erlangen, Germany with the U.S. Army Air corps. I wound up in a horse stable that had a damaged C-47 tail cone that had my "Hammond Aircraft" employee I.D sticker in it. My brother and I had constructed it prior to my employment with United. Talk about a small world!

Accolades to our great RUAEA volunteers - plus, my "family" at SFOMB.

Notes

Carol Faust

I enjoy reading the newsletter every month.

I have been retired 20 years (Wow). There are not a lot of names I know anymore.

At 82, I decided to give up Alpine skiing last year. I took up Cross-country skiing instead. I still hike and snowshoe and still love Colorado. Keep up the good work.

Linda Fessal

I left United in 2014 to move to Davenport, IA, to be closer to my grandchildren. I worked as a bookkeeper for a small financial firm for 4 years and am now an Account Bookkeeper Specialist at Cobham Mission Systems.

Eleanor Hughes

Thanks to the RUAEA Newsletter, you keep us up to date on changes as they happen.

Michael O'Meara

BUFCS, IADCS, ORDCS, IAHCS, SEA00 1968-2003.

Pat Conrad

Thanks for all you do. Proud to be a United Airlines retiree!

Charlene Williams

I apologize for being late with my dues. The past last couple of months have been a whirlwind for me. I didn't even read the last two newsletters; hence I missed the due notice. I'd like to get back to having my dues on my birthday month November which would help me to remember.

Comment from the Denver Office: *We ceased the policy of dues payment on the birthday month for numerous reasons. The birthday system caused a lot of extra work, especially with people joining on dates other than their birthday. Each new member's membership record was handled separately which was manpower intensive and then if the member didn't pay on time the dues had to be prorated. It was to everyone's advantage to move to a computer system like we have now with notice going out to each member when it's time to pay dues. The system currently works well and unless we see a better system, we'll stay with the current one.*

Thanks for asking, you are not the only one to ask and it's our pleasure to let everyone know. Thanks. ~ Virgil Gooselaw.



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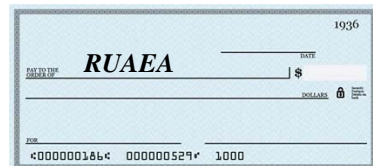
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Chicago Skyliners' Tour of United Cargo at ORD

Chicago Skyliners recently (May 20) sponsored a tour of the United Cargo building at ORD. Erik Carsons, ORDDF Senior Supervisor – Cargo Operations, led the excellent tour for fifteen retirees, five of whom had actually previously worked at one of the three United Cargo facilities. We were able to see how United's state of the art facility handles everything from US Mail & massive commercial shipments to tropical plants & family pets.

